

7 December 1687, Margaret née Howard Boyle (1623-1689), dowager countess of Orrery to Germain Colladon¹ (National Library of Ireland, Dublin[NLI]. Orrery Papers, Volume 5, MS. 36, no. 667). Copy. Endorsed: Countess of Orrery copy of a letter to Mr Colladon december: the 7 1687.

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Mr Colladon

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From my Brother Burlington² I received your account which I find Rises very high, and beyond my expetation for tho I doe not pretend to knowe the Charge of Traveling a broad , yett by inquirys I have made I am in formed , those parts through which you have gon , are not dere , and as the Case stands with us of Ireland , wee have reson to be as good husbands³ as wee can, which I must mind you off being , other ways I ~~shall find~~ can not see how it will be possiable to Keepe \my grandson/ ~~him~~ a Broad , So Long as it will be covenant for him to stay out [/] ~~I did~~ Soon after I received yours from Geneva I write to you and dericted my Letter for you to Mr Estienne Colladon ~~aeording~~ as you ^ \had/ dericted and in it according as you desired alloweed you to Charge mee with a Bill of one hundred pound I hope that Letter is Come to your hands , when I had writ thus farr I receive one from you and an other from Lionel from turin, wher I was very Glad to heare you weare Safe arrived , you will with this receive one from my Brother Burlington dericting your goeing to Florence of \wher after/ two or three days \Stay/ ther to goe on your journey to Rome, which I am told is not more then 5 or 6 days journey from Turin ~~and & when~~ \and ther wher till towards Spring I beleeve [lv] it may be fitt you stay , I heer in closed send you a Letter to Cardenall Norfolk⁴ and have sent you a coppey⁵ of it that you may knowe what is in it and so Ether deliver it or not as you thinke fitt, but to me it seemed not a miss to make my Grand Sonn knowen to him, upon the account of haveing his civility , but still I leave to you the desineing[designing] of it or, not ^ \you must be very carefull never to lett my Grandson be without you in any company while you are in Italy/ I am informed tis very Chape[cheap] liveing in Rome and that the best way to be privit[to stay privately] is for you to take Lodgens by the month and to dress your owne dishes if your footman can buy your meat and dress it, which most of his Counterymen are good at , or if \hee/ ~~you~~ can ^ \then to/ gett som other way ^\ to dress it which may be don[e] for a small matter/ I am told its much cheper and more covenant way then to be in pension⁶, its to be suppose[d] your ~~Lodgens are furnished with~~

¹ Germain Colladon was tutor to Margaret Boyle's grandson, Lionel Boyle (bap. 1671-1703). The dowager's son, Roger Boyle, 2nd earl of Orrery had died 29 March 1682, and Colladon was despatched to accompany Lionel on a grand tour of the continent.

² Richard Boyle (1612-1698), 2nd earl of Cork and 1st earl of Burlington. The dowager countess and Burlington jointly oversaw Lionel Boyle's upbringing and education.

³ "A man charged with the good management of something; *esp.* the appointed manager of a household, establishment, or organization; a steward, a keeper" ("husband, n.," 5.a, *OED*).

⁴ Related to Margaret Boyle through her natal family. See Allan White, "Howard, Philip [*name in religion* Thomas] (1629-1694), prior of Bornhem and cardinal," *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* [*ODNB*].

⁵ See NLI, Orrery Papers, Vol. 5, MS.36, no.667a, scribal copy of a letter from the dowager countess of Orrery to Cardinal Howard, 7 December 1687.

⁶ "Payment for board and lodging, or for the board and education of a pupil at a school. Now *rare*, and only with reference to France and other countries in continental Europe" ("pension, n.," 7.a., *OED*).

~~linen~~ and all necessarys , and this way my brother Burlington Says will be the Best for you and the le[a]st expence , as Soon as you gett to Rome Lett mee heare from you and whether you Can from thence Charges Bills one[on] mee that I may accordingly knowe which way to supply ~~you~~ my Grand Sons occasions tell that will be needfall for him [,] to learn will be Italion and the maticks [mathematics] tell hee comes [2r] some place wher hee shall setles for a Longer time then his stay will be at Rome [/] I have now sayd all that is needfull to you at this time from

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