

SUMMARY: The inquisition post mortem below was taken at Stratford Langthorne in Essex on 18 January 1563, five months after the death on 3 August 1562 of John de Vere (1516-1562), 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. The original document, written in Latin, has deteriorated over time. Some portions of the text are missing entirely, while others have faded into illegibility. The English translation below is based on digital images of the original document provided by The National Archives, with assistance from a partial draft transcript made by Dr. Alan H. Nelson. Certain words and phrases which are either torn away or illegible in the original have been supplied where possible, principally from TNA WARD 8/13, a Court of Wards accounting document which quotes large sections of the inquisition post mortem verbatim. Words and phrases which have been supplied in this way are clearly indicated in the Latin transcript of the document available on this website.

An inquisition post mortem, or inquisition after death, is defined in *Black's Law Dictionary*, rev. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (St Paul, Minnesota: West Publishing, 1968), p. 929 as:

*In old English law, an inquisition of office held, during the continuance of the military tenures, upon the death of every one of the king's tenants, to inquire of what lands he died seised, who was his heir, and of what age, in order to entitle the king to his marriage, wardship, relief, primer seisin, or other advantages.*

In accordance with the purposes described in the foregoing definition, the inquisition post mortem below identifies the lands of which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl died seised, and identifies his heir as his son, Edward de Vere, aged twelve on 12 April 1562. The inquisition also states the net yearly revenue from each of the lands and offices of which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl died seised. Because the figures for net yearly revenue for several manors are illegible in the original document, it is not possible to calculate the total net yearly revenue from the inquisition post mortem. However this is not the case with TNA WARD 8/13, and since almost all the figures in the inquisition post mortem which can be clearly read are identical with the figures given in TNA WARD 8/13, it can be stated with some certainty that the figure for Oxford's total inherited income in the inquisition post mortem would differ at most by only a few pence from the total figure of £2233 13s 7d for Oxford's inherited income provided by TNA WARD 8/13. The only discrepancies between the figures given in the inquisition post mortem and in TNA WARD 8/13 are as follows:

Manor of Lamarsh: £30 12s 3d in the IPM; £30 11s 3d in WARD 8/13;  
Manor of Lavenham: £34 6s 1d in the IPM; £34 6s 2d in WARD 8/13;  
Manor of Whitchurch: £31 2s 2-1/4d in the IPM; £31 2s 11-1/4d in WARD 8/13;  
Manor of Bilton: £15 10s in the IPM; £15 10s 1/2d in WARD 8/13;  
Manor of North Rode: £19 13s 11d in the IPM; £19 13s 10d in WARD 8/13.

These minor discrepancies are likely the result of scribal errors in the copying of these very lengthy documents, and are insignificant.

When comparing the figures for net yearly revenue given in the inquisition post mortem and in TNA WARD 8/13, it will be useful to keep the following points in mind. Firstly, the figures for net yearly revenue for the manors of Downham, Gibcrack, Jackletts, Marston Trussell, Willaston and Langdon Hills are illegible in the digital images of the original inquisition post mortem. In the English translation below, these figures have been supplied from TNA WARD 8/13, and are enclosed in square brackets to identify them as such. Secondly, it is important to note that the net yearly revenues for several manors mentioned individually in the inquisition post mortem are grouped together in TNA WARD 8/13. Specifically, in TNA WARD 8/13 the figure for net yearly revenue for the manor of Stansted Mountfitchet includes the net yearly revenue for Burnells, Bentfield Bury and Bury Lodge; the figure for the manors of Wennington and Kennington includes Shottesbrook; the figure for the manor of East Bergholt includes Battsford; the figure for the manor of Tregenna includes both Tregenna Wollas and Tregenna Wartha; and the figure of 16s for lands in Wennington is included in Langdon Hills in WARD 8/13. Conversely, the net yearly revenue for Colne Priory is given as a single figure in the inquisition post mortem, while in TNA WARD 8/13 it is broken down under these headings: Colne Priory and Barwick Hall, Hedingham Nunnery, the manor of Hinxtun, the rectory of Wickham, and three tenements at London Stone. Finally, the manor of Abington is erroneously mentioned twice in the inquisition post mortem.

Other differences between the two documents which might give rise to confusion include the fact that there is no mention in the inquisition post mortem of the office of feodary of the honours of Hedingham and Stansted, although in TNA WARD 8/13 a figure of 105s is given for the revenue from that office. However in the feodary John Glascock's survey of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands in Essex (see ERO D/DU 65/72), this 105s in revenue is shown as offset by fees, with the net result being entered as 'nihil'. Moreover, in the inquisition post mortem the figure of £24 is given for Oxford's reversionary interest in the manor of Mountnessing. However Agnes Wilford, who held a life interest in Mountnessing, did not die until after Oxford had come of age. There was thus no income from Oxford's reversionary interest during his minority, and accordingly no figure for revenue from Mountnessing is given in TNA WARD 8/13.

When the foregoing points are taken into consideration it is apparent that the two documents ultimately provided figures for net yearly revenue for precisely the same manors and lands, and that at most the total figure for Oxford's inherited net yearly revenue provided in the inquisition post mortem differs by only a few pence from the total figure in TNA WARD 8/13.

One further point should be noted concerning revenue from the manor of Fleet. In 1567, the Archbishop of Canterbury put forward a claim for revenue due to him from the manor of Fleet as a result of private wardship, and was awarded one-third of the revenue from this manor retroactively for Oxford's entire wardship. The Archbishop had not yet made his claim when the inquisition post mortem and TNA WARD 8/13 were prepared, and the one-third decrease in net yearly revenue to Oxford from this manor is therefore not reflected in either document, although it became a reality after their preparation.

Because the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's legal circumstances were so unusual, the inquisition post mortem is quite different from other inquisitions, and it cannot be readily understood without reference to several other documents. The inquisition is structured as follows.

The inquisition first lists the lands of which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl died seised which were included in the fine of 10 February 1548 and 16 April 1548 by which Edward Seymour (c.1500-1552), Duke of Somerset, had extorted these lands from the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl, and recites some of the circumstances surrounding the levying of the fine without making any direct reference to Somerset's extortion. It should be noted that the only lands held by the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl at his death which Somerset had not included in the 1548 fine were those comprised in Henry VIII's grant to the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Colne Priory, the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's manors in Chester, and certain lands in Wennington and Langdon Hills. For the fine, see TNA E 328/403. The inquisition then makes reference to the private Act of Parliament of 23 January 1552 by which these lands were restored to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl. For the private Act of Parliament, see HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35. The inquisition then recites several key provisions of the private Act of Parliament which affect the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's estate, including the fact that the indenture of 1 February 1548 which Somerset had used as a pretext for his extortion was made void by the Act, and that the lands comprised in the fine were deemed by the Act to be held thereafter to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's use for life, remainder to his male heirs. The inquisition then states that under the Act the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had been given authority to appoint certain specified lands in his last will and testament as a jointure for his second wife, Margery Golding, and that he had done so by his last will and testament dated 28 July 1562. For the will, see TNA PROB 11/46, ff. 174v-6. The inquisition then recites further legal steps which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had taken in order that the manors of Barwicks and Scotneys and the lands called Paynes in Pentlow could be included in his second wife's jointure. The inquisition then recites the provisions of the Act which set aside life estates in certain manors for the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's brothers, Aubrey and Geoffrey. The inquisition then recites the provision in the Act authorizing the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to set certain lands aside in his will for 20 years for payment of his debts and performance of his will, and states that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had done so in his will of 28 July 1562. This portion of the inquisition concludes with the recitation of the saving provision in the Act by which the King's right to wardship was preserved.

The inquisition then states that on 2 June 1562 the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had entered into an indenture with his nephew, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, his brother-in-law, Sir Thomas Golding, and Queen Elizabeth's favourite, Sir Robert Dudley, to whom the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl was not closely related, by which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had intended to provide for the continuance of the Oxford earldom and the augmentation of the living of his second wife, Margery. The inquisition then recites in detail the various entails which had been set up under this indenture. It should be noted that the lands comprised in the entails in this indenture included all the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands apart from Colne Priory. It should also be noted that the inquisition ignores the legal implication of the uses created by these entails.

The inquisition then lists the lands comprised in Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory to the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl on 22 July 1536. For the grant, see TNA C 66/668, mm. 26-7. The inquisition then completes its inventory of the lands and offices of which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl died seised by

stating that he died seised of the office of Lord Great Chamberlain, as well as of certain lands in Wennington and Langdon Hills. As mentioned earlier, neither the lands comprised in the grant of Colne Priory, nor the office of Lord Great Chamberlain, nor the lands in Wennington and Langdon Hills had been included in the fine by which Somerset had extorted the rest of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands from him, with the result that they were unaffected by the private Act of Parliament, and are thus dealt with separately in the inquisition. The 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's manors in Chester should also have been dealt with separately in this section of the inquisition for the same reason, but appear to have been inadvertently overlooked in this section, although they are dealt with in the entails and in the valuation of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's manors at the end of the inquisition.

The inquisition then recites two further provisions of the Act, the first giving the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl authority to enter into valid leases of his lands and the second giving him authority to appoint officers. The inquisition then recites the terms of 60 separate indentures which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had entered into for the purpose of appointing officers or granting annuities for services performed or for other reasons. These annuities directly affected the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's estate as each was to be paid from the revenues of a particular manor, and the net yearly revenue of each manor could not be calculated without taking these reprises or charges into account. The inquisition then recites a saving clause in the Act of Parliament which guarantees the rights of all third parties who hold interests in the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands and prevents such interests from escheating to the Crown as a result of Somerset's attainder. The inquisition then itemizes the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands, stating of whom, and by what service, if known, each manor of which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl died seised was held, and the net yearly revenue from each. The inquisition concludes by stating that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl died on 3 August 1562, and that his heir is his son, Edward, who was born on 12 April 1550, and is now twelve years of age.

As the foregoing discussion indicates, the structure of the inquisition, although haphazard in appearance at first glance, follows a logical progression which takes into account the unusual circumstances of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's legal situation as a result of Somerset's extortion and the subsequent Act of Parliament which rectified it.

As indicated in the definition quoted earlier, the purpose of an inquisition post mortem was to determine whether the monarch was entitled to the heir's marriage, wardship, relief, primer seisin, or other advantages. This could not occur unless the deceased tenant had held at least one parcel of land from the Crown in chief by knight-service. In the case of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands, it is noteworthy that the inquisition's statement that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had held Castle Hedingham in chief by knight-service is an interlineation, apparently added after the fact. The inquisition also states that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl held the manors of Lamarsh, Colne Wake, East Bergholt, Thorncombe and Christian Malfold in chief by knight-service. At one time, this had undoubtedly been the case, since the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had acquired these five manors from King Henry the Eighth in a forced exchange of lands on 29 April 1544 (see TNA C 66/766, mm. 5-8). However Castle Hedingham and the latter five manors had all been included in the fine of 10 February 1548 and 16 April 1548 by which Somerset had extorted these lands from the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl, and Somerset had died seised of them on 22 January 1552, presumably triggering the King's wardship rights at that

time. Despite the fact that the private Act of Parliament had deemed all the lands included in the fine to be held to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's use, since Somerset had died seised of these manors in chief by knight-service before the enactment of the private Act of Parliament, it seems doubtful that those tenures could have been transferred back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl merely by a provision in the Act deeming the fine to be to his use. This important legal issue is ignored in the inquisition. However, as noted earlier, Colne Priory had not been included in the fine of 10 February and 16 April 1548, and under the terms of Henry VIII's grant, it was held of the Crown in chief by knight-service. It would thus appear that Queen Elizabeth's right to Oxford's wardship was grounded solely on King Henry VIII's grant to the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Colne Priory.

Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc., to our beloved and faithful Richard Weston, one of our Justices of the Bench, & William Damsell, knight, and our beloved Robert Keilway, esquire, Robert Nowell, esquire, William Tooke, esquire, and John Glascock, feodary of the county of Essex, greeting.

Be it known that we have assigned you, five, four or three of you, of whom we will you, the forenamed [ ] Robert Keilway or Robert Nowell to be one, to inquire by the oath of good & law-worthy men of the county of Essex, as well within the liberties as without, by whom the truth of the matter shall be better able to be known, how much lands & tenements John, Earl of Oxford, deceased, or any other or any others to his use held (s. & pl.) of us in chief, as well in demesne as in service, in the county aforesaid on the day on which the same Earl died, & how much of others & by what service, and how much those lands & tenements held as well of us as of others are worth by year in all issues, & on what day the same Earl died, & who is his next heir, & of what age, & who (s. & pl.) has or have occupied those lands & tenements from the time of the death of the foresaid Earl and has or have perceived the issues & profits thereof by what title in whatever way & manner;

And therefore we [+will] you, five, four or three of you, of whom we will you, the forenamed [ ] Robert Keilway or Robert Nowell to be one, that at certain days & places which you, five, four or three of you will have provided for the purpose, of whom we will the forenamed [ ] Robert Keilway or Robert Nowell to be one, diligently to make an inquisition concerning the premises, and to send the same, clearly & openly made, without delay to us in our Chancery under your seals or the seals of the five, four or three of you by whom it was made, & these our letters patents;

We command indeed by the tenor of these presents our sheriff of the county aforesaid that at certain days & places which you, five, four or three of you, of whom we will you, the forenamed [ ] Robert Keilway or Robert Nowell to be one, will have made known to him, he cause to come before you, five, four or three of you, of whom we will you, the forenamed [ ] Robert Keilway or Robert Nowell to be one, so many & such good & law-

worthy men of his bailiwick, as well within the liberties as without, by whom the truth of the matter in the premises shall be better able to be known & inquired;

In testimony of which thing we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witnessed by me at Westminster the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, [had?] in the fifth year of our reign.

Cordell

Essex

Indented inquisition taken at Stratford Langthorne in the foresaid county on the eighteenth day of January in the fifth year [=18 January 1563] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., before Richard Weston, one of the justices of the Court of Common Pleas of the Lady Queen, Robert Nowell, William Tooke, esquire, & John Glascock, gentleman, by authority of letters patent of commission of the said Lady Queen in the nature of a writ of the same Lady Queen of *diem clausit extremum* [=he has closed his last day] to inquire after the death of John de Vere, Earl of Oxford, in the foresaid letters patent named, to the forenamed Richard Weston, one of the justices of the Common Pleas of the Lady Queen, Robert Nowell, William Tooke, esquire, & John Glascock, gentleman, & others directed & to this inquisition sewn, by the oath of John Bridges, gentleman, William Meryton, Andrew Fuller, John Batman, John Snaggess, William Browne, William Clerke, John Frythe, John Wright, John Tunder, William Smyth, George Middleton, John Mills, John White, Thomas Mugget, John [ ] Hoult,

**Who say upon their oath** that the foresaid late Earl before his death was seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the honours, manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments below written [ ] or honour of Castle Hedingham otherwise called Castle Heningham, and of and in the manors of Tilbury juxta Clare, Downham, Maldon, Flanderswick, Bouches, Flaxland, Stansted Mountfitchet, Burnells, Bentfield Bury, Bury Lodge, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, Garnons in Tendring, Toppesfield, Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst, Lamarsh, Grays in Sible Hedingham, Prayors, Little Geldham otherwise called Little Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall, Warehills, Gibcrack, Parks in Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Barwicks and Scotneys in the county of Essex, Sheriffs in Gaines Colne, [ ] Pevers, Easton Hall, Fingrith, Vaux, Colne Wake, Countesmead in Bumpstead with the members, Waltons in Purleigh, Waltons in Mucking, Gobions in Tilbury otherwise called East Tilbury, Wennington, Kennington, Tendring Hall, Earls Fee in Bowers Gifford, Battles Hall in Stapleford Abbots and Gutteridge with the appurtenances, and of two thousand messuages, twenty mills, twenty dovecots, two thousand gardens, two thousand orchards, twenty thousand acres of land, two thousand acres of meadow, fifteen thousand acres of woods, five thousand acres of furze and heath, and two hundred pounds of rents with the appurtenances in Castle Hedingham, Tilbury juxta Clare, Downham, Maldon,

Flanderswick, Bouches, Flaxland, Stansted Mountfitchet, Burnells, Bentfield Bury, Parks in Gestingthorpe, Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Alresford, Greenstead, East Donyland, Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny, Alphamstone, Sible Hedingham, Great Yeldham, Little Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappel parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Toppesfield, [ ] Blackmore, Vaux, Colne Wake, Gosfield, Halstead, Wormingford, Steeple Bumpstead, Hayes, Helions Bumpstead, Hempstead, Purleigh, Mucking, East Tilbury, Mountnessing, Wennington, Kennington, Rainham, Aveley, [ ] Abbot, Stow in Fambridge in the county of Essex aforesaid.

