

Major Batten a few acres & as I am
writing him I have enquired if he would
like to purchase any more? At
Bristol you have about 12 acres of
outlying lands & I will see if I can
find any one who would be likely to
purchase, in Bridport Town there
is a House which on the death
of a Person aged 80 will be yours
& which I think the owner would like
to purchase & I am in communication
with him -

The only other Property that I
can think of at present likely to sell

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Sturminster Newton,

Blandford ^{3rd} April 1884

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

Since the receipt of your
letter on Saturday last as to the
sale of my Property to advantage
I have given the matter a good
deal of consideration & I do not for
one moment think that any one
could be found in these times to
purchase such a Honor as either
Bristol, Bournemouth, or Bournemouth, for
~~other~~ Londoners with large sums of

ready money are now very scarce & they
are not, if they have it, inclined to
purchase in these times & then in the
mercantile world with large sums
~~attracted~~ ~~attracted~~ are now very chary
about investing in land & there are very
few of these now with £100,000 at their
command - It shows how difficult it is
to find Purchasers for small Properties
which may be termed residential
such as "Hymood" which has been now
in the market so long & then as to
large Properties we have one instance

in the case of the "Beckford estate"
part of which (Phillington) is in
every sense of the word a most
desirable domain with a Railway
crossing through it & which has
been offered for sale now so long
and for which not even a
reasonable offer has been made so
that the owners have decided to
withdraw it from the market &

There are ~~now~~ ~~outgoing~~ ~~lands~~ at
either the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ or ~~the~~ but at
the latter place the Donkeys on two
occasions sold ~~immense~~ ~~occasions~~

for a fair value would be the land
that Lord Robertson has once or twice
spoken about & I will if you should
so wish communicate with his agent.

I am quite certain that any
lover of Property would find it
at the present time quite impossible
to sell any extent of land at
any thing like a satisfactory price.

I remain
Dear Sir

Your very obedt. Servant

Ed. West