

16 Sir  
we rec<sup>d</sup> yours yesterday and have to thank you  
for your Proposals but which cannot be accepted  
as the Noblemen and Gentlemen led by his Grace  
the Duke of Northumberland have Determined to  
Purchase her a comfortable Annuity for life she  
can do nothing without their Consent at the same  
time it would be very disagreeable to her, being  
brought up in a very private Situation, a false report  
having been Published that my Daughter was going  
to Edinburgh we have been deluged with letters  
from the Ladies & Gentlemen forbidding any thing  
of the kind I remain Sir

Your H<sup>l</sup> Servant  
Wm Darling  
G. H Darling  
[Grace Darling]

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