

SUMMARY: The document below contains excerpts from Queen Elizabeth's letters patent dated 14 April 1592 granting her reversionary interest in several properties to Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler. The excerpts below are of the portions pertinent to Colne Priory, and were likely prepared for Roger Harlakenden (d.1603) and his son, Richard. For the letters patent containing the full grant see TNA C 66/1393, mm. 11-16.

The document begins with a recitation of the terms of Henry VIII's original grant of Colne Priory and Hedingham Priory to John de Vere (1482-1540), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and his heirs on 22 July 1536 (see TNA C 66/668, mm. 26-7). This is followed by a recitation of Oxford's grant of Colne Priory to Queen Elizabeth by a fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 May 1588. The document then recites the terms of the letters patent of 8 June 1588 by which the Queen regranted Colne Priory to Oxford (see ERO T/B 177/3).

The document then provide that in consideration of the services rendered by Sir John Norris, and at his request, all the Queen's reversionary interest in Colne Priory is granted to Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler of London, gentlemen. The latter would appear to have been acting as agents of Sir John Norris, but otherwise the relationship between Norris and Adams and Butler is unclear. It may be that Sir John Norris received a fee from Adams and Butler for obtaining the grant from the Queen, and Adams and Butler profited by selling the reversions to individual buyers.

The document then specifies that Colne Priory is henceforth to be held in chief by service of the fortieth part of a knight's fee, and that there is to be a yearly payment to the Queen for Colne Priory of £66.

The Queen's grant of her reversionary interest in Colne Priory to Adams and Butler appears to have been a direct result of Oxford's sale of Colne Priory two months earlier, on 7 February 1592, to Richard Harlakenden (see ERO D/DU 256/1). For the licence dated 1 February 1592 authorizing Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham, to alienate Colne Priory to Richard Harlakenden, see TNA C 66/1392, mm. 23-4. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 5 May 1592 by which clear title to Colne Priory passed from Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612), to Richard Harlakenden for £200, see TNA CP 25/2/135/1725/34ELIZIEASTER, Item 46.

The underlying purpose of the Queen's grant to Adams and Butler, insofar as it concerned Colne Priory, thus appears to have been to facilitate the uniting of Oxford's former interest in Colne Priory and the Queen's reversionary interest under a single owner, Richard Harlakenden. Adams and Butler appear to have functioned as intermediaries in obtaining a grant of the Queen's reversionary interest at the petition of Sir John Norris, and selling it to Richard Harlakenden, so that, with Oxford's original interest and the Queen's reversionary interest united, Harlakenden would become sole owner of the two interests in Colne Priory which had formerly been separate. The Queen's reversionary interest in Colne Priory, like any reversionary interest, was contingent on an event, in this case the eventual failure of the line of de Vere heirs. Once

Oxford had sold Colne Priory to Richard Harlakenden on 7 February 1592, the dependence of the Queen's reversionary interest on the failure of the de Vere line was an anomalous condition, and the Queen was prepared to part with her reversionary interest in Colne Priory provided she continued to receive the £66 annual rent.

It should be noted that for the sake of simplicity the foregoing summary refers to the property granted by King Henry VIII to the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl, and inherited by Oxford, as 'Colne Priory'. However as is evident from the original grant by King Henry VIII, the property actually consisted of the lands of two former priories, namely the priory of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint John the Evangelist in Earls Colne (usually referred to as Colne Priory), and the priory of Blessed Mary & Saint James & the Holy Cross in Castle Hedingham (usually referred to as Hedingham Nunnery), as well as three manors (the manors of Colne Priory, Barwick and Hinxton), and several rectories, advowsons, tithes and pensions.

The marginal notes appear to be in the same hand as the rest of the document.

The Queen to whom etc., greeting. Whereas moreover our forenamed most dear father Henry, late King of England, by other his letters patent under his great seal of England made bearing date at Westminster the twenty-second day [LM: This date is agreeing with original] of July in the twenty-eighth year [=22 July 1536] of his reign gave and granted to John, then Earl of Oxford, under the description of John de Vere, Knight of the honorable Order of the Garter, Earl of Oxford and Great Chamberlain, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, among other things all that site, ground, ambit, circuit and precinct of the house and late priory or monastery of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint John the Evangelist of Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne in the county of Essex;

And the house & late priory of Earls Colne aforesaid, and all the church, belfry and churchyard of the same late priory or monastery;

