

My Lord

I have but this moment receiv-
ed your Excellency's letter & am sorry I am not at
liberty to comply with any request you are so
good as to honor me with: I consider it as an ad-
ditional proof of your Excellency's confidence in me
& am mortified I can not give a more welcome proof
how well I deserve it: the agency of the See of Down
is by every tie of gratitude due to the Gentleman
who has most faithfully & assiduously taken care of
my affairs at home; he has indeed receiv'd no direct
promise, but such expectations as (without any mis-
conduct) will always between two Gentlemen amount
to an engagement - my last letters from London affur-

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if there is not actually a vacancy in the See
of Dublin, most probably there will in a few
hours. I need not inform your excellency
how happy I should ~~be~~ be to succeed his grace
& to owe my doing so to you - I should
your Excellency think me a proper person
to fill that important See, I shall
make it my constant endeavour, to
show you have ^{not} fixed on a person unequal
to it, but shall by my constant attention
to my duty, my conduct at the council board
& on every occasion that may offer zealously
support his majestys measures, & contri-
bute all in my power to ease of whatever
administration he shall appoint in this
kingdom: and I flatter myself; I shall find
my self happy in so doing, as it is what my
principles have always uniformly urged
me to. From which my conduct has never

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Cork 24 July 1772.

Dear Sir,

By the Death of Sir Michael
Cox I have an Opportunity (I am happy
that I have so early an one) of obeying
my Lord Lieutenant's Command and
providing for Mr Bassett. The Parishes of
Tanlobus & Drinagh, of which Sir Mich
was possessed are of the yearly Value of
£310, of which £60 are paid to the Curate,
who is settled there with a pretty large
Family, & cannot suddenly be displaced.
In Exchange for these Parishes I have the
Offer of St Ann's in this Town, estimated as
by the inclosed Paper) at £340 p Ann; from
which £50 are to be deducted for a Curate,
as I believe the Duty is rather too much for

The Bishop of Kilmore humbly begs leave
 in this manner (till etc. etc. have an opportunity
 of doing it in person) to return His Excellency
 his warmest Thanks for His Excellency's commu-
 nication of His Majesty's m^t. gracious pleasure
 in consequence of His Excellency's m^t. kind
 Recommendation of Him for The See of Dublin
 — An Instance, among a Thousand others,
 of His Excellency's m^t. kind & gracious
 regard for The Bishop, which will ever
 remain indelibly engraved on his Heart

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My Lord

My hand, if in better condition than it is at present, w^d by no means be equal to expressing the Sentiments of my Heart upon occasion of the very gracious Communications your Excellency was pleased to make to me thro' The L^d Primate & under the honour of Y^r Excell^y's own Signature. — I persuade Myself, to humbly intreat Y^r Excell^y will do me the honour, & credit to believe (what I trust the whole Tenor of my Conduct w^l fully evince,) that I cannot have greater, & more heartfelt Satisfaction than by conforming Myself to Y^r Excell^y's Sentiments & obeying your Excell^y's Commands in Every Instance. — I wait wth impatience for an Opportunity of kissing Y^r Excell^y's much beloved Hands, & expressing how

My Lord

Since the Death of the late Bishop of Limerick the Provost assured me, he had recommended me to your Excellency for Promotion: & that you had been pleased to take me under your Protection. In the Absence then of my Friend & Patron, I hope you will pardon my presuming personally to prefer my Petition to your Excellency, from whom my only Expectations now are. The Professorship of Rhetoric is just become vacant by the Death of Doctor Brett. And I am persuaded it would give the Provost singular Pleasure, if I could inform him that your Excellency had been so good to bestow it upon me. I shall not presume to trouble you with a Detail of my Disappointments & Distress, but I will venture to assure your Excellency that I shall ever remain with the deepest Sense of Gratitude & Respect

June 7 1772.

Your Excellency's
most Dutiful
and most obedient Servant
John Andrews.

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As I hear the Office of First Chaplain to your Excellency will again be vacant by the Promotion of Doct^r Mann, I humbly presume to offer myself to your Excellency's Service in that Station.

My Conduct on the last Occasion I am satisfied your Excellency's Candor will attribute to the Motives, and those only, which (by your Excellency's Command) I had then the Honor to lay before you, especially as it is well known that since, as well as before that Event I have on every Opportunity

Dublin Thursday Morning.

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My Lord,

I don't know, what apology to make to your
Lordship, for taking so much liberty, as to trouble your
Excellency with a request, but by acquainting you with
the motive that engages me to it. My Friend Mr. Morley
has just been here, to let me know, that the Deanery
of Ferns is not given away, and I am so very desirous
and anxious to serve him, that I could not forgive
myself, if I was to lose a moment in making an applica-
tion in his favour, which I flatter myself your Lord-
ship will not refuse me, as it would make me exceed-
ingly happy. I have the honour to be My Lord, your
Excellency's most Obedient

Humble Servant J. Conolly.

Lord C. Baron Foster Dennis

I understand with pleasure that

you when he gave a kindly &

is a dignity in of Church - ^{to} ^{ask}

most convenient.

most certainly.