

SUMMARY: The document below is the superseded will, dated 31 March 1551, of George Brooke (c.1497 – 29 September 1558), 9th Baron Cobham, whose eldest son, William Brooke, 10th Baron Cobham, was Lord Chamberlain and patron of the Lord Chamberlain's Men in 1596/7, and whose eighth son, Thomas Brooke the younger, wrote verses commemorating the death of Arthur Brooke (d.1563), author of *Romeus and Juliet*, a principal source of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

For the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will of George Brooke, 9th Baron Cobham, dated 13 January 1558 and proved 6 December 1560, see TNA PROB 11/43/628.

1 In the name of God, Amen. The last day of March in the fifth year [=31 March 1551] of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Edward the Sixth by the grace of God King of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, & in earth of the Church of England & also of Ireland the Supreme Head, and

2 in the year of Our Lord God one thousand five hundred fifty & one, I, George Brooke of the right honourable Order of the Garter knight, Lord Cobham, and one of the King's most honourable Privy Counsel, being whole in body & in perfect remembrance, thanks be unto Almighty God, & being uncertain what time it shall please

3 Almighty God to call me unto his mercy, ordain & dispose this my present testament & last will tripartite indented, by the same revoking all former wills & testaments heretofore by me made, in manner and form following. First & principally I commit my soul unto Almighty God, my Maker, Redeemer & Saviour, in whom I trust & believe

4 by his death & passion to have remission & forgiveness of my sins. And I will that my executors shall see my body buried & brought to the ground, if I die in England, at Cobham church without any pomp or superstitious ceremony. Also I will that every of my household servants have one half year's

5 wages & one half year's board next & immediately after my decease at Cobham Hall, to be levied & paid immediately after my decease out of such profits & revenues as shall come of the next half year's farm & be due after my decease of all those lands which I have appointed for the performance of this my last will. Also

6 my will is that Katherine, my daughter, shall have all & singular my gilt plate which was given me by the French King, to be delivered unto her at the day of her marriage, & until that time I will all my said plate shall remain in the keeping & custody of the Chamber of London by the good provision of mine executors

7 for the safekeeping & delivery of that again according to this my will and testament, and I will that the same plate shall be delivered unto my said daughter at the time of her

marriage. And if it fortune Katherine, my said daughter, to die before her marriage or the delivery thereof made, then I will all

8 my said plate shall be delivered unto Sir William Brooke, knight, my son, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, & for default of such issue I give all the said plate unto George Brooke, my son, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue I give the same unto John

9 Brooke, my son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, & for default of such issue I give the same unto my son, Thomas Brooke, th' elder of that name, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue I give the same plate unto my son, Henry Brooke, & to th' heirs males of his

10 body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue I give the said plate to my son, Thomas Brooke, the younger of that name & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, & for default of such issue I give the same unto my son, Edmund Brooke, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, & for default

11 of such issue I give the same to my son, Edward Brooke, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, & for default of such issue I give the same unto the Lady Elizabeth, Marquess of Northampton, my daughter, & her heirs forever. Also I devise, bequeath and give [unto my son, Sir William Brooke?],

12 knight, as well the lease, term & interest which I have of the Lady Elizabeth Cobham, late wife of Sir Thomas Brooke, knight, late Lord Cobham, my father, of & in the manors of Cobham & Bincknoll now being the jointure of the said Lady Elizabeth, late the wife of the said Sir Thomas, my father, paying

13 one hundred marks a year to the said Lady Elizabeth, as more at large by an indenture thereof made doth appear, and of all other the lands, tenements & possessions being the jointure of the said Lady Elizabeth, as also my lease, interest & term which I have of & in the manor of Cobhambury in the county of Kent

14 and of all other lands & tenements which I hold in lease of the possessions of the Bishop of Rochester. Also I bequeath & give to the right worshipful Sir Percival Harte & Sir Martin Bowes, knights, each of them forty pounds of lawful money of England in consideration of their

