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The Art Editor of the
Illustrated London News

Sir, In reply to your application

I have much pleasure in
authorizing your Artist,
Mr. Wm Simpson, whose
sketches are so universally
admired to make any
sketches in the House and

Yrs

FRANCIS H. S. G. V. A. S. A.

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grounds at Duff House
Bauff; - but I consider
that Mar Lodge and
the District afford infinitely
prettier subjects for Mr.
Simpson's pencil, and
should advise his travelling
in that direction.

Yours faithfully

Fife.

Fife

FIFE, 1st Duke of (*cr.* 1889), **Alexander William George Duff**, K.G., *cr.* 1911; K.T., *cr.* 1881; P.C., 1880; G.C.V.O., *cr.* 1901; D.L., V.D.; Baron Braco, 1735; Earl of Fife (Ir.); Baron Macduff, 1759; Baron Skene, 1857; Marquis of Macduff, 1889; Captain Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, 1880-81; Member of Council of Duchy of Lancaster, 1882; Lord-Lieut. and Custos Rotulorum of the County of London since 1900; President Co. of London Territorial Force Association; Hon. Colonel Banffshire Artillery Volunteers; *b.* 10 Nov. 1849; *o. s.* of 5th Earl and Agnes, *d.* of 17th Earl of Erroll; *S.* father 1879; *m.* H.R.H. The Princess Royal, *e. d.* of H.M. King Edward VII., 1889; two *d. Educ.*: Eton. M.P. (L.) Moray and Nairn, 1874-79; went on a special mission to the King of Saxony, 1882 (first order of Saxony); Lord-Lieutenant of Elgin, 1872-1902; one of the founders and for nine years Vice-President of the Chartered Company of South Africa, which position he resigned after the Jameson raid; Lord High Constable at the Coronations of King Edward VII. and King George V. Owns about 249,300 acres. *Heir* (by special remainder): H.H. Princess Alexandra Victoria Alberta Edwina Louise; *b.* 17 May 1891. *Address*: 15 Portman Square, W.; Mar Lodge, Braemar, N.B.; Montcoffer House, Banff, N.B. *Clubs*: Athenæum, Garrick, Marlborough; Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes.