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now your scheme may be adopted
I was glad to see that Mr. Butler
had been elected President of the
Anthropological Institute, but I
have not seen him, as I am not
able now to attend the evening
meetings. I should like my little
paper back some day, at your
convenience.

Yours very truly
W. B. Peckham.

Dear Genl Pitt-Rivers

I am sorry I cannot
give you my address in London,
with regard to the skullcase, bear's
teeth & horse's jaw with marks
upon them, about which I wrote
to you. I thought you might pro-
bably have a correspondent in
the neighbourhood, or some agent
employed by you in such trans-
actions, or might know the owner
of the property who had allowed
the old lapidary to take possession

of the cave in which he had discovered the neolithic human remains & their ornaments. The cave itself is most interesting, & the genuineness of the discovery was endorsed at the time by Boyd Dawkins, so that I trust it may not now be given over to the tender mercies of the excursionist & curiosity seeker. My informant was a lady from Claudon who knowing I was interested in the matter called to tell me that the old lapidary, whose name I think was ~~Kennison~~^{Adick}, was dead & that his sister was selling all his curios as fast as she could. He had a few good things & a lot of rubbish all which, with the cave containing some of the Neolithic remains still in the original matrix,

& a Camera Obscura which he had erected in the garden he exhibited at 2^d a head

My informant said it was rumoured that the authorities of Owen's College were thinking of purchasing some of the things, but she feared the old man's sister would accept the first good offer, not caring what became of the things so perhaps ere this they are all dispersed.

I am very sorry to hear you are invalided, but trust the ailment is transitory. I see at last there is some chance of the establishment of an Anthropological Museum & Bureau of Ethnology in London. I remember that you brought forward a plan for such an institution some years ago, & trust