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The Manor House,  
Clifton,  
Bristol.

March 7, 88 -

Dear General Pitt-Rivers

I think you will have heard by this post from Mr James Baker, a literary man here, of a project for mutilating, if not levelling, the rampart of the Roman Camp on Clifton Down - I don't know whether you will

remember this earthwork, but it surmounts an older British one, & occupies the summit of the hill -

I don't suppose we shall have much difficulty in checking this most barbarous action on the part of our Dams Committee,<sup>+</sup> but your aid would be very valuable -

Believe me

Yours sincerely  
John Beddoe

<sup>+</sup> The Dams Committee of the Bristol Town Council & of the Soc<sup>y</sup> of Merchant Venturers

1500 years and cannot be replaced.

Urgent action is necessary to save it.

Would you attend an Indignation Meeting on the subject.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

James Baker

20 Sept.  
V. A. Rivers

Mr John Lubbock has suggested my sending you a copy of this letter I trust you will be able to assist us to preserve this camp. JB

Sewelle Villa,  
Goldney Road,  
Clifton.

Sir,

I have indirectly learnt that a scheme is on foot to make a 7 feet pathway round Observatory Hill, Clifton, and to utterly sweep away the British Roman Camp that is such an object of interest to all intelligent men be they rich or poor. The movers in this matter are the Bristol Downs Committee.

Will you use your influence to prevent this by writing at once to that Committee and also to the Bristol or London papers to prevent this, and thus aid to save a monument of history that has existed for say