

Copy of Letter to Lord Carlisle - 30<sup>th</sup> November 1806

My Lord,

Your Letter reached Me last night and understanding that you leave Caſtle Howard tomorrow Morning - I am obliged to ſend this expreſſy to you, that your Lordſhip may have my answer in full time, to give it a ſerious and attentive Conſideration. That answer I am the more happy to give, becauſe I do it from Memorandums taken at the time and from all your Lordſhip's Letters now before Me.

My Daughter M<sup>rs</sup> Foord had requeſted Me to get placed before Lord Grenville M<sup>r</sup> Pitt's promiſe of the living of Weſt Heſterton to M<sup>r</sup> Foord. At her Requeſt I took what I conceived the moſt favorable method in deſiring your Lordſhip to do ſo. You obligingly undertook that Office. You informed Me afterwards you had placed before Lord Grenville my Statements; and when I further added, I hoped you would yourſelf aid this Requeſt of Weſt Heſterton - your answer was precifely "No: you certainly could not ask it as a favor done to yourſelf, as you might have your own Friends to ask favors for." - I noted theſe words at the time.

When I wrote to you afterwards to ask whether in caſe of the Incumbent's death I ſhould (meaning it as a compliment to you who had undertaken it) your words are, copied from the Letter now before Me

"No Opportunity has been afforded Me of adding anything to the Subject: (meaning Weſt Heſterton) and in regard to the expected death of the Incumbent, I am perfectly ignorant how ſuch Events are to be notified to Government."

Shortly afterwards H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was graciously pleaſed to appoint M<sup>r</sup> Foord to be his Chaplain; and afterwards with the Benignity ſo peculiarly his own, to ſay He would himſelf ask for the living of Weſt Heſterton for M<sup>r</sup> Foord on the death of the Incumbent. When H. R. H. the Prince of Wales thus undertook the Office, I thought it would not be neceſſary, or right, to trouble your Lordſhip further: but never - I beg leave moſt ſolemnly to ſay - never then or at any other time, did you ſay, write or imply, that if the living of Weſt Heſterton was above ſuch a value, you would then ask it for yourſelf; and I leave it with your Lordſhip - When you have undertaken to preſent a Statement for one Perſon on the Subject of a living then named and no other, - ſhould that living turn out to be worth 40 or even 50 a year more, eventually by new letting the Land (but of which Event I know nothing) you can reconcile it to your own honor - to your own elevated Feelings - to abandon what you undertook and ask it for another Perſon? Whether the ſum of 50 or even 100 would be any Juſtification?

And now, my Lord, I have fairly and impartially ſtated the Caſe as it ſtands in reſpect to Weſt Heſterton. I have done ſo - I hope with reſpect - for I mean to do it no otherwiſe. I have appealed to your feelings, rather than truſt to my own: for were I only concerned I would ſubmit to the hardships tho' I might regret it. But - in the Caſe of a Daughter whom I value far more than Myſelf, I am bound by Regard - by a Truſt delegated to Me from another, not to be thought to have entruſted it ſo lightly.

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when I confided it to your Lordship - as to let it be misconstrued or explained away as may be convenient.

Allow Me then, my Lord, most respectfully to beg You will abandon the Plan of having another Gentleman nominated to West Hesterton instead of Mr. Poord. I request that You will do so; and I wish to owe it to your own kind and honorable feelings. The name, the mental and literary Qualifications of Lord Carlisle I have been led to respect. Do not force Me to do otherwise. This transaction is at present between ourselves: in the bosom of private Intercourse. I wish to keep it so. But circumstances may render this transaction and what has passed on the Subject, more public, and the Sense of conduct your Lordship may adopt will then make it necessary or not.

I have the honor &c &c

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