

I beg the favour of you to meet me at my committee room at the *Castle Inn* by half past ten on Monday morning, as the nomination is fixed for eleven. Believe me, my dear Sir, yours very truly,
 WADHAM LOCKE.

Montague Gore to Admiral Sir Philip Durham.

1834.

DEAR SIR. I pledged myself so deeply at the last election at Devizes to bring forward in Parliament a number of things which I now find I never can do. I have therefore determined to vacate my seat, and I have been thinking to whom I should give my support; and I have been resolved, from the gentlemanly manner in which you conducted yourself to me, a stranger, during the election, to offer it to you under the following condition,—That if you offer me any remuneration for my expences, or if you communicate it to any one before the writ is moved, this arrangement will be void.

"The admiral accepted the offer. The meeting of Parliament did not take place for several months. He went to Town and met his disinterested friend at an hotel, who said he had come to fulfil his promise. He met him again by appointment with a member who was to move the writ, got a witness, and the writ was moved. That afternoon he set off for Devizes, had all his friends canvassed before it was known that the seat was vacant, and was elected on the fourth day without any expence but the usual fees." *Memoirs of Sir P. Durham.* 111.

In 1837 on receiving an appointment from Lord Minto of the command at Portsmouth, Admiral Durham accepted the Chiltern Hundreds and vacated his parliamentary seat for Devizes. He died at Naples in 1845 at the age of eighty-three, and was buried in the family vault at Largo in Fife.

Sir John Cam Hobhouse to George Washington Anstie.

Berkeley Square, 1 March, 1834.

DEAR SIR. I ought to have replied some days ago to your last letter. I have not had any communication on the