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INTRODUCTION.

AMONG the manuscript treasures of the Bodleian Library is a collection known as the Tanner Papers. It was formed and left to the Library by the Rev. Thomas Tanner, who died Bishop of St. Asaph in 1735. He was a devoted antiquary and an eager collector of old letters and documents of all kinds. There is an elaborate catalogue of the collection, which comprises 467 numbers, described in a folio volume of 1176 pages. A large part of the Bishop's life was passed in the Diocese of Norwich, and therefore much of his collection relates to East Anglia and East Anglian families. In it are the following letters relating to the family of Appleton of Little Waldingfield, the immediate relatives of Samuel Appleton, who came to New

England. The Bishop undoubtedly obtained them direct from the family, for his second wife was Frances, born 1687-8, daughter of Jacob Preston, who was plainly son of Jacob Preston, who married, in 1639, Frances, daughter of Sir Isaac Appleton and niece of Samuel of New England. The letters were copied for me many years ago by Colonel Chester, and though not specially important, I have decided to carry out an intention of long standing and have a few copies printed. The list of them gives the titles as they are found in the catalogue, with correction of a few slight mistakes.

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1.

GOOD S^R ISACK

glad would I bee that I mought but have occasion in any thing to shew some part of that love which I shall ever bee owing you, but so it is that I am not at all acquaynted with Doctor Newcom nether any freind that I have in Cambridge to my knowledge ; wherfore I could not goe to him with any hope to have effected any thing, yet at the last bethinking my selfe I thought of Doctor Dewport, with whom though my acquayntance bee but small, yet I resolved rather to have come to him then that nothing should bee effected — wherupon wee resolved that M^r Lindsell should goe first alone to Doctor Newcom, and then if hee did not prevayle, I would goe to the other Doctor to move him. Since this evening I understand by Mr. Lindsell who hath beene with the Doctor that his indifferent tractable to use meanes that Mr. Lindsell should bee no looser, but hee would have them come presently to an agreement, that the other mought presently have some

part of the tythes this yeere which perceyving to bee cleane contrary to your minde, beeing that hee should by this meanes come into possession agayne, I persuaded M^r Lindsell in no case to yeeld to an agreement: which if hee doe not there will bee no danger in regard of the revocation of the sequestration, because it was nether given by the judge nor his deputy according to forme of law, nether was there lawfull notice heerof given M^r Lindsell as his attorney heere at Cambridge informeth him as hee will tell you more at large. Therefore I thinke as there is no danger though the Doctor will not bee persuaded, so I am afraid that hee is wrought so soundly by the other part that Doctor Dewport will hardly bee able to persuade him against his profitt: howsoever I am resolved in the morning according to purpose to goe to Doctor Dewport. Thus wishing you good successe in all your affayres, comending my selfe hartely unto you and the rest of your company though unknowne excusing my selfe for not coming because my litle nag is ether strayed or stolen of the greene, expecting your happy returne into Cambridgeshyre I comitt you all to the protection of the Almighty

Your very loving brother

Emm: Coll.

ANTH: CAGE.

Aug. 24

1608

2.

WORTHIE SIR,

I thinke my selfe much beholden vnto you for your kinde Remembrance of me; concerninge the monies you write of, if it please you to let me vnderstande from you, of whom the same may be had, and the time when I may receiue it, I will prouide my selfe to giue him such securitie as he shall (Reasonably) desire, eyther by bonde with sufficient suerties or by morgage of Landes as he shall best like of; And will paie him his vse euery halfe yeare; And if he shall haue occatione to vse the principall monie I will repaie it upon three monethes warninge. Sir let the ptie rest most assured that he shall finde me to deale honestly and justly with him, And that the monie that he shall put into my hands shall be most truely repaid: I cane haue it at diuerse handes, to repaie at: 12: monethes; but my desire is (for many respectes) to take it for two or three yeares: Thus desiringe that I may by this messenger receiue your kinde answer and direction concerninge the p̄misses; my true loue and hartie salut[ation] beinge Remembred vnto you and your worthy Ladie [I] leaue you her and all yours vnto God's most safe prot[ection] and Rest

Your louinge kin[sman and]

[H]itcham October

true ffrinde

the 23th 1625

GEORGE WALDEGRAUE

3.

S^R

I remember when you and I did meete at boxted you towlde me you cowlde euery weake sende to my Cussin Smith by sum of your neyghbours which wente to Norwich; in remembrans wheareof I hane sente you this inclosed letter desyeringe you to conueie it to him as you maye conueniently; this letter upon the receypte of one from him wheare in he doth truly acknowledge the occasion of breach which yett he can not helpe and doth thearefor mutch trouble him to procede from sumthinge in him selfe, I sente unto him to lundon; but he beinge goone from thense the letter was agayne returned unto me; in this letter he shall see what opinion his neyghbours helde of this breach before any breach was knowne of, and allso how willinge and contented I am to forbear farther spech with him in this his pntended match excepte I moughte have fownde more reall dealinge then I can pceyue he ever intended; he hath doone mutch wronge both to my selfe and my grandechilde and not the leaste to your noble selfe in makinge you an instrumente of settinge his never intended match on foote; I doo thus far agre with the opinion of those gent: of norf: as I proteste before god I beleue he neuer intended any marieage with us but only to worcke his owne endes entered this parly; well S^r I will

haue it I haue paid to this barer ij^{ti} according to your letur
thus with my servis to you & your ladie I will ever rest

Your assured ffriend

Myldinhall this: 20^o
of May 1633

THO: GEE

5.

COSEN

I have sent you here inclosed a letter two my Lady Jermine
and by this berer the 700^{tt}, be plesed two favor me so much as
two deliver the letter and pay the monny and take Sr Tho:
or my Ladyes hande two this note w^{ch} retorne me in a letter
by this berer; if you have any business in the cuntry wherin I
may serve you cummand me who desires rather two eckspese
my selfe in aktions then wordes two those I love in w^{ch} you
have so greate a schare as you shall ever find me

Chilton
this 2 of
March
1635

Your triue and faithfull
friend and kinsman

R CRANE

You may lett my Lady knowe that for this fortnight I have
had it I will paye the use to my Cosin Alington w^{ch} schare
may abate to him.

To his loving friend
and kinsman Isake

Appelton Esq. be

these

London

2^o of March 1635.

6.

GOOD COSSEN

the distanc of place bars friend from sight and conferanc one with an other which were a graet comfort but I must confes my selfe faltye that I haue not in this way more often presented my loue to you to hom beesides the bond of nature I haue bin soe much beholding to for curtecyes which although I am hopeles to be able to requite yet I shall neuer faile to aknowlidge.

Cossen when I did see you last we had some words conserning mony remaining in your hands which M^r Eure was made aquanted with and I soppose you exspect to here from me my desier wher it should be payed, The monyes all come in ; the accountes cast vp ; your selfe alowed what mony you haue layed forth in my business or any loss in the monyes coming in ; soe as your selfe is saued harmless in all respects of charge conserning me, the remainder I am willing M^r Eure should reseue it, thus much I signifye to you at this tyme the rather because I know if things be soe prepared as it sutes with your acasesions it would come oportunely to M^r Eure in regarde of his layings forth at his reading I pray misstake me not I doe not respect my owne conuenienc and neglect yours if the mony be not come all into your hand that you may make your acounts euen I hasten it not but leaue to you for the tyme as it may be conueniant for you I remember my louing

respects to you and doe hartlye pray for all happenes to you
as

I pray remember my kind

love to my cossen ffrancis your treuly loueing Aunt

MARTHA EURE

gatlye parke

this 22 of Jenuary

1637

To her very loveing

and much esteemed

Cossen Isaac Appleton

Esq^r

7.

S^r

Accordinge to my promise I haue by my man sent M^r Ryce
his will together with a Com^{on} directed to M^r Lambert to give
her the oath, that soe it may passe the seale before the Court,
for fear of that w^{ch} I acquainted you wth, that w^{ch} now is to be
done is, that M^{ris} Allen be presently sent for, & also M^r Lam-
bert, & that he doth give her the oath accordinge to this
Com^{on}, I shall not need to give any further directions about
the dispatch of this Act in regard my man will stay the ex-
pediting of it, & to bringe it back againe himselfe, if he come
time enough to night, it were not amisse that it were dis-
patcht this night, but if he doe not, it will suffice that she &

Mr Lambert be wth you to-morrowe morninge very early when I haue appointed my man to attend the busines againe, & soe to come away wth it for Bury.

