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Lady Pitcalny To the care of Ludovich Grant Writer McKenzie's office Tain

Arboll 30th April 1769

Dr Madam

I'm very sorry I should have occasion to trouble you with an affair of this kind. In August last, I was summoned to Tain in order to pay licence for keeping a tavern, & being interrogated if I sold ale or drams, confessed the fact. Further I was told that I [?] to pay 30 sh for last year & one Guinea every year more, as long as I continued brewing – This I never [heeded?] till the 29th of this current month when I received the inclosed charge of Horning. Since I received this charge I was still thinking how to extricate myself out of this trouble, and even applied to such as I thought were intelligent in such matters – However there is no way to escape this, unless you take the trouble of applying to Mr Innes Collector of the stamp duties Edinr who tis thought can be of the greatest service, & you know, should I pay this & other duties I cannot stand it out – Theref I hope if tis in your power [then?] you'll endeavour to get me freed from this taxation, & please acquaint me as soon as possible – I am busy in collecting the victual money, which I am expecting to have all gathered again your arrival in the North, I would be glad to hear in your answer how my Chief does – I am Madam

with the greatest respect Your
Most humble Servt David Ross