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SUMMARY:

Letter from Herman Katenkamp, 15th June 1765 from Exeter, to Richard Halford, Canterbury saying that he is unable at present to come to Canterbury as he is busy with a ship which will leave for Hamburg at the beginning of next month. When it leaves he will drop off in West Sussex or Kent for a ramble & go to Canterbury to thank them for the trouble he has caused them.

He wishes to renew the lease for the manor of Doccombe but wishes them to relook at the amount of the fine for it as the outgoings will be more like £120 rather than £100.

Enclosed is a valuation of the manor by Mr Chapple when he bought the remainder of the late Mr Moor's lease . There has been no income from the dying of any tenants recently.

TRANSCRIPTION

Outside: To Richard Halford Esq[ui]re] Canterbury
Letter from {obliteration} Katenkamp 1765

Inside:

Dear Sir,

Permit me to thank you for y[ou]r kind answer to my Letter from Bath but as the distance of time to the meeting of the Rev[erend] Dean & Chapter then stopt my <intended> progress towards Kent, so now some necessary business will detain me at home all this month & I find it impossible to attend that Rev[erend] Body in person I beg therefore you will in my behalf assure the Gentlemen of my sincere intention of renewing the Lease for Doccombe Mannour etc & complying to pay a reasonable Fine, but beg they will form their calculation of the Value of their Interest, from the Rentals which have been from time to time exhibited which from experience I find to be True as to the rackrent if all the Tenements are sat out to undertenants, but have reason to believe the Outgoings will amount to nearer £120- than the £100 per ann[um]. I beg also they will take into their serious consideration, a Calculation which you will receive with this l[ette]r of the Value of the premises done at the time I bought the remainder of late Mr Moors Lease by Mr Chappel, a person of great experience in this kind of holding he having the care or management of several Mann[ou]rs. since that time no alteration has happend in the annual produce of the Tenements if let at rack rent to underTenants I request you will comunicate the Resolution of the Rev[erend] Dean & Chapter as

early as possible to Nath[anie]l Paice Esq[ui]r[e] in London who has full powers from me & who

will by return of the post & before the Gentlemen Separate, deposit the Fine wherever they shall appoint, & surrender the Old Leases, if the sum demanded doth not exceed beyond (not my Wishes) the Reasonable & just Rights of that Rev[eren]d Body Perhaps Mr Paice may send a Trusty person to treat or if not to Treat in my behalf, yet to give the Gentlemen all reasonable satisfaction.

I could on this occasion urge several considerations to induce the Gentlemen to entertain some good opinion of my Sincerity & to pay some regard to the opinion of others, of their real Interests as well as mine, but I dare not, least I should incur even the most distant suspicion of presumptuously dictating.

the buisness that now confines me at home is the dispatching of a Ship for Hamburg which I think may be ready to depart the beginning of next month my present intention is to embark in said Vessel, & Land in some part of Sussex or Kent for a ramble, it shall then be my buisness to wait upon you to thank you for the Trouble I have hitherto given you & now obliged to repeat, who am with greatest regard.

D[ea]r Sir y[ou]r obliged h[um]ble Serv[an]t
Herman Katenkamp
Exon 15 June 1765