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Whatcombe

Massachusetts

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My dear General Pitt-Rivers

Mr. Barker writes me and Cahill is claiming from you for the cases which were ordered of him for the Museum in Talbot's order. I paid £20 each some time ago which I hope has been made up of a part payment. I believe Williams has given or will give another £20 and I have ordered another of a local tradesman similar in pattern but about 1/3 the price with corners glass instead of plate - for that I will take a long time I fear to get the whole room properly furnished - The collection

I must be assuming a more  
scientific aspect than at  
the commencement of the  
Year & I have recently  
purchased a few more  
Ichthyosaurus from the  
Charnworth. I also have a  
complete collection of *Trypa-*  
*white Cephalopod* from  
the Sherburn bed & of some  
value. It is a pity we cannot  
have our bird perched on  
a gallery above. We have a  
most adequate gallery (under  
Mr. Noble). Will you  
please give me very kind  
remembrance to Mrs. Pitt-  
Rivers. & believe me

Yours &c

J. C. Mansel-Pleydell

P.S. My son makes search of any  
papers --