**And the same late Earl** before his death was seised in fee and law of and in the reversion after the death of Agnes Wilford, widow, wife of William Wilford, esquire, of the manor of Mountnessing in the county of Essex.

**And that the same late Earl** before his death was seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the manors [sic] of Earls Hall in Cockfield and of and in the manors of Tattingstone, Aldham, Lavenham, East Bergholt, [+] Battsford in East Bergholt with the appurtenances in the county of Suffolk, and also of one hundred messuages, twenty cottages, four mills, seven dovecots, one hundred gardens, one hundred orchards, three thousand acres of land, six hundred acres of meadow, five thousand acres of pasture, two hundred acres of furze and heath and twelve pounds of rents with the appurtenances in Cockfield, Tattingstone, Aldham, Hadleigh, Lavenham, Brent Eleigh, Waldingfield, and Long Melford in the county of Suffolk;

**And also** of the honour or honours of Whitchurch [ ] Chesham Higham, Chesham Bury, and Aston Sandford with the appurtenances in the county of Buckingham;

**And** of the manors of Thorncombe and Colbrooke in the county of Devon;

**And** of the manor of Christmalford otherwise called Christian Malford in the county of Wiltshire;

**And** of the manors of Roseworthy, Tregenna Wollas, Bejowan, Domellick, Tregenna Wartha, Tresithney and Tregorrick with the appurtenances in the county of Cornwall;

**And also** of and in the manors of Hormead, Barkway and Newsells with the appurtenances and of yearly rents of ten pounds issuing of the wood called Scales Park in Barkway in the county of Hertford;

**And** of the manors of Abington otherwise called Avingdon, Camps otherwise called Castle Camps, Fowlmere, Avingdon [sic] and Swaffham Bulbeck with the appurtenances, one hundred messuages, three mills, eight dovecots, one hundred gardens, one hundred orchards, three thousand acres of land, five hundred acres of meadow, two thousand acres of pasture, four hundred acres of wood, five hundred acres of furze and heath, and thirty pounds of rents with the appurtenances in Abington, Castle Camps, Shudy Camps,

Fowlmere, Westley Waterless, Burrough, Horsehead, Swaffham Bulbeck and Bartlow in the county of Cambridge;

**And** of the manors [sic] of Fleet with the appurtenances in the county of Kent;

**And** of the manor of Elmsthorpe with the appurtenances [+&] of two messuages in Earl Shilton in the county of Leicester;

**And** of the manor of Woborne otherwise called Weybourn, and of the liberty of two folds in Weybourn aforesaid with the appurtenances in the county of Norfolk;

**And** of the manor[s] of Easton Maudit, Thorpe Malford, Marston Trussell alias Marson Trussell, Bilton and Acton Trussell with the appurtenances in the county of Northampton;

**And** of the manor of Shottesbrook otherwise called Shortisbroke with the appurtenances in the county of Berkshire.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, being seised in form aforesaid of the foresaid honour and castle of Castle Hedingham aforesaid, and of all the foresaid honours, manors, lands, tenements and other the premises in the several counties aforesaid above last articulated and named, as is earlier declared, a certain fine was levied of all the same honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances among other things before Edward Montague, knight, and his associates, late justices of Edward, late King of England the Sixth, of his Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, between Edward, late Duke of Somerset and a certain Michael Stanhope and Thomas Darcy, knights, and John Lucas, esquire, querents, and the foresaid late Earl, deforciant, as by the record thereof among the records of the said late King of his Court of Common Pleas of Easter term in the second year [=Easter, 1548] of his reign more fully appears of record, and that the same fine thus levied was levied to the uses and intents specified and declared in a certain indenture concerning a certain marriage thereafter to be had and solemnized between the Lord Henry, one of the sons of the foresaid late Duke of Somerset, and the Lady Katherine, one of the daughters of the foresaid late Earl, made between the same late Duke on the one part, and the same late Earl on the other part, bearing date the first day of February in the second year [=1 February 1548] of the reign of the said late King, which certain marriage the foresaid jurors say that [+it] never had nor took effect between the same Lord Henry and the said Lady Katherine, nor between the same Lady Katherine nor any other son of the said late Duke.

**And afterwards** by a certain Act of the Parliament held at Westminster by & upon prorogation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January in the fifth year [=23 January 1552] of the reign of the said late King and there continued and held until the fifteenth day of April in the sixth year [=15 April 1552] of the same late King concerning the repeal, annihilation and annulling of the foresaid indenture, the same indenture and all uses specified and declared in it was made null, annihilate and frustrate to all intents and purposes as if the same indenture had never been had or made.

**And further** on the same 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January by authority of the foresaid Parliament it was provided, enacted & established that the foresaid fine from the time of the levying of the same should be adjudicated, accounted and reputed to the use of the said late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste, and after his decease to the use of his eldest issue male of the body of the same late Earl lawfully begotten and of the heirs males of the body of the same issue male lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said late Earl forever, by virtue and force of which certain Act of Parliament of the uses in possession transmuted, the same late Earl after the making of the said Act was seised of and in all the foresaid honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements and other the premises with the appurtenances in the foresaid fine specified with several remainders further in manner and form as in the foresaid Act of Parliament are contained, viz., to the foresaid late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste, and after his decease, remainder thereof to his eldest issue male lawfully begotten and to the heirs males of the body of the same issue male lawfully issuing, remainder thereof for lack of such issue to the right heirs of the said late Earl forever.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that by authority of the foresaid Parliament it is further enacted and established that the foresaid late Earl by his last will and testament in writing sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand should have full power and authority by virtue of the foresaid Act to assign, limit & appoint to his lawful wife, the same late Earl surviving, for term of her natural life to and for her jointure the foresaid manors of Tilbury, Downham, Easton Hall, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, Garnons in Tendring, Brownes tenement in Toppesfield in the county of Essex, the manors of Easton Maudit, Thorpe Malford and Marston Trussell in the county of Northampton, and the manor of Bilton in the county of Warwick, or all and so many of the same manors as it should have pleased the said late Earl to assign to any such wife, and that then after the decease of the foresaid late Earl, & after the limitation, assignment and appointment of the said jointure which was made in writing sealed and subscribed as is aforesaid, the foresaid lawful wife of the foresaid late Earl, the same Earl surviving, shall have and hold and might be able to have, hold and enjoy during her life all the foresaid manors, lands & tenements comprised in the said proviso or so many of them as shall have been comprised in any such last will in writing sealed and subscribed by the foresaid late Earl as is aforesaid, and that the same jointure should be a full recompense and satisfaction of the whole jointure & dowry which the said lawful wife of the said then Earl, him surviving, is or might be able to claim, ask or demand after the death of the said then Earl of, to and in any of the honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said now Earl during the spousal between him the same Earl and his lawful wife, him surviving, remainder thereof further in manner & form as the same manors, lands and tenements ought to remain by the foresaid Act if the foresaid proviso had never been had or made.

**And further the said jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of Our Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-second, & in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of the now Lady Queen, at Hedingham Castle aforesaid composed, made and declared his

will and testament in writing and sealed by the seal at arms of the same late Earl, and subscribed by his own hand, and by the same last will and testament assigned & appointed to the Lady Margery, now Countess of Oxford, whom the same late Earl before the making of the said Act of Parliament had taken as his lawful wife, which certain Countess survived the same late Earl and is still surviving and in full life, the foresaid manor of Tilbury and the rest of all and singular the other manors, lands and tenements abovesaid with their appurtenances in the foresaid proviso of the said Act of Parliament recited and comprised among other things for term of life of the same Countess, by these words following and in manner and form in English words specified & declared, viz.:

*By virtue of one Act of Parliament holden at Westminster in the fifth and sixth years of the late King of famous memory Edward the Sixth provided, I will and bequeath to my right loving and well-beloved wife the Countess of Oxenford in part of a recompense of and for 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 out of any of my lands and tenements except such which he gave to her being contained in a late deed of entail, the manor of Tilbury next Clare, Downham, Easton Hall, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, Garnons in Tendring, and Brownes tenement in Toppesfield in the county of Essex, and the manor[s] of Easton Maudit, Thorpe Malford and Marston Trussell with their appurtenances in the county of Northampton, and the manor of Bilton with th' appurtenances in the county of Warwick, and all those lands and tenements called Paynes in Pentlow, to have and to hold the said manors and other the premises with all and singular their appurtenances to my said wife for term of her life.*

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that before the death of the foresaid late Earl & after the making of the said Act of Parliament a certain Edmund Beaupre and Edward Thursby, esquire, recovered against the said late Earl the foresaid manors of Barwicks and Scotneys in the county of Essex by writ of the Lady Queen of *forma donatio in le descendere*, and by virtue of that recovery the same Edmund Beaupre and Edward Thursby were thereof seised in their demesne as of fee-tail, and thus being seised, the foresaid late Earl and the forenamed Lady Margery, his wife, now Countess of Oxford, purchased for them and the heirs of the same late Earl of the same Edmund & Edward the foresaid manors of Barwicks and Scotneys with the appurtenances, and for the assurance of the same late Earl and Lady Margery, a certain fine was levied of the same manors with the appurtenances between the same late Earl and the forenamed Lady Margery, now Countess of Oxford, querents, and the said Edmund Beaupre & Edward Thursby, deforciant, by which certain fine the same Edmund and Edward acknowledged the foresaid manors with the appurtenances to be the right of the same late Earl, as those which the same Earl and Margery had of the gift of the foresaid Edmund and Edward, and remised & quit-claimed them from themselves & their heirs to the foresaid late Earl & Lady Margery and to the heirs of the same late Earl, as by the same fine among the records of Philip & Mary, late King and Queen of England, of their Common Pleas at Westminster of Easter term in the first and second years [=Easter 1555] of the reigns of the same late King and Queen more fully appears of record, by virtue of which the same late Earl and the same Lady Margery were seised of the same manors with the appurtenances, viz., the same Earl in his demesne as of fee, and the foresaid Lady

Margery in her demesne as of free tenement, and thus being seised, the same late Earl died thereof seised, and the Lady Margery survived him, & held herself within by right of survivorship, and is thereof solely seised in her demesne as of free tenement, the reversion thereof belonging after her decease to Edward, now Earl of Oxford, and his heirs, and the foresaid jurors say that the foresaid manors of Barwicks and Scotneys are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises as below is specified, but of whom (s. & pl.) they are held the foresaid jurors do not know.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl before his death was seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the lands & tenements aforesaid in the said county of Essex, and thus being seised, by his certain charter indented bearing date the last day of August of the first and second years [=31 August 1554] of the reigns of Philip and Mary, King and Queen, enfeoffed the forenamed Thomas Golding, knight, and Thomas Coe, gentleman, of the same lands and tenements called Paynes in Pentlow among other lands, tenements & hereditaments, to have and to hold the same lands and tenements called Paynes to the forenamed Thomas Golding and Thomas Coe, their heirs and assigns, to the behoof and use of the said late Earl and of the Lady Margery, Countess of Oxford, wife of the same late Earl, for term of their lives and of the survivor of them, and after their decease to the use of the heirs & assigns of the same late Earl, by virtue of which, and by virtue of the foresaid Act of Parliament of the uses in possession transmuted, the same late Earl and Countess were thereof seised in their demesne as of free tenement, remainder thereof after their decease to the right heirs of the same late Earl, and thus being seised the same Earl died, and the said Countess has survived him and is still in full life.

**And the foresaid jurors say** also that as regards the manors of Tendring Hall and Earls Fee in Bowers Gifford, Battles Hall in Stapleford Abbots, & Hayes in Stow with the appurtenances in the said county of Essex, and the foresaid lands and tenements called Jackletts in Fambridge and Bacons in the same county of Essex, by a certain article in the foresaid Act of repeal by authority of the Parliament aforesaid it is enacted and established that Aubrey de Vere, one of the brothers of the said late Earl, from the feast of Saint Michael next before the making of that Act shall have and hold for term of his life the same manors and tenements without impeachment of any waste, remainder thereof to his lawful wife, the same Aubrey surviving, for term of life of the same wife if the same Aubrey by his deed sealed by his seal & subscribed by his hand shall thus limit and appoint, remainder thereof to the said late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste, remainder[s] thereof further as they ought to have remained if the foresaid article of the said Act had never been made and enacted.

**And as regards** the foresaid manors of Crepping Hall and Gutteridge with the appurtenances in the foresaid county of Essex, the foresaid jurors say that by a certain other article in the foresaid Act of repeal expressed, it is further established and enacted that Geoffrey de Vere, another of the brothers of the said late Earl, from the foresaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel should have and hold the same manors with the appurtenances for term of his life without impeachment of any waste, remainder thereof after his decease to his lawful wife the same Geoffrey surviving if the foresaid Geoffrey

shall limit & appoint the same manors thus to remain, remainder thereof further to the same late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste, remainder thereof further as by the foresaid Act is limited if the said article had never been made.

**And moreover the foresaid jurors say** that by the foresaid Act by the authority of the Parliament aforesaid it was enacted as follows, viz., that the foresaid late Earl, as well for the payment of such of his debts as shall be due or owing by him to any persons at the time of his death, and for and toward the preferment in marriage and otherwise of the Lady Katherine, his daughter, and other of the children of the said late Earl which after the making of the Act aforesaid the same [+Earl] shall happen to have and lawfully beget, as for and toward the preferment of such servants and friends of the said late Earl to whom the same late Earl shall make any gifts or legacies in and by his last will and testament, shall have full power and authority in and by that his last will and testament sealed and subscribed with the foresaid seal and hand of the said late Earl to will, bequeath, assign and appoint the manors of Tattingstone [+&] Aldham with the appurtenances in the county of Suffolk, and all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said late Earl in Tattingstone, Aldham and Hadleigh in the county of Suffolk, and the manors [sic] of Weybourn in the county of Norfolk, and all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said late Earl in Weybourn or elsewhere in the county of Norfolk, and the manors of Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst, Lamarsh and Wakes Colne with the appurtenances in the county of Essex, and all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said late Earl in Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Alresford, Greenstead, East Donyland, Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny, Alphamstone and Wakes Colne in the said county of Essex to the executors of the said late Earl to be named in such last [+will] and testament, to have to them, their executors and assigns, immediately from and after the decease of the said late Earl until the end and term of twenty years from thence next following and fully to be completed, to that intent that the said executors of the said late Earl, their executors and assigns, shall have and perceive the yearly rents, revenues and profits thereof resulting and arising within the foresaid twenty years toward the payment and satisfaction of such legacies and debts of the said late Earl comprised in his said last will and testament, and of such debts as are owing by the foresaid Earl at the time of his death, and toward the payment and satisfaction of so much of the legacies and debts as the same yearly profits and revenues shall amount to during the same term of twenty years, and after the said term of twenty years next following after the decease of the said late Earl shall be expired and ended, than all and singular the foresaid manors, lands, tenements and other the premises in the foresaid article of the said Act recited shall remain and go as the same should have remained in manner and form as in the foresaid Act is before limited and expressed, as by the foresaid Act more fully appears.

