

Charles F. Palmer to Lord? Hertford

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My Lord

The Information I wishd to communicate to your Lordship respects the Manor of Sandhurst, A Friend of Mrs Fox's gave me Permission to say, that it was at his Majesty's Service if He wishd to Purchase it, & that no Exorbitant Price would be Expected. Knowing the great Affluence of Mrs Fox I was not less Surprised than Pleased at the offer, & have ever since wishd for an opportunity of making it known with Propriety to his Majesty. Your Lordship's Attachment to the Forest I know to be equal to my own; & that you will at least excuse if you can not approve of what I lay before you. I need not tell your Lordship that the Manor of Sandhurst contains near 4000 Acres of Waste Ground & that it is better Calculated for

for the Harbour of Deer than any other Part - The
 of the Forest. The Freeholders & Inhabitants Dog or
 of the Manor have not cattle sufficient to Manor
 consume the Pasture, & a very small Portion warren
 indeed is sufficient to find Turves for their in the
 firing. The Lord of the Manor claims this the Flor
 Superfluous waste, without any Regard been
 to the Kings Right of Pasture for Deer, & con of Co
 stimes to sell annually a Prodigious Quan Controu
 -tity of Turves, to the amount of 1002 or more that. A
 -by these Means the Deer are Robbed, of Re peo
 Pasture, Harbour, & Quiet. for every one who Full
 comes to the Heath brings with him a Dog Turv
 The Turf Cutter, the Broom Maker, & the Driver in an
 of the Team, have all of them their Lurehs Proper
 or Finders & can disturb, what they cannot ally of
 Destroy. - Observe My Lord, how much of this time
 Mischief will be Prevented by Transferring time
 the Rights of the Lord of the Manor to the Man,
 Crown. - The Heath will have Time to get up. preven
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her Part - The Deer ^{4349 (2)} will be undisturbed, & not a
bilants Dog or a Gun need be seen over the whole
at to Manor. - For the Lord has a Right of Free
Portion warren, & an Absolute exclusive Property
for them in the Game. I should not say a word of
ms this the Forest Law, had it not unfortunately
gard been in Force in the Time of Charles 2^d
& of course exempted the Forests from the
of con Control of the Game Act which pass'd in
was Quar that Reign. If this Excepting Clause was
or more Repealed, & the Game Act exerted in its
d, of Full Force I would venture to say that
one who there would be no want of a Forest Law
a Dog in any one Instance. The Man of landed
of the Silver Property who is the best & most Natural
Larches ally of the Forest, would at once get rid of
cannot None Troublesome Visitants. 1, The Unqualified
of this Man, who shoots because there is no Law to
skinning prevent him. 2 The Man who shoots under
to the the Illegal Title of a Forest License - 3, the

Underkeepers of the Walks, who have as little
Right as the Former Two.

To sum up all in few words -

The Purchase of the Manor of Sandham
& the Exertion of the Game Act.

would have every good Effect of the Revision
of the Forest Law, without the Odium.

I am your Lord^{ship}

Much Obliged & humble Servant

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