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WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD,
—AND TELEGRAPH—

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My dear General Pitt Rivers

I have delayed
telling you of an interesting
addition to the history of
our Romano Britis
settlements until the last
morning at my anxiety had
got on a little farther with
their resting behind the
'Mausoleum' as they call
Lord Portman's new house,
as they have come upon
nothing since last week
I must write you a few
lines about. Unpretending
as usual there was no
vigilant eye to guide the
workmen, nor of extreme
them from vandalism & theft

which was carried on
carefully. Through the Steward's
wise efforts much has been
saved & I hope in a
short time to be able to
send you an account of
the excavations which the
men came upon in the
formation of a road. A
chamber (which from its raised
condition nothing could be
definitely traced). but appeared
& was swept by a passage
about 4 feet ~~above~~ broad
flanked by a flint wall was
full of broken pottery of various
textures (about 1000 pieces)
showing many forms other
of vessels - mostly the usual
brown ware of Iron Age - pieces
Samian Ware, & a sherd
with ornamentation similar
to the one represented in plate
XLVII. fig 9 of your Woodcuts Volume

If I recollect right they appear
to belong to one vessel & are of
dark but red ware. I
shall go there again on
Monday & obtain from Mr
Forester a few of the best
pieces for your inspection

I am so very sorry you
have been again laid up
but hope through God's blessing
you are now recovered -
We had a successful presentation
of Edward Putman's piece of
plate on Tuesday. Lord Alington
made one of his lively
speeches.

Try your no. 6 by how
regard to Mrs Pitt-Rivers

I believe me
Yours most truly
H. Meaurio-Weydell