

Ld. Lifford to Ld. North

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My dear Lord,

Dublin 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 1772.  
Phœnix Works

In a Letter which I troubled your Lordship with the other day, I took the liberty to mention to your Lordship, that I had heard of a paper in the hands of a certain gentleman, obtained a little before his going to England from hence, which was so framed as upon a comparative view ~~was~~ to represent the business done in the Court of Chancery here by Lord Powers, and by me greatly to my dishonour. By the accident I had of that paper as shown here it represented the number of Causes heard by Lord Powers and myself all our respective times, as 91 to 44. — As my own note Book, told me this was a base misrepresentation that must have a tendency to <sup>both me & the Court</sup> disparage me most unparitly I ordered the proper Officers, to take an accurate & faithfull and free



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their Books & Records, such as they could authenticate,  
They have done so, and agreeably to the intention I  
expressed to yo<sup>r</sup> Lordship I take the liberty to trouble  
you with a copy of it: hoping that your Lordship  
will make such use of it as may remove any  
unfavorable impressions, respecting me in case your  
Lordship meets with any such. By this your Lordship  
will see how infamously false the paper I have  
before mentioned by your Lordship is. I feel my honour  
touched in this matter and I hope your Lordship will  
excuse me in giving you this trouble as I cannot  
with <sup>all</sup> pain fancy myself to stand in your opinion  
for a moment under any impressions, to my disadvantage  
which it is in your power to remove. It is a  
circumstance <sup>which</sup> I might avoid myself if I  
wanted it, <sup>but</sup> which I hope I do not, that when  
I came here there was a prodigious array of



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business and that within the last three years there  
have been three Sessions of Parliament. which  
not only call off the Chancellor from his Court very  
much but so perplex the Bar that it is difficult  
to get them to do business.

I have the honour to be with very  
great Respect

My dear Lord,

Your Lordship's

(most obliged &

faithfull servt

Sifford

I have finished my settings and have left business  
upon evener ground than it has been of very many years.  
It is not fitting that I should say more in a letter so  
nearly concerning myself



*[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

London, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1777

Dear Sir

Yours