

**Letter from John Donne, Chelsea, to Sir Henry Wotton, 1625 July 12:  
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Sir

This is your Quietus est from me; It is your assurance that  
I will never trouble you more, about any place in your College;  
But this Quietus est must bear date from the end of this  
letter; for in the letter, I must make a suite of that kind,  
to you: In which, I know you will give a good interpretation of mine  
ingenuity, that I would not forbear even the troubling of you, when  
I had a way presented me, to do any service to that noble family, to  
whom I owe, even my posterity. Sir, At your last Election, Sir Robert  
More (to whom I have the honor to be brother-in-law) had a son  
elected into your school, and his place is not fallen, and so our hopes  
evacuated, that way. Because it was my work at first, I would  
feign perfect it; and I am in the right way of perfecting it, when  
I address myself to you, who have a perfect power in the business,  
and have multiplied demonstrations of a perfect love to me. That  
which was then done, was done by way of ~~wa~~ gratitude, by Mr Woodford,  
one of the then opposers, to whom I had given a Church, belonging  
to our Paul's: And for the favor which you shall be pleased to  
afford us herein, I offer you mother and daughters, all the service  
that I shall be able to do, to any servant of yours, in any place, of any  
of our Churches. Our most Blessed savior, bless you with all his graces, and  
restore us to a confident meeting in wholesomer places, and direct us all,  
by good ways to good ends. Amen.

your very true friend and  
humble servant in Christ Jesus  
John Donne  
from Sir John Danvers' house at Chelsea,  
of whose house, and my Lord Carlisle's at Hanworth,  
I make up my Tusculan. 12 July. 1625

This ~~Man~~ Dr. Donne Married one of Sir George More's daughters against  
his consent

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To the Honorable knight, and  
my most Honored friend  
Sir Henry Wotton provost

of Eton.