

Sturminster Newton,
Blindford: 31st Dec 1881

Dear Genl. Pitt-Rivers,

A small old cottage
at Oxford Fitzpines caught fire a
day or two since and was entirely
destroyed as the roof was of thatch
& the walls nearly all timber, it was
fortunately but of little value & altho'
in the village the fire did not
unduly go any further, it was supposed
to have originated with the chimney -

I enclose a copy of a letter I have

be turned out of their Farms, I did
not say very much to him in consequence.

Will you kindly tell Mr. Pitt-
Rivers that I have ordered some
Shoe braces for her and as soon as
I get them I will take them with me -

I also enclose a ^{copy of} letter & bill
I have received from Mr. Ware respecting
a small account due to Lodge's estate,
should Mr. Pitt-Rivers so desire I will
remit the amount -

I remain
Yours very obedt. Servant
A. Pitt-Rivers

received from Mr Simms in answer to mine
respecting game matters it is not quite
a letter that can be called a nice
one to receive from a Tenant but I
suppose it will be wise not to enter
into any controversy with him but when
the time comes should my Tenant be
not doing what is right respecting the
ground game he can be served with
notice to quit - I have always found
myself in my dispute respecting game
matters between Farmers & Keepers that
there are faults on each side -

I enclose particulars of the Farms that

you desired as they have been in the
fact, the earliest time you could get
possession of these or my Farms should
you wish would be the 29th of Sept.
1883 -

I have had some conversation with
Phillips respecting his piece of land
& find he has the greater part of
it sown to vetches since last
September, so it could not very well
be brought to grass next season even
if he could be arranged with, he
was rather cross for he said it was
reported that himself & Simms were to