

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 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on 12 April 1571 that Oxford was able to take possession of his inheritance. See also *Calendar of the Patent Rolls*, Elizabeth I, Vol. V, 1569-1572, (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1966), p. 450 at:

[https://archive.org/details/calendarofpatent05grea\\_0/page/450](https://archive.org/details/calendarofpatent05grea_0/page/450)

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 11/17/379), and by which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl himself had inherited them, had been cut off when the Protector Somerset extorted the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands from him by a fine of 10 February and 16 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 16 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 16<sup>th</sup> Earl permission to alienate them to Somerset (see TNA E 328/345). 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and his heirs by letters patent dated 22 July 1536 (see ERO D/DPr/631). Somerset omitted Colne Priory from the fine of 10 February and 16 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 lately deceased 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 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands to him by deeming the fine of 10 February 10 and 16 April 1548 to be to his use. The 16<sup>th</sup> Earl therefore continued to hold the lands comprised in King Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory in chief from the Crown as his father, the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl, had done.

The fact that all the lands which had descended in former times via the 'ancient entails' were now held by the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl subject to the terms of the private Act of Parliament of 22 or 23 January 1552 clearly caused concern to the framers of the Act with respect to the possibility that the fine had disturbed the tenures under which these lands had been held. They therefore included various saving clauses in the Act therefore protecting the rights of third parties, including the King. The following saving clause provided that the King would exercise his usual rights, including the right of wardship and primer seisin, as though the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl held the lands comprised in the fine of 10 February and 16 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 on his lands makes no mention of the foregoing saving clause in the Act which preserved the King's right to wardship. Rather, the licence states that the basis of the Queen's claim to Oxford's wardship was that his father, the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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), 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> Earl by the fine of 10 February and 16 April 1548, the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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).

It is also possible that the Queen granted this exception to the requirement of suing livery to Oxford because the lawsuit she had initiated against him for the revenues from his mother's jointure had opened up issues concerning the legal basis for his wardship and the legality of levying of a fine of £2000 for his wardship and marriage which the suing of livery would only exacerbate and bring to the fore.

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, fishponds, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May.

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LM: licenc{ia} ingrediend{um} p{ro} Edwardo Comite Oxon{ie}

1. Regina om{n}ib{us} ad quos &c sal{u}t{e}m Sciatis q{uo}d nos de gr{ati}a n{ost}ra sp{ec}iali ac ex c{er}ta sciencia & mero motu n{ost}ris

2. concessim{us} & licenciam dedim{us} ac p{er} p{re}sentes concedim{us} & licenciam dam{us} p{ro} nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris

3. quantum in nob{is} p{re}dil{e}c{t}o & fideli subdito n{ost}ro Edwardo Deveere modo Comiti Oxon{ie} filio & hered{i} p{ro}pinq{ui}or{i}

4. & exit{ui} senior{i} masculo de corpore p{re}nobilis Ioh{ann}is Deveer nup{er} Comitis Oxon{ie} defunct{i} Q{ue}mquidem

5. Ioh{ann}es nup{er} Comes Oxon{ie} de nob{is} tenuit in capite die quo obiit p{er} s{er}uic{iu}m Militare quocu{m}q{ue} no{m}i{n}e cogno{m}i{n}e

6. siue addic{i}o{n}e no{m}i{n}is idem Edwardus Deveer modo Comes Oxon{ie} no{m}i{n}at{ur} siue nu{n}cupat{ur} Q{uod} idem Edwardus

7. modo Comes Oxon{ie} incontine{n}t{er} absq{ue} aliqua p{ro}bac{i}o{n}e etatis sue & absq{ue} aliqua alia lib{er}ac{i}o{n}e seu

8. p{ro}secuc{i}o{n}e hered{itatis} sue vel alicuius inde p{ar}cell{e} ext{ra} manus n{ost}ras hered{um} vel success{orum} n{ost}r{u}m [sic?] s{e}c{un}d{u}m cursum

9. Cancellar{ie} n{ost}re vel s{e}c{un}d{u}m legem cursu Cur{ie} n{ost}re Wardor{um} & lib{er}ac{i}onu{m} vel legem t{er}re n{ost}re Anglie seu

10. aliquo alio modo p{ro}sequend{um} in om{n}ia & singula honor{es} castra domi{n}ia Maner{ia} terr{as} ten{ementa} reu{er}c{i}o{n}es feod{a} firm{as}

