

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the Queen's licence, dated 7 February 1592, authorizing Oxford to alienate the manor of Inglesthorpe to Thomas Albery and John Newett. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 22 May 1592 by which clear title to the manor of Inglesthorpe passed from Oxford to Thomas Albery and John Newett for 200 marks, see TNA CP 25/2/135/1726/34ELIZITRIN, Item 17.

Thomas Albery and John Newett seem never to have obtained possession of the manor of Inglesthorpe, and it is possible that they were involved in the purchase merely as agents for John Drawater (d.1597), who obtained the manor of Inglesthorpe at about this time, allegedly as a reward for having assisted Roger Harlakenden in defrauding Oxford in the sale of Colne Priory.

The will of John Drawater (TNA PROB 11/90, ff. 431-2) contains this clause:

*First, my express will and meaning is that all that my manor and farm of Ingesthorpe alias Inglesthorpe in the parish of White Colne in the county of Essex with all rights, profits and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging and all my estate, interest, right, claim and demand of, in and to the same shall with all convenient speed after my decease be fully and absolutely bargained and sold to the most advantage.*

For the judgment of the Court of Chancery on 10 February 1600 stating that 'Felton and Drawater', two of Oxford's servants, 'confederated' with Roger Harlakenden in the sale of Colne Priory in order to 'persuade Oxford that the lands were no more worth than Harlakenden offered', see TNA C 78/104, mm. 27-8. For the interrogatories in that case in which it was suggested that Harlakenden conveyed the manor of Inglesthorpe to Drawater as compensation for Drawater's participation in the fraudulent sale of Colne Priory, see TNA C 24/239/46 and TNA C 24/275, Item 77.

Since Drawater died before judgment was rendered in Oxford's lawsuit concerning the fraudulent sale of Colne Priory, it seems likely that even had Oxford attempted to recover against him, he would not have been able to, particularly since Drawater directed his executors to sell the manor of Inglesthorpe immediately after his death and to distribute the proceeds to various relatives.

The manor of Inglesthorpe was also called Insteps. See 'White Colne: Manors and other estates', A History of the County of Essex: Volume 10: Lexden Hundred (Part) including Dedham, Earls Colne and Wivenhoe (2001), pp. 131-133. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=15202>.

Licence to alienate for Thomas Albery, gentleman, & others

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know ye that we of our especial grace and for forty & four shillings five pence & [+one] farthing paid to our farmers by virtue of our letters patent have granted & given licence, and for us, our heirs & successors, by how much is in us by these presents do grant & give licence to our dearest cousin Edward, Earl of Oxford, that he might be able to give & grant, alienate or acknowledge by fine or by recovery in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas or by any other manner whatsoever at the pleasure of the same Earl to our beloved Thomas Albery, gentleman, & John Newett, gentleman, the manor of Ingesthorpe alias Ingesthorpes alias Inglesthorpe with the appurtenances and one messuage, one toft, one dovecot, three gardens, one orchard, two hundred acres of land, fifty acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, forty acres of wood, forty acres of furze & heath, twenty acres of marsh & forty shillings rent with the appurtenances in Ingesthorpe alias Ingesthorpes alias Inglesthorpe, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Pebmarsh, Lamarsh, Alphamstone, Colne Wake & Earls Colne in our county of Essex which are held of us in chief, as it is said, to have & to hold to the same Thomas & John and the heirs & assigns of the same Thomas forever of us, our heirs & successors, by the services owed therefore, & of right customary;

And by the tenor of these presents we have similarly given, and for us, our heirs & successors aforesaid we do give special licence to the same Thomas & John that they might be able to receive from the forenamed Earl & hold to themselves and the heirs & assigns of the same Thomas forever of us, our heirs & successors by the services aforesaid, as is aforesaid, the foresaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements and other all & singular the premises above expressed & specified with the appurtenances;

Not willing that the foresaid Earl or his heirs or the forenamed Thomas & John or the heirs of the same Thomas by reason of the premises by us, our heirs or successors, or by our justices, escheators, sheriffs, bailiffs or other officers or ministers or [+those] of our said heirs or successors whatsoever might be troubled therefore, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might be troubled, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything or oppressed. In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February.

LM: D' licencia alienando pro Thoma Albery Generoso & alijs

1 Regina Omnibus ad quos &c salutem Sciatis quod nos de gracia nostra speciali ac pro quadraginta & quatuor

2 solidis quinque denarijs & quadrante solutis ffirmarijs nostris virtute litterarum nostrarum patentium

3 concessimus & licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est per presentes

4 concedimus & licenciam damus Carissimo Consanguineo nostro Edwardo Comiti Oxonie quod ipse

5 Manerium de Ingesthorpe alias Ingesthorpes alias Inglesthorpes cum pertinentijs ac vnum

6 mesuagium duo tofta vnum Columbarium tria gardina vnum pomarium ducentas acras terre quinquaginta

7 acras prati Centum acras pasture quadraginta acras bosci quadraginta acras lampnorum &

8 bruere viginti acras marisci & quadraginta solidatas redditus cum pertinentijs in Ingesthorpe alias

9 Ingesthorpes alias Inglesthorpes Colne Alba Colne Engayne Pedmarshe Lamarshe

10 Alphamstone Colne Wake & Earles Colne in Comitatu nostro Essex Que de nobis tenentur in

11 Capite vt dicitur dare possit & concedere alienare aut cognoscere per finem vel per recuperacionem

12 in Curia nostra coram Iusticiarijs nostris de Banco aut aliquo alio modo quocumque ad libitum

13 ipsius Comitis dilectis nobis Thome Albery Generoso & Iohanni Newett Generoso habendum &

14 tenendum eisdem Thome & Iohanni ac heredibus & assignatis ipsius Thome imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & successoribus

15 nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et eisdem Thome & Iohanni quod ipsi predicta Maneria

16 mesuagia terras tenementa ac cetera omnia & singula premissa superius expressa & specificata cum pertinentijs a prefato

17 Comite recipere possint & tenere sibi ac heredibus & assignatis ipsius Thome de nobis heredibus &

18 successoribus nostris per seruicia predicta sicut predictum est imperpetuum tenore presencium similiter licenciam

19 dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus

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20 Comes vel heredes sui aut prefati Thomas & Iohannes vel heredes ipsius Thome ratione premissorum

21 per nos heredes vel successores nostros aut per Iusticiarios Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos aut

22 alios Officiarios seu Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde

23 occasionentur molestentur impetantur vexentur in aliquo seu grauentur nec eorum aliquis occasionetur

24 molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo seu grauetur In cuius rei &c Teste Regine apud Westmonasterium vij die

25 Februarij