

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