

**Copy of an order from the Privy Council to Sir William Ellis, member of the King's Council at York, 1622 July 15: autograph manuscript signed. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS X.d.623, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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A lre to the Lo President and Councell established in  
the North Vpon Informacōn from divers Mynisters  
of that Country as also vpon Complaint made both to his  
Ma<sup>tie</sup> and to vs of his Councell by Iames Nelson Mynister  
and Parson of Crofton in that County of Yorke: Wee  
haue taken notice of a strainge and disgracefull vsage offered  
to this poore Mynister whoe being before y<sup>w</sup> his Ma<sup>t</sup>{es}  
Councell at Yorke by occasion of a Suite depending there,  
was questioned by S<sup>r</sup> William Ellis in the heareing of  
the whole Court for wearing the haire of his head some  
what longer be hinde then ordinarie, and when the Minister  
replied that it was by reason of a greate hurt not longe  
before received in his heade from some that sett vpon him  
on the high way to the hazard of his life, w<sup>ch</sup> appeares to be  
true and to haue ben alledged by the Mynister for cause of  
his so wearing it, and not that hee had any will to give  
ill example by it or tooke any pleasure therein, but only  
was forced a while to suffer it for his health sake, yet  
S<sup>r</sup> William Ellis not regarding either the Mynisters pson  
his calling or the reason hee alledged presently comaunded  
an Officer of the Court to take the Mynister and carrie  
him forth to a Barbors Shopp and to see his haire cutt  
shorte, and then to bring him backe in to the Court againe,  
w<sup>ch</sup> had it ben but for the parties health in such a tyme  
might haue ben forborne but being don after such a  
manner and at such a presence tended not only to the  
exceeding reproach, and shame of the man being there made  
a publike scorne and laughing stocke to all the Courte  
but as it was acted vpon a Mynister was a kinde of dispite  
and scandall to Religion. ffor this ill carriage S<sup>r</sup> William  
Ellis being by his Ma<sup>tes</sup> speciall co<sup>m</sup>and called before  
this Boarde, though hee hath acknowledged the ffact, and  
confessed the same to be vnadvisedly and inconsiderately  
don. Yet for asmuch as the disgrace resteth not only vpon  
the person of Nelson, but trencheth to the Scandall of the  
Mynistrie, and so requireth a more publicke satisfaccōn  
Wee haue thought meete to addresse theis our l<sup>r</sup>es to y<sup>r</sup> llp<sup>s</sup> &  
to signifie vnto y<sup>w</sup>, that ffirst wee thinke it fitt S<sup>r</sup>  
William Ellis doe give the Mynister Twenty pound{es}  
for his charges in comeing hither to london, and doe also  
hold it

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hold it very requisite that at the next generall Sessions to

be holden at Yorke these o<sup>r</sup> l<sup>r</sup>es be there publickely reade  
and that S<sup>r</sup> William Ellis doe there at the same tyme  
acknowledg this his iniurie to the partie and offence to the  
wholl Mynistrie, w<sup>ch</sup> wee should not haue holden sufficient  
satisfaccō for so fowle an abuse and disgrace, if wee had  
not had respect to the quallitie and place S<sup>r</sup> William Ellis  
holdeth in his Ma<sup>t<sup>es</sup></sup> Service there, and also to his greate age  
and infirmities otherwise. And so praying y<sup>w</sup> to see theis  
our direccōs duly performed. Wee bid &c/

Signed by the

L Archbishop of Canterbury

L Keeper L Chamberlen

L Treasurer L vi: ffalkland

L President L Bp: Winton

L Priuy Seale M<sup>r</sup>. Secretary Caluert

L Stewarde M<sup>r</sup>. of the Rolles

S<sup>r</sup> John Sucklinge./

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A Coppy of s<sup>r</sup> William  
Ellis his order made by  
the Ll<sup>s</sup> of his Ma<sup>t<sup>ies</sup></sup> priuy  
Cownsell, concerning the  
the powling of M<sup>r</sup> Nelson  
15 Iuly 1622