

The account of Tacitus,
if so Wer mere, might be
Wer mere, the boundary
of the war.

I find Strete is the
Anglo Saxon name for the
Roman Roads.

Believe me, with
many thanks for your kind
information

yours faithfully
John Acton

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Vicarage,
Doverne Minster,
Blandford.

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My dear Sir

I must thank you for
your very interesting &
conclusive letter - there
can be no doubt about 'mere',
& I hope as the verb 'lay',
(Saxon lezen) has the meaning
of laying down a proposition,
& as law is the Saxon lage,
or lah, there is little to forbid
the Lawmere in your old
map being the same as
Law mere, even though it be

written *Lauz mere*, the
letters u. v. & w. - being so
very similar in use -

The chase Courts also being
held at this lawful Boundary
Tree, seem to clearly point
to this definition, it is also
very interesting how it agrees
with the tradition you write
of -

I have been looking
into Darnie's Antient Dorset
for some information as
to your other valuable

suggestion about *Wazmere*,
& I find how much H. John
visited this part of Dorset, &
visits he mentions to *Sturminster*
Castle, & that Courts were also
held there -

I cannot find *Waz mere*,
but your opinion that it might
be a corruption of *Vinditch mere*
or the other way & agrees with
the idea that *Vinditch* was
the site of the Battle between
the Romans & *Boudicca*
recorded by *Tacitus*, *Worce*
says it was near *Woddyates*,
& as far as I can recollect
the ground it agrees with

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Vicarage,
Durne Minster,
Blandford.
All Saints Day,
1888.

In turning over Hutchings
Vol. III. I found in the parish
of N. Parley - a place called
Layfield - with British
earth works near it. may
not this throw some light on
Layfield - "the grave field"
if it is not the field where
Lau was dispersed.

I do not know West Parley
but the contiguity of the Earth
works to the Layfield
struck me -

Thanking you for the
interesting research you
have caused me
yours truly
John Nelson

My dear Sir
I have been able, since
your last letter to find some
particulars about the vicarage
of Rushmere which I think
will interest you. I have
consulted Jones' edition of the
Domesday of Wiltshire
under Tollard, he says
Tollard is divided into 3 portions,
1. Aluolph holds 1st portion,
alluded to in the Exon Domesday.
2nd may possibly be
Rushmere, deriving its name,
it may be, from Rozo, the
occupier, in the time of H. 2.

the Confessor.

3rd held by Toli, from
the tenant, or owner Toli,
may perchance be derived
the name Tollard. T. H. E.

Thus Rushmere would be
the boundary of the land of Rogo.

Skeat's Anglo Saxon Diet.
gives rise - 424000 - as the
Saxon for rush. & says also
it may be derived from the
Latin ruscum, 'bitch's broom'.

I cannot, with reference
to D. Sayer, think Lawmere
~~there~~ an etymological
impossibility, as the

A. S. lay - or lae. is
more antient than the Latin
laurus, or lauv. which is
mere Montish charter Latin.

The Lawful Boundary mark
of the two countries & three
parishes, seems a more
likely derivation.

Incidentally I may mention
that in looking into Bosworth's
A. S. Diet. I find the
word "hlaw", a small hill,
grave, barrow.

may not this account for the
fact you mention that the
antient British track roads
run up to a point here?