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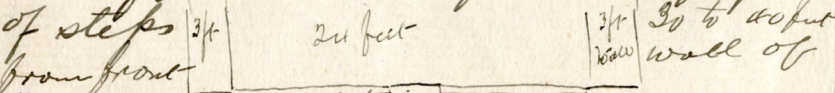
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General Pitt Rivers
Gallant Sir

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Am^d July 23/98.

I am uncovering part of the foundations and pavements of a Roman villa which must have been of considerable extent as it can be traced into four adjoining properties, the front wall of the building four feet thick extending to quite 400 feet. I have one corner only and it covers a quarter of an acre. I have two hypocausts about 15 feet square and a room between with a very pretty tessellated floor and a front entrance with foundations of double flight of steps



but I have not uncovered the ground between as there is a

heavy wall built across it I have a good deal to open up but have not much time

Sir Cha. Ashmole who saw it last Friday suggested that I should write to you as you are interested in Roman Villas

We are 5 miles from Bath on the G.W. Rail

If you would like to see what I have uncovered I shall be pleased to show it at any time you could come

I am D^r Sir
Yours respectfully
J Hardy