

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the Queen's grant, dated 24 May 1588, to John Machell of Oxford's manor of Hinxton in Cambridge. As indicated in the grant, it was made at Oxford's suit. The grant also indicates that Oxford had surrendered the manor of Hinxton to the Queen prior to the making of the Queen's grant to Machell.

The manor of Hinxton had been included in King Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory and Hedingham Priory to John de Vere (1482-1540), 15th Earl of Oxford, and his heirs on 22 July 1536, and was held by Oxford from the Queen in chief by knight service by the twentieth part of a knight's fee (see TNA C 66/668, mm. 26-7). As indicated in the grant below, John Machell was to hold of the Queen 'in free & common socage by fealty only & not in chief nor by knight-service'. In other words, the manor of Hinxton was no longer to be subject to such royal prerogatives as the right to wardship.

See also <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=66725>.

The John Machell of Hackney who was granted Oxford's manor of Hinxton by the Queen may have been related to the John Machell who was an alderman and sheriff of London.

LM: Grant(?) for John Machell & heirs

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know ye that we, at the humble suit of our beloved & faithful cousin Edward, Earl of Oxford & Great Chamberlain of England, of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge & mere motion have given & granted and by these presents for us, our heirs & successors, do give & grant to our beloved & faithful subject, John Machell, esquire, all that our manor of Hinxton in our county of Cambridge, with all the whole rights, members & appurtenances, which certain manor of Hinxton lately belonged & appertained to the foresaid Edward, Earl of Oxford, and was lately parcel of the possessions of the same Earl;

And further of our more ample grace we have given & granted and by these presents for us, our heirs & successors, we do give & grant to the forenamed John Machell all & singular messuages, tofts, cottages, mills, houses, edifices, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures and all & singular our woods, underwoods & trees whatsoever growing of, in & upon the said manor or any parcel thereof, and the whole land, ground & soil of the same trees, woods and underwoods;

And also the rents, reversions, services, rentcharges, rent secks, and rents & other profits reserved upon any leases or grants of the foresaid manor or any parcel thereof, annuities, yearly rents, farms, fee-farms, waters, fisheries and fishings and rents of our tenants and farmers whatsoever;

And also bondmen and villains with their issue, knights' fees, wards, marriages, escheats, reliefs, heriots, fairs, markets, tolls, customs, fairs, warrens, commons, ways, waste grounds, furze, heath, moors, wastes, quarries, marshes, stanks, fish-ponds, courts, leets and perquisites & profits of courts and leets, views of frankpledge and all which to courts, leets & view of frankpledge appertains or hereafter might or ought to belong;

And assize and assay of bread, wine & ale, estrays, goods & chattels waived, and any other our rights, profits, emoluments, commodities & hereditaments with all & singular their appurtenances situate, lying & being in the town, fields or parish of Hinxton in the said county of Cambridge or elsewhere wheresoever in the said county of Cambridge to the said manor of Hinxton in any manner belonging or appertaining, or being formerly had, known, taken, used or reputed as member or parcel of the same manor, or with the same manor or any parcel thereof before this time to farm demised, let or occupied, and also the whole & all the foresaid manor of Hinxton with the entire appurtenances as fully, freely & entirely and in such ample & like manner & form as the said Edward, Earl of Oxford, or any other or others his predecessors or any other or others at any time had, held or enjoyed (pl. & s.) or ought (pl. & s.) to have, hold or enjoy the premises or any parcel thereof, and as fully, freely & entirely and in such ample manner & form as the same all & singular the premises and any parcel thereof came or ought to come to our hands, and now are or ought (s. & pl.) to be in our hands, by reason of the gift & surrender of all & singular the premises by the forenamed Edward, Earl of Oxford, to us formerly made, or by any other manner, right or title;

Which certain manor of Hinxton & other the premises with all & singular their appurtenances now in the whole amounts to the clear yearly value of forty-seven pounds five shillings ten and three-quarter pence of lawful money of England;

To have, hold & enjoy the foresaid manor of Hinxton and all & singular other the premises above by these presents beforehand granted with all & singular their entire appurtenances above specified to the forenamed John Machell, his heirs & assigns, forever to the sole & proper use & behoof of the same John Machell, his heirs & assigns, forever;

Holding all & singular the premises aforesaid of us, our heirs & successors as of [+our] manor of East Greenwich in our county of Kent in free & common socage by fealty only, & not in chief nor by knight-service;

And rendering yearly to us, our heirs & successors, of & for the foresaid manor of Hinxton & other the premises above [+by] these presents beforehand granted one grain of pepper to be paid yearly only at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel for all & singular any other rents, services, exactions & demands to us, our heirs or successors, in any manner to be rendered, paid or made therefore;

