

pension. I scarcely writing then  
but my friend is so important  
I promised to write to you  
so you must excuse me for  
doing so

I am so grieved & hear  
of poor Maurice Portman's  
death - another friend the life!

With our very kind remem-  
brance to Mrs Pitt Rivers

Yours

John May Day

J. Mansel-Pleydell

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WHATCOMBE,  
BLANDFORD,  
AND TELEGRAPH

Jan 13, 1878

My dear General Pitt Rivers

We had a very good  
Museum meeting yesterday  
(the Annual one). What I  
hope may be a means  
of fulfilling our wishes of  
bringing it up to something  
like completeness. We  
have more objects than we  
can display. The floor &  
walls are crowded. To  
enlarge our Court we ought  
at once to build the gallery  
which can at once be  
filled with Birds & Recent  
Shells. I think when our  
Museum reaches £200 a  
year which means the needed

number of 200 members  
we may cover the school  
of art which is always very  
plenty of the high rent  
the cost \$20 per annum

I wish you & others could  
meet one day and consult  
how this desideratum can  
be best carried out

I hope in the course of a month  
the third of Dorset will be  
in your hand. I have had  
500 copies printed off. 250  
of which I shall reserve to  
give to the members of the  
Field Club & friends. The other  
250 will pass through the  
bookseller's hands. The whole  
MS. is now in print including  
the Introduction. I am  
unable to complete the index

until every sheet is paginated.  
I have just finished a very  
long paper on the Fossil  
Reptiles of the County. Sixty-  
one in number!! I intended  
epitomizing it as a 6 weeks  
it proper to the audience  
when it appears in the pages  
of the 'Proceedings'. I hope it  
will prove a valuable  
contribution for it has cost  
me some time & labour  
I have been asked to speak  
to you about a man named  
Enoch White residing at Hinton  
~~near~~ St Mary. a Pensioner  
'of a day' after passing through  
the Indian meeting troubled  
with loss of health. He would  
like to get employment as  
gatekeeper or something light on  
your property & supplement the