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the same from him; and lately the said Florence hath demised the said Castle of the Old Head to one Bellew, who lately repaired here hence towards the said Florence. I am an humble suitor to your honourable good Lordships that, as I have felt and had your Lordship's former favour in my causes, that while my deserts shall serve the same, your honorable good Lordship do continue your honorable favour towards me; and that upon no untrue surmise or complaint of the said Florence, or any for or by him, I may not be removed from the possession of the said Castles and the lands belonging to them, until that by order of law the same be evicted against me, or myself present to make answer and defence to my title. And so presuming upon your honorable good Lordship's favour, I crave pardon for this my boldness and do most humbly take leave.

Your honorable good Lordship's most humbly to command,

JHO. DE COURCY."

"Cork, 24th July, 1607."

Mrs. Elizabeth Freke, her Diary, 1671 to 1714.*

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1710.

New Years Day and my unhappy Birthday, I sentt to Mr Smith of East winch to Come & Give the Sacramentt att West Billney, Itt being Sunday, thatt I might see my silver Flagon Consecrated. Where he did Come, tho Mr Edgworth forbitt him; for wch I gave him Twenty shillings, & his two Clarks Five shillings, & his son & daughter Ten shillings And I Clothed Tho betts three Children out of this mony I saved off the Church, viz: Five pounds; the Church being thatt day vacant A Quarter of A yeare. 1709-10 January First

Poore Mary Frek Came to me to Crave my Assistance and help to her. To Whome I Gave in Charity Five pounds; and I sentt to her sister Ann Twenty shillings by her, Which I Take to be more Charity than to be drunk outt by Mr Adams &c.

To the Parish for Wallbutts Children I gave them forty shillings. Wch Coms to Ten pound Nine shill: E. Frek.

Mr. Smith Came & Chrstened goode Crosses Child: Did then Church the Woman for mee. E. F. 5

30 of January, I sentt John Dawson Wth two Baylyes to Norwich Jaile. Cost me above Five pound, for A bove A hundred pounds he owed mee For Rentt, Affter I had Tryed all faire menes With him, Till he sd he had me In his pocket & Iff he had A thousand pounds, nott one peny should I have &c. 30

My Honoured Good Cosin Hamillton dyed of an Appoplexy; she was Taken speechless the Sunday before, & on Tuesday Night died of Itt. She was my Own Aunts Eldest daughter & my Mothers own Sister. Shee Lyes buryed att Hollingburne In the Chancell, by her Father my Lord Febuary 2d

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Cullpeper, & dyed in the seventy-second yeare of her Age, Leaveing A greatt Posterity behind her of grandchildren, Whom by her prudence att seventeen shared In her bounty of kindness to them.

1709-10 Febuary 13

I wer Febuary the 13 Citted to Apeer att the Bishops of Norwich Courte ther to be held Febuary the one and Twenty, by the Chancellour, Doctter Thomas Taner, with this Cittation under writen: by him dereictt'd to Elizabeth Frek of West Billney In the County of Norfolk And Dioces of Norwich, Widdow, Propryetory of the Parish Church there.

Feb: 13: 1709.

Maddam

By vertue of A Process, under seale to you heerwith shown, I Cite you to appeer (Iff you think itt yor Intrest soe to doe) att the Ld Bishop of Norwich his Consistory Courte, holden In the Cathedral Church In Norwich, upon Tuesday the one and Twentieth day of Febuary, In the yeare of our Lord Christ: 1709: att the howre accustomed for heering Causes there. Then and There, good and sufficient Cause Iff any such you be Able In Due Forme of Law to shew why the tithes and proffits Belonging to the Appropryatt Parrish Church of West Bilney, fforesaid, or a sufficyentt portion thereoff, should nott be sequestered and Keptt under sequestration for and Towards the sallary or stippentt of an able Curratt to be Licensed and appoynted dully to shewe the Cure of souls of the parishoners of West Billney afforesaide, (which as the said Court is credibly Informed hath Bin Neglected and unserved for severall months past, nor is att presentt provided for with any settled Curratt and Further to doe and Receive as to Law and Justice shall Appertaine. And further, I doe heerby Intimatt to you, thatt Iff you doe not appeer att the sd time and place, or Appeering, Iff you doe not shew good Cause and suffycientt to the Contrary, the Judg of the saide Consistory Courte or his Lawfull surrogate will sequester and keep, or Cause to bee keptt under sequestration, the said tithes & proffitts, or A sufficientt portion thereof For and Towards the use Above mentioned, yr Absence, or Rather Contumacy, affter service heerwith, In any wise notwithstanding.