I shold be glad to hear of the retorne of yo^r messenger from Deo^r Smith, & of his answeare, one thinge if you please to consider upon, that the six monethes are almost expired, since Mr Willis his death, & whether that may preiudice, it is a disputeable matter, if it be o^r good fortune to have a presentacion I shall proceede to save it from the laps upon that poynt, Soe I take my leave remaying

Yo^r worps most observant

W. COLMAN.

Bury, vlt Nov.

1638

To the right wort^h
Mr Isack Appleton
Esq^r at little
Waldingfeild these
present.

8.

S^R

I returned to Cambridg last Saterdag through the waters & floods & gott a great could so as I was forced to keep in & take a little gentle phisick, & this day we receiued Mr. Cages letter. first as for the vicaridg of Preston, Emmanuel

Colledge is now more sollicitous & troubled wth Mr Copingers uniust possessiō then my daughter is, for their counsell tells them that he being instituted by M^r William Hobarts title as heyre at Comōn Lawe doth & will cleane barr their colledg foreuer by this vsurpacōn & carry the patronage to him & his heyres if Mr. Copinger be not cast out. And to cast him out they haue earnestly 4 or 5 times moued me, to ioyne wth my Lord Bishop of Killmore in Ireland (viz. M^r W. Bedell a cofeffee wth me & M^r Stansby) they are most assured of y^e Bishop to do anything for them, & of my knowledg haue allready writt to Dr. Holdsworth to write to the Bishop to make a letter of Attornye to me & to D^r Holdsworth y^e M^r & to M^r Clark p^rsident of Emanuell Colledg & to euery of vs ioyntly & seuerally to sue in any courte w^{soeuer} ag^t M^r Hobert & M^r Copinger to cast him out & to settle the Inheritance according to my brother Ryeeces pious intencōn. they haue allso writt a letter to my daughter Allen y^t she would not make any release to M^r Copinger but to ioyne wth the Bishop & me & their colledge, but they think (& so doe I) that my brother Samuell Apleton (by y^e lease w^{ch} my brother Ryece made him for 41 yeares) hath the best title of all the rest And are assured by counsell y^t if all these 3 seuerall titles (viz. my brother Samuels first, & secondly the feoffees, & thirdly the executrix) as they are all deriued from my brother Ryece, will faithfully ioyne together (as in conscience & equity they & wee all are bound & wilbe els compelled or

punished in chancery) ag^t M^r Hobart & M^r Copinger to establish my brother Ryece his pious Intention & graunt for the good of the colledge; that then there wilbe no question but all o^r forces laid & ioyned together wilbe vnconquerable. I am told y^t a bill will ly in starr-chamber ag^t M^r Hobert & M^r Copinger & their assistants for confederacy in these things, viz.

first to defraud the colledg of their Inheritance by this Vsurpaçõn of M^r Hobarts in seeking to draw the patronage to him & his heyres for euer, (which wilbe soe vnless M^r Copinger be remoued).

2^{ly} to make sure the sayd vsurpaçõn & to debarre vs frõ our course in law, they peured their Instituçõn to be concealed frõ recording, & vpon search the Bishops register denyed to shew his booke of instituçõns, p^testing there was no such instituçõn & to color his p^testaçõn he shewed a booke of subscriptions wherein euery one must subscribe his name by canon law before he shold be instituted & in this booke the Bishops Secretary left his name out by w^{ch} juggling wee caused a Caveat to be putt in against anie instituçõn of anie & gaue the Secretary a fee for it

Thirdly for their combinaçõn to overthrow my brother Ryecees will & by inserting scandalous & libellous defamacon, ag^t the dead & living & such as was altogether imptinent to the matter.

4^{ly} this will add something viz. their practise to gett M^r Munings p^sentaçõn into their handes p^tly by feare & p^tly by

other priuat consideraçõs w^{ch} I think some of Emanuell Colledg will sift out— And for all their pride they shall find that the colledg & the feoffees wilbe stronger then the best of their confederates & wthout all question will p̃uaile to haue the assistance of the Archbishop ag^t them & all the Judges & counsell table, if need should be, who haue euer beene Honorable & carefull to p̃serue the Inheritance of colledges & of such pious donaçõs as this is— And we all heere at Cambridge doe vnanimously agree that to countenance & strengthen o^r suite in law ag^t them, wee must pitch vpon some man of note & eminency to be p̃sented to the liuing when time comes (whereof yet there is no need at all till we p̃ceed in lawe) to take away all suspiçõs & clamors of all Aduersaries.

I haue allready taken full order to preuent all lapses & dangers & have giuen instructions to take out 3 seuerall writtes of Quare Impedit ag^t M^r Copinger & M^r Hobart according to 3 seuerall titles deriued frō my brother Ryece, viz. one in the name of vs w^{ch} are feoffees, another in the name of my daughter & a third in the name of my brother Samuell that so wee may incounter them at euey turne in all their sleightes. On Saterdag I looke for an answer what is done. But wee could not tell how to bring any writt at all untill such time as we sawe M^r Hoberts^s p̃sentaçõn [The w^{ch} I could not sue vpon¹] The writtes of Quare Impedit

¹ These words erased.

are brought ag^t the Bishop & M^r Hobart & M^r Copinger — Mr Colman is in a place of subordinacōn to y^e B^p, & though he may help a man in his owne office, yet of small power out of his owne spheare & his brother is but a M^r of Arts of 2 yeares standing & was neuer fellow of any colledg & but meanly esteemed of in the colledg where he was & though M^r Tho: Copinger be of a primate obscure respect yet a superior to M^r Coleman, & an Inferior will not so readily find freinds ag^t a supior especially being no better befreinded abouten then he is but this I pray keepe to yo^r selfe for I would be loath to disparage any man, but I feare that both he & his brother wilbe too weake in freinds abouten either to effect this suite, or to helpe my daughter Allen vpon M^r Hobertes appeale, The President of Emanuell thinks y^t our M^r Howorth or some other like eminent man y^t is in fauor wth the Archbishop would goe thorough stiche, but I am fearefull to vnder take any thing by cause of my daughters inconstaney & allso for hir want of iudgment to pitche vpon so weake an instrument as M^r Coleman — for things may so happen as wee may pitch vpon some chaplein of the Archbishop or some of the Judges, & I know no cause why wee or shee should be so hasty to p̄sent or pitch upon any man as yet, for it is to no purpose at all for the Bishop of Norwich dare not supinstitute another & if he should The Archbishop will be vtterly ag^t it as a thing most vnlawfull. but I protest that I am not disaffected any way to M^r Colman if wee could haue any confi-

dence that he & his brother had freinds & power to wade through such troubled waters, & besides it will cause suspicōn of my daughters integrity if she p̄sent not such an one as may credit the cause — But there is no cause to resolute of any clarke to be p̄sented till the next terme & so we haue time ynough to conferr of it at leisure for I haue taken order to secure all things & expect full answeare either next Saturday or tuesday or Wednesday following at furthest. So ceasing yo^r further trouble at this time, & reseruing an indifferent affecōn towards M^r Colman, in hast of other businesses I rest

vi decemb^r 1638

Yo^r eū assured

freind & seruant

HEN: SMYTH

I haue writt to my daughter y^t at Christmass when wee three meete wee may then conclude of a man who is to be p̄sented the next terme & that I haue settled all things for the vicaridge & shall cost hir nothing though hir name be vsed in one of the 3 writtes.

To my noble freind
& euer honourd Cosin
M^r Isaac Apleton Esq^r
present

(Endorsed)

“ Letter concerninge y^e liuinge
att Preston after my vnclē
Riece his death.”

9.

