

**Letter from John Donne, Chelsea, to Sir Henry Wotton, 1625 July 12:  
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S<sup>r</sup>

Thys ys yo<sup>r</sup> Quietus est from me; It ys yo<sup>r</sup> assurance that  
I wyll never trouble y<sup>w</sup> mor, about any place in yo<sup>r</sup> 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<sup>w</sup>: In w<sup>ch</sup>, I know yo<sup>w</sup> wyll giue a good interpretation of myne  
ingenuity, that I would not forbear euen the troublinge of y<sup>w</sup>, when  
I had a way presented me, to do any seruice to y<sup>t</sup> noble family, to  
whom I owe, euen my posterity. S<sup>r</sup>, At yo<sup>r</sup> last Election, S<sup>r</sup> Rob:  
More (to whom I haue the honor to be brother in law) had a sonne  
elected into yo<sup>r</sup> schoole, and hys place ys not falln, and so o<sup>r</sup> 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<sup>w</sup>, who haue a perfit power in the busines,  
and haue multiplyed demonstrations of a perfit loue to me. That  
w<sup>ch</sup> was then donne, was donne by way of wa<sup>g</sup> gratitude, by M<sup>r</sup> wood-  
ford, one of the then opposers, to whom I had giuen a Church, be-  
longinge to our pauls: And for y<sup>e</sup> fauor w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>w</sup> shall be pleasd to  
afford us herin, I offer yo<sup>w</sup> mother and daughters, all y<sup>e</sup> seruice  
that I shall be able to doe, to any servant of yo<sup>rs</sup>, in any place, of any  
of or Churches. Our most B: savyor, blesse yo<sup>w</sup> w<sup>t</sup> 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<sup>r</sup> Iohn Dauers house at chelsey,  
of w<sup>os</sup> house, and my L: Carlils at Hanworth,  
I make up my Tusculan. 12 Iulii. 1625

This Man<sup>Dr. Donne</sup> Marry<sup>d</sup> one of S<sup>r</sup> George More' daughters against  
his concent

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To the Honorable k<sup>t</sup>, and  
my most Honored frinde  
S<sup>r</sup> Henry Wotton pro=

uost of Eaton.