And also all messuages, houses, buildings, barns, granges, dovecots, garden plots, orchards, gardens, stanks, fishponds, lands and ground both within the sept and circuit of the same late house and priory or monastery and without the sept and circuit of the same late house and priory or monastery to the same late priory or monastery belonging or appertaining;

And also the manor of Colne alias Colne Priory in Earls Colne and the manor of Barwick alias Barwike in White Colne and Inglesthorpe with all their appurtenances in the foresaid county;

And also the rectories, churches and chapels of Earls Colne, Great Bentley, Walter Belchamp alias Belchamp Walter alias Walter Belchamp, Messing and White Colne in the said county of Essex, and the rectory of the parish church of Wickham with the

appurtenances in the county of Cambridge to the same late priory or monastery lately appropriate or appertaining;

And also the advowsons, patronages and gifts of the rectories, churches, vicarages and chapels of Earls Colne, White Colne, Messing, Great Bentley and Walter Belchamp and the right of patronage of them in the said county of Essex;

And also the advowson, patronage and gift of the rectory or parish church of Wickham aforesaid and the right of patronage of the same in the said county of Cambridge;

And also all and singular the glebe tithes, both predial and personal and mixed, to the same rectories, vicarages and chapels or to any of them appertaining or belonging;

And also all those annuities or yearly pensions and portions underwritten, viz., a yearly pension of twenty shillings issuing of the rectory and church of Stansted;

And one yearly pension of ten shillings issuing of the rectory and church of Sible Hedingham;

And one yearly pension of fourteen shillings and four pence issuing of the church of Great Maplestead;

And one annuity or yearly pension of six shillings issuing of the rectory or church of Aldham;

And one yearly pension of eight shillings issuing of the rectory and church of Bures ad montem alias Mount Bures in the said county of Essex;

And also one pension of thirty-three shillings and four pence issuing of the church and rectory of Lavenham;

And one pension of twenty shillings issuing of the church of Aldham in the county of Suffolk;

And also all those portions of tithes issuing of and to be perceived of and in the rectories and churches of Bures ad montem alias Mount Bures, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead and Little Maplestead in the said county of Essex, and of and in the rectories, churches, vicarages and chapels of Lavenham and Aldham in the said county of Suffolk;

And also all other manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, mills, assarts, waters, stanks, fishponds, fisheries, commons, rents, annuities, fee-farms, reversions, services, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, warrens, liberties, franchises, courts, leets, views of frankpledge and all that which [+to] view of frankpledge appertains, rectories, chapels, advowsons of churches, rectories, vicarages, chapels, [+and] chantries, glebes, portions, pensions, tithes, oblations, obventions, mortuaries, fairs, markets, tolls, ways, footpaths & other hereditaments

whatsoever, both ecclesiastical and temporal, of whatsoever kind, nature or species they be and by whatsoever names they or any of them be adjudged, which belonged or appertained to the said late house and priory or monastery situate, lying or being in the towns, fields, parishes or hamlets of Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Colne Wake, Pedmarsh, Lamarsh, Mount Bures, Walter Belchamp, Great Bentley, Messing, Aldham, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Inglesthorne and elsewhere wheresoever in the said county of Essex, and in Wickham in the said county of Cambridge and elsewhere wheresoever in the said county of Cambridge, and in Lavenham and Aldham in the said county of Suffolk, and in any other county or place within the kingdom of England of which (s. & pl.) Robert Abell, late prior of the same late priory formerly was seised in right of the late house or priory aforesaid, except all that manor of Crepping with the appurtenances in the said county of Suffolk, and the rectory of the parish church of Edwardstone with its rights and appurtenances whatsoever in the same county of Suffolk, and one mill called Borefleet mill with the appurtenances in Great Bentley in the said county of Essex, and also all lands, tenements, rents, services, glebe lands, tithes, portions and hereditaments whatsoever with the appurtenances in Crepping and Edwardstone aforesaid in the said county of Suffolk and in Aythorpe Roding in the foresaid county of Essex which to the said late priory or monastery appertained or belonged;

And also that whole site, ground, ambit, circuit and precinct of the late house or priory of Blessed Mary and Saint James and the Holy Cross of Castle Hedingham in the said county of Essex, and the house and late priory of Hedingham aforesaid, and all the church, belfry and churchyard of the same late priory;

And also all messuages, houses, buildings, barns, granges, dovecots, orchards, gardens, stanks, fishponds, lands and soil both within the sept and circuit of the same late priory and without the sept and circuit of the said late priory or to the same late priory belonging or appertaining;

