

which is proper measures  
which command themselves  
& their facile mind - I  
wish it could be managed  
& get you on the County  
Council as Alderman  
You could help us so  
much in ~~the~~ working  
out the details of Technical  
Education, which I  
think will prove a  
failure under present  
appearances - I mean  
with relation to our  
agricultural population  
I fear all the money  
will be diverted towards  
the urban districts  
I remain

Yours most truly  
L. C. Mansel-Pleydell

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WHATCOMBE,  
BLANDFORD,  
—AND TELEGRAPH—

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My dear General Pitt Rivers  
Thank you for  
your letter which I read  
with much pleasure  
It clearly & lucidly shows  
us our lamentable  
position as a nation. I  
agree with you as to the  
nation's downward course  
This lamentable state  
of things is mainly due to  
inhabitable & Lord Beaconsfield's  
whole scheme of lowering  
the franchise to almost  
universal suffrage sent the  
first nail into the coffin

of the British Constitution  
and was necessarily  
followed by its extension  
to the Counties & converted  
us into a Democracy. Mr Gladstone  
& his myrmidons having  
their own personal interest  
to view, foster anarchical  
measures & by pandering  
to the ignorance of the  
masses are hastening  
us down over the precipitous  
abyss below. It seems  
to me that the party  
nearest the Constitution  
and behind the destruction  
party must rise  
on, if they do not they will

be overwhelmed or unable  
to intervene and delay the  
catastrophe which is bound  
to ensue. I pray God that  
both you & I may not be  
here to witness it. It is  
to aid the delay I intend  
working in favour of the  
Unionist cause at the  
coming elections. I feel far  
from desponding as to  
this issue, especially if  
the Parnellite split  
continues to disorganize  
the Irish party. I am in  
hope of getting Mr  
view his position as likely  
to be benefitted by the  
present Government