

Camden this 20<sup>th</sup> of Januarie 1614:

Right Worshipful, whereas you are informed that I should utter some speeches of disgrace against u and tax u with cruelty [?] [?] of bonds and the like whereupon it seems u are much offended with me and think hardly of me without a cause and withal I understand you put disgraceful terms behind my back to my Countrymen as calling me knave, proud Rascal and the like and withal u should speak words against a gentleman in our Country of great respect and calling and despising and disgracing him in his calling and practice as scurvy lawyer and the like for drawing such a scandling bill against you taxing him with dishonesty & said if the parliament had held u would have taken order with lawyers. You are a great man there and can do much, I know.

Know ye therefore that I never wronged u with any such words aforesaid but always gave you the best [?] I could and as for the gentleman, let him answer for himself, that concerns not me but my brother, which is his client in a suit wherein u are plaintiff, concerning a bond for Covenants of one hundred pounds. But it seems my brother cares not for anything u can do unto him he only desires an honourable hearing for the same, to shew your rigour & his innocence that u would thirst and desire after a hundred pounds for the breach of a nice Covenant. Neither do I think that it can be in your meaning to act the Jew's part against a Christian in such a kind as this (it is proved case) but rather like yourself and a worthy gentleman whose good works remain with us, witness the Alms house, the bell and the pulpit and the gift u bestowed of the vicar. These were not given like he that published his good works in the street or like the proud ambitious man that cut it out in brass or marble yet thinks that not sufficient to satisfy the common people paints it upon a wall with *ex dono significans* upon it of worth and value hypocritically Mathew the vi<sup>th</sup>. But it is not so with u, witness the gift u bestowed of the vicar, for there is no *ex dono non significans* neither: but like yourself with bounty & charity, that the one hand does not know what the other gave nor, like the base-minded, covetous, greedy, peddling landlord who grinds the face of the poor tenant, yet not altogether be seen to do it himself but protects his man under him to do it, which man the world hath spewed up already & doth scorn. He may be compared to a Cock whose stature is an ell long<sup>1</sup>, whose mouth is wide whose comb is long & forked, whose swallow is great, whose back is deformed yea, hated of the hen his mate, whose spurs are sharp to strike in to the hart of the pore tenant so done rest him in his grain scrat[che]s the earth upon him and for a funeral peal crows & claps his wings, stamps down the earth, flies to his [?], and, instead of a cloak, spreads his broad wings to shelter him from the scandal & takes it upon his own feathers & both glory therein most atheist like (turn over)

Now Right Worshipful, you are far from those wicked men; witness the poor men's states. Your predecessor left u to make good. Now you did not make them pay again, witness **Bravell**,

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<sup>1</sup> BH's steward was called Elcock !

**Hewes, Willis & Jefferson**, your tenants . Also with the **Lady Culpepper, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, M<sup>rs</sup> Weoly**  
- 3 widows & their children.

How also like yourself, u dealt with them & not like the cavilling contentious man that will go to law for every trifle and because the Court will not award him according to his covetous greedy mind, returns home discontented, backbites the Judge, rails against the Jury, falls out with the evidence, calling them knaves because they would not bring ?damned ??game into his purse & throw themselves into the sink of hell; thus he rewards them for their pains, therein is shown a most plentiful lack of wit & thinks with his own pride to tread down every man's worth far from the law of god & man.

Yea & this man will go to church every day & in all company talk of religion & of good benefactors to the end (so) he may be thought a zealous and a religious man, familiar to all men, to seem more like a saint than a man & withal he will fall into bargain with men whereby he will have all the trust reposed in himself. But when he hath got, by any trick, full hold of him whereby he may grap[p]le him then he falls off & seems angry & will not hear the man speak for himself whatsoever he be poor or rich, fatherless or widow, tenant or else he putts them over to his Cock aforesaid. And then they are Baptised in the fount of black infamy for they are devils in the shape of men and to give u & all my good friends notes now to know him, he hath a blinking mark in his eye that proclaims him to be that he is, for the lord that knows all secrets hath plac[e]d that there to bid his people beware. He is also of a mean faculty yet as proud as the devil & a great pouch mouth out of which ?proceed foul words in his angry (speech) upon his head. He hath the form of a bowling alley, the which unlawful game hath rubbed many an innocent man out of his right from which game & gam[e]ster the lord deliver me, from this day & evermore

Your ?friend

**Augustine Jarrett**

In haste