

Sunday & Monday it was again wet,  
to-day I am delighted to say we  
have had the most brilliant day  
of the season & there seems now a  
prospect of better weather -

I have been expecting to hear  
further from Mr. Sile, in addition  
to the large outlay for the repairs  
I think he wanted a percentage  
on his rent, this I told him had  
been fully considered & positively could  
not be allowed & he must take the

(B295) Sturminster Newton,  
Dorset 7<sup>th</sup> August 1888

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

I am glad to say the  
Ardsle have finished up  
sufficiently well for me to say  
I shall be able to make a  
further remittance to you Bankers  
on Friday next of £ 2,500, I  
think myself this is quite as well  
as could be expected -

I very much fear the bad

weather of the last two months  
in addition to springing so much  
I say will the cause the ban  
of meat to be a deficient one,  
against this the prices of sheep  
are about 10/- higher than last  
year and we shall have also  
an abundant crop of grain etc.

In this neighbourhood I am  
sorry to say we had so much  
rain the early part of last week

that on Wednesday last the river  
overflowed & we had a great  
flood which caused a considerable  
part of land to be under  
water and in several instances  
it was washed entirely away.  
I myself saved 10 acres by  
carrying it to higher land but no  
one else did this. I am glad  
to say we had better weather  
the last 3 days of last week but on

Answer as friend. Told him that you  
were in London when he wrote and  
that I was desired to say consequently  
you could not grant him an  
interview at present.

Mr Green is from home at  
present but on his return in  
about a week he intends to  
examine the foundations of the  
Garden Wall & he foresees this  
will show the cause of its fall.

then decide how to act in the  
matter -

Siriam

Your very obedi. Servt

Appleton