

I much regret to hear that your loss of health interferes with your activity; if its only effect were to confine your energy to the original work you are doing so admirably and illustrating so munificently it might almost be regarded as a blessing in disguise; but that of course is not so, and I can only wish that you were as well and strong as when we first met at the Norwich Congress, thirty years ago.

I take this opportunity of enclosing copies of my two last papers for your acceptance, and remain

Yours Very Truly

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Dear General Pitt Rivers,

I have to thank you very much for your letter, and also for so kindly sending the fourth volume of your magnificent work on the excavations in Cranborne Chase. I shall take (or rather make) a very early opportunity of going carefully through it, and may then have some further questions to ask. Meanwhile a preliminary glance brings one important point to notice, namely your discovery of palaeolithic flakes &c in Egypt. I will remember your



exhibiting and describing your specimens at the Anthropological Institute, and I not only fully admit your claim to priority but took occasion not long ago to remind the Institute of it. I think it was on the occasion of Prof Rupert Jones exhibiting and discussing some of the Somali-land specimens, but of late our discussions, such as they have been, have not been reported in the Journal, so I do not think my remarks have been printed; indeed, I do not find any mention of Prof Rupert Jones' contribution — perhaps it will appear in the next number.

Sir J W Dawson's suggestion of

accidental formation is truly absurd, but is he not practically a monomaniac on the subject of early chronology?

Petrie's palaeolithic flints, although found on the surface, are distinguishable by their deep colouring from the pre-dynastic axes known to be 7000 years old, but if it were not for your discovery of flakes imbedded in solid gravel it might still be doubted whether they were palaeolithic in the true sense — a sense which it seems to me very often gets lost sight of.

I am afraid Mr Selon Karr has hitherto devoted himself more to collecting flints than to collecting evidence about them. I only hope he has not made it more difficult for others to find the evidence.