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## **SUMMARY OF TEXT**

### **FROM GEORGE GREGORY TO EDWARD BENSON AUDITOR**

The D&C of C having disposed of their timber on Lelaugh to the purchaser Mr Mainwaring.

Mainwaring ordered the binds to be cut from the bark in the woods which Gregory holds from D&C. This has caused considerable damage ^& will cause more when they cut binds for the tops of the trees.

The lease granted to Gregory from D&C for all the woods & underwoods in the manor for a term of 20 years. 14 years still to go. He pays 5s pa. on condition of leaving so many standers as by the laws of the realm. Also leaves a third part of the woods with at least 7 years' growth.

In order to preserve the woods Gregory purchased binds for most of the timber for repairs.

Wants instruction from D&C how to proceed against Mainwaring as he does not understand why they gave Mainwaring permission to cut the wood when they are leased to Gregory.

He asks about the common custom of the Church's woods because Mr Germon who farms Lelaugh claims custom of cutting houseboot, spars, binds, frith & stakes. The other tenants wish to follow his example & cut the wood where it is most convenient to them. If this is their right Gregory thinks woods worth worse than nothing to him.

Wants D&C to give him power to appoint woodwarden to have oversight of the woods that the tenants will not make unnecessary waste.

The D&C have reserved to themselves the timber in the woods – if the tennats continue their present claim, they will not leave a single tree.

Mr White can confirm the state woods which I showed him & that he disapproved of.

The tenants pay 2d each pa for their right.