

SUMMARY: The document below is the Queen's licence of 2 September 1597 authorizing the executors of Sir Rowland Hayward (1520-1593) to alienate King's Place, Hackney, to Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612), her brother, Francis Trentham (d.1626), her maternal uncle, Ralph Sneyd (d.1620), and her first cousin, Giles Yonge. Giles Yonge was the son of William Yonge (d. December 1583), gentleman, of Caynton (in Edgmond), Shropshire, and his first wife, Anne Sneyd, the sister of both Ralph Sneyd (d.1620) and Elizabeth Trentham's mother, Jane Sneyd. After Anne Sneyd's death, William Yonge married Mary Bonner, who later married, on 10 January 1586, Thomas Combe, gentleman, of Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire. For the will of Thomas Combe, dated 22 December 1608 and proved 10 February 1609, see TNA PROB 11/113/130. For the relationship between Elizabeth Trentham's family and the Combes of Stratford upon Avon, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. IV, p. 387.

It is also of interest that Sir Rowland Hayward's eldest daughter, Elizabeth (d.1622), about this time married, as her second husband, Sir Thomas Knyvet (1545/6 – 27 July 1622), the uncle of Oxford's mistress Anne Vavasour. Sir Thomas Knyvet had been involved in a fight with Oxford on 21 February 1582 in which both men were injured, Oxford the more seriously, and Oxford's man was slain (see BL MS Cotton Appendix 47, f. 7v). From the *ODNB* entry for Thomas Knyvett:

Thomas, Baron Knyvett (1545/6–1622), courtier, was the younger son of Sir Henry Knyvet (or Knyvett; d. 1546), soldier, gentleman of the privy chamber, and sometime ambassador to the emperor Charles V, and his wife, Anne, heir of Sir Christopher Pickering of Killington, Westmorland, and widow of Sir Francis Weston (executed in 1536). . . . On 21 July 1597 he married Elizabeth, widow of Richard Warren, an Essex gentleman, who had died the previous March. Elizabeth was the eldest daughter of Sir Rowland Hayward, lord mayor of London in 1570–71 and 1591, and his wife, Joan (née Tyllesworth).

For the will of Sir Rowland Hayward, see TNA PROB 11/83/228.

LM: Grant(?) of licence to alienate for Radcliffe, esquire, and others

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know ye that we, of our especial grace and for ten pounds 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 beloved Anthony Radcliff, esquire, Nicholas Moseley, citizen & alderman of London, Alexander King, esquire, Edward Pilsworth, citizen & cloth-worker of London, & William Cotton, citizen & draper of London, 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 Anthony, Nicholas, Alexander, Edward & William to our most dear cousin,

Elizabeth, Countess of Oxford, wife of Edward, Earl of Oxford, and to our beloved Francis Trentham, esquire, Ralph Sneyd, esquire, & Giles Yonge, gentleman, all that manor, mansion-house, capital messuage or tenement called or known by the name of le King's Place or by whatsoever other name or whatsoever names lying & being in Hackney in our county of Middlesex, lately in the tenure of Rowland Hayward, knight, or his assigns, with its whole rights, members, liberties & appurtenances and all & singular the houses, edifices, buildings, orchards, gardens, barns, stables, meadows, leasows, pastures, woods, underwoods, rents, reversions, services, profits, commodities, easements, liberties, franchises & hereditaments whatsoever with the appurtenances to the foresaid manor, mansion-house, capital messuage or tenement belonging or with the same now or at any time formerly demised, occupied or enjoyed or reputed & known as part, parcel or member of the same, which are held of us in chief, as it is said, to have & to hold to the same Countess, Francis, Ralph & Giles and to their heirs & assigns to the use & behoof of the same Countess, Francis, Ralph & Giles and their heirs & assigns 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 Countess, Francis, Ralph & Giles that they might be able to receive from the forenamed Anthony, Nicholas, Alexander, Edward & William & hold forever to themselves and their heirs & assigns of us, our heirs & successors, the foresaid manor, messuages, lands, tenements and other all & singular the premises above expressed and specified with the appurtenances by the foresaid services, as is aforesaid;

Not willing that the foresaid Anthony, Nicholas, Alexander, Edward & William or their heirs, or the forenamed Countess, Francis, Ralph & Giles or their 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 second day of September.

LM: D licencia alienando pro(?Radcliff armigero [+et?]) alijs

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

2 solutis ffirmarijs nostris virtute litterarum nostrarum patentium concessimus & licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus

3 & successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus Dilectis nobis Antonio

4 Radcliff Armigero Nicholao Moseley Ciui & Aldermanno londonie Alexandro Kinge Armigero

5 Edwardo Pilsworthe Ciui & Clothworker londonie & Willelmo Cotton Ciui & Draper

6 londonie quod ipsi totum illud Manerium mansionalem domum Capitale mesuagium siue tenementum vocatum

7 siue cognitum per nomen de le Kinges place seu quocumque alio nomine siue nominibus

8 quibuscumque iacens & existens in Hackney in Comitatu nostro Middlesexie nuper in tenura Roulandi

9 Hayward militis vel assignatorum suorum cum suis iuribus membris libertatibus & pertinentijs vniuersis Ac

10 omnia & singula domos edificia structuras pomaria gardina horrea stabula prata lesuras

11 pasturas boscos subboscos redditus reuerciones seruicia proficua commoditates easiamenta libertates

12 franchisesias & hereditamenta quecumque cum pertinentijs predicto Manerio domui mansionali capitali

13 mesuagio siue tenemento spectantia aut cum eodem modo vel aliquo tempore antehac dimissa

14 occupata siue gauisa vel reputata & cognita vt pars parcella vel membrum eiusdem Que

15 de nobis tenentur in Capite vt dicitur dare possint & concedere alienare aut cognoscere

16 per finem vel per recuperacionem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiarijs nostris de Banco seu aliquo alio

17 modo quocumque ad libitum ipsorum Antonij Nicholai Alexandri Edwardi & Willelmi Charissime

18 Consanguinee nostre Elizabethe Comitisse Oxonie vxori Edwardi Comitiss Oxonie Ac

19 dilectis nobis ffrancisco Trentham Armigero Radulfo Sneyd Armigero & Egidio Yonge generoso habendum

20 & tenendum eisdem Comitisse ffrancisco Radulfo & Egidio ac heredibus & assignatis suis ad opus &

21 vsum ipsorum Comitisse ffrancisci Radulfi & Egidij ac heredum & assignatorum suorum imperpetuum de nobis

22 heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et eisdem Comitisse ffrancisco

23 Radulfo & Egidio quod ipsi predicta Manerium mesuagia terras tenementa ac cetera omnia & singula

24 premissa superius expressa & specificata cum pertinentijs a prefatis Antonio Nicholao Alexandro Edwardo

25 & Willelmo recipere possint & tenere sibi ac heredibus & assignatis suis de nobis heredibus & successoribus

26 nostris per seruicia predicta sicut predictum est imperpetuum tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac

27 pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis damus specialem Nolentes quod predicti Antonius

28 Nicholaus Alexander Edwardus & Willelmus vel heredes sui aut prefati Comitissa ffranciscus Radulfus

29 & Egidius vel heredes sui ratione premissorum per nos heredes vel successores nostros aut per

30 Iusticiarios Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos aut alios Officiarios seu Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum vel

31 successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur impetantur vexentur in aliquo seu

32 grauentur nec eorum aliquis occasionetur molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo seu grauetur In cuius

33 rei &c Teste Regine apud Westmonasterium secundo die Septembris