And the rectories of the parish churches of Castle Hedingham and Gosfield with the appurtenances lately appropriated to the same late priory or monastery of Hedingham aforesaid in the said county of Essex;

And the advowsons and patronages of the churches, rectories and vicarages of Castle Hedingham and Gosfield aforesaid in the said county of Essex;

And also all and singular the manors, messuages, lands, tenements, mills, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, assarts, waters, stanks, fishponds, fisheries, commons, rents, annuities, fee-farms, reversions, services, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, rectories, chapels, advowsons of churches, vicarages, chapels and chantries, glebes, portions, pensions, tithes, oblations, mortuaries, fairs, markets, tolls, ways, footpaths, liberties, franchises, warrens, courts, leets, views of frankpledge and all that to view of frankpledge appertains, and other hereditaments, rights and perpetuities whatsoever, both ecclesiastical and temporal, of whatsoever kind, nature or species they be and by whatsoever names they or any of them be adjudged which lately

belonged or appertained to the said late priory of Castle Hedingham or of which any prioress of the said late priory formerly was seised in right of the said late priory or monastery aforesaid situate, lying and being in the towns, fields, parishes or hamlets of Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Gosfield, Great Yeldham, Little Yeldham and elsewhere wheresoever in the said county of Essex and in any other counties or places within his kingdom of England, as by the said letters patent last earlier recited among other things more fully is clear and appears.

And whereas also Edward, now Earl of Oxford, son and heir of John, late Earl of Oxford, son and heir of the foresaid John, [PAGE TORN =late Earl of Oxford], being seised [PAGE TORN =by] the letters patent aforesaid of our late father Henry VIII, among other things, of the foresaid manors, sites, priories, rectories, advowsons, lands, tenements, hereditaments and other the premises by the foresaid letters patent bearing date the foresaid twenty-second day of July in the twenty-eighth year abovesaid of the reign of our said most dear father Henry the Eighth, late King of England, given and granted to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxford, the grandfather, by a fine with proclamations in our Court of Common Pleas before our justices of record lately levied, by as much as in the same Edward lay, gave and granted to us, our heirs and successors, all the same manors, sites, rectories, advowsons, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises, among other things, as by the same fine more fully is clear and appears, of which same fine the tenor follows in these words:

LM: The fine

This is the fine made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster one month after Easter day in the thirtieth year [=6 or 7 May 1588] of the reigns of Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. from the Conquest before Edmund Anderson, Francis Wyndham, William Peryam and Francis Rodes, justices, and others faithful to the said Lady Queen then there present, between the same Lady Queen, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of the site of the late priory or monastery of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint John the Evangelist of Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne with the appurtenances;

And of the site of the late house or priory of Blessed Mary, Saint James and the Holy Cross of Castle Hedingham with the appurtenances;

And the house and late priory of Earls Colne at Hedingham with the appurtenances;

And of the manor of Barwick alias Barwyke in White Colne, Inglesthorpe and Brettes with the appurtenances, and of sixty messuages, forty cottages, 40 tofts, fifteen mills, six dovecots, sixty orchards, sixty gardens, two thousand acres of land, five hundred acres of meadow, eight hundred acres of pasture, five hundred acres of woods, three hundred acres of furze and heath, three hundred acres of moor, three hundred acres of uncultivated marsh, free fisheries, free warrens, commons, pastures for all draft animals, and eighty pounds worth of rents with the appurtenances in Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne, Barwick, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Colne Wake, Pedmarsh, Lamarsh, Mount Bures,

Walter Belchamp, Great Bentley, Messing, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Inglesthorne, Castle Hedingham, Gosfield and Stambourne;

LM: Manor of Barwick  
60 messuages 15 mills  
2000 acres of land 500 acres of meadow  
800 of pasture 500 of woods 300 acres of  
moor 300 of furze

And also of the rectories of Earls Colne, White Colne, Great Bentley, Walter Belchamp alias Belchamp Walter alias Walter Belchamp, Messing, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Inglesthorne, Castle Hedingham and Gosfield with the appurtenances;

And of the chapels of Earls Colne, White Colne, Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Great Yeldham and Little Yeldham with the appurtenances;

And also of all and all manner of tithes, portions, pensions, oblations and obventions whatsoever arising, resulting or renewing of and in the parishes of Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Colne Wake, Pedmarsh, Lamarsh, Mount Bures, Walter Belchamp, Great Bentley, Messing, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead and Inglesthorne with the appurtenances;

