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Dear General Pitt Rivers

By today's parcel
post I have sent you
a few palaeolithic flint
implements from this
locality - They are the
best we can spare you
at present & unless other
pits are opened I fear
but few more will turn
up in the future.

Those from Berrington gravel
are very important as I
know of no other English

locality which so well shows
that man was "pre-glacial."

It is rather remarkable that
Lyell, Prestwich & Evans all
missed this point, although
they recognised the fact that
the gravel in which they are
found is older than the
lower level brick earth which
contains the glacial fauna.

This sheet of higher level gravel
was spread over the Chalk
Hill long before the spring
freshets eroded the Avon
& Wadding Valleys & deposited
the beds of brick earth which
clothes the Chalk spur on
either side - the age of

This brick earth is abundantly proved by the
presence of ^{Plinians} flint pebbles & flint shivers, much as, among
other things and Arctic fox. The most
numerous remains of Arctic animals from
a high locality, yet found in England.
With kind regards to Mr. Goddard
yours ever
yours ever
yours ever

H. P. Mackworth.