

# NEWS FROM CAMBRIDGE

William Sancroft (1617–1693)

to Thomas Sancroft (–1681), his brother

22 April 1651

I fear my last brought you too much trouble, since I perceive the carrier delivered it not so soon as he promised me, and as was necessary for the dispatch of what I desired. I shall now renew my request that if he come not soon enough for the time I then fixed, yet that that business with my brother Jacob and J. Coly may be dispatched as soon as you can conveniently, and the bills of exchange sent to me. Rogers promised me to have been here before this time that I might have had an account of this affair; but he fails, as he used to do.

It was just now that Crosby informed me of this opportunity of sending to you by Robert Aldon's son, of Huntingford, and I could not let it pass without giving you this account of myself. I was troubled with a cough, the effect of a cold I got while I was with you, till the end of last week; but then renewing it, it found another resort, and became the tooth-ache; which, after some trouble and an aposteme in my gum and a swollen face for some days, is now, I hope, upon leaving me, doing me the courtesy to carry my cough along with it. This for my health.

For the rest, I received this day seven night an order, of which I send you a copy in the next page, by which you will perceive that Thursday come fortnight is like to put an end to my hopes, yet happily not to my fears, since some of my friends would persuade me that I may outlive that date.

I thank God I am not much solicitous in that behalf, having long since set up my rest; and so much the less, having this day received an overture of a subsistence full up to that of my fellowship, in which the employment required shall leave me too as much at liberty as I am at present.

I long impatiently, brother, to hear of you and your affairs, and of the health and welfare of all your and my friends. To all whom, I pray, present me in particular, and be assured that I am unchangeably, unfeignedly, your loving brother.

10 April 1651

Upon reading the humble petition of Thomas Brainford, of Emmanuel College in Cambridge, it is ordered by this committee that the senior fellow in the said College resident do cause noticed to be left at the chamber of Mr. Sancroft, Fellow of the said College, that in case he does not make it appear to this committee on this day month peremptorily that he has subscribed the Engagement, according to an act of Parliament, this committee will, without further notice, nominate another to succeed the said Mr. Sancroft; and that such senior fellow do give an account to this committee, on or before the time aforesaid, of the execution hereof.

M. Oldsworth