

[30 April 1792]

Sir

Slightly flattered as I am by your condescending assurances, I should forbear any farther intrusion did not the severest necessity force me to address you again. The horrors of want & misery, which, it now appears, I have entailed on my innocent Orphans, by having abandoned every pursuit that might have tended to their Support and future comfort, in order to give my utmost Assistance in establishing the Interest of His R. H. here, make me feel such a compunction as no selfish consideration could have produced. From the other misfortunes which my engaging in the Affair has brought on me, and, among them, the persecutions from the R. Family, who look on me as their principal Enemy, I have experienced little uneasiness, and would, individually, undergo ten thousand times as much to serve the cause. But, with the purest and warmest Zeal, added to a competent Knowledge of our business, which I have long made my particular Study, to bid adieu to the Satisfaction of continuing my Services in it, nay to every Shadow of happiness, seems a peculiar hardship, when the pecuniary relief I took the freedom of soliciting would obviate that painful consequence; without which Assistance I can derive no benefit whatever from the provision you so kindly manifest an intention of affording me, as by the time you may have it in your power to confer the obligation it will no longer be in mine to accept it,

You



you may, Sir, have heard my name mentioned with some little applause for the measures I have pursued ever since our Opposition began, (in which I was the first ostensible Leader) but, from the circumstance of my not having been gratified with an introduction to your Notice, when attending at the door of our Election-Committee-room for the space of a month, I am confident you are a Stranger to the greatest part of the drudgery I have borne thro' the whole Affair. The most material Information to serve as the Rule of Conduct in commencing our Opposition came from me, and I am strongly of Opinion that were you perfectly acquainted with the services I have rendered, and in future could render to the Interest in Question, I should not now be left to starve, with the accumulated torture of seeing my poor wretched Infants thrown on the mercy of an almost merciless World; such, indeed, is that part of it to whom they must be entrusted; I mean our Parish Officers, the Treasures of Mr. R. whose hatred to me and mine can never, I believe, be extinguished.

I am going to make an Assertion which will, perhaps, surprize you, altho' I can give the most unequivocal Proofs of its being a fact. In case of Mr. Mein's death or removal tomorrow, there would not be found a friend in this Town capable of conducting our borough-matters excepting myself; and from me (who have passed almost my whole life here) he <sup>(Mr. Mein)</sup> received the chief part of his knowledge respecting the business. In that relative to the poor Rates I have generally done the duty of a Solicitor, and also at our last Election. Sir John Morshead and Mr. Dampier can, I believe, corroborate this. In short I have gone thro' a great deal of fatigue both in body and mind in



in the course of this Contest, by which my Constitution is much impaired, and illness has for the last four Months deprived me both of Sleep and Appetite. Health now, indeed, begins to return, but, situated as I am, dissolution would be preferable.

I did not suggest the Idea of the joint Letter in my favor. When first mentioned I wished to have it deferred, and substituted one from myself in its stead; but when offered afterward, I was so circumstanced that I did not know how to oppose it; and it appeared to me such an Act of friendship as I thought no person could disapprove; however, I find it has met with that fate from one or two of the party; tho' you may be assured that every other of our Scot & Lot Adherents would have signed it, if the least hint had been given them that it was desired, at the beginning of our Struggle I had much influence with them (without either places or pensions at my disposal) and I hope my subsequent Conduct has not sunk me in their Opinion.

In my former Letter I did not take the liberty to mention the Sum requisite to supply my Exigencies, leaving it for my Brother, to whom I wished you to be referred. A credit of £200 to have <sup>been</sup> drawn for in several Sums, occasionally, but as sparingly as possible would have made me easy; nor should I have accepted the favor without a determined resolution to return the money so soon as fortune might enable me to do it. By assisting me in that manner I had hopes that you would not have been subjected to much inconvenience, and



and I indulged the Idea that, in the course of our future proceedings  
in the Election business, you would have found no cause to repent of  
having saved one of your most sincere friends with his family from  
ruin; a desire to avert which is the only apology I can offer for  
thus trespassing on your Goodness.

I remain with respectful and unalterable Attachment

Sir

May I presume to request  
a line in return.

Your most Obedient and  
most humble Servant

Josh  
Do. Smith

Towey April 30<sup>th</sup> 1792

J. W. Payne Esq  
Carlton house

from Mr Smith  
dated Towey 8<sup>th</sup> Apr.  
1792.



Lowrey 4<sup>th</sup> May 1792

Sir

I am just inform'd that my  
Bills on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parsons & Co of the  
9<sup>th</sup> March and the 19<sup>th</sup> of April are  
refus'd acceptance; I must re-  
quest you will see this affair  
settled as my Credit is at stake  
I am more inclin'd to attribute  
this to some oversight than to  
any other Cause, however of this  
I hope you will do me the  
honour to inform me as early  
as possible, and likewise whether  
you will provide for my Draw-  
ing for £50. or £100. in a short  
time as circumstances make it  
ne-



necessary I should have the  
sum in a very short time.

I am really very much concerned  
that this should have happened.

I am with respects

Sir  
Your most obedient  
and humble servant

Thos. Mein



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From Doctor Green

24/1/1877



Dear Sir,

I was 16<sup>th</sup> May 1792.

