

Letter

After my father & mother's death he to himself to
you that I find of your last advertisement that it is
thought your son to be some further assurance
made to my daughter by the writing that your
passed between you, on ^{the} day and now containing
the marriage intended by us between William
and my said daughter, then was by us
intent / for answer, request and declaration of
my true meaning, that he to let you understand
that if any thing of my name passed at that
time ~~of the~~ ^{to me} ~~of the~~ ^{confession of} ~~the~~ ^{to the}
witness by the person of estate made at the
counsel of you and on ^{the} day according to
written declaration sent to me from you and his, neither
demanded by me, nor sent by me either to answer
been made / for that the assurance acted at I
meant of your son upon the former knowledge,
and upon the Indenture that with the rest of
the said firm, as your Indenture declares that
the said firm were acknowledged only in consideration
of the said marriage to be had to be had, the
doubt in my opinion ~~that~~ ^{should not have been} ~~had~~ ^{happened},
besides as in the Indenture, especially the rest
of the said firm were directed any fault were

I have I think I have it not, yet was there no blame
 in me for that, considering it was put down
 down in papers to be reviewed of the court
 of conscience. I have of my own thinking that
 if any thing were a mystery to me, I was
 content that it should be referred according to
 reason. And thus much I have thought good to
 write unto you for the declaration of my place
 in running and dealing in this matter, and with all to
 let you understand that if any thing hath happened
 in this proceeding of yours, which you, that were privy,
 meant, that in my judgement it were more that
 that trouble that should grow thereby, should
 light upon them that have sought by any means
 to disprove that intention that was well meant
 by us all. And if some man had the matter in
 handling, I think it would be best to that end.
 Nevertheless I for my part am content to commit
 the matter to you, and so to let this matter as any
 man may see the fruit of my labors. And therefore
 for your satisfaction and mine, I am content

to declare and certify you by this line, that being your
marriage taken not according as you meant it, that
my meaning is not, nor now was that my daughter
should receive any commodity or gift by any
assurances or writing that I have passed by which
concerning the land, cities of you, or my
garnish or willow garnish, and all in general
content also to ~~do~~ to do all manner of things that
is made for ~~the~~ father to do to his daughter to ransom
her ~~from~~ ^{the} father's ~~hand~~ ^{hand} any interest that is found by
any grown into ~~the~~ by any of their
assurances, and in token thereof I send unto you
all the assurances, bonds and writings whomever
of me concerning these matters, to be cancelled
or otherwise as you, at your pleasure shall
think meet. And also an ~~affidavit~~
under my hand and seal as aforesaid
content of this letter.

May 7. Tue 5. am
J. C. Edwards.
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