

Magistrates to be such a trivial offence that
you cannot prosecute before them but must
take cases before the County Court for actual
money damages so it is a most difficult
matter to deal with for after you have
caught a Person the Law can scarcely touch
him. If course nobody could suppose that
because a Man gathered ^{nuts} it would be any
grounds for his claiming the land, in the
Common case it was a different
thing altogether the People had had rights
over the lands for fuel & stocking & what they
said was when the Common was enclosed
they were never compensated for such rights
& that consequently they were not extinguished,
of course every one was well aware they before
the Enclosure had these rights - There is
not the slightest fear of any trouble here again.
In my opinion it would be quite impossible

(68)
Sturminster Newton
Blandford
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Dear General Pitt Rivers,

I regret to say I have been very
unwell with a throat complaint this week &
had to keep my bed until to-day -
In my more wise feeling the better way will
be to keep as straight as possible and so
upon the single standard as the force on
lines will not stand without these, in the
present instance a good deal of it was
obliged to be on the case, I think but
lykes will look better. Stanley has gone thro' the bill &
the gap continually with the man & give him necessary orders -
I have just received an application for the
second Stone at Borton from a Dr. Drake of
Blandford & hope he may take it - Now it is
so late in the season I do not think it would
be worth ^{while} going to the expense of furnishing -
I will inform Tenants of your desire to remove the
stones - I have at present merely informed Tim &

Phillips that they will in all probability have notice when the time arrives, so that they may not complain of unfair treatment - from

Phillips will not consent to do without a vice force if the other be removed & I have asked Campbell to consider if he will be able to do without it -

As I have always said I fear the difficulties in the way of purchasing Northwicks' Land were great and he has found this out, before they will give him any money at all they wish him to bind himself to pay all costs of an enquiry on the spot by the Commissioners as well as other costs then very likely after all refuse to sell, this he can hardly be expected to do & I do not think he will move further unless you undertake to see him through in the matter of charges, of course my application must be made by him -

I should think the Episcopacy School a very suitable building for a small museum as it is little use

besides unless altered into 2 or 3 cottages -

The water has always come through the roof & Inghren looked at it some 4 years ago & I think it would be better to get his opinion on it when passing there -

I was much surprised at the contents of your letter as to the smutting newspapers, as I had heard nothing of them and everything with which I have anything to do I am at once informed of, I had the last number bills put in print at once & yesterday sent them with full instructions how to act as soon as possible to take steps to prosecute, it seems after a thorough search & enquiry it cannot be found any one has been smutting & no tea trapping had this been the case it was certainly the duty of the Keepers to have prevented it, Stanley has written you on the subject I understand, of course a smutting newspaper is a thing of every year occurrence and it is viewed by the

for the Agent to reside at Rushmore, if so?
there must be some one here with equal powers
here where of course the bulk of the
Property is situated and I should not make
a journey to Rushmore, besides the almost
daily Banking business must be done then it
would never do for the Agent to be returning to
Rushmore at night after the receipt days with
large sums of money all through the woods
keeping the same there as it is of course
known to every one what his business is - A
black man to put at Rushmore at no great
expense but he would not have much to do
except to correspond with yourself or the Agent
and as I have before said the Agent could
have certain fixed times to go to Rushmore
say every other Saturday during the year, this
would be one month of every year - In several
States the Bailiff is in charge of every
thing at the residential part of the Property -

The last instructions you gave me as to the
scrapping were that you should have the
Dunblair Property done & then send the
same to me that I may get other done in
as similar a way as possible.

I regret to say there has been much
unpleasantness between Stanley & his Wife,
her Brother has taken her & the children
away to Scotland.

I hope to be able to leave the House
to-morrow or Monday & go to Dunblair.

Yours

Your very obedt. Servant

Alfred