

Memorandum

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From ALBERT BANKES, Esq.,  
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Dorset.

To

Dear General Pitt-Rivers.  
On behalf of the County let me thank

[Extract from the *Dorset County Chronicle and Somersetshire Gazette*, December 14th, 1882.]

THE DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM.

The above building is completed, and can now be handed over to the Museum Council as soon as the £500, at this moment owing, has been collected.

At one time the erection of a new Museum had nearly to be given up, owing to the lack of funds, when a few gentlemen, some of whom are by no means over rich, came forward and guaranteed that the money should be forthcoming when required.

To these ten or a dozen guarantors the £500 is a heavy liability, but if all classes connected with the county of Dorset would but subscribe a trifling amount the sum could be raised without any great individual sacrifice, and the guarantors, who so pluckily came forward at the time of need, would be at once freed from their heavy liability.

I would add that, not being a guarantor myself, I have no personal interest in the matter, further than that I am most anxious that those who did guarantee the money should not suffer for their good nature.

ALBERT BANKES,

Chairman of the Building Committee.

P.S.—Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. Case, Dorsetshire Bank, Dorchester.

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£750

£650

you very much indeed for your very handsome donation of £100 towards the County Museum - which I received safely yesterday on my return from Taunton when I found a most interesting local Museum - I learnt one excellent hint there - all objects

actually found in Somersetshire have  
green labels so that at a glance  
in a collection (say) of Roman remains  
the visitor can see at once which articles  
came from the County of Somerset  
although all the specimens are on the  
same shelf - This plan is new to me  
but may be as old as Adam! - In a  
little more than a fortnight I have  
collected £350 out of the £1000 I  
wanted & I think that thanks to the  
liberality of yourself & others we shall  
not only be able to open free of Debt but  
keep the thing going very well when it is  
open so I hope I shall never have to  
bother you again in my life with a Begging  
letter & with our kind remembrances to  
Mr. Pitt Rivers & yourself

Yours very gratefully

Albert Barker.