

SUMMARY: The document below is the first surviving will of John de Vere (1516-1562), 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, dated 21 December 1552, with a memorandum dated 28 January 1554. It was made ten months after the private Act of Parliament of 22 or 23 January 1552 which restored the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands to him (see HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5Ed6n35), but prior to the letters patent of 22 January 1553 which supplemented the provisions of the private Act of Parliament by restoring to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl certain bonds, jewels and other personal possessions which had escheated to King Edward VI as a result of Somerset's extortion against the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl and his subsequent death and attainder (see TNA C 66/848). An earlier 'unalterable' will extorted from the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl by Somerset on 1 February 1549 in the form of an indenture tripartite has not survived. The letters patent of 22 January 1553 indicate that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had been forced to guarantee the terms of this earlier unalterable will by an indenture of 6 February 1549 secured by a recognizance of £4000.

The will of John de Vere, 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford (see TNA PROB 11/17, ff. 82-90), as well as the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's indenture of 2 June 1562 (see TNA C 54/626), indicate that prior to Somerset's extortion the lands of the Oxford earldom had descended from male heir to male heir via 'ancient entails'. These 'ancient entails' were cut off by the fine of 10 February and 15 April 1548 which Somerset extorted from the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl (see TNA E 328/403). After the fine, the lands of the Oxford earldom comprised in the fine were governed by the provisions of the private Act of Parliament of 22 or 23 January 1552 which deemed the fine to be to the use of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl and his male heirs. All the lands which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had inherited under the 'ancient entails' and which were comprised in the fine were thus now held by him subject to the terms of the Act of Parliament. A notable exception to the lands which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had inherited under the 'ancient entails' was Colne Priory, which was a more recent acquisition. King Henry VIII had granted Colne Priory to John de Vere (1482-1540), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and his heirs by letters patent dated 22 July 1536 (see ERO D/DPr/631, and *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII, Volume 11: July-December 1536* (1888), p. 9. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=75467&strquery=colne>). Somerset omitted the lands comprised in the grant of Colne Priory from the fine of 10 February and 15 April 1548, perhaps for fear of the repercussions which might ensue were he to tamper with a grant made by his recently-deceased brother-in-law, King Henry VIII (1491-1547). As a result, the lands comprised in the grant of Colne Priory were not covered by the provisions of the private Act of Parliament of 22 or 23 January 1552 which restored the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands to him by deeming the fine of 10 February 10 and 15 April 1548 to his use. Also omitted from the fine, for unexplained reasons, were the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands in Chester, as well as lands in Langdon Hills and Wennington.

Because the vast majority of the lands of the Oxford earldom were now governed by the provisions of the Act, there was no need for the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to deal with those lands in his will except in the cases expressly stipulated in the Act which provided that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl could assign specified lands in his will for specified purposes. The Act authorized the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to assign specified lands in his will as a jointure for his second wife, Margery (nee Golding), to alienate certain specified lands, and to assign certain other lands in his

will for 20 years for payment of his debts and legacies and for payment of the marriage portion of £1000 stipulated in the Act of Parliament for his daughter by his first marriage, Katherine de Vere (1538-1600). Provisions concerning those lands are found in the will below. The 16<sup>th</sup> Earl complied with the Act by assigning the lands specified in the Act to his wife as her jointure, but supplemented her jointure by adding to it four of the properties which he had been authorized by the Act to alienate – Lamport in Northamptonshire, Paynes in Pentlow in Essex, and Munslow with the members, and Norton in Hales in Salop:

*And by virtue of one Act in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the fifth & sixth year [=1552] of the reign of our said most gracious Sovereign Lord King Edward the Sixth provided, I will and bequeath to my right loving & well-beloved wife, the Lady Margery, Countess of Oxenford, and in full & perfect recompense, allowance & satisfaction of all such her dower as she or any other in her name or for her can or may at any time hereafter have, challenge or demand in, out or by reason of any manner of freehold lands, tenements or hereditaments which were mine or unto me at any time during the marriage of or espousals between me, the said Earl, and the said Lady Margery, Countess, my wife, had or celebrated, the manors of Tilbury next Clare, Downham, Easton Hall, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, Garnons in Tendring, & Brownes tenement in Toppesfield in the county of Essex, and the manors of Easton Maudit, Thorpe Malford, Marston Trussell & Lamport with th' appurtenances in the county of Northampton, the manor of Bilton with th' appurtenances in the county of Warwick, all & singular the lands & tenements called Paynes in Pentlow, and all & singular the manors & hereditaments called Munslow with the members & Norton in Hales in the county of Salop, and if the same manors & hereditaments in the said county of Salop be aliened by me, the said Earl, before my decease, then I will unto my said wife all & singular such rents as I shall be entitled unto in or out of the same manors & hereditaments or any of them in the said county of Salop, to have and to hold all the same manors and other the premises with all & singular their appurtenances unto my said wife & her assigns for term of her life in the name and for her jointure in full recompense and allowance of her dower as is before expressed & declared;*