11. villas villat{as} hamlet{a} annuitat{es} redd{itus} s{er}uic{ia} hundred{a} officia p{ar}ca pasc{uas} pastur{as} Moras marisc{os} bruer{as} tolnet{a}

12. custumar{ia} vis{us} ffraunc{i} pleg{ij} cur{ia} Escaet{as} Balliuat{us} lib{er}tat{es} ffraunches{ias} Warrenn{a} viuar{ia} stagn{a} molend{ina}

13. feod{a} milit{um} aduocac{i}o{n}es & p{atro}nat{us} eccl{es}iar{um} vicar{iarum} capellar{um} & no{m}i{n}ac{i}o{n}es ad easdem Ac in om{n}ia & singula

14. alia possessiones reuenc{i}o{n}es & hered{itamenta} quec{u}mq{ue} cum eor{um} iurib{us} & p{er}tin{entijs} vniu{er}sis infra regnu{m} n{ost}r{u}m Anglie

15. Wallie aut m{ar}chias eor{un}dem que fuerunt p{re}dict{i} nup{er} Comitis Oxon{ie} & de quib{us} idem Comes Oxon{ie}

16. aut aliquis vel aliqui antecess{or} p{re}dict{i} Edwardi nunc Comitis Oxon{ie} cuius heres ip{s}e est fuit aut

17. fuerunt possessionat{us} vel sei{sa}t{us} in d{omi}nico suo vt de feod{o} aut in feod{o} qualicu{m}q{ue} talliat{o} in d{omi}nico vel al{ite}r

18. dieb{us} quib{us} sep{ar}atim obierunt aut die quo eor{um} aliquis obijt vel de quib{us} aliqua p{er}sona sei{sa}t{a} fuit aut

19. alique p{er}sone sei{sa}t{e} fuerunt coniunctim vel sep{ar}atim ad vsu{m} p{re}dict{i} Ioh{ann}is nup{er} Comitis Oxon{ie} seu aliquor{um}

20. antecess{orum} p{re}dict{i} Edwardi modo Comitis Oxon{ie} cuiu{s} vel quor{um} heres ip{s}e est in d{omi}nico suo vt de feod{o}



21. aut in feod{o} qualicumq{ue} talliat{o} in d{omi}nico vel al{ite}r ad vsu{m} d{i}c{t}i nup{er} Comit{is} Oxon{ie} aut aliquor{um} hered{um} suor{um}
22. vel ad vsum aliquor{um} taliu{m} antecess{orum} aut talis antecess{oris} & hered{um} taliu{m} antecess{orum} aut talis antecess{oris} dieb{us}
23. quib{us} sep{ar}atim obier{unt} aut die quo eor{um} aliquis obijt Et que p{er} siue post mortem ip{s}ius Ioh{ann}is nup{er} Comit{is}
24. Oxon{ie} aut alicuius antecess{oris} aut aliquor{um} antecess{orum} p{re}d{i}c{t}i Edwardi modo Comit{is} Oxon{ie} cuius heres
25. ip{se} est aut aliquo alio modo ad manus n{ost}ras deuener{unt} seu deuenir{e} debuerunt aut deberent ac in
26. manib{us} n{ost}ris iam existunt aut exist{er}e debent vel deberent que p{re}fato Edwardo modo Comiti Oxon{ie} in
27. possessione reu{er}c{i}o{n}e vel in vsu{m} descend{er}e reu{er}t{er}e remanere p{er}tinere seu spectare debent vel deberent
28. licite & impune ingredi intr{ar}e & sei{si}re possit Ac ea om{n}ia & singula p{re}fat{o} modo Comiti Oxon{ie} & hered{es}
29. suis p{ro}ut ip{s}e eisdem post mortem p{re}dict{i} Ioh{ann}is nup{er} Comit{is} Oxon{ie} aut aliquor{um} antecess{orum} p{re}d{i}c{t}i Edwardi
30. modo Comit{is} Oxon{ie} cuius vel quor{um} heres ip{se} est hereditabilia existit in possessione reu{er}c{i}o{n}e vel in vsu{m}
31. sei{si}re h{ab}ere tenere possidere & gaudere possit & valeat erga nos hered{es} & success{ores} n{ost}ros absq{ue} aliqua
32. alia lib{er}ac{i}o{n}e seu p{ro}secuc{i}o{n}e eor{un}dem seu alicuius inde p{ar}cell{e} ext{ra} manus n{ost}ras s{e}c{un}d{u}m curs{u}m Cancellar{ie}
33. n{ost}re p{re}dict{e} aut legem t{er}re n{ost}re seu aliquo alio modo p{er} p{re}dict{as} p{er}sonas seu p{er} ear{um} aliq{ua}m p{ro}sequend{um} vel
34. impetrand{um} Nolentes q{uo}d p{re}fatus Edwardus modo Comes Oxon{ie} nec hered{es} sui nec p{re}d{i}c{t}e quec{u}mq{ue} p{er}sone
35. siue quacu{m}q{ue} p{er}sona de aliquib{us} honor{ijs} Castr{is} d{omi}nijs Man{er}ijs t{er}ris ten{ementis} ac cet{er}is p{re}missis ad vsu{m} vt p{er}mittit{ur}

