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WHATCOMBE,  
BLANDFORD.  
—AND TELEGRAPH—

My dear General Pitt Rivers  
How very kind of  
you to wish me to come  
to this house & meet  
Mr Beddie & Mr Jattin  
Janterin names to me I  
don't know them altho  
we have never met I  
am unable to accept your  
tempting invitation as I  
have engagements up to  
19<sup>th</sup> when we go to London  
for a short time. I should like  
to have a day or two with you

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at Rushmore when you  
are at home in the summer  
and enjoy a thorough good  
good fraternization.

What a curious fact you  
mention about your Nestor  
Pigeon. I suppose like some  
of the family they <sup>die</sup> left  
skeletal than <sup>are</sup> pigeons &  
& live mostly on the ground  
in which case long claws  
will be innumerable.

Yours more thanky you  
and with very kind regards  
to Mrs Pitt Rivers.

Remain

Yours very truly  
J. Mansel Blackford