

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Patent Rolls of the Queen's licence to Oxford to enter on his lands. It is dated 30 May 1572, indicating that it was not until more than a year after his 21st birthday on 12 April 1571 that Oxford was able to take possession of his inheritance.

The 'ancient entails' by which the lands and offices of the Oxford earldom had descended in former times (see TNA C 54/626 and TNA PROB 11/17, ff. 82-90), and by which the 16th Earl himself had inherited them, had been cut off when the Protector Somerset extorted the 16th Earl's lands from him by a fine of 10 February and 15 April 1548 (see TNA E 328/403). Even more significantly when it came to the issue of wardship, prior to levying the fine of 10 February and 15 April 1548, many of these lands had been held in chief from the Crown by knight service, as stated in the licence of 30 January 1548 by which the 10-year-old King Edward VI (1537-1553) granted the 16th Earl permission to alienate them to Somerset. After the fine had been levied, these manors were no longer held from the Crown by knight service, since a fine extinguished all prior legal titles.

A notable exception to the lands which the 16th Earl had inherited under the 'ancient entails' were the lands included in King Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory to John de Vere (1482-1540), 15th Earl of Oxford, and his heirs by letters patent dated 22 July 1536 (see ERO D/DPr/631). The lands comprised in this grant were held from the Crown in chief by knight service, yet Somerset omitted them from both the licence to alienate of 30 January 1548 (see TNA E 328/345) and the fine of 10 February and 15 April 1548, perhaps for fear of the repercussions which might ensue were he seen to be tampering with a recent and very substantial grant made by his brother-in-law, King Henry VIII (1491-1547). Because these lands were not included in the fine, they were not covered by the provisions of the private Act of Parliament of 22 or 23 January 1552 which restored the 16th Earl's lands to him by deeming the fine of 10 February 10 and 15 April 1548 to be to his use. The 16th Earl therefore continued to hold the lands comprised in King Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory in chief from the Crown by knight service, as his father, the 15th Earl, had done.

The fact that all the lands which had descended in former times via the 'ancient entails' were now held by the 16th Earl subject to the terms of the private Act of Parliament of 22 or 23 January 1552 would likely have exempted his heir from wardship with respect to those lands. A saving clause in the Act therefore provided that the King would exercise his usual rights, including the right of wardship, as though the 16th Earl held the lands comprised in the fine of 10 February and 15 April 1548 in fee simple 'and should die of the third part thereof seised in fee simple'. The clause reads:

Provided always and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid that the King our Sovereign Lord, his heirs & successors, and all & every other person & persons of whom the premises or any parcel thereof be holden by any rent or service, shall have & enjoy all & singular such rents, tenths, tenures, seigniories & services, wardships, liveries & primer seisins of, in, out & to the premises & every parcel thereof as our said Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs & successors, and the said other person & persons & their heirs &

every of them ought, might or should have had as if the said now Earl were thereof seised in fee simple and should die of the third part thereof seised in fee simple.

For a more detailed discussion of Somerset's extortion and the provisions of the Act, see HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35.

Queen Elizabeth's licence to Oxford to enter his lands makes no mention of this saving clause in the Act by which the right to wardship was preserved to King Edward VI and his successors. Rather, the licence states that the basis of the Queen's claim to Oxford's wardship was that his father, the 16th Earl, had held lands from the Queen in chief by knight service ('which certain John, late Earl of Oxenford, held of us in chief by knight service on the day on which he died'). Although the particular lands held by the 16th Earl as tenant in chief by knight service are not specified in the licence, this wording suggests that, in the end, the Queen based her claim to Oxford's wardship, not on the saving clause in the private Act of Parliament of 22 or 23 January 1552, but on the above-mentioned grant of Colne Priory to John de Vere (1482-1540), 15th Earl of Oxford, and his heirs by King Henry VIII's letters patent dated 22 July 1536 (see ERO D/DPr/631).

If a tenant in chief died leaving an underage male heir, the Queen could seize into wardship all the lands left by the tenant in chief even if only a single acre of land was held from the Crown by knight service (see Hurstfield, Joel, *The Queen's Wards* (London: Frank Cass, 1973), p. 6). Since Somerset had not included Colne Priory in the lands which he extorted from the 16th Earl by the fine of 10 February and 15 April 1548, the 16th Earl continued to hold Colne Priory from the Crown in chief by knight service until his death, and Colne Priory was thus the catalyst which caused all the lands of the Oxford earldom to fall into wardship on the 16th Earl's death.

