

Brakke Lodge
Decr 29th 1877

Dear Mrs Rivers.

At last the book has arrived. It has been lying perdu at the Home we took for the season in London and they stupidly detained it there. Will you excuse the trouble I have given you and thank the General very warmly for it. It is a most welcome treasure to me. I believe that these hill forts in the West where so many early Roman remains have been found were the stockades of the late Celtic period ^{were} ~~are~~ the stockades which Vespasian attacked in his great campaign of which we have such a scanty notice in the

Roman history.

I feel much flattered that you should
care to read my book on the Mammoth
Flora. Franks & Dalton show very
different types of men have all written to
say that I have convinced them. Will you
accept our very best wishes for this season.
I hope to bring my wife to call upon you
in the Spring.

Yours very sincerely
Henry. H. Howarth