15 pains to be taken about the true execution of this my last will, the same £40 to be perceived, levied & paid out of my moveable goods, trusting that they will be good towards my said eldest son, Sir William Brooke, knight, & aiders & counsellors to him in time to come. Also of this my present

16 testament & last will I constitute, make & ordain the foresaid right worshipful Sir Percival Harte & Sir Martin Bowes mine executors, and I humbly desire & beseech the

right honourable Lord Marquess of Northampton to be mine overseer of this my last will & testament, to whom I give and

17 bequeath for his pains to be taken in that behalf the sum of forty pounds of lawful money of England to be perceived & paid out of my movable goods. The residue of all my goods, plate, jewels, ready money, debts, chattels, stuff of household & movables, my debts, legacies & funeral expenses

18 first fully satisfied, contented & paid, I will they be egally divided into two egall parts, and I will that the Lady Anne Brooke, now my wife, have the one half of the said residue of my said goods, plate, jewels, ready money, debts, chattels & stuff of household, and that my said son, Sir William Brooke,

19 my son & heir apparent, have the other half of the said residue of my said goods, plate, jewels, ready money, debts, chattels & stuff of household. AND AS TO THE DISPOSITION of all my manors, rents, reversions, possessions, lands, tenements & hereditaments, whatsoever they be, that

20 I have within this realm of England or elsewhere within any of the King's dominions, I, the said Lord Cobham, minding & intending as well that my most gracious Sovereign Lord & Master, the King's Majesty, should have his full third part & portion thereof, and that which to him oweth by his

21 laws and statutes to be of the same, & minding also to take the advantage, liberty & benefit which I may lawfully take by the benefit & liberty of his Grace's laws & statutes ordained for the declarations of will & testaments, do therefore ordain, make & declare this my last will & testament

22 tripartite indented touching my said manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, possessions & hereditaments, revoking all former wills & testaments concerning my said manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, possessions & hereditaments in manner & form following, willing & affirming the same to be mine only last

23 will & testament of my said manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, possessions & hereditaments & none other to stand or be in any force or strength. And first, whereas I, the said George, Lord Cobham, stand & am now seised in my demesne as of fee or fee-tail in possession, reversion or remainder of & in

24 the manors of Radwinter and Bendish Hall in the county of Essex, & of & in the manors of Knottinge & Colmorte in the county of Bedford, & of and in the manor of Bincknoll in the county of Wiltshire, & of and in the manors of Weycroft, Hurtham, Woolmington, Cotleigh, Holditch, Mangerton

25 Melplash and Blunts Hayes in the counties of Somerset, Dorset & Devon, with divers other lands, tenements & hereditaments set, lying & being in the towns & parishes of

Chardeborowe, Lovehill, Bowditch, Eastcroftes, Hornsboo [=Hornesbowe?], Farthinges, Ashelegate, Clyve, Lybyners, Okenhead, Bowed [=South Bowed?], Bowmers,

26 Brokevill and Chester in the said counties of Somerset, Dorset & Devon, and of & in the manors of Colmer(?), Bury Court [=Berry Court?], West Cliffe, Beckley, Shorne East Chalk, West Chalk, Temple, Cobham, Haidon, Hayton, Vyance, Cobham Hall, Randle, the College of Maidstone, the hundred of Shammell, and

27 the hundred of Hoo in the said county of Kent, with 43 acres of meadow, 380 acres of pasture, eight score acres of arable land and 200 acres of wood in the towns & parishes of Coxston [=Cuxton?] & Frindsbury within the said county of Kent, and of & in the site & demesnes of the late College

28 of Maidstone in the said county, & of & in one house or lodging within the Blackfriars of London, & of & in one house or lodging of the King's Majesty's gift in the city of Rochester, and of and in all other my manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments within this realm of England or elsewhere within any the King's

