

Ld. Northesk

[Enclosure to No. 44936]

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Britannia Row and Quay, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive  
your Royal Highness's letter relative to  
the Election of a Scotch Peer.

Mr. Chalmer of Levington Street, has sent  
me down a proper Instrument which  
I have signed in favor of Lord Lauderdale,  
and I understand by his letter (which  
I take the liberty to enclose) that the  
Laws regulating the Elections of Scotch Peers  
allow those who are out of Great Britain  
or on His Maj.<sup>y</sup> Service to Vote by List  
or Nomination, if they have qualified before.

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Your Royal Highness will be aware  
that leave of absence would not be  
granted me upon the present occasion,  
indeed the Britannia will be ready  
for sea on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst!

I have just seen Lord Seaton who  
informs me that he shall not vote for  
Lord Mellichampe but cannot vote against  
him, as he is a very near neighbour.

I have the Honour to be

with the highest respect

Your Royal Highness's

most faithful

and Obedient Humble Servant

W. Pitt Rivers