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for the office as a man can be by
possessing in an eminent Degree. those Essential
Qualities in Business, Prompt Dispatch and
Integrity.

I shall be glad that you would communicate
this Letter to Col. Taylor Mr Randolph, and the
Mr Lee, whom I have desired to concur with you.

I am

Dear Sir

Yours Most Affectionate
and Obliged Servant
Edmund Jennings

indeed wonder perhaps that a Gentleman
of his Circumstances and Condition in Life sh^d
be solicitous for an office of such small Profit
and Importance. but the Truth is, that living
altogether in the Country, he goes into the
Country Amusements and a Lover over this
manor affords him a large Range, but this
is not all. As he is desirous of having
this Stewardship himself, there is no one upon
Leath whom he wishes to have so little to do
with and be farther from than Hinde - whose
Character on the other Hand, I will not enter into

I need not recommend to you, that
the College think proper to appoint Mr
Thompson, that he under the Common Seal
and in as full & strong a manner as possible
and in particular that Mr Thompson may be
empower'd to nominate the Steward of the Courts

If you can prevail upon the Gentlemen
to grant this far they will not I think hesitate
to go a little farther and appoint Mr Edward
Porter of York to succeed him. This Gentleman
is son to Mr Porter, was a Virginia Lawyer, and
was bred at the College and is as well qualified

Dear Sir

You will I believe receive by this
I had several letters desiring your Interest with
the Gentlemen of the College to appoint Mr Thompson
of Helmsby Steward of their manors of Brafferton
in the North Riding of the County of York.

Mr Porter has for a number
of years had the management of that Estate, but
growing old and infirm has for some time
got his Son in Law Mr Thompson, who resides
upon the spot to overlook it and take the Business
of it from him, intending to get them either upon
his Resignation or Death substituted in his Room
this coming to the Ears of Mr Hinde, an Attorney
at Ripon. He apply'd to saye about two years
ago to Mr Hauberg for an Appointment to succeed
Mr Porter and he pretends that he obtained one
whether he does or may perhaps be doubted, but
however he conniv'd Mr Porter (no difficult
thing in his present Weakness) that he had, and
offend'd that if he would resign to him, he pay him
his usual Salary during his life then the other
Gentlemen agreed to, being satisfied that it would be

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in vain to make any struggle notwithstanding
he remembered Mr Hanbury had promised
some years ago to confirm any Recommendation
he should make to Him. that he informed
Hinde of, who immediately got them to sign
a Letter recommending himself for the Stewardship
- This perhaps shows that he had no great
Dependence upon his former appointment.

- As soon as the news of this transaction came to
the ears of Mr Thompson he was most sensibly grieved
and alarmed. for as he had been promised
to succeed Mr Postus he might expect it and
with the late Lady seat the end of the town, where
he resided and within his view, he wished for it
and of all men in the world he was the most averse
to Hinde having it. - He therefore earnestly
propose to apply to Mr Hanbury in his behalf
when I did so I found that he had received Mr
Postus and Hinde's Letters and was therefore
puzzled how to act for on the one Hand Mr
Postus had signed a clear and strong Letter
recommending Hinde and on the other I begd him
to disregard that Recommendation as got by surprise
and that he would do as Mr Postus really wished
to have Mr Thompson appointed Steward, but I

could not prevail on them to go further than order
Mr Postus to resume the Stewardship (for he had given
it up to Hinde) and to write to their Principals in
Virginia to appoint whomsoever they pleased -
They will do it by this Fleet and at the same
time send all the Letters that have passed
backwards and forwards relative to this Affair
for my own perusal. I was very much glad of this
opportunity. As I thought it a means of insuring
my success for you I immediately occurred to be
as one whose Interest is the best that can be had
and whose Kindness will induce you to cast it
in favor of Mr Thompson.

I am desirous my Request alone
is sufficient to engage you in this Business, but the
gentlemen of the College may perhaps expect to be
more acquainted with the person recommended
to them - Mr Thompson is a Gentleman of a
gentle Independent Temper, lives altogether
in the Country adjoining to the College, he
is of one of the best Families in Yorkshire (his
Father having an Estate of about 10000 l. per Annum) but
what is more he is a Man of as great Integrity
and Honor as any I am acquainted with. And
as such I am confident he will be a great Blessing
to the College.

Dear Sir

You will I believe receive by this Fleet several Letters desiring your Interest with the Gentlemen of the College to appoint Mr. Thompson of Helperby steward of their Manor of Brafferton in the North Riding of the County of York.

Mrs. Porteus has for a number of Years had the management of that Estate, but, growing old and Infirm has for some time got his Son in Law Mr. Thompson, who resides wupon the spot to overlook it and take the Burthen of it from Him, intending to get Him either upon his Resignation or Death substituted in his Room. This coming to the Ears of Mrs. Hinde, an attorney at Ripon. He applid he says about six years ago to Mr. Hanbury for an appointment to succeed Mr. Porteus and pretends that he obtained one whether he did as may perhaps be doubted, but however he convinced Mr. Porteus (no difficult thing in his present) That he had, and offered, that if he would resign to him, to pay him his usual Salary during his Life this the old gentleman agreed to, being satisfied that it would be indeed vander in vain to make any struggle notwithstanding he remembered Mr. Hanbury had promised some years ago to confirm any Recommendation he should make to Him. This he informed of, who immediately got Him to sign a Letter recommending Himself for the Stewardship. This perhaps shows that He had no great Dependance upon his former appointment. As soon as the news of this Transaction came to the Ears of Mr. Thompson it most sensibly grievd and alarmed him, for as he had been promised to succeed Mr. Porteus he might expect it and as the Estate lay at the Part of the Town, where he resided and within his View, the wished for it, and of all men, in the world He was the most averse to Hind's having it. He therefore earnestly pressed me to apply to Mr. Hanbury in his behalf when I did so, I found that he had received

Mr. Porteus's and Hindes Letters and was therefore passed now to Act for on the one Hand Mr. Porteus had signed a clear and strong Letter recommending Hind and on the other I begged him to disregard that Recommendation as got by surprise and Contrivance and as Mr. Porteus really wished to have Mr. Thompson appointed Steward, but I could not prevail on them to go farther than order Mr. Porteus to resume the Stewardship (for he had given it up to Hinde) and to write to their Principals in Virginia to appoint whomsoever they pleased. They will do it by this Fleet, and at the same time send all the Letters that have passed backwards and forwards relative to this Affair for my own part I was somewhat glad of this Expedient. As I thought it a means of insuring my success, for you immediately occurred to as one whose Interest is the best that can be had and whose Kindness will induce you to exert it in favor of Mr. Thompson.

I am sensible my Request alone is sufficient to engage you in this Business, but the gentlemen of the College may perhaps expect to be made acquainted with the person recommended to them. Mr. Thompson is a Gentleman of a genteel Independent Fortune, lives altogether in the country, adjoining to the College Estate. is of one of the best Families in Yorkshire (his Nephew having an Estate of L 4000 P Ann) but what is more He is a man of as great Integrity and Honor as any I am acquainted with. And as such I recommend him to you. You may indeed wonder, perhaps that a Gentleman of his Circumstances and Condition in Life should be solicitous for an office of such small Profits and Importance, but the Truth is, that living altogether in the Country He gives into the Country Amusements and a Power over this Manor affords him a larger Range, but this is not all. As he is desirous of

having This Stewardship himself, other is no one upon Earth whom he wishes to have so little to do with and be farther from than Hinde- whose character on the other Hand I will not enter into,

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