Meeting at the Justices of Towy - I was detained a  
 long in London, after the decision of our  
 Cause, upon a private Bill, that I could  
 reach Towy until the very morning  
 Sessions, which was the 17<sup>th</sup> of April  
 consequently the preparatory matters  
 notice &c were left to my Clerks, who  
 mistook the directions which I gave  
 and served the Justices only with  
 notices of the Mandamus - I was  
 therefore obliged to inform the Court of the  
 omission, and of my intention to move  
 the Court to enlaye the Returns - The  
 Motion I apprehend is of course - No  
 mischief can possibly happen to the parish  
 Officers by this delay as they were out of  
 Office before the last Sessions, and the  
 Rate was long before paid up - I  
 have only inclosed the most material  
 Mandamus, on which the Rate, if  
 at all, must be quashed. The  
 next Sessions will happen the 10<sup>th</sup> of  
 July -

I have serious apprehensions of the  
 last



can determine the Committee going of what they do in their hands  
in being: - and under that idea am now drawing up a very full state of  
the case, which, if Capt. Bogue & yourself approve of it, I mean to lay  
before our Council: - and I am sure we are satisfied that they have pursued  
the point: - and Mr. Bogue's answer informed me very lately that he had  
asked the question of Bogue, who was clearly of the same opinion.

Mr. Bogue,

Your most faithful and,

obedient servant

Edmund Burke



16 May 1792

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Charles Bicknell Esq<sup>r</sup>

Solicitor,

Chancery Lane,

London.

Small only.

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Washington, 21 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1792

Dear Sir!

A letter by this day's post from Cheshampton brings me word that  
 the Mayor of that Borough, the Rev. J<sup>r</sup> Vickery lay at the  
 point of Death without a Hope of Recovery. Mr. Vickery was a young  
 and <sup>small</sup> ~~small~~ <sup>man</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> given him by the Duke of Bedford being  
 in his Grace's own patronage & the other procured for him by his  
 Grace about two years ago from the Prince of Wales. The name of  
 the Parish <sup>is</sup> of Bedford but whether it is a Rectory or Vicarage I do not  
 correctly remember. To enable him to get a Dispensation Lord Spencer  
 gave him a Chaplainship. As Vickery was a young man  
 no one would hardly look forward to a Vacancy of Bedford so as to ask  
 that Living from the Prince, I therefore consider it as unengaged, and  
 I have just now written to Sol. Hulse to solicit his Lord's Interposition



With his Royal Highness not to dispose or procure his driving till -  
I can have the opportunity of seeing & talking over the Subject upon  
which I have several matters to say, and if I continue able to move  
about my present arrangements will have me to <sup>Spencer House</sup> in  
St. James's Place on Thursday the 13. Decem<sup>r</sup>. but not sooner unless  
any thing important should call me up in which case I should come  
without hesitation or delay. If you will have the goodness to send  
my application to the worthy Colonel at an early moment you will  
much oblige me. He will then tell you what I have written on the  
Subject of the Sale of Cheshampton, which, the near approach of the  
next hour will not allow me to repeat, as I am this moment told the  
latter man can do no longer. Your favours addressed to <sup>House</sup> Spencer will  
find the quickest conveyance, D<sup>r</sup> Sir.

Your faithful and  
obedient Servant  
Theobald



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STAMPTOWN

Charles Pittman Esq  
Norfolk Street  
Bristol  
London

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21 Nov 1792



Sir!

Lisheard 7<sup>th</sup> Decr 1792.

on the 23<sup>d</sup> of September last  
I wrote you respecting my bill of charges  
in the Lowey business my not having received  
any answer I am apprehensive it did not  
arrive safe as I am informed you have  
the sole management of the Affairs I shall  
be particularly obliged to you for some  
acquainting me whether you received my  
letter & and if so, when I am to  
expect payment I am Sir

Your very Obedient and  
Humble servant  
Mark Pratt.



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Charles Birkbeck Esq.  
6 Chancery Lane  
London

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7 Dec 1792



[undated]

Dear Sir,

I am extremely sorry to trouble you during your short stay in London about Southampton. — but let me beg of you to tell me by a line or two what part you think Mr. Pruser would wish me to take — The Linnæuses who have a considerable interest there begin to be rather restless, & they are constantly applying to me to draw from me some positive assurances that Mr. Pruser is disposed to patronize them. I have hitherto contented to evade their applications but I fear if something is not done or promised that interest will be lost. — The day before yesterday Charles Linnæus son of James of Fairplace called



upon me to request I would intercede  
with your Grace with my Lord Treasurer  
to get his Lordships recommendation  
of him to the Chancellor for the  
Place of Comptroller of the Exchequer.  
The King's Majesty urged me to mention it  
to the Prince. I am fearful of  
acting improperly by doing either; but  
at the same time I could not resist  
the putting him & his family out of  
humour by an absolute refusal.  
I pray, tell me how you wish me  
to act & advise me how you  
think I ought.

