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Sold to send  
it on approval  
Sep. 18/91.

439, Old Kent Road,  
S.E.

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1<sup>st</sup> September 1891

Sir,

Through the death of my mother I come into possession of the ancient antique Arms Crest and Motto of your noble ancestor which was engraved so far back as some time in the seventeenth century its having been in our family over 100 years. It is a steel engraving in splendid preservation and very nicely mounted and framed and measures about 12 by 14 inches.

Having made some genealogical researches and after tracing, searching and researching I find that this ancient antique Arms Crest and Motto were those of that great



and celebrated nobleman George Pitt, Baron Rivers of Stratfieldsay one of the Lords of his Majesty's bedchamber colonel of the militia of the county of Dorset and Doctor of Laws. This nobleman was born 1720, and several times elected to represent the borough of Shaftesbury in the county of Dorset. He was constituted Nov<sup>r</sup> 1761 envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the court of Turin, which office he resigned in the year 1768, and was farther appointed March 1770 ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the court of Madrid. He returned to this country in the following year, and was created by King George the Third Baron Rivers of Stratfieldsay. He was constituted 13 May 1780 Lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum of the county of



Southampton which office he exchanged 6<sup>th</sup>  
April 1782 for that of one of the Lords of  
his Majesty's bedchamber.

Being in straightened circumstances  
and thinking you would like to possess this  
very old relic I venture to ask you whether  
you would purchase the same for which  
I should be pleased to accept 1 guinea  
and would send it on first for your approval

An early answer will greatly oblige  
as I shall refrain from disposing until  
I have received your reply.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant  
E. West Day.