

sending you a piece of it, they  
have but little <sup>water</sup> ~~now~~ in the well.

Johnson had an opportunity of  
consulting an engineer a few days  
since and he said he felt sure  
as soon as the Stone was got  
through there would come to be  
plenty of water that he never  
knew of a stone at that depth that  
was any great depth through.

I think it would be better now  
to bore through the Stone as this  
would not take long & would

Sturminster Newton,

Blandford 29<sup>th</sup> July 1884

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

The whole of the work  
of the Pump is required to  
be changed in consequence  
of the depth of the well  
& it is increased by about  
£30 in consequence of making  
it available for the Stone but  
this is most essential to be done  
considering you have not a good

Supply at all times there, the  
Pump work must therefore be  
done when the water is got  
reached but the piping &c for  
taking it to the House I do  
not think need be done until  
next February as it would take  
about 3 months to do & could  
not therefore be available for the  
dry weather of this year & if  
commenced early next spring it  
would be in time for the dry

Season - An ~~horizontal~~ engine  
suitable for raising the water  
only could be purchased at about  
£115 but you decided to have  
a 6 Horse power portable engine  
so that it may be used for  
any other purpose & this would  
cost about £270 and can be  
purchased & obtained of any firm  
in a few days - The cost of the  
well to the present time is £185 -  
The Stone they have reached  
is of Fishy colour & Green is

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~~Surminster Newton~~

~~Blunford~~ 188

cost  $3\frac{2}{3}$  a foot for the first 10 ft.  
+  $3\frac{3}{4}$  a foot for the next  
10 ft, this is about the same  
as it will cost through the  
stone by the present process  
+ which takes so much longer  
as they can only get over at  
the most 5 or 6 inches a day.

I cannot myself think there can  
be much if any doubt of obtaining

water when the Stone is got  
through & I am almost inclined  
to think if the well at the  
House may not go down to the  
Stone & not through it.

I remain

Yours very obedt. Servant

Alfred