Supperscribed For Madam Freke this.

My Answer to this summons In A Letter, Febuary the 20: 1709, dereicted to the Chanceller.

Sr

I were honoured by your Parritor to Appear att yr Courte on my Pyrrill, the one and Twentyeth Instantt, where I wish I coulde Come, butt I have nott bin Cross my Chamber since Last November, there fore I Canott Come, Nor doe I know whatt Business I have there, except to Answer for my extravagencys to the Church In supporting a minester six and thirty years, as I have done Mr Adams, and Mr Buck neer two years, and need nott have done Itt, and paid them outt of my own Pockett, wch Could nott have bin forced on me or A penny from mee for Itt, butt in Respectt to my deer Father who placed him heer and att Pentney, and some Pitty to his family, with A due Respectt for my selfe.

Butt since I find my generositty & extravagency In this kind, is endeavoured to make me A property; Itt is high Time for me to Concider, thatt my Imprudence may nott Exceed my Justice to my children & grand children & be Injurious to them in placeing an unjust Charge on them they are nott Liable To.

In my Deer husband's time I had enough to be Generous with, now only my joynter to Depend on for my Life, which must force me to Retrench my extravagencys to nesesarys. And I greatly Lamentt thatt the Bishop In his whole Dioces Cannott find A more worthy person to evidence his displeasure to, then an unhappy widdow Loaded with years And Burdened with Infirmityes; and I am grived to be A mark of his Ldships displeasure. Butt I must submitt to Itt Amongst my other misfortunes, And being A weak woman, helpless, & [with] noe friend In this Country, I begg his Lordships Leave I may deffend my Right under the Queen In the Arch Bishops Courte In London, wher I have severall Friends and Relations [who] will appeer for me, who better understand this business then I doe, For I humbly conceive that the Bishop & yr selfe may bee both under A Mistake as to my Church, which is A Pecular and mine, and an Impryation, neither subjectt to Institution, or Inducttion, or Lapsing, or Licence from the Bishop, butt only In the queen & my disposall. As Is under the same circumstances Pentney Church, And in my Nomination, only by my Rejister I find thatt pays Tithes, & Receives Wages; both Churches stipendery, & Peculliers. And both my Father places Mr Adams Inn, Dureing his and my pleasure.

Nor need I informe you, Sr, who keep the Register, thatt Mr Perce who officiated

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heer as Curatt for neer Forty years viz: from 1636 to 1673—(aboutt which yeare I did In Pitty to him give him with my sister Austen A guiny),—He then Lived In a Little thacht hoose of mine of forty shillings A yeare and drew Alle for his subsistance, which had there bin either gleab or Tithes, he need nott have done. And Iff his Ldship Can Find any gleab heer or Tithes, I shall not detaine Itt from the Church.

Nor Could I have displaced Mr Adams & putt Mr Buck in his Room, (had nott my Pow're by my Rejister warrented mee), A man thatt was Coallated by the Bishop to gyton, Therfore I presumed unobjecttable as to his person, as I have under the Bishop hand to show In his Letter to me, & hee offichyetted for me A year & A half for which I paide him. Yett he was by you & the Bishop In my Absence Last Agust Forbid his further service heer on my Pirrill, withoutt his further Licence, soe at Michellmas I pd him off.—Sr, this I thinke very harde, thatt my selfe and my Familly & my Little parrish should be forced to seek shellter In other Churches, and have one of my own. Butt Loveing quiett I must submitt to Authority, and shall, as to my Contience, In the further ease of thatt Charge for the Time to come. And since this my church Cannott be Lapst to his Lordship, Itt being A Peculer, and mine, I will In humanity & charity allow for my Life three sermons A yeare, wth sacraments, xings, & burialls att the usuall Times att my own Charge; As I had on Last xmass Soe I have taken care for one att easter wth the sacramentt. Sr, I have Lived to Above sixty years of Age withoutt the Infamy of A Bishops Courte, wch to me I hope will prove the Court of Honour, by evidenceing of my generossity to Itt, and my Charity to this Church & the supportt of Itt For soe many years thatt were nott obliged to Itt, or Can any thing be forced from me for Itt or my children. Therfore, I hope, when my Ld Bishop has more seariously Concidered Itt, my generossitty for Longe, he will be soe good generous & Charitable as to settle A subsistance for A Currate on Itt, In which, If his Ldship please butt to deposite one hundred & Fifty pounds, which is nothing to him, I will make A hard shift to putt as much more presently to Itt; to be Laid outt for A Curratt for ever for this Church, Rather then one [church] in his Diocess shall wantt the service of God In Itt. But Iff whatt I offer cannott bee obtained, I must Rest sattisfyed I have done my best endeavours, & nott shewed my self mercinary to the Church, or Injurious to my honour.

