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**SUMMARY:**

Letter to Dr George Stanhope, Dean at Canterbury Cathedral dated 13 June 1709 from Mary Laskey (tenant at Leane/Leign) after receiving request from D & C Canterbury dated 31<sup>st</sup> May requesting names, ages & health of named Lives, signed by the Parish Minister & a credible person. Mary was not born in Moreton & so cannot send a copy from the Birth Register at Moreton but she is 60, her daughter is unmarried & sends a copy of her birth from the Register.

The estate (Leign) is worth £20 per annum but as local people know the whole manor is overvalued. She is willing to pay £26 per annum, She also sends the estate boundary details but it is much too expensive to have the acreage properly counted.

She has paid the rent last Christmas & for many years to Francis Oliver of Exeter.

**TRANSCRIPTION**

**Outside:**

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1709

To the Reverend Doctor George Stanhope Dean of Canterbury at Lewisham in Kent  
humbly p[re]sent This

**Inside:**

Reverend S[i]r

I have yours of the 31th of May in w[hi]ch you say you expect I should

have sent you an account of the surviving Nominal and their age  
and account of their health to be signed by the minister of the p[ar]ish  
and some other Credible person w[hi]ch if it had been so I should  
have observed it but now according to your desire I have done it  
I was not born in this p[ar]ish and so could not send for a copy  
from the Register but if you will believe me I take me age  
to be within a year of sixty, my daughter is unmarried and I  
have sent you a copy of her age from the Register, the estate  
is rated £20 p[er] Annum, but the whole p[ar]ish knows yt all your  
Mannor is Rated far beyond any of the p[ar]ishioners whose estates  
are of Like value, and I willingly set mine for £26 p[er] Annum  
during the term I have in it and there are 2 or 3 estates of your  
Mannor of Dockham now set much under the value they are  
Rated at. the bounderies of the estate I have here in sent you  
but the particulars of the Acres. I cannot tell. I believe several Acres  
if I should be forced to measure it it would cost a years value  
I heartily wish you all know the estate and you would wonder  
the first inhabitants should inclose such Land. I paid your Rent  
whome to Christmas last to Mr Francis Oliver of Exeter who has Reteined  
it many years as by his Receipts appears if you accept of my prefer[obl]  
I shall send you up the monie with my lease and Certificate of our  
Health if please god to continue it. I desire you will inform me  
what the fees of the seal are.

w[hi]ch is all at present from Your poor Humble Tenant

And servant

Mary Laskey

Moreton Hampstead June 13<sup>th</sup> 1709