Believe me  
Dear Sir  
your much obliged  
& sincere servant  
Robert Boyle



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*M. Graham*

*M. Graham*

*Undated*



Fowey 11<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1793

Dear Sir

Since I wrote you last, I have had letters informing me, that an alteration must take place soon, at the Sick and Hurt Board, as the first Commissioner is incapable of attending from age and infirmity; I think there can be no impropriety in my begging that you will interest yourself in obtaining for me the appointment of Commissioner, there can be no objection made to my length of service as I am a much older Surgeon in the Navy than either Mr<sup>s</sup> Lulman or Walker were when they got their appointments.

If I am so fortunate as to  
obtain



obtain this, I should change with  
Dr. Newbray Surgeon of Plymouth  
Dock Yard, as I understand it is  
his wish to be at the S. & H. Board,  
where from my nearness to this Place  
I should be equally useful to H.  
B. H. Interest as if I resided here.  
From the change of Politicks at  
Coulton House, I think this appoin-  
ment might be procured without  
difficulty; and when all things  
are considered, the length of time  
I have been kept out of employ-  
ment, the many inconveniences  
I have suffered and do suffer from  
being so long out of my Money  
in the Service of H. B. H. - a little  
exertion might be made in my  
favour; I am fully persuaded, from



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the present complexion of Affairs  
that any requisition from a cer-  
tain quarter would readily be com-  
plied with.

I shall consider myself much  
obliged, if you will write me soon  
on this subject.

I am

Dear Sir

Your most faithful  
and humble servant

John Mearns



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From Mr. Green.

11 Feb



Woolenton 25. March 1793.

Dear Sir!

The Appointment of a Recorder for the Borough of Oldhampton now presses so closely that it will not admit of further delay. The time for holding the Quarter Sessions is approaching, and without a Recorder, there can be no Sessions in the Borough. If something is not done soon the Corporation must choose a Recorder for themselves. Yesterday sent up a Messenger to Wolvorn Abbey to the Duke of Bedford to acquaint him with the circumstance, but His Grace was not there. He was supposed to be at Caxley, another House of his in Bedfordshire, where he frequently is in the Hunting Season, and a Messenger from the Abbey was immediately sent off with my letter, but when I may expect to hear from his Grace,



Or whether at all, or to what effect if I do, I cannot judge. Would it be wise to propose one of the Duke's Brothers, as I have no conception whether the Duke himself will accept it, & especially as the Ceremony of one must be performed in the Borough? Or will not the Duke trouble himself at all about a Place of which he wishes, & the best thing he can do is, to be rid.

Some time ago you may remember you thought if the Prince could get £15,000. it would be right for him to sell. I thought so too, and I thought it honestly worth the money. I believe my friends, who I have mentioned, by way of a speculation, for he had given up the thoughts of a Manufactory, would then have struck a Bargain at £14,000. had I encouraged it, but I could not bring myself to recommend an offer so much below what I thought it really worth as an estate. As to the Borough Interest I would not value it at a Shilling. But, as time and circumstances have turned up, it perhaps would have been well for me had



His Royal Highness had Spack's on a negotiation. Since I had the  
 pleasure of seeing you I have happened to see the same person, and again  
 mentioned the Business. He does not seem disposed to do any thing, but  
 upon the chance of making a good speculation. He says the difference  
 between that time and the present, in the Value of Estates particularly  
 of Reversions, is at least as 2 in 15. He thinks the Estate would be as  
 dear now at £13,000. as it would then have been at £15,000. and that  
 a man who speculates sh<sup>d</sup>. buy at the chance of getting by such an  
 adventure at least £1000. If this mode of reckoning is fair, the Price is  
 in no favourable Situation. The price to Mr. L. -  
 you know was £7,000. The Estate, by the average  
 depreciation committed on the Timber is certainly worth by £1500. at least,  
 and by the advance in the age of the trees very little better in calculation for ten  
 years after the computation of the value of the Reversion is but little. By this  
 mode of reckoning the Value sh<sup>d</sup>. be £15,500. or a good penny worth at £15,000. but  
 it for me must allow some rather considerable difference, so that if the Price sh<sup>d</sup>.  
 now sell, it must be to great disadvantage. The Auction however is, which of two



is the least. To wait to great disadvantage - or to wait better times. If you  
think any thing of this kind worth attention be so good as favour me with your  
opinion. I shall be willing, by motion. I hope Mr. Bicknell continues in a favourable  
Condition, and soon!

Dear Sir, Yours most truly  
Chas. Bicknell

STAMP

A

Charles Bicknell Esq.  
Norfolk Street  
St. Pauls  
London





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My dear Sir!