In the normal course of events a ward was required to sue livery in order to regain possession of his lands on reaching the age of majority. However the Crown could absolve the ward from this process by a special grant (see Hurstfield, p. 168). The Queen's letters patent below constitute a special grant of this nature, licencing Oxford to enter on his lands without the usual requirement of suing livery. The Queen may have made this exception as compensation to Oxford for the fact that revenues from his inherited lands had been kept from him by the Queen for an entire year after he reached the age of majority, presumably while the Queen was litigating her claim against him for the revenues from his mother's jointure after her death (see J.H. Baker, ed., *Reports from the Lost Notebooks of Sir James Dyer* (London: Selden Society, 1994), pp. 196-8). A further clause in the licence specifies that Oxford is to have all the rents and profits from his inherited lands which had accrued to the Queen in the year since he had reached the age of majority:

And further of our more abundant grace we have given & granted and by these presents we do give & grant to the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, all & singular the issues, rents, profits, revenues & emoluments whatsoever of all & singular the foresaid honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises & of any parcel thereof with all & singular their appurtenances hitherto & thereafter

resulting, issuing, emerging or arising & to us in whatsoever kind owed, appertaining or belonging from the time at which the foresaid Edward, Earl of Oxenford, attained his full age of twenty-one years;

It is important to note that the exemption from suing livery did not also constitute an exemption from the heavy fine levied when a ward was permitted to enter on his lands. Oxford was assessed a fine for livery of £1257 18s 3/4d (see CP 25/105, TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48 and BL Lansdowne 68/11, ff. 22-3, 28).

A final clause in the licence ensured that Oxford's recognizances securing the £3306 in fines imposed on him by the Court of Wards were not discharged by the licence:

Provided always that these our letters patent nor anything in them contained & by whatever right might extend to discharge the foresaid Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, or any other person or persons or the foresaid honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof of & for any debt by reason of any recognizance or obligation acknowledged or delivered to us or to any ancestor of ours or to any other person to our use.

For further details regarding the fines assessed against Oxford in the Court of Wards and secured by these recognizances, see BL Lansdowne 68/11, ff. 22-3 and TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48.

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The Queen to whom etc. greeting. Know that we, of our special grace and of our certain knowledge & mere motion, have granted & given licence, and by these presents do grant & give licence for us, our heirs & successors, by how much [+is] in us to our well-beloved and faithful subject Edward de Vere, now Earl of Oxenford, son & next heir & elder male issue of the body of the right honourable John de Vere, late Earl of Oxenford, deceased, which certain John, late Earl of Oxenford, held of us in chief by knight service on the day on which he died, by whatsoever name, surname or addition of name the same Edward de Vere, now Earl of Oxenford, is named or called, that the same Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, immediately, without any proof of his age & without any other livery or prosecution of his inheritance or of any parcel thereof to be prosecuted out of our hands [+& those] of our heirs or successors according to the course of procedure of our Chancery or according to the law by the course of procedure of our Court of Wards & Liveries or the law of our land of England or by any other manner, might licitly & safely be able to enter, go into & seise all & singular the honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements, revenues, fee farms, towns, villages, hamlets, annuities, rents, services, hundreds, offices, parks, grazing lands, pastures, moors, marshes, heaths, customary tolls, views of frankpledge, courts, escheats, bailiwicks, liberties, franchises, warrens, fish-ponds, ponds, mills, knights' fees, advowsons & patronages of churches, vicarages, chapels & nominations to the same, and into all & singular the other possessions,

