

Samuel Hartlib an John Worthington (3. August 1660)

Quelle

Hartlib Jr. Aug 3 and 9 August 1660.
I sent only a certificate of my daughters marriage, and I protest
yet I do not see specially imported unto me, and please a little
what kind a person I was at that time. I must thank you again for your
justfull commendation of me and mine that I should have thought
the marriage is not false, and my son in law him, can sufficiently
clear it. If you know what a little head I and I rest of kindred
and friends have had to persuade my daughter, to give her con-
sent, their mouths will be opened in this particular would
easily be kept. If I remember well I have told you already how he
sent back into him his loveletter, telling him she did not love him
but if he was constant in his affection, to her, and confirmed me more
and more that it was a necessary providence, and would have this
match brought about. It is so, my father was a Merchant, but no
ordinary one being of King of Kings, and his merchant, who had
founded a church at Downpatrick in Ireland, and when he departed
preached in Kingdome, he was first to receive him into his house
when he came to Ulster, where not any hope of credit was yet built,
but he with another, Captain of Downpatrick in Ulster built two thatch
houses, and are you standing at Ulster, being principal houses of
the town, and building should cost my father many thousands of
Dollars in these dear days. Generally it is to be noted that since
bringing of English company to Ulster, and so of them by trading
came to a splendor and wealth, wherein it had continued many
years. My father had married before, a Polonian gentleman
of a noble extraction, both of them being ladies according to fashion
in those countries, in regard of which he obtained of some. He died with
my own mother. I had many sons of good breeding, of which the
honour both to my grandfathers and fathers were offered both by
study and ability, remains yet in memory of some very old people
in Prussia. My mother had a first husband which was very
honourably married to a Major, for at London, Mr Clarke
and afterwards to a very rich knight Sir Rich. Smith one of Kings
privy counsellors, she bringing a portion to him of 10000 to the
price, which is my aunt of Lady Smith, who marrying afterwards to Sir Edward
Savage was made one of Kings of honor, to a very fine mother.
The other sister was married to a younger brother, Mr Duke, which for
had now an estate of 500 to the year of land of inheritance yearly, and
who is still alive. Our carriage was in my aunt of Lady Smiths daughter,
she was married to Sir Anthony Collet at Boston a knight of 1000
to the year, who is still alive and a rich man in this and
former part, and you may also imagine if these should be more of
necessity. But before all this I should have told you if I have
been upraised from too much negligence of my pedigree, which
they told me, if my family was of a very ancient extraction, in
maner, there having been the Brethren of the name of
Hartlib, some of them have been Privy Counsellors to Kings,
some to other inferior princes, some Justices of the Peace, and

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learned or in any kind usefull men, etc. etc. and in all of these
kingdome under all dangers I have fallen out, recommended before
now in Parliament, books dedicated unto me, from several places
and countries, etc. etc. But I grow weary to peruse such vanities.
Truly 5000 to the year, in all words he wanted in England no great
riches, but then how if my daughter had had many suitors, some
Londoners, even to which I would not give my consent. I being well
and comfortable to this day. If I make this providence a
concernment to them and myself, it is in all I shall rejoice
in, for then all other things whatsoever they be shall be done
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but they passed afterwards not so strictly for wealth in England,
when some would merchants, and you know is derogatory to a persons
nobility. In other words, I was not a noble, but I had near such a passage
in English words. This is not a noble, but I had near such a passage
but now I blame me, if I never look out of place. And truly I
may speak it with a just confidence, if I never all of days of my
life reflected seriously upon my pedigree, but if I had I believe I should
have made an other kind of history, preparing my heavenly birth above
all such vanities, and afterwards studying more to this way, to be
usefull to Gods creature, and serviceable to his church, than to be rich
or honourable. As for example, I saw how my father was of
great, as you know in part, and let it not seem a disadvantage to you if
I tell you as long as I have lived in England by wonderful providence
I have spent yearly out of my own estate for 200 to 300 sterling a year,
and when I was brought to British allowance I have had from
Parliament and commons of state a pension of 300 to the year, and
as freely I have spent for their service and good of my country. If
they know what kind of commodities I now and then have had, they
would be ashamed to make this my objection, some of them have
been such, if I myself have paid for their entertainment unknown to
my wife, and are now great men in England. Some noblemen, but
and children of honourable parents, which have begged of me to suffer
them to live with me at my table, etc. etc. I could fill whole sheets
in what love and reputation I have lived these 30 years in England,
being familiarly acquainted with a host of Archbishops, Bishops,
Cardinals, vicars, barons, knights, Esquires, Gentlemen, and

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