**And afterwards the foresaid late Earl** by his said last will and testament sealed and by his hand aforesaid sealed and subscribed willed, bequeathed and appointed to the forenamed Lady Margery, now Countess of Oxford, his most dear wife, Edward, Lord Bulbeck, his son, his beloved friend, Sir John Wentworth, knight, and his faithful

servants Henry Golding, Robert Christmas, and John Turner, executors of the said late Earl named in the said last will and testament, the foresaid manors of Tattingstone and Aldham with the appurtenances and certain other manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments last recited with the appurtenances in manner and form following, viz.:

*And I will, bequeath and assign unto my said executors towards the performance of this my last will and testament the manors of Tattingstone and Aldham with their appurtenances in the county of Suffolk, and all and singular my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Tattingstone, Aldham & Hadleigh in the said county of Suffolk, and the manor of Weybourn in the county of Norfolk, and all and singular my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Weybourn & elsewhere in the said county of Norfolk, and my manors of Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Much Canfield, Much Bentley, Doddinghurst, Lamarsh and Colne Wake with their appurtenances in the county of Essex, and all & singular my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Alresford, Greenstead, East Donyland, Much Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Much Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Much Henny, Alphamstone and Wakes Colne within the said county of Essex, to have and to hold all and singular the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments unto the same mine executors immediately from and after my decease unto th' end and term of 20 years from thence next following fully to be complete and ended.*

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that by the foresaid Act by authority of the parliament aforesaid it was and is provided & enacted as follows in these English words following, viz.:

*Provided always and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that the King, our Sovereign Lord, his heirs and successors, and all and every other person and persons of whom the premises or any parcel thereof be holden by any rent or service shall have and enjoy all and singular such rents, tenements, tenures, seigniories and services, wardships, liveries and primer seisins of, in, out and to the premises & every parcel thereof as our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, and the said other person and persons and their heirs and every of them ought, might or should have had as if the said now Earl were seised thereof in fee simple and should die of the third part thereof seised in fee simple.*

**And the foresaid jurors further say** that after the making of the said Act of Parliament, namely on the second day of June in the fourth year [=2 June 1562] of the reign of the said now Lady Queen a certain indenture bearing date the same day & year and in the Court of Chancery of the said Lady Queen now enrolled was made between the same late Earl on the one part, and the right honourable Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, and Thomas Golding, knight, on the other part, as well to establish and continue the earldom of Oxford, in English called th' earldom of Oxenford, together with all offices, pre-eminences, honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments to the same belonging in the name of lez Veres as long since before this time it was continued in the same name, and also to that intent that the living of the Lady Margery, Countess of Oxford, now wife of the said late Earl, might be augmented.

**And by the same indenture**, among other things, the foresaid late Earl for himself and his heirs granted, agreed and promised to and with the forenamed Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, and Thomas Golding and their heirs that the same late Earl, his heirs and assigns, from the time of the making of the foresaid indenture should stand and be seised of and in all the foresaid manors of Tilbury juxta Clare, Downham, Easton Hall, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, Garnons in Tendring, Brownes Tenement in Toppesfield, Paynes in Pentlow, Barwicks in [sic] Scotneys, Gibcrack and Fingrith in Blackmore in the county of Essex, and of the manors of Easton Maudit, Thorpe Malford and Marston Trussell in the county of Northampton, and of the manor of Bilton in the county of Warwick, and of the manor of Fowlmere in the county of Cambridge, and of all other messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, possessions and hereditaments of the said late Earl whatsoever situate, lying or being in Tilbury juxta Clare, Gestingthorpe, Walter Belchamp, Downham, Tendring, Toppesfield, Gibcrack and Blackmore in the county of Essex, and in Easton Maudit, Thorpe Malford, Marston Trussell or elsewhere in the county of Northampton, and in Bilton and elsewhere in the county of Warwick, and in Fowlmere in the county of Cambridge,

To the use of the same late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste;

And after his decease to the use of the said Lady Margery, his wife, still surviving, for term of her life;

And after her decease to the use of the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxford, & of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to the use of the heirs males of the body of the same late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue, remainder thereof further to such & such heirs males of the name of lez Veres as in the foresaid indenture further is declared & expressed, as by the same indenture to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears, by virtue of which the same late Earl was of the same manors of Tilbury juxta Clare, Downham and the rest of the premises last recited seised in his demesne as of free tenement, remainder thereof to the forenamed Lady Margery for term of her life, remainder thereof further in form aforesaid, and thus seised, he died thereof seised.

**And the foresaid jurors say** upon their oath that the foresaid late Earl, being seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the manors of Warmingham, North Rode, Blacon, Ashton, Willaston, and of the messuage and eastern gate, in English the gate of Westchester within the county of Chester, by the indenture last recited further among other things completely and fully granted, agreed & promised to and with the foresaid Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, and Thomas Golding and their heirs that the same late Earl, his heirs and assigns, from the time of the making of the said indenture should stand and be seised of and in the manors of Warmingham, North Rode, Blacon, Ashton,

Willaston, and of the messuage and gate, in English the gate of Westchester in the county of Chester, and of all other lands, tenements, rents, reversions, [+services] and hereditaments in the county of Chester to the use of the same late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste, and after his decease to the use of the said Lady Margery for term of her life, and after her decease to the use of the right heirs of the same late Earl forever, by virtue of which the same late Earl was seised of the same manors and the rest of the premises in his demesne as of free tenement for term of his life, remainder thereof to the forenamed Lady Margery for term of her life, remainder further in form aforesaid, and thus thereof being seised of such estate he died thereof seised.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid indenture granted & promised & completely agreed for himself and his heirs to and with the foresaid Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, and Thomas Golding, their heirs and executors, that the same late Earl, his heirs and assigns, from the time of the making of the foresaid indenture should stand and be seised, as well of the earldom of Oxford, in English the earldom of Oxenford, the offices [sic] of Lord Great Chamberlain of England, and of and in the castle and manor of Hedingham otherwise called Castle Heningham, and of the manors of Grays in Sible Hedingham, Prayors alias Bowers Hall, Peppers, Pevers, Little Yeldham, Earls Colne, Stansted Mountfitchet, Burnells, Bentfield Bury, Bury Lodge, Nether Yeldham alias Much Gelham, Sheriffs in Colne Engaine, Maldon with the members, Flanderswick, Vaux, Warehills, Parks in Gestingthorpe, and of and in the reversion of the said manor of Mountnessing alias Ging Mountney in the county of Essex, and of and in the manors of East Bergholt, Lavenham alias Overhall and Netherhall in Lavenham, & Bergholt Commandry in the county of Suffolk, and of the manor of Castle Camps in the county of Cambridge, and of all & singular his other messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, grazing lands, pastures, woods, underwoods, rents, reversions, services, possessions & hereditaments situate, lying or being in Castle Hedingham, Hedingham Sible, Little Yeldham, Earls Colne, Stansted Mountfitchet, Gestingthorpe, Bentfield Bury, Much Yeldham, Maldon [+&] Warehills, and of the foresaid reversion of the foresaid manor of Mountnessing in the county of Essex, and of and in the foresaid manors of East Bergholt & Lavenham in the county of Suffolk, and of & in the manors of Castle Camps & Bartlow in the county of Cambridge,

Viz., to the use of the same late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste;

And after his decease to the use of the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxford, and of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the behoof & use of the heirs males of the said late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the behoof of Aubrey de Vere, brother of the said late Earl, for term of life of the same Aubrey;

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And after his decease then to the behoof & use of Hugh de Vere, elder son of the same Aubrey, & of the heirs males of the body of the same Hugh lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue, then to the behoof and use of John de Vere, second son of the said Aubrey, & of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the said Aubrey hereafter to be begotten by the forenamed Aubrey, & of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue, then to the use of the fourth son of the body of the foresaid Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, & of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the behoof & use of Robert Vere, esquire, one other of the brothers of the foresaid late Earl for term of life of the same Robert, & after his decease then to the behoof & use of his elder son hereafter to be begotten, & of the heirs males of the body of the same elder son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the behoof & use of the second son of the same Robert hereafter to be begotten, & of the heirs males of the same second son lawfully to be begotten,

And for lack of such issue then to the behoof & use of the third son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, & of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the body of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, & of the heirs males of the body of the foresaid fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue, then to the behoof & use of Geoffrey Vere, younger brother of the foresaid late Earl, for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the behoof & use of John Vere, elder son of the said Geoffrey, & of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Francis Vere, second son of the said Geoffrey, & of the heirs males of the body of the same Francis lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the behoof & use of the third son of the said Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, & of the heirs males of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, & of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of John, lately Earl of Oxford, father of the said late Earl, lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of the said late Earl forever, as by the foresaid indenture to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears;

And the foresaid late Earl thus being seised of such estate died thereof seised.

**And further the foresaid late Earl** by the foresaid indenture further for himself & his heirs fully and plainly agreed, granted & promised to and with the forenamed Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, and Thomas Golding, & their heirs, that he, the same late Earl, his heirs & assigns, successively shall stand & be seised of & in the foresaid manors of Elmsthorpe [+&] Earl Shilton in the county of Leicester, and of the manors of Waltons in Purleigh, Waltons in Mucking, & Gobions in East Tilbury in the said county of Essex, and of & in the manors of Great Hormead, Barkway & Newsells in the county of Hertford, and of & in the foresaid manors of Roseworthy, Bejowan, Tregenna Wollas, Tregenna Wartha, Domellick, Tresithney & Tregorrick in the county of Cornwall, and of & in all other lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, possessions & hereditaments situate, lying & being in Elmsthorpe, Earl Shilton & elsewhere in the said county of Leicester, and in Purleigh, Mucking & East Tilbury in the said county of Essex, and in Great Hormead, Barkway & elsewhere in the county of Hertford, and in Roseworthy, Bejowan, Tregenna Wollas, Tregenna Wartha, Domellick, Tresithney, Tregorrick & elsewhere in the said county of Cornwall,

To the use of that wife & Countess of Oxford immediately after marriage solemnized with the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxford, & such wife for term of her life;

& after her decease then to the use of the same Edward, now Earl of Oxford, & of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of the said late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the said Aubrey de Vere, brother of the said late Earl, for term of life of the same Aubrey, and after his decease then to the use of the foresaid Hugh de Vere, elder son of the foresaid Aubrey, & of the heirs males of the body of the foresaid Hugh lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of John de Vere, second son of the said Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the body of the said Aubrey lawfully to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Robert Vere, one other of the brothers of the said late Earl, for term of life of the same Robert;

And after his decease then to the use of the elder son of the same Robert, and of the heirs males of the body of the same elder son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the second son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the said second son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the foresaid Geoffrey Vere, esquire, younger brother of the foresaid late Earl, for term of his life, and after his decease then to the use of John Vere, elder son of the same Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Francis Vere, second son of the said Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same Francis lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the said Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the body of the foresaid Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of John, late Earl of Oxford, father of the foresaid late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of the said late Earl forever, as by the foresaid indenture to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears;

And the foresaid late Earl thus being seised of such estate died thereof seised.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl further by the foresaid indenture for himself & his heirs fully and plainly granted, agreed & promised to & with

the foresaid Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, & Thomas Golding & their heirs that he, the late Earl, his heirs & assigns, from the time of the making of the said indenture should stand and be seised of & in the manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead and Langdon Hills in the county of Essex, and of and in the manors of Whitchurch, Aston Sandford, Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury in the county of Buckingham, and of & in the manor of Fleet in the county of Kent, and of & in the manor of Swaffham Bulbeck in the county of Cambridge, and of and in the manor of Earls Hall in Cockfield in the county of Suffolk, and of & in all lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services, possessions & hereditaments situate, lying & being in Bumpstead and Langdon Hills in the county of Essex, and in Whitchurch, Aston Sandford, Chesham Higham, Chesham Bury and elsewhere in the county of Buckingham, and in Fleet & elsewhere in the county of Kent, and in Swaffham Bulbeck & Abington in the county of Cambridge, and in Cockfield in the county of Suffolk,

To the use of the said late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste;

& after his decease to the use of such wife as it should happen the foresaid late [sic] Earl to take to wife immediately after marriage solemnized with Edward, now Earl of Oxford, & such wife for term of life of the same wife;

And after her decease to the use of the same Edward, now Earl of Oxford, and of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to the use of the heirs males of the body of the same late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the said Aubrey de Vere, brother of the said late Earl, for term of life of the same Aubrey;

And after his decease then to the use of the foresaid Hugh de Vere, elder son of the foresaid Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the foresaid Hugh lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of John de Vere, second son of the said Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the said Aubrey hereafter lawfully to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Robert Vere, one other of the brothers of the said late Earl, for term of life of the same Robert;

And after his decease then to the use of the elder son of the same Robert, and of the heirs males of the body of the same elder son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the second son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the said second son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the foresaid Geoffrey Vere, younger brother of the foresaid late Earl, for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the use of John Vere, elder son of the same Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Francis Vere, second son of the said Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same Francis lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the said Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of John, lately Earl of Oxford, father of the foresaid late Earl, lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of the said late Earl forever, as by the foresaid indenture to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears;

And the foresaid late Earl thus being seised of such estate died thereof seised.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl further by the foresaid indenture for himself & his heirs fully and plainly granted, agreed & promised to & with the forenamed Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, & Thomas Golding & their heirs that he, the late Earl, his heirs & assigns, from the time of the making of the said indenture should stand & be seised of & in the manors of Tattingstone and Aldham in the county of Suffolk, and of & in the manor of Weybourn in the county of Norfolk, and of & in the manors of Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst, Lamarsh and Colne Wake in the county of Essex, and of & in all lands,

tenements, rents, reversions, services, possessions & hereditaments situate, lying and being in Tattingstone, Holbrook, Capel, Grantham, Bentley, Aldham, and Hadleigh in the county of Suffolk, and in Wivenhoe, East Donyland, Shenfield, Doddinghurst, Lamarsh, Henny, Colne Engaine, Canfield & Wakes Colne in the county of Essex,

To the use of the said late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste;

And after the decease of the foresaid late Earl to the performance of the testament & last will of the same late Earl for the term of twenty-one years thereafter next following;

And after the end & term aforesaid of twenty-one years, to the use of Edward, now Earl of Oxford, and of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of the same late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the said Aubrey de Vere, brother of the said late Earl, for term of life of the same Aubrey;

And after his decease then to the use of the foresaid Hugh de Vere, elder son of the foresaid Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the foresaid Hugh lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of John de Vere, second son of the said Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the said Aubrey hereafter lawfully to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the Robert Vere, one other of the brothers of the said late Earl, for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the use of the elder son of the same Robert, and of the heirs males of the body of the same elder son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the second son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same second son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the foresaid Geoffrey Vere, younger brother of the foresaid late Earl, for term of his life, and after his decease then to the use of John Vere, elder son of the same Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Francis Vere, second son of the said Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same Francis lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the said Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of John, lately Earl of Oxford, father of the said late Earl, lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of the said late Earl forever, as by the foresaid indenture to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears;

[+And] the same late Earl thus being seised of such estate died thereof seised.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl further by the foresaid indenture for himself & his heirs fully and plainly granted, agreed and promised with the forenamed Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, & Thomas Golding & their heirs that he, the late Earl, his heirs & assigns, from the time of the making of the said indenture should stand & be seised of & in the reversion after the death of the foresaid Aubrey de Vere of the manors of Tendring, Jackletts in Fambridge, Battles Hall in Stapleford Abbots, Hayes in Stow, & Earls Fee in Bowers Gifford in the county of Essex, and of & in the reversion of all and singular the lands, tenements, rents, reversions, possessions, services & hereditaments whatsoever situate, lying & being in Tendring, Fambridge, Stapleford Abbots, Stow & Bowers Gifford in the county of Essex,

After the death of the foresaid Aubrey de Vere to the use of the same late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste;

And after his decease then to the use of Edward, now Earl of Oxford, & of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of the same late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the foresaid Hugh Vere, elder son of the foresaid Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the foresaid Hugh lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of John Vere, second son of the said Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Robert Vere, one other of the brothers of the foresaid late Earl, for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the use of his elder son hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same elder son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the second son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same second son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the foresaid Geoffrey Vere, younger brother of the foresaid late Earl, for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the use of John Vere, elder son of the same Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Francis, second son of the foresaid Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same Francis lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the said Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of John, lately Earl of Oxford, father of the said late Earl, lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said late Earl forever, as by the foresaid indenture to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears;

[+And] the same late Earl of the reversion aforesaid in form aforesaid being seised of such estate died thereof seised.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl further by the foresaid indenture for himself & his heirs fully and plainly granted, agreed & promised to and with the forenamed Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, & Thomas Golding & their heirs that he, the late Earl, his heirs & assigns, from the time of the making of the said indenture should stand & be seised of and in the reversion after the death of the foresaid Robert Vere of the manors of Kennington and Wennington in the county of Essex, and of & in the reversion of the manor of Shottesbrook in the county of Berkshire, and of & in the reversion of all & singular the messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, possessions & hereditaments whatsoever situate, lying & being in Kennington & Wennington in the said county of Essex, and in Shottesbrook & elsewhere in the said county of Berkshire,

After the death of the said Robert Vere to the use of the same late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste;

And after his decease to the use of Edward, now Earl of Oxford, and of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of the same late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the said Aubrey Vere for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the use of Hugh Vere, elder son of the said Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same Hugh lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of John Vere, second son of the said Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the forenamed Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the said Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

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And for lack of such issue then to the use of the elder son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same elder son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the second son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same second son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the forenamed Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the foresaid Geoffrey Vere, younger brother of the foresaid late Earl, for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the use of John Vere, elder son of the foresaid Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Francis Vere, second son of the foresaid Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same Francis lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the said Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of John, lately Earl of Oxford, father of the foresaid late Earl, lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of the said late Earl forever, as by the foresaid indenture to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears;

And the same late Earl thus of the same reversion being seised died thereof seised.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid indenture for himself & his heirs fully and plainly granted, agreed & promised to & with the forenamed Duke of Norfolk, Robert, Lord Dudley, and Thomas Golding & their heirs that he, the late Earl, his heirs and assigns, successively by the same indenture should stand and be seised of & in the reversion after the death of the said Geoffrey de Vere of the manors of Crepping Hall and Gutteridge in the county of Essex, and of & in the

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reversion of all other his messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, possessions & hereditaments whatsoever situate, lying & being in Wakes Colne, Pontisbright, Fordham and Gutteridge in the county of Essex,

After the death of the said Geoffrey Vere & his wife & the survivor of them to the use of the same late Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste.

