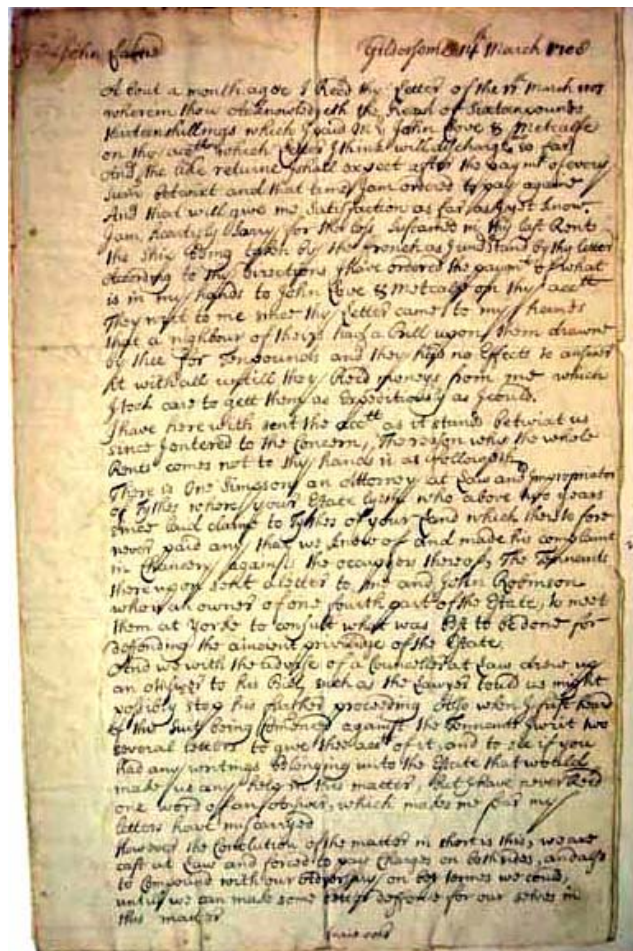


#65 March 14, 1708

Letter to John Lane from Joseph Dickinson, Gilderson, concerning dispute over land ownership

with attached letter dated April 21, 1709 from Lane & Metcalfe



Gildersome 14th March 1708

John Lane

About a month agoe I rec'd thy letter of the 17th March 1707 wherein thou acknowledgeth the receipt of sixteen pounds thirteen shillings which I paid Mssr. John Love & Metcalfe on thy acc'tt which letter I think will discharge me so far And the like returne I shall expect after the paym't of every sum betwixt and that time I am ordered to pay against And that willl give me satisfaction as far as I yet know I am heartily sorry for the loss sustained in thy last rents the ship being taken by the French as I understand by thy letter According to thy directions I have ordered the paym't of what is in my hands to John Love & Metcalfe on thy acc'tt They writ to me since thy letter came to my hands that a nighbour of theirs had a Bill upon them drawne by thee for ten pounds and they had no effects to answer it withall until they rec'd moneys from me which I took care to gett them as expeditiously as I could. I have herewith sent the acc'tt as it stands betwixt us since I entered to the concern, The reason why the whole rents comes not to thy hands is as followeth

