

Anthropological Institute
of Great Britain & Ireland,

4, St. Martin's Place, W.C.

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Dear General Pitt Rivers,

I am sincerely vexed
to learn from your letter
that Prof. Flower cannot
follow you in the
Presidential Chair. Do
I understand that you
have written to Dr.
Allen Thomson? He
is greatly esteemed in
scientific circles, but

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probably his age will
make him hesitate in
undertaking fresh responsibilities.
Have you thought of Mr
Franks? Our Treasurer,
Mr. F. G. H. Price might
be asked, if we cannot
get a Vice-President. Or
Mr. Pralbrook will make
a good Chairman, and
will conduct our Council
meetings in a business-
like way. It will be so
much better that a suggestion
should emanate from you
than that the consideration

should work wholly with
 the Council. Of course
 the Council may - but depend
 upon it they will not.
 Oppose any suggestion from
 the Chair. Have you
 thought about introducing
 any new members of
 Council? Two must ~~retire~~
 retire, and generally more than
 two go off. I think Dr.
 Garson (W. Howe's assistant)
 and Prof. Thane (of University
 College) might be invited
 to act: they are both medical

men and would strengthen
 the physical element in
 the Institute. As to a
 successor to myself as
 Director, I should like to
 be favoured with some
 suggestion. Will W.
 Lewis do? I think he
 is willing to work.

I do sincerely trust that
 you may find it convenient
 to be present on Tuesday
 January 9th when the
 House-List must be
 made up. We cannot do
 without your guidance
 then.
 Very faithfully
 F. W. Rudler.