'Hurried out of my life . . . my horses are at the door': Harry Peckham and the Stewardship of N ew College's Estates During the 1770s

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various rectors of college livings reveal that he had taken on not only the question of arrears of payments due to the college from several of its church livings but had also found it necessary to hu_Y'hc'hug_'h\cgY'Vi fgufg'k \cgY'E@cb['6cc_g\circZ'Z]b\u00d

Despite the half-humorous approach reflected in his letters, Peckham was clearly running short on patience with those fellows who believes