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SUMMARY:

Letter 11th November 1751 from Edward Whitefield, Steward at Doccombe Manor, to Samuel Norris, Auditor for D & C Canterbury about the surrendering of a previous lease for My Land & Le Laugh, 2 tenements in Doccombe manor, to John Babbacombe, tanner, Elizabeth, his wife & Elias Babbacombe. Elizabeth is now dead & John Babbacombe wishes to add his son, John, 10 years old to the lease. The yearly rent was 21s 2d. John Babbacombe ancestors had held these tenements for a long time. Both John & Elias Babbacombe are in good health & not old.

He requests the fine to be as low as possible & previously the adding of the 3rd life was £25. If John Babbacombe agrees with the fine then the money, the certificates of health & the surrendered lease will be sent up to Mr Lyle Moxham (attorney at law) at Lyons Inn in London

TRANSCRIPTION

Outside:

Doccomb[e] Whitfield's Letter 1751

To Mr Samuel Norris Audit[o]r to the Dean and Chapt[e]r of Christ Church Canterbury

After the Deaths of the 3 Nominers{ ? } to give
a Terrar of all the Lands belonging to the 2 Tenements &
p[ar]ticlurly mentionning every p[ar]cell of Land Ten[emen]ts Meadow
Woods and another with the N{?}{?} *oblit.* trew Meets
& Bounds of D[itto] But instead of bringing
it to the Stew[ar]d let it be sent to me.

Inside:

Moretonhampstead 11. Nov[embe]r 1751

S[i]r

Not many years since, a Lease from the Dean and Chap[te]r of C[hris]t Church,
was granted to Mr John Babbacombe of this place, Tanner, his Heirs' &
Assigns, for the Term of his Life, and for the Lives of Elizabeth his
Wife, and Elias Babbacombe, of and in, Two Tenements, called

My Land and Le Laugh al[ia]s Leen, parcell of the Manour of Doccombe here, under the Yearly Rent of 21s 2d I think, and other Coven[an]ts and agreements, The ancestors of Mr Babbacombe have held these Two Tenements, I apprehend, for some Ages under such Leases for Lives, and his wife the s[ai]d Elizabeth being lately dead, he is inclinable to take a new Lease therein to him, his Heirs and assigns, for his own Life, and for the Lives of John Babbacombe, his son,(about 10 years of age-Michaelmas last) and the s[ai]d Elias Babbcombe; and to surrender the Lease in being, as I sup[p]ose he must. The s[ai]d John Babbacombe the Lessee, and Elias, are both good Lives, and in a good state of Health, and neither of them old; It's likely before the Chapt[e]r Begins, I shall not be able [to]send an account, what the Fine will be, which I desire you to get then Set, at the Lowest Rate you can, and to let me know forthwith by Letter, (as Informed formerly the Com[m]on Rate was £25 for a Third Life) and you shall imediately hear ag[ai]n and if Mr Babbacombe likes it, the Money, shall be ready in London to be paid to y[ou]r order, and the Lease in Being surrendered and sent up, with a Certificate of the Health of the Lives, before the Chapt[e]r Ends. I desire the Favour of an answer, directed to me (Edward Whitefield) at Moretonhampstead near Exon if such Lease may be had and if any other Thing is requisite, previous thereto, for obtaining it, and what the Charges, besides the Fine, may amount to; The years Rent for those Two Tenements, due at Mich[ael]mas last, I have directed Mr Lyle Moxham, of Lyons Inn (Mr Lee being dead) to pay in as usuall; If I have taken too much Freedom, by applying this to you, I hope you'l[l] excuse it,as the Time is too short, to Inform myself, how otherwise to apply in such an affair, and as my Father w[h]o tenders y[o]u his Service, and my self have treated with y[o]u by Letter, heretofore, in the like case,

I am

S[i]r y[ou]r most Obed[ien]t Serv[an]t Ed[war]d Whitefield