

FROM GRAY 11 APRIL 1754

'Tis therefore better let them go.
God only 'tis knows, who gets who.

Whether this is wit only, or a censure upon Dugdale's work, or upon the heraldry added to it, I leave you to judge. The arms were done by a sergeant-surgeon⁴ to King Charles II, who made this art his particular study, and the book belongs to Caius College. You are desired to send your queries forthwith, for I cannot keep it a great while.

I return you thanks for the civilities you have showed Mason, who is here, and speaks much of your politeness to him. Adieu, I am

Ever yours,
T. G.

To GRAY, ca Tuesday 21 May 1754

Missing. Answered *post* 23 May 1754. Writing to Chute 21 May 1754 on the death of Anthony, Chute's brother, HW says: 'I am going to notify it to Gray.'

From GRAY, Thursday 23 May 1754

Printed from MS in Waller Collection.

The date of the year is determined by the reference to Anthony Chute's death.

May 23 [1754], Cambridge.

My dear Sir,

I HAVE scarce time to thank you for your kindness in immediately telling me the unexpected good news.¹ I must trouble you to send this² to the Vine, as I do not rightly know the direction. Adieu, I am

Ever yours,
T. G.

4. John Knight (1600–80). He was a student at Caius 1619–25, was ordained priest in 1625, and later accompanied Charles II into exile as a surgeon. On the Restoration, his loyalty was rewarded by an appointment March 1661 as principal surgeon (*Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, 1660–1661*, p. 556). He left his collection of heraldic manuscripts to his college (Caius Coll. MSS 515–78, 794–9). See Venn, *Alumni Cantab.*; M. R. James, *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of Gonville and Caius College*, Cambridge,

1907–8, i. p. viii, ii. 585–618, and *Supplement* (Cambridge, 1914) 43.

1. Anthony Chute (1691–1754), of the Vyne, Hants, died intestate 20 May (GM 1754, xxiv. 244; HW to Chute 21 May 1754), and 'by his death an estate of £4,000 a year, and a very considerable personal estate, devolves to his only brother John Chute, Esq. of Argyle Buildings' (*Daily Adv.* 28 May 1754). See MONTAGU i. 161.

2. Missing.