Kindrogan 9th April 1859

My Dearest Willy

 It is a long time since I wrote you last. I know you are always getting a letter from some one or other of the family.

I hear you are to go to Bisham[[1]](#footnote-1) on the 19th for the Easter Holidays. I suspect your finances will require replenishing.

If so, will you write me receipt and I shall be happy to make you a small remittance by P.O. order. Would you wish it before going to or after returning from Bisham? In this general election I hope Mr Vansittart[[2]](#footnote-2) will not loose his seat.

Tho~ not worse I am sorry to say I continue far from well and must remain [finally] much a prisoner at home; tho’ I walk a good deal about and see all that is going on you will see the new walk to the garden, and the Shrubbery a very great improvement.

Your Papa is at Tirinie[[3]](#footnote-3) with Sir Robert[[4]](#footnote-4) and does not return till Wednesday. The weather is now delightful but your […ing] [prevented] the [Ice house] from being filled tho~ strange to say we got it about half done on the 1st day of April!

The sowing of the oats will be finished next week.

Your Grandmama continues much the same & now walks occasionally to the Garden all the [rest] are as well as I [am] [sure] you wish them-

So are Norah Botich & all the rest of the [……..] [race]

I hope you always get the News paper?

 I remain

 Yours very affte

 P Small Keir

*Ref.letter2 fromGrandpapa to WK*

1. Bisham Abbey Manor House Berkshire. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Member of Parliament for Bisham and friend [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Tirinie is a house on the Menzies Estate [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Sir Robert Menzies 7th Baronet is William’s mothers stepbrother [↑](#footnote-ref-4)