

names I have mentioned, will I have
no doubt, give satisfactory answers
as to any enquiries as to the
straight forwardness of my intentions
in this matter.

Mr Goddard also lent me your
"Primitive Locks & Keys" so I
knew you were especially inter-
ested in this subject, I shall be
very proud & pleased if the Key
I now add to your collection may
prove of use or value to you
Trusting my petition may receive
your favourable consideration

I remain

Yours respectfully,
James Ralls

P.S. I much regret I was unable to
clean the dirt from it without injury
Lieut General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S.

Ralls.
Ames Oct. 6/92.
Bridport
Sept 14th 1892

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Sir

I have taken the liberty of
sending you per reg^d post a little
box containing a bronze Roman
Key with ring combined, which
I dug up with other articles on
a camp near Lewisdon Hill.
With the kind consent of the
owner I have employed my spare
time for the last three years in
opening up this spot & have found
British & Roman coins in bronze
& silver, but of the whole which I

possess or know of (about forty in
all) none are later than Claudius
A. D. 41 to 54.

I have a number of other articles
fibulae, in bronze & iron, lance heads,
horse shoes, tesserae of glass etc etc
& various things which ~~Mr~~ A. W. Frankes
Esq has most kindly reported on.

I am connected with the Literary
& Scientific Institute here & the
whole of the funds (at least with
very few exceptions) will be as
soon the property of that body
as I understand that we are
to receive a grant of £50 from
the Dorset County Council for
our Museum which will probably
be used in buying my little

collection of local antiquities.
The Revd. F. V. Goddard (now of
Chideack Vicarage near here) has
most kindly lent me the two first
vols of your Excavations in Cranborne
Chase which has been of the
greatest assistance to me as
many of the things both in bronze
& iron agree with those you have
found. As these vols must be
returned to the owner, I take the
great liberty of asking if you
will be good enough to grant
to this Institution in which I
am deeply interested, one or more
vols of your invaluable records.
The names of W. Colfox Esq, his son
J. A. Colfox ^{Esq} & W. A. James Esq as
well as the other gentlemen whose