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SUMMARY;

Letter, dated 15th December 1814 from Richard Medland Germon, tanner, of Leign to the D & C's surveyor Mr White about a rumour that the D & C plan to sell the estate. He has it for 3 lives (Mary Jackson, 53, John Germon, 34 & Nicholas Germon 16) & wishes to continue & will purchase it if needed at the lowest price, especially after all the fines his father & his predecessors paid.

TRANSCRIPTION

Outside:

Th Rev[eren]d The Dean & Chapter

Canterbury

Kent

post paid

December 15th 1814

Inside:

Dec[ember] 15th 1814

Mr White Sir,

The liberty I have taken of addressing you I trust will not be deemed improper, when you are apprized of my intentions – a report being in circulation that it is the intention of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury to sell the Fee of the Mannor of Docombe. I am the present occupier of an estate called Leign, by assignment of my late Father by a lease from the Dean an[d] Chapter on three lives Mary Jackson aged about 53 John Germon aged about 34 and Nicholas Germon aged about 16 and which are all living, have to beg that you will endeavour to ascertain the lowest price that will be taken for the above mentioned Estate

I should hope as you were kind enough to offer to under
my father my assistance in your power you will
not withdraw it from me and when you consider
the different sums as Fines etc paid by my Father and
his Predecessors I should think that you will coincide
with me that it is but a reasonable request
(should it be their determination) to grant me
the refuse, and if we can come to an agreement
I shall feel great pleasure in becoming the
purchaser – I am sorry to put you to so much
trouble but shall feel obliged by your giving
me an answer to this as
soon as convenient
and I shall at all times feel great pleasure in
accomodating you by any thing in my
power – The report may be totally without
foundation, if so I shall feel perfectly satisfied
by your so saying as I have always understand
that it was not disposable property

With respects to your son
I remain Sir
your h[umble] Serv[an]t
R[ichard] M[edland]. Germon

To Mr J. White
Surveyor
The Rev[eren]d The Dean & Chapter
Canterbury
Kent

Please direct
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