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Iwerne Minster,  
Blandford.

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My dear Sir

I was staying lately  
with an old friend, a  
good anglo saxon scholar,  
& I fancy we arrived  
at a good definition  
of the "law mere" tree,  
may I call it?

viz. law from verb  
lay, perfect participle  
past, 'laid down',  
appointed - hence  
with 'mere', a mark or

Boundary, it would  
be the legally appointed  
Boundary Tree.

I venture to send  
you this suggestion  
which I hope may  
meet your approval.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

John Acton