

**Letter from John Donne, Chelsea, to Sir Henry Wotton, 1625 July 12:  
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the More family of Loseley Park,  
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Sir

Thys ys your Quietus est from me; It ys your assurance that  
I wyll never trouble yow mor, about any place in your Colledge;  
But thys Quietus est must beare date from the end of thys  
letter; for in the letter, I must make a suite of that kinde,  
to yow: In *which*, I know yow wyll giue a good interpretation of myne  
ingenuity, that I would not forbear euen the troublinge of yow, when  
I had a way presented me, to do any seruice to *that* noble family, to  
whom I owe, euen my posterity. Sir, At your last Election, Sir Robert  
More (to whom I haue the honor to be brother in law) had a sonne  
elected into your schoole, and hys place ys not falln, and so our hopes  
euacuated, that way. Because yt was my worke at first, I would  
faine perfit yt; and I ame in the right way of perfitinge yt, when  
I addresse my selfe to yow, who haue a perfit power in the busines,  
and haue multiplyed demonstrations of a perfit loue to me. That  
*which* was then donne, was donne by way of ~~wa~~ gratitude, by Mr wood-  
ford, one of the then opposers, to whom I had giuen a Church, be-  
longinge to our pauls: And for *the* fauor *which* yow shall be pleasd to  
afford us herin, I offer yow mother and daughters, all *the* seruice  
that I shall be able to doe, to any servant of yours, in any place, of any  
of our Churches. Our most *Blessed* savyor, blesse yow *with* all hys graces, and  
restore us to a confident meetinge in wholesomer places, and direct us all,  
by good ways to good ends. Amen.

your very true frinde and  
humble seruant in Christ Iesus  
Iohn Donne  
from Sir Iohn Dauers house at chelsey,  
of whose house, and my Lord Carlils at Hanworth,  
I make up my Tusculan. 12 Iulii. 1625

This ~~Man~~<sup>Dr. Donne</sup> Marryd one of Sir George More's daughters against  
his concent

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To the Honorable *knight*, and  
my most Honored frinde  
Sir Henry Wotton pro=

uost of Eaton.