

Winton and not I think
likely to take it up. You
probably know him.

I am rather out of the ranks
having been in bad health
for some time and obliged
to give up the Council of the
Antiquaries but the climate
of Cornwall where we have
resided since last November
has greatly benefitted me

Believe me Yours very
Sincerely J H Leproy

TRENCH

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PENQUITE

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CORNWALL

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Dear Pitt-Rivers

Ever has been so pecu-
-liarly your happy hunting
Ground for Prehistoric re-
-mains that I think you will
be interested in the inclosed
letter from my daughter Mrs
C.C. Trench whose Husband
is Chief Instructor at Shoc-
-buryne
Major Gen. Pitt-Rivers F.R.S

and if you are not able your-
self to accept Mr Bentons
Shos
invitation can introduce
him to some competent
Archaeologist who will super-
intend the exploration of
his kitchen midden

It is not the first he has
found. He seems to be a native
genius, unknown to fame,
and has accumulated a
considerable collection of
remains, one of his late

finds was a Human skull of
low type. I think the old man
must be himself an interesting
person

Please write a line or send a
P. card to Colonel C. Chumoy
French Ra. Shoeburghness
to say if you can personally
superintend or name any
gentleman who would be
likely to do so. The R R Holmes
my daughter mentions is
now Queen's Librarian at

company with a man who is cured
is such one! I expect that is
a strong expression but I mean
someone who knows something more
than he himself does. Would R.H.
Horne by the right man for he
could be something of an acquaintance
but anyone you think might
come we should be delighted to see
here for a few days. Please send me
a line by next post if you are not

too busy.

We had a delightful morning
yesterday. Mr. Jeffs, Maude
Jack & I met old Mr. Beaton
at 10 o'clock and walked with him
through brickfield meadow to
trace the Curium trenches dry
of Britain. We found six
in a bank of one field
and 9 in another about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile off. Have you

Then in another part of a brick field
(now unworked) he came upon a
great heap of shale Mr. Benton believes
to be ~~worked~~ coprolites. I am
sending you a few, perhaps you
or Mr. Peck or Kebley would say if
they are really this fossil deposit
& if they are of any value per
ton or measure? Mr. Benton was
like to know.

Sunday

What a glorious weather this is - I wish
I could see you enjoying it with Mother
& Maude. He took the first fruits

There he found more bones &
pottery etc. saw a comb of
wood, long needle of wood
& flint arrowhead.

There is a large meadow just
recently excavated to a depth
of 5 or 6 feet from ^{bank} ^{round}
& it is in the hole of this
that he found ^{trunks} at least 9 ⁱⁿ
a row, about 20 feet apart
& just after we had left Mr.
Benton in a corner he discovered

the kitchen idea. He wrote me
to sketch it a Monday & he
said his work there that some
day dig before him. Though I do not
think there is much competition.
The trenches are sometimes
nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile in length
& the great number of them
is so common. Can you tell us where
to read about them? You can
picture Jack & Maude; I'd like

to grabbin' for potatoes & tons.
A very interesting feature is the
trenches is that where they occur
a particular sort of sand is
built in pretty pendant
entrance to its hole - they never
build in the other soil & sand
but hang down in quantities
& on the earth where the trench
once was - like this
see broke some off &
take home but they dried
up & shrank.

