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BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.

8th Nov. 1892

Dear General Pitt Rivers

I enclose copies of
the correspondence that
passed on the subject
of the Committee to
which you refer

Yours very truly
W. S. Johnston Hope

also asked to do the same

Yours very truly
W. H. S. John Hope

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SOC. ANTIQ. LOND.

BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY, W.

6 May 1892

Dear Genl. Pitt Rivers

I am desired by the Council to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from the Folk Lore Society, & to ask whether you would allow your name to be submitted as one of the Delegates on behalf of the Society of Antiquaries. Mr. Michener & Mr. Geo. Payne are to be

Copies The Folk Lore Society

(L963)

11 Old Square
Lincoln's Inn W.C.

27th April 1892

Dear Sir

I am instructed by the Council of the Folk Lore Society, to inform you that, having taken steps to investigate the Folk Lore of each County in the United Kingdom, upon an organized plan, they have decided to request the Society of Antiquaries and the Anthropological Institute, to cooperate with them in the matter, with a view of ultimately obtaining a complete ethnographic survey of each county or district. This might be accomplished, it is thought, if the Society of Antiquaries would deal with the Prehistoric Monuments, - the Anthropological Institute with the physical types of the people, - and the Folk Lore Society with the traditions, superstitions,

and customs - the three Societies working together, so as to obtain from the same area all the facts throwing light on ethnology.

I am further instructed to ask if the Society of Antiquaries would appoint three members to meet the same number of members from the Anthropological Institute, and the Folk Lore Society, and I am to inform you that the Council of the Folk Lore Society have appointed their President (Mr G. L. Gomme) Mr Jacobs, & Mr E. Clodd, as delegates for this purpose.

Will you please be good enough to lay this letter, before the Council of your Society, at their next meeting.

and to inform me what (if any) proceedings are taken thereon

Yours faithfully
F. A. Milne

(signed)

Secretary

To the Secretary

The Society of Antiquaries

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4 Grosvenor Gardens

Dear Mr Hope

I have been in bed
again with a Bronchial
attack & both my clerks
have been very ill with
measles so my letters have
gone wrong.

I am not able to attend
to any function at present

Yours very truly

A Pitt Rivers

(Signature)

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British Association for the Advancement of Science.

BURLINGTON HOUSE, W.

October 1892.

Committee to Organise an Ethnographical Survey of the United Kingdom.

FRANCIS GALTON, F.R.S., J. G. GARSON, M.D., and E. W. BRABROOK, F.S.A., representing the Anthropological Institute.

EDWARD CLODD, G. L. GOMME, F.S.A., and JOSEPH JACOBS, M.A., representing the Folk-lore Society.

H. S. MILMAN, Director S.A., GEORGE PAYNE, F.S.A., and General PITT-RIVERS, F.R.S., representing the Society of Antiquaries of London.

JOSEPH ANDERSON, LL.D., Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

A. C. HADDON, M.A., Professor of Zoology at the Royal College of Science of Dublin.

SIR,

The above-named Committee, in pursuance of the object for which they have been delegated by the Society of Antiquaries of London, the Folk-lore Society, and the Anthropological Institute, and appointed by the British Association, propose to record for certain typical villages and the neighbouring districts—

- (1) Physical Types of the Inhabitants.
- (2) Current Traditions and Beliefs.
- (3) Peculiarities of Dialect.
- (4) Monuments and other Remains of Ancient Culture; and
- (5) Historical Evidence as to Continuity of Race.

As a first step, the Committee desire to form a list of such villages in the United Kingdom as appear especially to deserve ethnographic study, out of which a selection might afterwards be made for the Survey. The villages suitable for entry on the list are such as contain not less than a hundred adults, the large majority of whose forefathers have lived there so far back as can be traced, and of whom the desired physical measurements, with photographs, might be obtained.

It is believed by the Committee that such villages may exist in the districts with which you are acquainted, and, as you are eminently capable of affording help in this preliminary search, we have to request that you will do so by kindly furnishing the names of any that may occur to you, with a brief account of their several characteristics; mentioning at the same time the addresses of such of their residents as would be likely to support the Committee in pursuing their inquiry.

They would also be glad to be favoured with the names of any persons known to you in other districts to whom this circular letter might with propriety be addressed.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS GALTON, *Chairman.*

E. W. BRABROOK, *Secretary.*

* * All communications should be addressed to 'THE SECRETARY OF THE ETHNOGRAPHIC SURVEY, British Association, Burlington House, London, W.'