And also of knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, goods and chattels of felons and fugitives, escheats, fairs, markets, tolls, liberties and franchises with the appurtenances in Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Colne Wake, Castle Hedingham, Stambourne, Sible Hedingham, Gosfield, Great Yeldham and Little Yeldham;

And of views of frankpledge and whatsoever to view of frankpledge appertains in Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Colne Wake, Castle Hedingham, Stambourne, Gosfield, Great Yeldham, Little Yeldham and Sible Hedingham with the appurtenances;

And also of the advowsons and rights of patronage of the churches of Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Colne Wake, Great Bentley, Walter Belchamp, Castle Hedingham, Messing, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Inglesthorne and Gosfield in the county of Essex;

And of the rectory of Wickham with the appurtenances, and of one hundred acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, twenty acres of pasture, ten acres of woods, and eight pounds worth of rents with the appurtenances in Wickham, and also of the advowsons and rights of patronage of the church of Wickham in the county of Cambridge;

And of the rectories of Lavenham and Aldham with the appurtenances;

And of one messuage, two gardens, two orchards, one hundred acres of land, ten acres of meadow, twenty acres of pasture, ten acres of woods, twenty acres of furze and heath, common of pasture for all animals, and five pounds worth of rents with the appurtenances in Lavenham and Aldham;

And also all and all manner of tithes of sheaves of corn, grain and hay whatsoever arising, resulting or renewing in Lavenham and Aldham in the county of Suffolk;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between us, the forenamed Queen and the foresaid Earl, in the foresaid court, namely that the foresaid Earl acknowledged the foresaid sites, houses, priories, manors, tenements, fisheries, warrens, commons, pastures, rents, rectories, chapels, tithes, portions, pensions, oblations, obventions, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, goods and chattels of felons and fugitives, escheats, fairs, markets, tolls, liberties, franchises and views of frankpledge with the appurtenances and the advowsons aforesaid to be the right of the same Lady Queen as those which the same Lady Queen has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and had remised and quit-claimed them from himself and his heirs to the foresaid Lady Queen, her heirs and successors, forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself and his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Lady Queen, her heirs and successors, the foresaid sites, houses, priories, manors, tenements, fisheries, warrens, commons, pastures, rents, rectories, chapels, tithes, portions, pensions, oblations, obventions, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, goods and chattels of felons and fugitives, escheats, fairs, markets, tolls, liberties, franchises and views of frankpledge with the appurtenances, and the advowsons aforesaid against the foresaid Earl and his heirs forever;

And for the foresaid recognizance, remise, quit-claim, warrant, fine and agreement the same Lady Queen has given to the foresaid Earl four thousand pounds sterling.

And whereas also on that account we have made certain other our letters patent under our great seal of England bearing date at Westminster the eighth day of June in the thirtieth year [=8 June 1588] of our reign in which is contained, among other things, that we by the same our letters patent have given and granted to the forenamed Edward, now Earl of Oxford, under the description of our beloved and faithful cousin, Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Viscount Bulbeck, Great Chamberlain of England, and Lord of Badlesmere and Scales, all that site, ground, ambit, circuit and precinct of the house and late priory or monastery of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint John the Evangelist of Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne in our county of Essex by authority of Parliament lately suppressed and dissolved which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the same Earl;

And all that house late the priory of Earls Colne aforesaid;

And all the church, belfry and churchyard of the same late priory or monastery which similarly we have lately had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And also all those messuages, houses, buildings, barns, granges, dovecots, garden plots, orchards, gardens, stanks, fishponds, lands and soil both within the sept and circuit of the same late house and priory or monastery and without the sept and circuit of the same late house and priory or monastery to the same late priory or monastery belonging or appertaining which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And also all that manor of Colne alias Colne Priory in Earls Colne which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And all that manor of Barwick alias the rectory of Barwick in White Colne and Inglesthorpe with all its appurtenances in the foresaid county;

And also all those rectories, churches and chapels of Earls Colne and White Colne aforesaid which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And all those rectories, churches and chapels of Earls Colne, Great Bentley, Walter Belchamp alias Belchamp Walter alias Walter Belchamp, Messing and White Colne in the foresaid county of Essex which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And all that rectory and parish church of Wickham with the appurtenances in the county of Cambridge;

And also all those advowsons, patronages and gifts of rectories, churches, vicarages and chapels of Earls Colne, White Colne, Messing, Great Bentley, [+and] Walter Belchamp and the right of patronage of them in the said county of Essex which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And all that advowson, patronage and gift of the vicarage or parish church of Wickham aforesaid, and the right of patronage of the same in our said county of Cambridge which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And also all and singular glebe tithes, both predial and personal and mixed, to the same rectories, vicarages and chapels or to the one or other of them appertaining or belonging;