The 16<sup>th</sup> Earl also makes provision in the will for Edward de Vere, his son and heir by his second wife, Margery Golding. However, there is no mention of his daughter by his second marriage, Mary de Vere (d.1624), in either the will or the memorandum, an omission which suggests that Mary de Vere's birth post-dated the memorandum of 28 January 1554. This conclusion appears to be contradicted by the Visitation of Essex in 1552, which contains the statement:

*John Vere, Earl of Oxford, son and heir of John, married to his first wife Dorothy, daughter to Ralph, Earl of Westmorland, and hath issue by her Katherine, wedded to Sir Edward Windsor, knight, Lord Windsor. After the said John Vere, Earl of Oxford, wedded to his 2 wife Margery, daughter of John Golding of Halstead in the county of Essex, esquire, and hath issue by her Edward de Vere, Lord Bulbeck, son and heir, Lady Mary.*

However the preface to *The Visitations of Essex* casts some doubt on whether there really was a visitation in 1552:

*The first Visitation of Essex given in this Volume is that of 1552. It is taken from Add. MS. 7098, which professes to contain the Visitations of this and other Counties by Hawley, Clarencieux, 6 Edward VI., and appears to be the only authority for the statement that a Visitation of this County was made by him in that year.*

See Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, Publications of the Harleian Society, vol. XIII, (London: Mitchell, 1878), p. v.

It would appear that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's will supports the hypothesis that the alleged Visitation of Essex of 1552 actually dates from later than 1552, since according to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's will his daughter Katherine was not yet married by 21 December 1552, nor was his daughter Mary yet born, yet the alleged Visitation of 1552 records both Katherine's marriage and Mary's birth.

The 1554 memorandum to the will of 21 December 1552 states that Sir John Gates (1504-1553), one of the executors named in the will, had been replaced by Margery, Countess of Oxford. Gates had been executed on 22 August 1553 along with John Dudley (1504-1553), Duke of Northumberland, as a result of Northumberland's failed attempt to put his daughter-in-law, Lady Jane Grey, on the throne after the death of Edward VI.

The will of 21 December 1552 was superseded by the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's will of 28 July 1562, made five days prior to his death on 3 August 1562 (see TNA PROB 11/46, ff. 174v-6). The will of 28 July 1562 incorporates several of the terms of the earlier will of 21 December 1552. A few of the items in the schedules to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's will, including 'a counterpoint of crimson satin of Bruges, powdered with boars and calygreyhounds' and 'seven pieces of hangings of counterfeit arras and Morians for the great chamber at Hedingham' were inherited from the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl, and can be found in the inventory taken after his death (see TNA SP 1/4, ff. 70-103).

In the name of God, Amen. This is the last will and testament of me, John de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Viscount Bulbeck, Lord Scales and Lord Badlesmere, being of whole mind & perfect remembrance and by the grace of the Almighty God in catholic love and charity with all the world, made and by me declared this one & twenty day of December in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred fifty & two, and in the sixth year of the reign of our most gracious & Sovereign Lord, Edward the Sixth, by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in earth of the Church of England & Ireland Supreme Head, in manner & form following:

First, I commit and commend my soul to the eternal God, my maker & creator, and to Jesu Christ his only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin

Mary, my Savior and Redeemer, by the merits of whose death & bloodshedding I do steadfastly believe by the grace that the Holy Ghost hath wrought within me to be saved, and not to be justified by any good deed that ever I did, for I knowlege that all the deeds & works that ever I wrought, were they never so righteous, be but as filthiness in the sight of God concerning my salvation; this hope is laid up in my bosom, trusting in the Father, the Son, and in the Holy Ghost, whom I do believe to be three persons and but one almighty & eternal God, that when my body shall lose the use of this mortal life, then through this my faith my spirit shall rest with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob;

