

[Sir] ~~one the~~ by Mr Richard Walton of Shapewick I have resevid news of the 18th day of this instant October wherby I p[er]ceve your pleasure is that I should [reserve/receve] your rent of Shapwick and [?Kilmersdon] and to bestowe p[ar]te thereof in cattell to eate youre grasse and haye growing upon Walton the w[hi]ch shalbe p[er]formed accordingly and the remaynder eyther sent up or kepte to give use as you shall ~~thinke best like and~~ directe. I will also at xxx St Andrewes Fayre /buye/ so many Cattell as yore koren and hay will keepe w[hi]ch cannot be many the grownd of Walton beinge noe bigger. And as Towchinge ~~the [?Coostinge]~~ of my first [xxx] of advise of the [?koyrt] at [?Daynton] \w[hi]ch you write was [?lost] and you desyer to be [?for...] and [?w...] ~~hereof~~/yt was [?committed] the 18th day of ~~this~~ August at night and the names of the knowen and suspected rioters I sent you playnely ~~wright~~ written in my last letre of the \date of [?yesterday] beinge the 18th of/ this instant \October/ whereof as yett I [?recevid] noe answer unto w[hi]ch I ~~xxx~~ for this and others the contents [?thense] I [refer] me. One the 29th of this October /Mettford/ the bayliffe of [?Long Sutton] came to my howse and brought [xxx] \halfe yers/ rent of [Longe Sutton] ~~desyringe me to receive a~~ dewe at Michaelamas the w[hi]ch [although] I had noe warrant to receve yet [thorough] his importunity ~~havinge~~ I recevid of him 42s and for [?that] \I/ knowe not the certayne some I gave him and acquitance for so [xxx] recevid by me to your use in p[ar]te of payment of your rent dewe \[?out] the same mannor/ at Michaelamas last the w[hi]ch some of 42s I have entreated of my good frinde Mr Edward [?Horton] to paye \or cause to be payd/ unto you and to receve your acquitance. Mettford also tells me that Mr [?Hept] is determined to p[ar]te dep[ar]t with ~~xxx~~ the manner of Som[er]ton w[hi]ch yf it may be gotten for reasonable money is not so fitt for my man as for you in respecte \of the/ good neyborhod unto Longsutton and the well ordringe of [?Kingsnow] to \the great/ benefitt of bothe the \sayd/ manners and then might you rightly saye that you had as greate a commaund of [xxx] together as most men in these p[ar]ts the w[hi]ch I reffer to your good consideracion. Player hathe byne heere and offered me \many/ greate offers ~~aswell~~ w[hi]ch I forbear to Write \of/ untill I see some likelihood of p[er]formans ~~xxxx~~ Fryday beinge the 6 of November is of[ur] daye of pa[r]le at doy[xxx] wher god willinge I will meet him ~~And yf I only understand him by feeling~~ and yf I cann f[xxx] any p[ar]te of your ~~dett~~ rent ~~behind~~ \to your use/ ther wilbe the lesse behind to paye but howe soever, I will undertake nothinge in your behalfe but still leave him unto your mercye, ~~he also~~ as we shall then p[xxx] I will herafter ad[xxx] you and even so w[xxx] very best salutacions unto your selfe and my good lady do take my leave at [?Stanistons] this 30th of October 1601