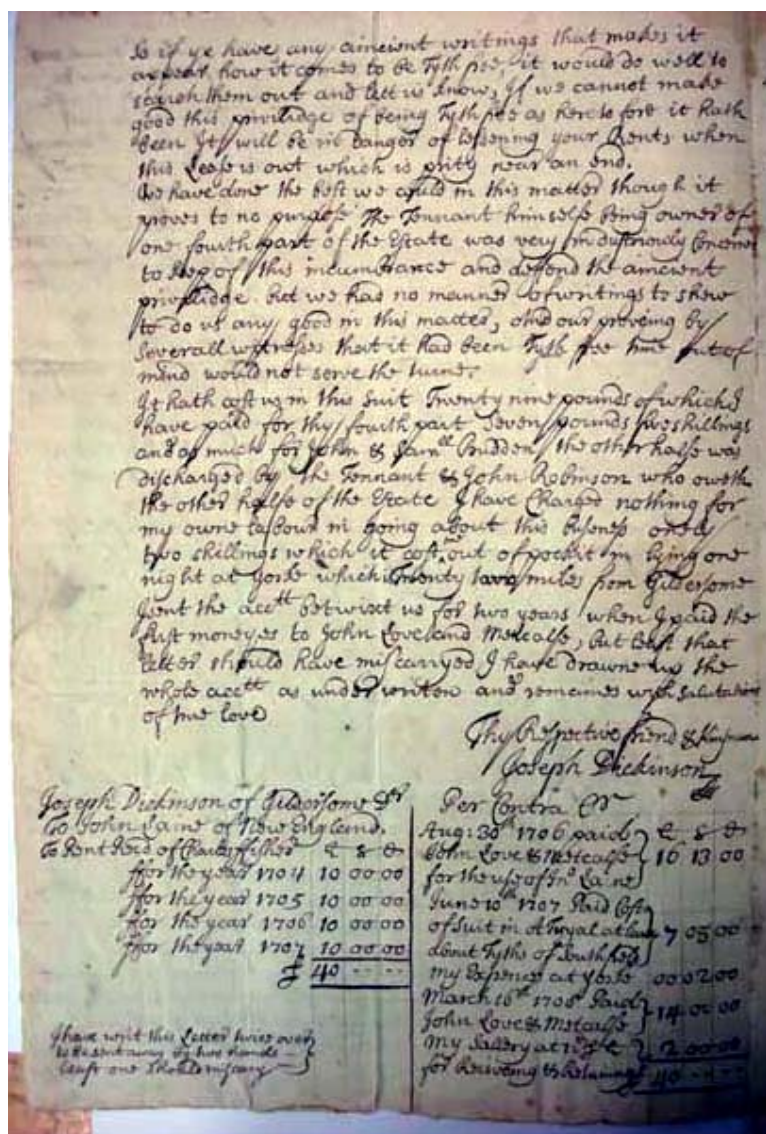
There is one Simpson an Attorney at Law and Impropiator of Tythes where your Estate lyeth who above two years since laid claime to Tythes of your land which thereto fore never paid any that we know of and made his complaint in Chancery against the occupyors thereof, The tennants thereupon sent a letter to me and John Robinson who is an owner of one fourth part of the Estate, to meet them at York to consult what was best to be done for defending the aincient priviledge of the Estate.

And we with the advise of a Counciller at Law drew up an Answer to his Bill, such as the lawyers tould us might possibly stop his further proceeding

Also when I first heard of this suit being comenced against the Tennents I writ two several letters to give thee acc'tt of it, and to see if you had any writings belonging unto the Estate that would make us any help in this matter, but I have never rec'd one word of an answer, which makes me fear my letters have miscarried

However the conclusion of the matter in short is this, we are cast at law and forced to pay charges on both sides, and also to compound with our Adversary on best terms we could, untill we can make some better defense for our selves in this matter

turn over



So if ye have any aincient writings that makes it appear how it comes to be Tyth free, it would do well to search them out and lett us know, If we cannot make good this priviledge of being Tyth free as heretofore it hath been it will be in danger of lessening your Rents when this lease is out which is prity near an end.

We have done the best we could in this matter though it proves to no purpose The Tennant himselfe being owner of one fourth part of the Estate was very industriously concerned to keep of this incumberabce and deffend the aincient priviledge - but we had no manner of writings to show to do us any good in this matter, And our proveing by severall witnesses that it had been Tyth free time out of mind would not serve the turne.

It hath cost us in this suit Twenty nine pounds of which I have paid for thy fourth part seven pounds two shillings and as much for John & Sam'll Prudden the other half was discharged by the Tennant [apparently Charles Fisher] & John Robinson who oweth the other halfe of the Estate I have charged nothing for my owne labour in going abouth this business only two shillings which it cost me out of pockit in lying one night at Yorke which is twenty two miles from Gildersome I sent the acc't betwixt us for two years when I paid the first moneyes to John Love and Metcalfe, but least that letter should have miscarryed I have drawn up the whole acc't as underwritten and remain with salutations of much love

Thy Respective friend & Kinsman
Joseph Dickinson

Joseph Dickinson of Gildersome D^r
to John Laine of New England.