Secondarily, I commit my body to the earth from whence it came, and I will that my sepulture be made in the body of the church of Earls Colne as by the discretion of mine executors shall seem most convenient, and therein my body to be laid in convenient time after my departure out of this world, and also at the day of my burial I will that one sermon be made by some catholic learned man to the edification of all those that shall be present at my obsequy;

Thirdly, I bequeath my goods and part of my lands & tenements to the world to be distributed as hereafter followeth, that is to say, I utterly and clearly forsake, renounce & repel all & singular wills, testaments, bequests & legacies at any time or in any wise by me heretofore willed, declared or spoken, and this I do ordain, constitute & make my only last will & testament and none other;

Also I will that my house wherein I shall have and keep my household at the time of my decease by the clemency & permission of my said most gracious Sovereign Lord the King shall be maintained & kept by mine executors after my death with and of my stores of oxen, bullocks, sheep, fowls, fish, malt, wheat & other like provision of victuals, grain and spice until the end of one month next after my decease in as ample and large manner as I myself kept and maintained the same during the month next before my death without diminution of any of my household servants or of any other which shall fortune to dwell & remain in my said house at my decease save such as will voluntarily depart out & from the same;

Also I give and bequeath unto every of my servants being in my wages at the time of my decease his quarter's wages in the which I shall fortune to depart out of this transitory life;

Also I give and bequeath unto the box for the poor in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Nether Yeldham, Over Yeldham, Tilbury juxta Clare, Wivenhoe, Gestingthorpe, Lamarsh, Toppesfield, Cockfield, Earls Colne, Wakes Colne, White Colne, Gaines Colne, Saint Swithin's parish at London Stone, Lavenham, East Bergholt, Tattingstone, Aldham, Swaffham Bulbeck, and toward the reparation of the highway leading from Earls Colne to Coggeshall, that is to say, for the reparation of the said highway ten pounds, and the sum of forty pounds of lawful money of England to be divided and distributed amongst the said towns according to the discretion of mine executors;

And by virtue of one Act in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the fifth & sixth year [=1552] of the reign of our said most gracious Sovereign Lord King Edward the Sixth provided, I will and bequeath to my right loving & well-beloved wife, the Lady Margery, Countess of Oxenford, and in full & perfect recompense, allowance & satisfaction of all such her dower as she or any other in her name or for her can or may at any time hereafter have, challenge or demand in, out or by reason of any manner of freehold lands, tenements or hereditaments which were mine or unto me at any time during the marriage of or espousals between me, the said Earl, and the said Lady Margery, Countess, my wife, had or celebrated, the manors of Tilbury next Clare, Downham, Easton Hall, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, Garnons in Tendring, & Brownes tenement in Toppesfield in the county of Essex, and the manors of Easton Maudit, Thorpe Malford, Marston Trussell & Lamport with th' appurtenances in the county of Northampton, the manor of Bilton with th' appurtenances in the county of Warwick, all & singular the lands & tenements called Paynes in Pentlow, and all & singular the manors & hereditaments called Munslow with the members & Norton in Hales in the county of Salop [=Shropshire], and if the same manors & hereditaments in the said county of Salop be aliened by me, the said Earl, before my decease, then I will unto my said wife all & singular such rents as I shall be entitled unto in or out of the same manors & hereditaments or any of them in the said county of Salop, to have and to hold all the same manors and other the premises with all & singular their appurtenances unto my said wife & her assigns for term of her life in the name and for her jointure in full recompense and allowance of her dower as is before expressed & declared;

Also I give, will and bequeath unto my said wife to her proper use two hundred pounds in ready money to be paid unto her by mine executors as they conveniently may levy the same of the manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments to them hereafter in this my present last will & testament by me willed & bequeathed;

Item, I will, give & bequeath unto my said wife to her proper use as much of my plate as I shall be worth at the time of the delivery thereof one hundred pounds, all & singular such my plate as shall be or remain in the custody of my said wife or of any other by her mean or delivery at the time of my decease to be accounted parcel of the said plate to her bequeathed, and I will and bequeath to the same my wife to her proper use all such stuff of household & other things as are and been mentioned or appointed to her in one schedule written in parchment hereunto annexed, all which said plate, household stuff & other things unto my said wife last bequeathed I will shall be to her delivered by my said executors within eight weeks next after my decease;