Okehampton  
June 6<sup>th</sup> 1793

As tis impossible for me to describe  
the heart-felt Satisfaction which your favor  
by yesterday Post has given me, I will  
but attempt it. His Royal Highness's  
Recommendation has been received  
with a very general approbation of  
the Corporation, which will be  
fully verified by Mr. Grahams being  
elected our Recorder to morrow. Tho'  
my mind has long been in a state <sup>some</sup> of  
I did not despair but that a comforter  
would one day or other be sent us, and  
now such an one as could not possibly  
be found in any other season. And since  
Royalty befriends us, whom need we  
fear, I therefore begin to feel myself  
and this poor little place, level, if not  
superior to any future enterprise.  
May be so good as to inform me  
if our new master is not the  
owner also of the Squires eighth part  
of the manor, and of the sheep of this  
parish? I will not omit saying, and  
I trust



I trust you'll believe me to be sincere  
that the Idea of your continuing in the  
management of the affairs of this Borough  
(which I conclude from your letter must  
be attached to the late transactions of  
Bargain & Sale) gives me the greatest  
Satisfaction. As our Session will be  
held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, would not that be  
a proper time for our new Recorder  
to come down to be sworn into his  
office, and if so, shall we not have the  
pleasure of seeing you with him, & flatter  
myself with hope that we shall? If  
you deem it not improper, I will thank  
you for presenting my Duty to his  
Majesty, with assurances of  
my sincere attachment and every  
service in my power. A Thousand  
Suggestions have occurred to me  
to account for your long silence, I don't  
like to bother my friends, and tho' I  
often feared it might be occasioned  
by indisposition, yet the hearing some  
times of your other correspondence  
help'd to remove my fears on that  
head. God! be prais'd I hold my own  
pretty well, tho' I've not been without  
complaints



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Complains the last six months, having had  
a sort of Sorpes, in the lower part of  
one arm & the heel of my hand - affecting  
my little fingers, with a pretty great degree  
of insensibility - I've been advised to try  
the Bath waters: but I've gone through  
much physical process and am now  
nearly well - and as I've great reliance  
on my own Bedstead - which I have  
immersed into <sup>every day of</sup> the last fortnight -  
I trust I shall soon be perfectly whole.  
and as a proof of my growing state  
of convalescence, I yesterday dined  
at Hatherleigh, returned at nine o'clock  
and before ten was called four miles  
into the country to attend a Labour -  
where I sat up till four this morning -  
came home, took a good nap and a  
comfortable sleep - and am now in  
good spirits. My dear Housekeeper  
who feels her very much obliged by  
your kind enquiries, continues much  
in the same uncomfortable state -  
she is going to a watering place  
for a month by way of change  
of scene - the other parts of my  
family thank God! enjoy much good  
health & I hope his Grace of Bedford will



will not now think of disposing  
of his property here - having been  
a Royal Colleague - you'll be so  
good as to present my duty to  
Lord Spencer, & congratulations  
to Mr Graham - to whom I begin  
to look up as a deliverer from  
and a setter of, all our troubles  
here

with the sincerest wishes of  
health & every comfort to you  
& yours - I remain

My dear Sir!

Y<sup>r</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup>  
& very faithful  
Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Henry Susmone

Cheshampton

Mr Susmone

6. Jan 1793.



[June 6 1793]

My Lord

I have this morning receiv'd intelligence that the Rector of Santeglos in the parish and Borough of Cumelford in Cornwall is extremely ill. The Living is in the Gift of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, I therefore take the liberty of requesting the favor of your Lordship's influence with his Royal Highness in behalf of my Brother, who was so unfortunate, as to be too late in his application for Lydford. I received a Letter yesterday from Mr. Harrison, who requested me to propose to our friends, the electing of Robert Graham Esq: his Royal Highness's Attorney General, as our Recorder, & I am happy to acquaint your Lordship, that the choice meets with the entire approbation of all our friends. I shall therefore proceed to the Election to morrow - but as a post is sometimes of the utmost consequence, I thought it prudent not to wait the event of the Election, as I have no doubt, but there will be many applicants for the Living of Santeglos and I flatter myself, that I may presume to hope that your Lordship's Interest will be directed towards my Brother which will be most gratefully acknowledge by all the Faciplace Family and particularly by

my Lord  
your Lordship's most Obedt.  
& very humble Servt.  
Thos: Ludgyn Ludmoore



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To  
Earl Spencer

Dunhampton  
Mr G. D. Seymour to Earl  
Spencer. No date  
recd. by Mrs. Seymour 18. June 1793.



[8<sup>m</sup>]

Dear Sir,

Fairplace, Okeham: 8<sup>th</sup> June 1793.

In consequence of your Letter that I receiv'd 6 Inst<sup>l</sup> I immediately wait'd on the Doctor and Mr. Settlebridge to communicate its contents, when I found that they had each receiv'd one from you that Morning, to the same purport. however it gave my Father and me, great satisfaction to find that his Royal Highness' Choice was much approved of by our Friends. after a little conversation on the subject, I summon'd the Corporation to appear at the Hall yesterday 12 o'Clock, when I proceeded to the Election of a new Recorder. I therefore propos'd Robert Graham Esq: his Royal Highness' Attorney General, who was chosen into that Office, by all present except Mr. Hawkes, who did not signify his approbation thereto. — This can matter nothing, as he mention'd no one to be put in competition with him. — after this was ended I immediately nominat'd him to be made an Honorary Freeman, to which they all agreed, except the above dissenting Voice. the next thing requisite, is, for Mr. Graham to come down as soon as he can make it convenient, to be sworn into the above Office.

