

ART. XII.—*The letters of Catharine, Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire, relating to Levens Estates, Part II.* (Contd. from CW2 xlvi, Art. II). By MRS. O. R. BAGOT.

Pall Mall Novr the 26: 1757

Sir

Lady Suffolk receiv'd your letter and is very sorry to find you have been so Excessive ill Sincerely wishes for a Speedy recovery to you her Ladyship would have wrote her Self but is Confin'd to the bed with Gout & Rumatism Mr. Bradley has not Call'd as you mentiond he would. with the 100^l which Lady Suffolk is Sorry for as she is now ill and not one Guinea in the House and Mr. Hall makes Long distances between the Quarters. So her Ladyship desires of all things you will find some way to remit some Cash.

I hope when the Gout has spent it self her Ladyship will be better who desires to be kindly remembrd to you: Mr. Whaley Mr. Thompson & my Self was very sorry to hear you have been so bad hope you will be Quite recovered by the time this reaches Levens I should take it as a very great favoure when my Lady writes to you to send som potted Charr if you would at the same time send me two half Guinia pots I will pay you honestly & many thanks

I am Your Much Obligd
Humble Servant to Command

Mary Elliott

Just received the 100^l the Young Man that brought it has my receipt as my Lady Could not Sign it

Endorsed: Mrs. Elliott's letter
by Lady Suffolks Order
Dated 26 Novr. 1757

Pall Mall Novr 29: 1757

Sir

Lady Suffolk Continues lame in the right hand so much as to prevent her Ladyship answering yours: Orders me to say how

much she is obligd to you for your Axact Callquellation & proper advise in regard to the letting the House, &c. &c.; but at present in case she Cant let it to good Advantage will Consider about it: her Ladyship belevs the Gentleman has been or will soon Come to View the Premises; her Ladys is determind to not fix or doe any thing but what you shall mention as thinking write; and if the Gentleman should aprove of the place & Rents Taxes Repairs &c. which her Ladyship will Ask which is to be much more for the House then you mention; the Articles to be drawn by your Self with the Reserve of the Steward room for your Use and the bed Chamber your rooms of Business & writeings and Study to have your maid Servant as Usall to get your Vitials and doe all you require: Use of what garden things you whant; at present till She hears farther from the Gentleman Can say Little more: than in case he aproves of the Place she will by your advise take Care to tye him up that no disadvantage may Acur heareafter;

Lady Suffolk desires you will Order two Guenia pots of write fine Charr & 2 half Guenias port (?) are done when is right Season and for to send them to her Ladyship in Pall Mall; at the Same time should be glad of Mine Lady Suffolk desires me to tell you how much she wishes your recovery & health & Greatly obligd to you for your Continual and Axact letting her know the particulars of her affairs in the North: and as the Master of Charleton is backward in paying the Yearly Jointer shall be glad to receive the remittances you Can Send her Ladyship—I hope next Summer we shall have the pleasure of Seeing you in Lady Suffolk House in Pall Mall where no body will be more Cincerly glad to see you than

your Very Humble
Servant to Command

Mary Elliott

Mr. Whaley begs his Humble Service to you
my best Service to Gracy Chambers if alive

Endorsed: Mrs. Elliotts letter by Lady
Suffolk's Order Dated 29th Novr. 1757

Pall Mall Decr. the 17th 1757

I have not been able to write this month indeed Martyr you have been very near lossing your old Lady but am now upon the Recovery. as I am glad you are, and upon my word much concern'd you have been So Ill. The Money for the Bills you sent Me Mr. Murray took, and advanc'd the Money for The Seventy

