

Lord Chesterfield

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I had not time either of the two last posts, to inform you my self, that I had at last, partly succeeded in my application to the King in favour of your Brother's Children; I should rather say, half succeeded, for I was able to obtain but half of the Pension you pray'd for in your memorial. However I thought it better to compound than to get nothing, and this small allowance may I hope be of some use to 'em at present, and I don't despair hereafter, of getting it increased when they grow older.

I give you many Thanks for your Letter which I receiv'd by the last Post, informing

me of the vacancy of the living of Athboy  
and far from thinking that your letters  
are troublesome, I desire you will be  
persuaded, that you oblige me in writing  
to me often, and informing <sup>me</sup> of what passes  
in Ireland. I am glad the loan comes in so  
well; I never doubted but that it would,  
though I as little doubted but that people  
would be glad of more if they could get  
it. While I have any thing to do in Ireland  
as I will have no jobs for my private  
advantage, I will suffer none, to the  
disadvantage of the Publick. I am glad  
my little trooper is well, I hope he  
remembers his promise to me of drinking  
no wine till I give him leave. I am

Your faithfull  
humble servant.

Chestersfield.

Pray let me know what you take to  
be the real value of the living of Althorpe;  
for you call it 200<sup>l</sup> and several who  
have apply'd for it, call it but 100<sup>l</sup>. I  
know the Clergy are very apt to under-  
rate the livings they ask for, and to over-  
rate those they offer to quit. I have  
given this to one for whom I intended  
a good thing, but if it be really of less  
value than what you mention, I must  
change my arrangement.

Earl of Chesterfield

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