

my signature. This intimation from one who had been asked for his signature is all I have ever heard of the document - I do not know why that said Clergyman did not apply to me to add my name, - but I cannot think such omission was a mere mistake - It must have been deliberate and intentional, - and not without some purpose.

I do not know whether you have received the document, but if you have, this letter will explain why my name is not there.

Melcombe Horsey Rectory (L850)
Dorchester Dorset
11 April 1892

Dear Sir

Together with others - friends, acquaintances, and admirers - on hearing of your recent severe attack of Bronchitis, I shared in the anxieties, and in the hopes felt by all, that in due course you would regain your former health, - and that a large addition to your present years, and a long term of life, might still await you.

I beg to offer my sincere and respectful congratulations on your recovery - which I trust will be full and complete; and beg to join with my congratulations every good wish that that coming term may be such that you may be one of those sons of science whose years cover the greater portion of a century, - almost its entire length.

Prompted by every feeling that could cause any individual of your acquaintance to wish for your recovery, I

rejoice to hear that that recovery is now assured - Among those feelings gratitude for past kindness does not fail to find a place.

I was informed, a short time ago that a Clergyman who has a living of which you are patron, had sent round to other Clergymen holding other livings of which also you are patron, to ask for their signatures to a combined and formal congratulation on your recovery. That said Clergyman did not write to me for

Notwithstanding the
recent high temperatures,
and weather so exceptionally
fine for the season, the
accompanying East Wind
have been unfavourable
for Bronchial affection, but
I trust that the coming
Summer may abolish and
obliterate every vestige of
your recent illness -

I beg to remain
Faithful & Respectfully Yours
Joseph Hall

To
General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S.

to