This Long scrole Craves Itts pardon & Leave to subscribe,

Yr unknown servantt,

ELIZA: FREKE.

Superscribed for Doctter thomas Tanner Chancellour of Norwich.

The Chancllour of Norwich Letter to me, Eliz Freke, aboutt my Church. Datted Febuary 28, 1709, In Answer to the Above.

Madam

I had the Favour of yours of the 16: Instantt, butt nott till some time affter the Datte, and I give you the trouble of this to sett you, Iff posible, right In this affaire of Billney, which is nott, nor ever was, A peculiar, butt subjectt in everything to the Ld Bish: Visitation and other jurisdiction, as much as any other parish in the Diocess. Tis true of Late years thatt there has bin noe Institution And Induction tho we have Ten or eleven upon our Booke, yett Iff Itt was A meer Impropiation, noe Body will Informe you thatt thatt makes Itt exempt. Itt was an Institutive Recttory In the Patronage of the Pryer and Conventt of Pentney, who gott Itt appropiated to them aboutte the yeare 1350, And for severall years Affter presented an Institutive Vicker. Butt some Time beefore the Desolution the Vickerage seems to have binn Desolved, and the Cure was taken Care of by them to have God Regullerly served by some stipendury Curratt or one off ther own Cannons, which they were obliged to doe upon the appropiation of the greatt Tithes: Upon the Desolution, this Impropiatt Came Into the Crowne, Butt expresly by Actt of Parliamentt Charged wth the same Burdens, Payments, &c, as when In the Posession of the Pryer and Conventt. And you thatt have Itt by purchas, or other wise from the Crowne, enjoy Itt upon the same Conditions:—the Reppaires of the Chancell & the providing A conformable Curratte to be Approved of By the Bishop; the paying of Procurations, sinodalls, and such other Eccleasticall Dues wch are by the Law of the land Annexed to the possesion of Tythes whether In Clergy or Lay hands. Soe thatt I crave Leave to differ from you In my sentyments aboutt the Allowance off Twenty pound per annum by yr self and Father And Predycessours, to the Curratt of Billney, which you say has Bin of Pure Charrity; I thinke you are of Rightt obliged to Itt by the Laws of God and Man. And, I am aptt to thinke Itt must concerne A Lady of yr sence and Edication In Contience to Receive the whole Tithes and gleab, which were dedicated to the service of God, And take noe further Care of Itt then thatt Itt be performed Three times In A yeare. You are sencible thatt you are In the eyes of our Law Parson, tho you Cannott officiatt yr selfe; yett seeing you enjoy the Revenues, you should outt

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of them find some Clergyman to take Care of the souls of the Parishioners, & thatt this may be Reguler Done, the excleasticall Law of this Realme provids thatt None shall bee Admitted to officiatt as Currate In any Church without quallifyeing themselves by subscribbing the Articles, Declarations of Conformitty, Takeing the oathes, &c., before the ordynary, who is there upon to Lycense him under seale. In this maner, I can Asure you, the Curatts of Billney have acknowledged the Episcopal Jurisdiction for Above a hundred years past,—(Mr Nowling & Mr Browne, Mr Dey, Mr Perce, & Mr Adams),—the same thing was expected of Mr Buck, who Refuseing Itt by your Express Command, under the Notion of Being A Peculiar and Exempt, was Inhibbitted from officiatting in thatt Church, where unto he had noe Legall Addmission, by Institution or Lycence from the ordinary. Iff you please to send him to my Lord Bishop or me to doe those things which the Queens Excleasticall Law Requir's of every Clergyman, before he presume to undertake A Cure of Soules, or any other to be Currate there before our Lady-day nextt, there will be an end off this Controversy. Iff nott, you must nott Blame my Lord for Takeing such measuers as by Law he may to provide for the due service of the Church, which I dare be positive will fall upon you att Last. Butt, Madam, doe nott take my word (tho Iff Itt was the Case of my own Mother I must bee of the same oppinion), Butt Consult any Doctter or Proctter In the Arch Bishops Courte (whither you must Appeale Iff any wrong be attempted to be done you heer), and tell them yr own state of the Case, And whatt I Tell you of the other side; & further Iff you please thatt Itt Can be proved Thatt this Parish Church of Billney has binn subjectt to the ordinary of the Bishop of Norwich, thatt the Church has bin Constantly visseted by the Arch-Deacons of Norwich, In thatt Respectt and on thatt Accountt procurations and sinnadalls are paide, the Churchwardens Annually sworne & admitted by the ordinary, the Currats Appeer att the Visitation, & have bin, Till this Last, Licensed by the Ld Bishop or his vicker generall, & thatt the parishioners have had, from Time Immemoriall, service performed every Lord's day by such Curratt to whome has binn paid Twenty pound perr anum by your selfe and Ancestors,—And I scarce think any person thatt understands the Eccleasticall Laws of this Realme will give Itt as his oppinion thatt Billney Is an Exemptt Peculiar, & thatt the parisheners have Nott A Rightt to have devine service & sermons every Lord's day, and the Bishop has nott A Rightt to Licence the Curratte there, nor powre to oblige you to find such.

