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SUMMARY:

15th November 1762 Letter from Herman Katenkamp 1762 in reply to a letter from the D&C at Canterbury about a proposal he made at Canterbury when he was there last that he would pay £50 for 7 years lease. Nicholas Waldron had paid 50 guineas when he renewed for 7 years the last time for the manor & woods & agreed by Mr Chapple, the steward for Lord Courtenay. He will pay what Nicholas Waldron paid plus interest for 5 years that have lapsed but no more as it can not be worth more, perhaps even less.

Philip Moor paid an exorbitant fine and he will not repeat this.

The receipts the D & C issue for the High Rents are still being issued to Nicholas Waldron & not to him.

He apologises for not meeting up with him when he visited last summer

TRANSCRIPTION

Inside:

Exon 15 9b[e]^r 1762

Sir

I duly rec[eive]^d your favour of the 29 June past which not requiring an imediate answer then, caused since to slip my memory & almost prevented my writing in time against the meeting of the Rev^d Dean & Chapter of your Church which you say commences the 25 inst.

The proposal I made when last at Canterbury was if I remember right £50 for 7 years elapsed, which sum or 50 Guineas I apprehend was given by Nicholas Waldron for 7 years the last time he renewed his Lease for Doccomb mannor & woods, & which according to the Calculation of the ingenious M^r Chapple, (steward to Lord Courteny & a gentleman well versed in those matters), is the full Value of the Fine for 7 years for the premises with the nature of the holding & all other circumstances of which he is perfectly acquainted.

I am still contented to give what Nicholas Waldron paid, adding thereto the Lawfull Interest of that sum for the 5 years since elapsed, & besides the proportion of the same for those 5 years. more then this I cannot resolve to give being well satisfyed it cannot be worth more. for I can with confidence assure you that the Estates or Tenements on the mannor neither Lease or Lett for more but rather less then they did in

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Waldrons time, notwithstanding improvements that may be reported or supposed to be made on the Lands, of which however I am utterly ignorant. This I request you will communicate to the Rev^d Gentlemen with my respectfull compliments.

I have not forgote the exorbitant Fine late M^r Moor was made to pay but I decline repeating the occasion, which you must remember & I cannot without mortification, but [obliterated] Path for me to walk, nor can I persuade myself, the Rev^d Gentlemen thinck that ought to be their rule

I have observed that the receipts you issue for the Highrents are filled up in the name of Nicholas Waldron, whereas you should acknowledge the receipt from me, or at least the last Lessee P Moor. my friend in London who last paid the highrent to M^r Bargrave writes on that occasion what you will see in Cobby herewith. what Mr Bargrave refers to I apprehend is satisfied, having long since paid a Fine for that consideration agreeable to the Tennour of the Lease. yet if there is still an omission I pray you impute it to my ignorance and put me to rights when you favour me with your answer.

I was sorry your short stay here last summer deprived me of the pleasure of seeing you & opportunity of retalliating the civillities you conferr[e]d on me when at Canterbury which I gratefully remember & am on all occasions

Sir

Y[ou]r m[os]t obed[ien]t & h[um]ble Serv[an]t

Herman Katenkamp

agreeable {sic} to my proposals I calculate the Fine at the rate of £50 for 7 years to come to near Bath 23 April 1765 Bath 23 April 1765 £100 & at the rate of 50 G[uinea]s to abo[u]t £105.