

MS North d.23, f.88-89. [Wroxton]. 29 October 1758 [*transcript*]:

My Lord,

I have a thousand thanks to return to you for your Lodging, your food, your letter, etc. I am here as well and as conveniently as possible. I went through all my ceremonies on the Twenty seventh. I took my oaths, paid my fees, and made my visits. I learnt from Mr Payne that Mr Barrett and the member of the Corporation chosen lately had each at their admission given five guineas to the Chamber. I thought therefore it would be proper for me to give ten, which I did. I remembered that at my admission as Assistant I had paid the Town clerk a fee of two guineas. I imagined he would expect more on my admission into the Corporation so I gave him three. It is a kind of expence that will never recur, and for several reasons I thought it was best to err on the side of liberality. I gave a guinea apiece to each of the Serjeants.

I was sorry to find my election had not been so unanimous as I had supposed it. Burford was out of Town at the time, and when it was mention'd to him on his return said he entirely disapproved of it, because it was contrary to a rule that had been laid down to chuse no person out of the Town. This I learnt from Mr Payne, and thinking that the only objection came from that quarter I went about with my mouth open returning thanks wherever I came. When I came to Mr Hill's, He was absent but I found his wife at Home. She made a thousand excuses for Mr Hill's having opposed my Election, which I did not know before, and gave the same reason for it that Burford, and at the same time excused his waiting upon me at my entertainment. When I invited him, he did the same, but I hope to get him to be one with us.

We are I am afraid, just going to lose poor Greenall. He was so ill on the Leet day that He could not come to the Feast, and when I sent yesterday, Mrs Greenall told the servant that he was as ill as he could be and alive.

[Final paragraph irrelevant.]

My duty to Ly. Guilford, etc.

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MS North d.23, f.93. Wroxton. 30 October 1758 [*extract*]:

My Lord,

Poor Greenall died yesterday;³ I sent this morning to enquire after Mrs Greenall and the rest of the family, and hear that they are in great affliction and distress. Besides the loss of the poor man himself, his death will be, I am afraid, very perplexing to us for we have now all the business of electing a new member of the Corporation to begin afresh.

³ Mr William Greenall, Mayor, Chamberlain and Justice of the Peace of this Borough, buried 1 November 1758.