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The Red House

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My dear Pitt Rivers

You have obtained my address at Queens Gate Gardens but you have neglected to give me your own, your letter bearing no other date than Nov (? Dec) 3. and the "here" mentioned it being clearly not Rushmore which is also alluded to. - Carry Gordon, however, who is here to day advises me to write to you at Rushmore and I have followed her counsel.



It would I fear be impossible for me to indicate what specimens I wish to keep without seeing them. I do not even know what part of my collection you have received and should be glad to learn. The things were sent straight from the Melbourne Exhibition in two ship loads one of which has not yet arrived. All I know is that the spears, some of which are particularly fine, have not come yet. I had an especially good collection of priests bowls - the ~~flat~~ wooden bowls on high stands - and I hope these which were really the most valuable articles reached you in good condition.

I do not think the Oxford folk

would make any difficulty about receiving the collection on the same conditions as yourself viz that of my retaining the right during the next (say) five years to claim the return of a few articles from among those deposited. - Very likely the right would never be really exercised for I am never likely to have a house suitable for the reception of more of these sort of articles than I already have here.

Yours very faithfully

Arthur Gordon