

**Letter from Sir Rowland Stanley, Hooton, to Thomas Fletcher, mayor of Chester, 1597 December 30: autograph manuscript signed. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS X.c.15, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Good m<sup>r</sup> ffletcher, here is a poore tennant of myne the berer  
herof whoe not longe since had some gooddes taken from him  
by a bad fellowe, whoe as hee enformeth me was Executed now  
lately in your Cittie for other offence, and as my tennant  
enformeth me he is able to prooue by good wittnes that vpon  
his Execution he did confesse that this poore mans gooddes were  
to be had, from one Iesper Gillam, and one Couldocke, whoe  
as I heere are two of your officers of your towne. I would  
therefore entreate that fauoure at your ~~hand~~ handes as to  
steedde this poore man so much for my sake as to Examine the  
matter, so that this poore man maye haue his gooddes againe  
if it be possible: And in so doinge I will surely think my  
self greatly beholdinge to you. Thus wi<sup>th</sup> my hartiest  
comendacons to your selfe I end Hooton this xxx<sup>th</sup> of  
December 1597

Your verie louinge frend  
Rowland Stanley

**leaf 1 verso**

To the Worshipfu<sup>ll</sup> my verie  
good frend M<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
ffletcher Mayor of  
the Cittie of  
Chester geue this