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DR HALL LETTER TO D& C CANTERBURY TO RENEW DOCCOMBE LEASES

{NB Referred to in Deane's minutes 25/11/1704}

SUMMARY OF TEXT

has 2 leases:

- 1] For lands of Doccombe
- 2] For woods

Last leases began 29/09/1697 & former lease surrendered dated 29/06/1689. So had more than 7 years granted for which he paid £75.

The manor is copyhold

Has power to grant 3 lives by copy. Wives have widow estate so sometimes tenants marry young girls in articulo mortis.

Value of manor is £220 pa upon rack rent.

The Head rent is paid to Chapter pa = c. £20 & more.

has only power to grant copy. In manors where but 2 lives by copy we in Exeter think a 6th or 7th part enough. Should be less where farmer grants 3 lives.

Woods are not worth over £40 once in 20 years.

Tenants have right to cut frith, stakes & kniseboot {?}. 'Under the pretence of this custom they take & spoil the whole.'

Had a lawsuit with the tenants for waste of wood which cost him £30 since his last lease & since they have been worse.

Wishes to renew lease.

Rent payable at St Luke.

Should not ask above 8th for such an estate.

The men who are unacquainted with these of western parts cannot comprehend them.

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