SIR

Your messenger yesterday beinge in hast I had not then opportunitye by writinge to returne my thankefulnesse for your great care and loue: bee pleased I beesech you to accepte these fewe lines as an expression of my gratitude, and a pledge of my readinesse to serue you if euer I come to y^t happinesse as to haue a fitt occasion. I writt to my Cosen accordinge as you wished y^t hee woulde bee carefull of returninge the Pedigree, w^{ch} may stand him in much steade, not onely to declare M^r Hobards aliance to M^r Rice (y^e Murialls of Bardwell beinge in y^e same relation wth him) but y^e seuerall descents beeinge writt wth M^r Ryce his hand, it will serue amongst other writings to pve y^t M^r Ryce writt y^e Will in question: if M^r Cage make any doubte whither y^e parties wth whom hee lefte y^e writings will deliuer them to my Cosen Colman or his agents: I woulde desire him to write to them y^t they may vnderstande his minde; but if hee hath already giuen such directions as y^t my Cosen Colman should haue them when hee calleth (as I hope hee hath) it is sufficient: I can if theree bee occasion sende to London on Fryday by M^r Creames man: & would desire, if M^r Cage thinks it needfull to write about y^e aboue mentioned businesse, y^t hee would bee pleased to writt a fewe lines, & to send it by some of our souldgers from Baber heath, & I will conuey it to London on Fryday:

my humble service beeing tendred to your selfe & M^{is} Appleton I take my leaue remaininge

Yours to bee Cōmanded

Feb. 9: 1638.

THO: COLMAN

10.

SIR MY WORTHY COUSIN.

I should be extreame faulty for writing so seldome, if you were not extreame good favourably to interpret it. I am confident that you are no vigorous exacter of that which is your due, but are most ready to pardon the faultes of those who esteeme it a great honour if you account them your faythfull servants, in which number I hope you ever placed me, who will alwayes labour to deserve that dignity, and to haue that ranke in your affection. I may boldly say that y^e tender of my service vnto you is not made of that complementall matter with those at Court. S^{ir} if I should write you what newes was stirringe y^e last weeke I should shew my selfe ignorant that M^r Cage was in the citye, although I could not be so happy as to meet him in his lodginge. The latter end of this terme the Lord Bishoppe of Lincolne, and one M^r Osberson schoolemaster of Westminster and his great favourite were sole actors in the last scene at Starre-chamber, and both of them came off in a Tragicall manner: the Bish. of Lincolne was fined three thousand poundes for writing a very

scandalous letter against the right honourable Judges of that Court. M^r Osberson sent letters unto the Bishopp wherein he called y^e Lord-Arch-Bishopp of Canterbury false mediatur with y^e King for his Lord, also litle grace, litle urchine, and litle hocus: what impudent wordes were these against his grace of Canterb? Yesterday this peccant was degraded, deprived, fined five thousand poundes, to have one of his cares nayled vnto the pillary in Westminster Yard, and then to be removed into the Denary Yard before his schoole, there to haue his other care nayled to the pillary, and then to be imprisoned — w^t madness is it for men to use their pens in such a manner? Your sage Apothegmes shall make me shunne all such extreames, and avoid all such Catechreses, wherein I see much folly but no piety.

I make tender of my most humble service to your Selfe and to my deare Cosens with protestation ever to honour all yo^r vertues and passionately to be even all my life

Graves-Inne

Your most devoted Servant

Febr. 15. 1639

R. APPLETON

To the Worp^d his most
Worthy Cosen Isaac Appleton
Esq. at his house in Little-
Waldingfeild Present this

11.

SUFF^s:

Whereas we have recd Eres from the right Ho^{ble} the Lords and others of his Ma^{ties} most Ho^{ble} privie Councell for the selectinge of six hundred men out of the trayned bands for this Count̃ of Suffs. or for the Imp̃ssinge of other able sufficient men to serve as supplies for his Ma^{ties} service, and wee havinge attended the service have not Imp̃ssed o^r number compleat. Theies are therefore by virtue of the said Eres to desier M^r Isac Apleton Esq^r one of his Ma^{ties} Justices of the peace for the said County to make oute his p̃ceptes to the Cheif Constables for the hundreds of Cosforde and Babergh to bringe before the said M^r Isac Apleton fifteen or sixteen able sufficient men for the said service to be Imp̃ssed. Dated at Hadleigh May the 8^t 1640.

GEORGE LEHUNTE

WILL: WALDEGRAUE

To o^r Lovinge frind
M^r ISAC APLETON Esq^r

12.

WORTHY COSIN

I thank you for yo^r kind letters & inten^çons to see vs heere. my wife went last night to Cambridge intending this day to take a little gentle phisick ; I stay behind to cristen my Cosin Puckerings young boy, S^r Jo : Millicent & I am to be God-

fathers & my Lady Dalton godmother, w^{ch} done I am for Cambridge. S^r Sidney Mountague (& one Mr. Walton, who was comitted for his not paying his full rate of Shippmony proportionable to his land [*a short word, perhaps two, torn out here*] paide all but halfe a crowne, yet bycause he was imprisoned the country (as they say) choose him, being a priuate obscure gentleman of about 400^l p annū w^{ch} came to him by gift of an Vncle or neare kinsman, he was S^r Oliuers Cromwells ward; yet S^r Oliver could not p̄uaile wth the country for his Grandchild and heyre. in Lincolnshire S^r John Wray & S^r Aiscough are chosen, in o^r county appeared none at o^r last county day on thursday senight but S^r Dudley North & Mr. Chicheley, for S^r Jo: Cutts declines it vtterly, vnless the importunity of his neighbors p̄uaile wth him — & if he wilbe psuaded to stand wee think he & S^r Dudley North will carry it, though now Mr. Chichley in being p̄sent at y^e county court & bestowing a dinner on the gentlemen & wine on the country, hath thereby gott the start, in Cambridg Vniversity the former are like to speed. The report is that there is a cessation & truce till the p̄lament & that the Scottes demand 8 hundred thowsand poundes for their damages & 40 thowsand pound a month & free access to both p̄lamentes. I haue sent you inclosed such relacōn of their army (as came in a letter from Yorke. the prises of corne riseth — wth vs mault is 23^s a q̄rter — wheat between 4^s & 5^s a bushell, Rye 2^s vi^d heere & 10 groates about Stamford, its dearer in places

neare the Armies if you think it necessary to abate something for Preston tithes because you comended the bargaine to yo^r Neighbors I am most willing to yeild to anything you find requisit. all my men obserued yo^r louing care for my gelding w^{ch} you putt in excellent grass & wee all are assured y^t he was not ridden by yo^r direcōn or knowledg, but yt yo^r baillyff or some els gaue him the breathing & riding apperes both because he came home leaner then he was 8 weekes since, & my man-found him in as good breath (as any gelding yt is vsed every day) & his shoes were woorne barer then their bootes y^t rode vpon him, & though it be no good maners to looke a giuen horse in the mouth, or speake of giuen grasse yet I know yo^r freedome of loue to giue me leane herein least by my silence yo^r men may serue my other horse so. Bess Smith is wth my wife at Cambridge, my daughter Allen & Martha & my self p̄sent o^r beste respectes to you all & so being sent for the christening I rest euer

Yo^r affectionate

Hildersame

true freind & seruant

20 Octob. 1640.

HEN: SMYTH.

To my euer honoured
 Cosin M^r Isaack Appleton
 Esq^r at Holbrook Hall in
 Little Waldingfeild
 p̄ish present
 these.

13.

GOOD COZEN

I received the last night a letter from you whearin you beecome a petitioner vnto him whome you haue power to comãd, and in that particular whearein I should receiue the benifite and you the trouble, and therefore easily assented-vnto on my part, withoute the claime of aney former contract w^{ch} that sadd diaster of youres brake (to owre greate sorrow) but thus standes the ease now with vs, that for my parte I am attending the parlement wth a petition for to bee relieved concerning those suffrings and sensures w^{ch} I haue vndergon, by reason of my beeing in the parlement heeretofore, and how long that may require my attendance I am vncertaine --- becsides there is an expectation that I shall bee chosen to serue for this parliament w^{ch} if it shall soe falcowte I beelieue there will bee a comãde vpon mee as I conceiue will bee vpon all the members of the howse of Coñons that they shall not depart withoute leaue from the howse, w^{ch} I thinke will hardly bee obteyned and therefore I hope this shall serue for a iust excuse for mee; And for my wife I leaue her to her selfe, w^{ch} is the course now heald wth everie boddie; I presume you heare of all passages of the parlement & thearefore I will not trouble you therewth; yesterday the howse concluded on two subsidies in steed of the hunderd thowsand poundes formerly ordered for the supply of the armies the

things now in agitation is concerning my lord keeper whoe is thought will hardly come of and some other iudges concerning the Shipmoney, which is voted by the howse of Cõmons to bee illegall and damned by them (nullo contradicente;) I have not time to inlarge my selfe farther but wth maney thancks for this your kinde invitation and for all other your loving expressions I conclude and rest

Your assured loving kinsman
to serue you in all I may

WALTER LONG

London the ijth of December
1640

My wife and I doe desire to haue owre kind loues loues remembred vnto my cozen Preston and his wife.

