

I am  
Sir  
Yours obed<sup>tly</sup>  
George Payne

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Col<sup>l</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Pitt-Rivers F. R. S. &c  
Sir

I am much obliged  
by your letter but regret  
that work will not be  
commenced yet. The waiting  
has been such a serious  
monetary loss to us  
that I doubt if it can ever



be recovered. I see by  
this morning's paper  
that the Curator of the  
Soane Museum is dead,  
& have writ to Mr. Franks  
to know if anything can  
be done there. I should be  
glad to hear <sup>at once</sup> what is  
to be done about Coldrum.  
The crumble has been  
admirably surveyed  
by Major Green R. E.  
& we are only now

waiting to get an  
order to enclose the  
structure. In my last  
letter I thought I would  
say a word of my  
business experience as  
I might be made use  
of on an estate in  
other ways. I wish you  
could be induced to buy  
Richborough, there is  
a grand field there for  
operations.