

I think Mr Barton told me that the  
number of Labourers, fathers of  
families, now out of employment  
there, is thirteen or fourteen.

The Diocesan Inspector  
yesterday told me that he  
purchased a horse some  
little time ago from the owner  
of a Traction Engine, & the  
horse was perfectly indifferent  
to all the puffing & snorting  
of any Engine he happened  
to meet, — so that there was  
no need for the Engine to stop —  
He bought also another horse,  
from a friend who had used the

Melcombe Horsey Rectory (2433)  
Dorchester Dorset  
13 Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1887

Dear Sir

I trust you will kindly  
pardon my not writing by return  
of post in reply to your letter of  
the 11<sup>th</sup>. — We had the Diocesan  
Inspector here yesterday.

Some little time ago Mr.  
Barton mentioned to me that  
he was intending to write to  
you about Cheselbourne.  
He was evidently travelling  
with some momentous idea,  
whose birth could not be long  
postponed. But he did not

divulge to me this scheme  
of remedying the depression by  
a reversion to spade husbandry.  
He was reserving that surprise  
for Rushmore. Mr Barton  
means well, and I have always  
found him a good neighbour,  
so that no unfriendly disparagement  
is implied, when I say that  
his views and schemes are  
occasionally a little amusing.

There was however a  
suggestion he made the other  
day which might give a  
fortnight's labour to a few  
men. ... Near to the stream

that runs through Cheselbourne  
there are one or two cottages  
that were injured & I believe  
rendered uninhabitable by the  
flood last December. Mr.  
Barton suggested the demolition  
of these cottages, - the decayed  
wood for firewood for the labourers,  
and the removal of the other  
materials to some place where  
they might be ready for future  
use. Mr. Creech will  
understand best, what should  
or might be done. My own impression  
is that the unoccupied farms  
at Cheselbourne are as well  
looked after, as unoccupied  
property anywhere. —

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animal only in London - This  
horse for some months took fight  
at every cow or sheep he met.  
Had this latter animal happened  
to be purchased by Mr. Lee Warner,  
we should have had a letter in  
the paper suggesting that sheep  
and oxen should be allowed to  
travel only along footpaths  
through fields, or along byways -

I remain

Faithfully & Respectfully Yours  
Joseph Hall

To

General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S.