Our next Sessions is 9<sup>th</sup> July next, when I think will be the most proper time for Mr. Graham to qualify himself, & then —



to give his first Charge to the Jury. I have written to Mr. Graham  
this Evening to this effect signifying his Election. as I conceive  
that Lord Spencer's property is now vested in the Prince of Wales  
shall think myself much obliged, if you would use your Influence  
for my Father still to continue Steward.

on receiving an account of the Doctor of Santegeos being extremely  
ill and as the Living is in the Gift of his Royal Highness, I write  
to Lord Spencer on this subject Thursday Eve to solicit his Interest  
on behalf of my Brother, who was so unfortunate of late as not  
to succeed to Lydford, an additional Influence, in this respect and by  
a word of yours to his Lordship may be the means of success, shall  
therefore esteem it a great favor if you would do all you can in  
favor of my Brother. — If you think of accompanying Mr. Graham  
to Shehampton, I hope you will do me the favor of taking up your  
abode with me — I have a spare bed and every thing shall be made  
as comfortable as possible. — Mr. Luemoore join me with my Father  
and Mother & Family in very sincere remembrance to yourself  
Mr. Harrison & Family I am Dear Sir

Your very Faithful & most  
ob. Servant.  
The: Bridgms Luemoore.



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*Thomas Harrison Esq:*





Dear Sir!

The Livings I mentioned to you this morning to be vacant by Death of the late Incumbent in Leicestershire are Sturtonford & Little Peabing and the latter I have informs me that together they are worth ab. £230. a year viz. the first £150 & the latter £80. — Church Livings if not engaged before they are vacant are generally so eagerly sought after as seldom to be long unengaged after they become vacant and I have no very sanguine hopes that even at this short date these livings are not before this disposed, and yet, should the Prince in his great goodness to me be pleased to make an early application to the Chancellor possibly they may not be disposed of. Should that however be the case that they are gone His Royal Highness would condescend so far to extend his goodness and attention as to solicit the Chancellor's Presentation to any other living any where, but in the Court's regards to us would be most acceptable because of future wants, that may soon be vacant, it is not possible



<sup>at 10 p.m.</sup>  
For me, how great I should consider the obligation and with how  
much gratitude I should receive it. — I have a reason, which arises from  
my attention to the young man's future welfare & prospects, for wishing that,  
in the request, should his Royal Highness graciously condescend to make it,  
to the Chancellor, the young man's name may not appear in the first  
instance, but that the favour may be asked for me. <sup>of my daughter's husband</sup> When I have the pleasure  
next to see you I will tell you both his name & my reasons, which I flatter  
myself you will approve. —

How with I send you the accomplishment of the Recovery you wanted  
and I hope to wait on you to go to Mr. Graham immediately after the  
arrival of the Post on Monday, after which you know we must proceed  
to the House of Lords on the Petty Business.

Your kind services in favour of my dear Girl's interests & Acquaintance will  
always be sensibly felt by,

Dear Sir,  
Your faithful and  
obedient servant.  
Thos. Harrison



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*th*  
8 June 1793.

*Charles Buchan Esq.  
Norfolk Street.*



Wellesford  
June 20 1793

Dear Sir

I send you my Bill  
relating to the Borough of Rye,  
having received £100 of Custom.  
Payable the 1st of June. See in  
L 187. 13. so far which I should be  
obliged if you would get me the  
Primer & Bond

Yours Obedt  
Wellesford  
J. D. Lloyd



In the King's Bench.

*P. Me King against Thomas Mein Esq.*  
1791.

Paid Clerk in Court the several Charges following. —		
Paid him his Bill for proceedings before the Jury —	—	£. s. d. 11. 1. 0
Paid him for Copy of Rule nisi for a New Trial —	—	" 4. 6
Paid him for attendance in Court when the Rule was Enlarged —	—	" 3. 4
Paid him for Office Copy of the enlarged Rule —	—	" 4. 6
Paid him for attendance in Court when the Report was made & when the Rule was Discharged —	—	" 10. 0
Paid him for the Rule to discharge it —	—	" 5. 6
Ditto Term Fee —	—	" 6. 8

*Micha's Term*  
1791.

Paid for Office Copy of Special Verdict fo. 22 —	—	1. 2. 0
Perusing the special Verdict which I found to be very exceptionable —	—	" 6. 8
Copy thereof fo. 21 —	—	" 8. 0
Attending Mr. Dampier therewith & advising him thereon —	—	" 0. 6. 8
Paid Mr. Dampier & Clerk —	—	2. 4. 6

£ 17. 3. 4



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Copy of the finding of the prayer for him	L 1 0
Attending y. 15. Nov. y. Prosecutors	} " 3 4
Summons for attending the Postea	
Attending afterwards on M <sup>r</sup> . Rashleigh	} " 6 8
to endeavour to agree upon a time for	
bringing on the Business	
Attending another Summons the 16. inst.	} " 3 4
when the Judge ordered the Postea to be	
returned by the 21. <sup>st</sup>	
Attending M <sup>r</sup> . Dampier in consequence	6 8
Attending M <sup>r</sup> . Rashleigh the 21. <sup>st</sup> to return	} " 6 8
the Postea with M <sup>r</sup> . Dampiers Variation	
M <sup>r</sup> . Rashleigh having served a Notice of	} " 3 4
Motion for the paper Books to be read at	
the same was already deliv <sup>d</sup> . notwithstanding	
such Alterations. Instructions to M <sup>r</sup> . Dampier	
to oppose the same	
paid him	1 1 0
Attending him and Court the 22. when the	} 0 10 0
Verdict was Ordered to stand for argument	
the 23. under a Promise of the Court to let	
him come on again if there should appear	
any Verdict to argue	
Attending the Clerk in Court to have the	} 6 8
Paper Books delivered to the Judges	
paid him for 2 paper Books for 2 of the Judges	9 0 0
paid his extra Charge for Completing the	} 1 1 0
same at Short Notice	
Attending the Judges therewith	6 8
paid the Judges Clerks	4 6
	£ 14 5 10



