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WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
—AND TELEGRAPH—

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My dear General Pitt Rivers

I have been
wishing to write to you all
the week past and about
my success with the
Stephens' remanence. We
intermingle the gelatin of the
bone in so variously decomposed
there is nothing to keep together
the osseous atoms & a spot
of gelatin of Paris, Gelatine
Silicate &c. I find it diffi-
cult to preserve the bones.
I have now uncovered -

- 3 skulls
- 1 piscescapula
- 1 iliac bone

BLANDFORD
WILTSHIRE

1 Tusk 6 feet 2 inches
1 Alveolar & denture of tusk
3 feet 2 inches long
next each I hope to get at the
head - as the bones without
found lie in their proper
sequence. I expect to find
a similar bed on the other
side of the Valley which will
give the bed a lacustrine
character & not a sudden
deposit of land wash. There
is no doubt the Shepherds
is I mean ^{deposited} a Pliocene
animal. Upon the glacial one
of the climate mild & temperate
to support the Hippopotamus
now a tropical animal. It has
the layout of the present day
forming more or than the
manure which comparative
speaking was a pigmy.

I am in correspondence with
the the officer of the Field
Club about tabulating our
County antiquities

I cannot make much advance
on the landward question about
which you wrote to me I hope
common interest will lead
to some joint action -

I have written to Richard
Cannock about the Oswell
Stone circle. I will let you
know what he says.

Yours most truly
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