

1808

Eliza Swann re improvements to the mill

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Wolsenrode, August 3^d. 1808.

Sir

I trust you will excuse the trouble occasion'd you by this application, which is to solicit the concurrence of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, to a little alteration I am desirous of making on these premises; which was projected some years ago, but circumstances precluded the accomplishment of till now. The plan in question is to add a few feet to the grass plot before the House, from the river, which will be of some advantage in respect to the mill, and, I think, an improvement of the appearance of the place. From the situation of that part of the River whence the small portion of its bed is to be taken, it is obvious that no detriment can possibly ensue from its being fill'd up; but, as it might be made a source of contention ^{with neighbours}, and I do not wish to take any measure without due authority, I have made this application. From not being conversant with such subjects I did not know till this morning that it was requisite to solicit permission on this occasion, or it should have been done more in my some preparations having been made in respect to the alteration. The indulgence & liberality hitherto experienced from his Grace in relation to the improvements here, encourage me to hope that my request on this occasion will not be refused. I am, Sir,

Yours obt^l Serv^t

Eliza Swann.