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SUMMARY:

Letter 1st June 1750, to Dr Griffiths, Dean of Canterbury at the Rectory at Eckington in Derbyshire from Samuel Norris, Chapter Clerk at Canterbury. He had had a letter from Mr Webber, chapter clerk at Exeter Cathedral, saying that the Tenant of Doccombe manor wished to renew the lease & will pay the same amount as the last renewal which was £50 for 7 years. At a sale of the manor a month ago £600 was the most offered (?not sold) The tenant from 1741 (i.e. 9 years) only received £50 from fines from the tenants. He implies that with the widowhoods with 3 lives the copyhold could last for 150 years.

TRANSCRIPTION

Outsides:

1750

Letter from Mr Norrish to Dr Griffiths 1750

To The Rev[eren]d Dr Griffith {*sic*}, Rectory of Eckington, near {*?illeg.*} Chesterfield, Derbyshire

That I should send the contents of the Letter to you, & have {*? oblit*} no answer til I have the Favour of your Sentiments on this perplexing Case I am

Sir

your most faithful Ser[van]t

Sam Norris

Inside:

Cant[erbury] 1 June 1750

Reverend Sir

By a Letter from Mr Webber of Exeter I am told that

the Tenant of Doccomb[e] manour is desirous of renewing, and would pay the

Fine set at last renewal, which was £50 for seven years out, with such Addition as

2 years & ½ come to beyond the 7 years and will not give more for a Fine.

and {*assumed – oblit.*} that the Price demanded on a Proposal of a Sale was not only for

the Dean

and *{assumed – oblit.}* Chapters Manour, but for the Lands lying intermixed therewith of £700 <value> That

the Tenant held a Survey for Sale of the Manour a Month ago; and £600 was the most that was offered, tho' at p[re]sent upwards of £50 a year for in Hand; but he asks what what will it be worth when fully leased out with the Inconvenience of Widow's Freebench w[hi]ch he says may last 150 years; and he adds that the p[re]sent Possessor from 1741 has rec[eiv]ed but £50 for Fines out of the Manour. all this is from Mr Webber; and laying it before the Dean, to know what answer.

Answer I shall return, the Dean *{oblit.}* to the Prebendaries; and they seem to agree