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Dear Sir Herbert Maxwell

Let me congratulate you upon
your increased majority. We
have little to congratulate ~~ourselves~~
upon here. Whitchurch stands

away & almost the same may
be said of N. Cumberland.

Our friend Lord M. out &

embankment of reservoir. Near it
are the most interesting discoveries.
— a circular temple, 15½ internal
diameter, walls now 4 ft high
ramp up to door & external
buttresses! Next to it a
three 10 cm. have cut
hypocausts which I believe
was a tavern for travellers.

Many interesting & some
puzzling parts occur but I
hope to meet you at
X a minutede Arthur's Don.

Latter nearly so.

Let us ^{now} turn to a more pleasant topic

Handknott Explorations.

I enclose a rough map of the buildings.

We have cleaned out four angle towers, two gateways completely, two as far as necessary, all the walls of the buildings in the camp, but not the rooms. A survey can now

be made & will be shortly. Cleaning the rooms can be done anytime, & easily without a professional expert. ^a careful cleaner will do, but there is the expense & the difficulty of what to do with the stuff.

The plan of praetorium is very nice: rather it is a forum with xerarium & two uniae.

We have paved the road to the parade ground, & also paved

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Muncaster - clean them
& perhaps clean out a
room or two -

I was sorry to have missed
you when you called recently.
but I am on Hardknott.

Yours truly
Richard S. Ferguson



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The Airtower
Wharphill

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My dear General Pitt Rivers

Another of your princely volumes! How do you suppose that your friends are to find expression for their gratitude. This one promises to be ^{as} ~~most~~ interesting as it is sumptuous.

Pray accept my cordial thanks. You remember my telling you about Hardknott Camp near Lancaster. Well I got the local antiquaries stirred to undertake a systematic exploration. Unfortunately owing to the General Election,

read it
thoroughly

I could not be present, but they have
been neither idle nor unsuccessful.

I enclose a letter from Mr Ferguson, which
may interest you. Pray do not return
it.

I was sorry to hear some time ago
that you had been ill. Pray get well
and strong as soon as possible and
carry on your valuable researches.

Yours very truly

Lakefield