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CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

9. XI. 1899.

To Lieutenant General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S.

Dear Sir,

For the last few years I have been much interested in the history of keys, & have appreciated your "Development and Distribution of Primitive Locks and Keys" to the full.

Having a small collection of keys of my own, I have spent a considerable time in searching for information whereby I might classify it—now it occurs to me that the result of my efforts may be of

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use to others who have a similar interest in Keys. Thereupon I am arranging drawings of keys with authentic dates, collected from varied sources - chronologically from the Roman Period ^{in Britain} up to the 18th Century. Can you kindly give me any assistance in the way of references of Keys to which an authentic date may be attached. My weakest period is of course from the 11th - 13th Centuries, the greater part

of my examples for this period I have had to take from MSS. Seals, stone work, & similar sources.

These periods the liberty I have taken in troubling you!

Yours very truly,
Catherine Parsons.