Item, I will and bequeath unto my son Edward, Lord Bulbeck, two thousand marks [=£1333 13s 4d] of lawful money to be paid & delivered unto him within one quarter of a year next after he shall accomplish his full age of one & twenty years, and in case the said Edward, my son, shall fortune to decease before he shall accomplish his said age of 21 years, which God defend, then I will the said sum of two thousand marks to be paid & divided equally unto and amongst my brethren Aubrey Vere, Robert Vere & Geoffrey Vere at such time as my said son Edward should have accomplished his said age of 21 years if he had so long lived, and if any of my said brethren shall be then deceased, I will

that his part & portion of and in the said two thousand marks shall be paid unto & amongst the children of the same my brother so deceased;

Also I will, give and bequeath unto the said Edward, my son, all the residue of my plate not being given & bequeathed in this my last will & testament, together with all such household stuff & things as are and been appointed & declared unto him in the said schedule hereunto annexed, all the same stuff & things to be delivered by my said executors or their executors unto the same my son at his said age of 21 years, and if it shall fortune the said Edward, my son, to decease before he shall accomplish his said age of 21 years, then I will and bequeath unto the said Lady Margery, my wife, the new trussing bed & hanging made at Hedingham by John Butcher, with another trussing bed with the hanging of blue sarsenet like tinsel embroidered with a cloth of baudekin appointed in the said schedule to my said son Edward, the same to be delivered to my said wife within one month next after the decease of the same Edward, my son;

And if it shall fortune the said Margery, my wife, to decease, and me, the said Earl, to have at the time of my decease one other lawful wife, I then will and bequeath to the same my other lawful wife all & singular the said legacies & things unto my said wife by me before in this my present testament willed and bequeathed, to have, hold and enjoy to the same my other lawful wife in as ample & large manner as my said wife shall, should, ought or might have, hold [=held] or enjoyed the same in case she shall fortune to overlive me, the said Earl;

And I will to every gentlewoman which shall attend and be in service with my said wife at the time of my decease, not amounting above the number of six gentlewomen, the sum of four marks [=53s 4d] to be paid unto them within one year next after my decease;

And where in and by the said Act of Parliament amongst other things it is enacted that the Lady Katherine, my daughter, should have & perceive out of certain my manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments by the same Act appointed to be & go after my decease by the space of twenty years to the payment of my debts and performing of my last will & testament the sum of one thousand pounds in case the same my daughter shall be married & ordered in her marriage by me, the said Earl, her father, or by mine executors or by the most part of them, my very meaning & will is and I give & bequeath by these presents unto the same Lady Katherine, my daughter, the sum of five hundred marks [=£333 6s 8d] of lawful money with two featherbeds and all things pertaining to the same upon condition that the same my daughter shall be ordered as well in her marriage as in her keeping & custody in the meantime by my said executors or by the more part of them or by the survivor of them, and in case she shall not be ordered by my said executors or by the more part of them or by the survivor of them according to the meaning of this my last will, then I will that she shall forfeit and lose my said legacies & gifts to her herein by me willed & bequeathed;

And if it shall fortune the said Lady Katherine to decease before she shall be married, then I will & bequeath the money to her bequeathed by this my last will & testament to the said Edward, my son, to be paid to him by mine executors at his full age of 21 years,

and if she shall be married in the life of me, the said Earl, by my provision & advancement, I then will and bequeath unto my said son Edward so much of the said money by me before bequeathed to my said daughter in this my said last will as I shall pay for her in marriage in my life and shall not in any wise or by any means be therefore indebted at the time of my decease;

And I will that mine executors shall have and perceive out of the manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments to them by me bequeathed in this my last will & testament the sum of two hundred pounds to & for the finding & bringing up of the said Katherine, my daughter, until such time as she shall be married;

And if it shall fortune the same my daughter to decease before she shall be married, then I will that as well the said sum of one thousand pounds to her given by the said Act of Parliament as the said sum of five hundred marks by me to her before bequeathed shall be paid by mine executors unto the said Edward, my son, at his full age of 21 years;

And in case I, the said Earl, at the time of my said decease shall happen to have any other child or children than I now have, I will the same child & children to be advanced toward his or their living such sums of money out of the legacies bequeathed to my said son Edward & my said daughter Katherine and out of the lands bequeathed to mine executors towards the performance of this my last will as unto the same mine executors or the most part of them or the survivors or survivor of them shall be thought meet & convenient;

