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QUEEN'S COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

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Dear Genl. Pitt-Rivers,

As the butcher's broom
grows in your neighbourhood, I
think we may be satisfied that
it is ^{the} more probable origin of
the name of Rushmore. The
change of the final ~~was~~ were
into more in this & other

neighbouring names is very interesting
 as it must be the result of the
 analogy of some ^{local} name in the vicinity
 which originally ended in more (= "moor").

Phonetically no objection can be
 raised against associating Wæ-mere
 with the A.-S. wære "war", but
 I know of no other instance in
 which the word forms part of a local

name: elsewhere it is wy as in
 Wy-more, Wy-ton, etc. serves the purpose.

I see that the battle fought by
 Ceaulin in 591 at Woddesberge
 according to the Saxon Chronicle,
 Wodnes beak or "Wodnes-bury"
 according to Florence of Worcester,
 is described by William of Malines
 as having taken place at the
 Wodnes-dic.

I have not yet been able to visit
 the Bodleian. Yours very truly
 A. H. Sayce.