

ADD 40509 f 341 /2 / 3

Letters from Henry Desborough of Manor House, Beckenham, Kent.

Dated 7th June 1842

Re an appointment for the son of Mrs Bedford sister of Sir Robert Sales (noted for his distinguished services in India). Son experienced in the Tea Act as a clerk. -----
-copy ordered for H Desborough Esq.

ADD 40580 f 271 - 274 include

Binbrook Dec 5th 1845

Sir,

I have received in common I presume with the rest of the clergy of England a circular from a dignitary of our church on the apprehended scarcity of human food. As the writer of this -----

This is a long diatribe to Sir Robert Peel re food production in Lincolnshire.

ADD 40586 f 330

J T Huntley to Sir Robert Peel

A long letter re farming in Lincolnshire Wolds and the repeal of the Corn Laws - great demand for occupation of land - seems to be creeping for the "position".

He begs talk of drainage projects and increases in yield from 17 bushels per acre to 25 in Huntingdonshire.

ADD 40581 f 113 - Peel Papers.

Binbrooke Rectory

Dec 15th 1845

Sir,

It will be in your recollection that in the course of last Spring Mr Hodgson introduced me to your notice as an applicant for a position of your patronage. Although your

reply did not convey to Mr Hodgson any right to presume that his request would be complied with yet the dissolution of your own administration is the certain extinction of my own hopes.

The active part which I took against Lord John Russell in his contest for Huntingdonshire together with the slender services I rendered Lord Lyndhurst and Mr Goulburn at Cambridge have already exposed me to the hostility of their political opportunists, so that had I any over which I have to solicit for a ?? favour of your successors I am sure it would be desired. These considerations induce me though reluctantly to prefer a second application to you.

Presuming the many substantial changes have made a vacancy in the church at Canterbury which will be filled by your nominee I venture to ask the preferment for myself.

I am well aware that on your retirement from office you may be anxious to provide for some private friend or at all events for one with superior pretensions than myself and therefore I cannot feel disappointment by your refusal to grant my suit and I have only to add my hope that you will forgive the liberty of this intrusion.

I have the honour to Sir your very obedient servant John Thomas Huntley.

15th Dec 45 Rev J T Huntley.

ADD 35795 f 23

Binbrooke, Market Rasen

June 21st 1852

My Lord

The apology I offer for a direct application to your Lordship without soliciting an introduction from someone of your friends rests upon an appearance given me that no such preferred to your Lordship which may be sustained without prejudice to the public service is ever dismissed by you without consideration and it is upon this representation that I venture to solicit a share of your Lordship's patronage.

I have a son and extra clerk in the establishment over which your lordship presided to which situation he was appointed by Lord Lonsdale, and at the time his Lordship retired from the Post Office my son stood second if not first on the private list for promotion. He has now served eight years, with I believe the entire approbation of his services and if upon enquiry his testimonial should so turn out I respectfully and humbly ask your Lordship to confer on him a fellowship which I am told is now vacant in the money order department so that he may obtain that which but for ministerial change he would probably have possessed.

Although My Lord I come not before you with an introduction, yet I am not without notices, which might carry with them a recommendation. I have a letter addressed to me in 1828 by the then Lord Hardwick thanking me for a correspondence in which we were mutually engaged. In later times I have also the thanks and sanction of one with whom your Lordship was politically associated who frequently applied to me for statistical information and he none other than the late Lord George Brutwick. To refer to living men I have had the honour of holding the scarf of your colleague The Earl of Sandwich for more than 30 years over which period I have been honoured by his Lordship with many acts of friendship. My two nephews are also I believe well known to your Lordship as the strenuous supporters of Lord Derby viz; Mr Hodgson Hinde a distinguished former huzzar and his brother Mr Hodgson, one of the whips in division.

For my self I have uniformly advocated for 40 years, both within the sphere of my intercourse and in connectivia with the periodical press those principals, which are proposed by the present administration. Till railway change rendered valueless my patrimony I neither asked nor sought a service. The appointment kindly given me by Lord Lonsdale is all I ever had for I hold this preferment by exchange. At the time Sir Robert Peel sacrificed his party I was on his list for preferment and now that I come, a suitor before your Lordship it is that, at the close of life I may see an ample provision for my son than I feel I am able from my own resources to provide.

I have the honour to be, My Lord your Lordships very obedient servant

J T Huntley.

The Right Honourable The Earl of Hardwicke.

WRITTEN ON THE REAR OF THIS LETTER:-

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The Rev'd J T Huntley

R D Hodgson Esq.

Sic Mr Huntley now

Extra Clerk 3cs Office Lon
a collector to Lon Dist.

Ans'd an official minute
has been issued on the subject
of his letter etc

PD

June 24 / 52

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ADD 35801 f 291

Binbrooke

Oct 4th 1852

My Lord

Some months ago I preferred an application to your Lordship to appoint my son to a vacant situation in the Post Office and though I was an unsuccessful candidate the grounds on which your Lordship decided compelled me cheerfully to meet the refusal.

Neither should I now discharge my duty if I did not avail myself of this opportunity to tender my acknowledgements for the courtesy in which my suit was received.

As your Lordship had intimated your intention to promote my son I again venture to ask for a situation in the secretary's department of the Post Office at present vacant and I trust it may be compatible with your Lordships arrangements and the public service thus to have him placed on the permanent staff.

I have the honour to be My Lord your Lordships very obedient servant

J T Huntley

ON THE REAR OF THIS LETTER

The Rev'd J T Huntley - gist of reply unable to comply

Ans'd accordingly PD 9th October 1852