Item, I will, give and bequeath unto my brother Aubrey de Vere forty pounds of lawful money, two featherbeds with all things thereunto appertaining, four diaper tablecloths such as hath been occupied for mine own board, twelve diaper napkins, six tablecloths of canvas which served in the hall, one garnish of vessel, & one gelding, and I bequeath to my brother Robert de Vere thirty pounds of lawful money, and to my brother Geoffrey de Vere I bequeath thirty pounds of lawful money, one featherbed with all things thereunto belonging, & one gelding, all which said sums of money to my said three brethren severally by me bequeathed I will shall be to them paid by mine executors as they may conveniently raise & perceive the same out of the manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments to them by me hereafter willed & bequeathed, and the said featherbeds & geldings to my brothers Aubrey & Geoffrey bequeathed, I will shall be to them delivered by my said executors within eight weeks next after my decease, and I also will & bequeath unto my right well-beloved sister Elizabeth, Lady Darcy, twenty pounds sterlings, to my sister Anne Sheffield, widow, ten pounds sterlings, to my right entire beloved brother-in-law, Sir Thomas Darcy, knight, Lord Darcy of Chiche and Lord Chamberlain of the King's most honorable Household, one hundred pounds of lawful money and one of my best horses, unto my dear and right assured loving wife Margery, Countess of Oxenford, threescore pounds of lawful money and one of my horses, and unto my trusty & faithful friend & counsellor, John Lucas, esquire, forty pounds of lawful money and one gelding, all which sums of money in the last article before bequeathed I will shall be paid & delivered by mine executors as the same may be levied & borne out of the manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments hereafter by me to them bequeathed;

Item, I will and bequeath unto my brother-in-law, Sir Thomas Golding, knight, one of my geldings to be delivered unto him within eight weeks next after my decease;

And I will, give & bequeath unto every one of my servants which are written and named in the said schedule hereunto annexed and which shall be and continue in my service at the time of my decease all such yearly payment or yearly annuity as unto him is written, limited & appointed to be paid in the said schedule, the said yearly payment or yearly annuity to be paid to every such my servant, his executor or assign, during and by the space of ten years next after my decease by my said executors out of the manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments to them by me hereafter in this my present last will & testament willed, given & bequeathed;

And the residue of all & singular my goods & chattels, jewels, debts owing unto me, & other things not before by me bequeathed, I will, give and bequeath unto mine executors hereafter named towards the payment of such debts which I do owe and towards the fulfilling & performing of this my present last will & testament, and I most heartily require & charge my said executors that they do content & pay or cause to be contented & paid in as convenient & brief time as they may after my decease all & singular such debts & duties as I shall owe to any person or persons at the time of my decease, and that they shall recompense, compound & satisfy, or cause to be recompensed, compounded or satisfied all & singular wrongs, injuries & trespasses by me at any time before my decease committed, perpetrated or done, or by me procured to be committed, perpetrated or done, the same being proved by sufficient witness before or unto my said executors or the more part of them to be true & unsatisfied at the time of my said decease;

And I also require & charge my said executors to fulfil, execute & perform all & singular the gifts & legacies by me made, bequeathed or declared in this my present last will & testament and in the said schedule hereunto annexed and in every of them according to my very intent & true meaning expressed or mentioned therein;

And also I will and charge my said executors to keep, maintain & cause to be ordered & honestly looked unto my said brother, Geoffrey de Vere, and all such lands & things which hath been, are or shall be unto him given or assured by virtue of the said Act of Parliament or otherwise;

And I will, bequeath, assign and appoint unto mine executors hereafter in this my present last will & testament named the manors of Tattingstone & Aldham with their appurtenances in the county of Suffolk and all & singular my messuages, lands, tenements & hereditaments in Tattingstone, Aldham & Hadleigh in the said county of Suffolk, the manor of Weybourn in the county of Norfolk and all & singular my messuages, lands, tenements & hereditaments in Weybourn or elsewhere in the said county of Norfolk, and my manors of Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Much Canfield, Much Bentley, Doddinghurst, Lamarsh & Wakes Colne with their appurtenances in the said county of Essex, and all & singular my messuages, lands, tenements & hereditaments in Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Alresford, Greenstead, East Donyland,