pounds Interest due to Mr. Thomas Howard will pay Him. Mr. Hall has but just now pay'd me my Mics. quarter. till you sent me Money was oblig'd to borrow of Mr. Murray. 'tis cruel they Shou'd oblige Me to pay Interest but So 'tis. and the Attendance of Doctors very Expensive in long Illness. I have been Five Weeks in my Bed and Room. I mightily Thanks you for your honest Letters of particulars relating to the Letting old Levens which, I am absolutly determin'd not to do. Mr. Babingtons Character am no Stranger to. He is a most odd Being and if He wou'd give me Three Hunerd pounds a year clear only for the use of the House He shou'd not have it it. I am not so distress'd as that comes to Thank God, as I dare swear you will take Care to make my Tenants pay and return me Money as you can get it. I doubt not of your honesty and diligence. Lady Widdrington given Land, Money, and every Thing to Mr. Graham, intirely disinherited Me and Mine. a cruel Injustice Surely. Mr. Davis call here a few days a go. He talk'd to Me about writing to you to get you to undertake paying his Minors when they Set to work a gain with my leave. I said if you chose the Employment to besure I shou'd not hinder you. I am told when those that take a lease of Mines, and leave off Work for any time they Forfite their Lease. but such Affairs am quite jgnorant of. when I am able will write more. but at present am very Weak. I hope you are got well. and am your Sincere Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: The Countess of Suffolk's
letter 17 Decr. 1757

Pall Mall Decr. the 22d: 1757

I have sent you here, my note for the Receving the Bills you Sent me for Two Honderd and Ten pounds. and have the Money for them in Mr. Murrays hands, out of it have pay'd my Son Mr. Thomas Howard his Seventy pounds Interest due to Him last July. a great pull back to Me, but I make no doubt but you'l make it up to Me in your next returns of Bills or Cash.

Levens am determin'd never to let so that matter fix'd. As to the Slate Quarrys will abide by your Judgement intirly in letting them, So take the Opportunity and Maner you Think best, and most profitable. Lady Widdrington has left me only Five Hundred pounds. The Yorkshire Estate call'd Nunington, for my Life. the Income of it know not. after Me She has left it to my Son Mr. Thomas Howard for his Life only, and then to

return to Graham. She has left my Granddaughter her Goddaughter Miss Howard One Thousand pounds and her Toilet, all She has left to my Family. and all her real Estate besid's, in Land, and her Personall Estate which is very Considerable, to Mr. Graham. a Very cruel and unjust Dispossession but So it is. Molly tells Me you intend Sending me Some Charr Soone. I never heard such an unreasonable Price as they ask for them. I do not desire any till they are in the highest Season. I shall when I have tasted some, and find they are well done, write for some to give a way. I hope you are quite Recover'd, I get better, but the Cold pinches me extremely Indeed Martyr I have a great Regard for you, Faith in your Honesty and

Your Faithfull Friend

Ca: Suffolk

The Morroco grows very Good. pray take care your old Lady may have a supply of it as long as she lives.

Pall Mall Janry the 14th 1758

I waite with Impatience to hear of you; Charrs, and Money, which I begin mightily to want, for I pay my House, Coach, &c. every Quarter as becomes Due, and Mr. Hall never pays Me one Quarter till a bout Five days before another is Due which puts Me to Great Inconveninces, and often obliges me to borrow Money. I hope I shall have more Martinmas Rents then what you have yet return'd me, or I shall be badly off. I really am concern'd fearing you are not Well. I make no doubt but you will do the best for me in Letting the Slate Quarrys. and I Think you wise in not Engaging with Mr. Davis and his Workmen. I writ you word Mr. Graham has got himself into a great Fortune which was my right and he has none at all to. Disappointments Common to me, Upon my Grandsons Account am Sorry, 'tis hard upon Him. Lady Andover and her Family now in Town. how their Affairs are Manag'd know not, for her La:sp as reserv'd to me as to the greatest Stranger. I hope I shall hear from you soone. and am

Your Sincere Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: Lady Suffolk's letter

Janry 14th 1758

Pall Mall Janry the 21st 1758

Your Letter dated the 3rd by the post, did not receive till last Wednesday the 17th So imagine the Post Boy forgot to put it into the Bagg at Lancaster the Post he ought, the reason. Lady

