

Dorchester 18<sup>th</sup> Feby 1806.

Dear Sir

With the usual yearly Report for Mrs Sutherland, I have to say, what will surprize you, as it does me, that she has saved the 5<sup>£</sup> of the last 3 years, to which 15<sup>£</sup> <sup>to add</sup> she is desirous the 5<sup>£</sup> affected this year. The poor woman is all Anxiety about the future fate of her miserable Daughter, she considers the bounty she receives, to be given on her account, & looking upon her own life, not worth a year's purchase, she begs your advice & assistance in settling this 20<sup>£</sup>, as a fund for the Daughter's benefit. If more can afterwards be added, well. Meantime, this will be something. If it were not troublesome, she would wish yourself to take this fund, at any rate, she trusts that, with all your humane

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to her, you will have the goodness to settle this little matter. In that Event, you will of course retain the Moiety of this year, she pleads to direct, in what manner the 15<sup>£</sup> lying in her Ruinean, shall be remitted, or paid to your order here. She wishes to smuggle this, for fear of the Minister of Wick, who is disposed to push an old claim, if he saw any thing to lay hold of, and this being poor & helplese Provision from the Sons of the Clergy, she thinks it no sin or shame to appropriate it to her use exclusively. — I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Esteem, Dear Sir,

your most obliged  
& faithfull Slave  
John Bethune

John Buchanan

Garnock

Wm Bell

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