

Mrs. (Anna) Hoodcock  
Col. Beckwith Dec 5 1812

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Dear Sir

I know not in what words to  
thank you - In this world of Apathy  
& selfishness such kindness cannot be  
expected - but be assured it is estimated by  
me, even as it deserves.

The enclosed is a very plausible  
statement - but I much fear there is  
a wolf in Sheep's clothing - I have  
heard a very different side of the question.

The charge is a very serious one of  
Mr. Costie's refusal to appoint a Curate  
to the Church which has been rebuilt, &c.

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the plea of its having been placed "ten  
feet from the old foundation" - I can only  
say that the matter has been very  
differently represented to me, tho' not  
by my Brother - and that I feel  
satisfied that if he has indeed been  
capable of resorting to a sentence so  
equivocal, so contrary to the Spirit, &  
spirit of Ecclesiastical Law, proceedings  
must first have been adopted towards  
him sufficiently venacious to have  
"fooled him to the top of his bent",  
There must have been some extraordinary  
cause for his having done thus, & that  
for he is naturally less susceptible of  
than almost any one I ever knew.

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Could a right Rev. Prelate be supposed  
to understand any thing of Government  
<sup>Bishop of Lincoln</sup>  
he might be reminded that the most  
most spirited Animals are the most  
most docile in the hands of skilful  
riders, who spare the whip, & the spur  
but instruments of this nature may  
be deemed necessary to Church "discipline",  
and some the Cat o' nine tails also  
permitted to be introduced, the Bench  
of Bishops might soon be chosen  
for Supplement to the Drummers!  
Justing apart however I shall write  
forthwith to my Brother strongly  
recommending Repentance & Submission,

Ann Woodcock  
and when I hear from you, I shall  
wait myself of your kind permission  
to inform you further of the state  
of his case.

Believe me dear Sir

With great respect

Yours truly obliged

Ann Woodcock

Saturday Dec. 5. 1812

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Mac Mahon  
Secretary