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SUMMARY:

Letter to Hon George Pellew, Nov 4th 1828 from Ralph Barnes, Chapter Clerk at Exeter, after forwarding a letter from George Pellew to Gregory about releasing the manor in 2 sections, one with the manor without the woods & the other for the woods alone with the fencing off the woods from the manor lands covenanted in. Those copyhold rights in the woods would not be renewed to the copyholders & the others remaining would die out. He is not sure of the law with the extinguishment of these copyhold rights but still go ahead. Mr Gregory could manage the woods & be a good steward, & accelerate the extinguishment of the wood rights but the main owner should remain the D & C Rev Gregory had said the 2 woods were about 80 acres & if the copyholder rights were removed the woods would be worth averaging over 20 to 30 years £50 a year besides the timber especially grown there.

Outside

Exeter November four 1828

The Hon[ourable] & Rev[erend] George Pellew

Precincts Canterbury ?Phehewick

Inside:

Dear Sir

I received your Letter of the 23rd October enclosing yours to Mr Gregory which appears to me perfectly correct, and I have forwarded it. I apprehend you grant two Leases one of the Manor, the Woods Excepted the other of the Woods . The second Lease on our supposition would not be granted and in the Manor Lease you would insert proper Covenants to fence the Woods against the Manor Lands. As to the Copyhold rights still subsisting in the Woods Mr Gregory would Covenant not to grant any such rights in the future leaving those subsisting to Expire. There may be some doubt how far strictly such Copyhold rights can by Law be extinguished but my advice would be to disregard such a Doubt altogether. I think that Mr Gregory may be induced to accelerate the extinguishing the {oblit} ?subsisting rights by his power over the Property and fold

{*oblit*} you gave him the management of the Woods fold
fold and some little advantage out of them he would fold
be a good voluntary Steward or a Lease might
be granted expressing the Management giving the Lessee some advantages
but preserving the main ownership to the Chapter. I learned from
Mr Gregory early in the Business that the two woods together about
eighty acres would if the Copyholders rights were gotten rid of be
worth on an average of 20 or 30 years £50 a year besides the
Timber that might be grown in the parts of them adapted for
the purpose. I have understood all along from Mr Gregory that
under any arrangement the Woods might be reserved to the Chapter
and I may say he has strongly recommended it.

I have taken the liberty of Enclosing an account of my charges
and Mr Coldridges. The amount may be paid at any time to Mes[ser]s
Hoares Bankers Fleet Street to my account, and I can send a
receipt to the Chapter.

I remain Dear Sir
your very ob[edient] Serv[ant]
Ralph Barnes

Exeter Nov[ember] 4th 1828

The Hon[ourable]
& Rev[erend] George Pellew