

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of the indenture, dated 21 February 1622 and enrolled on the same day, by which ownership of the Globe playhouse and other properties in Southwark and in Bread Street in London was restored to Sir Matthew Brend (1600-1659).

For the final order, dated 8 February 1622, in the lawsuit brought by King James in the Court of Wards on behalf of Matthew Brend, the King's ward, against Sir John Bodley and John Collett, see TNA WARD 9/94, ff. 31-3. The indenture below was entered into in pursuance of the final order.

For the sale of the Globe playhouse and other properties in Southwark and London on 10 October 1601, see TNA C 54/1682, mm. 10-11. Since it was this document which the indenture below was intended to reverse, it appears that the tenants in Southwark are listed as they appeared in the 1601 document, qualified in the indenture below by the words 'now or heretofore in the several tenures or occupations of . . .'. Thus Richard Burbage and William Shakespeare, gentlemen, are named among the lessees of properties in Southwark in the indenture below, although both had died, the former in 1619 and the latter in 1616.

The surname is spelled 'Shakespeare' in the indenture below, a fact which may be of interest since in the document which appears to have been used as a precedent, i.e. the original indenture of bargain and sale of 10 October 1601, TNA C 54/1682, mm. 10-11, the spelling is 'Shakspeare'.

LM: Bodley Mil{es} et Brend

This indenture made the one and twentieth day of February in the years of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France & Ireland King, Defender of the Faith etc., that is to say of England, France and Ireland the nineteenth and of Scotland the five and fiftieth, 1621, between Sir John Bodley of Streatham in the county of Surrey knight, and John Collett, late of London, Merchant Taylor, of thone part, and [-and] Matthew Brend of West Molesey in the said county of Surrey esquire, of thother part:

Witnesseth that whereas in Hilary term last past before the date of these presents it was amongst other things decreed in his Majesty's Court of Wards & Liveries in a cause there then depending between his Majesty's Attorney-General of that court on the behalf of the said Matthew Brend, late his Majesty's ward, by information, plaintiff, against them, the said Sir John Bodley & John Collett, defendants, touching the lands and tenements hereafter in these presents mentioned, that the said Matthew Brend should well and truly pay unto the said Sir John Bodley the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of England, and thereupon they, the said Sir John Bodley and John Collett, should by sufficient conveyances & assurances in the law convey and assure the lands and

tenements hereafter mentioned unto the said Matthew Brend, his heirs and assigns, to the only use and behoof of the said Matthew Brend, his heirs and assigns, forever, as by the said decree more at large it doth and may appear;

Now this present indenture further witnesseth that they, the said Sir John Bodley and John Collett, as well in ob[e]dience and part of performance of the said decree as also for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds of good and lawful money of England to him, the said Sir John Bodley, in hand paid at and before th' ensealing and delivery hereof, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened and confirmed and by these presents for them and their heirs do grant, bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto the said Matthew Brend, his heirs and assigns, forever all that messuage or inn with th' appurtenances whatsoever heretofore or now commonly called or known by the name or sign of the Star situate and being in or near Bread Street in the parish of All Hallows in Bread Street within the city of London heretofore in the tenure or occupation of John Dunscombe, deceased, or his assigns, and late in the tenure or occupation of Peter Jefferies or his assigns, and all and singular yards, backsides, halls, chambers, stables, haylofts, rooms, lights, easements, watercourses, commodities & hereditaments whatsoever to the said messuage or inn belonging or in any wise appertaining;

And also all and singular warehouses, rooms, yards, void grounds & hereditaments whatsoever of the said Sir John Bodley and John Collett or either of them in the said parish of All Hallows in Bread Street aforesaid late in the tenure or occupation of Joan Dunscombe, widow, wife of the said John Dunscombe, deceased;

And all those two messuages or tenements with their appurtenances situate, lying and being together in Bread Street aforesaid in the said parish of All Hallows in Bread Street [-aforesaid in the said parish of All Hallows in Bread Street], London, on the south side of the gate, room or way leading out of Bread Street aforesaid into the said messuage or inn called the Star;