To my ever honrd Kins-
man Isaac Apleton
Esq^r at Holbrooke-hale
these present.

14.

SIR

I am ready to serue you with my penn, when there is any newes stirring here at London: your acceptance herof increase my resolution not to fayle you. The Par^{tie} is long in giuing birth to their great affayres. It is thought that the Arch B^p of Canterbury & Judge Bartlett will be tried at y^e Kings

Bench for Treason before the end of this Terme: the articles of Treason against Judge Bartlett haue passed in y^e House of Co^mons this weeke; he is to be co^mitted to y^e Tower. The Par^{lite} are much troubled about raising of moneyes to discharge both armyes: it is sayd y^t all plate shall be brought up to y^e mint, and there melted for coyne: there is an act expected for this purpose, but this will not be effected without much difficulty. There haue a bill passed against pluralities of livings for Churchmen: & it was feared that the house of Co^mons would haue passed a bill for the extirpation of root & branch of Bishops, but this is deferred untill next weeke: It is thought the Par^{lite} will be adjourned about midso^mer untill Michaelmass: the King will go to the Par^{lite} in Scotland about the beginning of the next month: his prouision & Trunkes are already gone. The Prince lately broake his arme, but he is now well, & this weeke was made gouernour of y^e Artillery. Sir Ro^bt Crane desired me to informe you that there haue been offered for your best hoppers eight & forty shillings a hundred, & for y^e old ones sixe nobles: if they were sent up & your price it is likely the price would be moore then the country will affoord. I wish you may find better chapmen then your last, who is likely never to pay you a penny. I haue some new bookes and speeches about y^e matters now in question, w^{ch} I intend to bring downe to Holbrooke with me y^e latter end of next weeke y^t I may be at y^e Court on Thursday in Whitsonweeke. I heard not from

you this weeke about your stuffe, y^t you made choyce of out of y^e patternus y^t I sent you by old Good^m Hale. Sir, be confident of my reall seruice to you & my cousens, for there is none moore then I

Grayes-Inne

June 4th

1641

Your much obliged, faithfull

and thankfull kinsman

ROBERT APPLETON

For his much honoured and very
loving Cousen Isaac Appleton
Esq^r at Holbrooke hall
in Litle-Waldingfeild

15.

SIR

MY LOUING COUSEN,

I haue many engagements to serue you though at this tyme not much newes: I shall not write w^t I heare, Sir Robert Crane will affoord larger & moore true intelligence before my tre shall be at Holbrooke. I would not be false in those things y^t I receiue upon report, & these only matters of newes. I haue sent you downe some eight small things from y^e press: these feare no light. You heard last weeke of y^e iudg^t agst my Lord Digby: you shall heare y^t a booke called y^e protesta- tion protested (supposed to be written by M^r Pyrton) shall have

y^e same sentence to be burnt & recalled, so I send not one of y^t to you. Vpon a motion in y^e house Mr. Whitaker was released from his imprisonment, & admitted into y^e house upon his subjection. They have voted another clause in y^e B^{ps} bill, y^t all process y^t shall issue forth after y^e first of August next for Ecclesiasticall affayres shall be directed to y^e nine Co^mmissioners, And y^t after y^t tyme any fine or moore of y^m shall haue full power to try Ecclesiasticall Causes, to call annuall synodes, & to appoint 12 Divines in each county for to ordayne ministers at 4 tymes in y^e yeare. The Earle of Holland sent up a tre w^{ch} was read in y^e lower house, wherein he desired y^t he might exercise Marshall Law in y^e army, y^e souldiers being very unruly: this would not be hearkened vnto: yet it was ordered y^t they should pay their ingagements in all places where they were billeted, as they receive their pay at disbanding. There was a report y^t divers B^{ps}. & Deanes haue lately cutt downe much tymber upon their lands: then it was ordered y^t they should be accountable for w^t was cutt downe. Last Saterdag there was a controversy between y^e Lord Chamberlayne & y^e Lord Matravers: The Lord Matravers gaue my L^d Chamberlayne y^e lye, wherupon he strucke Matravers over the head with his staffe: Then y^e Lord Matravers tooke up a standish & threw at y^e Lord Chamberlayne: this moved so great a stirre y^t y^e Co^mmittee did rise: complaynt was made to his Ma^{ty}, & on Monday y^e upper house co^mmitted y^m both to y^e Tower. The Queenes journey to y^e

Spaw is stayed. I must goe no farther, I am too much forgetfull; Excuse me Sir, I had rather haue y^e truth of my newes questioned, then your expectation of newes upon Saturday at night should be frustrated. It is M^r Lamberts Motto y^t newes Decies repetita placebit, & it shall be my resolution ever to be seruiceable to my friendes. I heard nothing from my Vnkle Cage this weeke, yet I haue sent her downe stuffe for a gowne. The hopp money is not yet payed, neither doe I know when it shall be; yet there is no question of y^e payment therof. If I had received this money I would haue payed M^r Russells: I heard not from him & so conclude y^t y^e money is sent up. I intend to buy a chamber w^{ch} is over me: it is a very litle one, but shall content me: this afternoone I resolue upon it. I enclose in this t're a pre of Vervells;¹ they cost me 4^s 6^d. I am not forgetfull to send downe a leure: the heat of y^e weather & y^e spreading of infectious make me to retyre in: there died this weeke of y^e pox fourescoare & eight, & 56 of y^e plague. Bankes his house in Chancery lane is shutt up, & his wife dead of y^e plague: there are foure houses at least in Holborne visited: 10 died this last weeke of y^e plague in y^t parish. I keepe myselfe to my chamber, Grayes Inn Hall & y^e Walkes. I receiued this weeke a very kind t're from my sister Dorothy; I pray excuse me for not sending her an answer. I know you are much troubled about Poll money: my best seruice to you & my Cousen Prestons & y^e rest of my

¹ A term in falconry, rings for the leg of a hawk.

friends at Holbrooke: happiness to you all, this is & shall
be y^e constant vote of

Your most obliged servant & truly

Raptim

honouring kinsman

Grayes-Inne

ROBERT APPLETON

July 23. 1641.

For his much honoured & louing

Cousen Isaac Appleton Esq

at Holbrooke Hall in

Little-Waldingfeild.

16.

S^R

I receiued and read your letter of y^e last week wth as much
pleasure as I should y^e will of him that had bequeathed a
matter of valew vnto me, (att so high a rate doe I esteeme
of your favours) and had rather be silent att this time, then
so ill requite you as to make you a sharer in these troublesome
employments in cuntry affayres, were it possible to auoyd it,
but I am so earnestly and howerly solicited by diuers of your
neighbours to certifie you what I am inform'd concerninge
there estates w^{ch} I could by no meanes refuse without y^e
hazard of much clamor and censor they havinge possessed
diuers how uniust and wrongfully they are sessed for more
then they ought to be by y^e statute, the cheiff and principall
that complayne are ffrācis Johnson of Shimplin frō whome
you shall receiue a letter) who hath informed me w^{ch} is

seconded by his neighbor Plampin and an other, that his estate doth not exceed 53^{li} p̄ ān and that he hath not any money or stock more then is vsed vpon his farme, w^{ch} will not amount vnto 500^{li} att y^e most: M^r Miller of Stoake doth likewise complayne and M^r Mountioy who was y^e onely sessor of him doth confesse he was mistaken and hath done him wronge, w^{ch} apeares by a note under his hand. Coe of Grotten doth also protest his estate to be farr short of that he is sessed for; all w^{ch} I shall leaue to y^rself to doe as you shall thinke Just and fitt, and if you doubt of y^e truth of any of there alligations you may be pleased to haue a fuller information when you come into y^e cuntry, (which I heare will be very speedely) and if then you find iust cause for easinge any of them I shall most willingly ioyne wth you in it. I shall stay in this cuntry this week to receiue your cōmands the next returne's and then I am bound for Norfolk. I am about ingrossinge y^e townes in my deuision for y^e poll money. I haue no more to troūb you wth att this time but onely to subscribe w^t I really am

Novemb^r 30th

1641

Y^r faythfull Seruant

ISAAC APPLETON

To his most worthy and
much honour'd kinsman
S^r Robert Crane K^{nt} and

Barronet these

P^rsent

17.