Widdrington left her Nunington Steward Mr. Peacock one of the Trustees to her Will. and He continues the care of the Estate. Her Ladyship took particular Care to manage the Estate for Me to get little or nothing out of it. 'tis so Charg'd with Annuities &c. if I get clear Two or Three Hundred pounds a year by it, all I can expect. I have consulted David Thomas in looking into writings, Wills and Deeds, and Settleing all affairs relating to me on the account of this Estate, as Business of that Kind I cannot understand. I am sorry Mat. Shaw shou'd act so vily after you have been so Indulgent to Him. where Tenants use great Industry, are Honest, and Misfortunes come upon them undoubtedly Compassion to be shew'd them. but those who Practice Knavery deserve none. So do with Mat as you please as to writing my self to Sr. Robert Throckmorton I had rather not. but he is a Man that worth and Good Character I dre swear He never has receiv'd the Letters Robert Wilson and William Newby wrote Him. Sr. Robert and his Family now at Bath and to Direct for Him at his House in Bath the surest Place to meet with Him. You tell me Anthony Storey is Dead, and that a bout a year a goe was possess'd of two Cottages at Sedgwick, which he had Morrgag'd and so forth, but what this to me? On Thursday last the Charr &c. came safe. I will Pass them before I seal my Letter and add a Post script how I like them. Thank you for the Morrels and other good Things, but more especially for the Money. My Grandson in Town and asks if his Friend Grace Chambers is in the land of the living, I tell him I hope so but, you have not mention'd her in your Letters a great while agoe. he tells me she gave Him a new Shilling which He has yet, and declares he wou'd not take Twenty Gu:s for it he sets so high a value upon it. Pray let Grace know this, and remember us kindly to her. I am sorry you have a Humour in one of your Eyes. do not Tamper too much. If you can get Grace Chalmers Advice believe me she'l do you more Good then Doctors. We have much Snow and Cold Weather. I keep pretty well. and by my Fire Side, the best Place for comfort at present. Hope you'l soone get well of your Complaint. I am

Your Sincere Friend

Ca: Suffolk

I have Tasted the Charr in the main they are Good. but rather under Season'd. and certainly not so Red as Charr us'd to be. I desire Two Pots more in some time when you Think that Fish at the best.

Endorsed: Lady Suffolk's letter Janry 21st 1758

March the 7th 1758

Sir

I am Sure Mr. Whaley¹ and I may be Asham'd of our Selves after receiving Such an Agreeable and kind present of a pot of Charrs never to have returnd oure gratefull Acknowledgments for it I Should have done it Sooner but Mr. Whaley Said he would as he might return his own thanks for the former favours you Conferd on him, its better Late than never to give you thanks & we drank your health often and never forget oure good Friend Mr. Martyr who I Should be glad to See at Levens—fear that will not be Compasd tho Lady Suffolk is now pure well, & hope her Ladyship will long Continue So, Lord Suffolk Lady Andover and Family all well:

Mr. Whaley Mr. Thompson & I joyn in kind Service and many thanks and am Sir Your much Obligd

Humble Servant Mary Elliott

my best respect to Mrs. Chambers

No endorsement.

Pall Mall March the 11th 1758

I have a beging Letter from Matt Shaw Pettitioning Me to Shew Mercy, that he has not a bit of Bread to feed his Wife and Children with. You must know the Truth of this tho' I cannot. What relates to me in the Affair, I am willing to do Something to help Him, therefore leave it with you to do and shew him some Kindness, if you really Think he is deserving of it. I expected to have had Charr and a Letter from you before now. all I can write at present

Your Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: Countess of Suffolks letter

11th Mar. 1758

Pall Mall March the 30th 1758

Your Letter of the 20th and 25th have receiv'd relating to Matt: Shaw. I am sorry to find He has Acted in so Knavish a maner. In all my Letters to you I have if I remember right, I wrote he shou'd have Compassion if He had Acted Honestly, but Since all his Transaction prove the Contrary I leave Him to your Mercy. What Lord Suffolk will do in this Affair to be sure

¹ (The Cook).

