

[My address  
will be Candia  
Crete]

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YOULBURY,  
ABINGDON.

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My dear Macmillan,

I write a few lines to  
say that prospects in Crete have  
taken a very favourable turn -  
To begin with a letter you wrote  
to J. F. Knollys was good fruit.  
It was forwarded by a Duke of  
York to Prince George who was  
so favourably inclined that he  
was quite prepared to refuse to  
French demands. However as I

and to Hogaik. But I spent with  
him it was better not to quarrel with  
the French - in spite of his prick - the  
view was also acceptable. Prince  
George however at once booked Knosor  
& Lytton (which I had also suggested)  
to us. I further became the very friend  
Bourchier (the Times' Correspondent here  
who is much to Prince George's credit.  
Since then he was quite prepared to  
show us more & accordingly I put  
down some of the most interesting  
Kalamafka in the East of the Island  
where I know of important Mycenaean  
remains; Kalamafka on the S. side of  
the island is an important Cove &

behind tomb; at foot Cave of Zeus at Psychro on  
Mt. Dikti & <sup>the</sup> Cave of Hermes on the West side of Ida.  
In an audience I met with Prince George & by his  
aid he would receive all these for us & also pro-  
mised to nominate Dr. Hazzidakis Ephor - a most  
important advantage. He further told me that to French  
had not as Hogarth's support applied for Princes but  
for Itanos & that he would be quite prepared to give  
us that too. He was most anxious for work to begin  
at once in order to afford some relief to destitute villagers.

Unfortunately to Brit. School can not  
present so nothing but I have come  
to the conclusion that the best thing to  
do is to start at once a 'Cuban  
Exploration Fund' of which providen-  
tially at any rate I will assume the  
direction. I shall of course act in  
harmony with the School & with hope  
for some help <sup>from them</sup> in case at least soon  
this season. A little delay will be caused  
by the necessity of to hear about Cuban  
Antiquities, - a dept. of which has been  
drawn up by the Assembly, - being promulgated  
but Prince George thought he would be  
able to allow me to start 'exploratory'  
digging by decree. The projet de loi

as drawn up by Dr. Herzfeldt &  
others is much more favourable than  
to Greek<sup>land</sup> as regards the acquisition of  
sites - & I hope to clear with the pro-  
mulgates as it stands.

Altogether there is a splendid  
field now secured for British Archaeo-  
logical enterprise in Crete. Lyttos, the  
ruined Doric City, where fragments of the  
vase-painting have already been discovered.  
Et - Knossos the City of Minos - the  
Diktarch Cave of Zeus - are all spots  
which may afford to the imagination  
& I hope that such preliminary work  
as we may now be able to undertake  
will result in settling the public appetite!

I hope Mr. friends at home will  
be ready to co-operate & that the  
'Cuba Exploration Fund' can be thorough-  
ly well launched. It may be better  
known & receive a public appeal for  
a little later when the Prince's Ministry  
is formed & the new law is promulga-  
ted.

Anyhow I feel most grateful  
to you for writing as you did. The  
letter has an excellent effect.

Yours very truly  
Arthur Evans.