And after his decease to the use of the said Edward, now Earl of Oxford, and of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the same late Earl lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the said Aubrey Vere for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the use of Hugh, elder son of the said Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same Hugh lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of John Vere, second son of the said Aubrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the said Aubrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the said Robert Vere, one other of the brothers of the said late Earl, for term of his life;

And after his decease then to the use of the elder son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same elder son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the second son of the said Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same second son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Robert hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of John Vere, elder son of the foresaid Geoffrey Vere, and of the heirs males of the body of the same John lawfully begotten,

And for lack of such issue then to the use of Francis Vere, second son of the forenamed Geoffrey, and of the heirs males of the body of the same Francis lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the third son of the foresaid Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the fourth son of the foresaid Geoffrey hereafter to be begotten, and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs males of the body of John, lately Earl of Oxford, father of the foresaid late Earl, lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of the said late Earl forever, as by the foresaid indenture to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears;

And the same late Earl of the same reversion thus in form aforesaid being seised died of such estate thereof seised.

**And further the foresaid jurors** upon their oath say that the foresaid late Earl before his death was seised in his demesne as of fee-tail, viz., to him and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, of & in the priory of Colne with the manors of Barwick Hall [+&] Inglethorpe [+&] one mill called Colneford mill, and of the rectories of Belchamp, Bentley & Messing, and also of & in the late house or nunnery of Hedingham with the demesne lands to the same priory lately appertaining and belonging, and also of one mill called Chalkney mill to the same priory similarly lately belonging with its appurtenances in the county of Essex, and of & in the rectory of Wickham, and of certain pensions & portions of tithes to the same priory lately belonging, and of & in the manor of Hinxton in the county of Cambridge to the said late priory belonging & appertaining, and of & in three tenements with one garden in the city of London with the appurtenances, which same priories, manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments, mills, rectories, pensions, portions & the rest of the premises all & singular abovesaid with their appurtenances, John de Vere, lately Earl of Oxford, father of the said late Earl, had to him & his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten of the gift of the most noble Henry the Eighth, late King of England, the reversion thereof for lack of such issue to the same late King, his heirs & successors belonging, and the said jurors say that the foresaid late Earl of the foresaid priories, manors, lands, tenements & the rest of the premises in form aforesaid seised of such estate died thereof seised, and that the same foresaid priories together with the lands, tenements & the rest of the premises with the appurtenances are held of the said now Lady Queen in chief by knight-service, viz., by service of the (blank) part of one knight's fee, and are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£130 10s 4-3/4d**.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl before his death was seised in his demesne as of fee-tail, viz., to him & the heirs males of his body lawfully issuing, of & in

the office of Lord Great Chamberlain of England, and thus being seised of such estate died seised thereof, which same office is held of the said Lady Queen in chief by knight-service, viz., by grand sergeanty, and is worth by year in all issues, as in fees & other profits to the same office belonging, beyond reprises **£106 13s 4d**.

**Moreover the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl before his death was seised in his demesne as of fee of and in certain lands in Wennington and Langdon Hills with the appurtenances in the county of Essex aforesaid(?), and thus being seised of such estate died thereof seised.

**And the foresaid jurors further say** that by a certain provision & article in the said Act of repeal specified, by the authority of the foresaid Parliament it is enacted that all & singular lease, leases, grant & grants of the foresaid manors, lands, tenements & other the premises or of any of them & of any parcel thereof specified in the foresaid fine and Act of Parliament for term of three lives or under according to the custom of the manor, or for term of twenty-one years or under, that shall begin & take effect, & whereby the lessee or lessees & grantees thereof may lawfully enter within one year next after the making of any such lease & grant, and whereupon during every such lease or grant so much yearly farm or rent or more shall be reserved yearly to be paid as hath been most accustomedly yelden & paid for the same manors, lands & tenements that so shall be thus letten within twenty years next before any such lease or grant thereof to be made, and [+which] shall be made & granted by the foresaid late Earl in writing indented sealed with his usual seal of arms & subscribed with his own hand, other than of such manors, lands & tenements as in the foresaid Act are appointed to the forenamed brothers of the said late Earl as is aforesaid, shall be good & effectual in law to all intents, constructions & purposes during the term & terms contained in every such writing indented sealed & subscribed as is aforesaid.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that by the foresaid deed indented it was completely concluded, granted & agreed between the foresaid parties that the foresaid late Earl from the date of the said deed indented at free will & pleasure should be able to give, grant & assign or appoint the office & offices of bailiwick & bailiwicks of so many of his manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments & the office & offices of keeper & keepers of all his parks, with the accustomed fee & fees appertaining to the foresaid offices, to any persons for term of their lives as should please him, and that all persons to whom the foresaid late Earl should give or grant such offices & fees should have, enjoy & quietly occupy the same offices according to the gift, grant and assignment & appointment of the same made by the foresaid late Earl against the same late Earl & the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and against Edward, now Earl of Oxford, & the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, the Countess of Oxford, & the foresaid brothers of the late Earl & the heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten, as by the same deed indented to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, after the making of the said indenture by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own

hand bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> day in the month of July in the fourth year [=20 July 1562] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen, for & in consideration of good & faithful service to him by **John Booth**, gentleman, previously done and thereafter to be done, [+gave & granted to the same John Booth] as well the office of Master of Game within his park of Earls Colne in the county of Essex as the office of keeper & keeping of the park & game aforesaid with all & singular the commodities, profits, advantages and pre-eminences whatsoever to the said offices or to either of them in any manner appertaining, belonging or affixed, and by the foresaid deed made, ordained and appointed the same John Booth Master of Game & keeper of the foresaid park, to have, enjoy & exercise & occupy the office[s] aforesaid & either of them with all & singular the profits, commodities, advantages & pre-eminences abovesaid to the forenamed John Booth by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies for term of the natural life of the same John, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed for the consideration aforesaid gave & granted to the same John Booth for the exercise & occupation of the foresaid offices a wage & fee of **four pence per day** of lawful money of England, to have and to hold the foresaid wage & fee to the forenamed John Booth & his assigns from the day of the date of the foresaid deed for & during the whole term of his natural life by the hands of the bailiff of Earls Colne at the two usual terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by equal portions, and further the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid wage & fee it should be well allowed to the forenamed John Booth and his assigns to distrain in the manor of Earls Colne, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully is clear & appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the tenth day of December in the first year [=10 December 1558] of the said reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen etc., for & in consideration of good, true & faithful service to him by **Robert Christmas**, gentleman, done & to be done, gave & granted to the same Robert the keeping of his park called Lavenham park in the county of Suffolk with a certain house called le Lodge within the said park with herbage of thirty cows & six geldings, and appointed the said Robert to be the keeper of his foresaid park, to have & to hold to him the said office with the herbage aforesaid of thirty cows & six geldings & all profits & advantages to the same appertaining during the term of his life, to be occupied by him or his sufficient deputy, and also the foresaid Earl gave yearly **six pounds** issuing of & to issue of his manor of Lavenham with the appurtenances for the term of his life for the exercise of the foresaid office, and also the foresaid Earl willed if the foresaid annuity should happen to be in arrears in part or in whole at any feast at which it ought to be paid, that it should be well allowed to the forenamed Robert & his assigns to enter into the foresaid manor with the appurtenances & distrain, and the distraints thus there taken licitly to carry off and detain until the foresaid annuity with its arrearages, if any were, have been to the forenamed Robert & his assigns well & faithfully paid, as by the foresaid letters patent more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand dated the fourteenth day of August in the

first year [=14 August 1559] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen, in consideration of good & faithful service to him by his beloved servant **Robert Christmas**, gentleman, done & to be done, gave, granted & by his foresaid deed confirmed to the same Robert a certain annuity or yearly rent of **forty pounds** of lawful money of England issuing of and in his manor[s] of Munslow with the members and Norton in Hales with all & singular their appurtenances in the county of Salop [=Shropshire], to have, perceive, levy and enjoy the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of forty pounds of and in the foresaid manors with their members and appurtenances to the forenamed Robert Christmas to the whole term of the natural life of the same Robert, to be paid yearly at the feast[s] of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by equal portions, the first payment thereof to begin at the feast of the foresaid feasts which should fall after such time at which hereafter it should happen the foresaid Robert by any licit manner to be evicted, removed or expelled from his office of keeper of the park of Lavenham in the county of Suffolk by the said Earl to him lately granted for term of life of the same Robert, if any such eviction or expulsion should happen to be at any time, and the foresaid Earl willed by his foresaid deed for himself and his heirs that if the said annuity of forty pounds should happen to be in arrears & not paid in part or in whole beyond 15 days after any feast of the foresaid feasts at which it ought to be paid, that then it should be well allowed to the foresaid Robert & his assigns, as well into the foresaid manors of Munslow and Norton in Hales with their members & appurtenances as into all & singular his manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments whatsoever within the kingdom of England & any parcel of them, to enter & distrain & the distrains thus there taken licitly to carry off & detain in his possession until the foresaid annuity with the arrearages has been completely paid to the forenamed Robert & his assigns, provided always that if the foresaid Robert Christmas should have and enjoy his foresaid office of keeper of the foresaid park to the term of his life according to the tenor & effect of the letters patent of the said late Earl to him granted, that then the present grant of the said annuity of forty pounds by the foresaid prescription made to him in form aforesaid should be entirely void and of no effect forever, as by the foresaid letters patent more fully appears.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his foresaid deed sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January in the first year [=4 January 1548] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth by the grace of God, as well in consideration of good service by his beloved servant **John Ludham** as for divers good & reasonable(?) causes & considerations the said Earl specially moving, gave and granted to the forenamed John Ludham a certain annuity or yearly rent of **four pounds** by year issuing of his manor of Crudwell in the county of Wiltshire, to have and to hold the said annuity or yearly rent of four pounds by year(?) to the forenamed John Ludham and his assigns during the whole term of the natural life of the same John, to be paid yearly at the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, and if the said annuity or yearly rent of four pounds should happen to be in arrears not paid in part or in whole by the space of one month after any feast of the foresaid feasts at which, as is previously mentioned, it ought to be paid, if the debt be now claimed, that then it should and shall be well allowed to the forenamed John Ludham and his assigns into the foresaid manor of

Crudwell & any parcel thereof, or into any other manors, lands and tenements whatsoever of which the foresaid Earl then was seised in his demesne as of fee, to enter & distrain, and the distrains thus there taken to carry off and detain in his possession until the foresaid annuity & any parcel thereof with the arrearages of the same, if any were, have been fully satisfied & paid in full, as by the same letters patent more fully is clear and appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand bearing date the twentieth day of the month of March in the fourth year [=20 March 1562] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England etc. now Queen, as well in consideration of good, true & faithful service by his beloved servant **Robert Christmas**, gentleman, to the foresaid Earl lately done as for divers other considerations the said Earl specially moving, gave, granted and by the foresaid deed confirmed to the forenamed Robert a certain annuity or yearly rent of **twenty pounds** by year of lawful money of England yearly issuing of his manor of Warmingham in the county of Chester, to have and to hold the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds by year to the forenamed Robert Christmas and his assigns during the whole term of his life, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions [-to be paid], the first(?) payment thereof to begin at the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin next to come after the date of the foresaid deed, and if the said annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds by year should happen to be in arrears not paid in part or in whole by the space of fourteen days after any feast of the foresaid feasts at which, as is mentioned previously, it ought to be paid if the debt be now claimed, that then it should and shall be well allowed to the forenamed Robert Christmas into the foresaid manor of Warmingham or any parcel thereof to enter and distrain, and the distrains thus taken to carry off and detain in his possession until the foresaid annuity and any parcel thereof with the arrearages of the same, if any were, be completely paid & satisfied to the forenamed Robert Christmas and his assigns, as by the same letters patent more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal at arm and subscribed by his own hand bearing date the seventeenth day of March in the first year [=17 March 1559] of Elizabeth the now Queen, for good and faithful service to him by **John Ludham**, his servant, done and to be done, gave [+&] granted to the same John the office of bailiff of his manor of Fowlmere in the county of Cambridge with all fees & profits belonging to the said office, to have and to hold to the forenamed John for term of his life the said office with all profits to the same office appertaining, and further they say the forenamed Earl gave to the same John Ludham & his assigns for term of his life, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel for the exercise of the foresaid office a certain annuity or yearly rent of **three pounds & ten pence** of lawful money of England issuing of his foresaid manor of Fowlmere, and if the foresaid annuity of three pounds and ten pence should happen to be in arrears not paid in part or in whole at any feast of the foresaid feasts at which, as is mentioned previously, it ought to be paid, that then it shall be well

allowed to the said John into the foresaid manor with the appurtenances to enter and distrain etc., as by the foresaid letters patent more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the thirteenth day of March in the first year [=13 March 1559] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen etc., for and in consideration of good, true and faithful service to him by **Robert Reade** previously done & thereafter to be done gave & granted to the same Robert Reade the office of bailiff or bailiwick of his manor of Bumpstead Helions in the county of Essex together with all and singular fees, wages, profits, advantages, allowances, liberties [+&] pre-eminences whatsoever to the said office belonging or appertaining, to have, hold, occupy and exercise the foresaid office of bailiff or bailiwick of the foresaid manor with all & singular the premises with the appurtenances to the forenamed Robert Reade by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies for term of the natural life of the same Robert, and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed in consideration aforesaid, gave and granted to the same Robert Reade for exercising & occupying his office(?) a certain annuity or yearly rent of **three pounds** of lawful money of England to be perceived of and in the foresaid manor, to have, hold and enjoy the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of three pounds for term of the natural life of the same Robert, to be paid yearly to the same Robert at two terms of the year, viz., at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions [-to be paid yearly], and further the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the said annuity it should be well allowed to the forenamed Robert Reade & his assigns into the foresaid manor to enter and distrain, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 37<sup>th</sup> year [=6 June 1545] of the reign of the late King Henry VIII, for and in consideration of good and faithful service to him by **Thomas Bacon**, gentleman, still surviving, and Robert Rochester, now deceased, previously done & thereafter to be done, gave & granted to the same Thomas Bacon and Robert Chester [sic?] the office of bailiff or bailiwick of his manor of Chesham [+Higham] & Chesham Bury aforesaid in as ample manner and form as Robert [sic?] Mares or any other for himself formerly has had, perceived or perceived [sic], [+or] have had, occupied or perceived, to have, hold, occupy, exercise and enjoy the foresaid office and the rest of the premises to the forenamed Thomas Bacon and his assigns for term of the natural life of the same Thomas Bacon, by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies, and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed in consideration aforesaid gave and granted to the same Thomas Bacon for exercising and occupying the office aforesaid a certain annuity or yearly rent of **three pence per day** issuing and yearly to be perceived of and in the foresaid manors of Chesham Higham and Chesham Bury and the rest of the premises with their appurtenances, to have, hold, levy and yearly perceive the foresaid annuity or yearly rent to the same Thomas Bacon and his assigns during the natural life of the same Thomas Bacon, the first payment thereof to begin after the death of the forenamed Richard Mares at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of

Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, and further the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the said annuity or yearly rent it should be well allowed to the forenamed Thomas Bacon & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the penultimate day of October in the third year [=30 October 1561] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen for divers good & reasonable causes and considerations him especially moving gave and granted to **Thomas Bacon**, gentleman, the office of bailiff or bailiwick of his manor of Lavenham in the county of Suffolk and of all & singular his lands, tenements, hereditaments & possessions whatsoever within the foresaid manor and to the same manor in any way belonging or appertaining, and made, ordained & appointed the same Thomas Bacon bailiff of the foresaid manor, to have, hold, enjoy and exercise the foresaid office to the forenamed Thomas Bacon by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies for and during the whole term of the natural life of the same Thomas, together with all & singular profits, commodities, advantages, pre-eminences and emoluments whatsoever to the same office in any manner belonging or appertaining, and in as ample manner and form as Edward Glascock or any other or others for himself formerly have had, held or enjoyed (s. & pl.), and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed in consideration aforesaid gave and granted to the same Thomas Bacon for exercising & occupying the foresaid office a certain annuity or yearly rent of **four pounds** of lawful money of England issuing & to issue of the foresaid manor at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, and also the second crop of the meadow of Lavenham aforesaid called le Lord's Meadow during the whole term of the natural life of the same Thomas Bacon, and further the said late Earl by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the said annuity or yearly rent it should be well allowed to the forenamed Thomas Bacon & his assigns in the foresaid manor of Lavenham to distrain, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the last day of May in the thirty-sixth year [=31 May 1544] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good & faithful service to him by **James Gosnold** and **Robert Gosnold** previously done and henceforward to be done, gave and granted to the same James Gosnold and Robert Gosnold the office of bailiff of his manors of Lamarsh & Colne Wake in the county of Essex, and also the office of keeper of a certain wood called Lamarsh park together with all & singular profits, advantages, liberties, commodities, privileges [+&] pre-eminences whatsoever to the foresaid offices and to any of them belonging or appertaining, to have, hold, occupy and enjoy the foresaid office of bailiff and keeper of the foresaid wood with its appurtenances to the forenamed James Gosnold & Robert Gosnold and their assigns by them or their sufficient deputy or deputies as soon as possible and next that office after the date of the foresaid deed should happen to be

vacant by death, surrender of the said office, or otherwise in any way during the natural life of the foresaid James and Robert Gosnold and the survivor of them in as ample manner and form as the same John Sinclair, knight, or his deputies formerly had, held, occupied and enjoyed (s. & pl.) for the exercise of the said office, and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed gave and granted to the same James Gosnold and Robert Gosnold for exercising those offices a certain annuity or yearly rent of **nine pounds two shillings and six pence** sterling, to have and to hold the foresaid annuity or yearly rent to the forenamed James & Robert immediately & as soon as those offices first and next should happen to be vacant during the natural life of the same James & Robert and the survivor of them, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel, the first payment of the said annuity or yearly rent to begin first and next after the feast of the foresaid feasts as soon as possible the foresaid office should happen to be vacant after the death of the said John Sinclair, and further the foresaid Earl by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the said annuity it should be well allowed to the forenamed James Gosnold and Robert Gosnold and their assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor and the rest of the premises, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors in manifest evidences upon the taking of this present inquisition more fully is clear and appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand bearing date the sixteenth day of March in the first year [=16 March 1559] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England etc., for divers causes him moving, gave & granted to **John Clench**, gentleman, the office of steward of all his manors of Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury, Whitchurch and Aston Sandford with the appurtenances in the county of Buckingham, and the keeping or office of the holding of courts, leets [+&] views of frankpledge, and of [+all &] singular the courts, views of frankpledge & leets of the foresaid lordships and manors and of any of them, and the same John made, ordained and appointed his steward-general(?) of his foresaid courts, to have, hold and exercise the office aforesaid with the appurtenances to the forenamed John Clench by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies for term of the natural life of the same John, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed sealed by his seal at arms as above for exercising & occupying the foresaid office gave & granted to the same John Clench a certain annuity or yearly rent of **60s** issuing of the foresaid manors at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions during the natural life of the same John, and further the foresaid late Earl granted [+that] for non-payment of the foresaid annuity or yearly rent it should be well allowed to the forenamed John Clench and his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manors, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand bearing date the twenty-fifth day of October in the second year [=25 October 1560] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen, for and in consideration of good, true and faithful service to him by **John Wiseman**, gentleman, previously done & thereafter to be done, gave & granted to the same John

Wiseman the office of bailiff or bailiwick of all & singular the rents, reversions, profits & other hereditaments and possessions of his manor of Great Canfield in the county of Essex, and made and appointed the same John Wiseman bailiff of the foresaid manor, to have and enjoy the foresaid office to the forenamed John Wiseman by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies for term of the natural life of the same John, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed in consideration aforesaid gave to the same John Wiseman for exercising & occupying the foresaid office a wage and fee of **three pounds** of good & lawful money of England issuing of the foresaid manor at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions during the whole term of the natural life of the said John Wiseman, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand bearing date the tenth day of November in the thirty-sixth year [=10 November 1544] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good, true and faithful service to him by **Robert Harvey** previously done and henceforward to be done, gave & granted to the same Robert the office of keeper of his park and bailiff or bailiwick of his manor of Great Canfield in the county of Essex, to have, hold, occupy and enjoy the foresaid office with the appurtenances to the forenamed Robert Harvey by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies from the day of the date of the foresaid deed during the whole term of the natural life of the same Robert Harvey, and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed in consideration aforesaid gave and granted to the same Robert Harvey for exercising and occupying the foresaid office a certain annuity or yearly rent of **six pounds twenty pence** sterling, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions during the natural life of the forenamed Robert Harvey, and the foresaid late Earl further by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid annuity or yearly rent it should be well allowed to the forenamed Robert Harvey & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the twentieth day of the month of September in the first year [=20 September 1559] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen of England, for and in consideration of good, true & faithful service to him by **John Lovell** previously done and thereafter to be done gave and granted to the same John Lovell a certain annuity or yearly rent of **ten pounds** sterling yearly issuing and to issue of his manor of Castle Camps in the county of Cambridge, and of all other his lands, tenements and possessions whatsoever within the foresaid manor, to have, levy, enjoy and yearly perceive the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of ten pounds to the forenamed John Lovell and his assigns from the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin then last elapsed to the term and for the term of the natural life of the same John, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, Saint Michael the Archangel, the Nativity of the Lord, and the Annunciation of Blessed Mary

the Virgin by equal portions, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of ten pounds it should be well allowed to the forenamed John Lovell & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor of Castle Camps and the rest of the premises, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the first day of January in the third year [=1 January 1561] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen of England, for and in consideration of good and faithful service to him by **George Tyrrell**, gentleman, previously done and thereafter to be done, gave & granted to the same George Tyrrell a certain annuity or yearly rent of **six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence** of lawful money of England issuing and to issue of the honour or manor of Castle Hedingham in the county of Essex, to have, enjoy, levy and yearly perceive the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of £6 13s and four pence of lawful money of England to the forenamed George Tyrrell and his assigns from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel last past before the date of these presents to the term and for the term of the natural life of the same George by the hands of the receiver, bailiff or collector of the rents, revenues and profits of the said honour or manor for the time being, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of £6 13s 4d it should be well allowed to the forenamed George Tyrrell and his assigns to distrain in his foresaid honour or manor of Castle Hedingham, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors further say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the 33<sup>rd</sup> year [=20 February 1542] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good, true & faithful service by **Thomas Large** previously done and thereafter to be done, appointed, ordained & made the same Thomas Large keeper of his house of Wivenhoe in the county of Essex together with all & singular his garden plots, gardens, grazing lands, pastures & marshes to the same house then adjacent and appertaining and in the hand[s] of the forenamed Earl then being, to have, occupy, exercise & enjoy the foresaid office of keeper of the foresaid house and of all & singular the foresaid garden plots, gardens, grazing lands, pastures & marshes to the said Thomas Large by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next following after the date of these presents during the natural life of the same Thomas Large, perceiving yearly during his life aforesaid in and for the exercise & occupation of the foresaid office **three pounds ten pence** sterling at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions by the hands of the bailiff of his manor of Wivenhoe aforesaid for the time being, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid wage and fee it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Thomas Large & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor of Wivenhoe, and further the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed for the better exercise & occupation of his office aforesaid willed & granted that the same Thomas Large from the

foresaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel for his whole natural life in any year should have of his gift one livery & food & drink among his household retainers so long as his family should happen at Wivenhoe aforesaid to be, remain & dwell in a certain house called le deyry house, and that the same Thomas Large for his whole life aforesaid should have & keep in & upon his foresaid grazing lands & pastures there six cows & one gelding, [+&] mow, make & take there to his own use during his life aforesaid six cart-loads of hay in le marsh there called le Cow marsh [+&] eight cart-loads of wood at Wivenhoe aforesaid by the assignment of his surveyor for the time being, and also the whole grass(?) & hay yearly growing in the said garden plots & gardens, together with all wood which shall have fallen within the precincts, grazing lands, pastures and marshes aforesaid at the time at which the family of the forenamed Earl should happen to be absent from the foresaid house of Wivenhoe from time to time during his life aforesaid, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month of September in the 38<sup>th</sup> year [=20 September 1546] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good & faithful service to him by **Jasper Jones** previously done & thereafter to be done appointed, ordained and made the same Jasper Jones keeper of his house of Wivenhoe in the county of Essex together with all his gardens, garden plots, grazing lands, pastures & marshes to the same house adjacent and appertaining, to have, occupy, exercise & enjoy the foresaid office of keeper of the house, park & all & singular the foresaid garden plots & gardens, grazing lands, pastures & marshes to the foresaid Jasper Jones by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies when(?) first & next after the date of the foresaid deed that office should happen to be vacant by death, surrender of the said office, or otherwise by whatever manner during the natural life of the same Jasper Jones, together with all profits, advantages and emoluments to the same office in any way belonging or appertaining, and in as ample manner & form as Thomas Large or any others for the exercise of the foresaid office formerly had, held or enjoyed (pl. & s.), perceiving yearly during his life aforesaid in & for the exercise & occupation of the office aforesaid **three pounds & ten pence** sterling at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions by the hands of his bailiff of Wivenhoe aforesaid for the time being, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid wage and fee it should be well allowed to the forenamed Jasper Jones & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor of Wivenhoe, and further the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed for the better exercise and occupation of his office aforesaid willed & granted that the same Jasper Jones for his whole natural life in any year should have of his gift one livery as [+well as] food & drink [+among] his household retainers so long as his family should happen at Wivenhoe aforesaid to be, remain & dwell in a certain house called le deyry house, and that the same Jasper Jones for his whole life aforesaid should have & keep in & upon the foresaid grazing lands & pastures there six cows & one gelding, [+&] mow, make & take there to his own use yearly during his life aforesaid six cart-loads of hay in le marsh there called le Cow marsh [+&] eight cart-loads of wood at Wivenhoe aforesaid by the assignment of

his surveyor for the time being, and also the whole grass(?) & hay yearly growing in the said garden plots & gardens together with all wood which shall have fallen within the precincts, grazing lands, pastures and marshes at the time at which the family of the forenamed Earl should happen to be absent from the foresaid house of Wivenhoe, to be perceived from time to time during his life aforesaid, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say further** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the first day of October in the 35<sup>th</sup> year [=1 October 1543] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good, true & faithful service to him of [sic?] **John Potter** previously done & thereafter to be done, gave & granted to the same John the office of keeper of his park of Wivenhoe in the county of Essex, and also the office of bailiff of the manor of Wivenhoe aforesaid in the foresaid county, to have, occupy, exercise and enjoy the said office of keeper of the foresaid park and also the office of bailiff of the manor of Wivenhoe aforesaid by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies from the day of the making of the foresaid deed during the whole natural life of the same John Potter, perceiving, taking and receiving of and for the exercise and occupation of his foresaid office of keeper of the foresaid park **forty shillings** sterling yearly, and of and for the occupation & exercise of his office of bailiff of the foresaid manor **three pounds & ten pence** sterling, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by his own hands or by the hands of the farmer or other occupants of the foresaid manor yearly during his whole life aforesaid by equal portions, and further the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid wages and fees it should be well allowed to the forenamed John Potter & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor of Wivenhoe, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month of September in the 38<sup>th</sup> year [=20 September 1546] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good & faithful service to him by **Jasper Jones** done & to be done gave to the same Jasper the office of keeper of the park of Wivenhoe in the county of Essex, and also the office of bailiff or bailiwick of his foresaid manor of Wivenhoe, to have, occupy, exercise and enjoy the foresaid office to the forenamed Jasper Jones and his assigns immediately & as soon as the foresaid office first & next should happen to be vacant by death, surrender or forfeiture or otherwise by whatever manner by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies during the natural life of the same Jasper Jones together with all advantages, profits and emoluments to the same or to any of them in any way belonging or appertaining, and in as ample manner and form as John Potter or any others for the exercise of the foresaid offices formerly had or enjoyed (pl. & s.), with **like wages & fees** as any others have had, to hold & yearly perceive the foresaid fees to the forenamed Jasper Jones & his assigns immediately and as soon as that office first and next should happen to be vacant during the natural life of the same Jasper

at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of Easter & Saint Michael the Archangel, and further the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid fees it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Jasper & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor of Wivenhoe, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the sixteenth day of August in the first year [=16 August 1547] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, for and in consideration of good & faithful service to him by **Thomas Bridge** previously done & thereafter to be done, gave & granted to the same Thomas Bridge a certain annuity or yearly rent of **four pounds** sterling issuing of his manor of East [sic] Colne in the county of Essex, to have and enjoy the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of £4 to the forenamed Thomas Bridge and his assigns during the natural life of the same Thomas, to be paid yearly at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin, the first payment thereof to begin at the feast of Saint Michael next after the date of these presents, and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the said annuity or yearly rent it should be well allowed to the forenamed Thomas and his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor of East [sic] Colne, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the first day of July in the 37<sup>th</sup> year [=1 July 1545] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good & faithful service to him by **Bartholomew Church** previously done & thereafter to be done gave & granted to the same Bartholomew the office of bailiff or bailiwick of the manor of Colne Priory, and also the office of tenant of the wood called Chalkney wood, to have, exercise and enjoy the foresaid office[s] to the forenamed Bartholomew Church and his assigns during the natural life of the same Bartholomew, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed for the consideration aforesaid granted to the same Bartholomew for the exercise & occupation of the foresaid office[s], viz., for the exercise & occupation of the office of bailiff or bailiwick of the manor of Colne Priory aforesaid a certain fee of **four pounds** of lawful money of England, and for the exercise & occupation of the office of tenant of the foresaid wood a certain fee of **20s** of lawful money of England, to have & to hold the foresaid fees to the forenamed Bartholomew Church and his assigns during the natural life of the same Bartholomew, to be paid yearly, and further the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid fees it should be well allowed to the forenamed Bartholomew & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor of Colne Priory, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his foresaid deed sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of

