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My dear Sir

Your Letters generally afford me
pleasure and satisfaction. I cannot say
the same of that which I received this morn-
-ing. It has wounded my feelings and
excited my anger. Mr. Herkier's conduct
is in the highest degree reprehensible. I de-
-clare most solemnly that he has no ground for
his claim of a Promise from me of Proferment.

A few days before marriage of the ever
to be lamented Princess Charlotte - Her Royal
Highness put into my hands a Letter - saying

"Here Bishop Stokier desires me to ask
you for Prefement. I smiled & bowed
I do not recollect what I said a word. - If
anything was said - it was something of this
kind. "I shall be always happy when I can
oblige your Royal Highness". - I was much
displeas'd at the time, because Stokier had
no right to put the Princess upon asking such
a favor from me. Stokier was at that
time much indebted to me: He was the
Nephew of M^r. Guiffardiere who had been
French Teacher to the Regent & to the whole
Royal Family. When Princess Charlotte's
Establishment was first form'd, the King in
some measure to remunerat^e ^{M^r. Guiffardiere} her for her
former services appointed him as French

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Teacher to his granddaughter. Two years after
wards his health failing him he was allowed to
send Mr. Sherkin in his room & a few months
after he died. It was my business as the
Director of the Princess's Education to recommend
another French Master. I recommended
Mr. Sherkin to the King & to the Prince of Wales.
My recommendation was graciously accepted.

The usual salary to the French Master
was 200 - Year. But as a Complement to Mr
Giffardine, 200 - Year was given him also,
with the title of Reader of Modern History. —

This additional 200 was by mistake continued
to the young man. So that he had 400 for
teaching the Princess's French — & this is now
continued to him as a Pension. Under these
circumstances, let me ask you, if Mr. Sherkin

is not sufficiently remunerated for five years
services - & whether in reason he can have any
claim whatever on me.

It is stated in your

Letter that Mr. Stuker is now in the Orders
of the English Church & capable of holding any
preferment. - This may be, but at the same
time there is a great impropriety in it. I know
in the case of Mr. Guiffardiere, the King would
never listen to any application in his favor
for preferment, because he thought it improper
to place foreigners in our Church. Mr. Guiffardiere
had preferment in the English Church - but these
were procured him by the Prince of Wales.

I have in my Diocese 600 Clergy -
many of them in distressed circumstances with
large families: they would all feel hurt were I

to pass them by in favor of an alien.

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But I am aware that I have already teased you too long on this subject. I will only say one thing more. No man takes to be led bullied & pressed down by the weight of Influence. So do what he knows he is not in justice & honor called upon to do, & I am confident that Pomeroy Leopold is too generous too liberal to be displeas'd at my declining to attend to his application in a Case where I am sure his dear departed Lady interest'd herself very little - for she never ask'd me for her share - but on the Day I have already mentioned to you. -

I shall write a shorter Letter which possibly you may think proper to shew to her Royal Highness.

I set out with my Ladies tomorrow on a tour into Wales.

Have the goodness to direct to me at the
Bishop's Palace St. Asaph.

I most heartily wish you a pleasant
Voyage to & from your hospitable friends
Government. Remember us all every
kindly to him & believe me

Dear Sir

Yours very faithfully

J. Sarum

In the other Letter I have said
as little as possible about Mr. Storkie,
but I cannot but consider myself
as very much obliged by him.

I would not trouble Prince Leopold
with my complaints - but should his
Royal Highness appear not perfectly
satisfied with my statement in
the small Letter - you will
have the goodness to be my advocate.

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P.S. Allow me to trouble you
to write me a few lines -
directed to me at the Palace
St. Asaph

My best Compliments to all the
Gentlemen at Marlboro house.

I shall be happy to hear that
the High Field Affairs turn out to your
Satisfaction.

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