

ANTHONY-ADRIAN FALCONER, 8th Lord Falconer, of Halkertoun, (revert to Catherine, dau. of William, 4th earl, and her descendants), who inherited with it the estate of Kintore, the old castle of Hall Forest, given to the family by ROBERT I., and Keith Hall. The noble family of Falconer deduce their descent from Ranulphus (son of Walter de Lunkyr), appointed king's falconer by WILLIAM the Lion, whence it assumed the surname of FALCONER. The descendant of Ranulphus, Alexander, son of Sir Alexander Falconer, was created *Lord Falconer, of Halkertoun*, 20 Dec. 1647; which dignity descended regularly to David, 5th Lord Falconer, son in-law of John, 1st Lord Kintore. Anthony, 5th Earl of Kintore and 8th Lord Falconer, *m.* Miss Christina-Elizabeth Sigherman, of Gröningen, in Holland,

Mr. Fox

I am solicited by Mr. Douglass Governour
to Lord Pittney to trouble you with the recommending him to your protection
& countenance while at Berlin he being very sensible of the bad opinion
the world have of this sort of Gentlemen & often with reason, (But to do
him no more than justice) he appears to be an exception from the general
rule & has always behaved himself both at Oxford & in every other place
so well as to gain the approbation and esteem of all his acquaintances
and I dare say, after seeing him sometimes you'd say I've been too
modest & have said too little in his behalf my compliments to My Lord
your brother & after wishing you both all the prosperity and happiness
imaginable have the honour to be with the greatest sincerity
and respect

My Lord Sir your most affect bow in
& obed^t serv^t m^t & n^t
Alex^r Falconer

Guernsey June 1st 1749

For Mr. Keith
Berlin, Pr
1749

Also 6th Dec. 1749
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