

If you have any grounds for
the contrary, which I shall
be happy to discuss them
and I have no doubt
that I could demonstrate the
'a priori' absurdity of the
charge or suspicion to
any impartial mind -
as for instance that
of General Pitt Rivers.

I am sending a copy of this
letter to him -

Yours very truly
Handley London

Copy

WARDOUR CASTLE,
TISBURY,
WILTS.

Sept 15

MS

(L532)

Dear Mr Andrews,

I am afraid that I must
trouble you with a line about
the boat shaped stone we inspected
yesterday. One tenable theory
would be that it was a
'lunar nucleus', another view
the one I diffidently put
forward that it might
possibly have been so shaped
originally as shaped in
prehistoric times; but
you broached a third
theory that to the
effect that it was

partly natural and partly
artificial. I do not understand
you to mean that it was
partially so touched in pre-
historic times - a theory
which would be hardly dis-
tinguishable from mine;
but on reflection it appears
to me that you must
mean that it was so touched
during the excavation -

Altho' you said this in
a manner harmoniously you
will see I think that

it involves a grave accusation.
I can only say that altho'
I was not present at the
excavation I can confidently
assert and pledge the
honour of all concerned
that the stone is abro-
tely in the same
form in which it was
taken out of the bed,
with the exception of
the abrasions which
I pointed out, which
were incidental to
its removal.

Nov 10

(2532)

Wendell Phillips

Apr 15

1839

Dear Genl. Pitt Rivers

I trust that you gave
my message to Mrs Pitt Rivers
with many thanks for her
kind letter and invitation.
I shall hope to call on
some future occasion but
shall have several engage-
ments which will prevent
my doing so for some
little time - as I
am leaving for a
few days shortly
with you to be good as to

read the enclosed copy
of a letter I have
written to the Rev. Mr. Anderson
about the boat
shaped stone

I shall be much obliged
if you will also show
it to your friends who
come over here

Yours very truly
M. D. Anderson