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SUMMARY:

Letter from Dr Nicholas Hall of Cowick Barton, Exeter on June 22nd 1719 in reply to a letter from Rev Dr Stanhope, Dean at Canterbury telling him that the terrier he had sent him previously to be accurate in quality & value of the acres. He does not know what his father told Dr Stanhope but it must be a mistake & he knows nothing of a £100 Fine. The woods are not worth anything due to the tenants' customs for which his father took them to Court but lost to his great cost. None of the manor is vacant as all tenanted out on Lives & widowhoods.

TRANSCRIPTION

Outside:

1719 Mr Hall at Cowick near Exon Doccomb[e] Letter

For Mr Norris att his House in Christ Church Canterbury

Inside:

June 22[n]d 1719

S[i]r

In answer to a letter from the Reverend Dr Stanhope your Dean, I must say that the terreare that I have sent, I think to be just and true both as to the quality of acres and the vallue as for w[ha]tt my father told the Dr I know nothing <of> but I am sure there is a mistake one side or the other, I acquainted <Mr Dean> concerning the woods that they are nothing worth, by reason of the tenants costomes, against w[hi]ch my father stood triall but was cast w[i]th great cost besides I affirm the woods are no more then w[ha]tt I sent up, as for the £100 fine I know nothing of it, but <that> the man (who gave it) and his money was soon parted, this is all I can say, and if you will not beleive (*sic*) <it> must endeavour to gett better informa tion and upon triall I make no doubt but they will thinke that they might well have saved themselves that trouble I <hope> the Chapter consider the holding, none of the estate in my hand but all out on lives w[i]th

widdowhoods, this is all (? *oblit.*) from
Your humble serv[an]t

Nic[holas] Hall

You may direct for Mr Nic[holas]: Hall
att Cowicke near Exon
pray excuse blotts etc