Attending M<sup>r</sup> Dampier, and instructing } 6-8  
 him for the Agreement. ----- }  
 Paid him and Clerk ----- 3-5-6  
 Attending Court the 23. when the special- }  
 Verdict was argued & Judgment given - } " 13-4  
 for the King. ----- }  
 Paid Clerk in Court ----- " 6-8  
 Copy of the Bill of Costs delivered by M<sup>r</sup> }  
 Rashleigh for Taxation sent to M<sup>r</sup> Edwards } 1-0-0  
 of Tunnor for his Consideration for 60 }  
 Perusing the same & attending M<sup>r</sup> Edwards } " 13-4  
 thereon. ----- }  
 Attending M<sup>r</sup> Brickwell for the prosecutors }  
 Bill of Costs taxed & prayed on putting off - } " 6-8  
 the Jural. ----- }  
 Many other attendances in this Business " 13-4  
 Term Fee Clk in Court & Solicitor ----- 0-13-4  
 Letters & papers ----- 0-4-0

*Wilmary Term*

Attending the Prosecutors Bill cek ----- } 0-13-4  
 & Sol<sup>r</sup>. ----- }  
 The like a 2<sup>d</sup> Appointment ----- 0-13-4  
 The like a 3<sup>d</sup> Appointment to settle ----- } 0-13-4  
 querid Articles ----- }  
 Term Fee Clerk in Court & Sol<sup>r</sup>. ----- " 13-4  
 Letters and papers ----- " 4-0

£ 11-0-2  
 Second Pds 14-0-10  
 First P<sup>r</sup>. 17-3-4  
 -----  
 £ 12-4-4



In the House  
of Commons.

The Bill of Charges of M. Lloyd  
on the Petitions opposing and supporting  
the Right of Electing the Returning  
Officer of the Borough of Tovey as reported  
by the last Committee.

Session 1792 —

Attending at the House when the Petition	} £ s. d.
of M <sup>r</sup> . Rashleigh and Lord Villetort against	
the Report of the Committee was presented —	2. 2. 0
paid for a Copy of the Petition —	" 9. 0
paid Retaining Fee to M <sup>r</sup> . Piggott & Clerk —	5. 15. 6
Attending him —	" 13. 4
paid M <sup>r</sup> . Graham the like Clerk & Attendance —	6. 8. 10
Several Attendances to take Instructions for	} 1. 6. 8
preparing a petition to defend the right as	
reported by the Committee and to fix on a proper	} 1. 1. 0
time of presenting the same —	
Drawing the petition —	" 10. 0
Two fair Copies thereof —	" 10. 0
Attendances to consider who were proper persons	} 1. 6. 8
to insert as Petitioners —	
Ingrossing the Petition —	" 10. 0
Attending the Signing thereof by Colonel	} " 13. 4
Mowhead. —	
	£ 20. 16. 4



Three several attendances on Sir Ralph Payne }  
 for the like purpose at his own House and at } 1. 6. 0  
 the House of Commons Engaged A Hour — }  
 Attending at the House of Commons when — } 2. 2. 0  
 the Petition was presented — }  
 Instructions for the Brief — 1. 1. 0  
 Attending at the Crown Office to examine the }  
 Entry of the Judgment in the Quo Warranto — }  
 Cause which was necessary to be correctly — } 13. 4  
 stated in the Brief — }  
 Drawing the General Brief for y. Council 29. Sheets 14. 10. 0  
 Three fair Copies thereof — 21. 15. 0  
 Paid Mr. Piggott with his Brief — 15. 15. 0  
 Paid his Clerk — 0. 10. 6  
 Attendance — 13. 4  
 Paid Mr. Graham the like Clerk & Attendance — 16. 18. 10  
 Two fair Copies for the Council of so much of the }  
 Minutes of the proceedings of the last Committee } 5. 14. 0  
 as related to the subject of the present Petition }  
 together 228 Sheets — }  
 Attending at the Augmentation Office to search } 1. 6. 0  
 for returns there — }  
 Paid Mr. Calby for attending with the orig. return — 1. 1. 0  
 Attending the Ballot the 15<sup>th</sup> of March — 5. 5. 0  
 Paid Mr. Graham his Fee for the 15<sup>th</sup> — 10. 10. 0  
 Paid his Clerk — 5. 0  
 Attendance — 13. 4  
 Solicitors Attendance on the Committee y. 15<sup>th</sup> — 5. 5. 0  
 Attend. to appoint a Consultation for y. 16<sup>th</sup> — 13. 4  
 Paid the Council their Fees on the Consultation — 10. 10. 0  
 £ 116. 9. 0