Mr. Hall will inform you, I am just now told He is gone to Charleton. a Small part of the Debt will fall to my share. I leave it intirely to you to Act for Me. as you Think Good. I desire you not to be extreem in Cruelty on my Side, and what Favour you shew let it be, for the Wife and children. You must Act for Lord Suffolk as Mr. Hall orders. Matts being put in Gaol can answer no purpose but, a poor Revenge of Passion, for it must deprive him of every way of endeavouring to help himself and Family. If you Think it Advisable I shoud Him a Release or Discharge on my part, or give him back any part of my Money you Think proper, I leave it with you to act as you please, and shall be Satisfy'd with the Determination you make. I wou'd by no means be without Compassion or Mercy to those who use me Ill. I made Molly write to Matt only, as he wrot a begging Letter, to Acquaint Him I had Writ to you who was to Act as you found He deserv'd, all the Answer she made Him my own words. I Thank you Martyr for considering my wants, but whatever they are I will never desire them to be Supply'd till you have pay'd the Interest to Mr. Thomas Howard, and Mr. Clutterbuck. after that Money will be Acceptable. I keep in good Credit, and hither-to have pay'd Quarterly, and assure you have the greatest Character of any Peeress in Town upon that Account. I do not expect Mr. Hall will pay me my Quarter Due the Fifth of next Month, till within about Five Day of the next being Due. So I must do as well as I can till the time comes that you get Rent for me due from Levens. but pray by all means pay My Son Toms Interest Money first let me make what shift I can. I'am quite Convinc'd you are an honest man, and will do right and justly by Me, and Supply me with Money as you get it, more I am not so unreasonable to expect. Bricks without Straw not to be had I know. You shall in a little time have Copies of the Plate Linen and Bedding Sign'd by me, as you desire. As to your Acting for Mr. Davis that, as you please, intirely in your own Choice. I am Satisfy'd you will not ingage in any Thing that will make you neglect my Interest. Mr. Dalston return'd into the Country so you may get Franks from Him. I assure you He speaks mighty Well of you. do with Matt: as you Think proper. and plague me no more about him. I must add Lord Suffolk has deservedly a great Character. and really grows a most Genteel young man. I enjoy much better Health then ever I thought of. Our Weather too fine for the time of Year. the Sun quite Scorching. it's possible I may send you into

Yorkshire to look into some Affairs but, when I cannot tell you yet.

I am

Your Sincere Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: Countess of Suffolks letter

30th March 1758

Pall Mall April the 4th 1758

I receiv'd your Letter Yesterday dated the last of March in relation to the Trees in the Ayre. Think the cutting them down must make an encrease of Grass, and their growing there can add no Beauty in point of view, by the account you give of them. So you have my consent to lay the Axe to their Roots as soone as you please. As to the Repairs you design to the Walls and Palasades Damag'd by the Trees that were blown down in the Front-Court, the less is done the better in my Opinion. and as the Trees gone, if it lay'd open to the River Sure it wou'd add a Beauty to the House. however do what you Think will be the least Expence and look Tidy. I have not a Thought of taking So long a journey as to Levens, and cou'd I be sure to continue all Summer in as Good Health as I Thank God I enjoy at present, The Expence of such a journey wou'd be too great for my Pocket. for tho' I really live in every Particular as near as I can but, for the Rent of my House, Coach, and Servants Wages, I protest to you I have not made my Expences within my Income this Year with all my Care. if I live another to be sure I shall, for I have as you know been oblig'd to buy most Things to begin the World a new with as to Housekeeping. and really Martyr all the Tradsmen have Agree'd to keep their Goods up to such a price people hardly know how to live. Last Fryday at Smithfield the Butchers gave a bove Six-pence a pound for live Beasts. and several of those in St. James's Market declare they cannot hold it at this rate as, my Cook tells me. You can have no notion of the prices every Thing of all kinds as well as meat, are at. Our Weather has been quite Summer, and the sun Scorching Hott all last Week, but now chang'd to very cold, and we had much snow this morning. bad Fevers every where, and Small-pox in every Street in Town by inoculation. Lady Andover and her Family very well in Duke Street. Mr. Hall out of Town. I desire you will return Mr. Howards Interest money as soone as you can. He never asks for it, but says He is even now, pay'd better then he us'd to be.

