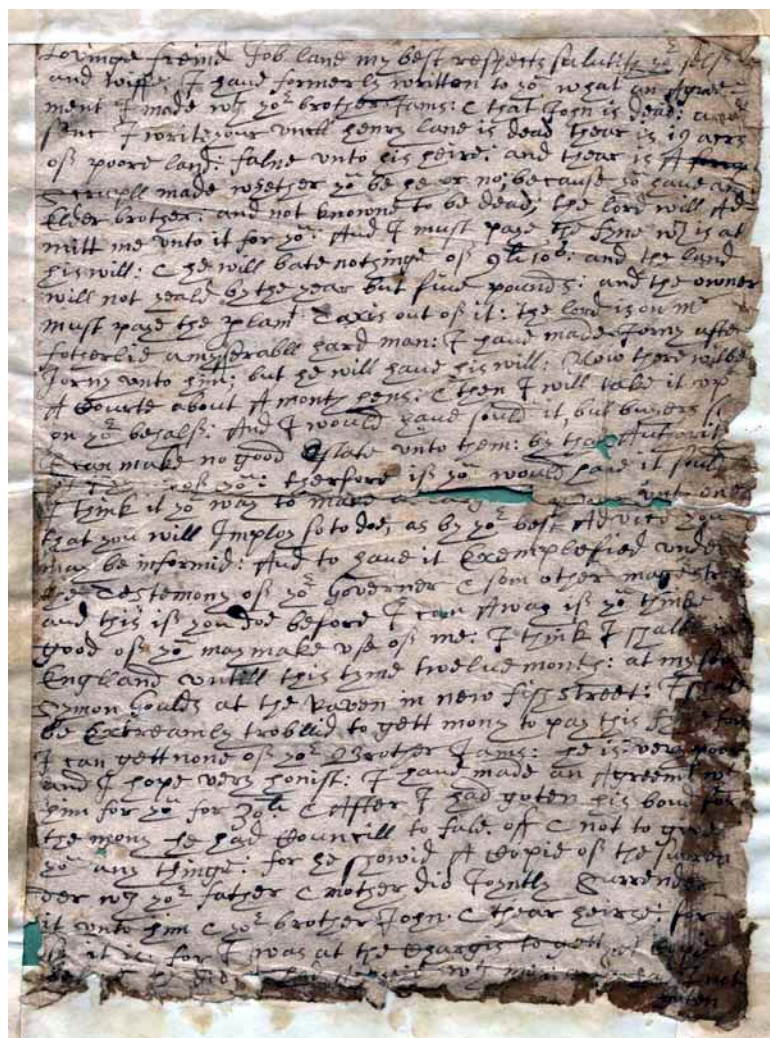


#3 No date

Letter probably from Jeremiah Gould to Job Lane on land matters



Loving friend Job Lane my best respects salute yourself and wiffe: I have formerly written to you what an agreement I made with your brother James: and that John is dead: and since I write your uncll Henry Lane is dead there is 19 acres of poor land: fallen unto his heirs: and there is a scruple made whether you be he or no: because you have an elder brother: and not known to be dead, the lord will admitt me unto itt for you. And I must paye the fyne which is at his will: and he will bate nothings of 9£ 10: and the land will not yield by the year but five pounds: and the owner must paye the plan^t taxis out of it: the land is on Mr Fotherlie a miserable hard man: I have made forms after forms unto him; but he will have his will: Now your will be @ courte about a month sens: & I will take it up on your behalfe: And I would have sould it, but buyers Pay can make no good stake unto them: by that Auth....*rip in paper*....of you: therefore if you would have it think it you way to make.....that you will imploy so to doe, as by your best advice you may be informrd: And to have it exemplified under the testimony of your govenor with some other magistrate and this if you doe before I com away if you think good of you may make use of me: I think I shall be in England until this time twelve months: at my son Simon Goulds at the Raven in New First street: First all be extremely trobled to yett not to pay this fyne for I can gett none of your Brother James: He is very poor and I hope very honist: I have made an Agreement wth him for you for 30£ and affor I had goton his bond for the mony he paid counsell to sell off and not give you

any thinge: for he provided a copie of the purcen [or]der wth your father & mother did Joyntly suarrender it unto him & your brother John & their heirs: for ... it is : for I was at the chargis to yett...*bottom of the page is torn, stained and illegible*
Gotten the agreement as I did I should have had nothing th?... for thear estate, Afterwards was by learned council warrented to be good Enough: but I stand engaged to him upon my Agreement to take up the land at the next courte: & to surrender it to him and his heirs and this I must attend on this 16 or 17 weeks. I am consiens bound to give him the best assurances that I can: Seeing that I have thus engaged him: He was fearfull of me: before I had ended with him: and was fearfull of going to law with me: wh I threatened him to do: but indeed I durst not: I saw the [?surrenders] not your father and mother... had jointly made otherwise then you wear informed, I found those [?tennets] not tooke the surrender, & [?divers] others of them against your right: your brother hath writ unto you to A?...*(torn)*...: and telleth you what it hath cost him: Much of it I believe is trew: for the [?house] is by him [?keperid] with [?think]...*(whole line missing due to fold in paper)* [?died in debt] (a good some) and that he paid it: he gave me the [?particulars] under the his hands.that he paid ituntoo: I have had a great deal of [?trobill] about it, & your other occations & the [?changeable] friends: horse hire so as never so deare: 3^l-6^d a day ??? his meat: And now many hacknye [?coach is] [?goe]: into the [contery] but very deare too: which hath cost much mony: I made a journey to your uncle John Lane within this 8 dais: & must meet him on Satterday next at Kirkmansworth to speak with the steward and with your uncles tennent: to see if he will take your land for three years: and paye

his fyne: but before this ship is to sett sail I shale not give you farther account, of the issue as this but be you assured I will do as well for you as I would for my self: both in this, & other affairs of yours heare. And now I will acquaint you with another business which hath all redy bene som travill & charge to me on your score: I have councill that another uncle of yours which died longe [?ago] ? [And with unto you futher... *the rest is illegible and torn away.*