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Salisbury
5 Oct 91

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of
the 2nd instant, which I
found here on my return
on Saturday after 3 weeks
absence.

There is usually a good
deal of difficulty in getting
a man dismissed, and



if in your opinion ~~you~~
Rennett, in the interest of
the public, ought to be
removed, I shall be obliged
if you will kindly let
me have your opinion
and the reasons for it in
writing, as that will enable
me to put the case more
freely before the authorities

I am, Sir,

Your obed^t. Serv^t

Genl Pitt Rivers E Mackland
F. V. M.

Copy.

Rushmore,
Salisbury.

Oct. 9th, 1891.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of Oct. 6th, I enclose a letter from the Rev. Mr. Waterfall, Rector of Tollard Royal, by which it will be seen that the complaints about Bennett are general. He is very irregular in his dealings with this house; he does not send the receipts for registered letters properly; the parcels received by parcels post are very frequently undone. The work in the office is done by a girl of 13, and it is sometimes difficult to get proper change. He has the reputation of being constantly drunk, and in my opinion he ought to be dismissed.

Yours obediently,

A. Pitt Rivers.

The Postmaster,
Salisbury.

Rushmore,

Salisbury.

Dec.9th, 1891.

Dear Sir Thomas,

It appears that Bennett, late of the Post Office at Tollard, goes about telling people that you have drawn up the Memorandum in favour of replacing him, that he has been requesting people to sign. Of course such a statement leads the people to think that you are in favour of his being replaced.

There can be no doubt that he is quite unfit; very drunken; and has been found sprawling in the road with the letter bag. He was upon the point of being dismissed by the late Postmaster at Salisbury, and he should have been sent about his business long ago.

Of course my concern in this Post Office is several thousand times greater than all the rest together, and letters of mine of considerable value pass through the Office every year.

I think it is a great piece of insolence in some of the people who are in my employment, and get a letter about once a month, to meddle with the matter at all, and had it not been for misrepresentation I don't suppose they would have done so.

It appears to me that it is a case in which it would be advisable to appoint an old soldier of good character, and I have written to the Post Master to say so.

I won't recommend any one, as if any thing should go wrong with the man, they would say it was my fault for recommending him.

Yours very truly,