	Paid M <sup>r</sup> . Piggott's Clerk	10. 6	
6. 8	Solicitors Fee	2. 2. 0	
	Paid M <sup>r</sup> . Piggott his Fee for the 17 <sup>th</sup>	10. 10. 0	
	Paid his Clerk	5. 0	
2. 0	Attending	13. 4	
1. 0	The like to M <sup>r</sup> . Graham Clerk and attendance	11. 8. 4	
	Solicitors Fee for attending the Committee of 17 <sup>th</sup>	5. 5. 0	
3. 4	Drawing by Devis of M <sup>r</sup> . Lambton a Statement of the right as insisted on by Sir Ralph Payne and Colonel Morehead and fair Copy sent to him	1. 0. 0	
	Paid M <sup>r</sup> . Graham his Fee for 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb Attendance	11. 8. 4	
10. 0	Solicitors Fee for attending the Committee of 19 <sup>th</sup>	5. 5. 0	
15. 0	The like the 20 <sup>th</sup> when the Committee made their report	5. 5. 0	
15. 0	For my trouble in a Correspondence with the agents in the County and in many attendances on the parties and on M <sup>r</sup> . Moir M <sup>r</sup> . Edwards & otherwise previous to and during the hearing of the Petition.	10. 10. 0	
10. 6			
13. 4			
18. 10			
	Paid the Fees of the House as follows. —		
14. 0	M <sup>r</sup> . Durn the Speaker's Secretary	1. 0. 0	
	Paid Poarson the Doorkeeper	2. 2. 0	
	Messengers	1. 8. 8	
	Court keeper	10. 6	
6. 8	Clerk of the House for Proceedings from the Journals	1. 1. 0	
1. 0	Committee Fees	11. 7. 0	
5. 0	Sergeant at Arms Housekeeper Doorkeeper	12. 11. 6	
10. 0	M <sup>r</sup> . Rorer	5. 2. 0	
5. 0	Clerk	2. 2. 0	
13. 4	For the trouble of collecting & discharging the several Bills	1. 1. 0	
5. 0			
13. 4			
10. 0	Paid Coach-hire porters Letter Card. of parcels & other incidental Expenses	2. 13. 0	44. 1. 8
9. 0	Amount of the Bill	111. 1. 0	108. 4. 2
	The Bill in the Treasury of M <sup>r</sup> . Moir	42. 4. 4	Second Side 116. 9. 0
		245. 9. 6	First Side 25. 16. 4
	received	287. 13. 0	Total £ 245. 9. 6
		100	
		187. 13. 0	



Office of the Duke of Cornwall  
Somerset Place 20 Sept: 1793

Sir

Your Royal Highness will, I hope, be graciously pleased to excuse the liberty I again take in addressing You, being anxious to lay before Your Royal Highness such further particulars as I have been able to collect respecting the (Deanery of St. Brevin, since the Letter which I lately wrote to Mr. Churchill, and which, I learn from Mr. Pickens, has been communicated to You. I therein stated what was the Evidence amongst the Records in this Office, in favour of Your Royal Highness, and which I humbly suggest is as strong as any thing that can be produced, except an actual Institution by a Duke of Cornwall; but such Institution is difficult to trace, from the nature of this Deanery, which being out of the Jurisdiction of the Bishop, I now learn that the course of proceeding is altogether different from that used in respect to other Benefices within Your Royal Highness's Disposal, and it will more easily account for no regular entry being made in this Office, supposing Institutions to have really taken place upon the Gift of the Dukes of Cornwall; for the Registrar of St. Brevin informs me, that the late Dean, Dr. Boscowen, was Instituted in the presence of his Majesty, the Oaths being administered by the Secretary of State.

As there are many Papers relating to the (Duchy of Cornwall in the British Museum, I have lately had recourse to such as appeared likely to throw any light on this subject, and there found a Copy or Extract of the Survey taken in the time of Edward III. similar to the one in this Office, wherein the (Deanery of St. Brevin is insinuated as belonging to Your Royal Highness's Duchy; but amongst the Harleian Manuscripts, which contain a variety of curious & useful Papers in the time of R. James I.<sup>st</sup> while the (Duchy was in the hands of Prince Henry, & J. Charles, there is nothing mentioned of the (Deanery.

I have not however completed my researches at the British Museum, nor am I without hope that further material Evidence may yet be attained from other Sources, for in the Account given of St. Brevin in Bishop Tanner's Notitia monasteriorum I find references to various Books & public Records, which I am not at present able to recur to, as the Business of

Yours



Your Royal Highness's Orders obliges me to leave Town  
next week; but in the mean time I beg Your Royal  
Highness's permission to remark; that in an Estate so  
circumstanced as the Duchy of Cornwall, the sole Evidence of  
the Right of Patronage should not be considered as resting  
in the actual presentation or Institution to Bishops, as  
it might so happen that no vacancy had arisen during  
the short intervals when the Duchy has been in the  
possession of a Prince of Wales; and where such Documents  
can be produced, as in the present instance, the Right of  
Patronage in Your Royal Highness is to be reasonably  
implied -

I am

Sir,

with the utmost respect and  
Obedience

Your Royal Highness's

most Obedient and faithful  
Servant

Rich<sup>d</sup>. Gray.



