

**Letter from John Donne, Chelsea, to Sir Henry Wotton, 1625 July 12:
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the More family of Loseley Park,
Surrey. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS
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S^r

Thys ys yo^r Quietus est from me; It ys yo^r assurance that
I wyll never trouble y^w mor, about any place in yo^r 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 y^w: In w^{ch}, I know yo^w wyll giue a good interpretation of myne
ingenuity, that I would not forbear euen the troublinge of y^w, when
I had a way presented me, to do any seruice to y^t noble family, to
whom I owe, euen my posterity. S^r, At yo^r last Election, S^r Rob:
More (to whom I haue the honor to be brother in law) had a sonne
elected into yo^r schoole, and hys place ys not falln, and so o^r 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 yo^w, who haue a perfit power in the busines,
and haue multiplyed demonstrations of a perfit loue to me. That
w^{ch} was then donne, was donne by way of wa^g gratitude, by M^r wood-
ford, one of the then opposers, to whom I had giuen a Church, be-
longinge to our pauls: And for y^e fauor w^{ch} y^w shall be pleasd to
afford us herin, I offer yo^w mother and daughters, all y^e seruice
that I shall be able to doe, to any servant of yo^{rs}, in any place, of any
of or Churches. Our most B: savyor, blesse yo^w w^t all hys graces, and
restore us to a confident meetinge in wholesomer places, and direct us all,
by good ways to good ends. Amen.

yor very true frinde and
humble seruant in Chr: Ies:
I: Donne
from S^r Iohn Dauers house at chelsey,
of w^{os} house, and my L: Carlils at Hanworth,
I make up my Tusculan. 12 Iulii. 1625

This Man^{Dr. Donne} Marry^d one of S^r George More' daughters against
his concent

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To the Honorable k^t, and
my most Honored frinde
S^r Henry Wotton pro=

uost of Eaton.