36. sei{sa}t{us} vel sei{sa}t{i} existen{s} vel existen{tes} rac{i}o{n}e ingr{ess}us siue occupac{i}o{n}is & retenc{i}o{n}is p{re}dict{i} p{er} ip{s}os seu eor{um}

37. aliquem fact{i} & h{ab}it{i} f{ac}iend{um} & h{ab}end{um} p{er} nos hered{es} success{ores} Iustic{iarios} Escaetor{es} vicecomi{tes} receptor{es} Balliuos

38. vel Ministros n{ost}ros hered{es} vel successores n{ost}ros quoscu{m}q{ue} molestent{ur} inquietent{ur} vexent{ur} p{er} turbent{ur} distringant{ur}

39. in aliquo seu g{ra}uent{ur} nec eor{um} aliquis molestet{ur} inquietet{ur} vexet{ur} p{er} turbet{ur} distringat{ur} in aliquo seu g{ra}uet{ur} Nec

40. q{uo}d ijdem Iustic{iarij} Escaetor{es} vicecomi{tes} Receptor{es} balliui & Ministris [sic?] n{ost}ris hered{um} vel successor{um} n{ost}ror{um} nec eor{um}

41. aliquis in p{re}dict{a} honor{es} castr{a} d{omi}nia Maner{ia} terr{as} ten{ementa} ac cet{er}a p{re}missa cum p{er}tin{entijs} siue aliq{ua}m inde p{ar}cell{am} p{ro} nob{is}

42. seu no{m}i{n}e n{ost}ro se intromittent vel eor{um} aliquo intromitt{et} sed q{uo}d nos hered{es} & successores n{ost}ri quo ad seisiend{um}

43. & capiend{um} in manus n{ost}ras p{re}dict{a} honor{es} castra d{omi}nia Man{er}ia terr{as} ten{ementa} & cet{er}a p{re}missa cum p{er}tin{entijs} siue aliq{ua}m

44. inde p{ar}cell{am} rac{i}o{n}e alicuius n{ost}ris [sic?] tituli clamei vel int{er}esse q{uo}d vel q{ue}m nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris p{re}dict{is} p{er}

45. siue post mortem d{i}c{t}i Ioh{ann}is nup{er} Comitis Oxon{ie} vel alicuius alter{ius} antecess{oris} siue aliquor{um} alior{um} antecess{orum}

46. p{re}d{i}c{t}i Edwardi modo Comitis Oxon{ie} cuius vel quor{um} heres ip{se} est aut alicuius alt{er}ius p{er}sone siue aliquar{um}

47. aliar{um} p{er}sonar{um} de quib{us} honorib{us} castris d{omi}nijs Man{er}ijs terr{is} seu ten{ementis} ad vsum sup{ra}dict{um} sei{sa}t{us} vel sei{sa}t{i}

48. nup{er} existen{s} vel existen{tes} accidit competit seu euenit aut accid{er}e compet{er}e vel euenire pot{er}it sum{us}

49. exclusi imp{er}p{etuu}m p{er} p{re}sentis Et q{uo}d idem Edwardus modo Comes Oxon{ie} & hered{es} sui erga nos hered{es} & success{ores}

50. n{ost}ros p{ro} p{re}missis & qualib{e}t inde p{ar}cell{a} quiet{i} & exon{er}at{i} existent & eor{um} quilib{e}t quiet{us} & exon{er}at{us} existit imp{er}p{etuu}m p{er}

51. p{re}sent{es} Et p{re}t{er}ea p{ro} nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris concedim{us} p{er} p{rese}ntes p{re}fato Edwardo modo Comiti Oxon{ie}

