

Ld. Powis to Ld. Bute

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Albmarle Street
December 27: 1760

My Lord

I have the Honour to acquaint your Lordship, that Mr Gwynne has had a Meeting with his Friends in Bradnorshire, on the affair of the Compromise: and that it is now in so fair a way of being brought about, that it seems only to depend upon your Lordship for its Success; which I shall endeavour to explain to you.

When your Lordship was pleas'd to desire me, to begin the Negotiation, your Instructions to me were; —
" To assure Mr Gwynne, that if I should prevail on him
" to desist for the ensuing Election, a Seat in Parliament
" shall effectually be secur'd to him". That Assurance, I gave Mr Gwynne by your Lordship's directions, has since been confirm'd by the Duke of Newcastle: But Mr Gwynne's Friends, not caring to rest the Certainty of his Seat in Parliament, on the Chance of his Grace's

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Grace's life or continuance as the head of the Ministry,
require me to inform your Lordship, "That it is their
" unanimous Opinion and Advice to Mr Gwynne,
" That your Lordship should ^{now} engage to interpose (in
" either of the Cases abovemention'd), with his Grace's
" Successor in Power; and secure to Mr Gwynne, in like
" manner, a Seat in Parliament, without Expence." As
I know this to be your Lordship's Meaning, and
They desire this Satisfaction, I am persuaded, your
Lordship can have no difficulty, in that particular,
to give it them; and make all Things easy.

Give me leave to say further, in relation to the
Sheriff, it is customary in that County, (on the Day
of the Election), to compliment him with a Present
of 100, to defray his Charges, in the Execution of
his Office; which I fancy your Lordship will not
dislike; as it will be a Means to remove some
Apprehensions you seem'd to have, in relation to
those who are now on the return for Sheriff; whom
I really think to be unexceptionable.

I know matters of this Sort too well, to be dispos'd
to close this business finally, in the absence of
the Parties concern'd, for fear of any difference, that
may arise by Mistake. - And therefore, as I must,

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(in respect to such compromise, as shall be agreed upon), look upon myself, in some degree, as a kind of guarantee between them, and already I have taken no little pains, to obey your Lordship's commands, I beg you will take into consideration, the necessity of coming to London yourself, after the Holidays, and of fixing your time for it; that I may appoint Mr. Gwynne, to attend likewise, on notice, which I shall send him accordingly: who am, with great respect & truth,

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant

Powis

Mr. Gwynne is now in Wales.

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