

Memorandum

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From ALBERT BANKES, Esq.,
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Dorset.

To

My dear General Pitt-Rivers.

[Extract from the *Dorset County Chronicle and Somersetshire Gazette*, December 14th, 1882.]

THE DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM.

~~The above building is completed, and can now be handed over to the Museum Council as soon as the £880, at this moment owing, has been collected.~~

~~At one time the erection of a new Museum had nearly to be given up, owing to the lack of funds, when a few gentlemen, some of whom are by no means over rich, came forward and guaranteed that the money should be forthcoming when required.~~

~~To these ten or a dozen guarantors the £880 is a heavy liability, but if all classes connected with the county of Dorset would but subscribe a trifling amount the sum could be raised without any great individual sacrifice, and the guarantors, who so pluckily came forward at the time of need, would be at once freed from their heavy liability.~~

~~I would add that, not being a guarantor myself, I have no personal interest in the matter, further than that I am most anxious that those who did guarantee the money should not suffer for their good nature.~~

~~ALBERT BANKES,~~

~~Chairman of the Building Committee.~~

~~P.S.—Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. Case,
Dorsetshire Bank, Dorchester.~~

Yesterday afternoon I met with great success when reading a paper on Maudslays explorations in Guatemala.

I got Maudslay to lend me his pictures — the same you saw at the geographical society — & about

Give you as ^{wide} ~~long~~ a margin as possible -

If the models are doing nothing at the present moment - we should be very glad of them if you will entrust us with them as soon as you conveniently can -

People not only came by rail yesterday but drove in 8 or 10 miles so I feel sure your paper would be thoroughly appreciated if you could be kind enough to take the trouble to come so far

Yours Sincerely

Albert Bankes

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~~Fr. Pitt~~

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I we get the Dorchester people.

The next day I would propose
asking you & Mrs Pitt-Rivers to
accompany me to Corfe Castle
where we could lunch ^{with} at Canon
Bankes' ~~house~~ & after lunch I
could show you over the castle.

Of course the end of February
or beginning of March would
suit best for our Corfe Castle
Expedition, but I write thus early
as I know how fully your time
is taken up & therefore wish to

a fortnight ago I hung them all
on the walls of the Reading Room
& put a notice of them into the
County Papers -

I now write to ask if you would
lend the museum your models of
the Tumuli as I would arrange
them on tables in the Museum &
take any precaution as to railing
that you might suggest -

Then after some weeks when the
people have had time to look &
wonder I should like to try &
entice you & Mrs Pitt-Rivers to
come & stay with us for three
nights -

I would ask you to read ^{the same paper} ~~the~~
~~paper~~ of ~~the~~ not longer than one
hour ^h twice ^h on the same day at
3 & 8 ^h as at 3 the Weymouth