

Bishop of Limerick

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My Dear Colonel

I have been here for some days at a meeting of the Bishops to attend a Board of First Fruits: — Lord Whitworth has been extremely civil, and honor'd me with a confidential consultation upon the affairs of the Irish Church, in which I was happy to have it in my power to afford such information as must naturally be useful to a Stranger in his Situation: I am happy to perceive that he possesses, not only the manners, but the principles & firmness so essentially necessary to the good government of this Country. —

W. A. B. —
J. W. M. —

I have reason to believe His Excellency has
already been much solicited, as to Episcopal
Promotions & Translations: Rumour
states (and perhaps with truth) that the
Bishop of Clagher / Lord Camden's Friend, will
be recommended to the Prince Regent for the
Archbishoprick of Dublin, in case of Vacancy.

Should this be so, the utmost of my ambition
would be Clagher / not from the difference
in point of Revenue, from Limerick,
but from the two circumstances of its
Retirement & Patronage: The one would
release ^{me} from the noisy Residence of a
great Provincial Town, and the other
would not only supply the means of pro-
viding for my own Family, but afford
the high gratification of serving the
Friends of those to whose kindness &

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Protection I should stand indebted for the
Translation.

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vacant, is Tuen: The Income of which
does ^{not} exceed that of Limerick, but to me
has the same strong Recommendation of
Retirement & Patronage.

These are the only two / with any prospect
of early vacancy, that could well serve me
and if I were fortunate enough to be
honour'd with an early Communication
of our Royal Master's Wish to Lord
Whitworth / for a Translation, in the
Event of either Clajhor or Tuen becoming
vacant / embarrassing Pro-Engagements
might possibly be prevented, and the
Interest of my Ambition most
completely gratified.

our Baerd is over, & my Lord Primate
sets out for England tomorrow - His
Grace is in Parliament this Session -

It is my good fortune to live on terms
of much friendship with him, & to know
his private Sentiments. He goes over
highly delighted with the Prince Regent's
Administration & firmness upon the
Catholic question &c. &c. -

The Primate has some little peculiarities
(of which H. R. M. is already apprized),
but he is an honest, honorable man,
with that degree of Family Pride
which will always feel flattered by a
little Royal Attention -

The Condescension & Kindness
which the Prince was always most

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generously pleased to manifest
towards me, have induced me
to make known to you, how things
are likely to stand; and with
the truest Feelings of Gratitude
& Devotion to His Royal Highness's
Person, believe me

My Dear Colonel,

your obliged & faithful
Obedt Servant

Chas. Linnick,

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]