

# Samuel Hartlib to John Worthington (August 3, 1660)

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Hartlib Jr. Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1660.  
I sent only a certificate of my daughters marriage, and I protest  
yet I do not see specially improved 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 think have made  
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 words  
ably be kept. If I remember well I have told you already how he  
sent back into him his love token, telling him he did not love him  
but if he was constant in his affection, to her, and confirmed me more  
and more if it was a never divine providence; we would have this  
match brought about. It is so, my father was a Merchant, but no  
ordinary one being a King of Kings, and his merchant, who had  
founded a church at Down in Ireland; and when he departed  
preached in Kingdom, he was first to receive him into his house  
when he came to Elbing, where not any kind of credit was yet built,  
but to with another. Richard of Brislaw in Sillesia built two stately  
houses, which are you standing at Elbing, being the principall houses of  
the town, and building about with my father many churches at his  
dwellers in these dead days. Inwardly after he erected also him  
bringing a English company to Elbing, and so forth 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 a favor. He died with  
my own mother. I had many sons of god and creating of Pillars of  
honor both to my grandfathers and fathers were offered both by  
justice and Obey remain years in memory of some very old people  
in Prussia. My mother had a first husband which was very  
honourably married to a Major Gen at London. Mr Clarke  
and afterward to a very rich knight Sir Rich Smith one of Kings  
privy counsell, she bringing a portion to him of 10000 sterl. This  
is my aunt of Lady Smith, who marrying afterward to Sir Edward  
Savage was made one of the Ladies of honor to our Kings mother.  
The other sister was married to a younger brother Mr Duke, which for  
had now an estate of 200 sterl. of land of inheritance yearly, and  
who is still alive. Our Cousin german or my aunt of Lady Smiths daughter  
was married to Sir Anthony Collet at Boston a knight of 100 sterl  
per year, who is still alive and a rich man in this and  
former part, which you may also challenge if these should be more of  
reasons. But before all this I should have told you if I have  
been upbraid for my too much negligence of my pedigree, which  
they told me, if my family was of a very ancient extraction in your  
man empire, there having been the Brethren of the name of  
Hartlib some of them have been Privy Counsellors to King  
James to other inferior princes, some Justices of the Peace, and  
some to other inferior princes, some Justices of the Peace, and  
some to other inferior princes.

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Professors of both Universities, Merchants, and all sorts of  
learned or in any kind usefull men by the way, and in all of these  
kingdoms under all the danger of hart fallen out, recommended before  
now in Parliament, books dedicated unto me, from several places  
and countries. Oh, oh. But I grow weary to peruse such vanities.  
Truly 2000 sterl. in all words be wanted in England no great  
riches, but then how if my daughter had had many tutors, some  
Londoners, men to which I would not give my consent. I think well if  
wealth, but not if perusal as I have did my son in law money  
and contentment to this day. If it is to make this providence a  
concernment neerer to them and myself, it is in all I shall rejoice  
in, for then all other things whatsoever they be shall be longer  
for their and my good Amen Amen.

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but they passed afterwards not so strictly for dullness in of Copie  
when some wretched merchants, which you know is derogatory to your  
nobility. In other upbraid me, asking whether I had never such a passage  
in English words - This is not a hartlibian justification. -  
But now I blame me, if I never look out of place. And truly I  
may speak it with a safe conscience 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 honorable. As for example, I saw how my father was of  
great, as you know in part, and let it not seem a disadvantage unto 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 100 sterl. during a year,  
and when I was brought to British allowance I have had from  
Parliament and commons of state a pension of 200 sterl. a year, which  
as freely I have spent for their service and good of my country. If  
they know what kind of answer I have had, 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, which are our great men in England. Some noblemen, but  
and children of honorable parents which have begged of me to suffer  
them to live with me at my table, of which I have full whole sheets  
in what love and reputation I have lived these 30 years in England,  
being familiarly acquainted with a host of Archbishops, Bishops,  
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