

and you must Write with all the speed you can to have the Letter of ^{Den} tation out of the Court
of Chancery, and you must have your Letter signed by the Publique Notary of your Country
that you are living and your Daughters Children or else you will go near to lose your Lands after
my death your best way is to Write to my Thomas Barber attorney at ^{Essex}ford in Kent and to will
see the Letter of ^{Den} tation out of the Court and be a Witness for you when time may come for
you to have Occasion, for I do very believe he that is the purchaser will be as true to form as he
came for his hark demanded the Writings before your Son began his suit and threats
because I would not give him account where they are but if you will live me he is not like to be
trouble with any of them and if you dont I am not willing your Grand Children should be wronged
you must let wife be sure to date your Letters or else they will signifie nothing and send by some
Ship if you can, for fear of some miscarriage you may send to my Cousin Graft and to Mr
Barber who will further the Business what they can I wrote to you last year about this business
but the Master of the Ship I sent it by, could not meet with a safe Conventy to send it to you
and so brought it back againe and my Cousin Graft Remembred her love to you two with my love to
you and your husband Graft your Loving Aunt Katherine Lee

Maryland Somerset County. ss. March 9th 1696

Upon the restoration of sundry Letters to me directed from my Aunt Katherine Butcher alias Lee
now Widow and living at Deal in old England, two of which said Letters being of high Content to
me the Subscriber Katherine the only Wife to George Johnson ^{late} in Chancery, But now Wife of
Thomas Brandon of the said Chancery, Probate and County of Middlesex, the 17th of
18th of December 1695 in which my said Aunt gives me notice of her said Letters becom dated the 17th
England and how Writethy he requirith the same, saying if he (meaning the said George) hath sold her
said, that should come to me after her decease, and sent her in Chancery as my said Aunt
saying I died six years ago Justices - my said Aunt Butcher alias Lee writeth me to Write with all
speed to have the Letter of said taken out of the Court of Chancery as by Words of Mr Thomas Barber
Attorney at Lawford in Court to me may be given, and my further Instructions are for the better
securing my Rights as well as my daughter Godint Children, after my decease, my said Letters
has signed by the Public Notary of the County of Somerset (otherwise shall sell my Lands after
my said Aunt's decease) that John and daughter Children at this present Writing (viz) the day after
was then living in the Probate of Maryland and County of, as by the two said Letters to me directed with
many other Instructions before this Writeth Court appears, one of which two said Letters, if the Subscriber
Katherine Brandon doe request may be attested by the Clerk of this Court that that Letter did this day
appear according to the Contents and Substances of what herein is before.

And therefore the aforesaid Katherine Johnson also Erwinson do hereby solemnly promise and declare
my self to be the Widow of my vertue Francis Butcher of the Parishes of the Cathedrall called Christ Church
in the City of Cantorbury who can likewise shew full Title to that part of his personall Estate given to
me by his last Will & Testament and also a House which he my vertue Francis Butcher gave
to me & forsd Husband George Johnson lying and being in Pethon near Wingham in the County of
Kent which he purchased of my Brothers ^{now} deceased James and John Butcher for the naturall

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