And also we will and of our certain knowledge & mere motion for us, our heirs & successors, by these presents have granted to the forenamed John Machell, his heirs & assigns, that the same John, his heirs & assigns, might have, hold, use & enjoy and have

power & be able to have, hold, use & enjoy within the foresaid manor of Hinxton all and all manner, such, so many, the same & the like courts, leets, views of frankpledge and all which to courts, leets and view of frankpledge appertains or hereafter might or ought to belong, fines, amerciaments, assize & assay of bread, wine & ale, goods & chattels waived & of fugitives, felons of themselves & others and put in exigent and otherwise by whatever manner condemned or convicted, deodands, estrays, rights, profits, commodities, liberties, emoluments & hereditaments whatsoever with their entire appurtenances how many, how much, what & of what sort the said Edward, Earl of Oxford, or any (s. & pl.) of his predecessors or any other or others formerly having the premises or any parcel thereof at any time before the foresaid manor came to our hands had, held, used or enjoyed (s. & pl.) or was able (s. & pl.) [+or] ought (s. & pl.) to have, hold, use or enjoy in the foresaid manor of Hinxton by reason or pretext of any charter, gift, grant or confirmation or any letters patent made or granted by our most dear father or by any other our progenitors by whatever manner, or by reason or pretext of any lawful proscription, use or custom or by any other lawful manner;

And further we do give and of our certain knowledge & mere motion by these presents have granted to the forenamed John Machell all & singular issues, rents, revenues & profits of the foresaid manor of Hinxton & other the premises with their entire appurtenances from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel last past until now coming or growing, to have to the same John Machell of our gift without account or any other [+thing] to us, our heirs or successors, in any manner to be rendered or made therefore;

And also we will and of our certain knowledge & mere motion by these presents we have granted to the forenamed John Machell that he might & shall have these [+our] letters patents under our Great Seal of England in due manner made & sealed without fine or fee, great or small, to us in our Hanaper or elsewhere to our use to be rendered, paid or made;

Although express mention etc. In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster the 24th day of May.

By bill of the Court of Wards & Liveries etc.

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LM: D' conc' pro Iohanne Machell & heredibus

1 Regina Omnibus ad quos &c Salutem Sciatis quod nos ad humilem petitionem dilecti & fidelis consanguinei nostri

2 Edwardi Comitis Oxonie & magni Camerarij Anglie de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris dedimus &

3 concessimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris damus & concedimus dilecto & fideli subdito nostro Iohanni

4 Machell Armigero totum illud Manerium nostrum de Hyngeston in Comitatu nostro Cantabrigie cum omnibus iuribus membris & pertinentijs

5 vniuersis Quodquidem Manerium de Hyngeston predicto Edwardo Comiti Oxonie nuper spectabat & pertinebat ac

6 parcella possessionum eiusdem Comitis nuper existebat Et vterius de ampliori gracia nostra dedimus & concessimus

7 ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris damus & concedimus prefato Iohanni Machell omnia & singula mesuagia

8 tofta cotagia molendina domos edifica terras tenementa prata pascuas pasturas ac omnia & singula boscos subboscos & arbores nostros

9 quecumque crescentes de in & super dicto Manerio aut aliqua inde parcella Ac totam terram fundum & solum eorundem arborum boscorum

10 et subboscorum Necnon redditus reuaciones seruicia redditus oneris redditus siccos ac redditus & alia proficua super quibuscumque dimissionibus

11 seu concessionibus predicti Manerij seu alicuius inde parcelle reseruata annuitates annuales redditus firmas feodi firmas aquas piscarias ac

12 piscaciones ac redditus tenetum et firmariorum quorumcumque Aceciam natuos & villanos cum eorum sequelis feoda militum Warda

13 maritagia escaeta reeuia herietta nundina mercata tolleta custumaria ferias Warenna communias vias vacua funda iampna

14 brueras moras vasta quarria mariscos stagna viuaria Curias letas ac Curiarum & letarum perquisiciones & proficua visus franci plegij

15 ac omnia que ad Curias letas & visum franci plegij pertinent seu imposterum spectare possint aut debeant Ac assisam

16 et assiam panis vini & seruicie extrahuras bona & catalla Waiuata Ac alia iura proficua emolumenta commoditates & hereditamenta nostra

17 quecumque cum omnibus & singulis suis pertinentijs scituatis iacentibus & existentibus in villa campis seu parochia de Hyngeston

18 in dicto Comitatu nostro Cantabrigie ac alibi vbi cumque in dicto Comitatu nostro
Cantabrigie dicto Manerio de Hyngston quoquo

19 modo spectantia siue pertinentia aut vt membrum vel parcella eiusdem Manerij ante
hac habita cognita accepta vsitata

20 seu reputata existentia vel cum eodem Manerio seu aliqua inde parcella ante hec
tempora ad firmam dimissa locata vel

