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SUMMARY:

Letter from J Copleston of Tedburn [St Mary, Devon] to Dr Stanhope, Dean of Canterbury Cathedral.

He had been requested to discover about their estate called Leane {*i.e. Leign*} from local inhabitants. He found out that it is was 200 acres, mostly coarse except for 12 acres close to the house, 6 being meadow, 6 pasture & 2 of good orchard. Farm house is plain with barn, stables, outhouses all in good repair & worth £20 per annum or slightly more. Held by widow Laskey aged 70 or more & her daughter aged about 40.

TRANSCRIPTION

Outside:

1709 To the Rev[ere]nd Doctor Stanhope Dean of Canterbury at his house In Lewisham near London Kent

Inside:

Tedbourn Jun[e] 10th 1709

Rev[ere]nd S[tanhop]e

On Sunday last I rec[eive]d yours & the next day rode to Moreton & made enquiry into your estate w[hi]ch the inhabitants call Leane & by the best information I can get I find 'tis a larger thing consisting of was 200 Acres of land but very coarse except about 12 Acres adjoining to the house 6 of w[hi]ch they say are meadow & the other 6 pasture w[i]th two acres of pretty good orchard, the house is a plain farm house w[i]th convenient barn, stables & other outhouses in good repair the whole value at £20 p[er] an[num] or somewhat better ther[e] are two lives on it the Widow Laskey

aged 70 or upwards & her daughter about
40. This is the most exact acco[u]nt I could get
of it. And if I can be further servicea
ble to you in this or any other affair I beg
You w[i]th the greatest freedom to com[m]and
Your most obliged & faithfull serv[an]t

J Copleston

My humble services to your family

My wife & father return you their humble service