Itt is, I assure you, grievous to me to doe any thing uneasy to any Body, espeshally to A gentlewoman of yr quallitty, soe thatt I hope you will Concider better off this matter, And send Mr Buck, or other fitt person, to be Licensed, withoutt more Trouble to yr selfe or me, for withoutt yr submission of yr Curratt to my Lord's Authority, the proceedings begun Canott be stoptt unless by Breach of thatt Trust my Ld Reposes In, Madam,

your most humble servantt
THOMAS TANNER.

Transcribed by me Eliz Freke.

1709-10 My Answer I wrott to the Chancellour's Letter datted the 28 of Febuary and Answered by me Eliza Frek March the 7: 1709.—To doctter thomas Taner, Chancellour of Norwich. Superscribed:—

March 7 Sr I am obliged to you for the favour of yr Letter, And the kind Information In Itt you are pleased to give me aboutt my Church. And yr further permision In asking advice of my friends before I actt any thing in this Matter, tho I dare as much Depend on yr Justice, as there frindship, yett being A widdow and I hope mother of Fowre Chilldren and grand children, & A party of executer to my deer Deceased husband, I Canott with Justice Actt in any thing withoutt my partner executor, wch, now I have yr permission, I shall write up to London Aboutt Itt, and In the mean Time I intreat you will heer my weak Defence, I shall offer to yr more serious Concideration.—

First, as to Mr Adams haveing A Licence, I never knew Itt till Last Agust, nor did my Father Who placed him In Billney & Pentney, whose notorious Life was soe offencive to my Age, I were nott able Longer to bear Itt; And butt Last week, I sentt him word I would ejectt him outt of Pentney and putt In A Currate to serve both these Churches Iff he were nott better then Hee is. Sr, You need nott question my Contience, when I have In honour to my deer Father for Above six and thirty years supported wth Twenty pounds A yeare the most ungratefull and worst of his function, Butt I Concider his Age. Then for Mr. Perce, hee served this place for many years to my knowledg withoutt A peny sallary tho promised Itt, & for the greatt Tithes which yr Letter mentions, I Receive In this place,—give mee Leave to Tell you thatt ther is nott one Aker of Land thatt my father has nott purchased att Itts full vallue, & every Aker specifyed In my Deeds & Inrolled by A Decree In

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Chancery, wch Iff I may nott be beleft may there be seen for half A crown; affter which, my Father In generosity permitted my Lady Richerson withoutt Trouble to enjoy the thirds of this my Estate for 28: years for her Life, hee makeing up Itts vallue to me outt of his own. Then as to my owning of Tithes by paying of Procrations and Sinadalls, How could I help Itt, when About two yeares Agoe, one Clark, A proctter In yr Courte, came up to my Bed-Chamber and threatned me for Aboutt Fowre or Five years he sd was behind, I should be made by him an example In the Bishops Courte, wth such Language as did nott become him to give A meaner person then myself. When, att the same Time, I saw by the Book pentney was three & twenty years In Arrears. On which I wrott & complained to the Arch Deacon, who presently Returned me his Answer offering me to Turne him outt, wch Letter I keep In Honour to him. Butt Sr, Iff you can find any Gleabe or Tithes on this Estate I shall bee most Glad to have Itt Restored to the Church with as much Justice and honour as you can desire Itt. Butt for me to make A Settlement on this Church of twenty pound A yeare, and (on) My youngest Grandchild nott A groat settled, seems to me very unnaturall, And wch St Paule Informes me is worse then an Infidell.

