

**Letter from Nathaniel Rich to Sir Robert Rich, Clapham, 1697 May 12:  
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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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