

**Letter from Nathaniel Rich to Sir Robert Rich, Clapham, 1697 May 12: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Rich family. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS X.d.451 (187), Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Charles Real  
&  
Richard White's letters

May the 12<sup>th</sup> 1697

Honored Sir

After my duty presented to you and my honored Aunt, These few lines are to acquaint your Honor that I have almost Copied out another of the Questions and Answers in which I hope you will find some better writing than in the last which I gave to you Honor, and as soon as I have done this that I am now about, I think to begin another of the same if your Honor think fit of it, I should have been very glad to have seen your Honor and to my honored Aunt today, but that I do take the waters I took them yesterday and I intend to take them tomorrow God willing: pray give my service to Mr & Mrs Cross, I do follow my Copying in the afternoons but cannot Cypher in the mornings by reason of my taking of the waters but as soon as I have done taking of them, I will go every morning, having no more to add at this time but begging your Honor's pardon for troubling you at this time with my bad writing but hoping that in a short time you will see a great change for the better, so begging your prayers for me who daily stands in need of them so

I rest your dutiful  
Nephew & servant to  
Command Till death  
Nathaniel Rich

I am glad to hear that your Honor has your health so well I pray God continue it to you for health is a Jewel of great value.

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To  
The Right Honorable Sir Robert Rich  
Knight and Barronett at Mr Whittaker's  
In Clapham  
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