

view from their former contact.
I should be truly obliged to you
if you wd. grant me the favour
of mentioning the subject to
Mr Creech & referring it upon
him. There are few favours
that any man can confer
upon me that I shd. consider
a greater one.

I was sorry to learn that
two of your Cattle were missing
at Rushmore. I hope they
are better now; & that you
continue to mend.

Believe me
Yrs sincerely
John Baker

Manston. Blandford L868
May 20th 1792

Dear General
Lidmings reached me
on Sunday last, that old
Mr Packard had at length
determined to give up his farm:
& that as soon as Michaelmas,
so as I was going on Monday
Evening to Nutminster, on
Friday last, I went to
thought I wd. call on Mr
Creech & hear the rights of it.
He informed me that it cer-
tainty was as stated to me, &
that he had got had

applications for the farm I had
one in particular that he was
disposed to treat with without
loss of time. So I pressed upon
him the point that alone can
affect me in the business - the
Covenanting with the new
Tenant not to interfere
with the Straws & Bushes
on the slope of the Coomb on
Combedon Hill that directly
faces the West side of this
house & its Flower garden.
He promised me that a clause
should be inserted in the lease that
nothing should be grubbed up;

I took my departure with
tolerable satisfaction. But
it afterwards occurred to me
that if the Tenant were permitted
to, or not hindered from,
cutting down the said Straws,
but little good, if any, would come
to us here from the clause.
Accordingly I sent him
yesterday a letter, of wh. the
enclosed is a copy. This I hope
will bring about the result,
we all who know Compton
have so much at heart - viz.
the preservation of that place.
I might as well write a little bit of
Compton Hill that comes into

omitted (copy)

Despatch Plainston

This morning.

May 19. 1892.

L.A.M.S.

1888

Dear Mr. Creech

It struck me after I left you on Monday that to specify in the lease to the future Tenant of Mr. Packard's farm, in respect of his occupancy of the slope of Coombe Hollow, on Haubledon Hill, which faces the W. side of this house - merely "grubbing up" would leave me very much at his mercy with regard to "cutting down". Unless the latter process were inhibited also in the lease, the slope in question

might be left as bare as a plate,
though no pickaxe were applied
to the roots of the Horn beeches,
which form such an ornament
to the view from the windows (on
that side) & flower garden of this
house.

I should be deeply indebted to
General Pitt Rivers, & to you, if
you were to make a stipulation
in your lease that the Beeches
(other than Hazel) on the West
& South slopes of Coombe on
Hambleton, should be neither
cut down, nor grubbed up. of

course the Hazel Copse Wood
at the head of the Hollow would
be excluded from this Covenant
Hazel grows ten times (I suppose)
as fast as Horn. & would, in
his own interest, be protected
from sheep browsing during
its early growth, which Horns
certainly would not be.

Believe me

Yours truly

Jalbot H. B. Baker