revenues & hereditaments whatsoever with their entire rights & appurtenances within our kingdom of England, Wales or the marches of the same which were of the foresaid late Earl of Oxenford, & of which the same Earl of Oxenford or any (s. & pl.) antecessor of the foresaid now Earl of Oxenford whose heir he is, was or were possessed or seised in his demesne as of fee or in whatsoever kind of fee tail in demesne or otherwise on the days on which they severally died or on the day on which any of them died, or of which any person or persons were seised jointly or severally to the use of the foresaid John, late Earl of Oxenford, or of any antecessors of the foresaid Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, whose (s. & pl.) heir he is, in his demesne as of fee or in whatsoever kind of fee tail in demesne or otherwise to the use of the said late Earl of Oxenford or of any of his heirs, or to the use of any such antecessors (pl. & s.) & of the heirs of such antecessors (pl. & s.) on the days on which they severally died or on the day on which any of them died, and which by or after the death of him, John, late Earl of Oxenford, or of any antecessor (s. & pl.) of the foresaid Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, whose heir he is, or by any other manner came or should or might have come to our hands and are now or ought or might be in our hands, which to the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, ought or might descend, revert, remain, appertain or belong in possession, reversion or in use, and might be able to seise, have, hold, possess & enjoy all and singular those [+lands] to the forenamed now Earl of Oxenford & his heirs as he is entitled to the same in possession, reversion, or in use after the death of the forenamed John, late Earl of Oxenford, or of any antecessors of the foresaid Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, whose (s. & pl.) heir he is, & might have power against us, our heirs and successors, without any other livery or prosecution of the same or any parcel thereof by the foresaid persons or by any of them to be prosecuted or obtained out of our hands according to the course of procedure of our Chancery aforesaid or the law of our land, or by any other manner;

Not willing that the forenamed Edward now Earl of Oxenford, nor his heirs, nor any of the foresaid persons (pl. & s.) whatsoever being seised (s. & pl.) of any the honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises to the use as is allowed, might be molested, disquieted, vexed, perturbed, disturbed in anything or oppressed (pl. & s.) by us, our heirs, successors, justices, escheators, sheriffs, receivers, bailiffs or ministers [+& those] of our heirs or successors whatsoever by reason of the entry or occupation & retention aforesaid by them or any of them made & had [+or] to be made & had;

Nor that the same our justices, escheators, sheriffs, receivers, bailiffs & ministers [+& those] of our heirs or successors, nor any of them, for us or in our name intermeddle with, or any of them intermeddle with, the foresaid honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises with the appurtenances or any parcel thereof;

But that we, our heirs & successors, are excluded forever by these presents with respect to seizing & taking into our hands the foresaid honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements & the rest of the premises with the appurtenances or any parcel thereof by reason of any title, claim or interest of ours which (n. & m.) occurs, is achieved or results, or will be able to occur, be achieved or result to us, our heirs & successors aforesaid, by or after the death of the said John, late Earl of Oxenford, or any other antecessor (s. & pl.)

of the foresaid Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, whose (s. & pl.) heir he is, or of which honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands or tenements any other person or persons lately is or are seised to the use abovesaid;

And that the same Edward now Earl of Oxenford & his heirs are quit & discharged, & any of them is quit & discharged, forever by these presents against us, our heirs & successors, for the premises & any parcel thereof;

And moreover we have granted by these presents for us, our heirs & successors, to the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, and also to the foresaid whatsoever other persons & person lately being seised (s. & pl.) of any the honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises with the appurtenances to the use above recited, that they might have, & any of them might have, from time to time so many & of such kind our writs, commissions & sufficient warrants to our Justices, our Barons of our Exchequer, our escheators, sheriffs, receivers, bailiffs & ministers whatsoever, & to any of them, to be directed as to them and to any of them will be necessary & suitable for his discharge in that part against us, our heirs & successors;

And further of our more abundant grace we have granted to the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, and also to the foresaid whatsoever other persons & person being seised (s. & pl.) of the honours, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises with the appurtenances to the use above recited, that such entry, seisin, possession, levy & occupation of & in the honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises with the appurtenances & any parcel thereof by the said Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, or by the foresaid whatsoever other person or persons of the honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof by authority of these our grant & licence made & had [+or] to be made or had, might be to them & to any of them & their heirs and the heirs of any of them as he should have been entitled in the same, as is mentioned previously, as good, valid & efficient, and of such force & effect in the law, as if the same honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises with their appurtenances & any parcel thereof might have been taken & seised into our hands by proper means, and the same Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, & whatsoever other persons & person being seised (s. & pl.) of any the honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands & tenements to the use as is allowed, might have rightly & duly prosecuted due livery of the same honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements & the rest of the premises with the appurtenances out of our hands according to the course of procedure of our Chancery aforesaid & according to the law of our land, and [+that] he might have been satisfied & contented by us of anything(?) which to us in that part appertains or might, ought or would appertain by any negligence, omission, misprision, error, inconsistency, contariety or any other defence whatsoever limited or to be limited, assigned or to be assigned, in anything notwithstanding, the homage & fealty of the foresaid Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, to us in that part due or to be due nevertheless always to us saved & reserved;

