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SUMMARY:
Letter written in June 20th 1709 from Exeter. Letter about Doccomb[e] probably to Dean & Chapter of Canterbury from unknown writer. Reports back on the value of Doccombe manor. The courts are held only every two or three years. Cannot find out about Laskey's separate tenure of Leign – 'everyone is upon a guard'.

TRANSCRIPTION

Outside:

Rectory 1709

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Inside:

S[i]r

As I surmised, so it proves; for w[he]n I had enquired about
the Manor of Doccombe, & had <obtained> the following Account viz:
that is worth £300 p[er] an[num] at Rack Rent, & that the late Treasurer
had a Grant of it for 21 Years, whereof 6 years are run
out; & that his son will now sell it, & demands £1700
for his Remaining Term, bec[ause] divers Tenements are almost
run out, & falling near into hand. That the head Rent w[hi]ch
he paies the Chapter of Canterbury is £7 p[er] an[num]. That
it hath a Court-Leet & Court Baron, w[hi]ch is held but once
in two or three years, (although the Statute obliges that every
Court Leet shall be held twice every year & the Disuse
as well as the Abuse renders it liable to be seised by a
Quo Warranto.)

When I had this intelligence, I thought it would have pav[e]d
my Way to a further Information concerning Laskey's seper-
ate (sic) Tenure of The Leane, but I find every one
Upon a Guard, who I have been told have been proper Per-

sons to inform me & cannot yet learn any Thing to satisfaction, that I can think to impart to give you Content. Therefore I will try if I can find a third Person to enquire for you, & soon as I kno[w] anything worth communicating, I will transmit it to you, who w[i]th my best Respects, am

Dear S[i]r
Y[ou]r affectionate
humble Serv[an]t

{*signature ripped off*}

Exon Jun[e] 20th 1709