

Ld. Carnarvon to Ld. Bute,

My Lord

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Minchenden House
22nd Nov^r 1760.

I caught the Duke of Newcastle yesterday before
He had left Mr James's: I acquainted Him that
His Majesty had given me Leave to offer
myself as a Candidate for the County of Radnor,
& had permitted me to acquaint His Grace
therewith & to beg his Countenance & assistance.

The Duke told me that Lord Bateman & Mr
Price, & Mr Gwynne had been with Him that
Morning, & had talked with Him about the
Election for that County, & that He had told
Them that He had heard I intended to offer
myself as a Candidate; Upon which (His Grace
said) They assured Him, that the County was
engaged in Favour of Mr Gwynne; & that I

I could not possibly have any chance to be
chose: He therefore desired that I would let
Lord Bateman call upon me, in order to
convince me of the Impossibility of my Attempt.
I told his Grace I had no objection to seeing
Lord Bateman at any Time, but that I certainly
must know my own Strength better than His
Lordship could, & that Mr. Gwynne must have
a very extraordinary Opinion of me, to imagine
that I should give up my Pretensions to the
County, on his assuring me I could not carry my
Point - I then gave the Duke some Reasons why
Mr. Gwynne must have been a little Misinformed,
& added, that I hoped as I had the Honour to be
in His Majesty's Family, that his Grace would
not discountenance me so far, as to oppose me at
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the General Election. The Duke asked me what Interest the Government had in that County, I told him pretty exactly, (My Grandfather having been for many years, & til his Death, Lord Lieutenant of the County, & Steward of Caermelloneth, which Two Offices now, are in ^{the} Possession of Mr. Gwynne & Mr. Lewis) to which His Grace said that as he had supported Mr. Gwynne at the former Election, He did not know what to say to it, but desired I would press him no further til He had seen them again — This my Lord was my Answer, & such a one that I fear leaves me little Room to hope for His Graces Assistance? However I will wait upon Him next Week for his Determination, tho' I shall be prepared for the worst. — I have employ'd a proper Person to speak to Mr. Williams the Welch Judge about the Sheriff.

Sheriff, if I cannot succeed there, My only chance will
be with Lord Keeper, who I believe is the Person
that recommends One of the Three, to the King.

As to Lord Bateman & Mr Price, I do not know
of any Interest either of them have in the County.

I have been thus particular in what passed
between the Duke of Newcastle & Myself, as it is
possible He may talk to your Lordship upon
it.

I am very thankfull to your Lordship for
your Assistance in the Affair, I am with great
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Your Lordships

Very faithfull
Obliged & Able Servt
Carnarvan.

PS.
If your Lordship
has an opportunity
you will be pleased to
acquaint His Majesty
with the Reason Lord
Hyford has not yet paid
his Duty to Him.