

**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 tennañt 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 lattely in your Cittie for other offence, and as my tennañt 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 stedde this poore man so much for my sake as to Examine the matter, so that this poore mañ 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 comēdacons to your selfe I end Hooton this xxx<sup>th</sup> of December 1597

Your verie louinge frend  
Rowland Stanley

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To the Worshipfu<sup>ll</sup> my verie  
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