And further of our more abundant grace we have given & granted and by these presents we do give & grant to the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, all & singular the issues, rents, profits, revenues & emoluments whatsoever of all & singular the foresaid honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises & of any parcel thereof with all & singular their appurtenances hitherto & thereafter resulting, issuing, emerging or arising & to us in whatsoever kind owed, appertaining or belonging from the time at which the foresaid Edward, Earl of Oxenford, attained his full age of twenty-one years;

To have, yield, receive, perceive, enjoy & keep all & singular the same issues & profits, rents, revenues & emoluments to the same Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, his executors & assigns, of our gift, as well by our proper hands as by the several hands lately, now & hereafter of the escheators, feodaries, surveyors, sheriffs, bailiffs & other occupants whatsoever of the same or of any parcel thereof for the time, and also of our other officers whatsoever in the several counties in which the said honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises with the appurtenances are, or any parcel thereof is, without account, answer or any other thing to be yielded, paid or made to us, our heirs & successors, for the premises or any of the premises;

And further we will & have granted by these presents that as well the forenamed now Earl of Oxenford as lately, now & hereafter all the escheators, feodaries, surveyors, sheriffs, receivers, bailiffs, farmers & occupiers of such revenues, issues, rents & profits or any of the premises hitherto & thereafter resulting, emerging or arising from the foresaid time at which the foresaid now Earl of Oxenford attained his full age of twenty-one years is quit & discharged, & any of them [+is] quit & discharged, by these presents towards us, our heirs, successors & executors without account whatsoever, answer or any other thing to be yielded, paid or made thereof to us, our heirs or successors;

And further of our more abundant grace and of our certain knowledge & mere motion for us, our heirs & successors, we have pardoned, relieved & released and by these presents we do pardon, relieve & release to the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, all & all manner intrusions & entries before the present day had, made or accomplished by the said Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, or by the foresaid John, late Earl of Oxenford, whose heir he is, or by any other person or persons seised (s. & pl.) to his use of & in the foresaid honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises or of any parcel thereof which of us or of any other are held in whatsoever kind;

And also all & all manner purchases, alienations, gifts, fines, accounts and forfeitures of the foresaid honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises with all & singular their appurtenances or any parcel thereof had, made or effected without our licence by the said John, late Earl of Oxenford, and by the foresaid Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, or by any other antecessor of the same now Earl of Oxenford or any other persons before the death of the foresaid John, late Earl of Oxenford;

And also all & all manner actions, suits, complaints, accusations, executions & demands whatsoever which (f. & n.) we have had, have or in future will be able to have in any manner against the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, or any antecessor of the same Earl, or any other persons of & in the premises or any of them;

Provided always that these our letters patent nor anything in them contained & by whatever right might extend to discharge the foresaid Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, or any other person or persons or the foresaid honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof of & for any debt by reason of any recognizance or obligation acknowledged or delivered to us or to any ancestor of ours or to any other person to our use. Because express mention etc. In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the 30th day of May.

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1. Regina omnibus ad quos &c salutem Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris
2. concessimus & licenciam dedimus ac per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris
3. quantum in nobis predilecto & fideli subdito nostro Edwardo Deveere modo Comiti Oxonie filio & heredi propinquiori
4. & exitui seniori masculino de corpore prenobilis Iohannis Deveer nuper Comitis Oxonie defuncti Quemquidem
5. Iohannes nuper Comes Oxonie de nobis tenuit in capite die quo obiit per seruicium Militare quocumque nomine cognomine
6. siue addicione nominis idem Edwardus Deveer modo Comes Oxonie nominatur siue nuncupatur Quod idem Edwardus
7. modo Comes Oxonie incontinenter absque aliqua probacione etatis sue & absque aliqua alia liberacione seu
8. prosecucione hereditatis sue vel alicuius inde parcelle extra manus nostras heredum vel successorum nostrum [sic?] secundum cursum
9. Cancellarie nostre vel secundum legem cursu Curie nostre Wardorum & liberacionum vel legem terre nostre Anglie seu

