

to sink anything & meanwhile
the ditches are being carted away
to make bricks, daily.

My husband desires me to send
his kind regards & hopes we may
have the pleasure of seeing you
here, if you do not mind "loving"
it. I must add:

I am p^o very truly
Emily Cheney French

Answer

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Shrewsbury Nov
Dec 26. 1886

Dear General Pitt Rivers

Since you were down here
in August there have been continued
discoveries & researches made in
the ditches at Great Wakening & at
St. Dunstons Shrewsbury & we think you would
like to hear about them. It had
Mr. Benton be present while a ditch
at St. Wakening was dug away by the
Micks while excavating for brick
parts. It was 70 feet long and

is more than the usual width of
3^{ft} & about the same depth, flat
at the bottom. In it they found
quantities of bones, ^{not human} & broken pottery.

Among other things the horns of a
deer



The pottery varies, some being very
crane almost like thick oat cake
& some much finer, with a little
slag or two pieces.

At Shoebury there has been another
kitchen midden opened about 8^{ft}
long & 7 deep full of bones & of

oyster shells & pottery. & the head
of a bro longicorn (?) & several skeletons
of animals have been found.

We have made a plan of the ditch
fields at S. Shoebury & if you care
for seeing it I will forward it.

Would you care to come down here,
we should be very pleased to take
you in if you would come? I feel some
account of these ditch villages - or
whether they may be shown be
printed & Mr. Benton says he is quite
too busy over his History of Essex

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Feb 23-1887

My dear Pitt-Rivers

Your kind invitation was duly conveyed to me by Mrs Knuck and nothing would give us greater pleasure than to avail ourselves of it but I fear my visiting days are over. I am too much of an invalid for any house but my own. Too much to inflict

Yrs. Pitt-Rivers

myself

myself upon friends however
kind. I have a serious
heart complaint, besides
a morbid liability to bron-
chial attacks and extra-sus-
ceptibility to all atmospheric
influences. which requires
constant care. I never knew
what health is until I lost
it. The Frenches very great-
ly enjoyed their visit. I am
most glad to think they had
such a pleasure and so great.

a change from the narrow
circle of military interests
at Shoeburyness.

Believe me

Yours very truly

J. H. Jeffrey