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Letter to Job Lane from John Lane

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 but my love to you @ your wife @ to
 the rest of our friends. I remaine your
 loving Cousin until death
 John Lane

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Cousin Job,

I have been mindful of your business; I have been several times with the lord of the manor to search the court rolls, and he promised me he would see it himself. I preferred him to pay for the searching of them, but he would not admit of any to search the court rolls but himself. About a week since I was with him and he told me that he cannot find the surrender that my uncle George Lane made to my uncle John Lane. I received a letter from you about a month since, by which I understand that you desire to know how my cousin Baker has disposed of the estate, and I so understand she did surrender it into the hands of the Lord of the manor, and then did take it up for her own life to one Mathew Baker, kinsman of William Baker, and I think the land is past recovery. Mrs. Mary Gould (?) is yet living and remains single still. Henry Gould is dead, almost a year since. Strange you write so short giving no account whether the heathen be yet subdued or not, neither anything concerning your own family nor my sisters. I should have writ more at length, but that you write so short. Not else at present but my love to you and your wife and the rest of our friends. I remain your loving cousin until death,

John Lane