52. necnon p{re}dict{is} quibuscu{m}q{ue} alijs p{er}sonis & cuicu{m}q{ue} alie p{er}sone de aliquib{us} honor{ibus} castr{is} d{omi}nijs Maner{ijs} terr{is}

53. ten{ementis} ac ceter{is} p{re}missis cum p{er}tin{entijs} ad vsu{m} sup{er}ius recitat{um} sei{sa}t{us} vel sei{sa}t{i} nup{er} existen{s} vel existen{tes} q{uo}d ip{s}i

54. h{ab}eant & quilib{e}t eor{um} h{ab}eat de tempore in tempus tot & talia br{ev}ia mandat{a} & Warrant{a} n{ost}ras sufficien{tia}

55. Iustic{iarijs} n{ost}ris Baron{ibus} n{ost}ris de Sc{ac}c{ar}io n{ost}ro Escaet{oribus} vicecomi{tibus} recept{oribus} balliuis & Ministris n{ost}ris quibuscu{m}q{ue} & eor{um}

56. cuilib{e}t dirigend{um} quot & qualia eis & eor{um} cuilib{e}t p{ro} exon{er}ac{i}o{n}e sua v{er}sus nos hered{es} & successores n{ost}ros in ea

57. p{ar}te necessaria erunt & oportuna Et vlt{er}ius de vb{er}iori gr{ati}a n{ost}ra concedim{us} p{re}fato Edwardo modo Comiti

58. Oxon{ie} necnon p{re}dictis} quibuscu{m}q{ue} alijs p{er}sonis & cuicu{m}q{ue} alie p{er}sone de honor{ibus} d{omi}nijs Maner{ijs} terr{is} ten{ementis} ac ceter{is}

59. p{re}missis cum p{er}tin{entijs} ad vsu{m} sup{er}ius recitat{um} sei{sa}t{us} vel sei{sa}t{i} existen{s} vel existen{tes} quod h{uius}modi ingre{ess}us se{is}ina

60. possessio p{er}ceptio & occupac{i}o de & in honor{ibus} castr{is} d{omi}nijs Man{er}ijs t{er}ris ten{ementis} ac cet{er}is p{re}missis cum p{er}tin{entijs} &

61. qualib{e}t inde p{ar}cell{a} p{er} d{i}c{tu}m Edwardum modo Comit{em} Oxon{ie} aut p{er} p{re}d{i}c{ta}m quamcu{m}q{ue} aliam p{er}sonam aut

62. quascu{m}q{ue} alias p{er}sonas de honor{ibus} Castr{is} d{omi}nijs Maner{ijs} t{er}ris ten{ementis} ac cet{er}is p{re}missis siue aliqua inde p{ar}cella

63. auctoritat{e} har{um} concessionis & licencia [sic?] n{ost}rar{um} fact{um} & h{ab}it{um} fac{i}end{um} & h{ab}end{um} sint eis & eor{um} cuilib{e}t & heredib{us}

64. suis ac hered{ibus} eor{um} cuiuslib{e}t p{ro}ut ip{s}e in eisdem hereditabiles vt p{re}fert{ur} extit{er}it adeo bone valide &

65. efficaces ac tanti vigoris & eff{e}c{t}us in lege ac si eadem honor{es} castr{a} d{omi}nia Man{er}ia terr{as} ten{ementa} ac cet{er}a p{re}missa

66. cum suis p{er}tin{entijs} & qualib{e}t inde p{ar}cell{a} in manus n{ost}ras debit{o} modo capt{a} & sei{sa}t{a} fuissent Ac idem Edwardus

67. modo Comes Oxon{ie} & quecu{m}q{ue} alie p{er}sone & quacu{m}q{ue} alia p{er}sona de aliquib{us} honor{ibus} Castr{is} d{omi}nijs Man{er}ijs

68. t{er}ris & ten{ementis} ad vsu{m} vt p{er}mittit{ur} sei{sa}t{us} vel sei{sa}t{i} existen{s} vel existen{tes} debitam lib{er}ac{i}o{n}em eor{un}dem honor{um} castr{orum}

69. d{omi}nior{um} Man{er}ior{um} terr{arum} ten{ementor{um}} & ceter{orum} p{re}missor{um} cum p{er}tin{entijs} ext{ra} manus n{ost}ras s{e}c{un}d{u}m cursum Cancellar{ie} n{ost}re