LM: Mills

And also all those other manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, woods, underwoods, mills, assarts, waters, stanks, fishponds, fisheries, commons, rents, annuities, pensions, portions, fee-farms, reversions, services, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, warrens, liberties, franchises, courts, leets, views of frankpledge and all that which to view of frankpledge appertains, rectories, chapels and advowsons of churches, rectories, vicarages, chantries and chapels, glebe tithes, oblations, obventions, mortuaries, fairs, markets, tolls, ways, footpaths and other hereditaments whatsoever, both ecclesiastical and temporal, of whatsoever kind, nature or species they be and by whatsoever names they or any of them be adjudged, situate, lying

or being in the towns, fields, parishes or hamlets of Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine and Colne Wake, Pedmarsh, Lamarsh, Mount Bures, Walter Belchamp, Great Bentley, Messing, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead and Inglesthorp and elsewhere wheresoever in our said county of Essex and in Wickham in our said county of Cambridge and in Lavenham and Aldham in our county of Suffolk which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl and which similarly belonged or appertained to the foresaid late house and priory or monastery of Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint John the Evangelist of Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne;

And the whole ground, site, ambit, circuit and precinct of the late house or priory of Blessed Mary, Saint James and the Holy Cross of Castle Hedingham in our said county of Essex, and all that house and late priory of Hedingham aforesaid which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And the whole church, belfry and churchyard of the same late priory;

And also all those messuages, houses, buildings, barns, granges, dovecots, gardens, orchards, stanks, fishponds, lands and soil, both within the sept and circuit of the same late priory and without the sept and circuit of the same late priory and to the same late priory belonging or appertaining which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And all those rectories of parish churches of Castle Hedingham and Gosfield with the appurtenances to the same late priory or monastery of Hedingham aforesaid in our said county of Essex appertaining which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl;

And all those advowsons and patronages of rectories and vicarages of Castle Hedingham and Gosfield aforesaid in our county of Essex which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid earl;

And also all and singular those manors, messuages, lands, tenements, mills, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, assarts, waters [PAGE TORN], stanks, fishponds, fisheries, commons, rents, annuities, fee-farms, reversions, services, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, rectories, chapels, advowsons of churches, vicarages, chapels and chantries, glebes, portions, pensions, tithes, oblations, obventions, mortuaries, fairs, markets, tolls, ways, footpaths, liberties, franchises, warrens, courts, leets, views of frankpledge and all that which to view of frankpledge appertains, and other hereditaments, rights and perpetuities whatsoever, both ecclesiastical and temporal, of whatsoever kind, nature or species they be and by whatsoever names they or any of them be adjudged, which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl and which similarly to the said late priory of Castle Hedingham lately belonged or appertained or which lately we have had of the gift or grant of the foresaid Earl whereof any prioress of the said late priory formerly was seised in right of the said late priory or monastery aforesaid situate, lying and being in the towns, fields, parishes or hamlets of Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Gosfield, Great Yeldham, Little Yeldham and

elsewhere in our said county of Essex and elsewhere in any other counties or places within our kingdom of England, as fully and entirely and in as ample manner and form as Mary Bainbridge, late prioress of the late priory of Castle Hedingham aforesaid or any one of her predecessors has had, held or enjoyed, in right of that same late priory or monastery;

To have and to hold the foresaid site, churches, belfry, ambit and precinct of the foresaid priory and all and singular the foresaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements, annuities, pensions, portions and all and singular other the premises earlier expressed and specified with all and singular their appurtenances, among other things, unto the forenamed Edward, Earl of Oxford, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue, to the heirs of the body of our beloved cousin John de Vere, deceased, late Earl of Oxford, grandfather of the forenamed now Earl, deceased, lawfully begotten;

Yielding to us, our heirs and successors, for the foresaid manor of Colne alias Colne Priory and the foresaid rectories and chapels and for all and singular the foresaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments and all and singular other the premises with all and singular their appurtenances in Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine and Colne Wake aforesaid sixty and six pounds to the receipt of our Exchequer or to the hands of our receivers or bailiffs for the time being at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin or within one month next following each feast of those feasts by equal portions wholly to be paid for all other services, exactions and demands whatsoever in any way to be claimed, exacted, paid or made therefore to us, our heirs or successors, as by the same our letters patent, among other things, more fully is clear and appears;