Much Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Much Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Much Henny, Alphamstone and Wakes Colne in the county of Essex, to have & to hold all & singular the same manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments unto the same mine executors, their executors & assignees, immediately from & after my decease unto the end & term of twenty years from thence next following and fully to be completed and ended to the intent that the same mine executors, their executors & assignees, shall have and receive the yearly rents, revenues & profits thereof coming & growing within the said twenty years toward the payment & satisfaction of my bequests & legacies in this my said last will & testament specified or contained and of such debts & duties as I shall owe to satisfy or pay at the time of my decease;

And the executors of this my present testament & last will I do ordain, constitute & make my said right trusty and well-beloved friends, the said Sir Thomas Darcy, knight, Lord Darcy of Chiche, the said Lady Margery, my wife, and the said John Lucas, esquire, and I ordain (blank) of this my said last will & testament to be supervisor, whom I most heartily require to be aiding to my said executors in the performance thereof, and for his pains & goodness therein I give & bequeath unto him (blank);

In witness whereof to this my present last will and testament subscribed with mine own proper hand, I, the said Earl, have set my seal of arms the day & year first above written.

Oxenford

MEMORANDUM, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Mary the First [=January 28, 1554], the said Earl of Oxenford in the presence of us, John Turner, John Booth & Thomas Coe, his servants, did put out one Sir John Gates, knight, his late executor, and in the place of him the Lady Margery, his wife, with his own hand.

T. Darcy  
John Turner  
John Booth  
Thomas Coe  
John Lucas

The schedule in parchment whereby and wherein I, John de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, have severally appointed unto my well-beloved wife, the Lady Margery, Countess of Oxenford, and unto my son Edward, Lord Bulbeck, certain of my household stuff and other my chattels & things, and also I have limited and appointed unto divers of my servants severally certain yearly annuities as yearly payments to be paid to them

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according to the effect and intent in my last will and testament whereunto this schedule is annexed, specified and contained.

The stuff of household, chattel and other things appointed by this schedule to be & go to  
the Lady Margery, Countess of Oxenford

First, a trussing bed hanging of crimson velvet powdered with angels and broidering flowers, paned with white damask;

Item, a trussing bed hanging of purple tinsel satin, paned with black velvet, powdered with clouds, weeping eyes & drops, with five curtains of blue sarsenet;

Item, a trussing bed hanging of blue tinsel satin, paned with red velvet, powdered with pomegranates, with three curtains of red & blue sarsenet;

Item, a trussing bed hanging of blue tinsel satin, paned with purple velvet, powdered with mullets, with three curtains of yellow & red sarsenet;

Item, a sparver of green damask, paned with tinsel satin of Bruges, with curtains of red & yellow sarsenet made fast to the same;

Item, a sparver of estate of red satin, powdered with blue boars & letters and my old Lord's arms;

Item, two counterpoints of Venus & Cupid;

Item, one quilt of red sarsenet;

Item, a counterpoint of tapissery having Saint George in it;

Item, a counterpoint of tapissery with two greyhounds in it, and hunting stories;

Item, a counterpoint of coarse counterfeit arras with a great lion in it;

Item, 6 pieces of tapissery, verdures & beasts;

Item, 7 pieces of hangings, sometime for the great chamber at Colne;

Featherbeds, 12;

Cushions, 12;

Carpets for tables & cupboards, 10;

Sheets, 24 pair;

Blankets, 10 pair;

Item, two chairs of crimson velvet;

Item, one chair of black velvet;

Item, all the linen of the ewery, saving such linen as I have given to my brother, Aubrey Vere;

Item, all my kitchen stuff, saving such brass as I have given to my son Bulbeck;

Item, three garnish of vessel;

Item, ten geldings & nags with saddles, bridles and all things pertaining to them.

The household stuff, chattel and other things appointed by this schedule to be & remain unto Edward, Lord Bulbeck

First, a new trussing bed hanging made at Hedingham by John Butcher then broiderer, the ground of crimson satin;

Item, a trussing bed hanging, the ground of blue sarsenet like tinsel, embroidered with cloth of baudekin;

Item, a trussing bed hanging made of a sparver of russet & yellow satin, paned with my Lord Curson's arms, with curtains of like colored sarsenet;

Item, a trussing bed hanging made of a sparver of estate of red, white & blue satin paned, powdered with letters, violets & roots;

Item, a sparver of coarse blue tissue paned with red velvet purled with curtains of blue & yellow sarsenet made fast to the same;

Item, a counterpoint of yellow satin of Bruges, with a pane of red satin of Bruges in the midst;