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but I hope he will be yet better pay'd for the future. I repine I cannot make a Visit to poor Levens and you. Wish your Health and am

Your Sincere Friend
Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: Countess of Suffolk's letter
Apl 4th 1758

Sir

Lady Suffolk had not time to write her Self so orderd me to end the inclosed her Ladyship is very well and desires you will try to prevent Mr. George Longmire plagueing her Ladys with letter Conserving the Gathering those Small rents which Matt Shaw did, I hope you are well, we have lost Mr. Whaley he has left Lady Suffolk and Mr. Thompson does the Same as Soon as she can provide one in his place, the reason he leives her Ladys is that he Shall loose his dresing made dishes as her Ladys has so little to doe

I am Sir
Your obligd
Humble Servant
Mary Elliott

Pall Mall Aprill the 13/1758

London Bridge is Burnt down So there is no pasing from the Borrough into the Cyty for Coach or Cart but coming to Westr Bridge and So back into the city: which renders it mighty inconveenant and vast loss and Expence there is 2 men taken up on Suspicion of Setting it on fire as it broke out from End to End at once being Large Quantetys of Cumbustables Laid Under all the Arches.—

Address: To

Mr. Martyr at Levens
near Kendall
Westmorland

(*franked*) Frank
T Howard

Pall Mall April the 15th 1758

I receiv'd Potter Fletchers Lease last Thursday, a Letter from you Yesterday. I wonder'd to receive so large a piece of Partchment without any notice from you. I had no intention of

Setting my hand to it without your Advice. I know him to be the very Troublesome Man you discribe Him. Besides the Lease my Lord and I join'd in giving, certainly the only one I ought two Sign, and no other will I sign. So pray manage him as you Think proper, and do not let his Art draw me into Law-Suits. for I will not pay one Shilling to Support any latigious Behaviour he is guilty of. When I see Mr. Howard will shew him the Lease. how am I to return it back a gain; or to whom Direct it to? for I know not how it got to Me. Mr. Howard will be very glad of his money. hope you will Send it him Soone, and it will not be very long before you Supply me with some

I can't add more but I am Your Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: Lady Suffolk's letter

15 Apl 1758

Pall Mall April the 29th 1758

I will take care to Send the Lease back by Mr. Bradley. I hope I shall have no Law by Mr. Fletchers Litigious Temper. I am much oblig'd to you for the piece of Antiquity you intend Me, but by no means wou'd have you put your Self to expence on my Account, am mightily desirous to pay you the full value of it. Pray who is the Lord of the Manor where these these Gold pieces were found? I wish Such Treasure cou'd be found in any of mine. I am glad you will return Mr. Howard his Seventy pounds. and I hope you will give me Some Money next. Mr. Hall in Town. I never Converse with Him. when shall you make up Accompts with him? I am glad Grace Chambers well. I Think I have taken a new Lease of Life as well as She has for, I am quite in Health. Thank you for preventing my Plague of Letters from Creatures. I am

Your Sincere Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: Lady Suffolk's
letter 29th Apl 1758

Pall Mall July the 4th 1758

I shou'd have writ this Post had I not receiv'd a Letter from you Yesterday, Murray telling me two days ago he had a Letter from you to give him notice of Mr. Thomas Howards Interest Money, and that you had been very Ill which, I am concern'd to have Confirm'd in your Letter to me, and really write to tell you this Truth, Enquire after your Health, and

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desire nay, Command you not to neglect any one Thing can be done or taken to restablish you into as Good Health as I wish you to enjoy. and I charge you to write me word how you do, and take Care of your Self. let Business rest till you more able to attend to it.

I do not Trouble my Mind with Expectations out of Mines. Mr. Hall has so let the Lease that if they find never so many Good ones, a very small Profit next to nothing will only, fall to my Share. I make it my particular Request to you that, you will never fail making the Gardner plant Forest Trees every Year at the proper Season for that Work, in all Corners of the Land near Levens, and not only do that but, take Care of them afterwards. I know put a Stick down in that Soil it will grow. pray how does my Orange Trees do? and how does the Wood in Barrow-field thrive? I desire a particular account.