S^R

It was Satterday before I came to London therefore I could not give you this trouble soe soon as you expected it my owne occasions not giving me leysure to write on tuesday; for newes I shall onely let you know what I supose you haue heard, although pchance wth lesse certainty, y^e defeat at Winchester, given by y^e Pliaments forces under Hurry and Brown proues to be a great damage to y^e King the fewest horses and arms that were taken are said to be neare upon 600 being 2 Regiments, aboue 20 Officers and gentlemen were taken prisoners (hauing retired from y^e parpet into y^e castle w^{ch} they were not able to defend) amongst whom were y^e L^d Grandison and S^t Major Willis for a while, but as they were in a narrow lane on y^e way towards Portsmouth, these 2 (in a mist) leaped y^e hedge and escaped, for whom those who were intrusted wth them make no other excuse but that they left their Honour behind them (w^{ch} they will keep fast) hauing ingaged it to be true prisoners. here at y^e L^{ds} house hath been much dispute about y^e late petitions, and making certain expositions, some were of opinion y^t y^e petitions for accomodation were unduely procured (and chiefly by malignants who haue not contributed) and therefore would haue had them been reprov'd, and would either haue had ppositions of higher demands or none, y^e others carried it, being 13 voices ag^t: 10, and haue framed propositions w^{ch} were sent in tuesday

night to y^e house of commons who deferred y^e debate of them untill this day, amongst them these were y^e chief, that y^e bills of plurality, y^e synods meeting, an act for ecclesiasticall gouernment &c: might passe, y^t all delinquents who were impeached before y^e 1st of January (y^t is before his M^{ty} left London) and y^e L^d Digby might answer to their impeachments, y^e rest on both sides be pardoned, onely marq: Hartford remoued from y^e government of y^e Prince, y^e Earle of Worcester, Bristol, L^d Herbert and Willmot (with some others) remoued from y^e verge of y^e court, these are y^e cheif ag^t w^{ch} y^e other 10 Lords, or some of them, did protest, and if y^e house of commons will allow of them it is hoped they may produce a treaty, w^{ch} may proue a faire step towards peace. Mr. Smiths presentation was excepted ag^t by y^e Bp because he cannot euidence y your title, and bec: no witnesses were at y^r presentation, and you wrote Mathiæ for Mathæo, he sends you here-with a new forme, and desires you to direct him how to proue your title (I suppose he may doe it by y^r inrollments here) and to send all to him by y^e Warwick carrier wth directions to leaue it at Witsfords bridge at M^r Smith's in his next return, where he will inquire for it. Soe wishing your selfe and M^r Preston (wth his M^{rs} Preston) to whom I desire my service may be presented, all happnesse and a merry Christmas to boot, I rest

Your most assured servant

EDW: RAINBOWE

I doubt not but printed papers will furnish you wth all other newes, y^e L^d Newcastle hath a great army in Yorkshire and made y^e other party make way for him to York, but here is a flying report that he hath received a defeat about Wakefield, and that some Danes are landed at Newcastle

Suff : house X ber : 22 : 1642

To his worthy freind Isaac
Appleton Esq^r at M^r Prestons
howse neare Norwich

In another hand :

Leave this at M^r Bendishe
his house a marchant neare
S^t Andrewes church in
Norwich to be p^sently
sent wth all speede.

18.

S^t CLEERES IN EAST 27th
of May 1644

WORTHYEST COSEN

I receaved your late most freindly expressions added to those last courteous embraces of mee at Waldingfelde your letter of the date 13th of May arryued my hands not till the

24th at london ; it was by some miscarriage so slowe in the passage, otherwyse the present necessities would haue importuned your further trowble in that rent of Timperleyes. Where merritt stopps I can only make you returne of empty thanks: vlesse you will fauour mee with some commands to serue you either heere or at London ; which as they shall bee exceedinge acceptable so shall they appeare by that sedulity of affection I will vse in the pursuance of them. Sr I thanke you for your rectifyinge Mr Base the sollicitour in his opinion ; truly hee was extreamly mistaken in mee if hee showld beelieve that either my business hadd receaued any foyle at y^e Committee of sequestrations, or that I hadd passed by that Committee with any distrust of theyr iustice & after preuayled with my lord of Manchester. I was assured of all possible aduantage that Committee cowld give mee to accomplish my owne dues by Sergeant Wylde if y^e Committee cowld haue mett ; but that Abstract of mischeife, that Carnall Cardinall of Canterburye his arraynement, thrust off all private affayres. I haue nowe sent you by my man those writts of Execution against Tymperley. the summe due to mee for rent and reparations is, as will appeare by both the writts, one hundred wantinge one pownds. but besydes the want of my owne so longe forcinge to some other extreamityes (hauinge quite exhausted my selfe in the seruice of y^e state) I haue spent neere vppon one hundred pownds in acquisition of that my due ; therefore you may iudge of a Roman conscience towards those

they call hereticks, nay they are nowe lost to all morall honesty. I entreat you Cosen to represent my condition as it is to Mr. Base. I am very confydent his integrity of affection to the publicke will giue him such a sense of my assiduity of service, and y^e great expence I haue beene at, neuer receauinge yett one penny either of pay or other advantadge from the State (which most men haue looked cheifly vpon) that hee will speedily make payment to you of this to you; beeleiue mee Cosen I haue heere about my Howse about 400^{li} p ann. throwne into my hands by the late Kentish rebels, all unstockt that make nothings at all of, hauinge noe mony to stocke it my Norfolke you knowe how stubborne they are & knavish I professe seriously I receaue not a thirde part of my rents there, so that I am not asshamed to professe the truth in these afflicted tymes. I suffer so as I knowe not howe to subsist vnlesse I bee speedily according to the ordinance of Parliament supplyed with this little; nowe much more to mee then formerly. I beeseech you Cosen make M^r Base sensible of it & lett him bee confydent I shall bee most ready to requite this his iust respect to mee by any service hee shall vse mee in either at the parliament or heere. I helped him to 400^{li} p Ann. sequestration of M^r Campions estate nere Thetford at my last meetinge with him: present my seruice to M^r Cage & his wyfe, to my Cosen Robyn Appleton & these my freinds at Hyldersham. I shall visitt you againe about Mydsommer though you proue a meere stranger to S^r Cleeres

where shall euer dwell those hearty affections that may euer assure to commande

Y^r Affectionate kinsman
to serue you

JOHN SEDLEY.

ffor my Honoured kinsman
Isaac Appleton Esquire at his
Howse in little Wallingfielde in
Suffolke within 3 myles of
Sudburye present these.

[*Draught of Answer.*]

S^r that you are pleased to employ me in anything wherein I may be seruiceable to you I accompt an addition to your former fauours, and shall aprobe my self both faythfull and dilligent in all your coñmands. I haue receiued the writt and execution and shall wth all speed apply myself to Mr Base that I may suddenly giue you an account of y^e businesse. *If you continue your resolucon to make me happy wth your p̄sence heere att Midsomer w^{ch} is not about three weeks —* Your men are in such great hast that they can hardly spare me time for these few lines w^{ch} I hope will be a sufficient plea for my curt-nesse and will p̄uayle wth my lady for my pardon [for not tendinge my seruice to her la^{dsp}]¹ for quittinge the wright-

¹ These words erased.

inge unto her la^{sp} to whom I owe more seruices then I can now expresse but shall euer be most ready to pforme whatsoeuer lyeth in y^e power of

Y^r affectionate kinsman and freind
to serue you

S^r I shall certaynely be att
home about midsomer

19.

