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ASCOT, BERKS.

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My dear Pitt Rivers

I went the other day to 4 Grosvenor Gardens, and saw my clubs etc. It would be quite impossible for me to make a selection from them as they lie there, and, at present, I have little room for such things here.

If you do not object, and Oxford does not object, I had much rather they should go to the Museum about to be built, subject to the one condition that, during my life time, I may take out individual articles.

On my death, in any case, the whole to be theirs. And if this be accepted, I can make it a very much handsomer present; for I have cases more of very fine specimens at Hualdo, unopened, and what is, I believe, an unique collection of priests boots, here, which shall all be thrown in. - By the way, the boots at 4 Grosvenor Gardens are not Priests Boots, but Oil Boots. The priests boots are always raised on high stands, and are so shallow as to be well nigh flat.

I wish you would come here some day, and see my

collection of Fijian pottery. I mean to keep the best specimens of that, but there are plenty to spare, which you might think worth having.

Remain

Yours ever faithfully

Arthur Gordon

Excuse this paper. I did not see till I had done, that I was writing on two sheets.

Probably I should never use the priority I wish to retain!