70. p{re}dict{e} & s{e}c{un}d{u}m legem t{er}re n{ost}re r{e}cte & debit{e} p{ro}secut{i} fuissent Ac nob{is} de om{n}e q{uo}d ad nos in ea p{ar}te p{er}tinet seu p{er}tinet{e}

71. possit debet aut deberet satisf{a}c{tu}m fuisset & content{um} aliqua negligentia omissione misprisione errore repugnanc{ia}

72. cont{ra}rietat{e} aut aliquo alio defen{sio} quocu{m}q{ue} limitat{o} vel limitat' [sic?] assign{ato} vel assignand{um} in aliquo non obstant{e} homagio

73. tamen & fidelit{ate} p{re}d{i}c{t}i Edwardi modo Comit{is} Oxon{ie} nob{is} in hac p{ar}te debit{o} seu debend{o} semp{er} nob{is} saluis & res{er}uat{o}

74. Et vlt{er}ius de vb{er}iori gr{ati}a n{ost}ra dedim{us} & concessim{us} ac p{er} p{re}sent{es} dam{us} & concedim{us} p{re}fat{o} Edwardo modo Comiti

75. Oxon{ie} om{n}ia & singula exit{us} redd{itus} p{ro}ficua reuenc{i}o{n}es & emolument{a} quecu{m}q{ue} om{n}iu{m} & singulor{um} p{re}dict{orum} honor{um} Castr{orum}

76. d{omi}nior{um} Man{er}ior{um} terr{arum} ten{ementorum} ac ceter{orum} p{re}miss{orum} & cuiuslib{e}t inde p{ar}cell{e} cum om{n}ib{us} & singulis suis p{er}tin{entijs} a tempore

77. quo p{re}d{i}c{t}us Edwardus Comes Oxon{ie} accreuit plene etat{is} sue viginti vnus Annor{um} hucusq{ue} & extunc

78. p{ro}uenien{tia} exeun{tia} em{er}gen{tia} siue crescen{tia} & nob{is} qualicu{m}q{ue} debit{a} p{er}tin{entia} siue spectan{tia} h{ab}end{um} reddend{um} recipiend{um}

79. p{er}cipiend{um} gaudend{um} & retinend{um} om{n}ia & singula eadem exit{us} & p{ro}ficua reddit{us} reuenc{i}o{n}es & emolument{a} eidem

80. Edwardo modo Comiti Oxon{ie} executorib{us} & assign{atis} suis de dono n{ost}ro tam p{er} manus suas p{ro}prias q{ua}m p{er} manus

81. sep{ar}alia{s} nup{er} nunc & imposter{um} Escaetor{um} feod{ariorum} sup{er}uisor{um} vicecomi{tum} balliuor{um} & alior{um} occupator{um} quocu{m}q{ue} eor{un}dem

82. seu alicuius inde p{ar}cell{e} p{ro} temp{or}e necnon alior{um} officiarior{um} n{ost}ror{um} quor{um}cumq{ue} in sep{ar}alib{us} Com{itatibus} in quib{us} d{i}c{t}a

83. honor{es} Castra d{omi}nia Man{er}ia terr{as} ten{ementa} ac ceter{a} p{re}missa cum p{er}tin{entijs} existunt seu aliqua inde p{ar}cell{a} existit absq{ue}

84. comp{ut}o responso seu aliquo alio nob{is} hered{ibus} & success{oribus} n{ost}ris p{ro} p{re}missis seu aliquo p{re}missor{um} reddend{o} soluend{o}

85. seu faciend{o} Et vlt{er}ius volum{us} & concedim{us} p{er} p{re}sentis q{uo}d tam p{re}fatus modo Comes Oxon{ie} q{ua}m om{n}es nup{er} nunc

86. & imposter{um} Escaetor{es} feod{arij} sup{er}uisor{es} vicecomi{tes} recept{ores} balliui ffirmarij & occupator{es} de huiusmod{is} reuenc{i}o{n}ib{us}

87. exit{ibus} redd{itibus} & p{ro}ficuis seu aliquo p{re}miss{orum} a p{re}d{i}c{t}o tempore quo p{re}d{i}c{t}us modo Comes Oxon{ie} accreuit plenam

88. etatem suam viginti vnus Annor{um} hucusq{ue} & extunc p{ro}uenien{tibus} em{er}gen{tibus} siue crescen{tibus} absq{ue} comp{ut}o quoc{u}mq{ue}