S^r

I made a promise to M^r Robte Appleton of this trouble w^{ch} I now pay to you, having desighned it the last week, but I could not get from St. Cleers untill Fryday was past. I was promised by a freind of yours & mine there to haue a letter sent after me this week to inclose in this, that might have rendred these lines more acceptable, for when I have tendred you my unprofitable service, I have no more to adde, having obstinately resolved to spot no paper with newes whilst the pennyworth from the presse may out-doe me; the return of S^r Peter Killegrew did not sattisfy the hopes of the peaceably affected here, nor their expectation; although if I could send you the perfect copy (w^{ch} I have not now by me) you might set your judgement & affections at dispute, whither hopes of accommodation were not glimmering, nay whither Peace might not

possibly bud before the Spring; tis something that his M^{ty} hath bid a little fairer, and has offered, that w^{ch} we haue soe long prayed for, his royall person, although not yet divested of some attendants and conditions, yet the next offer may out-leap this a foot or two, and many here beleeve it were not amiss to meet as farre on the way as safety will permitt, soe many here drawing severall and almost contrary ways, whilst they look at the Presbyterian or Independent ways as irreconcilable, as Oxford and Cambridge, or, rather, London, w^{ch} may now be the mother university as well as y^e metropolis, or mother-church, fittly soe called if we look at her fruitfullness, or rather ranknesse, but some late petitions (and one if I be not misinformed now framing very fullhanded) with a letter sent this day from the Ministers of London to y^e assembly, concurrent with another from the Generall assembly in Scotland (read also this day) all against toleration of sectaryes, may seem to promise a bank to that torrent which boasts to foretell its inundation (and now I remember that some of the most prolificall fathers of that trade (although they are of all trades) will have the waters in Holy Script: signify the multitudes of Godly congregated people etc:) indeed they have much overflowed of late, and the rather because many of y^e weaker have turned with the tide. If you observed the moderat intelligencer, w^{ch} ended at Decemb: 25, in his beginning he insinuates a way for guifted men to be sent preachers into y^e North although they be not ordayned ministers, some imagine for

this reason, that in regard trading is now decayed and some of the best Livings (and he desires not the worst onely for them) might supply their wants (as they bring gifts to supply y^e peoples wants) yet when it shall please God to better trading (beyond livings, as some hope it will shortly fall out) they may lay down their benefices and return to their trading again, no ministeriall character sticking upon them: and for the stock of sermons w^{ch} they may have spent, they may have gained from their spirituall living a stock to set up their Craft again; but I crave pardon for thus running beyond y^e Constable; the Committee for accommodation may be thought to silence all these, and other differences, and tye us up within o^r covenant, for w^{ch} I am informed there hath been great & allmost p^rvalent dispute, the businesse in Ireland seems to look hopefully, Ormond is quite out with the Rebels, & hath released y^e Chief Justise Parsons, Meredith, and some others who in favour of the Irish have been imprisoned a long time, & they have liberty to come for England or stay. I had need aske pardon again for this tediousnesse; especially when I consider how happily you haue bestowed your contemplations, and how worthily. I pray for all increase of love and happiness betwixt your selfe and worthy Lady, and shall ever be

Your most faithfull
humble servant

ED: RAINBOWE.

Lond: Jan: 1. 1645

I beseech you Sr let this be burnt as soon (or before) it be read.¹

[*Endorsed*]
 “ For your selfe ”

20.

NOBLE SR

I presented a few lynes to yow from London by Mr Craine, but presume yow had not conveniently to gratifie my request viz : that I mowght heare of the estate and condytyon of my deare ladie and my swete Cozens, but thereof faylynge I send this Messenger on purpose to be adūtyسد of the true estate of all, that so I may address my selfe to the almyghtie who beateth downe and rayseth vp who maketh sycke and well. Good Sr let me vnderstande the certantie how y^t feares wth you, her, them, and yo^r ffamilie.

I sende this poore present wisheyng that y^t may come so seasonably as yts cordyally intended howsoever I comēde y^t to yo^r and my noble Ladies gratyous Acceptance presentyng yow both wth my deare Cozens wth my unfayned loue and servise and rest the same

yo^r assured lo. Cozen ffreinde & S^rvant

Ypsw^{ch} this last
 of June 1646

AR : JERMEY

¹ At the present date there can hardly be objection to the preservation and even printing of this letter.

S^r yf yt shall please yow and my good Ladie to contynue yo^r wanted favowre in conferryng some vennyson vpon me w^{ch} hath beine for the most part exceedyngly fatte I woulde send for y^t and the sooner the better yf y^t be at his pfectyon I meane soone after o^r Assyses of w^{ch} yf yow please a worde or 2.

To my truly honored Cozen and worthy
ffreinde Isack Appleton Esq at
his howse in Chylton theise
be dd.

[*Draught of Answer.*]

S^r I receiued y^r letter frō London and haue euer since indeaured [*to requite you wth an other*¹] a returne of w^t I was there desired wherein I [*fayled for want of opertunity of a messenger*¹] assure you I could not haue fayled had I knowne any way of sendinge; but all thinges have fallen out for y^e best, for had I returned a p̄sent answere it must haue been writ wth a trembling hand and read wth a sorrowfull hart; but it hath sence pleased y^e lord out of his great goodnesse to turne one morninge into ioy and to wipe our teares frō our eyes, for

¹ These words erased.

wth mercyes I pray god make vs thankfull all y^e dayes of our liues and that we may neuer forget w^t our good god hath done for vs, who have done so little for him, and labour to expresse our thankfullness by our future obedience. My daughter Betty Mary Ann and my wife haue had them very full all vp agayne but my wife and daughter Ann not yet strong enoughe to walk abroad they were all very full but will not pit much in any of them. My daughter Susan is yet in health whom I pray god p̄serue, it would goe hardest wth her she being of a far weaker constitution yⁿ any of her sisters.

21.

As your fauours haue made me one of y^o seruants, so giue me leaue to congratulate that blessing w^{ch} I haue longe wisht you; and now may ye be as happy in one another as a father can be in a sonne and a sonne in a father. I beseech you present my best seruice to yo^r worthy Lady and in whatsoeuer I may be seruisable vnto you co^mmande

Yo^r freinde and
seruant

DRS DENE

22.

[The lines are as in original.]

SUEET HART

I am glad to here you
are well; I came saue to buknu
m after the frite of the winmell
thankes be to god; I haue bout Loo
kes; for the garden dores; at swoffom
but I thinke; you had ned; by a Lo
ok for the Ladder dore, at holbr
ok; for I here you haue left it op
pe; whare all the bras & peuter is
I haue done all the tobakcoe you
Left mee; I pray send mee sum
this weeke; & sum angelleco ceed
d & sum cerret sed; to sow at buk
num; I pray inquier for a coe
hman; for John, grous so bad th
at he is not to be in deuered;
I intend for holbrok; on thurs
day concen-net; whare god send
vs a happy meting; which is the
desier of

Send this in-closed to my
dafter Hare

Buknum
May the
04

Your Afextinat wife

SUSAN CRANE

send word what thinges you
old caried to holbroke

Thes

ffor Isaac Appleton Esq^r
at his Chamber in
Grayes Inn
p̄sent

23.

SIR

havinge Accōmplished my Composiçion and my Seaqueas-
tracōn ffully discharged from all my Estate I did acquaint you
therewth and, by yo^r Answer you are Pleased to Reafear me
to M^r Wentworth and M^r Loader whoe will doe Nothings
Vntill hee hath spoaken wth you, and hath assured me that
you wold assuredly bee in london this tearme I thought ffitt
to Acquaint you what agre^{mt} M^r loader made wth me on my
Giuinge way for you to Cōme againne In possession of Mil-
borne w^{ch} agre^{mt} was that I shold haue 20^{lb} a quarter out of
it for my liuely hood and Gaue ord^{re} to the then tenā^t to pay it
me and I Reaccaūed it vntill the quarter befor the ord^{re} of
the 5th of ffebr 1651 was made and eauer sēnce it hath ceased
onely 20^{lb} by yo^r ord^{re} and M^r loader hath benne paid me
since, — Noble Sir my Reaquest to you is that you wold bee
pleased to give ordre to M^r loader for to pay me the Arrears

of the 20th a q̄ter soe agreed on, and that henceforth I may haue my 20th q̄terly Justly paid me for my liuelyhood, w^{ch} desirs and Reaquests hearin by me demanded of you are but Reasonable and according to my agrement. I doe nott doubt but that you wilbee pleased for to Graũnt them as desired
By

Milborne howse

Yo^r Reall humble seruā^t

ffebr the 2th day

to Command

1653

G. MORTON

This Gentleman M^r treathewey my Good freind will acquaint you further wth my desirs and will send me yo^r Answear.

ffor My honored ffreind Jsaack

Apleton Esquier att his Chañb^r

Oauer the gatte Att Grayes Inn

High holborne London

or Elsewhear.

