

W. B. E. & Co.
100, 102, 104
Somerset.

August 14th
1884

My dear Peacock,

You spoke of coming with
side line this summer or
autumn. As I don't see my
way to getting out of this
island, cholera or the pre-
cautions against it shutting
me out of the places I wanted
to go to, I expect to stay
steadily here till I go to Ox-
ford about October 13th - so
you can pretty well choose
your own time up to then. I
could suggest ~~to come your~~

(August 18th) your coming
next week to our local Ar-
chaeological Meeting, which
begins at Skepton Mellet next
Tuesday. But I am not sure
that you would be here yet.

I may very likely have with
me Bishop Clifford of Clifton,
who ought to be a ghostly
joker to you & to be treated
with reverence, but I am
not sure that you would not
make rock of him or you do
of the Bishop of Rome. You
may judge whether you can be
troubled.

I have sent you a paper

with what I call a very concise & full of
picaresque to Miss. T.R.E. - not H. Dms:
"dey E but a better."

Yours very truly

Edward Freeman

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FREEMAN, Edward Augustus (1823-1892).
Historian. Wells.

A.L.S. to Mr.Peacock.
17 Aug. 1884. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. (double sheet, octavo).
With embossed address of: Somerlease,
Wells, Somerset.

A bantering letter of invitation, in
which he doubts his correspondent's
fitness to meet a bishop.
He speaks of his recent appointment
to the chair of history at Oxford, and
of local archaeological affairs.

August 17th 1884

My dear Peacock,

Youspoke of coming [hither?] some time this summer or autumn. As I don't see my way to getting out of this island, cholera or the precautions against it shutting me out of the places I wished to go to, I expect to stay steadily here till I go to Oxford about October 13th - so you can pretty well choose your own time up to then. I would suggest your [in] August 18th your coming next week to our local Archaeological Meeting, which [begins?] at Shepton Mellet next Tuesday. But I am not sure that you would behave well.

I may very likely have with me Bishop Clifford of Clifton, who ought to be a ghostly father to you & to be treated with reverence, but I am not sure that you would not make mock of him as you do of the Bishop of Rome. You may judge whether you can be trusted.

I have sent you a paper with what I call a very conservative speech of mine. Go back to [] T.R.E. not the Domesday E but a better.

Yours very truly,

Edward A. Freeman