

Bishop of Limerick to Lord? Moira  
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Limerick 20 June 1811

My Dear Lord

I am delighted by a letter  
from Dublin stating (from the  
authority of the Chancellor) that the  
Regent has offered the Scotch Seal to  
your Lordship. - The same accounts  
adds, that you have some scruples  
of delicacy, not being a native of  
Scotland. - but, my good Lord,  
be your feelings such they may,  
the world will feel perfectly  
satisfied that you are Scotch

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enough by Blood & Connection,  
to qualify your Lordship for that  
honorable office - certain it is,  
that no Scotch Noblemen would  
think of refusing a high &  
 lucrative office in Ireland -  
and I hope to see you very soon  
gazetted.

By the way, in case of a Demise, &  
that our worthy friend of St. James should  
return to his old office, it w<sup>d</sup> be very  
provoking to see the present Deputy  
(a rich Attorney) run away with all the  
Fees arising from the Remuneration of  
Commissions, which I understand  
must be the case, if the office remains  
unchanged at the period of Demise.

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The better orders of the Catholics in  
this part of the Country are much pleased  
with your late Meeting, and consider the  
conspicuous part which your Lordship  
took, as a proof of the Regent's friendly  
disposition. - If the Catholic Gentlemen  
of Rank & property will but seize the opportunity,  
I think they might now rescue the Cause  
from the Hands of those law, speculating  
Demerits, whose Views & Conduct  
have justly called forth the Reprobation  
of every good & loyal Subject, and with  
whom no King or Minister can ever  
enter into any serious negotiation upon  
the Subject: - and until their affairs  
are committed to better Hands, the  
Regent's Ministers may very fairly  
, and perhaps wisely, decline entering

into the Business: in this opinion I am  
fortified by the reputable Catholics  
amongst whom I am placed, and  
who, perhaps with a hope of its being  
communicated to the Prince, have  
, of late, frequently called upon me  
and expressed <sup>themselves</sup> extremely solicitous for  
the Royal Support of the higher Clergy  
of their Community, against the  
dangerous encroachments of low  
& mischievous Speculators.

I will not apologize for troubling  
your Lordship with these Observations,  
because I feel it a duty to communicate  
them; and the same principle impels  
me to make known a circumstance  
in which the interests of the Church are  
concerned (especially in the absence of

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Dublin/- and upon which, I think it probable,  
The Prince Regent must soon receive some  
application -

The mental incapacity of the Archbishop  
of Dublin is now unhappily confirmed -  
but his bodily health in no sort of danger.  
That important Diocese is now without  
any spiritual Governor whatever. - for  
nobody, except the person exercising the  
functions of the crown, has the power of  
nominating a Coadjutor to his Grace.  
were it a suffragan Bishop, the Archbishop  
of the Province would take upon himself  
the whole duties & patronage of that  
Bishoprick during the incapacity of its  
Incumbent - but in the case of an  
Arch Bishop the crown only can appoint  
some Bishop by special Commission

to take upon him the Charge of that Diocese  
during the Incapacity of the Archbishop -  
as Guardian of Sumptuous, the Chancellor  
has, very properly, appointed Comm. to manage  
the Property of the See, but His Lordship  
is certainly mistaken in claiming the  
disposal of the Patronage, that not  
being the private or personal property  
of the Diocesan, but annexed to the  
Spiritual Exercise of his office, and  
which, in the present case, reverts to the  
Crown - This is not only my View of  
the Case, but that of the Prince & Subst<sup>l</sup>  
of Ashel: a Living is now vacant, to  
which the Chancellor has named a gentleman,  
but can proceed no farther, for the  
A. Bishop being incapable, no man has  
a power to institute in his Diocese -

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to remedy this inconvenience & to provide  
for all the other Duties of the Diocese,  
I should think the Prince will entreat  
the Prince Regent to empower some  
Bishop by his Royal Commission,  
as Need of the Church -

The Prince might possibly wish to be  
apprized of this Matter, and therefore  
I feel it my humble duty to trouble  
your Lordship with this Communication,  
entreating your Lordship's goodness at the same  
time to represent my faithful attachment, &  
entire Devotion to His Royal Highness's  
person & Government -

with truest feelings of Gratitude &  
Respect, I have the Honor to be  
your Lordship's, &c, &c, &c

Wm. Linnick.

Chas. Lennox  
20 June 1711.