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Summary: The document below is Oxford's warrant, dated 8 May 1592, authorizing Israel Amyce, John Drawater (d.1597) and John Holmes to convey Colne Priory to Roger Harlakenden's eldest son and heir, Richard Harlakenden. The document is written in the first person, and may be in Oxford's secretary hand. For a discussion of the involvement of Amyce, Drawater and Holmes with Colne Priory, see ERO D/DPr/260. For the indenture of 7 February 1592 between Oxford and Richard Harlakenden mentioned in the document below, see ERO D/DU/256/1. An image of the document below is available at <http://linux02.lib.cam.ac.uk/earlscolne/reference/images/doc9.htm>.

Whereas it was agreed etc. that Israel Amyce, together with John Drawater & John Holmes, the two patentees of the said Israel Amyce, shall protect [+&?] convey etc. all such lands etc. as were in my possession so far-forth as by virtue of her Majesty's patents granted etc. they might protect &(?) convey etc.;

And also whereas by my sufficient deed indented bearing date the seventh day of February in the four & thirtieth year [=7 February 1592] of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth etc., I have bargained & sold unto Richard Harlakenden etc. all the site, ground, walk, circuit etc. of the house & late priory or monastery of the Blessed Mary the Virgin & St John the Evangelist of Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne in the county of Essex, together with other things mentioned in the said indenture of bargain & sale and other conveyances concerning the sure conveying of the premises so sold as aforesaid;

Now my will & pleasure is that according to our said former agreement and my covenant & promise unto the said Harlakenden, you, the said Amyce, Drawater & Holmes, do by your sufficient conveyance protect & convey (all the said lands and other things mentioned and sold as aforesaid, as by the said indenture it doth & may appear) unto the said Harlakenden or his assigns so far as by virtue of the said letters patents you may protect & assure the same;

And this my warrant under my hand & seal dated the eight day of May 1592 in the four & thirtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth etc. shall be your sufficient discharge.

Edward Oxford