29 dominions, all which manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments & possessions duly rated & accounted amount unto & are of the clear yearly value of one thousand eleven pounds sixteen shillings & eleven pence [£1011 16s 11d], whereof deducted the said manors of Cobham & Bincknoll in the said counties of Wiltshire

30 & Kent, which manors with their appurtenances be assigned & assured to the said Lady Elizabeth Cobham, late wife to the said Sir Thomas, late Lord Cobham, my father, deceased, for & in the name of the jointure of the said Lady Elizabeth for term of her life, which be of the clear yearly value of threescore six

31 pounds 13s 4d [£66 13s 4d], and then remaineth manors, lands, tenements, possessions & hereditaments of the premises to the clear yearly value of nine hundred forty-five pounds 3s 7d [£945 3s 7d], whereof I leave to descend & come to mine heir by course of inheritance without any will thereof by me declared, the manors of

32 Weycroft, Hurtham, Willington [=Woolmington?], Cotleigh, Holditch, Mangerton, Melplash & Blunts Hayes in the said counties of Somerset, Dorset & Devon, & all other my lands, tenements & hereditaments set, lying & being in the towns & parishes of Chardeborowe, Lovehill, Bowditch, Eastcroftes, Hornsboo, Farthinges

33 Ashelegate, Clyve, Lybyners, Oldehead, Bowed, Bowmers, Birkevill & Chester in the said counties of Somerset, Dorset & Devon, and my manors of Knotting and Colmerthe within the said county of Bedford, which manors, lands, tenements & possessions so by me left to mine heir be of the clear

34 yearly value of three hundred fifteen pounds 14d ob [£315 14 1/2d], whereof the King's Highness according to his laws & statutes may at his pleasure take the benefit

which to his Highness belongeth by reason of wardship, primer seisin or livery as to him by his said laws shall appertain, and so

35 resteth then over & above the said jointure of the said Lady Elizabeth and over and above the said manors, lands, tenements & possessions left by descent to mine heir for & towards the preferment of my wife for her jointure or dowry and for the declaration of this my last will & testament, the rest of my said

36 manors, lands, tenements & possessions which do amount to the clear yearly value of six hundred thirty pounds 2s 3d(?) over & above all yearly charges & reprises, of the which manors, lands, tenements, possessions & hereditaments so resting over & above the said jointure of the said Lady Elizabeth and over &

37 above our said Sovereign Lord the King's portion left as is aforesaid to descend to mine heir, there is assured by Act of Parliament unto the Lady Anne Cobham, now my wife, the said manors of Cooling, Beckley, Strood, Temple, East Chalk & Vyance with their appurtenances in the said county of Kent, and all

38 and singular my lands, tenements & hereditaments in Cobham in the said county of Kent, to have & to hold to the same Lady Cobham, my said wife, for and during the term of her natural life, as by the said assurances to her thereof made more at large it doth appear, all which said manors, lands, tenements, possessions

39 & hereditaments so assured to my said wife for & in the name of her jointure for the term of her said life been of the clear yearly value of two hundred forty-three pounds 18s 10d [£243 18s 10d] over & above all yearly charges & reprises, and so then there resteth of all the residue of my said manors, lands, tenements,

40 possessions & hereditaments to declare & perform this my present testament & last will with all manors, lands, tenements, possessions & hereditaments to the clear yearly value of three hundred four score six pounds 3s 5d [£386 3s 5d], that is to say, the manors of Bendish Hall with th' appurtenances lately purchased & bought of

41 my Lord Rich in the county of Essex and all other my lands, tenements & hereditaments whatsoever they be in Bendish Hall or elsewhere in the said county of Essex, and also my said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe with their members & appurtenances in Cliffe or elsewhere in the said county of Kent, and all other my

42 said lands, tenements, possessions and hereditaments in the said county of Kent not being part or parcel of the jointure or dowry of the said Elizabeth Cobham nor of the jointure of the said Lady Anne, my wife, and also the site & demesne lands of the late College of Maidstone in the said county of Kent, and