Know ye that we, for divers causes and considerations us especially moving, and principally in consideration of the good, true and acceptable service to us many ways formerly done by our beloved and faithful John Norris, knight, and also at the humble petition of the same John Norris, of our certain knowledge and mere motion we have given and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant, to Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler of London, gentlemen, and to their heirs forever our reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders whatsoever of the foresaid lordships, manors, monasteries, priories, rectories, granges, chantries, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, tithes, pensions, portions, advowsons, rights of patronage and other the possessions and hereditaments whatsoever earlier mentioned and specified, and of any parcel thereof depending on the several grants earlier mentioned or on any of them, or on any other grant or grants made of the premises or of any of them or of any parcel thereof, and all payments and all other yearly profits whatsoever reserved on whatsoever gift or grant or on whatsoever gifts or grants made of [PAGE TORN =of the premises or] of any part or parcel of the premises etc.;

We give also, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant to the forenamed Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler and to their heirs and assigns forever the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, of all the foresaid lordships, manors, monasteries, priories, rectories, granges, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings,

pastures, tithes, pensions, portions, advowsons, rights of patronage and other the possessions and hereditaments whatsoever earlier mentioned, recited and specified, and any part and parcel thereof, except before excepted;

And all and all manner the woods, underwoods and trees growing and being of, in and upon the premises or any parcel thereof, and also the lands, ground and soil of the same woods, underwoods and trees;

And the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, of all and singular the houses, buildings, barns, stables, dovecots, garden plots, orchards, gardens, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, commons, pastures, wastes, furzes, heaths, moors, marshes, tithes, oblations, waters, watercourses, fisheries, fishings, ways, footpaths, rents and services, works of tenants, suits to the mills, and also farms, knights' fees, wards, marriages, escheats, reliefs, heriots, fines, issues and amerciaments of courts, leets, views of frankpledge, perquisites and profits of courts and leets and all which to courts, leets and view of frankpledge and leets appertains or hereafter ought or might belong, villeins (m. & f.) with their issue, and goods and chattels waived, estrays, deodands, estovers and commons of estovers, wrecks of the sea, tourns of the sheriff, free warrens, liberties and immunities of free warren, fairs, markets, tolls, customary levies, pickle, stallage, and all other our rights, jurisdictions, franchises, privileges, profits, commodities, emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever within our kingdom of England to the premises earlier by these presents granted beforehand or to any (s. & pl.) of them or to any parcel thereof in whatsoever manner belonging, appertaining, concerning, accruing or appended, or formerly being had, known, demised, leased, occupied, accepted, used or reputed as members, parts or parcels of the same foresaid premises or of any (pl. & s.) parcel thereof, except before excepted, as fully, freely and entirely and in as ample manner and form as any abbot, abbess, prior, prioress, or any abbots, abbesses, priors or prioresses of the said late monastery and priory, or the forenamed Bishop of Lincoln etc., or any (s. & pl.) other or others formerly having the foresaid premises or any parcel thereof or being seised thereof ever had, held or enjoyed (pl. & s.), or ought (pl. & s.) to have, hold or enjoy the same premises or any parcel thereof, and as fully, freely and entirely and in as ample manner and form as all and singular the same premises and any (pl. & s.) parcel thereof or the rents and yearly profits of them or of any parcel thereof above expressed and specified came or ought to come, or any parcel thereof came or ought to come, to our hands or the hands of any of our late progenitors by reason and authority of any dissolution, suppression or surrender of the said late monastery, priory, hospital and chantry or of any of them, or by reason or authority of any Act of Parliament or any Acts of Parliament, or by escheat, attainer or forfeiture or whatsoever other legal manner, right or title, and are now, or ought or might be, in our hands;

To have, hold and enjoy the foresaid reversions and reversion, remainder and remainders, of all the foresaid manors, rectories, messuages, lands and tenements, tithes, hundreds, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, hereditaments and all and singular other the premises earlier expressed and specified with all and singular their whole rights, members and appurtenances, except before excepted, unto the forenamed Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler and their heirs and assigns forever;

To hold theforesaid manor of Colne Comitis alias Colne Priory and all theforesaid manors, rectories, chapels, messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and other the premises in Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine and Colne Wake aforesaid and all and singular other the premises to the said late monastery or priory of Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne, as is mentioned previously, belonging or appertaining, of us, our heirs and successors, in chief by service of the fortieth part of one knight's fee;