Besids, Sr, Give Me Leave to Informe you, as this estate is settled. Itt is outt of my powre. By My father and my Husband, my selfe & Son, being only Tennants for Life, Affter which Itt is fixtt on my Grandson aboutt eight years of Age, therfor beyound my Comprehention how you can affix A settlement by me to this Church, Except you can find any Gleabe or tithes. And Itt is beyond my expression, A trouble to me, thatt I have Laid my Dear Husband In the Chancell wher I expectt soon to goe to him my selfe, and noe scertainty for A curratt to the Church; & I doe, Sr, with you in my consience think yt this Church oughtt to have an Able Curatt, fitt to undertake the Care of soules, and Twenty pounds A yeare settled for his Maintenance. Butt itt is outt of My Powre or possibility to doe Itt, And what signifies My few days Continuance (thatt have nott gone the Length of my Chamber allmost this halfe yeare), exceptt you find outt A Method for A Scertainty to the Church, wch Iff such a one proper for Mr Freks executor to grantt, and me nott to deny, I shall most Gladly Imbrace Itt, And Itt will be the Joy of my soule to see A good one settled heer. Sr, the time you perfix, is much too shorte for me A stranger In this country to gett A Curratt In, and Iff I must Lye under the sensure of yr Courte tis hard affter haveing Latly Lost ABove Ten thousand pounds for my Religion I should Receive second Excominycation, from A Protestantt Bishop, & In England, And affter I have Lived neer Twenty years In Ireland under the shellter and Favour of the Archbishop and all the Protestantt Bishops there, to be made an example heer seems to me somewhat Cruell, Butt I must be att yr Mercy. Sr, this Longe scrole must begg Itts pardon, And A continuance of your Further Favour to

Yr humble servantt
ELIZA FREKE.

I sentt my Coach & Two horses with my Two men & my Maid to New Markett to fetch my deer sister Austin to me, being very ill. 1709 March 1

Thursday, the second of March, my sister Austin came to Billney safe and well, I humbly thank my God, butt A Cold In her eyes of Rhume. She found me Alive, I thank God, but very Ill, haveing hardly gone Cross my Chamber since Last November butt with the help of two for to Lead & help me, and In Continuall Misery Labouring under the hand of A Mercy full God ever since my widow hood, now Allmost Fowre years, & have hardly known one days ease or quiett. 2d

March the 14 I had A nother[110] very Civill Letter from the Chancellour to perswad me to settle A minester there In my Church att Billney, & to except the Bishops Licence, wch, tho to him I still Refused, affter haveing tryed all ways with me by Faire means & some threats of the Bishops being bound to fill the vacancy Iff I did nott In halfe A yeare place in A minester, I, being very Ill, sentt him word Itt was thatt I waited for, thatt he would place in one and pay him. However, fearing I should dye Before the Church was provided, and having keptt it vacantt for neer seven month butt as I supplyed Itt some times by Mr Smith, vicker of Winch. 14

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1709 March 25 I entered Mr Smith vicker of Wynch, March 25, 1710 In to my Church [as] my Curratt, butt hee being A very Weak man, was nott able to hold Itt, or elce Afraid to Anger the Bishop, [and] Affter A short Tryall [he] Gave Itt me up Again, soe I pd him for his two Sermons Twenty shillings & Gave his Two Children A Crown A Peice, & by the perswasion of my Dr sister Austen, & to oblige the Bishop, I were perswaded as before to except Mr Buck A Gain, vicker of Gyton, A Kentt man, Who entered [as] my curratte dureing my will & pleasure, & while he behaved himselfe Well to the Church & me, wth A Trust on my Generosity for his Time or subsistance whilst In Itt. On these Tearmes I did enter him In the 27 of Aprill & then I pd Mr Smith of Winch cleer off for his Aprill 27 officiating in my Church. I entered Mr Buck as Curratte & gave him the Register.

30 The 30 of Aprill, bein Sunday, he was sentt for A Way to Bury his own Mother In Kentt, Where In London and In Kentt he staide till the 8 of Jully, soe thatt I had from him butt five Sermons this quarter of A yeare or 4 Months.

May 10 My Son wrott to my Cosin John Frek my executor and Trustte the following Letter wch my Cosin Frek sent downe to me to Billney.

1710 May 23 A Coppy of A Letter I Received from my son, dated May 10, 1710, wrott to my Cosin John Frek, Mr. Frek's executor with me; & one of mine Transcribed by me Elizabeth Frek, and by me Answered, May 24: 1710.

