

Sr Stanhope Street 10th Oct. 1761

I have your favour of y^e 6th instant
in answer to w^{ch} I can only say at present
that I do not yet know of any objection

The inclosing of open grounds is generally
reckoned an improvement to y^e Lands, As such
I shall willingly approve & consent to it

When the petition comes into y^e House of
Commons I shall see it & consider of it All
Parties concerned in interest must give their
consent & then it will be past without opposition

I am Sr

Y^r most humble Serv^t

W^m Stanville

Glentworth Oct: 17th 1761

Reverend Sir

Although I have recd from you
3 Letters, yet did ^{not} chuse to put you to expence of a Post Letter,
by way of answer to any of them, as it is not in my power
to say any thing wh: may give you satisfaction.

I have not heard a Syllable either from St. Exeter,
or Mr Glanville, abt: y^r: Inclosure you say is intended to be
made at Sillington; & till I do — you must excuse me
coming to any resolution till I hear either from one
or both, of them. I am, Sir,

Your

Humble Servant

W. Walsely

Lyddington. 21 Nov^r. - 61.

My Lord.

On Tuesday the third Instant Mr. Simey (of Leicester) and my self purpos'd to wait upon your Lordship at Burleigh to solicit your Consent, and Interest wth Mr. Bassett and Mr. Glanville, for the Inclosing of the Parish of Lyddington, w^{ch} w^d be vastly agreeable and interesting to a many Land-Owners, Cottagers who have sign'd a Petition to your Lordship in order to bring about so wholesome and salutary a Purpose, and w^{ch} I then intended to lay before your Lordship, but did not learn you was gone to Town before we reach'd Tinwell, when Mr. Dove inform'd us your Lordship left Burleigh the Day before.

As I had some time agoe open'd the Affair to your Lordship, I took the Liberty of writing to Mr. Bassett and Mr. Glanville on the Subject, neither of whom gave a Negative to it - but I refer your Lordship to their Letters w^{ch} I have here incloid. - By Mr. Bassett's you will perceive how ready he w^d be to

an Inclosure if it was requested of him by your Lordship; - and Mr. Glanville, I doubt not, will be more explicit, and give a more full & positive Answer in favour of it, if your Lordship would be so kind, as I presume he is now in Town, to confer with him about it.

How greatly beneficial the Inclosing of this Parish will be to your Lordship, and the rest of the Land-Owners & Cottagers in general, is very easily explain'd: - but Mr. Gismey, who is a very considerable Proprietor, and understands the Nature of Improvements made by Inclosures better than my self, is at any time ready to furnish your Lordship with particular Reasons in favour of this Inclosure, and which will appear, I hope, equally satisfactory and convincing.

Though I must ingenuously confess my self the more anxious to have the Lordship inclos'd on the account of the great Want of my present Circumstances, as I am very confident it will soon enable me (if it please God I live) to discharge every Debt I owe in the World, empower me to make a comfortable Provision for my Wife, and therefore render me extremely happy, yet, however pressing my Exigencies, I can't presume so far on your Lordship's Humanity, if it will be

Impertinence) to offer this as a Motive, which alone would induce your Lordship to gratify my Request, were I not thoroughly convinc'd that your Lordship, together with the principal Land-Owners and poor Cottagers, will reap very considerable Advantages from it, - greater than for any Inclosure I ever yet heard of.

I have herewith sent your Lordship a Copy of the Petition already consented to and sign'd by several of the Land-Owners & Cottagers for this Purpose, and humbly hope for your Lordship's hearty Concurrence herein, which shall ever be most gratefully acknowledg'd, by,

My Love,

Yr Lordship's most Obed^t

and most Obed^t

Humble Serv^t

Wm. J. Laughton.

P.S. I should think my self highly oblig'd to your Lordship if you'd be pleas'd to honour me with a Line.

To the Rt Hon^{ble} the Earl of Exeter
Putland to Wit.

My Lord.

We the Land-Owners Freeholders Copyholders
Cottagers & customary Tenants within your
Lordship's Manour Parish of Syddington in
this County

Humbly beg leave first to represent to
your Lordship that great Advantages wou'd
accrue to your Lordship and us the Tenants
aforesaid by inclosing the open Fields and as
much of the Commons and Brand as may be
taken in by the said Inclosure without any
Impediment or Damage to any of the neighbouring
Townships or Villages who may have any claim
or Right to stock in Common aforesaid and
without thus unnecessarily increasing the
Expence of the said Inclosure.

2. We beg leave to represent to your Lordship
that the Circle of this our said Lordship being
already in a great Measure inclos'd very little
more will be needful than subdividing ^{same}
we will greatly lessen the Expence and also
will be vastly agreeable to us your Lordship's
Petitioners.

3 That such Proportions of Lands may be
more easily allotted to the Impropriator Vicar
and us the Land-Owners Cottagers &c. we hereby
address ourselves to your Lordship to obtain
an Act of Parliament & appoint Commissioners

To this very salutary Purpose; and this we humbly
conceive will heal such Animosities and Disputes as have
lately happen'd concerning Rights of Common and Tythes
greatly to the Disquiet of the said Parish, and we hope
your Lordship will be pleas'd to order such a Survey
of this Lordship and such immediate Enquiries to be
made as may convince your Lordship how truly
consistent it will be with your Lordship's Interest and
Property together with our own to gratify us in this our
humble Request, and beg leave to acquaint your
Lordship that we will readily consent in all such
measures as may be most agreeable for obtaining
these Purposes, and readily listen to your Lordship's
further Consent and Advice, and Approbation herein,
and beg leave to subscribe ourselves,

Your Lordship's
Petitioners, and
Most Obed^t.

Humble Serv^{ts}.

Mainw^y Laughton.

James Lisney of Leicester.

Edmund Lisney of Lyddington

James Hill - of Do

Tho^s Lewin -- of Do

Tho^s Drake - of Do

Francis Gibbins. Do

Tho^s Roberts of Do

Walter Smith of Wakerly

John Bellaers of Leaton

Henry Lumpter of Thorp.

John Wright of Lyddington

Rob^t Smith land of Do

Robert Smith Clerk of Polatherwicke

John Allen. of Lyddington.
Rich^d. Sculthorpe. of D^o.
W^m Browne. - of D^o.
Alexander Litch of D^o.
Jm^o. Farrow. of D^o.