Present.

24.

SR —

I am very sorry I came short of the Honor of Kissing your S^r & my Ladyes hands Here — But that I & my wife may perform our duties wee shall bee bold to take you S^r in our way to London this next Munday nighte & trouble you for a night or two — & if you please to Lett my Tennants w^{ch} you know that I must ere Long expect yeir Rents to bee Returned to

mee to London unto M^r Robart Boteler att the three Leggs in the Poultry for my use, & pardon the trouble wee are Like to Giue you S^r will much oblige

Y^r obedient Sr^unt

R. HARE

12-8cbb 1654

My selfe & wife y^e Shreff & his wife & all my Brothers & Sisters here desire to tender all our services to you S^r & my Lady.

To my Honrd ffather
Isaac Appleton Esq^r
Present These —

25.

S^r

I am glad to heare of your and my sisters health, and am very willing to embrace the proposition M^r Darcy hath made for the hiring of Kentwell, but if you could soe worke it, I had rather sell him my wiues interest absolutly, but for appointing a meeting now my business here will by noe meanes admit, therefore be pleased at your returne from London to nominat what day you will at Bucknam and god willing I will not faile to attend him if you give me but a nights warning; I have not yet receiued an answer from M^r Goddard, therefore my humble s^rvice to you is that you will take the first oport-

tunity you can after your ariuall at London to speake with
M^r Goddard and M^r Greene for the forbearance of the money
for six moneths that I may have time to put off my land to my
best advantage, which I shall take for a great fauour from all
parties done to

Stanhow this
17 of Jan
1654

S^r
Your obliged brother and
humble seruant
JOHN TRACY

I find my wife willing to sell for the good of her children
and she presents her seruice to you and soe we doe both to
my sister.

These
for my honored brother
Isaac Appleton esq^r
at Bucknam.

26.

Feb : 14. 1654

S^r

I humbly thanke you for the fauour of your letter and the
care you expresse in what has bin desired by me. My mother
presents hir seruice to your wife and selfe, and giues you
many thanks for your fauour in this particular. Concerning
Mr. Appletons desire intimated in his letter to you, my mother
has commanded me to say this, that she can lett M^r Appleton

haue a Thousand pound vpon land security, bonds being of a very incerteine nature, as the constitution of affaires now are, for a twelvemonth at least, and longer, if his occasions require it. The time he desires the money att cannot be performd by my mother, for it will not be in hir power to dispose of it till May day: the very next day following, it will vpon the security now proposed by me be at his seruice payable at London. I shall not adde any more particulars, being desirous M^r Appleton will be pleasd as he passes thorough Bury to speake with my mother who is very willing to pleasure him in this and any other thing in hir power, to whom I am also a most humble seruant

I have returnd you
M^r Appletons letter,
My Mothers, and myne
Most humble Seruice to
Mrs. Darcy and hir husband.

S^r I am
Your faithfull Seruant
CHARLES MAY

27.

S^r

My wife craueth my Lady's Pardon for not presenting her humble Dutie with her owne hands wee can not preuaile with these gentlemen for a longer stay w^{ch} I hope will pleade her excuse; in order to S^r Ralph Hores commands wee shall hasten our iourney to London & should be happy y^e wayes &

weather would permitt vs y^e honour of kissing your hands at
Bucknam w^{ch} if wee faile in its not out of neelect butt will not
be in y^e power of him who shall euer approue himselfe

S^r your humble & affectionate

Osgodby 9 March

Servant & sonne

W. ARMYNE

These

For Isaac

Apelton Esq^r

his hon^d father

Present.

28.

S^r

I have heretofore had y^r answer in Chancery y^t yo^u never
saw nor knew of any wrightings that could demonstrate any
Title, or interest of mine to those Lands, or Tenements in
Litle Stonham & Mendleshā, w^{ch} weare made to y^r Lady in
Joynture, & I knew y^r Noblenes, & worth to be such I durst
not disbeleue it, But I thinke I haue now fownde sufficient
euidence to manefest me to be heire (at Cōmon Law unto
my Grandfather Robt. Crane Esq^r) to all those Lands that
weare his in both those Townes before mention'd, yet I doubt
not but there hath beene endeuors vsed to weaken my interest,
or distroy my Title, but I never yet saw the thinge y^t should

doe it, & hauing soe stronge an Intaile (as I can produce) my freinds are vnwillinge I should rest satisfied wth a verball satisfaction. I haue beene towld by y^rselfe & Mr. Creame y^t there hath beene severall ffines, & Recoveries to enable S^r Robt. Crane to conuey, & setle this estate in Stonham & Mendlesham as he has donne: If yo^u pleas y^e next Tearme att London, or here in the Cuntry to lett my Councell see such a Recouery as will admitt noe error, or exception, & the Indenture leadinge the vse of it debarringe all my right, I shall acquiesse, & take it as a fauor that yo^u will putt noe farther trouble vpon

Thwaite, Aprill 25
1655

Y^r most faithfull
Seruant & kinsman
GEO : REUE

These

To my honor'd freind
Isack Appleton Esq^r
at Bokenhā
present.

29.

S^r

The Late most diplorable loss of our deare and onely Sonne hath no Less drownd us in a deluge of Teares, than detaind us in a dismal night of Affliction, so that hitherto we have had no reflections of Light, Comfort, or Capacity of tendering our

humblest duties to y^rselfe and our ever honord Lady Mother, and that old Saying hath by us been truly verified Curæ Leves Loquntur Ingentes Stupent, But S^r as the death of our nearest Relations render us most dolorous, so the Health and Happiness of our next Allies cannot but be very Joyous, in order to w^{ch} we have sent this messenger to kiss y^r hands who we hope wil return wth the welcome newes of y^r welfares w^{ch} cannot but be most gratefull to

Redgrave

Septem^{br} 17th (57)

S^r Y^r most obedient Sonne
and Ser^{vt}

EDM. BACON

These
ffor my most honord
ffather Isaac
Appleton Esq^r
Present
At Holkrooke

30.

Sth

I presented you a Ære by my Mercury last weeke & therein an Account of my transactions for you here, I was welcomed to Towne with the good newes of Judge Atkins health, & that the report of his sickness was false. I have amended the Erratas in my Comission of Adjuncts, & there stands two Comon Law Judges of the Quorum: w^{ch} is my advantage

though displeasing to the D^{rs} Delegates, & hath not been granted this foure yeares at least; for I procured y^e last Presidents therin. I obtained three Judges hands for a hearing yesterday morning: but Dyer y^e Adverse Proctour is either not come to Towne, or very closely conceales himselfe: for I attended daily at his lodging & made the best enquiry I could: that I must deferre untill his arrivall, & hope before the midle of y^e Terme to haue a Decree for y^e continuance of my wifes Adm^õn: but it must be through the fauor of friends to gett a hearing before the end of the Terme: yet the Judges are so sensible of their proceedings at D^{rs} Co^mons that I hope through Gods blessing to effect it: Since the former I haue found Dyer & am in hott pursuit, & in good expectation: I find the estate increase rather yⁿ lessen. M^r Tho. Canham tells me his brother your Townesman hath left 30^l for your use: w^{ch} I shall receiue & pay upon the first opportunity. I am going now to treat with M^r Dyster, I wish I may be seruiceable to you & shall euer express my selfe S^{ir}

Grayes Inne

8^{ber} 23

1657

Your most faithfull Servant

ROBERT APPLETON

This ffor his euer Honoured
Cousen Isaac Appleton
Esq^r at his house in
Litle Waldingfield —

31.