43 also all other my lands, tenements & hereditaments which late were parcel of the possessions of the said late College or did belong or appertain to the same, all which said

manors, lands, tenements, possessions & hereditaments last before rehearsed set, lying & being in the said counties of Essex & Kent & being no part

44 of my said wife's jointure nor being part of the said Lady Elizabeth Cobham's jointure or dowry, I will shall go & be to the use and performance of this my last will & testament, and all which the same premises last before rehearsed in the said counties of Essex & Kent not being any part of any jointures

45 or dowry of the said Lady Anne, my wife, or of the said Lady Elizabeth Cobham, I, the said Lord Cobham, do notify and declare be at this present to me and to mine heirs in fee simple, and thereof and by the liberty and authority of the laws & statutes of this realm I do thereof declare my will

46 and testament in manner and form following. First I will to my son, John Brooke, one annuity or yearly rent of ten pounds of lawful money of England to be perceived & going out of the said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe aforesaid & out of all other the premises in Cliffe aforesaid,

47 my said wife's jointure only except, to have, perceive & levy the same yearly rent of ten pounds unto the said John Brooke & his assigns during his life at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel & th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions to be paid. Also I devise, bequeath,

48 give and grant unto my son, George Brooke, one annuity or annual rent of twenty pounds going out of my said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe aforesaid, my wife's jointure only except, to have, perceive & levy the same yearly rent of £20 by the said George and

49 his assigns during his natural life at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel & th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions until such time as the said George be otherwise provided for that he may dispend forty pounds yearly above all charges, at which time, that is to say, if or

50 whensoever it shall happen the same my son, George, to be provided, advanced or assured of lands, tenements, possessions or annuities in yearly profits to the value of forty pounds by the year over all charges for term of his life, then I will this my said legacy and gift to the said George

51 of the said annuity of £20 by year shall cease. Also I devise, bequeath and grant unto my son, Henry, one annuity or annual rent of twenty pounds going out of my said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe aforesaid, my wife's jointure only except, to have, perceive

52 and levy the same yearly rent of £20 by the said Henry & his assigns during his life at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel & th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions to be paid. Also I will, give & grant unto Thomas, my son, the younger of that name,

53 one annuity or annual rent of twenty pounds of lawful money of England going out of the said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe & other the premises in Cliffe, my said wife's jointure only except, to have & perceive the same yearly rent of twenty pounds to the said

54 Thomas or his assigns during his life at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions. Also I will, give & grant unto Lyonell Anstie, gentleman, mine assured servant, one annuity or annual rent of 66s 8d of

55 lawful money of England going out of the said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe & other the premises in Cliffe aforesaid, my said wife's jointure only except, to have & perceive the same yearly rent of 66s 8d unto the said Lyonell during his natural

56 life at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel & th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions to be paid. Also I will & bequeath, give & grant to my servant, William Normanton, in consideration of his painful service, one annuity or annual rent

57 of five pounds of lawful money of England going out of my said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe and other the premises in Cliffe aforesaid, my said wife's jointure only except, to have, levy & perceive the same yearly rent of £5 unto the said William

58 Normanton during his life natural at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel & th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions to be paid. Also I give, grant & bequeath unto my servant, William Smedley, one annuity or annual rent of forty shillings of

59 lawful money of England going out of the said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe & other the premises in Cliffe aforesaid, my said wife's jointure only except, to have and perceive the same yearly rent or annuity of forty shillings by year unto the same William

60 Smedley during his natural life at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel & th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions to be paid. And also I give, grant and bequeath unto my servant, John Wilkins, one annuity or annual rent of five pounds of lawful

61 money of England going out of my said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe & other the premises in Cliffe aforesaid, my wife's jointure only except, to have & perceive the same annuity or yearly rent of five pounds unto the same John Wilkins during his life natural

