

Priority - Friday - ⁵ March 19th - 1841

Dearest Julia

This is not to be a letter at all about myself, and the blessedly happy return of my beloved Brother - Who, I expect tomorrow! But I write to you, under a hope that you may have had acquaintance - once with some of the Managers over one or other of our Minor Theatres in Town, which might assist me to obtain an engagement in one of them - for a person in whom I am greatly interested. - She was a leading comic actress in a small, but respectable Company, which used to come annually to Theatre, Dittin and perform there - during

five or six years of our residence
in the neighbourhood. My ancestor
Mether, and other most excellent
heads of the families about,
always patronized the company
because of their worthiness of
character or individuals, as
well as in consideration of
the respectable talent of some
of the performers. The person
for whom I am now interested
was one that obtained over
constant patronage for these two
good qualities. But, on
the death of my venerated
and son Henry Fitz-Gerald,
"his occupation" appeared
to be taken away also - and
the theatre ceased to be
frequented, the Company
ceased to return - and, in

short process of time the Company
broke-up; and I did not hear
of our theatrical pastime for years.
Not until just now - when I
find she is in Town - and has
become anxious to earn a
subsistence for herself, and a
daughter, by obtaining an
engagement in one of the
Minor Theatres. She is now a
middle-aged woman of a
slight, airy form; a quick
and pleasing countenance,
though not handsome - a
pleasant & clear voice, and
genteel enunciation. She
would be capable to under-
-take all old, or elderly female
characters in comedy - or, in
-deed from the still juvenile
appearance of her figure, & lively
countenance, shoulder-maid,

and the like, would not come
amiss to her. - She could also
lead choruses, of psalms, &c.
In short, she is, what we might
style "a clever person in all
that sort of theatrical business."

I had no idea that her daughter
had a notion of the stage -
having never heard of her acting
but she is clever at her needle
and might be found very
useful in the Stage-Wordle
room. - A small salary there,
would be a great help to the
poor, if exemplory matter.

I pray you, dearest Julia,
lay your ever kind shoulder to
the wheel, in this cause! - It will
be essentially serving a most
worthy woman - who is now in
difficulties: I pray you, too,
for the love you bear to your
ever affectionate friend,

Miss Pordoe -

Love Pordoe