

Letter from the Rector 1850

Ralph Ord was the Rector of Semley from 1812-1856.
He wrote to Mr. William Pike of Semley congratulating him
on his recent marriage and discusses the renting of Glebe Farm in the village

To Mr. Wm. Pike junior
Semley 4. May 1850

My dear Sir

When you called at
my house, two days ago I
had not the pleasure to offer
you my Congratulation &
good wishes on your late
Marriage - I was then
not informed of the happy
State, to which you had
been admitted. I beg
my kind Wishes to Mrs
W. Pike on the Occasion.

This Morning I have
seen Mr. Rutter - & stated
your wish to have an
offer made to your Father
& yourself of my Glebe
farm - which Mr. Vincent

quits at New Michaelmas
next - about next Wednesday
or Thursday you would be
likely to meet with one or
both Mr. Rutter's at their
Office. The quantity held
by Mr. Vincent & now to
be let at Michaelmas -
is 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres - This
quantity has been let at
the rent of £150 - per
ann - in my time. And
Mr. Scott 7 years ago held
it at £145 - yearly rental.
And £135 was, till last
year, the rent paid by Mr
Vincent - & Mr. Vincent has
lately been lowered to £115.
The same farm was held
by Mr. Miles at £100.

Mr. Rutter has by him
a Copy of the Agreement
& terms, on which Mr
Vincent held the 96 $\frac{1}{2}$
Acres. I am, Dear Sir
Yours respectfully
Ralph Ord