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Letter, Joseph Dickinson to John Lane



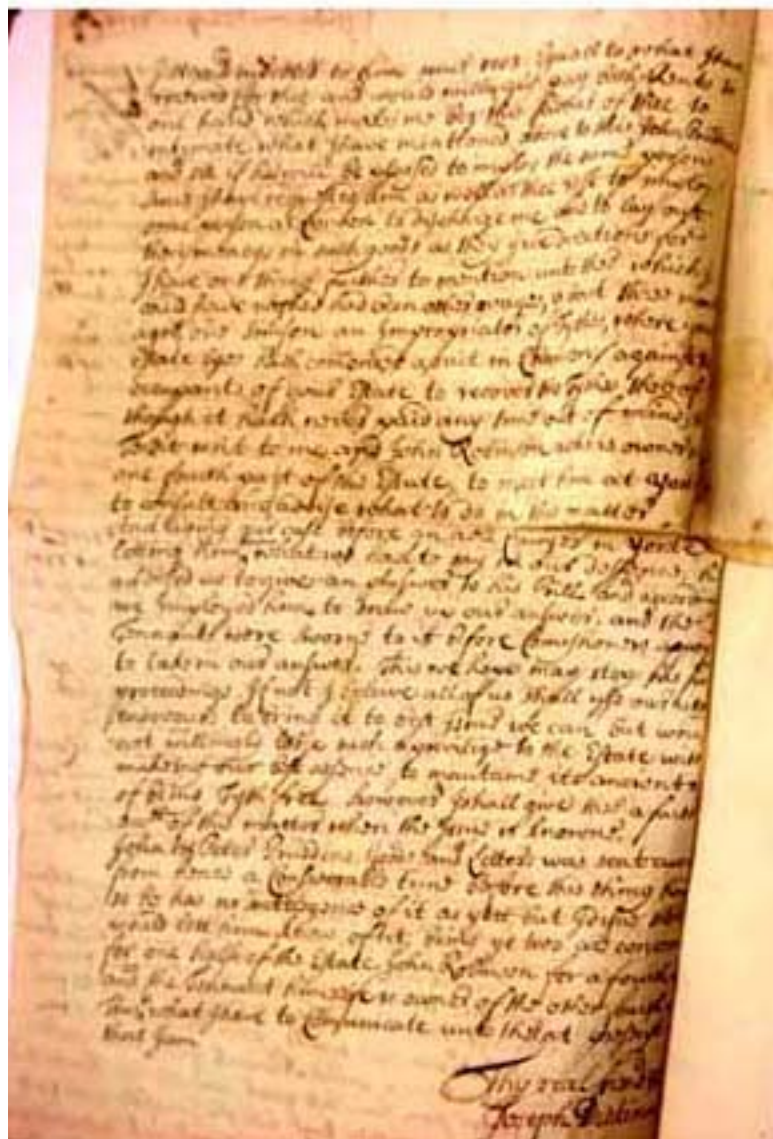
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Cousin John Lane

I rec'd thy letter of the 26th of October last with a power of Attorney to quallife me to act and manage thy affairs in these parts, which I trust I shall faithfully do, And whereas I have formerly desired that some honest and substantiall person living in London might be appoynted to receive the rents of me and give me a discharge so far as I paid, and then to lay out your moneys and send away your goods according to directions who hath an opportunity of doing it to your advantage beyond what I can pretend to And Bro. John hath so much buseness of his own that he is unwilling at all to be troubled with that concerne as I have formerly hinted, so by this letter according to my request I am ordered to pay what moneyes comes to my hand out of thy estate in these parts to Mr. John Love and Mr. John Metcalfe Merchants in London, and have the same orders from Eleazer Kingsbery & at the same time, which is to my satisfaction believing (tho unknowne) that they may be safe and substantial men quallified to officiate your concerns to advantage and content. Now I have already rec'd on thy acc'tt for the year 1704 £10 and in the latter end of May next I am taken for the year 1705 £10 more which as soune [soon] as it comes to my hands I intend either to pay or return by billl into the hands of the persons above mentioned for thy use, and so continue once in two years allways to discharge myself of what comes to my hands, And as often as

any effects comes to thy hands from the persons above mentioned, so often I would have thee to writ me a letter that the rents I have paid Mr Love & Metcalfe on thy acc'tt are come safe to thy hands in such goods as they had orders to send it in to satisfaction, And that will confirme my discharge from them to my satisfaction.

I could wish that John and Peter Prudden who are joynt heirs in the same estate with thee and receive the like value of rent yearly might have some recommendations of these same persons from thee that they might imploy them to receive they rents also, which would be more satisfaction to me than paying it to severall hands, John Prudden lives in East Jersey at a towne called Newark near New Yorke We had a letter from him last year and all his Effects that was due to him in fathers time till the end of the year 1703 is now coming to his hands in such goods as he gave ord's for.



I stand indebted to him since 1703 equall to what I have received for thee and would willingly pay both rents to one hand which makes me beg this favour of thee to intemate what I have mentioned above to this John Prudden and see if he will be pleased to imploy the same persons since I have requested him as well as thee best to imploy some person at London to discharge me and to lay out their money in such goods as they give directions for. I have one thing further to mention unto thee which I could have wished had been other ways, about three months agoo, one Simson an impropiator of Tyths, where you estate lyes hath comened a suit in Chancery against the occupants of your estate to recover the tyths thereof though it hath never paid any time out of mind, the tenant writ to me and John Robinson who is owner of one forth part of the Estate, to meet him at York^e [Yorkshire] to consult and advise what to do in this matter And laying our case before and able lawyer in York^e letting him know what we had to say in our deffense, he advised us to give an answer to his bill and accordingly we employed him to drae up our answer , and the tenants were sworn to it before Comisheners appoynted to take in our answers. This we hope may stop his further proceedings. If not I believe all of us shall use our [? *paper is taped and folded here*] endevoures to bring it to best issue we can but would not willingly loose such a provolige to the estate without making our best defence to maintain its ancient [? *paper is taped and folded here*] of being tyth free however I shall give thee a further account of this matter when the issue is knows. John & Peter Pruddens goods and letters was sent away from here in considerable time before this thing hath [? *paper is taped and folded here*] so he has no intelegence of it as yett, but I disire

there [*? paper is taped and folded here*] would lett him know of it,
being ye two are cone [*? paper is taped and folded here*] for one
half of the estate, John Robinson for a fourth [*? paper is taped
and folded here*] and the tenant himselfe is owner of the other
fourth [*? paper is taped and folded here*]. This is what I have to
communicate unto thee at present.

that I am

Thy real friend & [*? paper is taped and folded here*]
Joseph Dickinson