

Rectory - Monday

(1545)

Dear General Pitt

When I bought the
living, my predecessor
Mr. Austin told me that
as a freeholder on the
Common I had the right
to shoot rabbits - I am aware
that Lord Rivers disputed
it but I have occasionally
sent my man (years ago)
to shoot about them - & I
have a similar right
on Woodley Common -
Of course it is worthless
to me & if you do not
approve of my shooting

I will forbear - Mr.
Austin also claimed
a right to run sheep
during the winter - When
the allotment of leases
took place I expected the
concession was made -
However it is not worth
trying the case by law
so I will do as you please
in the matter as far as
I am concerned -
I was going to Bath this
morning but the weather
stopped me
Yours truly
G. W. Waterfall

I enclose a key which

I dug up in my garden -
Quite as old as the ~~one~~ a
similar looking one at
the Museum !!