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SUMMARY:

December 9 1751. Letter to D & C Canterbury from Edward Whitefield, Docombe Manor Steward with the Certificate of health for John & Elias Babbacombe attested by Dr Fynes, Rector, one of the Church Wardens as John Babbacombe is the other one, his father (John Whitefield), an honest farmer (Taverner), a constable & John Saunders, a terrier signed by John Babbacombe, requesting to know the amount for the fine for adding the life then he will send the old lease, the money for the fine to the Steward's agent Lyle Moxham (attorney at law) at Lyons Inn in London.

The fine for the last lease for adding one life to two was £30 which was £5 more than the previous fine. His son John is to be the second named. The same rent & covenants will continue as the surrendered lease.

The local attorneys to deliver seisin & possession are Peter & John Tucker, maltsters of Moretonhampstead.

He has not been informed of the exact fine yet.

Outside:

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Certificate of Lessees for Life being alive & Letter etc 1751

Mr Sam[ue]l Norris Audit[o]r to the Dean and Chapt[e]r of C[hrist] Church Canterbury

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Inside:

S[i]r

pursuant to y[ou]r L[etter], in answ[e]r to mine, inclosed I've sent a Certificate of Mr. John & Elias Babbacomb[e]'s Health, satisfactorily attested I hope, Dr Fynes the Rect[or], and one of the Church Wardens, (Mr J[oh]n Babbacombe being the other) my Father, (w[h]o is cheerfull and brisk, less affected with the Gout than formerly, tenders y[o]u his best Complim[en]ts, an honest Farm[er]

of this parish, another, w[h]o is a Constable, and Mr John Saunders, and myself (its' likely Dr Griffith, to whom please to give my humble Service, may not have forgot, to have seen Mr Saunders, and me, when here I having subscribed it, and its veracity may be relyed on. and also, a Terrier signed by Mr Babbacombe, w[hi]ch I'm in Hopes will likewise prove Satisfactory, The variation of the words from, 'to 'the Steward,' to the Auditor etc make no materiall Difference to the Lessee, to give a Terrier,- If 'tis not done, I desire you im[m]ediately to get the Fine fixed, for adding the Life, and to Let me know ~~immediatly~~ if liked, The money, surrend[er] and old Lease, shall be instantly sent to my Agent , Mr Lyle Moxham of Lyons Inn. London, with Directions, The Fine of the last Lease, for one Life,after Two amounted to, £30.0.0. it seems,w[hi]ch exceeded the former by £5.0.0.-----The Lease, if taken, is to be granted, to, and to the use of the s[ai]d John Babbacombe, his Heirs and assigns, for his Life, and for the Life of John his son, (secondly to be named aged.10 Years at Mich[el]mas last and the s[ai]d Elias Babbacombe, und[er] the same Rent & Cov[enant]s (other than as above) in the Lease now to be Surrendered, and therein named for Attorneys to deliver Seizen & po[sse]ssion, Peter Tucker,and John Tucker,both of Moretonhampstead Maltsters. This I thought not amiss to mention, that if to be done, it might be compleated, as of this Chapt[er], tho' as yet,I have no account of the Fine, on which the whole depends w[h]o am

S[I]r your most obed[ient] serv[ant]
Ed[ward] Whitefield

Moretonhampstead
December 9 1751