February in the 35<sup>th</sup> year [=25 February 1544] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good, true & faithful service to him by Hammond Fryer previously done & thereafter to be done, gave to the same Hammond a certain annuity or yearly rent of **five pounds** sterling issuing of his manor of Earls Colne in the county of Essex and of his manor of Blacon in the county of Chester, to have, levy, perceive & enjoy the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of five pounds to the forenamed Hammond & his assigns during the whole term of his natural life by the hands of the receivers, bailiffs or other officers, farmers or occupants of the foresaid manor[s] or either of them with the appurtenances for the time being, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by equal portions, the first payment thereof to begin at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next after the date of the foresaid deed, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the said annuity or yearly rent aforesaid it should be well allowed to Hammond Fryer & his assigns in the foresaid manors of Earls Colne and Blacon to distrain, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And moreover the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the third year [=8 February 1561] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen etc., gave, granted & ordained **John Turner**, gentleman, to be high steward, as well of all & singular courts & leets which lately came into the possession of the foresaid Earl after the death of the Lady Anne, late Countess of Oxford, as of all & singular courts and leets appertaining to the manors of Old Hall and le Commandry in East Bergholt, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the foresaid office of high steward, with all & singular the profits and commodities to the same office in any manner belonging or appertaining, to the forenamed John Turner & his assigns by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies by these presents for term of the natural life of the same John, and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed for the consideration aforesaid gave and granted to the same John Turner for the exercise & occupation of the office a certain annuity or yearly rent of **six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence** of lawful money of England issuing of the manors of Castle Camps in the county of Cambridge [+&] Helions Bumpstead in the county of Essex, and of the foresaid manors of Old Hall & le Commandry in the county of Suffolk with the appurtenances, to have & to hold the foresaid annuity or yearly rent to the forenamed John Turner & his assigns during the whole term of his natural life, by the hands of the bailiffs of the manors of Castle Camps and Helions Bumpstead **£4** of lawful money of England, and by the hands of the bailiff of the foresaid manors of Old Hall and le Commandry **53s 4d** of lawful money of England, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, and further the foresaid Earl by the foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid annuity or yearly rent it should be well allowed to the forenamed John Turner & his assigns to distrain etc. in the foresaid manors of Castle Camps, Helions Bumpstead, Old Hall, & le Commandry and in any of them, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the fourth day of March [sic?] in the second year [=4 March 1560] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth, Queen etc., gave & granted to **John Turner**, gentleman, the office of surveyor of all & singular the honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements, woods, underwoods and the rest of the hereditaments and possessions of the foresaid Earl whatsoever, to have and exercise the foresaid office to the forenamed John Turner by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies during the whole term of the natural life of the same John, with all and singular profits, commodities and advantages whatsoever to the said office belonging or appertaining, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed gave & granted to the same John for the exercise & occupation of the foresaid office a certain annuity or yearly rent of **£20** of lawful money of England issuing of the manors of Lavenham, Colne Wake and Great Bentley, to have & to hold the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of £20 to the forenamed John Turner and his assigns from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel last past before the date of these presents for and during the whole term of his natural life, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, and further the foresaid late Earl by his deed sealed by his seal at arms as above granted that for non-payment of the foresaid annuity it should be well allowed to the forenamed John Turner & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manors of Lavenham, Colne Wake & Great Bentley, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors further say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the tenth day of the month of August in the first year [=10 August 1547] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, for and in consideration of good, true & faithful service to him by **John Turner**, gentleman, previously done & thereafter to be done, gave & granted to the same John Turner a certain annuity or yearly rent of **£10** sterling issuing of his manors of Lavenham and Aldham in the county of Suffolk, to have the foresaid annuity or yearly rent to the forenamed John Turner and his assigns during his natural life, to be paid yearly at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by equal portions, the first payment thereof to begin at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next after the date of the said deed, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the said annuity or yearly rent it should be well allowed to the forenamed John Turner & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Aldham, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month of April in the 34<sup>th</sup> year [=12 April 1543] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of faithful service to him by **Luke Jegon** previously done & to be done granted to the same Luke the office of bailiff or bailiwick of his manor of Earls Colne in the county of Essex and of all his lands and tenements in Colne aforesaid, the lands & tenements appertaining to the late monastery there wholly excepted, with all

profits, advantages and emoluments to the said office appertaining or in whatsoever manner belonging, to have and enjoy the foresaid office to the forenamed Luke Jegon & his assigns from the day of the foresaid deed to the whole term of the natural life of the same Luke by him or his sufficient deputy, and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed gave & granted to the forenamed Luke & his assigns for the exercise of the foresaid office a wage & fee of **two pence per day** of lawful money of England issuing & annually to be perceived of and in the foresaid manor of Colne & the rest of the premises with their appurtenances, to have and to hold the foresaid wage & fee to the forenamed Luke & his assigns at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions during the natural life of the same Luke, and further the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid wage & fee it should be well allowed to the forenamed Luke Jegon & his assigns to distrain in the foresaid manor of Earls Colne, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the tenth day of March in the first year [=10 March 1559] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, etc., Defender of the Faith etc., in consideration of faithful service to him by **John Davy** previously done & to be done, gave & granted to the same John Davy a certain annuity or yearly rent of **40s** issuing of his manor of Lavenham, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael by equal portions, to have the said annuity or yearly rent of 40s by him or his sufficient deputy during the natural life of the forenamed John, to be paid yearly by the hands of the bailiff there or the receiver or other officers for the time being, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted that for non-payment of the foresaid annuity it should be well allowed to the forenamed John & his assigns into the foresaid manor of Lavenham to enter & distrain, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully is clear & appears.

**And the foresaid jurors moreover say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February in the first year [=23 February 1554] of the reign of the late Queen Mary, for good & faithful service by **Henry Golding**, gentleman, steward of his household, before done & to be done, gave & granted to the same Henry a certain annuity or yearly rent of **£20** of lawful money of England issuing of & in his manor of Thorncombe in the county of Devon with all & singular its appurtenances, to have & yearly perceive the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of £20 to the forenamed Henry Golding for term of his life, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions [+during] the whole life of the said Henry Golding, the first payment thereof to begin from the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin next following after the date of the said deed, and the foresaid late Earl granted [+that] for non-payment of the foresaid annuity of £20 it should be well allowed to the forenamed Henry & his assigns into the foresaid manor of Thorncombe with the appurtenances and of & in all other lands & hereditaments of the said late Earl with all &

singular their appurtenances within the kingdom of England & any parcel thereof to enter & distrain, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors further say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the first & second years [=21 August 1554] of the reigns of the late King and Queen Philip & Mary, as well for good & faithful service by his beloved servant Henry Golding many ways done as for divers other causes & considerations him moving, gave & granted to the same **Henry Golding** the office of keeper & constable of his castle of Camps, and also the office of keeper of his park of Camps, and also the office of bailiff of his lordship or manor of Camps in the county of Cambridge, to have & exercise all the forenamed offices & any of them to the forenamed Henry Golding & his assigns during the natural life of the same Henry by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies, and the foresaid late Earl by the foresaid deed gave to the foresaid Henry Golding for the exercise & occupation of the foresaid offices the wages & fees below written, viz., for the exercise of the foresaid office of keeper & constable of the castle one annuity of **40s** sterling by year, and for the exercise & occupation of the foresaid office of keeper of the foresaid park one yearly rent of **£4 11s & 3d** by year, and also for the exercise & occupation of the office of bailiff of the lordship or manor of Camps aforesaid one annuity of **three pounds & ten pence** sterling, with all other profits, advantages, commodities, payments & emoluments whatsoever to the same offices or to any of them previously or at any time past by whatever right appertaining or belonging, and in as ample manner & form as Robert Tyrrell or any other or others exercising or occupying the same offices aforesaid or any of them formerly had, perceived or enjoyed (s. & pl.), to have & yearly perceive, receive and enjoy all the foresaid wages, annuities or yearly rents aforesaid to the forenamed Henry Golding and his assigns yearly during his whole natural life, to be paid by his own hands or by the hands of the receivers, bailiffs or other occupants of the lordship or manor of Camps aforesaid at the feasts & terms there usual by equal portions, and moreover the foresaid Earl by the foresaid deed granted for non-payment of the foresaid annuity or yearly rent that it should be well allowed to the forenamed Henry Golding & his assigns into the foresaid castle, lordship, manor & park aforesaid & any parcel thereof to enter & distrain, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the third [+day] of June in the 36<sup>th</sup> year [=3 June 1544] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, as well for good & praiseworthy counsel to him by **Anthony Stapleton** of the Inner Temple, gentleman, given & to be given, gave to the same Anthony a certain yearly rent of **20 marks** sterling issuing of his manor of Thorncombe in the county of Devon, to have & perceive the foresaid yearly rent to the forenamed Anthony & his assigns during the life of the same Anthony at the feasts of Saint Michael & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by equal portions, with a clause of distraint if payment be not made as above, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the tenth day of December in the 32<sup>nd</sup> year [=10 December 1540] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, granted to **John Wiseman & Thomas Wiseman**, his son, for good counsel by the said John Wiseman to him given, the office of auditor of all & singular [+his] receivers, bailiffs & other ministers or accountants whatsoever of all manner [sic?] & singular [+his] castles & hereditaments whatsoever, and made & appointed the same John Wiseman & Thomas auditors of all & singular the receivers for all [+his] castles, lordships & hereditaments within the kingdom of England, to have the foresaid office to the forenamed John & Thomas Wiseman by him or his sufficient deputy to hear, determine & conclude according to & in accordance with English laws from time to time during the life of them and also the survivor of them, and the foresaid Earl moreover granted to the forenamed John & Thomas for exercising the said office during his life, and also the survivor of them, a certain yearly rent of **20 pounds** sterling issuing of his manor of Great Canfield in the county of Essex, so to be paid to them or to the one of them surviving or their deputy by the hands of the bailiff & farmer of the foresaid manor at the feast of All Saints, together with all fees & payments to the same office owing & accustomed etc., with a clause of distraint if default be made in payment as is aforesaid, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December in the second year [=26 December 1559] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen etc., granted to **Richard Wood** the office of bailiff & collector of all & singular the revenues, rents & all other profits whatsoever appertaining or owing to his manor of Whitchurch in the county of Buckingham, and also the office of bailiff & collector of all & singular the rents, revenues & profits whatsoever appertaining to his manor of Aston Sandford in the foresaid county of Buckingham or of any parcel thereof, to have the foresaid offices and any of them with all the profits to the same appertaining by him or his sufficient deputy during the whole term of life of the same Richard, and the foresaid Earl by the foresaid deed gave to the foresaid Richard for the exercise of the foresaid offices one yearly rent of **four pounds** of lawful money of England issuing of the foresaid manors, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions by the hands of the receiver of the said Earl or to be retained in his own hands upon any his account of the foresaid premises, with a clause of distraint as above, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 35<sup>th</sup> year [=4 October 1543] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, demised to **Henry Wontford [=Wentworth]**, esquire, all that manor of Mountnessing Hall with its whole appurtenances lying & being in Mountnessing aforesaid & other towns to the same adjoining within the said county of Essex, excepted & reserved to the said Earl & his heirs all woods, underwoods & firewood growing in & upon any part or parcel of the said

manor, and excepted & reserved to the said Earl all rents of assize, rents of villein tenants [+&] customary tenants, reliefs, wards, marriages, escheats & profits of courts, leets, fines & amerciaments to the said manor or to any parcel thereof appertaining or in whatsoever manner belonging, to have and to hold the said manor with all & singular the lands & appurtenances, except pre-excepted, to the said Henry & his assigns from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next & immediately following after the decease of Agnes, then wife of the said Henry and now wife of a certain William Wilford, until the end & term of twenty-one years from thence next following and fully to be completed, yielding thereof yearly during the foresaid term to the said Earl & his assigns **£24** sterling at the two usual terms of the year, viz., at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears, which certain [ ] by a conveyance effective in the law is granted to a certain Robert Fulkes, as by the foresaid conveyance to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal & subscribed as above and dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 38<sup>th</sup> year [=16 June 1546] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, granted to **John Tyrrell**, knight, under the description of John Tyrrell, esquire, a certain yearly rent of **ten pounds** sterling issuing of his manor of Christian Malford in the county of Wiltshire, to have & enjoy the foresaid yearly rent to the forenamed John Tyrrell & his assigns during the whole term of life of the same John, to be paid yearly at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the foresaid yearly rent, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 38<sup>th</sup> year [=16 June 1546] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, granted to **Charles Tyrrell**, gentleman, the office of constable of his castle of Hedingham in the county of Essex, and appointed the same Charles constable of the foresaid castle, to have & occupy the foresaid office by him or his sufficient deputy from the day of the making of the said deed during the whole term of life of the same Charles, remainder after his decease to John Tyrrell, esquire, son & heir apparent while he lived of Thomas Tyrrell, knight, for term of his life, taking yearly for the exercise of the foresaid office during the foresaid term **four pounds** sterling at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions with all fees & profits whatsoever to the foresaid office appertaining, with a clause of distraint within the foresaid castle for non-payment of the foresaid rent, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the sixteenth day of May in the 38<sup>th</sup> year [=16 May 1546] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, in consideration that **Thomas Phillips** of Norwich and Joan, his wife, had surrendered to the forenamed Earl

two several annuities to the yearly value of forty [sic?] marks sterling by the same late Earl granted to the forenamed Joan by the name of Joan Constable, granted to the said Thomas Phillips & Joan, his wife, a yearly rent of **twenty marks** of good & lawful money of England issuing of his manor of Great Hormead with its appurtenances in the county of Hertford, to have the said yearly rent to the forenamed Thomas and Joan & to the survivor of them, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions by the hands of the foresaid late Earl or his heirs or by the hands of the receivers, surveyors or bailiffs of his foresaid manor, the first payment thereof to begin at & on the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next after the date of the foresaid deed, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the foresaid yearly rent, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully is clear & appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December in the second year [=26 December 1559] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen, granted to **Richard Bull** as follows, viz.:

*The keeping of all his armour and artillery being or remaining as well at or within his house[s] of Hedingham & Colne as elsewhere within the realm of England, to hold and enjoy the keeping of the said armour and artillery with all profits, commodities and advantages thereunto belonging to the said Richard Bull by him or his sufficient deputy or deputies for and during the term of his natural life, and further the said Earl for the keeping of the said armour hath granted by his writing aforesaid unto the said Richard Bull for term of his life one annual fee or annuity of £3 by year to be yearly going out of the manor of Colne Wake within the county of Essex, to be paid to the said Richard Bull or his assigns at the feasts of th' Annunciation of Our Lady & Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions with [+a] clause of distress for the non-payment of the said rent,*

as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 38<sup>th</sup> year [=27 October 1546] of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, for circumspect & faithful service done to him by **Thomas Warren**, gave to the same Thomas Warren the office of keeper of his house & garden lying and being within the city of London, with all profits, advantages & emoluments of his garden in his absence appertaining and in his hands thereafter being, and also by the foresaid deed the said late Earl gave to the same Thomas the house in which the said Thomas at the time of the making of the said deed was dwelling, viz., three chambers, one kitchen, one shop, one cellar underneath the house & foresaid chambers adjacent to(?) the inner gate of his house, and also by the foresaid deed the foresaid Earl gave to the same Thomas Warren the office of bailiff or receiver of all & singular his rents within the city of London, to have & exercise the foresaid office and all & singular the premises with their appurtenances to the forenamed Thomas Warren

and his assigns by him or his sufficient deputy during the natural life of the same Thomas Warren, perceiving yearly during his life for the exercise of the foresaid office **forty shillings** sterling at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the foresaid forty shillings, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms and subscribed by his own hand dated the eighteenth day of November in the first year [=18 November 1547] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, in consideration that John Clere, knight, had surrendered two several rents containing together thirty pounds which the same John Clere had of the gift of a certain Peter Watts by two several charters of the late Earl issuing of his manor of Thorncombe in the county of Devon during the natural life of the same Peter Watts, granted to **Edward Clere**, esquire, son of the said John Clere, one yearly rent of **twenty pounds** of lawful money of England issuing of his foresaid manor of Thorncombe & of all other his lands & hereditaments in Thorncombe aforesaid, to have the foresaid yearly rent to the forenamed Edward Clere & his assigns during the natural life of the said Edward, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the month of November in the first year [=4 November 1547] of the reign of the late Lord King Edward the Sixth, granted to **Jerome Balborowe** as well the office of bailiff of his manor of Christmalford otherwise called Christian Malford in the county of Wiltshire as the office of keeper of all & singular his woods, underwoods & trees in or upon the said manor or in and upon any parcel thereof, and appointed the same Jerome Balborowe bailiff of the said manor & of any parcel thereof & keeper of all & singular the woods aforesaid with all things touching them, to have the foresaid offices & either of them, together with all & singular the commodities & profits to the same offices and to any of them in whatever manner belonging, to the forenamed Jerome Balborowe by him or his sufficient deputy to the term of life of the same Jerome immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of Robert Hyatt or otherwise in whatever manner the foresaid office should happen either to cease or be ended, and moreover they say that the foresaid Earl by his said deed granted to the same Jerome Balborowe for the execution of the foresaid offices & either of them a wage & fee of **three pounds** of good & lawful money of England yearly issuing of the foresaid manor, & yearly to perceive the foresaid fee immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Robert Hyatt or otherwise in whatever manner the foresaid office[s] or either of them should cease & be ended, to the forenamed Jerome Balborowe and his assigns during the natural life of the same Jerome, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, the first term of payment to begin at that