And yielding to us, our heirs and successors, for theforesaid manor of Colne alias Colne Priory and for all and singular theforesaid manors, rectories, chapels, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments and other the premises in Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine and Colne Wake aforesaid and for all and singular other the premises to the said late monastery or priory of Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne, as is mentioned previously, belonging and appertaining sixty and six pounds wholly to be paid to the receipt of our Exchequer or to the hands of our receivers or bailiffs for the time being at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin or within one month next following each feast of those feasts by equal portions;

And further we will and grant for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents to the forenamed Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler, their heirs and assigns, that these our letters patent or the enrolment of them will hereafter be firm, valid, good, sufficient and effectual in the law towards and against us, our heirs and successors, both in all our courts and elsewhere within and without this our kingdom of England without any confirmations, licence or toleration to be procured or obtained of us, our heirs or successors, hereafter by the forenamed Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler or their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns or any (s. & pl.) of them;

Notwithstanding the ill naming or ill reciting or not reciting theforesaid several manors, rectories, messuages, lands, tenements and all and singular other the premises above recited and specified or any parcel thereof;

And notwithstanding the not finding of the office or inquisition of the premises or of any parcel thereof by which our title ought to be found before the making of these our letters patent;

And notwithstanding the ill reciting or not reciting of any lease or grant of the premises or of any parcel thereof formerly made, both of record and not of record;

And notwithstanding that plain and certain mention is not made of the names of the tenants, farmers or occupiers of the manors, rectories, hundreds, lands, tenements and other the premises or of any parcel thereof;

And notwithstanding any defects of certainty or account or declaration of the true yearly value of the premises or of any parcel thereof or of the yearly rents reserved of and upon the premises or of and upon any parcel thereof in these our letters patent expressed and contained;

And notwithstanding any other defects in the not naming or in the ill naming of any tenant, farmer or occupant of the lands, tenements or hereditaments aforesaid or of any other premises or of any parcel thereof, or in the not reciting or not properly naming the nature, kind, species, quantities or qualities of the premises or any parcel thereof;

And notwithstanding the statute published in the Parliament of the Lord Henry late King of England the Sixth, our antecessor, in the eighteenth year of his reign [=1439-40] or anything in the same statute contained or mentioned, or in anything in any other statute, act or ordinance howsoever formerly made;

We will our letters patent under our Great Seal of England duly made and sealed without fine or fee great or small to us in our Hanaper or elsewhere to our use in any manner to be yielded, paid or made.

Although express mention etc. In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster the fourteenth day of April in the thirtieth-fourth year [=April 14, 1592] of our reign.

By herself, the Queen.

1 Regina Omnibus ad quos &c salutem. Cumque insuper prefatus precharissimus Pater noster Henricus nuper Rex Anglie

LM: This date is agreeing with original)

2 per alias litteras suas Patentes sub magno Sigillo suo Anglie confectas gerentes datum apud Westmonasterium vicesimo secundo

3 die Iulij Anno regni sui vicesimo octavo dederit et Concesserit Iohanni adtunc Comiti Oxonie per nomen

4 Iohannis de veer militis honorabilis ordinis Garterij Comitis Oxonie et magni Camerarij et heredibus de Corpore

5 suo legittime procreatis (inter alia) Totum illum Scitum fundum Ambitum Circuitum et procinctum domus

6 et nuper Prioratus sive Monasterij beate Marie virginis et Sancti Iohannis Evangeliste de Colne Comitis alias

7 Earles Colne in Comitatu Essex Ac domum et nuper Prioratum de Colne Comitis predicto Ac totam Ecclesiam

8 Campanile et Cimiterium eiusdem nuper Prioratus sive Monasterij Necnon omnia  
Messuagia domos

9 edifica Orrea Grangias Columbaria Orta Pomaria Gardina Stagna vivaria terras et  
solum tam infra

10 septum et circuitum eiusdem nuper domus et Prioratus sive Monasterij quam extra  
septum et Circuitum

11 eiusdem nuper domus et Prioratus sive Monasterij eidem nuper Prioratui sive  
Monasterio spectantia

12 sive pertinentia Necnon Manerium de Colne alias Colne Prioratus in Colne Comitis  
Ac Manerium

13 de Barwick alias Barwike in Colne alba et Ingesthorpe cum omnibus suis pertinentijs  
in Comitatu predicto

