

Memory of our Family, than any other Person that ever belonged to it, tho' the Youngest Son of five Generations, and tho' I believe it never made any great Figure in this County, Yet it did what was much better, it acted that Part well in which Providence had placed it, and for 200 Years all the Descendants of it have lived with Credit, and are to this Day without any Blot on their Escutcheon, which is more than some of the best Families *i.e.* the Richest and highest in Title can pretend to. I am the last of my Father's House remaining in this Country, and you must be sensible from my Age and Infirmities, that I cannot hope to continue long in the Land of the Living. However I must degenerate from my Family not to wish it well; and therefore you cannot think but that I was well pleased to see so fair Hopes of its Continuance in the Younger Branches, in any Part of the World, and on that Acct. most sincerely wish you and Yours all Health Happiness and Prosperity, and am Dear Sir

“ Your most Affectionate Kinswoman

“ MARY FISHER.

“ WELLINGBOROUGH Aug<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1758.

“ Turn over.

“ P.S. This Letter has been wrote above a Month, but was neglected to be sent to You on the Acc<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Fisher's Illness, who has been so bad that we expected nothing but Death for some Weeks; tho' now have the Pleasure to inform You that his Mortification is entirely stopp'd, and on that Acc<sup>t</sup> have Hopes of his Recovery. Your Last is come to Hand and I hope you'll Excuse the Delay in Answering your Former for the Reason mentioned before. M<sup>r</sup> Holme our Minister begs to return his Complim<sup>ts</sup> to you and son.

“ Sep<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1758.”

“ SIR.

“ I return you my most Sincere thanks for your very kind Presents to me & my wife, which have done, & will afford very agreeable Entertainment to each of us: our ac-