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SOCIETY OF ARTS,
JOHN STREET, ADELPHI,
LONDON. W. C.

May 26. 1892

Dear Sir

The writer of the enclosed is a member of the Society. You will see at the end of his letter he asks me to send it on to you, which I have pleasure in doing.

Yours faithfully
H. J. Wood

Secretary

Genl Pitt Rivers. F.R.S.
Rushmore Salisbury

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My Dear Sir

Mr George Goslin of Beverley Rd Colchester
has placed his private Museum of Anglo Roman
Antiquities in my hands for sale. This collection
includes a very fine memorial stone with the figure
of a Roman Centurion of the 20th Legion half
life size in high relief under a canopy with
inscription also a series of figurines & statuettes
in terra cotta etc etc arranged in 126 groups &
catalogued by the late John Edward Prie F.S.A
F.R.S.L. in 1888 as 1241 pieces also 688 Roman
coins consisting of large middle & small brass 70 of
which are silver or billon also 326 other coins
(Roman) in bad condition.

The town of Colchester have offered £2000
for this collection which is all they can raise for
such a purpose but as Mr Goslin values this collection
at considerably more than double this price he does
not feel that he can ^{afford to} sacrifice it to his town for such
a figure although he would have gladly made a
considerable reduction for such an object

It at once occurred to me that you are more likely
than anyone else to know who amongst our many
antiquaries is seeking such a collection & I have
therefore ventured to give you the foregoing particulars
If you do not may I beg the favour of your forwarding
this letter with a few lines to Major Pitt Rivers whose
interesting lecture at the society of arts upon the same
subject leads me to think he will be interested in
endeavouring to keep this collection in England & not allow
it to be sent to America as is Mr Goslin's intention as a
final resource

Apologizing for troubling you in such a matter
believe me to be

Yours very faithfully
Diver J. Williams

To

The Secretary the Society of Arts