

Letter from 'Adolescent', Whitehaven a mysterious person attempting to bribe Davidson to resign his post so he could take it (P566/72/10)

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Sir

I Fear you will think the subject of my letter rather strange, when I say it is to ask if you have feel any inclination to give up your situation in the Custom-House for a sum of money which you may consider to be an equivalent. (I mean of course if it would not be unlawful: and I should think it would not as I suppose it is in your power at any time to resign should you wish it.

Should you have any desire to embrace any other profession, or for any other reason feel disposed to resign. I should feel obliged if you would let me know what you think to be an equivalent, and if I found after enquiring that I should have interest enough to obtain the situation at your resignation, as of course it would not do for you to resign unless we both went upon certain ground; if I did think you demand more than I should like to give; I would pay you the money immediately upon my appointment. You may think it strange that I have written to you as I should have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you but I have a particular wish to obtain a situation in the Isle of Man.

You will see that for many reasons it is a better for me to conceal my name at present but you need not on this account fear to answer my letter as it will be kept a quite secret with me, should you desire it. I can easily obtain exceptionable testimonials as to character from clergymen, magistrates and others. A speedy answer would greatly oblige as I shall be leaving this neighbourhood in a short time.

I am Sir

Your obt servant

Adolescent