Item, a counterpoint of crimson satin of Bruges, powdered with boars and calygreyhounds;

Item, a quilt of blue right satin, lined with red buckram;

Item, a counterpoint that the Frenchman made;

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Item, four pieces of counterfeit arras of white with angels, sometime belonging to Hedingham;

Item, a new quilt of red & yellow taffeta made at Hedingham;

Item, seven pieces of fine counterfeit arras with bishops' arms;

Item, ten pieces of tapissery with fountains;

Item, seven pieces of new hangings bought by my Lord of Gunter;

Item, two new cushions of crimson velvet & one of blue velvet bought by Thomas Thoroughgood;

Item, a long carpet for a table of fine counterfeit arras with antique work;

Item, one long carpet wrought like laces of Turkey making;

Item, one great traverse of red and blue changeable sarsenet;

Item, two traverses of orange-tawny & blue changeable sarsenet;

Item, one little traverse of taffeta red & blue changeable;

Item, of the best featherbeds & beds of down, twenty;

Item, seven pieces of hangings of counterfeit arras and Morians for the great chamber at Hedingham;

Item, four pieces of hangings of counterfeit arras of the story of Tullius Hostilius;

Item, two small tapets of right arras, very old;

Item, five pieces of counterfeit arras, the ground green, powdered with blue boars & cross-bow racks, and two small pieces cut out of the same;

Item, a great hearse-cloth of black velvet with angels, mullets & garters;

Item, two new chairs, one of crimson velvet & one of blue velvet, bought by Thomas Thoroughgood;

Item, one great brass pot, and five of the greatest and best brass pots, seven iron racks with two at Hedingham;

Item, one rack with 7 bars, four boiling leads, with two at Hedingham, one cauldron in the scalding-house there;

Two hangers & one iron in the chimney at Colne;

Item, all the rest of my plate not bequeathed;

Item, my great coffer of iron wherein my plate doth stand;

Item, a little coffer called Jack of Bullen;

Item, all my armoury, harnesses & weapon to the same.

The annuities or yearly payments which are limited & appointed  
by this schedule to be & go severally to certain of the servants  
of the right honorable John, Earl of Oxenford, as followeth

Gentlemen waiting upon the said Earl:

Henry Golding, £6 13s 4d  
Thomas Almott, £6 13s 4d  
John Turner, £6 13s 4d  
Thomas Coe, £6 13s 4d  
Edward Bruxby [=Brooksby?], 53s 4d [=£2 13s 4d]  
John Drury, 53s 4d  
John Carew, 53s 4d  
Robert Christmas, 53s 4d  
Mr Freake, 53s 4d

Yeoman attending upon the said Earl:

Robert Willett, 26s 8d [=£1 6s 8d]  
Robert Brewster, 26s 8d  
Lewis Jegon, 26s 8d  
Thomas Bridge, 20s [=£1]  
Bennett Camp [=Kemp?], 20s  
William Grave, 20s  
Thomas Robinson, 26s 8d  
Thomas Pullen, 26s 8d  
John Potter, 26s 8d  
Edmund Chapman, 26s 8d  
Ledgard London, 26s 8d  
John Lay, 20s  
Richard Wood, 26s 8d  
Lawrence Alliston, 20s  
Robert Sorrell, 20s  
Richard Clarke, 20s

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Robert Simon, 26s 8d  
William Matthew, 26s 8d  
Anthony Denny, 26s 8d  
John Bridge, 20s  
Lawrence Rey, 20s  
William Hutton, 26s 8d  
John Watson, 26s 8d  
Thomas Hawks, 20s  
William Hunger(?), 20s  
John Bond, 26s 8d  
William Gildersleeve(?), 20s  
Adam Polley, 26s 8d  
John Ward, 20s  
John Blaxall, 20s  
William Porter, 20s  
John Carter, 20s  
John Ruggles(?), 20s  
John Mabbe, 26s 8d  
Geoffrey Carter, 26s 8d  
Robert Polley, 20s  
Albon Bridge, 20s  
Thomas Thorne, 26s 8d  
William Bishop, 26s 8d  
Thomas Smith, 20s  
Simon Codwell, 20s  
Walter Harvey, 20s  
Edward Watson, 26s 8d  
Leonard Newton, 20s  
William Lister, 20s  
Thomas Johnson, 20s  
Ralph Jackson, 20s  
Richard Spurgeon, 20s  
William King, 20s  
John Munday, 20s

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