I understand Lord Mansfield goes the Northern Circuite this Year. He Shall neither Drive through the Park from Kendale to Lancaster, nor have Venison out of it. He is a Base Being. All our Troops, Money, and Provisions going to the Relief of Hanover. All Eatables rising here upon that Account. and such Quantities of Hay Ship'd daily at the Tower to go there, it will be at Such a price no Creature will be able to keep a Horse. but no matter what becomes of England and english People So Germans grow fat, and Hanover Flourish. The Weather grown Cold here for the time of year. fine Crops of Grain upon the Ground every where. I am glad the Weather and every Thing so Promising in the North. pray do you ever hear from Hall? wou'd you believe it He has never pay'd one Shilling to Mr. Philliot of the Tunns at Bath, nor to Mrs. Hetling for my poor Lords Lodgings. tis a shame, and really hurts me extremely. when does he intend to Settle Accompts with you? Thank God I have no dealings with Him. I Thank the Martyr for your friendly Wishes to Me. I am quite content with what I have, and depend upon it your Lady will not Exceed her Income, nor leave her Family any Debt to pay for her. I hope Barrowfeild Wood may produce fine Timber for my Grandson one of these Days. I doubt not of your honest Care of it. I never design cutting a Timber Tree out of it for my use without, Something very unforeseen at present, shou'd happen. I ought to Acquaint you Mrs. Wilson, and Capt Wilson Speake most handsomly of you. give you a very deserving Character. I am much plaes'd to hear you quite well spoken of by every Creature that comes out of Westmoreland. I most heartily and Sincerely Wish you your Health. besure write to me soone, and let me know

Particularly how you are. I will not have any Thing Omitted that can do you Good. You have given Me so many Truths of your honest Worth that must as it ought, engage Me to be

Your Sincere Friend

No endorsement.

Ca: Suffolk.

Ashtead July the 28th 1758

I am very Sorry Martyr to find by your of the 14th you do not get into better Health. I cannot write more pressingly then I have done to oblige you to neglect no one Thing, or taking the best Advice to procure to your Self that greatest of Blessings in this Life. I suppose you have by this time receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Murray, or Mr. Johnson who transacts his Business, by my Order to Acquaint you, The Bill you Sent Me drawn by Mr. Mackereth on Mr. Bowser who Accepted that Bill of One Hundred pounds, has not pay'd the Money. He has promis'd but, I fear he is not a Substantial Man. So you must find means to make Mr. Mackereth take care I have My Money as he has receiv'd the Hundred pounds from you. As to Tyson you must Manage him as you Think proper. I doubt not of his being the very Man you Represented. a Scraping Covetous Being. and you have my Consent to change him if you can get a Person that understands Gardening. for he does do that. I leave it to you to do as you please in that particular. I am quite Angrey he neglects my Orange Trees &c. and my Forest Trees. I know Timber grows no where better or quicker then about Levens with very little proper Care. and I do insist that Care be taken by him if he continues my Servant. Our Weather most terrible Wet, we have not Two whole Fair days since the beginning of June. Quantities of of Hay out now, and Corn laid flat to the Ground. I really am very Impatient to hear of your being restord to good Health and so all I have writ without loseing time if this does not find you much better. I am

Your Friend

Ca: Suffolk.

Mr. Howard sends his Service to you.

Endorsed: July 28th 1758

Ashtead Park near Epsom the Direction

Augst the 16th: 1758

I Receiv'd your Letter of the 8th and very Sorry you have taken Cold which I fear by your Account has destroy'd the good

effects of your Bathing. For your Cough I Prescribe warme Milk from the Cow morning an Evening Eating a bit of Conserve of Roses before you Drink it. I am Sure it cannot hurt you, and I have known in the case of the worst of Coughs great Recovery from Drinking it. I very Sincerely want to be sure you are geting into good Health. My Advice the same not to quack with the unskillfull, but lose no time in coming to better Help. I am much oblig'd to you and return you many Thanks for your Present of Pickles and Sweetmeats which, I have an account are come safe to my House in Town. I hope they were given you or by no means wou'd have you at the Expence of them. Wonder if Mr. Bowser is so Substantial as to deal for a Thousand a Year he shou'd shuffle a bout the paying one poor Hundred pounds, but as my Money you tell Me, will be safe I am easy. By what you write Harvest much forwarder in the North then here. Hay out yet in many places and very little Wheat got in. Hands and fair Weather most Extremely wanted. The finest Crops ever Seen which for want of both, will be greatly damag'd. Mr. Howard now at Home. and has given me a most Happy Satisfaction by inviting his Brother Charles hither, who is now here, to See the only two of my Children it has pleas'd God to leave Me, Reconcild, and the Hope they will continue Friends to one another is such a comfort to me before I go hence and be no more Seen, as may be guest at, but I cannot discribe. As to Mr. Tyson I have no more to say, Manage Him as you Think proper. I have been out of Order lately, but better a gain. indeed shall be glad you get so daily. I must tell you the Expence Mr. Halls Advice to his Lord and Lady has put Me to with Attorneys to get a Copie of my own Deed, and Transacting the Raising Money for their Ease and Comfort, no Smaller a Sum then near Threescore pounds. which in right was not for me to Pay. But Law and Disputes I will never engage in with my own Family so have pay'd the Money. Mr. Howard sends Service to you and am