To Rent Rec'd of Charles Fisher	£	s	d
for the year 1704	10	00	00
for the year 1705	10	00	00
for the year 1706	10	00	00
for the year 1707	10	00	00
	<u>£40</u>	--	--

I have writ this letter twice over to be sent away by two hands – least one should miscarry

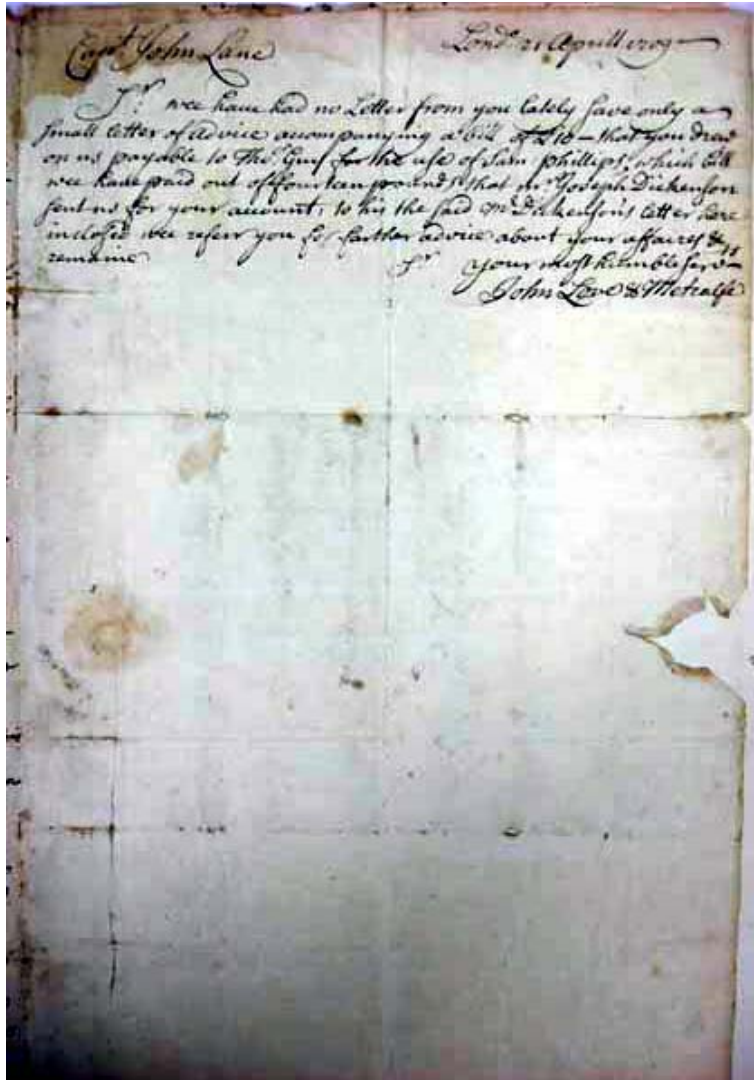
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Aug: 30th 1706 paid John Love & Metcalfe for the use of John Laine	16 13 00
June 10th 1707 paid cost of suit in a Tryal at law about Tyths of Southfield	7 05 00
My expenses at Yorke	00 02 00
March 16th 1708 paid John Love & Metcalfe	14 00 00
my sallery at [?n'dL tr]	<u>2 00 00</u>
for receiving & returning	<u>£ 40 -- --</u>

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Capt John Lane

London 21 April 1709

Sir: we have had no letter from you lately save only a small letter of advice accompanying a bill of £10 – that you drew on us payable to Tho: Grey for the use of Sam: Phillips, which bill we have paid out of fourteen pounds that Mr Joseph Dickenson sent us for your account: to his the said Mr Dickenson's letter here inclosed we refer you for farther advice about your affaires & remaine

Sr. your most humble serv^{ts}
John Love & Metcalfe