

Lord Chancellor
Oct. 21. 1858
in answer to petition
from Sarah^{rs} of Eastington
re: living

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Lord Chancellor

London 21. Oct. 1858

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Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with which you have honoured me, in doing a Memorial of several Inhabitants of Eastington. The applications, which have been made for that living, have been very many; probably the great age of the incumbent has occasioned that. I am an entire stranger to the value & duties of the living, & as it is not vacant, I cannot make such inquiries at present, as may be necessary before any determination is finally taken how it shall be disposed of; if it happens to become vacant, which I am Chancellor, which may not be the case. In some very few instances these Petitions from

Perishwines are intitled to great Attention;
but I am sorry, writing from my Experience,
to add that in most instances, in very many, they
cannot claim much Attention.

I have the Honour to be, Sir,
with great Respect
Yr. most Obedt. Servant.

Edm.

As I have not my Papers here, I cannot
say what has passed with respect to the
Other Communications, before alluded to,
which the expected Vacancy of this Living
has occasioned -