

to you, as I cannot
suppose you will
w^t pay for
Alice's trousseau.

I am

Yours very truly
John Lubbock

Station, Orpington

(L280)

HIGH ELMS,
BECKENHAM,
KENT.

9 Jan 1887

My dear General

You may remember
that last year I was
obliged to apply to you
with reference to some
of the Bills for Alice's
trousseau which
Mr Pitt-Rivers had

Henry Evans
BEGGARWICH
Kings

not paid.

To my great surprise
the landlord has been sent
in again, & I have paid
it as it was impossible
to let Mr. Brewerton
the money.

Mrs Pitt Rivers admitted
in the spring that
she had authorized
the dress being bought

took away the Bill,
which of course we
supposed was paid
long ago.

I wrote to her some
days ago, but she
has taken no notice
of my letter, so I
am obliged to apply

Answered

(1280)

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Wellesley Studio: Sutton:
Surrey.

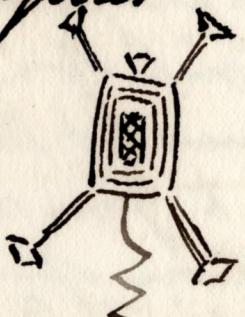
March 4th 1887

Dr. Sir

I think you will kindly excuse the liberty I take in addressing you when I say that - I am engaged in the preparation of a very large work on the origin of ornamental forms, & that I am indebted to your most interesting collection of Savage-tribe objects for some most important facts. When I first had

The advantage of seeing your collection at South Kensington I think a diagram was exhibited showing how the form of a man had degenerated into a mere ornament. In one of my own finds from central Africa occur these two

figures



and if my memory serves me rightly these were on

Your diagram. If you could assist me of completing the series I should feel deeply indebted to you.

You may possibly know my work on the arts & industries of Japan (Longman).

Trusting that you will pardon the liberty that I take in addressing you

I am

Yours faithfully

A. W. Dresser

To Gen. Pitt Rivers

Sr. Dr.