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## Roger Longworth, the Constable of Bolton, October 8, 1671

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mes houlde  
and thy fellow  
instable

manchest<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 29 day of 4<sup>th</sup> month

I understand that you have a warrant to  
gather 30 in the town for radding me to Lancaster  
which seems to me verie unjuste as from the Justices  
and much wronge to the towne first for the Justices  
to geant out a warrant to gather 30 for amon bringing me  
to Lancaster and I want every foot of the way without  
my goods at all, secondly for the towne to be charged  
whoes the foresaid fine was not committed, for  
example I with sundrell others was taken at bury and brought  
out of raddition, and he asked the constable if we  
had bonds men the said no, he said then I must  
take them and you must bring <sup>them</sup> to Lancaster, and whoes  
it alege said they on you and said hee the handing becom  
at charges before with bringing same to Lancaster the would  
have had charges of us or the raddor from whome we  
came, and now when we were sent heather the Justices  
would a sent us to Lancaster but for putting the towne to  
charges, but the rode at more charge with bringing us  
heather then the had with bringing us to Lancaster, and  
if a man came from manchest<sup>r</sup> and trainged the law in  
his kind would not you bound to scrute the law upon him  
and for in all ranses what sander whoes cause the offence  
is committed the party geanted is to scrute the law for  
in send to you and to all <sup>of the</sup> townes I write these  
lines to you and send them to your consideration from  
one who desires that truth and Righteousness <sup>may</sup> flow as  
a mighty stream and equity and Judgment Run down

known by the name of  
Roger Longworth

a copy of a letter to  
the Constables of Boulton

Dear Sir  
I have the honor to

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

Roger Longworth  
Manchester  
Apr 23. 1671