62 at the feasts of th' Annunciation of Our Blessed Lady & Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions to be paid. Also I give, bequeath & grant unto my servant, John Harman, one annuity or annual rent of 66s 8d going out of my said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe

63 and other the premises in Cliffe aforesaid, my wife's jointure only except, to have & perceive the same annuity or yearly rent of 66s 8d unto the same John Harman during his life at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even

64 portions to be paid. Further I will, give, grant and bequeath unto my trusty servant, Alleyner Wood, the offices of bailiwick & receiver of all the said manors of Bendish Hall, West Cliffe & Bury Court with all other the premises afore limited & appointed for

65 th' execution of this my said last will, and likewise by this my last will I do constitute & ordain the said Allemer Wood bailiff and receiver of the same manors & other the premises last remembered, & willing & requiring him to see & cause the said annuities before

66 granted be well & truly paid according to the true meaning of this my will, and for non-payment of the same by way of annuities, I will every of the same said annuities be paid by the said bailiff and receiver as(?) by th' hands of mine executors yearly of

67 the rents & revenues of the said manors, lands & tenements. And I will the same Allemer Wood to have & exercise the same office unto him by his own proper exercise during his natural life if he do well & truly behave himself in the same, for th' exercising

68 of which office, and over and besides that as well for his service that he hath done me as for other causes & considerations me moving, I, the said Lord Cobham, do by this my present last will & testament bequeath, give & grant unto the same Allemer Wood one annuity

69 or yearly rent of twenty marks of lawful money of England by the year going out of the said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe and other the premises in Cliffe aforesaid, my wife's said jointure only except, to have & perceive the same yearly annuity or yearly

70 rent of £13 6s 8d unto the said Allemer Wood for and during the term of his life natural. And if the said Allemer Wood do not continue or be not ready to do his duty by himself or by his sufficient deputy in th' exercising of the said office according to the confidence

71 that I put in him, then I will that my bequest unto the said Allemer Wood, upon due proof thereof made without fraud or covin, shall be void and of none effect. And I will that then my executors shall appoint the above-named John Wilkins unto the same office to

72 have, hold, exercise & occupy the same office to the said John Wilkins by himself or by his sufficient deputy or deputies in as large & ample manner, sort, plight, form & condition to all intents & purposes as I have afore appointed the same to the said Allemer Wood, for

73 th' exercising of which office I will, give and grant to the said John Wilkins and his assigns one annuity or yearly rent of eight pounds six shillings & eight pence to be perceived and taken out of my said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe & other the premises

74 in Cliffe aforesaid, my wife's jointure only except, over & besides the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of five pounds to him by me afore given, which maketh in all 20 marks a year, to have & enjoy the said annuity or yearly rent of £8 6s 8d to the said John

75 Wilkins and his assigns yearly every year during his life at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions yearly to be paid. And if the said John Wilkins or his assigns do not continue and be not ready to do his duty

76 by himself or by his sufficient deputy in th' exercising of the said office according to the confidence that I put in him, that then I will, upon due proof thereof made, that my said bequest to the said John Wilkins of the said office & fee of £8 6s 8d shall be void and

77 of none effect, and that then I will that my executors shall appoint other to the same office, giving him or them for their pains as they shall think convenient. Also I will & declare that the first day of payment of all the said several yearly rents or annuities before

78 given shall begin at such of the said feasts of payment as shall next & immediately ensue after my decease. And further I will that if the said several annuities or annual rents to the above-named persons severally devised, granted & bequeathed shall fortune to be behind

79 unpaid in part or in all over or after any of the said feasts or days before expressed contrary to the true meaning of this my present testament and last will by the space of six weeks next & immediately following the said feasts, that then it shall be leeful to the

80 said persons and their assigns unto whom any such annuities or yearly rents are granted as is aforesaid from time to time to enter into the said manors of Bury Court & West Cliffe & other the premises in Cliffe aforesaid, my said wife's jointure only

