

**Letter from Nathaniel Rich to Sir Robert Rich, Clapham, 1697 May 12:
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Charles Real
&
Richard Whites letters

May the 12th 1697

Honored Sir

After my duty presented to you and my
honored Aunt, These few lines are to acquaint
your Honour *that* I have almost Copyed out another
of *the* Questions and Answers in which I hope
you will find some better writing then in *the*
last which I gave to you Honour, and as soon as
I have done this *that* I am now about, I think to
begin another of *the* same if your Honour think
fitt of it, I should have bin very glad to have
seen your Honour and to my honored Aunt to day,
but *that* I doe take *the* waters I took them yester=
:day and I intend to take them to morrow god
willing: pray give my service to mr & mrs
Cross, I doe follow my Copying in *the* afternoons
but cannot Cypher in *the* mornings by reason
of my taking of *the* waters but assoon as I
have done taking of them, I will goe every
morning, having no more to add at this time
but begging your honours 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 dutyfull
Nephew & servant to
Command Till death
Nathaniel Rich

I am glad to heer that
your Honour 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
Knightt and *Barronett* at Mr Whittakers
In Clapham
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