

#56 March 23, 1697/8

Letter to John Dickinson from John Lane informing him of Job Lane's death



Loving Kinsman

It is my great unhappyness that it so soon falls to my lott to be concerned in the affaire, concerning the Rents if the Lands in Old England, which you have been for sometime betruusted with the management of, for my honored father Job Lane, who deceased on the 23'd day of August last, (God's will be done) he desired me before his Death to gett my Uncle Fox to write for me to England after his decease; Because his hand was known to you: perseiving by your last letter, bearing Date April 16, 1695 and November 3, 1695 that his bearing Date November 30 94 so far differed from the hand that used to write, that you did not feel reason to pay the last Bills of 20 pounds which was order to Mrs Francis Thompson in case there were so much due; the hand did indeed something differ; & there was a reason for it; but you may be assured hereby, that they were really his bills, drawn by his order in Boston whilst he was at home. But shee hath been in this country, & things are ordered otherwise now & therefore nothing to be paid to her henceforward. I humbly thank you for your care and faithfulness in that matter. The 10 pounds which you paid to Mrs Thompson was the last that my father received. Now sir for as much as by my Fathers will which is proved, and enrolled in the Records of Middlesex where of I am sole Executor being the only Male heir of his Body and made therein the sole heir of his Lands in England, I humbly crave you would please to send me account of what is due, in Rents belonging to me. I doo

heartly desire you to manage that affair for me as you did for my father, and doo hearby empower you, as amply as he did, always allowing you all reasonable satisfaction, for all your care and trouble, from time to time. In one of your letters to Francis Thompson February 9 1694 you inserted that their was something above 10 pounds due and yet that the Rent day is March 25th. I desire you would send what is due in Alamode, 20 Ells Kertin 4 pieces, good fine holland 6 Ells of New fashion stuffs 5 pieces two of which I would have of a solid colour very good & fine for my mother and wifes own ware, a Large Bible of a very good and large print in quarto a piece of course holland, a piece of good Devonshire Carsey for my own wear, 2 pieces of other carsey fitt for service, & halves a douzen yards of good Broadcloth if there be so much due. Please to understand that my father sent two letters which were taken by the French. Another sined was written but prevented from sending by Mrs Thompson coming over. My father's long illness did much indispose him for this buisness for some time considerable before his death. I have through Gods goodness,

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besides 2 that I buried, 6 children, Susanna, Mary, Job, John, Martha, James, my honored mother with my wife and self give our service to you & yours, committing you all to the protection of God, I subscribe my self

with my own hand  
your loving kinsman to command  
John Lane