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Dear General

I do not think the  
exchange of the Hambleton  
Acre for the Red Encampment  
red. be appointed to by my  
Trustees, as the former is of  
little agricultural value & the  
latter is good Down pasture.

The Red Acre is let with the  
rest of the Hambleton Farm that  
my Brother purchased with  
Trust Money about 35 years  
ago. I do not touch upon the  
question of purchasing the

Ambleton Hope, as I know  
You do not wish to sell any  
of your Mooton Property;  
and it wd. be difficult to  
lay down a scientific frontier  
between the Copse & Bushes  
area & the Sheep Down  
proper. But the plots numbered  
232 & 233 (as a part of this  
latter) wd. comprise all that I  
in the least degree, as an ornamen-  
tal appendage to the view from  
this house into the Eastward  
of the Down, & surrounds  
the little Camp of Fox's & of  
no value in my eyes - as I do not

want any extension of my farm.  
But if the Bushes are left  
alone - all I desire is a hedge.  
I am truly sorry to hear  
of the misbehaviour of the  
Bournemouth people. ~~over~~  
I shd. have thought that if  
there be one Town more than  
another free from the tawdry  
element, it wd. have been  
Bournemouth. And the Standard  
is a sad disaster. I have seldom  
heard of so extensive a conflagra-  
-tion in a village.  
Hoping you still continue to  
attend to Belise me  
Yours sincerely  
John Lubbock