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Tarrant Monkton Vicarage,  
Blandford.

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Dear Sir

Although I have not the honour  
of your acquaintance, may I be  
allowed to ask you a question  
or two concerning Cranborne Chase,  
in the history of which I am much  
interested? I am informed that  
you, in the dual capacity of de-  
scendant of the last proprietor,  
and an antiquarian (whose reputa-  
tion is of course well-known to  
me as to the rest of the world)  
are the greatest authority there-  
upon. I trust therefore that I  
shall not trespass too much  
upon your kindness if I ask

you to enlighten me on one or two points connected with this subject.

I am told that the Papers of the Chase are still extant; might I be allowed to see them?

Am I right in supposing that the proprietor of the Rights of Chase was not necessarily the owner of any portion of the lands over which such rights extended? (although in this case I am aware that a great part of such lands did belong to the Rivers family)

Also, as to the origin of the 'Larmer Tree'? No doubt the Alarm Tree, but is it supposed to have been a rendez-vous for keepers or

renders of the Chase; or an alarm-post in time of one or other of our civil wars? Is the tree supposed to be of any considerable antiquity?

I have of course read up all there is about the Chase in my Hutchins; and also have some MS. notes upon the Chase written by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Chapin in 1816; but if you can give me any additional information I shall be very much obliged to you.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully  
Fred<sup>l</sup>. Adze