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SUMMARY:

14th May 1828 letter from Ralph Barnes Chapter Clerk at Exeter to Rev George Pellew, Dean at D & C. He will send a Rental or a document showing the state of the existing lives at Doccombe.

Mr Barnes is suggesting granting the present lien (i.e. a loan for something that will revert to the lender if the payments aren't kept up) & copyhold granting ability for the next 8 years then George Gregory will accept the lien terms i.e to end the copyholding method of renting the tenancies at last (after 8 years presumably) which has little profit for the D & C & this would benefit the woods & the land. There would be only 1 set of fees & the lien would be £300.

Outside:

The Hon Rev George Pellew

No 8 Mr Barnes advising a private act to remove any doubt ab[ou]t the statute

Inside:

14 May 1828

Dear Sir

I have sent the Copy of the Rent as to the Chaplin of Luke's Manor, and the full report as to Doccombe, to you at Canterbury. I will add a Rental or Particular shewing the state of the Lives which I omitted. If you apprehend of the principle of the granting to Mr Gregory of the present lien or liens & Copyhold grants and with a Consent to fill up any Life dropping in the 8 years to come, and Mr Gregory should as I think he would accept Lien Terms – Then in order to do away any

doubt arising on the statutes of your Church or otherwise- it might be work which to alein a short private act which I think could be aleined (if pressed so as to be only one double act & to pay any one set of fees which I think it might be) for say about £300. I can only repeat that the present seems to be the opportunity of making an end of this Holding which must continue to render the property so very little production to your Body besides that the alterations of the holding would as to the woods & the general improvements of the Land tend to much to the benefit of the Property itself & to the tenants of it.

I am Sir
your ob[edient] ser[vant]
Ralph Barnes
Exeter 14 May 1828