89. responso seu aliquo alio nob{is} hered{ibus} vel successorib{us} n{ost}ris inde reddend{o} soluend{o} seu faciend{o} erga nos

90. hered{es} success{ores} & executores n{ost}ros quiet{us} & exon{er}at{us} existit & eor{um} quil{ibe}t quiet{us} & exon{er}at{us} p{er} p{rese}ntes Et vlt{er}ius

91. de vb{er}iori gr{ati}a n{ost}ra ac ex c{er}ta sciencia & mero motu n{ost}ris p{ro} nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} p{er}donamm{us}

92. remisim{us} & relaxauim{us} ac p{er} p{re}sentes p{er}donam{us} remittim{us} & relaxam{us} p{re}fato Edwardo modo Comiti

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1. Oxon{ie} o{mn}es & om{ni}modas intrusiones & ingre{ess}us p{er} d{ic}tu{m} Edwardum modo Comitem Oxon{ie} aut p{er} p{re}d{ic}tu{m} Ioh{ann}em

2. nup{er} Comitem Oxon{ie} cuius heres ip{s}e est aut p{er} aliq{ua}m aliam p{er}sonam siue aliquas alias p{er}sonas ad eius

3. vsu{m} sei{sa}t{us} vel sei{sa}t{i} de & in p{re}dict{is} honor{ibus} Castris d{omi}nijs Man{er}ijs t{er}ris ten{ementis} ac cet{er}is p{re}missis seu aliqua

4. inde p{ar}cell{a} que de nob{is} vel de aliquo alio tenent{ur} qualicu{m}q{ue} ante p{rese}ntem diem h{ab}it{um} fact{um} aut p{er}pett{um}

5. Necnon o{mn}es & om{ni}modas p{er}quisic{i}o{n}es alienac{i}o{n}es donac{i}o{n}es fines comp{ut}a & forisfactur{a} de p{re}d{ictis} honor{ibus}

6. Castris d{omi}nijs Man{er}ijs t{er}ris ten{ementis} ac cet{er}is p{re}miss{is} cum o{mn}ib{us} & singulis suis p{er}tin{entijs} vel aliqua inde p{ar}cella

7. p{er} d{ic}tu{m} Ioh{ann}em nup{er} Comitem Oxon{ie} ac p{er} p{re}d{ic}tu{m} Edwardum modo Comitem Oxon{ie} aut p{er} aliquem aliu{m}

8. antecess{orem} eiusdem modo Comit{is} Oxon{ie} siue aliquas alias p{er}sonas ante mortem p{re}d{ic}t{i} Ioh{ann}is nup{er}

9. Comit{is} Oxon{ie} sine licencia n{ost}ra h{ab}it{a} fact{a} aut p{er}pett{a} Necnon om{ni}es & om{ni}modas acc{i}o{n}es sect{as} querel{as}

10. impetic{i}o{n}es execuc{i}o{n}es & demaund{as} quecu{m}q{ue} quas vel que v{er}sus p{re}fat{um} Edwardum modo Comit{em} Oxon{ie}

11. vel aliquem antecess{orem} eiusdem Comit{is} siue aliquas alias p{er}sonas de & in p{re}miss{is} vel eor{um} aliquo

12. h{ab}uim{us} h{ab}em{us} seu in futuro h{ab}ere pot{er}im{us} vllo modo Prouiso semp{er} q{uo}d hee l{ite}re n{ost}re paten{tes} nec

13. aliquid in eisdem content{um} & qual{ite}rcu{m}q{ue} se extendat ad exon{er}and{um} p{re}d{i}c{tu}m Edwardum modo Comitem

14. Oxon{ie} vel aliq{ua}m aliam p{er}sonam siue aliquas p{er}sonas aut p{re}d{icta} honor{es} Castr{a} d{omi}nia Man{er}ia terr{as} ten{emen}t{a} ac

15. cet{er}a p{re}missa siue aliq{ua}m inde p{ar}cell{am} de & p{ro} aliquo debit{o} rac{i}o{n}e alicuius recognic{i}o{n}is siue obligac{i}o{n}is

16. nob{is} siue alicui p{ro}genitor{i} n{ost}ror{um} siue alicui alie p{er}sone ad vsum n{ost}rum cognit{i} seu delib{er}at{i} Eo q{uo}d exp{re}ssa

17. mencio &c In cuius rei &c T{este} R{egine} apud Westm{onasterium} xxxo die Maij