

**Letter from Nathaniel Rich to Sir Robert Rich, Clapham, 1697 May 12:  
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Charles Real  
&  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Whites letters

May y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1697

Honored S:<sup>r</sup>

After my duty presented to you and my  
honored Aunt, These few lines are to acquaint  
your Hon.<sup>r</sup> y<sup>t</sup> I have almost Copyed out another  
of y<sup>e</sup> Questions and Answers in which I hope  
you will find some better writing then in y<sup>e</sup>  
last which I gave to you Hon.<sup>r</sup>, and as soon as  
I have done this y<sup>t</sup> I am now about, I think to  
begin another of y<sup>e</sup> same if your Hon.<sup>r</sup> think  
fitt of it, I should have bin very glad to have  
seen your Hon.<sup>r</sup> and to my honored Aunt to day,  
but y<sup>t</sup> I doe take y<sup>e</sup> waters I took them yester=  
:day and I intend to take them to morrow god  
willing: pray give my service to m<sup>r</sup> & m.<sup>rs</sup>

Cross, I doe follow my Copying in y<sup>e</sup> afternoons  
but cannot Cypher in y<sup>e</sup> mornings by reason  
of my taking of y<sup>e</sup> waters but assoon as I  
have done taking of them, I will goe every  
morning, having no more to add at this time  
but begging your hon.<sup>r</sup>s pardon for troubling  
you at this time with my bad writing but  
hoping y<sup>t</sup> in a short time you will see a great  
change for y<sup>e</sup> better, so begging your prayers  
for me who daily stands in need of them so

I rest your dutyfull  
Nephew & servant to  
Co<sup>m</sup>mand Till death  
Nath: Rich

I am glad to heer that  
your Hon.<sup>r</sup> has your health  
so well I pray god continue  
it to you for health is a  
Jewel of great value.

To  
The Right Hon.<sup>ble</sup> S:<sup>r</sup> Rob:<sup>t</sup> Rich  
K.<sup>tt</sup> and Barr.<sup>tt</sup> at M<sup>r</sup> Whittakers  
In Clapham  
These