Whitmoor House
Guildford
April 29th 1872.

My dear Sir,

I am much obliged for yours of the 22? which was very acceptable. I suppose you got the Icelander from W. Corbett & I hear they have not done much with them on Salisbury plain. I am puzzled to know what you can do with so many Sparrow Hawks! One is a much as any one can manage. I suppose you fly the Sparrow Hawk at Quail which they catch splendidly. I am glad you use Varvels. I like them. I should like to know more about your short leash. How

Eshton Hall, Gargrave, Leeds,
~~Addington Manor, Bamford~~

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is it fastened to the loop on the palm of your glove? Its a good idea I fancy. Damp either indoors or out & draughts cause Kecks. I have never found a little rain to be injurious I am bringing out along with W. Brodrick/a 2d edition of Falconry of the British Isles. Van Voorst Pater Noster Row is our publisher. The coloured plates promise to be a success. Now I am upon Bells if you will kindly send me one of your make & instructions thereon I shall be greatly obliged. If I find it good may I mention it & the inventer?

You promised not only to write to me about your Hawking at Rome but you said I should have a photograph of your Falconer in Bronze If you remembered your promise & sent it, it never reached me. Did you finish this Bronze statue & did it please you? Between ourselves if you want Hawks well kept in flesh & feather Barr is not the man. He is the most careless pigheaded & extravagant fellow I ever met with. He began with me as a child so I know him well. His brother Robert was a careful Falconer If you want Hawks well managed I would recommend

W. Pells
Lakenheath
Brandon
Norfolk.

Believe me Yours very truly
W. H. St. John Mahon

P.S. Please tell Mr. Hoole & Hoole Mr. Gamble & "Mr. Monkey" is quite well - He rides a dog in great style using the Dress as a Hyde Park