Deer Cosin,

I owne my Greatt faultt In nott wrighting to you Lately, butt I hope you will excuse and pardon Itt, When I Tell you Itt was my Reall Conscearne and Trouble for nott being Abble to Remitt my Mothers Mony to you has hindered me, & I have now enclosed sentt you A bill on Mr. thomas Clark for A hundred and seventy pounds, and Payable att sightt. And I will use all my endeavours to Remitt you more as soone as possible I Can. And I must likewise own to you thatt I would have Retturned over more to you of my Mother's Rentt before this, Butt thatt I had two Bonds and Judgmentts of mine of A Bove six hundred pounds, for which I paid eight pounds in the hundred Percent Intrest ever since, has Call'd In my Mony, thatt I was obliged to pay them off; and Besids this I have payde the Commisioners of the Sowrde Blads[111] Two Hundred thirtty Two pounds In partt off severall peices of Land I bought of them Aboutt A Gust Last, And most of the Arrears thatt was Left are Remaineing still due. Therfore I begg, Deer Cosin, Thatt you will excuse my Nott wrighting to you all this while, for there is noe Body has A Greatter Reliance on your favour and Frindship then my selfe. Nor Has nothing hindred the Two Little boys Goeing over to you Butt the wantt of An Oppertunitty to send and Land them Carefully, which I hope will offer By A Man of Warr before the sumer is Past; Butt Iff you think Itt nott fitt they should stay soe long, Lett mee know Itt and they shall goe the very first man of Warr thatt Leaves Corke or Kingsale Affter I Receive your Letter, For my Wife and I both Wish them very hartilly with you, and are uneasy till they are under your kind Care, knowing they Can be noe where better.

never Receiv. by by E. F. 1713

May 23

My Wife gives you her very hartty service, And I still begg of you to beleive I am, Dr Cosin

your most obliged kinsman
And humble servantt
RALPH FREKE.

mine and my wives duty to my Mother; I am plagued with thatt Rogue Kelly, & I begg your Assistance & advice Against him, for whom I have had two Comissions Against, & Now my sixt Clark, Mr. Ludloe, says they are good for Nothing for want of my Mother's Answer to him, &c.

Transcribed by me, May 23, 1710, Eliza Frek; and Answered by me May 24, 1710.

111 The Hollow Sword Blades Company.

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A Letter my Cosin John Freke wrott to me May 20 1710 When hee sentt mee the A bove Letter from my son R. Frek. 1710 May 20

Madam,

I should nott have bin soe long sillentt had nott your son's Conductt made me asshamed to appeer in your presence tho' Butt in A Letter.

Butt now thatt I have Received one from him Late this evening, I Cannott forbeare Testifyeing my joy thatt he begins to be sencible of his Faults towards you, Which I look on as an earnest of his A Mendment. I have sentt you his Letter, & Begg your Dereicttion whatt I shall doe A boutt his two sons, intending nott to Answer his Letter till you Returne Itt me, by which Time I hope his bill will be paid which I shall Charge my selfe debter to you for in my Accounts, & give him Notice of Itt. And Iff In Any thing I Cann be serviceable to you, pray Freely Command

Your humble Servant

JOHN FREK.

My Answer to this Letter of my son's sentt me by my Cosin John Frek from London May 23, & by me Answered May the 24 1710. Eliz. Frek. May 24

Dear Cosin

I am obliged to you for the Favour of your's I yesterday Received, as I were for one from you of A Former Date, for both which pray be pleased to exceptt my Thanks. Inclosed In your's Yesterday Come one from my unduttyfull and ungratefull son to the Best of Fathers and Mothers; However I am Glad to heer of his and his Children's good health And Thatt he has A Rightt and True sence off your kindness and Favours to him. And as to myself I pray God to forgive him and Lay nott these his sins to his Charge, which has broke my Hartt and brought mee to the Condition I am In & Laubour under.

And as to my dr Grandchildren, Sr, my son has most sencible Convincst mee of my Errors by his Long sillence Which has Given me A more serrious Time of Concideration of the Trouble And the severall Accidents thatt may happen to the Eddication of them In England, Which being better Concidered by there Neerer And more Indullgentt Parrentts, I doe freely Accquitt my selfe (And you) from all further Trouble of soe Valluable A Charge as they are to mee; for since my son has thought fitt to place on me soe many slights & Disrespectts as he has Done, And to forfitt his Lease by Non paymentt to me, I will with Itt take that Advantage of thatt Covenantt In Itt of the Care, Trouble and Charge of other people's Chilldren In my old Age; My prayers are for them, and Lett him Disspose of them as hee thinks fitt.

