

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the licence dated 1 February 1592 authorizing Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612), to alienate to Richard Harlakenden the manor of Colne alias Colne Priory in Earls Colne; the site of the late Priory of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint John the Evangelist in Earls Colne; the advowson of the vicarage of the church of Earls Colne; and tithes & view of frankpledge in the towns named in the licence.

For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 5 May 1592 by which clear title to these properties passed from Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham, to Richard Harlakenden, see TNA CP 25/2/135/1725/34ELIZIEASTER, Item 46.

The extant documents indicate that the negotiations for the sale of Colne Priory had been between Oxford and his then servant, Roger Harlakenden (d.1603), and that Oxford had expected Roger Harlakenden to be the actual purchaser. However by indenture dated 7 February 1592 Roger Harlakenden purchased the Priory in the name of his eldest son and heir, Richard Harlakenden (see ERO D/DU/256/1). For Roger Harlakenden's fraud against Oxford in the sale of Colne Priory, see TNA C 78/104, mm. 27-8.

LM: Grant(?) of licence to alienate for Richard Harlakenden

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know that we, of our special grace and for four pounds & four pence 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, & Elizabeth, his wife, that they 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 & Elizabeth to our beloved Richard Harlakenden, gentleman, the manor of Colne alias Colne Priory in Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne with the appurtenances, and the site of the late Priory of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint John the Evangelist in Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne with the appurtenances, and twenty messuages, two mills, twenty gardens, twenty orchards, four hundred acres of land, one hundred & twenty acres of meadow, three hundred acres of pasture, three hundred acres of wood, one hundred acres of moor & eighty shillings rent with the appurtenances in Earls Colne alias Colne Comitibus, Aldham, Lavenham, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Bures ad Montem alias Mount Bures, Halstead, Colne Engaine, White Colne, Colne Wake [+&] Great Tey, and also the rectory of Earls Colne alias Colne Comitibus with the appurtenances, and the advowson of the vicarage of the church of Earls Colne alias Colne Comitibus, and also all & all manner of tithes, portions, pensions, oblations & obventions whatsoever growing, resulting or renewing in the parishes of Colne Engaine, Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne, Great Tey alias Much Tey, Aldham, Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Bures ad Montem alias Mount Bures, and also the views of frankpledge & whatever to view of frankpledge appertains with the appurtenances in Earls Colne alias Colne Comitibus, White

Colne, Colne Wake, Colne Engaine, Fordham, Feering, Aldham, Much Tey, Little Tey, Coggeshall, Markshall, Stisted, Halstead, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Pebmarsh & Bures ad Montem alias Mount Bures in our county of Essex, and also all & all manner of tithes of corn, grain & hay, portions, pensions, oblations & obventions whatsoever growing, resulting or renewing of & in the parishes of Lavenham & Aldham in our county of Suffolk, which are held of us in chief, as it is said, to have & to hold to the same Richard and his heirs & assigns of us, our heirs and 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, we do give special licence to the same Richard that he might be able to receive from the forenamed Earl & Elizabeth, & hold forever to himself and his heirs & assigns of us, our heirs & successors, the foresaid manor, messuages, lands, tenements, rectory, advowson & all & singular other the premises above expressed & specified with the appurtenances by the services aforesaid, as is aforesaid;

Not willing that the foresaid Earl & Elizabeth or their heirs, or the forenamed Richard or his heirs by reason of the premises might be troubled therefore, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed 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, nor might be by any of them troubled, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed;

In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the first day of February.

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LM: D' licencie alienando pro Richardo Harlakenden

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

2 quatuor denarijs solutis ffirmarijs nostris virtute litterarum nostrarum patentium concessimus & licenciam dedimus

3 ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus

4 Carissimo Consanguineo nostro Edwardo Comiti Oxonie & Elizabethhe vxori eius quod ipsi Manerium de

5 Colne alias Colne prioratus in Colne Comitibus alias Erles Colne cum pertinentijs ac scitum nuper

6 prioratus beate Marie virginis & sancti Iohannis Evangeliste in Colne Comitibus alias Erles Colne

7 cum pertinentijs ac viginta [sic?] mesuaga duo molendina viginti gardina viginti pomaria quadringentas

8 acras terre Centum & viginti acras prati trescentas acras pasture trescentas acras bosci

9 Centum acras More & octoginta solidatas redditus cum pertinentijs in Erles Colne alias Colne Comitibus

10 Aldenham Lavenham Sible Heningham Maplested magna Maplested parua Bures ad

11 montem alias Mount Bures Halstede Colne Engayne colne Abba [sic] Colne Wake Tayne

12 magna Necnon Rectoriam de Erles Colne alias Colne Comitibus cum pertinentijs ac aduocacionem

13 vicarie ecclesie de Erles Colne alias Colne Comitibus Aceciam omnes & omnimodas decimas

14 porciones pensiones oblaciones & obuenciones quascumque crescentes prouenientes siue renouantes in

15 parochijs de Colne Engayne Colne Comitibus alias Erles Colne Tayne magna alias

16 much Tayne Aldham Halsted sible Henyngam Maplested magna Bures ad montem

17 alias Mount Bures Necnon visus franci plegij & quicquid ad vic [sic?] franci plegij pertinet cum pertinentijs

18 in Erles Colne alias Colne Comitibus White Colne Colne Wake Colne Engayne ffordham

19 ffering Aldham much Tayne little Tayne Coggeshall Marckshall Stisted Halsted

20 Maplested Magna Maplested parua Pebmarshe & Bures ad montem alias Mount Bures

21 in Comitatu nostro Essex Aceciam omnes & omnimodas decimas garbarum granorum & feni porciones penciones

22 oblaciones & obuenciones quascumque crescentes prouenientes siue renouantes de & in parochijs de

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23 Lavenham & Aldham in Comitatu nostro Suffolcie Que de nobis tenentur in Capite vt dicitur dare possint &

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1 concedere alienare aut cognoscere per finem vel per recuperacionem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiarijs nostris de Banco

2 aut aliquo alio modo quocumque ad libitum ipsorum Comitis & Elizabethæ dilecto nobis Richardo Harlakenden

3 generoso habendum & tenendum eidem Richardo ac heredibus & assignatis suis de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris

4 per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et eidem Richardo quod ipse predicta Manerium mesuagia terras tenementa

5 Rectoriam aduocacionem & cetera omnia & singula premissa superius expressa & specificata cum pertinentijs a prefatis

6 Comite & Elizabetha recipere possit & tenere sibi ac heredibus & assignatis suis de nobis heredibus &

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

8 ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis damus specialem Nolentes quod predicti Comes & Elizabetha

9 vel heredes sui aut prefatus Richardus vel heredes sui ratione premissorum per nos heredes vel successores nostros

10 aut per Iusticiarios Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos aut alios Officiarios seu Ministros nostros aut

11 dictorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur impetantur vexentur

12 in aliquo seu grauentur nec eorum aliquis occasionetur molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo seu

13 grauetur In cuius rei &c Teste Regine apud Westmonasterium primo die ffebruarij