

Private

Dear Sir

Be assured that it would
give me at the Times great Plea:
sure to comply with your Wishes,
but having satisfied myself that
there is at present no want of
additional Magistrates in the Di:
vision in which you are Sir, I
have very lately declined adding 2
very respectable ^{Gentlemen} for whom I was ap:
plied to in that Division, and
therefore I hope you will have the
Goodness to

excuse my not complying with the
Request in your letter, which I could
not answer sooner as there was no
Post yesterday.

I wish also to add that I believe
it was a Rule with the late Lord
Lieutenant, & one I think most fit
to be observed, to avoid (unless under
peculiar Circumstances) as much as possible,
the Introduction of Gentlemen into the
Commission, who are only deputed
Inhabitant, & not possessed of permanent
Landed Property in the County.

Believe me

Yours
in Obedience

5th Dec^r 1730

Dear Sir

Your faithful

Samuel Lewis

J. W.

At Home

J. W. Loken

ARDEN, Richard Pepper, lord Alvanley; *b.* 1745; solicitor-general, 1782; attorney-general, 1784; master of the rolls, 4 June, 1788; chief-justice of the common pleas, and baron, 22 May, 1801; *d.* 19 March, 1804.

* Pepper Arden (1745-1804) was Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and entered the House of Lords as Baron Alvanley, Cheshire. He was a great orator and ready wit, which made him a master in debate. He owed much to Pitt, but more to his learning and sound judgment. His two sons succeeded him as Barons: William as second, Richard Pepper as third, at whose death the Peerage became extinct.