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10. aliquo alio modo prosequendum in omnia & singula honores castra dominia Maneria terras tenementa reuerciones feoda firmas
 11. villas villatas hamleta annuitates redditus seruicia hundreda officia parca pascuas pasturas Moras mariscos brueras tolmeta
 12. custumaria visus ffraunci plegij curia Escaetas Balliuatus libertates ffraunchesias Warrenna viuaria stagna molendina
 13. feoda militum aduocaciones & patronatus ecclesiarum vicariarum capellarum & nominaciones ad easdem Ac in omnia & singula
 14. alia possessiones reuenciones & hereditamenta quecumque cum eorum iuribus & pertinentijs vniuersis infra regnum nostrum Anglie
 15. Wallie aut marchias eorundem que fuerunt predicti nuper Comitis Oxonie & de quibus idem Comes Oxonie
 16. aut aliquis vel aliqui antecessor predicti Edwardi nunc Comitis Oxonie cuius heres ipse est fuit aut
 17. fuerunt possessionatus vel seisatus in dominico suo vt de feodo aut in feodo qualicumque talliato in dominico vel aliter
 18. diebus quibus separatim obierunt aut die quo eorum aliquis obijt vel de quibus aliqua persona seisata fuit aut
 19. alique persone seisate fuerunt coniunctim vel separatim ad vsum predicti Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie seu aliquorum
 20. antecessorum predicti Edwardi modo Comitis Oxonie cuius vel quorum heres ipse est in dominico suo vt de feodo
 21. aut in feodo qualicumque talliato in dominico vel aliter ad vsum dicti nuper Comitis Oxonie aut aliquorum heredum suorum
 22. vel ad vsum aliquorum talium antecessorum aut talis antecessoris & heredum talium antecessorum aut talis antecessoris diebus
 23. quibus separatim obierunt aut die quo eorum aliquis obijt Et que per siue post mortem ipsius Iohannis nuper Comitis
 24. Oxonie aut alicuius antecessoris aut aliquorum antecessorum predicti Edwardi modo Comitis Oxonie cuius heres

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25. ipse est aut aliquo alio modo ad manus nostras deuenire debuerunt aut deberent ac in
26. manibus nostris iam existunt aut existere debent vel deberent que prefato Edwardo modo Comiti Oxonie in
27. possessione reueracione vel in vsum descendere reuertere remanere pertinere seu spectare debent vel deberent
28. licite & impune ingredi intrare & seisure possit Ac ea omnia & singula prefato modo Comiti Oxonie & heredes
29. suis prout ipse eisdem post mortem predicti Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie aut aliquorum antecessorum predicti Edwardi
30. modo Comitis Oxonie cuius vel quorum heres ipse est hereditabilia existit in possessione reueracione vel in vsum
31. seisure habere tenere possidere & gaudere possit & valeat erga nos heredes & successores nostros absque aliqua
32. alia liberacione seu prosecucione eorundem seu alicuius inde parcelle extra manus nostras secundum cursum Cancellarie
33. nostre predicte aut legem terre nostre seu aliquo alio modo per predictas personas seu per earum aliquam prosequendum vel
34. impetrandum Nolentes quod prefatus Edwardus modo Comes Oxonie nec heredes sui nec predicte quecumque persone
35. siue quacumque persona de aliquibus honorijs Castris dominijs Manerijs terris tenementis ac ceteris premissis ad vsum vt permittitur
36. seisatus vel seisati existens vel existentes racione ingressus siue occupacionis & retencionis predicti per ipsos seu eorum
37. aliquem facti & habiti faciendum & habendum per nos heredes successores Iusticiarios Escaetores vicecomites receptores Balliuos
38. vel Ministros nostros heredes vel successores nostros quoscumque molestentur inquietentur vexentur perturbentur distringantur
39. in aliquo seu grauentur nec eorum aliquis molestetur inquietetur vexetur perturbetur distringatur in aliquo seu grauetur Nec