Mr. Gray

20 Sept.

1793.

The question of  
the Patronage of  
St. Brevin being  
the rights of the  
Prince of Wales

Mr. Gray  
Sept 20





**To all to whom these Presents shall come**  
 Samuel Hulke of Burgon Street in the County of Middlesex Esquire—  
 Major General of his Majesty's first Regiment of Foot Guards, sends Greeting  
 Whereas in and by a certain Indenture of Bargain and Sale enrolled in  
 his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at Westminster bearing date the  
 Twentieth Day of July One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety one, and  
 made or mentioned to be made between The Right Honorable George John  
 Earl Spencer (only Son and Heir at Law of the Right Honorable John Earl  
 Spencer deceased) of the first part, Thomas Parker Esquire therein named  
 and described and since deceased of the second part, Thomas Harrison  
 Esquire therein named and described of the third part, Robert Ladbroke  
 Esquire therein named and described of the fourth part and the said  
 Samuel Hulke by his then Name and description of Samuel Hulke of  
 Charges Street in the Parish of Saint George Manover Square in the County  
 of Middlesex Esquire a Lieutenant Colonel in the first Regiment of foot  
 Guards of the fifth part, after Reciting to the effect therein recited and  
 further reciting, that the said Robert Ladbroke had sold the Messuages  
 Tenures Lands Rents and Hereditaments with their and every of their  
 Appurtenances and the several shares parts and parts of and in the  
 several Manors Messuages Tenures Lands Rents and Hereditaments with  
 their and every of their Appurtenances therein particularly mentioned and  
 set forth situate in the several Parishes of Oakhampton Inwardleigh Bourton  
 Mansford and West Birdleigh or some or one of them in the County of Devon  
 unto the said Samuel Hulke at or for the price or sum of Twenty two  
 Thousand pounds, It was Witnessed that in Consideration of the  
 said sum of Twenty two Thousand pounds to the said George John Earl  
 Spencer and Robert Ladbroke paid in the manner therein particularly  
 mentioned, they the said George John Earl Spencer and Robert Ladbroke  
 did grant bargain sell release ratify and confirm unto and to the  
 use of the said Samuel Hulke his Heirs and Assigns All and every the  
 Messuages Lands Tenements Rents and Hereditaments and the said parts



and Shares of the Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents and  
 Hereditaments, <sup>therein</sup> particularly mentioned and described; And Whereas  
 the said Samuel Hulke is in Treaty with Louis Weltje of Hammerquith in  
 the County of Middlesex Esquire for the absolute Sale and disposition to him  
 of the said Estate and Premises, but by reason of his the said Samuel Hulke  
 being obliged immediately to leave England on foreign Service, such Treaty  
 cannot be concluded and carried into Execution by the said Samuel Hulke  
 before his departure, Now therefore know all Men by these Presents  
 that The said Samuel Hulke for the Considerations aforesaid and for  
 divers other good and valuable Considerations me hereunto moving, have  
 made ordained nominated constituted directed and appointed, and by  
 these Presents do make ordain nominate constitute direct and appoint  
 Arthur Robinson of Pall Mall in the County of Middlesex Esquire my  
 true and lawful Attorney irrevocable for me and in my Name place and  
 stead to complete and carry into execution and full Effect the said Treaty  
 with the said Louis Weltje for the absolute Sale of the said Estate and  
 Premises and for me and in my Name place and stead or in his own Name  
 as my Attorney to sign seal and as my Acts and Deeds in due form of Law  
 to deliver all such Deeds Conveyances and Assurances in the Law for  
 absolutely conveying and assuring the said Estate and Premises and all my  
 Estate Right Title and Interest therein and every part thereof unto and to the  
 use of the said Louis Weltje and his Heirs or Assigns, as he or they or his or  
 their Agent Solicitor or Council learned in the Law shall advise and direct,  
 And also for me and in my name <sup>place and stead</sup> or in his own Name as my Attorney as  
 aforesaid, to sign and execute such a Receipt or Receipts for the purchase or  
 Consideration Money or purchase or Consideration Monies to be expressed  
 to be paid to me in and by any such Deeds Conveyances or Assurances and to  
 be endorsed thereon as shall be thought necessary and requisite and  
 generally for me and in my Name place and stead to do execute and  
 perform all and every other Act and Acts Deed and Deeds whatsoever  
 necessary in the Premises, and all and whatsoever my said Attorney  
 shall lawfully do or cause to be done therein, I will from time to time  
 and at all times hereafter ratify confirm and allow, and the same shall  
 be as binding and effectual to all intents and purposes on me and my Heirs  
 (as



as if I were personally present and did and executed the same myself  
**In Witness** whereof I the said Samuel Hulse have hereunto set  
my Hand and Seal this Twenty seventh Day of May One Thousand  
seven hundred and Ninety four.

Sealed and delivered (being first  
duly stamped) in the presence of

S. Hulse

Cha: Bicknell

1794



<sup>B</sup>  
Dated 27 May 1794

General Kille -  
to  
Arthur Robinson Esq. }  
Solicitor  
of  
Attorney