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Ash Mills,  
Hemel Hempstead.

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My dear Pitt Rivers

I am sorry that  
we shall not have  
your Paper at the Anti  
and that I am quite  
unable to get to the  
Anthrop. on Tuesday  
I take it that the  
more wooded con-  
dition of the country  
in early times led to  
the rainfall being  
greater and as a  
consequence the level  
of saturation in porous

Soils being higher - There  
would probably never  
be any such absolutely  
dry winters as we now  
from time to time  
experience, so that  
the lowest level of  
the underground  
water, on which in  
most cases the depth  
of the wells depends  
would be considerably  
higher than it now  
is and the old wells  
would be proportionately  
shallower - This of  
course refers only to

wells at some distance  
from streams or other  
natural outlets of the  
underground water -  
I shall be very glad  
to see your proof  
sheets - I hope that  
you carried off the  
locks

Yours sincerely  
John Evans