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Stretton Rectory -  
Poland Ford.  
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I am sure <sup>it</sup> would do <sup>the</sup> best  
people & pastor - good - I do not  
gain by the exchange.

There is also the private reason which  
I have given, which is one more reason  
in my request to you -

It is very necessary that I should  
know your decision as soon as possible  
as the Bishop will be leaving the diocese  
soon. I beg of you therefore to nominate  
Mr. Plowman - He can send you testimony  
to his character &c. if required.

As to the financial matters into which  
you had requested Mr. Creech to enquire,  
I may say that he has said nothing  
to me as yet - but there will be no difficulty -  
my premises are in good order - and  
very much improved - I am quite

Dear Sir /

I hope you will pardon me again  
troubling you with reference to the  
subject of my hoped for exchange  
of living with Mr. Plowman.  
I was exceedingly gratified that  
you allowed me an interview with  
you at the former grounds on the 5th  
of this month - I trust that I disabused  
your mind of certain opinions which  
I believe you had formed of me & my  
views & services - branding me as a  
clever man of the very high Church type.  
- also with reference to the Temporary  
Church which was erected by permission

The Chief subscribers, Lord Portman & others,  
on condition that when the old church  
was near its restoration, this Iroughmead  
should be sold, (and I would give the contents  
with it, as they really are my personal property).  
The proceeds given to the Fund for the complete  
restoration. - I hope that I was able to con-  
vince you that tho' of the class called "High Church"  
I would rather be termed "Good" Church,  
& that I have not indulged in any advanced  
conduct of Service - but simply performed  
the services "decently and in order" according  
to "the Declaration made at my ordination"  
which I consider an obligation upon me  
as a clergyman, as the oath which an  
Officer has to take to the Queen is obligation  
upon that - I have no liking  
for the advanced High Church - and  
certainly should not dream of  
introducing any service except those

in the Prayer Book - which every  
Clergyman, broad a High. has to obey -  
I do not for a moment wish to  
ask you to nominate a clergyman  
who will go a step beyond what I  
have done - I have been to Mr. Plowman's  
Church - & to his service there. and I  
from what I saw, am sure that in  
acceding to my request to nominate  
Mr. Plowman, I am asking you to put  
here a clergyman in my place in every  
way, a good, practical, able & Christian  
man - He seeks an exchange in  
order to increase his income - I seek  
one, that if I may <sup>have</sup> a larger sphere  
of work - with more school teaching -  
in which I have here always taken  
interest. After 15 years continuous  
work in two parishes - quite separate parishes,

willing to see Mr. Creech on the matter if you so desire.

In conclusion let me say that I would not be honest if I introduced to you notice for nomination any one who would act in a way such as you fear. Mr. Howman is not that sort of man - He would - if you wished, give you a guarantee a security that you would act as I have said -

Trusting you may soon hear from you an affirmative answer.

I beg to remain, Dear Sir,  
Yrs. truly

J. Augustus Wise

Genl. Pitt Rivers

I may add that I wrote to Mr. Howman that I had seen you on the "exchange" subject.

What a nice woman that Mrs.  
David is? we had a good deal of  
Conversation on birds - I wish she  
is very fond - I hope to take us a  
small party one day soon to the  
Museum of grounds - and certainly  
shall take refreshment according  
to the Bill of fare - given me.