

Notwithstanding
all you are kind enough to
say about my services as
Director I must obey the
doctor's advice; but I shall
take care not to inconvenience
the Institute by retiring
suddenly.

Pray do, if possible,
attend our next meeting
on Tuesday. I have been
writing to the author of the paper
(D. Parker) and to Bloxam
about getting an audience,
and maps &c. It will be
wholly a Madagascar night.
F. M. Rudler.

Genl Pitt Rivers, F.R.S. F. M. Rudler.

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b. Regents' Park Villas,
N. to.
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Dear General Pitt Rivers,

Pray be so good as
to pardon me for not-
having replied to your
letter at an earlier date.
The fact is I have
been so unwell that I
have neglected everything
that is not absolutely
urgent. To-day I ventured

back to the Museum
for the first time.

I feared, from what
you had already said, that
you would not again accept
the Presidency of the Anthrop.
Inst. But do pray use
your influence with Prof.
Flower. We want a physical
anthropologist, and I know
only him and Dr. Beddoe.
If you don't succeed we
must fall back on Mr.
John Evans or Mr. Francis
Galton again. I am sorry
that the feeling is so strong
against Mr. Hyde Clarke,

as I fancy, in spite
of any charlatanism,
he might be in many
ways a useful man.
It is very kind of you
to mention my name,
but that is really quite
unreasonable, as I am
fully sensible that I have
not a tittle of right to
the position. If there is
any great difficulty,
I would venture to propose
our Treasurer Mr. F. J. W.
Price. It is very common
in Societies for the Treasurer
to be advanced to the Chair.