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Lord Egremont's Petworth.
Sunday - 1816.

Sir, and my good Friend.

As it is of much consequence to me, that I should be allowed to see the Prince Regent soon after my arrival, and that His Royal Highness should know the real cause of my coming hither - I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject, as your Royal Highness may probably have an opportunity of conveying the information which I am so anxious about - to the Prince Regent.

On the Saturday before I left Brighton, Lord Egremont sent me the news, that the Revd. Mr Dansler the Rector of Petworth, and of the adjoining Parish of Fittleworth was dead - and that if I wished it,

and the Prince Regent continued to like to approve – Tillington should be mine in exchange for St Burian. I will not now trespass on the patience of your Royal Highness, by mentioning the various reasons which induce me, with the Prince Regent's permission, to prefer Tillington; but I may add, that according to a letter I have received from the very best authority, Dr Jenkins is so much recovered, that he is likely to linger on for two years; and, that by having Tillington I possess an additional Vote for the County – which may be of service to the Prince Regent; – and I am also a Home, wherein, if I get out of fashion, and should ever find myself dismasted, I might

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contrive to get into Harbour, and die.

Lord Egremont goes to Foss to morrow, and when he arrives there, intends to send me a formal letter respecting his offer of Pillington, which will only be mine, when the Prince Regent has in form ratified his approbation.

I have the Honour & Happiness to be, Sir, with the most sincerity

Your Royal Highness's faithful servant

J. S. Clarke.