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DOC 1 / CCA-U63/70258-1

TEXT SUMMARY

Letter to Mr Storr {*Canterbury auditor*} from Richard Medland Germon {*Leign tenant*} written from Leign 13/11/1829

As requested by his friend Jackson, has had Coldridge (also used by Gregory to go over Doccombe) to survey Liegn now in his possession.

His way rate for years has been £4 to £ 4.10s per year

Repairs entered as £7 pa by Colridge never been less than £20 pa since he purchased it from his father in 1813.

Would give anyone £21 pa to keep it in its present condition for next 14 years to be in his possession.

Lords woods divided in 1813 in proportion to each estate. he has 10 acres of coppixce in St Thomas Clift.

Those woods for his use for house boot, fire boot & repairs to houses, buildings & hedges.

But those woods very inferior – in act not a tree in them for 30 years that worth 10s & probably for upto 90 years. So no use for repairs etc.

He has spent a lot on improvements e.g. draining, blowing up rocks, building stone fences, improving the hedgerows, removing large heaps of stone from fields.

Coldridge's valuation too high. last year a badcrop & this year bad harvest make it worth half his valuation.

Had it valued few years ago for tythewhen produce prices higher than now as £73.1.4d.

Wants to D&C to take all this into account before fixing fine at lowest for Jackson to buy it.

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Letter to Thomas Storr, esquire, solicitor of Canterbury. From J Jackson, New City Chambers, London. dated 17/11/1829

SUMMARY

Re purchase of another life on the Leign Estate. He has sent Coldridge's survey & estimate of the estate e with baptisms & certificates of the life which his cousin Richard Germon, the present occupier, wishes to buy.

Has also enclosed solicitor's letter re. when last bought lifeas thinks Coldridge's valuation for rent too high as he has not given sufficient weight to outgoings.

Stresses good condition of estate thanks to present tenant who is considered best farmer in neighbourhood. Aged 45, he has had it in his family for 90-100 years. D7C to consider this when setting fine for new life.

{Note at end}

Thomas Storr esquire

Coldridge had not taken into account tythes in out goings.

{On address side}

£124 6s 4d x 2 = £248.12s.8d

£248.12s.8d + £62.3s.2d *{i.e. 25%}* = £310.15s.10d

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Testimonial

John son of Nicholas Germon was baptised on 22/11/1781. Taken from Moretonhampstead Parish Register. W. Clack Rector

John Germon is residing in my parish in good health. W. Clack Rector

28/03/1799 Nicholas Germon baptised, son of Nicholas Germon. W. Clack Rector

{Note at bottom}

'It is likely that the new life will be Nicholas Germon my son and nephew of Nicholas Germon named in the present lease.' Signed by Richard Medland Germon

{Another note}

'I should like to know if they would grant my two sons' lives (& for how much) in lieu of my eldest brother John's life. Nicholas is aged 14 and Richard 6 years.' Signed R M Germon

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Testimonial

31/12/1822 Richard, son of Richard Medland Germon & Susanna Germon of Leign, yeoman, baptised. Taken from Moretonhampstead Parish Register. W. C. Clack Rector

DOC 5 / CCA-U63/70258-5

Testimonial

That the Reverend Nicholas Germon, clerk, MA, youngest son of the late Nicholas Germon, esquire of Leign, is living at this time in Manchester and in good health. 21/10/1829. Witness Thomas Stansfield, Thomas Barnes & Thomas Todd