Your Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: Augt 18th 1758

Address:

To

Frank:

F Howard

Mr. Martyr at Levens
near Kendale

Westmoreland

Pall Mall Septe the 21st 1758

I Receiv'd your Letter with the Bill of one Hundred pounds Safe Yesterday. but you don't mention how your Health is, which I am very Angrey at. I hope Well as you write nothing to the Contrary. I will pay the Forty pounds for Mr. Clutterbuck according to the time and am very Glad of the Threescore pounds out of the Hundred, for paying for living with my Servants with my Children costs me more Money then keeping House a great deal. and poor Charles I must Support, who I saw very destitute of Necessarys. to besure I was born under a Three-penny Planet and shall never be worth a Groat. I hope towards Xmass you will send me some Money to Supply him with. I Thank you for leting me know Matt Shaw coming to London, and for giving me an account of his Affairs by which, I must believe He and his Wife not so upright in their dealling as they ought to be. He will get very little from me, for my Charity does not Stir readily, for Unjust Dealings. I am Glad you have so Good a Harvest in the North. the latest, and worst Weather ever known in Surry all the time I was there. tho' Thank God I had my Health mighty Well, and am come to my own Habitation So. I have only time to wish you the Blessing of perfect Health and assure you I am

Your Sincere Friend

Ca: Suffolk.

I hear Lord Carlisle has Dy'd greatly in Debt. His House and Furniture in Town to be sold. 'Tis the Mode for those of the largest Estates so to Do. The present Lord quite a Boy.

Endorsed: Sept 21th 1758

Yesterday had the favour of your kind letter and the Song Containd in it I am greatly obligd to you for thinking on me: tho much undeserving such a present, I am truly Consernd to hear by Lady Suffolks letters and yours to me that you are in Such an ill State of health, hope the Journey & Change of Air with the help of Good advise when arivd will be a means of reinstateing you to perfect health again; Lady Suffolk's House Standing in a Gauping place and this bing the so instant all time is taken up with Company who Come to look at the Vine Volk or would have wrote to you tho hopes to see you in Town before this reaches Levens as her Ladys is Anxious for you to Come and make no longer delays; but incase you are not sett out to bespeak 3 Gunia potts of Charrs when right in Season to be pickd all redd and to leave them a proper direction; but her Ladys begs of all

things you will not delay one moment but come away. I wish you and Easey and good Journey and may you find much benefit by Traveling

I am Your Much Obligd
Humble Servant
Mary Elliott

Pall Mall Novr 30th 1758

No endorsement.

Dec: 30: 1758

Sir

Lady Suffolk is much Surprisd she has not herd from you so long fearing you are much worse and not able to sett out for London begs you will let some body write a Line if not Capable your Self to Acquaint her Ladys how you are as being very Anxious about you, hartely wish this may find you better than (?) our Emagination form to our Selves: Lady Suffolk has been very ill with a Cold & fever but is got prety well again

I am Your Most Obligd
Humble Sevt Mary Elliott

thanks for the Charr: wh Exceeding good

Dec 30: 1758

No endorsement.

