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FC 1191. Platter. Rim sherd with an external bead in a soft, smooth fine fabric, with a light red (Munsell 10R 6/8) outer slip that continues just over the rim and a paler slip on the inner surface.

FC 1208. Platter. Plain rim sherd in a fairly hard, sandy fabric, light reddish-brown (between 2.5YR 6/6 and 5/6) throughout. This sherd appears to lack the characteristic deep red slip of this class of vessel. However, the rim form is typical of Pompeian Red platters and, as the sherd is somewhat abraded, it may well have originally carried a red slip.

These two sherds were thin sectioned and compared with Peacock's (1977) fabric groupings of Pompeian Red ware. In the event, neither of the Poundbury sherds proved to be a good match for Peacock's groups, and suggest two additional sources. It is difficult though to try to predict likely source areas, due to the comparatively common range of inclusions in each sherd. In thin section FC 1191 is seen to contain a groundmass of silt sized quartz grains, flecks of mica, some argillaceous material and a little chert. While FC 1208 contains frequent ill-sorted quartz grains ranging up to 0.70mm in size, flecks of mica, some argillaceous material, collophane and chert.

Pompeian Red ware is characteristic in Britain of first

century A.D. contexts (Peacock,1977). The external bead on sherd 1191 suggests an early date in the century for this example (Goudineau,1970).

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