

Legal opinion of Sir Humphrey Davenport, 1620 June 29: autograph manuscript by Sir George More with autograph reply signed by Davenport, Papers of the More family of Loseley Park, Surrey. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.b.669, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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A prisoner committed to the towre of London bringeth into the towre for his vse there, furniture for his lodging, and plate and howshold stuffe. Then the prisoner is attainted of treason or felony. The Lieutenant of the towre claymeth these goods as belonging to hym by his Office. but doth not seaze them nor take them away out of the possession of the prisoner, and then the Lieutenant giveth over his place, the prisoner still continuing in the towre, and vnder the Custodie of a newe Lieutenant The question is, whether these goods doe appertens to the first Lieutenant, and whether he may take them and seaze them so long as the prisoner continueth in the towre and vseth them /.
In my opinion the good{es} Abouementioned do clerlye belong to the Lieutenant of the towre for the time being at the time of the Attaind^r And not to the successor. the not seisure of such good{es} by the sayd former Lieutenant before the departure of him from his sayd office notwithstanding

Humfray Dauenport
29. Iun. 1620.

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Case as to the goods of one
convicted of treson of felony
being in the Tower
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