But, Dr Sr, Give me leave to Tell you thatt, tho' I am not unsenceble of your kindness and friendshipp to my familly, yett I Cannot boast of Itt to my selfe To engage me In a very Foollish Lease which you know and Cannott butt Remember how offten you engaged your word and honour to me to be my paymaster your selfe of my Rentt, and of my son's good usuage and Grattitude to me before I would signe this Lease, and nott be brought In A Fool's Trapp to seale Away eight hundred and fiffty pounds A yeare for three hundred & fiffty—& thatt never paid me. Butt I Doe nott Questtion butt your sencesibillity of my usuage will oblige you In justice to my Deer Father and Deer Husband, both which thought I Merritted what they Gave me, will Convince you, as being a parttner with me In Mr. Frek's will, to Receive thatt Justice and honour from you as for their saks to place me in my Right Againe, and to see me Justly paid all my Arrears of Fowr years due from Mr. Frek's death, & for three years' Rentt due to me before of £2000 all which I have by my will secured on thatt estate and this to my Grandson for an additionall portion to him affter my death by my executors, persuantt to the seddulle you last brought over with you, viz; £664 A yeare besids Garren James Lease. This Letter pray, Sr, Be pleased to send my son, with my Blessing & service.

Deer Cosin, being dayly summoned by the Infirmityes I Labour under I Doe think Itt butt proudentt in me thatt all my small Abbillityes now Loose should be more properly and sattissfacttory be now settled by you—In my Owne Name And to my own Disposall, as well whatt is in your hands as my year's funds with this Returne of my sons, paying your self whatt is Laid outt for mee, and thatt as soon as you Can; Nott being att all sattisfyed (Finding your Partiallitye soe great Against me) And you being my husband's And my executor, you may Find or make A Law affter my Death to disspose of Itt Contrary to my Intention, is the True Reason I Ask this Justice & favour of you, which kindness added to all your others Will oblige, Dr Sr, your obliged kinswoman & humble servant

ELIZ: FREKE.

Whitson Tuesday Aboutt Noon sitting In my Chamber wth my dr sister Austen I were taken with A Multitude of Black Flyes In my eyes May 28

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which I never had before in my life did Almost quite take Away my sight which has now Continued soe to me neer 4 month to my greatt Grief & Torture and for my Comfort I am Told It is vappours From wch Gd Ld deliver Eliz Frek.

A True Accountt of whatt I brought my deer husband Mr Percy Frek since I were marryed to him, being November the i4: i67i, to the best of my memory, as I have Endorst Itt for the satisfaction of Eliza Freke, wch Account I offered to my deer husband Percy Frek Esqr i705, to see Iff he Could deney Any one perticuler of Itt, or charged Itt to the Full.

i671 November i4 — I were privatly marryed In Covent Garden Church In London by doctter Johnson Chaplin to my Ld Russell, who was beheaded for the Protestant Religion.

i672 July 24 — I were Againe Remaryed by my Deer Father Ralph Freke Esqr to my deerst Cosin & Husband, Percy Frek Esqr, att St Margarets Westminster by Docter Uttram—I haveing been Contracted neer 8 years before. E. Frek.

Imprimus First whatt I Lentt Mr Frek before I maryed.

		£	s.	d.
i672	I Eliz Frek Lentt him on his bond to pay me Againe:— I Lentt him to pay my Auntt Frek of Hannington mony borrowed of his Father, my Cosin Arthur Frek	320	0	0
i672	Mor I Lentt my deer husband to pay his own debts	200	0	0
i673	More I Lentt my dr Cosin to pay my brother Austin who Arested him for Itt In London	150	0	0
i674	More I Lentt him when he wentt to seise on Leeds Castle wth the shriff & 24 baylyes	100	0	0
i675	More he borrowed of me when wee went First to Ireland, to buy goods, furnyture, &c.	150	0	0
i674	More my deer Father gave me In mortgage of Sr Rob: Broks, sould to Sr Josias Child by Mr Frek for 5654 £, and by him disposed off unknown to my dr Father or mee E. F.	5664	0	0
i675	More my Dr Father gave mee on the Purchas of Leeds Castle for which he had Mr Freks Bond he promising to settle Leeds Castle on mee butt, &c affter which, unknow(n) to me or my deer Father tho I had spentt neer i000 ll. in Law and had A decree In Chancery for 5767 or ther Abouts, Mr Frek sould Leed Castle to Alexander Cullpeper, unknow(n) to me for	800	0	0
1677	the sume off	2500	0	0
i680	Aboutt the year seventy Five I boughtt Billney of my Brother Austen, & my dr Father, And settled Itt on my son, wch to Compleatt Itt wanted £768 i4 10 for which I gave my dr Father my bond for Itt, Which In i680 my deer Father gave me up of wth Itts thre years Intrest, & then fixtt Itt to me & my son Mr Ralph Freke	768	14	10
	Errors excepted same is	10652	i4	10

ELIZA: FREKE.

