

The three volumes offered;
and, second, whether of your
courtesy you would permit
us to acquire succeeding
volumes?

You will I sincerely hope
pardon an old antiquary's
bookworm for troubling you

I believe me to be
with much respect

Yours faithfully

Alfred Wallis

To

General Pitt-Rivers F.S.A.

etc. etc. etc.

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Sir,

apologising in the first
place, for approaching you with-
out the form of introduction,
I beg leave to inform you that,
as Chairman of the Committee
of the Exeter Free Library and
Museum, three volumes of
your monumental work on
the Antiquities of Cranborne
Chase have just been offered
to me by a local bookseller
for

for the sum of £12.12.0.

The Free Library fund is inadequate to this purchase; but I am also one of the (5) trustees of "the Kent Kingston Bequest" which would, I think, supply the need (with certain requirements). e.g. we must not buy imperfect books, nor instalments of serial publications, and I learn that not only is your grand work likely to receive the addition, at no remote date, of another volume, but

also

also that we shall be unable to procure it by purchase through the usual channels.

My difficulty is that I am, in these circumstances, rather afraid of a rebuff from my Co. trustees, who are not antiquaries — will you be so very good as to believe me by saying, first, whether we should be justified in paying as much as Twelve guineas to the local bookseller for the

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