21 occupata Aceciam totum & omne predictum Manerium de Hyngston cum pertinentijs
vniuersis adeo plene libere & integre ac in

22 tam amplis & consimilibus modo & forma prout dictus Edwardus Comes Oxonie aut
aliquis vel aliqui antecessorum

23 suorum aut aliquis aliis siue aliqui alij premissa aut aliquam inde parcellam vñquam
habuerunt tenuerunt vel

24 gausi fuerunt habuit tenuit vel gausus fuit seu habere tenere vel gaudere debuerunt aut
debuit Et adeo

25 plene libere & integre ac in tam amplis modo & forma prout ea omnia & singula
premissa et quelibet inde parcella

26 ad manus nostras ratione doni & sursum redditionis omnium & singulorum
premissorum per prefatum Edwardum Comitem Oxonie

27 nobis antehac facti seu quocumque alio modo iure seu titulo deuenire
debuerunt ac in manibus

28 nostris iam existunt seu existere debent vel deberent Quodquidem Manerium de
Hyngeston & cetera premissa

29 cum omnibus & singulis pertinentijs modo in toto extendunt ad clarum annum
valorem quadraginta septem

30 librarum quinque solidorum decem denariorum vnius obuli & vnius quadrantis legalis
monete Anglie habendum tenendum &

31 gaudendum predictum Manerium de Hyngeston ac omnia & singula cetera premissa
superius per presentes preconcessa cum omnibus

32 & singulis suis pertinentijs vniuersis superius specificata prefato Iohanni Machell
heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum ad solum &

33 proprium opus & vsum ipsius Iohannis Machell heredum & assignatorum suorum imperpetuum Tenendum omnia & singula premissa

34 predicta de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris vt de Manerio de Eastgrenewich in Comitatu nostro Kancie in libero & communi

35 Socagio per fidelitatem tantum & non in Capite nec per seruicium Militare Ac reddendo nobis heredibus & successoribus

36 nostris de & pro predicto Manerio de Hyngeston & ceteris premissis superius presentes preconcessis annuatim vnum granum

37 piperis ad festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli tantum singulis annis soluendo pro omnibus & singulis alijs redditibus seruicijs

38 exaccionibus & demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo reddendo

39 soluendo vel faciendo Aceciam volumus ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus & successoribus

40 nostris per presentes concedimus prefato Iohanni Machell heredibus & assignatis suis quod idem Iohannes heredes & assignati sui

41 habeant teneant vtantur & gaudeant ac habere tenere vti & guadere valeant & possint infra predictum Manerium

42 de Hyngeston tot talia tanta eadem huiusmodi & consimilia Curias letas vicus [sic?] franci plegij ac omnia que ad Curias letas

43 et visum franci plegij pertinent seu imposterum spectare possint aut debent fines amerciamenta assisam &

44 assiam panis vini & seruicij [sic?] bona & catalla Waiuata & fugitiuorum felonum de se & aliorum ac in exigendis

45 positorum et aliter quocumque modo dampnatorum seu conuictorum deodanda extrahuras iura proficia commoditates libertates

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1 emolumenta & hereditamenta quecumque cum eorum pertinentijs vniuersis Quot qualia quanta & que dictus Edwardus

2 Comes Oxonie aut aliquis vel aliqui antecessorum aut aliquis alius vel aliqui alij premissa aut

3 aliquam inde parcellam antehac habentes aliquo tempore antequam predictum Manerium ad manus nostras deuenit

4 habuit tenuit vsus vel gausus fuit habuerunt tenuerunt vsi vel gausi fuerunt seu habere tenere

5 vti vel gaudere potuit aut potuerunt debuit aut debuerunt in predicto Manerio de Hyngeston ratione

6 vel pretextu alicuius carte doni concessionis vel confirmacionis aut aliquarum litterarum patentium per precharissimum

7 patrem nostrum aut per quecumque aliorum progenitorum nostrorum quocumque modo facti vel concessi aut ratione vel

8 pretextu alicuius legittime proscripcionis vsus seu consuetudinis aut aliter quocumque legitimo modo

9 Et vltierius damus ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus prefato Iohanni Machell

10 omnia & singula exitus redditus reuenciones & proficua predicti Manerij de Hyngeston & ceterorum premissorum cum eorum

11 pertinentijs vniuersis a festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli vltimo preterito hucusque prouenientia siue crescentia habendum eidem

12 Iohanni Machell ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo

13 modo reddendo vel faciendo Aceciam volumus ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus

14 prefato Iohanni Machell quod habeat & habebit has litteras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Anglie debito

15 modo factas & sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel paruo nobis in Hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad vsum

16 nostrum reddendo soluendo vel faciendo Eo quod expressa mencio &c In cuius rei &c Teste Regina apud Westmonasterium

17 xxiiij die Maij

per billam Curie Wardorum & liberacionum &c