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**SUMMARY:**

17<sup>th</sup> June 1727 letter from Nicholas Webber, chapter clerk at Exeter Cathedral to D & C about Doccombe Manor. He thinks the yearly rack rent is now less than £200 & the yearly income from granting lives at 1/5<sup>th</sup> or 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the extended rack rent.

**Outside:** Mr Samuel Norris Chapter Clerke at Canterbury

**Inside:**

Sir

I had the favour of yours dated the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. and because it requires a speedy answer I must give one as well as I can without Consulting Mr Waldren who lives 14 miles from this City. Whatever Dr Hall might formerly admit the yearely value to be upon the Rack Mr Waldren has many times assured me (and I believe he spoke truth) that it is now short of £200 at the extended yearely Rack Rent of all the lands holden of the Mannor. And the Income or yearely Proffit made by granting Life Estates & takeing Fines Cannot (I think) be Reckoned at more than a fifth or sixth part of the extended yearely Rack Rent.

I Cannot (upon my own Knowledge) give you any Account of the value of this Estate But by Dr Hall's Papers (which guided me in the Sale) we did not Compute the yearely value upon the Rack at full £200.

I hope this is a satisfactory Answer to your last and that your next will put an End to this affaire which hath been so long Transacting.

I am Sir your faithful humble servant  
Nich[olas] Webber

Exon 17<sup>th</sup> June 1727