feast of the foresaid feasts which first & next it should happen to be vacant after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Robert Hyatt, and to be paid and retained in the own hands of the same Jerome of the revenues & yearly profits of the foresaid manor with its whole appurtenances, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February in the first year [=4 February 1559] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen, granted to a certain **Griffin Curtis** the office of steward of the manor of Christian Malford in the county of Wiltshire, and of keeper of all his courts from time to time within the said manor, and appointed the same Griffin steward there, to have & occupy the same office to the same Griffin by him or his sufficient deputy for term of life of the same Griffin, and moreover the said Earl by the said deed granted to the same Griffin for the exercise of the foresaid office a certain yearly rent of **forty shillings** of lawful money of England during the whole term of his life, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March in the first year [=6 March 1547] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, granted to **Thomas Bridge** all & all manner the fines & emoluments whatsoever of the courts, leets & views of frankpledge of all & singular his lordships & manors of East Bergholt in the county of Suffolk except of his manor called le Commandry after the date of the foresaid deed arising or happening, to have all & singular the profits of them, except previously excepted, to the foresaid Thomas Bridge & his assigns to the term of his life to the only use of them without any contradiction & without account, in manner and form as Simon Hill, gentleman, has had, occupied or enjoyed, and also the foresaid Earl by his said deed granted to the forenamed Thomas the office of bailiff of all & singular his manors & lordships in East Bergholt, to have & exercise the foresaid office, with the fees & profits used to the same office, to the forenamed Thomas Bridge & his assigns immediately after the death of the said Simon Hill [-to the forenamed Thomas Bridge & his assigns immediately after the death of the said Simon Hill], as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November in the first year [=20 November 1547] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, granted to **Thomas Rusham** all manner the fines & profits whatsoever of the leets, courts and views of frankpledge of his lordships & manors of East Bergholt in the county of Suffolk, excepted entirely his manor there called le Commandry, after the death of Thomas Bridge arising or happening, and also the office of bailiff of all & singular his lordships of East Bergholt aforesaid, to have & to hold the profits & office aforesaid after the death of the

foresaid Thomas Bridge in as ample manner & form as Thomas Bridge has had as above, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors further say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March in the sixth year [=6 March 1552] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, granted to **Lawrence Alston** the office of bailiff of his manors called Roseworthy, Tregenna Wollas, Bejowan, Domellick, Tregenna Wartha, Tresithney and Tregorrick in the county of Cornwall and all & singular his lands & hereditaments whatsoever to the said manors by whatever right belonging, to have the foresaid office of bailiff to the forenamed Lawrence & his assigns for term of life of the same Lawrence by him or his sufficient deputy with all profits & advantages to the said office of bailiwick in any way belonging in as ample manner & form as Richard Yard lately has had, and moreover the foresaid Earl by the foresaid deed granted to the forenamed Lawrence & his assigns for the occupation of the foresaid office a certain yearly rent of **three pounds and sixteen** [sic?] **shillings & eight pence** of lawful money of England issuing of the foresaid manors during the life of the same Lawrence, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, the first payment thereof to begin at the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin next after the date of the foresaid deed, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent as above, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the said late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January in the third & fourth years [=20 January 1557] of the reigns of the late King & Queen Philip & Mary, granted to **William Cordell**, knight, under the description of William Cordell, esquire, the office of steward of his manor of Lavenham in the county of Suffolk, and appointed the same William steward of the said manor, to have the foresaid office to the same William to be exercised by him or his sufficient deputy for term of life of the same William, with all the profits & commodities to the same office from of old belonging, in as ample manner & form as John Lucas lately had, and the foresaid Earl by his foresaid deed granted to the same William for the exercise of the foresaid office a certain yearly rent of **forty shillings** of lawful money of England issuing of the foresaid manor for term of life of the same William, to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors further say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the 35<sup>th</sup> year [=28 April 1543] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, granted to **John Tey** a certain yearly rent of **six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence** of lawful money of England yearly issuing of his manor of Castle Hedingham in the county of Essex, to have the said yearly rent to the forenamed John Tey & his assigns, to be paid yearly at the

feasts of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Michael the Archangel, the Nativity of the Lord, & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by equal portions during the whole life of the same John Tey, and further the said Earl by the said deed granted to the same John Tey the office of keeper of his great park of Castle Hedingham in the county of Essex and master of game immediately after the death of Edward Brokesby, gentleman, to have the said office by him or his sufficient deputy to the term of life of the same John, and moreover the foresaid Earl granted to the same John Tey & his assigns for the exercise of the office aforesaid of keeper of the park and master of the game there a certain yearly rent of **five pounds** of lawful money of England after the death of the said Edward Brokesby to be paid yearly at two terms of the year, viz., at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, & to perceive one fallow-deer in winter & another in summer, and also pasture of twelve cows & two geldings yearly in the said park, and moreover one messuage called le Lodge with all other houses and buildings to the same belonging, with all trees & branches called browse and windfall, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the eleventh day of the month of January in the 37<sup>th</sup> year [=11 January 1546] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, granted to **John Church** the elder of Maldon in the county of Essex and to John, his son, the office of steward or seneschal of all his lands, tenements, manors & lordships of Wivenhoe, Newers, Reylers, Battles in Donyland, Great Bentley, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, Vaux, Tilbury juxta Clare, Northtofts, Skaths, Nether Yeldham, Barwicks & Scotneys in Toppesfield, Fingrith Hall, Doddinghurst, Battles Hall in Stapleford Abbotts, Downham, Gibcrack, Crepping, Earls Colne, Castle Hedingham, Higham Upland, Little Yeldham, Prayors, Grays, Colne Priory, Ballingdon within the Bridges, Belchamp rectory, Barwick Hall and Inglesthorpe in White Colne, Sheriffs, Great Canfield, Bentfield Bury, Burnells, Stansted Mountfitchet, Hayes in Stow, Earls Fee in Bowers Gifford, & Maldon in the county of Essex, and of his manors of Newsells, Rokey [sic?] & Great Hormead in the county of Hertford, and also of his manors of Tattlingstone, Aldham & Earls Hall in Cockfield in the county of Suffolk, to have the foresaid office with the profits & advantages to the same office appertaining or belonging to the forenamed John Church the elder & John Church the younger & their assigns during the life of them & of the survivor of them to be exercised by them or their sufficient deputy, and moreover the said Earl by the said deed granted to the same John Church the elder & John Church the younger & their assigns during the whole term of life of them & of the survivor of them a certain yearly rent of **£6 13s 4d** sterling issuing of his manor of Earls Colne at the two usual terms of the year [+and] one fallow-deer in winter & another in summer called a buck in season and a doe in season yearly to be taken within his park of Earls Colne yearly during the whole term of life of them & of the survivor of them, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the foresaid yearly rent, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month of March in the second & third years [=12 March 1556] of the reigns of the late King & Queen Philip & Mary, granted to **John Church** the elder & John Church the younger a certain yearly rent of **five pounds six shillings & eight pence** of usual money of England issuing of his manors of Scotneys & Barwicks in Toppesfield in the county of Essex, to have the foresaid yearly rent to the forenamed John Church the elder & John Church the younger & to the survivor of them and to their assigns during their lives at two terms of the year, viz., at the feasts of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, with the office of steward of his manors of Lamarsh & Colne Wake in the county of Essex and of the manors of Hinxtton, Swaffham and [sic] Bulbeck in the county of Cambridge, according to the tenor & effect of the foresaid deed, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid Earl by his deed sealed & subscribed as above dated the 12 day of the month of March in the second & third years [=12 March 1556] of the reigns of the King & Queen Philip & Mary granted the office of steward of the manors of Lamarsh [+&] Colne Wake in the county of Essex and also the office of steward of the manors of Swaffham Bulbeck and Hinxtton in the county of Cambridge after the death of John Lucas, to **John Church** the elder and John Church the younger for term of life of them and of the survivor of them, as by the said deed to the jurors in manifest evidences more fully appears, which certain office of steward or seneschal is granted by John Church the younger to a certain Thomas [ ] and by a conveyance sufficient in the law, as by the [+said] deed made thereof to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the second day of February in the second year [=2 February 1548] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, granted to **Charles Tyrrell** the office of keeper of his little park of Castle Hedingham in the county of Essex and of all the game being there, & of his warren & coneys being within his said park, and appointed the same Charles keeper & warrener of the park & warren aforesaid, to have & exercise the foresaid offices to the forenamed Charles by him or by sufficient deputy for term of his life immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of Edward Brokesby, and the foresaid late Earl by his foresaid deed granted to the forenamed Charles for the exercise of the foresaid offices herbage for twelve cows & two geldings and le windfall & browsing wood within the same park, and also a certain yearly rent of **five pounds & ten pence** of lawful money of England, viz., for the keeping of the said park **three pounds & ten pence**, and for the said office of warrener **forty shillings**, issuing yearly of his manor of Hedingham, to have the premises abovesaid to the forenamed Charles immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Edward Brokesby at the two most usual terms of the year, and also the foresaid Earl by the said deed granted to the forenamed Charles the office of bailiff of his said manor of Castle Hedingham aforesaid, and appointed the same Charles bailiff of the same, to hold & exercise the foresaid office to the forenamed Charles by him or his sufficient deputy for

term of life of the same Charles immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the foresaid Robert Brewster, and moreover the said Earl granted to the said Charles for the exercise of the foresaid office a yearly rent of **three pounds & ten pence** during the natural life of the same Charles, issuing of the foresaid manor at the most usual feasts as above, with a clause of distraint as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the forenamed late Earl, by his deed sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 24 day of June in the second year [=24 June 1548] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, granted to **John Smith** the office of bailiff of his manors [sic] of Fingrith & [sic] Blackmore in the county of Essex and the office of keeper of all the woods & underwoods on the abovesaid manors growing or to be grown, to have & exercise the foresaid office with all commodities and advantages to the forenamed John Smith by him or his sufficient deputy from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next after the date of the foresaid deed to the term of life of the same John Smith, perceiving yearly for the exercise of the foresaid office to issue of the foresaid manors a fee of **three pounds** of lawful money of England to be paid & retained yearly at the two most usual terms of the year, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the forenamed Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September in the third year [=4 September 1561] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen, granted to **William Brewster** a certain yearly rent of **six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence** of lawful money of England to issue of his manor of Castle Hedingham in the county of Essex, to have & perceive the said yearly rent to the same William Brewster & his assigns for term of his life yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, the first term(?) of payment thereof to begin at the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin or Saint Michael the Archangel which should happen next and immediately following after the death of a certain John Tey of Layer de la Haye in the county of Essex, esquire, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the second day of July in the second & fourth [sic] years [=2 July 1556] of the reigns of Philip & Mary late King & Queen, granted to **William Brewster** the office of keeper & keeping of his little park of Castle Hedingham in the county of Essex and of all game & of his warren of coneys being within his said little park, and appointed the same William keeper & warrener of the park & of his warren aforesaid, to have & exercise the foresaid offices & any of them to the forenamed William by him or his sufficient deputy for term of his life immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of Edward Brokesby, gentleman, and Charles Tyrrell, esquire, and moreover the foresaid Earl granted for the exercise & occupation of

the foresaid offices & of any of them herbage for twelve cows & two geldings and le windfall and browsing wood within his same park, and also a certain yearly rent of **five pounds & ten pence** of lawful money of England, viz., for the keeping of his park **three pounds and ten pence**, and for the foresaid office of warrener **forty shillings** by year, issuing yearly of his manor of Castle Hedingham aforesaid, to have & yearly perceive the foresaid yearly rent of five pounds & ten pence immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the foresaid Edward & Charles, to the forenamed William & his assigns during the natural life of the same William, at two terms of the year, viz., to be paid yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, the first term of payment thereof to begin at that feast of the feasts aforesaid that first & next it should happen to be vacant after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Edward & Charles, as is mentioned previously;

**And also by the said deed** the said Earl granted to the said William Brewster the office of bailiff & bailiwick of his said manor of Castle Hedingham aforesaid which a certain Robert Brewster & the forenamed Charles then had & held to the term of life of them, and appointed the same William bailiff of the said manor, to have & exercise the foresaid office of bailiff of the said manor to the forenamed William by him or his sufficient deputy for term of life of the same William immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the foresaid Robert & Charles, and he, the Earl, by the said deed granted to the forenamed William for the occupation of the said office of bailiwick of his manor of Hedingham a yearly rent of **three pounds & ten pence** of lawful money of England yearly to issue of his foresaid manor, to have & yearly perceive the foresaid yearly rent of three pounds ten pence immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Robert and Charles to the forenamed William & his assigns during his life, to be paid yearly at the foresaid feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions [+beginning] at that feast of the foresaid feasts that first & next it should happen to be vacant after the death, surrender or forfeiture of said Robert & Charles;

**And also the forenamed Earl** by the same deed granted to the same William the office of keeper & keeping of his great park of Castle Hedingham and of all game there being, to have & exercise that office by him or his sufficient deputy to the term of life of the same William immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Edward Brokesby and of a certain John Tey, esquire, and moreover the forenamed Earl granted by the foresaid deed for the exercise & occupation of the office of keeper of his great park and of all game there herbage for twelve cows & two geldings and le windfall and browsing wood within his same park, and also a certain yearly rent of **five pounds** of lawful money of England to issue of his manor of Castle Hedingham aforesaid and the said herbage and the said le windfall & browsing wood, and [sic] to have, hold & yearly perceive the foresaid yearly rent of five pounds immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Edward & John, as is mentioned previously;

**And further the said late Earl** by the foresaid deed for the consideration aforesaid granted to the same William the office of constable of his castle of Hedingham, and appointed the same William constable of his foresaid castle, to have by him or his

sufficient deputy for term of his life immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the foresaid John Tyrrell, knight, & Charles Tyrrell, esquire, who have and hold that office of constable for term of life of the same Charles & John, to perceive of & for the exercise & occupation of that office a certain yearly rent of **four pounds** of lawful money of England immediately after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Charles & John, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the foresaid yearly rent, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May in the fourth & fifth years [=4 May 1558] of the reigns of Philip & Mary late King & Queen, granted to **Thomas Fowle** for service in teaching Edward Vere, my son, Viscount Bulbeck, done & to be done a certain yearly rent of **ten pounds** issuing of his manor of Lavenham in the county of Suffolk, to have the said yearly rent to the said Thomas Fowle & his assigns during his life, to be perceived yearly at two terms of the year, viz., at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

[THE NEXT THREE PARAGRAPHS ARE CROSSED OUT IN THE ORIGINAL]

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal & subscribed by his own hand dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December in the 34<sup>th</sup> year [=12 December 1542] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, granted to **Richard Ennows** as follows, viz.:

*All that his manor wick called Flanderswick in the town and parish of Poole nigh Maldon in the said county of Essex with th' appurtenances, and all other commodities & profits to the same manor wick belonging, to have and to hold all & singular the premises from the feast of St. Michael which shall happen to be next and immediately following after the decease of the said Earl to the end and term of forty years then next following fully to be completed and ended, yielding during the same term to the heirs, executors or assigns of the said Earl **five pounds** of lawful money of England,*

as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences [-evidences] more fully appears.

