

Dorchester. Sept. 7. 1891.

Ans^d. Sept. 8/91.

(2704)

Dear Sir,

It is with hesitation that I ask your opinion, knowing that you must be beset on all sides as universal referee on antiquarian questions. Still I venture, however diffidently, to ask you to look at the quotation overleaf & to be so very kind as to tell me whether I am not right in supposing that, as far as this district is concerned, Mr. Lines is mistaken in the first part of his assertions about British earthworks.

Would it not be a fitting thing for the Dorset Field Club to

give a donation towards the
Sibchester excavations?

I am
yours truly

H. J. Moule.

Major Genl. Pitt Rivers. R.A.

Speaking of certain camps in the
N. of England & Scotland, & which he
believes to be Roman, he says:—
"...the entrances through the camp
gates always go in straight through
the foss & ramparts. The strongest
mound is always the rampart
proper, & we find it placed on the
inside of the ditch — that is between
the ditch and the intervallum. In
these two particulars the Britons
commonly did the reverse, placing
their greatest mounds on the outside
of the ditch, & their entrances curved
like the letter S."

Roman Castrametation by the late
H. H. Livens. *Antiquary*. Vol. for 1890. p. 108.