

COLCHESTER, Charles Abbot, Lord, *kol-ches-ter*, was the younger son of the Rev. John Abbot, D.D., rector of All Saints, Colchester, and, in 1775, was elected a student of Christ Church, Oxford. In 1777 he won the chancellor's medal for Latin verse, and in 1783 took his degree as B.C.L., and soon after was called to the bar. In 1795 he left the bar and became clerk of the rules in the Court of King's Bench, and in the same year was returned member of parliament for Helstone, in Cornwall. He now laboured in introducing practical reforms of the law, and the improvement of the public records. In 1800 he obtained leave to bring into the House a bill for taking a census of the population of the kingdom, and the following year the census was taken, and has continued to be taken ever since, decennially. He was now appointed chief secretary for Ireland, and keeper of the Irish

privy seal; but these offices he scarcely held a year, when, in 1802, he was elected speaker of the House of Commons, which he continued to be till 1817, when, in May, a stroke of erysipelas forced him to resign. On the 3rd of June following he was raised to the peerage as Baron Colchester, with a pension of £4000 a year, and £3000 a year to his next successor to the title. B. at Abingdon, 1757; d. in London, 1829. 53v.4



Brighton Fourth October 1808



Dr Adam Clarke

Turvey Street

Blackfriars Bridge

London

*[Signature]*



The Speaker returns many thanks  
to Dr. Clarke for his obliging communi-  
cation of the offer made by Sir  
William Forbes - respecting Sir  
Andrew Mitchell's Papers.

It does not appear at present  
to the Speaker, that the purchase  
belongs to the purposes for which  
the Record Commission was issued;  
but he is much inclined to think  
that the papers ought to be lodged  
in the British Museum; if the  
terms could be agreed upon, and if  
the funds of that Inst should  
be adequate. He requests that



Dr. Clarke will allow him a few days  
for inquiring what probability there  
maybe of accomplishing that  
object.

Rottingdean  
Brighton  
3. Oct. Wed.



Liebrock  
2 Feb  
1819.

Sir

I am exceedingly obliged  
to you for your letter of  
the 26<sup>th</sup> ult., and also for  
the fo. M.S. which accom-  
panied it, - and which  
I shall take an early  
opportunity of perusing, -  
with a certainty that  
I shall derive from this



us from all other productions  
of your Pen, most valuable  
Informations. Although  
My health is in most respects  
very much re-established, it  
is at times painful to me  
to make much use of my  
Eyes in writing or reading,  
and I shall not remove  
from hence to attend on  
the Meeting of the new  
Parliament, intending to  
remain at this place till  
late in the Spring. I  
shall however be always

my endeavour to do this Justice  
to your learned & valuable  
Essays in the great Roman  
Works which you have planned  
& set on foot so successfully,  
& to prove myself most  
Sincerely  
Yours

Yours faithful Servant

Robert

To  
Dr Adam Clarke.



See Dr. C's note last page but one of this vol.

Kidderminster

21. Novem.

1819.

Dear Sir

I will not lose a day  
in assuring you - that you have,  
& ever have had, - through your  
long & successful labors under  
the Rev. Com. - my  
entire confidence & approbation,  
and upon the immediate subject  
of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>; I have  
the pleasure to communicate  
to you, - not only my own  
sentiments - but those of a  
very distinguished Member of  
the Com. - who was with



me - when your letter arrived,  
and we are both satisfied  
(as it was likely we should be)  
with the complete refutation  
which you have given to  
the objection - so irregularly  
introduced - & with so little  
foundation - into the proposed  
Bill - to the 4<sup>th</sup> V. of the  
Statute.

Believe me to be ever  
Dear Sir

Most truly  
and faithfully

Yours

Colchester.

D. Adam Clarke.



Colchester

The speaker has the pleasure  
to acquaint Dr. Clarke that the  
Directors of the British Museum  
have granted permission for  
Dr. Clarke to have access to the  
Museum at Extra Hours &  
also to have the use of a separate  
Room.

With respect to Dr. Clarke's  
proposed Journey to Ireland, the  
difficulties of recommending it  
to the Commissioners for their



authentic, as an undertaking which  
they are to sanction & defray the  
charges of at the public expense  
arise principally from the  
interruption which it may cause  
in the work upon which they  
have employed Dr Clarke, & the  
uncertainty of its producing any  
results which can justify the  
cost to be incurred.

If any motives of literary  
curiosity, or <sup>other</sup> personal inducement  
of any sort, compatible with  
Dr Clarke's existing engagements  
to the Commissioners, should  
nevertheless carry Dr Clarke

Dublin, The Speaker will very  
readily furnish him with such  
a Letter of Introduction to the  
Principal Department of the Irish  
Government as shall enable  
him to examine all the public  
Record Offices with advantage.

Richard Gordon  
23. May 1808.



The speaker requests of  
Mr. B. H. H. to  
deliver the enclosed Paper  
to Dr. Clarke. It is always  
wished that gentlemen  
who love their indulgence  
should not receive visitors  
during the time of their  
absence their indulgence in  
the apartments of the  
Museum - & Dr. Clarke's



discretion will of course  
observe the circumstances  
that are proposed in writing,  
by the Trustees.

The Sr. wrote to Dr. Johnson  
about his journey to Ireland  
& concluded he has spoken  
with Mr. B. & Mr. H. on the  
subject.

26 May  
W<sup>o</sup>o<sup>d</sup>.