

**Letter from Nathaniel Rich to Sir Robert Rich, Clapham, 1697 May 12:
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Richard White's letters

May the 12th 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.

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