Pall Mall Febry the 13th 1759

I am glad Martyr you have not laid aside the Thoughts of a London journey, and that at the long run I shall have Charr, I had almost quite given up the Expectation of both till I receiv'd your Letter of the 8th Instant Yesterday. I am Sorry you have lost the fine Season of Weather for Travelling, Such a one I do not Remember as we have had, of Fair, Warme, and Sunshine. I Wish it may continue till you have made your journey but we have enjoy'd so long a time of it cannot expect it will last much longer, You write you hope to Pick up some Scrapes to Pay Mr. Clutterbuck's Intrest as old Candemas day pass, which is also Pay day of Rent to Me, and indeed Martyr if you do not return me Money soone for my own use I must loose my Credit of good Pay for next Month I shall have Half a Year of my jointure Due from my Grandson. have a very Bad Manager

Lady Widdrington left in power and Place at Nunington, so if you do not take Care of Me I shall not be able to go on with Comfort to my Self. I really want to talk with of Abundance of Affairs that mightly concerne Me, and hope you will be able to come a way soone from Levens, the very change of Air will I am possitive, be of great Service to your Disorder. As you have wrote me word the Turnpike propos'd from Kendal to Millthrop will not be any Damage to me I have given my Consent to it with proper precautions for the care of my Property; Sr. James Lowther has behav'd very Civilly to me in coming to know my Pleasure a bout it, and has assur'd Me not any Thing shall be done Contrary to my Desire, and he will not act without Consulting my Son Mr. Howard in every particular. I suppose The Town of Kendale are pleas'd I have given Consent and the Mayor and Aldermen with the Letter I writ them. God send you a good Journey. indeed I am impatient to see you. I want your Advice extremely. Impossible to write half I have to say to you. All I will add but my Sincere Wishes for your Perfect Recovery, and am

Your Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Halls now at Elford I believe. He was there last Week.

Endorsed: Lady Suffolk's letter

13th Feb. 1759

Pall Mall March the first: 1759

I Receiv'd your Letter of the 25th of last Month Yesterday, and am much concern'd you have met with fresh Accidents to prevent your Setting out for London, and more so you did not follow my Advice of coming a way when I first propos'd it to you which, I take to be Three Months a go. indeed Martyr you have been your own Enemy in not doing as I Desir'd. however, hope you will sett out. you know also I desir'd you wou'd Travel in Post Chaises and not attempt Riding on horseback. Never Such fine Weather for the purpose. the journey will do you Good, have a good Heart.

As to the Mayor and Corporation of Kendale the may Disagree as they please. but by all means desire the whole Body of those fine Gentlemen may know I did write a Letter to them. I shall not meddle in any of their Disputes. I depend upon you to take

care of Me. Am anxious for your Health, and to see you in Town which I heartily wish and will write no more Hoping this will not find you at Levens.

Your Friend

Ca: Suffolk

Endorsed: 1st March 1759

Pall Mall March the 20th 1759

I am very Sorry to read the account you write of your own Health. I can only heartily pray for the Amendment of it, which I do. and wish you able to undertake the journey. but lay aside all Thoughts of expecting you in Town till you Actually Arrive. I hope you remember Mr. Clutterbuck Intrest. The reason I verily believe, the Copy of the Turnpike Bill being sent to Mr. Robinson was, my fault because, at that time I Thought and indeed Hop'd, you might have been upon the Road to London, and had it been Directed to you at Levens and you not there, nothing cou'd have been done in it. Sr. James Lowther behaves with great Civility to me in the Affair, and has promis'd not any Thing Shall be done contrary to my Desire, and Mr. Dalston comes daily to ask me Questions, and attends the House closely that, I shall have no injustice done me. but neither Sr. James nor Mr. Dalston know that part of the Country where the Turnpike is to be made, and as I understand all partys not quite Agre'd I told them I Thought it best for every Body to defer geting the Act of Parliament till the next Sessions, and in the mean time to have those concern'd to meet, and Settle Affairs to the Content of all partys that there might be no Disputs or Quarrels afterward. I Shall make use of the hints you have given me in relation to the Care of my Property. The Corporation of Kendale very wellcome to do what they please with my Letter. I am glad they lik'd Lord Suffolks. We have had very Stormy Weather with most frightfull high Winds. Take care of your Self. I hope as Springe comes on, and the Weather more Settld you will Recover better Health most heartily Wish'd by

Your Friend

Ca: Suffolk.

Endorsed: 20th of March 1759