**And moreover the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the last day of October in the first year [=31 October 1547] of the reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, demised & granted to **Simon Hill** as follows in these words following, viz.:

*His demesne lands of and in East Bergholt, that is to say, the great pasture called Bullocks pasture, Lamb croft, Fen pasture, and also one barn named Fen barn set,*

*standing and being in Fen pasture aforesaid, Fennings meadow otherwise called Ox pasture, Estellis(?) Mountain(?) garden, one field with one meadow named the Tower meadow, Blackbrook meadow, Pickrell pasture, Hall fen, one meadow in the howght(?) containing by estimation 26 acres or thereabouts, with the fishing and fowling of and in the rivers there and every of them adjoining or going in & about any of them at all times, to have and enjoy the premises to the said Simon and his assigns from the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel which shall be in the year of Our Lord God 1556 to th' end & term of 21 years from thenceforth next ensuing, yielding and paying therefore to the said Earl, his heirs and assigns, **twenty-six pounds twelve(?) shillings four pence** of lawful money of England at the feasts of th' Annunciation of Our Lady and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions etc.,*

as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May in the 36<sup>th</sup> year [=16 May 1544] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth, granted to **James Gosnold** a certain yearly rent of four pounds sterling issuing of his manors of Lavenham and Aldham in the county of Suffolk, to have & perceive the foresaid yearly rent of **£4** to James Gosnold & his assigns during the whole term of life of the same James yearly at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael th' Archangel by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the sixth day of May in the fourth & fifth years [=6 May 1558] years of the late King & Queen Philip & Mary, demised and granted to **John Booth & Thomas Coe** all that messuage called Colne Priory or Colne House with all gardens, orchards, ponds, fisheries, houses [+&] buildings, together with all meadows, lands, pastures, grazing lands, moors, marshes, woods [+&] underwoods to the same house belonging or appertaining, to have & to hold to the same John Booth and Thomas Coe and their assigns from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next after the date of the foresaid deed until the end & term of 21 years next following and completely to be fulfilled, yielding thereof yearly to the said Earl, his heirs & assigns, **£13 six shillings & eight pence** of lawful money of England at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the said yearly rent, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears, which certain estate, term & interest of the foresaid John Booth & Thomas Coe of & in the foresaid messuage & the rest of the premises is granted to the Lady Margery, now Countess of Oxford.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the 37<sup>th</sup> year

[=12 April 1546] of the reign of the late Lord King Henry the Eighth, for and in consideration of good & faithful service by his beloved servant **George Browne**, gentleman, done to him & to his father, lately Earl of Oxford, granted to the same George Browne and to Wystan Browne, son & heir apparent of the said George, the office of master of game of his park of Stansted Mountfitchet in the county of Essex and of chief keeper of the same park, and further the said Earl by his foresaid deed granted to the same George & Wystan for the consideration aforesaid herbage & pannage of & in the said park, excepted sufficient for the game there being, and moreover the said Earl by his said deed granted to the same George and Wystan for the consideration aforesaid the office of bailiff or bailiwick of his honour of Stansted Mountfitchet & of all his manors, lands & tenements in Stansted Mountfitchet aforesaid to the same manor appertaining, to have, hold, enjoy & perceive the foresaid offices with their appurtenances, together with the foresaid herbage & pannage and all profits, commodities & advantages whatsoever to the same offices or to either of them belonging or appertaining, to the same George & Wystan immediately from & after the decease of Thomas Josselyn in the said county of Essex, esquire, for term of life of the same George & Wystan & the survivor of them, by them or their sufficient deputies or the sufficient deputy or deputies of the survivor of them, and further the same Earl by the foresaid deed and for the consideration aforesaid granted to the same George & Wystan for the exercise & occupation of the said office of master of game & keeper of the foresaid park a certain yearly fee & wage of **two pence** of lawful money of England **per day**, and for the exercise of the said office of bailiwick of the honour of Stansted Mountfitchet aforesaid & of the other said manors, lands & tenements one other fixed fee & wage of **two(?) pence per day** of like money of England, to have & perceive the foresaid yearly fees & wages and any of them as above to the same George & Wystan & their assigns for term of life of them & of the survivor of them, to begin immediately after the decease of the foresaid Thomas Josselyn, to be paid at two terms of the year, viz., at the feasts of Easter and Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions, as well by the own hands of the foresaid George & Wystan from the yearly profits & revenues of the said bailiwick as by the hands of any other of the receivers, bailiffs & other officers of the said Earl in the county of Essex, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the foresaid fees & wages, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears. And the foresaid jurors say that so the foresaid George Browne died after the making of the said deed and also the said Thomas Josselyn at the time of the taking of this inquisition is dead, after whose decease by virtue of the foresaid deed the foresaid Wystan Browne entered into the foresaid offices & the rest of the premises in the said deed specified, as to him it has been well allowed, and is thereof seised in his demesne as of free tenement for term of life of the same Wystan.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl, by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the twentieth day of November in the [ ] year [=20 November 1558-61] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth now Queen, granted to **William Cardinal** the office of receiver of all issues, profits & sums of money arising of his office of Great Chamberlain of England and by reason of the same office, to have & occupy the foresaid office by him or his sufficient deputy for term of life of the same William, and by the foresaid deed the foresaid Earl gave to the same William, as

well for the exercise of the foresaid office as for the expenses of the same William sustained with regard to the care of such businesses & causes which in law he might happen to have, a certain yearly rent of **forty pounds** of lawful money of England issuing of the profits & issues of the same office, as by the said deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that in the foresaid Act of repeal is contained a certain clause or article for the saving of the rights, titles & interest as follows in these words:

*Saving to all and every person & persons, bodies politic and corporate, to their heirs, successors, executors and assigns and every of them, and to the heirs, successors, executors and assigns of every of them, other than the King's Highness, his heirs, successors and executors, and other than the said late Duke of Somerset, Sir Thomas Darcy, Lord Darcy of Chiche, Sir Michael Stanhope, Sir John Lucas, and Lord Henry, son to the said late Duke, Lady Katherine, daughter of the said late Earl, & the sons of the said late Duke and every of them and their heirs and the heirs of their bodies and the heirs of every of them and the heirs of the body of any of them and every of them, and other than such persons [sic] and persons as be named or mentioned in the said Act made in the said 32<sup>nd</sup> year [=1540] of the reign of King Henry th' Eighth and their heirs and the heirs of every of them and the heirs of the body of any of them and every of them, and other than the assigns, executors and administrators and the executors and administrators of every of them, and other than such person and persons and their heirs and successors and the heirs and successors of every of them, of whom the premises or any part thereof is holden by any rent or service, and other than the said Aubrey Vere and Geoffrey Vere during their lives and the life of every of them, all such estate, possession, interest, right, title, use, claim, challenge and demand as they or any of them have, ought, or might or should have had of, in or to the said honours, manors, lands, tenements, and any of the premises or any part or parcel thereof at any time before the making of this Act & as if this Act had never been had or enacted.*

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid honours or manors of Castle Hedingham, Tilbury juxta Clare, Downham, Maldon, Flanderswick, Bouches, Flaxland, Stansted Mountfichet, Burnells, Bentfield Bury, Bury Lodge, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe, Garnons in Tendring, Toppesfield, Wivenhoe, Newers, Battleswick, Great Canfield, Great Bentley and Doddinghurst are held, but of whom (s. & pl.) & by what services is entirely unknown to the foresaid jurors,

[INTERLINED: And that the honour or manor of **Castle Hedingham** with the appurtenances is held of the Lady Queen in chief by knight-service], and that the honour or manor of Castle Hedingham is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£8 15s 3-1/2d.**

And that the manor of **Tilbury juxta Clare** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£32 9s 7d.**

And that the manor of **Downham** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises [**£30**].

And that the manors of **Maldon, Flanderswick, Bouches & Flaxland** are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£35 17s 2-1/2d**.

And that the manor of **Stansted Mountfitchet** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£92 4s 3-1/2d**.

And that the manors of **Burnells & Bentfield Bury** and **Bury Lodge** are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises (**blank**).

And that the manor of **Netherhall** in Gestingthorpe is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£12**.

And that the manor of **Garnons** in Tendring is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£3(?)**.

And that the manor of **Toppesfield** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **40s**.

And that the manors of **Wivenhoe, Newers [+&] Battleswick** are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£45 11s 3-1/2d**.

And that the foresaid manor of **Great Canfield** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£35 4s 2d**.

And that the manor of **Great Bentley** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£68 6s 5-1/2d**.

And that the manor of **Doddinghurst** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£24**.

And that the manors of **Lamarsh & Colne Wake** are held of the Lady Queen in chief by knight-service, viz., by the service of the twentieth part of one knight's fee.

And that the manor of **Lamarsh** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£30 12s 3d**.

And that the manor of **Colne Wake** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£30 15s 4-1/2d**.

And that the manors of **Grays** in Hedingham Sible, Prayors, Little Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall, Warehills, Gibcrack, Parks in Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Barwicks & Scotneys, Sheriffs in Gaines Colne, Paynes in Pentlow, Peppers, Pevers, Easton Hall, Fingrith and Vaux are held, but of whom (s. & pl.) & by what services is unknown to the foresaid jurors.

And that the manor of **Grays in Hedingham Sible** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£12 11s 7d**.

And that the manor of **Prayors** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£32 17s 3d**.

And that the manor of **Little Yeldham** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£34 5s**.

And that the manor of **Earls Colne** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£25 14s 5-1/2d**.

And that the manor of **Crepping Hall** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£24**.

And that **Warehills** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **41s 8d**.

And that the manor of **Gibrack** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises [**£32 11s**].

And that the manor of **Parks** in Gestingthorpe is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£5**.

And that the manors of **Great Yeldham** & [sic] **Nether Yeldham** are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£41 15s 5d**.

And that the manors of **Barwicks & Scotneys** are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£32 5s 5-1/2d(?)**.

And that the manor of **Sheriffs** in Gaines Colne is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£9 6s 3d**.

And that **Paynes in Pentlow** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£3**.

And that **Peppers** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **58s 8d**.

And that **Pevers** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **53s 4d(?)**.

And that **Easton Hall** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£13 6s 8d**.

And that the manor of **Fingrith** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£41 9s 2d**.

And that the manor of **Vaux** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£14 13s 4d**.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the manors of Countesmead in Bumpstead with the members, Waltons in Purleigh, Waltons in Mucking, Gobions in East Tilbury, Wennington, Kennington, Tendring Hall, Earls Fee, Battles Hall, Abbot Hayes, Gutteridge, Mountnessing, Jackletts in Fambridge are held, but of whom (s. & pl.) & by what services is unknown to the foresaid jurors.

And that the manor of **Countesmead** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£28 2s 8d**.

And that **Waltons in Purleigh & Waltons in Mucking** are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£11**.

And that the manor of **Gobions** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£32 13d**.

And that the manors of **Wennington and Kennington** are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£48(?)**.

And that the manor of **Tendring Hall** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£9**.

And that the manor of **Earls Fee** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£9**.

And that the manor of **Battles Hall** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£13 6s 8d(?)**.

And that the manor of **Abbot Hayes** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£13 6s 8d**.

And that the manor of **Gutteridge** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£11**.

And that the manor of **Mountnessing** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£24**.

And that **Jackletts** in Fambridge is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises [**63s 4d**].

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the manors of Earls Hall, Tattingstone, Aldham, Lavenham [+&] Battisford in East Bergholt in the county of Suffolk are held, but of whom (s. & pl.) and by what services is unknown to the foresaid jurors.

And that the manor of **Earls Hall** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£25**.

And that the manor of **Tattingstone** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£39 1-1/2d**.

And that the manor of **Aldham** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£32 14d**.

And that the manor of **Lavenham** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£34 6s 1d**.

And that the manor of **Battisford** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises [ ].

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the manor of **East Bergholt** in the county of Suffolk is held of the Lady Queen in chief by knight-service, viz., by the twentieth part of one knight's fee, and is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£55 9s 2d**.

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the honours or manors of Whitchurch, Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury, & Aston Sandford in the county of Buckingham are held, but of whom (s. & pl.) & by what services is unknown to the foresaid jurors.

And that the honour or manor of **Whitchurch** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£31 2s 2-1/4d.**

And that the manor of **Chesham Higham** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£39 7s 3-1/4d(?)**.

And that the manor of **Chesham Bury** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£30 8s 3d.**

And that the manor of **Aston Sandford** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£6 18d.**

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the manor of **Thorncombe** in the county of Devon is held of the Lady Queen in chief by knight-service, viz., [+by] the twentieth part of one knight's fee, and is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£62 5s 8-1/2d.**

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the manor of **Colbrooke** in the county of Devon is held, but of whom (s. & pl.) is unknown to the foresaid jurors, and is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£31 19s 3-1/2d.**

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the manor of **Christian Malford** is held of the Lady Queen in chief by knight-service, viz., by the twentieth part of one knight's fee, and is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£37 9s 3-3/4d.**

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the manors of Roseworthy, Tregenna, Bejowan, Domellick, Tregenna Wartha, Tresithney and Tregorrick in the county of Cornwall, and the manors of Hormead, Barkway with Scales Park, and Newsells in the county of Hertford, and the manors of Abington alias Avingdon, Castle Camps, Fowlmere, Avingdon [sic] [+&] Swaffham Bulbeck in the county of Cambridge, and the manor of Fleet in the county of Kent, and the manor of Elmsthorpe with certain lands in Earl Shilton in the county of Leicester, and the manor of Wobourne alias Weybourn with the liberty of two folds in the county of Norfolk, and the manors of Easton Maudit, Thorpe Malford, Marston Trussell, Bilton & Acton Trussell in the county of Northampton, and the manor of Shottesbrook alias Shottisbrook are held, but of whom (s. & pl.) is unknown to the foresaid jurors.

And that the manor of **Roseworthy** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£17 15s 8-1/2d.**

And that the manor of **Tregenna** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£7 13s 6-1/2d.**

And that the manor of **Bejowan** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£11 2s 1-1/2d.**

And that **Domellick** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **41s 10d.**

And that the manor of **Tregenna et Wartha** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **(blank).**

And that the manor of **Tresithney** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£4 5s 10d.**

And that **Tregorrick** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **50s 9-1/2d(?)**.

And that the manor of **Hormead** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£32.**

And that the manor of **Barkway with Scales park** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£25 18s 8-1/2d.**

And that the manor of **Newsells** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£16 16s.**

And that the manor of **Abington alias Avingdon** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£22 10s 7-1/2d(?)**.

And that the manor of **Castle Camps** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£42 17s.**

And that the manor of **Fowlmere** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£39 18s 5-1/2d.**

And that the manor of **Avingdon** [sic] is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **(blank).**

And that the manor of **Swaffham &** [sic] **Bulbeck** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£23.**

And that the manor of **Fleet** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£38.**

And that the manor of **Elmsthorpe with certain lands in Earl Shilton** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£45 15s(?)**.

And that the manor of **Weybourn** with the liberty of two folds is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£28 8s 9d(?)**.

And that the manor of **Easton Maudit** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£20 15s 7d.**

And that the manor of **Thorpe Malford** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£14 10s 8d.**

And that the manor of **Marston Trussell** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises [**£19 11s**].

And that the manor of **Bilton** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£15 10s.**

And that the manor of **Acton Trussell** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£28 10s 4d.**

And that the manor of **Shottesbrook** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **(blank).**

**And further the foresaid jurors say** that the manors of Warmingham, North Rode, Blacon, Ashton, Willaston, and the eastern gate of Chester are held, but of whom (s. & pl.) is entirely unknown to the foresaid jurors.

And that the manor of **Warmingham** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£55 5s 10d.**

And that the manor of **North Rode** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£19 13s 11d.**

And that the manor of **Blacon** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£15 10s.**

And that the manor of **Ashton** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£15 10s.**

And that the manor of **Willaston** is worth clear by year in all issues beyond reprises [**£20 1/2d**].

And that the **eastern gate of Chester** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **£6 7s 8d.**

**And the foresaid jurors say** that Langdon Hills aforesaid and certain lands in Wennington are held, but of whom (s. & pl.) is unknown to the foresaid jurors.

And that the [foresaid lands called(?)] **Langdon Hills** is worth by year in all issues beyond reprises [**£15 10s**].

And that the [lands in(?)] **Wennington** are worth by year in all issues beyond reprises **16s.**

**And the foresaid jurors say** that the foresaid late Earl named in the said letters patent did not hold any other or more honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements or

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hereditaments in the county of Essex nor elsewhere [ ] nor of any other in fee, service nor reversion on the day on which he died.

**And that the same late Earl** died on the third day of August last past before the taking of this inquisition [=3 August 1562]. And that the said Edward, now Earl of Oxford, is his son & his next heir & elder male issue of the body of the same late Earl lawfully begotten, and that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April last past he was of the age of 12 years.

**In testimony whereof** to one part of this inquisition indented remaining in the possession of the foresaid commissioners as well the forenamed commissioners as the foresaid jurors have affixed their seals. To the other true part of this inquisition remaining in the possession of the first juror aforesaid, the foresaid commissioners have affixed their seals. Dated the day, year and place first [ ] above-written.