

13th Sept 1697

Honorable Sir,

On Wednesday last Romanby sent .. their ffarm rents
and paid me at f... forghway's Rents they seem to be mightily
dissatisfied about their da depended all this sumer of....
Mr Metcalfe an Heir to a ..siderable Estate in Rowanby & principally
concern'd in paym^t of the [unreadable] to have spoke to you about the
he has been at London this [unreadable] Months' as I am inform'd and now ...
his returne gives an Air^h [unreadable] remember'd itt whilst in London
Nor did Mr Raiby their Atto... wait on you as I writ to you, they ordered
him in my company, But I [unreadable] they gave him noe .ee So he likewise
made a forgett of itt [unreadable] two severall to you since I heard I
from you to acquaint you first [unreadable] ...dender of their Rent deducting Parli..
d... at 4^s per £, And [unreadable] in the Act they misisled on, the second
was to desire yo-advise & [unreadable] whether to restranie on them for ... or
after Mr Rabey came from [unreadable] had not spoke to you, But never
had any Answer from you [unreadable], I was very unmilling to
medle w. itt at this time not [unreadable] heard from you about itt, And
Mic... being so nigh at [unreadable] please to lett me hear from you
the next post, And I will [unreadable] on a bill for the money at very first
opportunity but I thinke itt [unreadable] ten days or a ffortnight before I
goe to any place where I [unreadable] , but if I can meet wth one for
I will, yo bill I perceive may [unreadable] may able to Mr Be..
As for ..ly, I hope the [unreadable] feilds

[rest unreadable]

(If you have lost my directions, please to direct to me as formerly

At Low Burton near Masham

Borrowbridge

To

John Talbot Barr^t

Att his House in Long Acre

Or at .hisslework near

London

May the 12th 1694

Sir

Yours of 7th of Aprill last I rent, w^{ch} was to remind mee to Romanby
Fee farm rents @ .. Returns from .. Mr Cooke, w^{ch} I shall do so soone as
they come to my hands; But I have not got rent one-penny; tho' I
sent notice as usually to Provide ... ag I would
I might .. sooner get it, But when I came ...

To have it, they were all unready, And desires ref... ..

First of May & they would meet me at Rippon wth it, to w^{ch} place I woul
to meet time appointed, but the man... should have brought
it me accordingly to meet me but only had his own @ 2 or 3
more in all I ab^t 9 or 10: the rest he said denyed to pay it till
after Mayday So I woul not take that he brought, but at his request
gave him till Wednesday last to bring it mee to Masham, w^{ch} he promised
he would certainly doe, he met me here againe but told me he had it
not all, he get he had ab^t 15 or 16: but that he would not pay
unless I would give him a Ren.igh for every man's mony, & I might
then go to Romanby to get the other as I could: So I tooke not one penny
of it but told him I would get it all as I could, you are a refrartoroug
company and can have no Allowance; I
can pay it by , But my comission does
not impower mee to that Nor will my business permit mee
great inconvenience to attend to execution of ... distress, I thinke I can

have it all paid me in a Month's time wthout trouble; Or if you please
for Providents sake to impower mee to make a
for yo whole as you formerly.. it might be, I will upon
of Squire Hopton who married Sro Tho Mauliver' Lady
, for I cannot run to every man if pleased
to pay it or can w^{ch} his best convenience (Land rents like) for 6^d per £ or less
Mr Hopton I is most refrartorony of any boby But seems to be
very fair & friendly to mee when wth him; Pray please to let me have
yo and here.. for I am ill tyered of haveing his pass,nor indeed
would be troubled wth it for any profit I get by it, but only to oblige
you
Sir yo servt to remain
Tho. Johnson

I find many Lands that ... able to contribute to his rent are not called (nor
In the least know in yo Grants, so cannot well be severally

Not 3, 5, 8, 11, 12,