

My dear Uncle,

Without intruding on your time, & wearying your patience by needless apologies, & a recapitulation of facts well known to yourself, I hasten to congratulate you, & well as myself, that the time has at last arrived, when those feelings of friendship, which you have expressed for our family may have a field for exercise ample as our utmost wishes could desire.

There are two Offices, the emoluments of which would meet the expenses of our family, the Clerk's & High Sheriff's. The latter of these is thought to be decidedly at your disposal, & for this W.D. is doubtless, best qualified. I know it is asking much, & Others ^{any} doubtless feel that their claims & qualifications are equal, if not superior. But allowing an equality in this respect, I trust the well known situation of our family will be deemed a sufficient reason for my asking & your granting so large a favour.

And that I stand in ground similar, in many respects, to that on which Esther stood, when she went

in to make request to the King, contrary to the estab-
lished custom of the Empire, to make supplication for
her people; & cannot but indulge the belief that vanity
has as little exercise in my heart as it had in hers; and
should the golden sceptre be held out, & favour shown, I trust
that next to Him in whose hand are the hearts of Princes
& who turneth them as the rivers of water whithersoever
He will, I shall ever retain a lively gratitude to my
respected Uncle

With best regards to Aunt, Cousin Ann
& the little ones allow me to subscribe myself

Your affectionate niece Isabella Boyd

Portland March 11th 1820.

Miss Boyce

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