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WHATCOMBE,  
BLANDFORD.

Nov. 1. 1816.

My dear General Pitt Rivers

Thank you for your  
very interesting letter. You  
are evidently doing some  
good work towards the preservation  
of our historical monuments. Your  
account of Lord Villingdon's  
attack on the two chambered galleys  
& the women birds is interesting  
& I think illustrates the ethics  
of the war. The first  
be at their disposal. The first  
destroyed. The last happy  
I have thought his own selfishness  
a vice which in this instance  
has done good. I wait much  
& hear of your new Valley

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which I am told you  
discovered near Rushmore  
I hope the report is true  
as the one at Verdunth  
was known. There are  
some earthworks on  
Pimperna down behind  
the Memorial Cemetery (west  
side which ought to come  
under your searching eye  
I should not be surprised  
if they do not belong to  
some ancient occupation  
such as Verdunth. It is  
extraordinary how much  
time is taken up and  
how little one can follow  
one's own pleasure. I find  
people will be staying with

us until the end of the  
month and then I must  
take my wife to the south for  
3 or 4 months. I hope on  
my return Mrs Pitt Owen  
will be able to see  
you at her house. The  
days will then be long  
Please give my very kind  
remembrance to Mrs Pitt  
Owen and thank her for  
her very kind letter &  
renewed invitation.  
Yours truly  
J. C. Mansel-Pleydell