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40. quod iidem Iusticiarij Escaetores vicecomites Receptores balliui & Ministris [sic?] nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum nec eorum
41. aliquis in predicta honores castra dominia Maneria terras tenementa ac cetera premissa cum pertinentijs siue aliquam inde parcellam pro nobis
42. seu nomine nostro se intromittent vel eorum aliquo intromittet sed quod nos heredes & successores nostri quo ad seisiendum
43. & capiendum in manus nostras predicta honores castra dominia Maneria terras tenementa & cetera premissa cum pertinentijs siue aliquam
44. inde parcellam ratione alicuius nostris [sic?] tituli clamei vel interesse quod vel quem nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis per
45. siue post mortem dicti Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie vel alicuius alterius antecessoris siue aliquorum aliorum antecessorum
46. predicti Edwardi modo Comitis Oxonie cuius vel quorum heres ipse est aut alicuius alterius persone siue aliquarum
47. aliarum personarum de quibus honoribus castris dominijs Manerijs terris seu tenementis ad vsum supradictum seisatus vel seisati
48. nuper existens vel existentes accidit competit seu euenit aut accidere competere vel euenire poterit sumus
49. exclusi imperpetuum per presentes Et quod idem Edwardus modo Comes Oxonie & heredes sui erga nos heredes & successores
50. nostros pro premissis & qualibet inde parcella quieti & exonerati existent & eorum quilibet quietus & exoneratus existit imperpetuum per
51. presentes Et preterea pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris concedimus per presentes prefato Edwardo modo Comiti Oxonie
52. necnon predictis quibuscumque alijs personis & cuicumque alie persone de aliquibus honoribus castris dominijs Manerijs terris
53. tenementis ac ceteris premissis cum pertinentijs ad vsum superius recitatum seisatus vel seisati nuper existens vel existentes quod ipsi
54. habeant & quilibet eorum habeat de tempore in tempus tot & talia brevia mandata & Warranta nostras sufficientia

55. Iusticiarijs nostris Baronibus nostris de Scaccario nostro Escaetoribus vicecomitibus receptoribus balliuis & Ministris nostris quibuscumque & eorum

56. cuilibet dirigendum quot & qualia eis & eorum cuilibet pro exoneracione sua versus nos heredes & successores nostros in ea

57. parte necessaria erunt & oportuna Et vltimo de vberiori gratia nostra concedimus prefato Edwardo modo Comiti

58. Oxonie necnon predictis quibuscumque alijs personis & cuicumque alie persone de honoribus dominijs Manerijs terris tenementis ac ceteris

59. premissis cum pertinentijs ad vsum superius recitatum seisatus vel seisati existens vel existentes quod huiusmodi ingreessus seisina

60. possessio perceptio & occupacio de & in honoribus castris dominijs Manerijs terris tenementis ac ceteris premissis cum pertinentijs &

61. qualibet inde parcella per dictum Edwardum modo Comitem Oxonie aut per predictam quamcumque aliam personam aut

62. quascumque alias personas de honoribus Castris dominijs Manerijs terris tenementis ac ceteris premissis siue aliqua inde parcella

63. auctoritate harum concessionis & licencia [sic?] nostrarum factum & habitum faciendum & habendum sint eis & eorum cuilibet & heredibus

64. suis ac heredibus eorum cuiuslibet prout ipse in eisdem hereditabiles vt prefertur extiterit adeo bone valide &

65. efficaces ac tanti vigoris & effectus in lege ac si eadem honores castra dominia Maneria terras tenementa ac cetera premissa

66. cum suis pertinentijs & qualibet inde parcella in manus nostras debito modo capta & seisata fuissent Ac idem Edwardus

67. modo Comes Oxonie & quecumque alie persone & quacumque alia persona de aliquibus honoribus Castris dominijs Manerijs

68. terris & tenementis ad vsum vt permittitur seisatus vel seisati existens vel existentes debitam liberacionem eorundem honorum castrorum

69. dominiorum Maneriorum terrarum tenementorum & ceterorum premissorum cum pertinentijs extra manus nostras secundum cursum Cancellarie nostre

70. predicte & secundum legem terre nostre recte & debite prosecuti fuissent Ac nobis de omne quod ad nos in ea parte pertinet seu pertinere

71. possit debet aut deberet satisfactum fuisset & contentum aliqua negligentia omissione misprisione errore repugnancia