And all other the lands, tenements & hereditaments with th' appurtenances whatsoever late of Nicholas Brend, father of the said Matthew Brend, situate, lying and being in the said parish of All Hallows in Bread Street aforesaid in the said city of London and which were heretofore bargained or sold or mentioned or intended to be bargained or sold by the said Nicholas Brend unto the said John Collett;

And also all those messuages, tenements, houses, edifices, buildings, chambers, rooms, playhouse, gardens, orchards, void grounds and other lands & hereditaments whatsoever with all and singular their appurtenances now or heretofore in the several tenures or occupations of Francis Carter, tanner, John Oldfield, tanner, Hugh Tucker, waterman, John Kene, dyer, Henry Draper, beer-brewer, Avery Butcher, waterman, Hendrickes Sturman, armourer, Nicholas Zetchwell, baker, John Treherne, gentleman, George Archer, porter, Lawrence Bushe, draper, John Johnson, tailor, John Knolles, Abraham Campion, beer-brewer, Richard Burbage & William Shakespeare, gent[lemen], John Bingham, sadler, & Robert Bromfield, gentleman, and of every or any of them, their or every or any of their assignee or assigns, or in the tenure, manurance, holding or

occupation of any other person or persons, situate, lying and being in Maiden Lane in the parish of St Saviour alias St Mary Overies in Southwark in the said county of Surrey, and which were heretofore bargained or sold or mentioned or intended to be bargained or sold by the said Nicholas Brend unto the said John Collett;

And also all other messuages, lands, tenements & hereditaments whatsoever of them, the said Sir John Bodley and John Collett or either of them, situate, lying and being in the said parish of All Hallows in Bread Street aforesaid in the said city of London and in Maiden Lane in the said parish of St Saviour alias St Mary Overies in Southwark aforesaid or either of them which at any time or times heretofore were the lands or tenements of the aforesaid Nicholas Brend and by good and sufficient assurance or conveyance comen or vested in them, the said Sir John Bodley and John Collett or either of them;

And all rents, payments, profits and sums of money whatsoever reserved, payable or covenanted to be paid in, upon or by force of any demise, lease or grant, leases or grants made or granted of the said messuages, lands, tenements & premises and every or any of them or of any part or parcel of them or any of them;

And also the reversion and reversions, remainder & remainders whatsoever of the said messuages, lands, hereditaments & premises and of every part and parcel thereof, together with all and singular deeds, charters, evidences, escripts, fines, exemplifications, counterparts of leases, writings & muniments whatsoever touching or concerning the said messuages, lands & premises or any part or parcel of them or any of them;

To have, hold and enjoy the said messuage or inn called the sign of the Star and all and every other the said messuages, tenements, houses, edifices, playhouse, yards, gardens, orchards, lands, hereditaments and all other the premises herein before bargained or sold or mentioned or intended to be bargained or sold with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Matthew Brend, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said Matthew Brend and of his heirs & assigns forever;

In witness whereof the parties first above-named to these present indentures their hands and seals interchangeably have set the day and year first above-written, 1621.

Et memorand{um} q{uo}d die et anno {o} sup{ra}script{o} prefat{i} Ioh{ann}es Bodley Mil{es} & Ioh{ann}es Collett vener{unt} coram d{i}c{t}o d{omi}no Rege in Cancellaria sua et recognouer{unt} Indentur{am} predict{am} ac om{n}ia & singula in eadem content{a} & specificat{a} in forma sup{ra}d{i}c{t}a

[=And be it remembered that on the day and year above-written the forenamed John Bodley, knight, and John Collett came before the said Lord the King in his Chancery and acknowledged the indenture aforesaid and all & singular in the same contained and specified in form abovesaid.]

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Irr{otulatur}(?) vicesimo primo die ffebruarij Ann{o} p{re}dict{o}