

**N.D. [October, 1623]<sup>1</sup>, Lady Sara née Boyle Moore (1609-1633)<sup>2</sup> to her father, Richard Boyle** (The Devonshire Collections, Chatsworth, CM/14.189). Autograph. To my most honored Lorde and Father [/] the Earle of Corke at Lismoore give this [/] dd. Endorsed: primo November 1623 From my Daughter Moor.

My most honoreed father

To crave your blesing and to cotineu[continue] my deutiful, respext shall ever be my gretest ocatione to present you my letters and now I must crave your pardon for that I am bould to kepe your gildinge[geilding]<sup>3</sup> that careed me with a great of deale of eass to this place I humbly disier that he maie remaine with me untill I becum a better horsewoman and then I shall not faile ~~him~~ to restore him, and thies with the remembrance of my most deutifull respecke I end

Your honores most obedient dauter

Sara Moore<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> October 1623, based on the endorsement.

<sup>2</sup> On 9 July 1621 Sara was married to Sir Thomas Moore, heir to Gareth Moore, 1st Viscount Drogheda. Sara continued to live with the natal family until Sir Thomas returned from his grand tour. At the beginning of October 1623, Sara, accompanied by her husband, travelled the two hundred miles north to her marital home at Mellifont Abbey, County Louth.

<sup>3</sup> "A castrated animal, especially a horse" ("geilding, n.," 1, *OED*).

<sup>4</sup> The Devonshire Collections, Chatsworth, CM/14.214, letter from Sir Lawrence Parsons to the Earl of Cork, 1 December 1623, informing that Sir Thomas Moore had died that day of small pox. Also, *Lismore Papers Series 1*, volume ii, p.108.