72. contrarietate aut aliquo alio defensio quocumque limitato vel limitat' [sic?] assignato vel assignandum in aliquo non obstante homagio

73. tamen & fidelitate predicti Edwardi modo Comitis Oxonie nobis in hac parte debito seu debendo semper nobis saluis & reseruat

74. Et vltimo de vberiori gratia nostra dedimus & concessimus ac per presentes damus & concedimus prefato Edwardo modo Comiti

75. Oxonie omnia & singula exitus redditus proficua reuenciones & emolumenta quecumque omnium & singulorum predictorum honorum Castrorum

76. dominiorum Maneriorum terrarum tenementorum ac ceterorum premissorum & cuiuslibet inde parcelle cum omnibus & singulis suis pertinentijs a tempore

77. quo predictus Edwardus Comes Oxonie accreuit plene etatis sue viginti vnus Annorum hucusque & extunc

78. prouenientia exeuntia emergentia siue crescentia & nobis qualicumque debita pertinentia siue spectantia habendum reddendum recipiendum

79. percipiendum gaudendum & retinendum omnia & singula eadem exitus & proficua redditus reuenciones & emolumenta eidem

80. Edwardo modo Comiti Oxonie executoribus & assignatis suis de dono nostro tam per manus suas proprias quam per manus

81. separalias nuper nunc & imposterum Escaetorum feodariorum superuisorum vicecomitum balliuorum & aliorum occupatorum quocumque eorundem

82. seu alicuius inde parcelle pro tempore necnon aliorum officiariorum nostrorum quorumcumque in separalibus Comitibus in quibus dicta

83. honores Castra dominia Maneria terras tenementa ac cetera premissa cum pertinentijs existunt seu aliqua inde parcella existit absque

84. computo responso seu aliquo alio nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris pro premissis seu aliquo premissorum reddendo soluendo

85. seu faciendo Et vltimo volumus & concedimus per presentes quod tam prefatus modo Comes Oxonie quam omnes nuper nunc

86. & imposterum Escaetores feodarij superuisores vicecomites receptores balliui ffirmarij & occupatores de huiusmodis reuencionibus

87. exitibus redditibus & proficuis seu aliquo premissorum a predicto tempore quo predictus modo Comes Oxonie accreuit plenam

88. etatem suam viginti vnus Annorum hucusque & extunc prouenientibus emergentibus siue crescentibus absque computo quocumque

89. responso seu aliquo alio nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris inde reddendo soluendo seu faciendo erga nos

90. heredes successores & executores nostros quietus & exoneratus existit & eorum quilibet quietus & exoneratus per presentes Et vltimo

91. de vberiori gratia nostra ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus & successoribus perdonamus

92. remisimus & relaxauimus ac per presentes perdonamus remittimus & relaxamus prefato Edwardo modo Comiti

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2. nuper Comitem Oxonie cuius heres ipse est aut per aliquam aliam personam siue aliquas alias personas ad eius

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4. inde parcella que de nobis vel de aliquo alio tenentur qualicumque ante presentem diem habitum factum aut perpetuum

5. Necnon omnes & omnimodas perquisiciones alienaciones donaciones fines computa & forisfactura de predictis honoribus

6. Castris dominijs Manerijs terris tenementis ac ceteris premissis cum omnibus & singulis suis pertinentijs vel aliqua inde parcella

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7. per diictum Iohannem nuper Comitem Oxonie ac per predictum Edwardum modo Comitem Oxonie aut per aliquem alium
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 9. Comitum Oxonie sine licencia nostra habita facta aut perpetua Necnon omnes & omnimodas acciones sectas querelas
 10. impetitiones executiones & demaundas quecumque quas vel que versus prefatum Edwardum modo Comitem Oxonie
 11. vel aliquem antecessorem eiusdem Comitum siue aliquas alias personas de & in premissis vel eorum aliquo
 12. habuimus habemus seu in futuro habere poterimus vllo modo Prouiso semper quod hee litere nostre patentes nec
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 15. cetera premissa siue aliquam inde parcellam de & pro aliquo debito racione alicuius recognicionis siue obligacionis
 16. nobis siue alicui progenitori nostrorum siue alicui alie persone ad vsum nostrum cogniti seu deliberati Eo quod expressa
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