81 excepted, and there to distrain for the arrearages of every of the said yearly rents or annuities and for every of them, and the distresses so taken lawfully to detain until such time as satisfaction be made in that behalf. And furthermore I will that if

82 any of my said sons, or any the other persons to whom I have by this my will given, granted, willed or bequeathed any annuity or yearly rent out of any my said manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments happen to be holden, detained or kept from the

83 receipt or levying of the said annuity or yearly rent to him given, granted, willed or bequeathed in form afore rehearsed, and that the same with the whole arrearages thereof and their costs, losses & charges in that behalf sustained and had shall not be unto

84 him paid within one half year next after demand thereof or notice given by him or his assigns of the withdrawing thereof to the owner or owners of the said manors, lands or tenements out of which the said annuity or yearly rent is given, granted, willed

85 or bequeathed for the time being, then I will that he, the same my said son or sons or the same person or persons which shall or be behind by all the said time of one half year next after such demand of his said annuity or yearly rent, & not paid of the

86 same with the whole arrearages thereof and their costs, losses and charges in that behalf sustained and had, shall then and from thenceforth have to him and to his assigns for the term of his life natural & for the time of twenty years then next after his decease

87 as much and so much of the said manors, lands & tenements, rents, reversions, possessions and hereditaments appointed, named and set forth in this my will to and for the declaration & performance of the same my will as his said annuity or annual rent given & appointed to him

88 by this my will shall & doth amount and come to by the year, the same lands & tenements to be taken by him, the same my said son or sons, person or persons so being then unpaid of the said annuity or yearly rent in which part or place of any my said

89 manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, possessions & hereditaments he listeth and will choose to accept & take the same. Item, I will that all and singular my manors, possessions, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services & hereditaments, whatsoever they be, as well those that be to my

90 said wife for the jointure of her during her life as those which be appointed to the said Lady Elizabeth Cobham, late wife of the said Sir Thomas, late Lord Cobham, my father, and also all & singular reversions of the said manors, lands, tenements & premises assigned, limited & appointed to & for the

91 performance of this my last will and testament, and also all other my lands, tenements, manors & hereditaments whereof I may by any laws, statutes or means declare or make any will or testament, shall go, remain & be unto my said son, William Brooke, and to the heirs

92 males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to George Brooke, my son, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof unto John Brooke, my son, & to th' heirs

93 males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof unto Thomas Brooke my son, th' elder of that name, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, & for lack of such issue the remainder thereof unto Henry Brooke,

94 my son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my son, Thomas Brooke, the younger of that name, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue

95 the remainder thereof unto my son, Edmund Brooke, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof unto my son, Edward Brooke, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten,

96 and for default of such issue the remainder thereof unto the Lady Elizabeth, Marquess of Northampton, my daughter, and to th' heirs males of her body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof unto my said daughter,

97 Katherine, and to th' heirs males of her body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, the remainder thereof unto th' heirs males of the body of my brother, Thomas Brooke, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder

98 thereof to the right heirs of me, the said George Brooke, knight of the Order, Lord Cobham, forever, saving always to every person & persons all such annuities, legacies, sums of money, profits & advantages to be had, perceived and

99 taken of this my will & testament in manner & form as I have disposed, limited, declared and appointed to be had, perceived & taken in, upon or out of any of the premises as by this my present will and testament is limited, declared & appointed,

100 this clause of entail in any wise notwithstanding. Also I will that if there arise any ambiguity or doubt in any word or sentence in this my said last will & testament, that then the same ambiguity or doubt shall be from time to time

101 declared and expounded by my said executors and overseer or by the survivor of them, IN WITNESS WHEREOF to every part of this my present testament & last will tripartite indented I, the said George Brooke, knight,

102 Lord Cobham, have subscribed my name with mine own hand & put to my seal of arms, given the day and year first above-written.

G. Cobham