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Shrewsbury

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Dear General Pitt Rivers

I cannot resist telling
 you that we have just found
 an allusion to apparently similar
 passages or trenches & those found
 in these fields in Lord Selbourn's
 note to White's History of Selbourn.
 After describing some tumuli
 on Blackmore Ridge in which all

has been found also some urus with charcoal calcined bones etc he says.

"It occurs to me also to mention in this place, though their origin nature & purpose are obscure, that immediately to the S.W of the five tumuli or Blackmore Ridge, overhanging Woolmer Pond are a series of ancient parallel trenches, six or seven in number, of some depth They are certainly not the result of natural or artificial damage

and from their number & proximity to each other they can hardly represent ancient tracks or ways. Whether they could under any circumstances have been intended for military defence I do not know."

(Page 457 in the Edition edited by Frank Buckland).

Pray keep the title plans until we fetch them - Those
of very truly
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