S^r

I should nott haue giuen you thus much of trouble, was I nott well assured of your noble & candide intentions, to haue all things composed, with the greatest fairnesse & Integrity possible, in reference thereunto, I therefore desire, you will aduise my Lady Armyne, to produce such evidence as I am very confident, may much lessen those Greatt dammages w^{ch} M^r Holland & Waith pretend they haue sustained, by nott enjoying their bargaine of Timber: The tryall will bee this next Terme; the chardge & trouble of witnesses, (if shee produce any) bringing up to London shall bee my care. Thus with my humble seruices to your noble selfe Honed Lady & both my Sweett Neices, rest

Osgodby March 28

Honed S^r

1659

Your very humble S^ruant

M. ARMYNE

32.

S^r

Aprl the 21

I resaued your lattur and return you many thaks for that and all othrs favars that I haue resaued from you i haue ben uary ill sine my coming to toun and am now in a cors of phisick S^r the party that i spok to you of haue renued the former suit but i shall not doe enny thing with out your

aduis and my mothrs I cannot heare anny thing but good of hem som othr desire i find but i hop god will gid my Vncle lastar haue ben to see me and Sr Mical will be heare on friday naxt but i can not preul with my Vncle to lat me haue my tronk without lockin it which I am resouled shall not be i could wich you were heare but i am afraid i shall not be so happy you shall heare moear by the naxt I must beg pardn for this trobal and subcrib my silf to be

Sr what reall i am your
most obleged daftar
and saruant

(In margin)

My most o duty to my
mothr and is du to the

ANNE ARMYNE

Thes

For Iaack Aplton
Esq^{re} att Bucknam
House in Norfolcke

33.

EUER HONORED S^a

my Lady Armyne commands me to give and account from M^{rs} Huse what the pearle necklace was ualued att this day: ther wer seuerall ualus of it but the most that it was sayed to be worth as it might sell was a hundered and seuen pounds and another sayed it might be she might gett 2 hundered

pound for it but he would not giue soe for it. this is all
but that I am

S^r

Your most humble

Seruand and Neece

DOROTHY LEUENTHORP

For Isacke Apleton

Esq att

Graisinne.

34.

HONOURED S^r

had not the vnhappy newes of robbinge my house caused
my more suddaine thē intended retorne to London I had not
fayled to have wayted vpon you & yo^r Hoble Lady my Aunt
at Holbrooke, but faylinge in that pt of my duty I found
myselfe much obliged to make my addresses vnto you in
wrighting, & thereby beg yo^r and yo^r Ladys p̄don for that
vnhansome goe by of mine, I hope I shall not in future
(this beinge p̄doned) be found guilty of the like omission,
my wife is still at Shingle Hall,¹ & Looks very bigg of it &
expects not to hold out Longer then the begiñge of January,
I pray god send hir a happy & safe deliuerance — vpon
Monday next I expect hir & my Lady Leuenthorpe, in the

¹ Seat of the Leuenthorps.

interim I must content mys: as a widdower, the tryall of the Late K^s Judges begine vpon Tuesday the 9th instant, & the Kinge the D: of yor: the pr: Royall & pr: Rupt are all goinge to Hampton co^{rt} & from thence to portsmouth to free thems: from the importunity of pittie. I am sorry to heare of yo^r great loss of Horses, I have longe troubled you with a lame one I shold be glad to heare whether he be inter mortuos aut viuos & in w^t condicon whether sperate or desperate a word from you wold much comfort and oblige S^r
5 8^{bris} 1660

Yo^r most faithfull seruant

JOHN WENTWORTH

Vouchsafe I beseech to p̄sent
my Duty to yo^r Lady my
Aunt & my respects to my
Sist^r Holford & M^r: Ro: App:

These

ffor his much honoured Vncle Esq^r

Appleton at Holbroke Hall

in Little Waldingfeild

in Suff:

35.

Lon^d Feb: 11: 1669.

MADAM

My respects to your La^{sp} are so greatt, as I think it my dewty to giue you an accompt off all my dawghter Belasyse

concernes. which I thank god I can doe now with more satisfaction, being in a better condision then 2 dayes agoe, off y^e small pox which seased on her 5 dayes sine; & frighted vs by that ill com̄ing out; But by the great care & skill off Doctor Willys we hope y^e danger in probability is ouer; my Lady Allington had some months sine promoted a marriage for her, wth y^e Lord Wotton, whose person & Fortune being considerable, (for fear her choyse might be worse,) I contributed my best assistance allso, and treated for her intrest & that off her Fiue boys,¹ who improues dayly, So as her estate vpon this marriage iff it succeed, is to be deuided equally to y^e Issew off both marriages. and I doe also add a further settlement vpon my Grandchild, wherby his estate will be made vp 4000^l a yeare. I should be glad to se your La^p in Towne, & to hear off y^e continewanc off yo^r health & happness, so neare a relation to my deare wife in heauen challēging from me all the dewty & respect possable which can be payed by

Madam

Your most affect: son

& humble Ser^t:

J. BELASYSE

Mr. Appleton hath againe off late forced me to sew him without which I could nott possably obteyne my due; though I neuer doe it till he be 4 or 500^l in my debt; I wish your

¹ ? Fine boye.

La^{sp} would ether perswade him to pay better, & without sute ; or to giue vp his lease, wherby his damage and [*a word torn away*] may be less, otherwayse thes warrs [*word torn away*] allwayse continew betwixt vs.

For the Hon^[ble] The
lady Crane
These

36.

Apr: 6^t/70/

HONOUR'D MADAM,

The reason of my not sending punctually according to my promise y^e last week, was by reason of my deare wifes distemper, who has been afflicted wth so great a feauer since her deliuery, y^t D^r Brown has been thrice wth her, shee is yet very weak & faint, but in a much better temper, & getts some sleep, so y^t I hope by y^e grace of God y^t shee is now in a way of recouerie. I haue sent yo^r Ladis^p the 240^{ti}, all that is due for my wife's maintenance, I desire y^t yo^r Ladis^p would send mee a receipt of it. About a fortnight or 3 weeks hence I intend (God willing) to go for London & if I can possibly I will wait upon yo^r Ladis^p in my passage at Holbrook. If yo^r Ladis^p can finde anything about y^e settlement of S^r William Arnine's estate, pray Madam send it mee, for my Vncle

Euars & wee are going to sute about his cutting down y^r
timber. My wife p̄sents her duty to yo^r Ladis^h wth mysele,
who am, Madam,

Yo^r obedient son in law

THO : WODEHOUSE

These
ffor y^e Hon^{ble} y^e
Lady Crane at Holbrooke
in little Waldingfeild
Suff.

Sir Giles Alington =

William. Susan = Sir Robert Crane, Elizabeth = Sir John Tracy,
writer of 22. *writer of 25.*
 Sir T. Leventhorp = Dorothy = Holford.

Sir John. Sir Thomas. Dorothy,
writer of 33.

Robert Crane Bridget Jernyn

Henry = Katherine Jernegan. Elizabeth Edward Reeve

Sir Robert = Susan Alington Isaac Appleton. George,
writer of 28.

Sir W. Armyne = Anne = John, Lord Elizabeth Sir Edmund Bacon,
writer of 32. Belasyse. Mary = Sir Ralph Hare, *writer of 24.* *writer of 29.*

Sir William Armyne =

Sir Michael, Sir William = Anne Craue John, Lord
writer of 31. *writer of 27.* Belasyse,
writer of 35.

Anne Sir Thomas Wodehouse, Susan, Lady = Henry
writer of 35. Belasyse = James Fortrey.

The preceding tables show the relationship of the writers of most of the letters here printed. There are a few persons, who call themselves "kinsman" to Isaac Appleton, whose connection though real was probably distant, and such that I am unable to explain it. They are Sir George Waldegrave, Sir Clement Heigham, and Walter Long. The last was of Wiltshire and M. P. for Ludgershall in 1640. Nephew John Wentworth undoubtedly married a daughter of Dorothy Alington, but whether a Leventhorp or a Holford I cannot say; perhaps his wife was Dorothy Leventhorp, writer of 33. Henry Smyth, writer of 8 and 12, who married Sarah Appleton, was Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge, and Rector of Hildersham. Edward Rainbowe, writer of 17 and 19, married a daughter of Henry Smyth, whom he succeeded as Master of Magdalen, and later was also Bihshop of Carlisle.



