

## William Meade to Thomas Lawson

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Gooses ye 27<sup>th</sup> of ye 6<sup>o</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> 1691.

Deare Friende Thomas Lawson

—my last to thee, w<sup>ch</sup> was in Answer to thine of ye [ ] ye 1<sup>st</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> 1691:—I have had thy kinde offerr in my thoughts; And now have an oppertunity to imbrace it, and desire to know, what sume of money yearly, thou wilt expect;—and also how soone thou cann settle thy affaires and come to mee; For I am now without one to Instruct my sonn & his Cousin Richard Lower;—Thou art to live at our Country House, with us, and have all things necessaary for thee, viz<sup>t</sup> meate, drinke, washing & Lodginge;—And I would have thee propose, what sume of money yearly thou dost Expect, that thou mayst bee at a certainty as well as my selfe;—I would that my sonn, might not change his Schoolmaster any more, untill hee bee perfected in his Learninge; ffor I hope thou may stay w<sup>th</sup> mee many yeares; The younge ladds cann make a peice of Latine, and pearce it & construe it, in some measure,—and are apt ladds to learne, such as I hope, thou will take great delight in.—I am now very cleare from this younge man, who was my sonns Tutor, and hee is gone from us, & I was the more Inclinable to part w<sup>th</sup> him, haveing thy kinde lett<sup>r</sup> by mee;— Thus with mine & my wives deare Love to thee, desireinge thy speedy Answer; I Remaine—

Thy assured Loveing Friende,

WILLIAM MEADE.

direct thy Letter ffor Sarah Meade at the Shipp in ffannchurch Streett in London. because, if it bee directed to mee perhapps, my men in my shopp may open it.

my Country House is in Essex; 12 miles of London.

[The death of Thomas Lawson prevented the completion of the arrangements.]

D Gibson MSS. v. 155.