

Very unwell for nearly  
2 months & do not  
do much in the way of  
mending. I sometimes doubt  
I shall know how it will  
end.

With my very kind regards  
to my Pitt-Rivers & alike  
I remain

Yours very truly

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WHATCOMBE,  
BLANDFORD.  
—AND TELEGRAPH—

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Dear General Pitt Rivers

I have now completed  
my examination of the  
Roman Well. We came  
to water at a depth of  
73 feet where the diameter  
is 8 inches more than is its  
average from the top downwards  
which I think shows the  
water level up to 350 AD  
when the well was filled in  
was the same as at present  
Bones, Pottery, iron, coins  
so were equally distributed



throughout. There were  
but few plants some of  
which were called pebbles  
from the neighbouring  
Woolwich & Reading beds.  
There are three fine  
pieces of glass

There were coins of  
Antoninus Pius  
Trautonia  
Constantine  
Tetricus Elder  
Victorinus

I have also got a small  
red stone with a fly  
engraved on it which as  
you might like to see it  
I shall place it in the Smithy

The Well is in the same  
field as the Roman road  
which passes from Dorset  
Street to Salisbury and  
close to the entrenchments  
about Wame Remnants  
the town of Iweris - but  
about Wame with several  
probable place at Iweris  
between Wankton & Wadwell

I suppose the Magistrate of  
the County will be elected  
Aldermen in which case I should  
expect you will be one, as  
you ought to be. I suppose the  
Meeting of the framers of the Act  
was to give the Law Council  
a status. I have been very