A Further Accountt of whatt my deer Father gave me since I were Marryed to Mr Frek, as to the best of my Memory booke(d) by me E. Frek, wch I showed Mr Frek in i705. He Could no part disalow of. E. Frek.

		£	s.	d.
i68i	1681 Or there aboutt I were Forced to Borrow of my Deer Father Ralph Freke, Esqr, to Compleatt his purchas of Rathbarry wth the Earle of Barrymore, for wch he had Mr Freks bond.	i200	0	0
i683	I Came outt of Ireland to see my Father he sending for me severall Letters, when hee gave me up this his bond, and more In mony to buy me some pins	200	0	0
i684	Aprill 24, my deer Father dyed, before which, on New years day, being my birthday, he sentt me A hundred pounds for A new years guift, & bid me In severall Letters hasten over to him to have his Last blessing; but God Tooke him from me att the Age of neer Fowre scoer & Ten, for whom I must ever Lamentt his Loss to me before I Could see him. Eliz. Frek.	i00	0	0
i687	Mr Freke being In England borrowed of mee of Mony of my own saveings for the purchas of Pentney which he was to Repay me Againe, as he was:	700	0	0
i688	More he borrowed of me for my Ld henry Richerson to quitt his Redemption of West Billney, &c	i07	0	0
i701	More Mr Frek Took up of my bank stock of my Cosin John Frek by his bill unknown to me	500	0	0
i702	to Carry for Ireland wth him. And in i702 hee Took up more of my Indy stock of my Cosin John Frek for his purchas In Ireland of the Ld. Sidney	i004	0	0

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	£	s.	d.	
More Mr Frek desired me to give my son Frek to make him of his Father's Trad of buying Land	407	0	0	i702
More my Cosin borrowed of me In debenturs the Last Time he went for Ireland Agust i702 which he Carryed over wth him from Leigh & pd him on my Account by my Cosin John Frek	2020	0	0	i703
My deer husband borrowed of me, nott withoutt some force & Cruelty of my Cosen J. F. [who?] Took from me	i560	0	0	i704
to Buy an exchecker bill of A hundred & three pounds A yeare for my grand son Ralph Frek, wch same I allowed & paid downe to Mr Frek; Besids this I placed more In the exchecker for myne & Mr Freks grand-children 100 £ A year mor	i500	0	0	1706-7
More I gave to my grandchildren now In my Cosin John Freks hand In Mony, to be by him & my executors Laid outt for my grandson R. F.	2000	0	0	i709
Errors excepted sum is	ii298	0	0	
wch with the other sid sume of	10652	0	0	
	£2i950	0	0	

This sume of the Lowest Line of 2i950 pounds I Eliz. Frek have brought & bin worth [to] my deer husband Mr Percy Frek. Elizabeth Freke.

(To be continued).

The Motti Stone near Ovoca, Co. Wicklow.

By PRECENTOR COURTENAY MOORE, M.A., F.R.S.A.I.

I SPENT a week in this county in the month of August last at Ovoca, and visited there some remarkable isolated rocks, one of which is called the "Cuckoo rock," and the other "the Motti Stone." The first stands in a wood and commands little or no view, being encircled with trees; the second is on much higher ground, in perfectly open country, and commands a magnificent prospect on all sides. Both rocks are granite, and probably in far distant Prehistoric times were deposited in their respective positions by ice action, though they are not Conglomerates. However, I am far too ignorant of the subject to pronounce upon it, and it may be that smaller boulders were torn away by ice action while these two were sufficiently large and solid to resist such influence, and therefore, holding their ground, remained in situ.

It is of the "Motti Stone" I wish briefly to write. I should say, at a rough guess, it must weigh at least a hundred tons. My interest in it, however, is much more connected with its name than with its nature. Why is it called the Motti Stone? I got a guide to take me to it. It stands quite three miles from the village of Ovoca, and the road to it is a very stiff uphill climb all the way. But we arrived in due time; the day was clear and bright, and there was a magnificent view all around; a fine breeze was also blowing.

"Lass mich in vollen und durstigen Zugen
Trinken die freie die Himmlische Luft."

So one might say with Schiller on such a spot. One saw from it the

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