14 Necnon Rectorias Ecclesias et Capellas de Colne Comitis Magna Bentleyn Walter  
Belchampe alias Bauchamp

15 Walter alias Walter Belchampe Messinge & alba Colne in dicto Comitatu Essex Ac  
Rectoriam Ecclesie parochialis de

16 Wyckham cum pertinentijs in Comitatu Cantebrigie eidem nuper Prioratui sive  
Monasterio nuper appropriatam sive pertinentem

17 Necnon Advocaciones patronatus et donaciones Rectoriarum Ecclesiarum viciarum  
et Capellarum de Colne Comitis Colne

18 alba Messinge magna Bentley et Walter Belchampe & ius patronatus eorundem in  
dicto Comitatu Essex Necnon

19 Advocacionem patronatum et Donacionem Rectorie sive Ecclesie parochialis de  
Wyckham predicto et ius patronatus eiusdem in dicto Comitatu

20 Cantebrigie Ac etiam omnes et singulas Glebas decimas tam prediales quam  
personales et mixtas eisdem

21 Rectorijs vicarijs et Capellis sive eorum alicui pertinentia sive spectantia Necnon  
omnes illas annuitates sive

22 annuales pencies et porciones subscriptas viz Annualem pencionem viginti  
solidorum exeuntem de Rectoria

23 et Ecclesia de Stansted Et vnam annualem pencionem decem solidorum exeuntem de Rectoria et Ecclesia de

24 Hedingham Syble Et vnam annualem pencionem quatuordecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum exeuntem de

25 Ecclesia de Maplestede magna Et vnam annuitatem seu annualem pencionem sex solidorum exeuntem de

26 Rectoria sive Ecclesia de Aldham Et vnam annualem pencionem octo solidorum exeuntem de Rectoria et Ecclesia de

27 Bures ad montem alias Montbures in dicto Comitatu Essex Necnon vnam pencionem triginta trium solidorum

28 et quatuor denariorum exeuntem de Ecclesia et Rectoria de Lavenham Ac vnam pencionem viginti solidorum

29 exeuntem de Ecclesia de Aldham in Comitatu Suffolk Necnon omnes illas porciones decimarum exeuentes et

30 percipiendas de et in Rectorijs et Ecclesijs de Bures ad montem alias Montbures Stanstede Hedyngham Syble

31 Maplestede magna et Maplestede parva in dicto Comitatu Essex Ac de et in Rectorijs Ecclesijs vicarijs et

32 Capellis de Lavenham et Aldham in dicto Comitatu Suffolk Necnon omnia alia Maneria Messuagia

33 terras tenementa prata pascuas pasturas boscos subboscos Molendina asserta aquas Stagna vivaria piscaria

34 Comunias redditus annuitates ffeodi firmas Reverciones Servicia ffeoda Militum warda Maritagia Relevia

35 Warrena libertates ffranchesias Curia Leta visus ffranciplegij ac omne id quod visum ffranciplegij pertinet

1 Rectorias Capellas Advocaciones Ecclesiarum Rectoriarum vicariarum Capellarum Cantariarum glebas porciones decimas

2 oblaciones obvaciones mortuaria ferias mercata tolneta vias semitas & alia hereditamenta quecumque tam spiritualia quam temporalia

3 cuiuscumque sint generis nature vel speciei et quibuscumque nominibus censeantur sive eorum aliquis censeatur que dicto nuper

4 domo et Prioratui sive Monasterio spectabant sive pertinebant scituata iacentia sive existentia in villis Campis parochijs

5 sive Hamilettis de Colne Comitis Colne alba Colne Engayne Colne Wake Pedmarshe Lammershe Bures ad montem

6 Walter Belchampe Bentley magna Messinge Aldham Stansted Hedyngham Syble Maplestede magna Maplestede

7 parva Ingesthorpe ac alibi vbicunque in dicto Comitatu Essex Ac in Wyckham in dicto Comitatu Cantebrigie ac alibi

8 vbicunque in dicto Comitatu Cantabrigie et in Lavenham et Aldham in dicto Comitatu Suffolk ac in quocumque(?) alio Comitatu

9 sive loco infra Regnum Anglie de quo vell de quibus Robertus Abell nuper Prior eiusdem nuper Prioratus

10 antehac fuit seisisitus in iure nuper domus sive Prioratus predice Exceptis toto illo Manerio de Creppinge cum

11 pertinentijs in dicto Comitatu Suffolk Ac Rectoria Ecclesie parochialis de Edwarston cum suis iuribus et pertinentijs quibuscumque

12 in eodem Comitatu Suffolk Ac vno Molendino vocato Borfflete Myll cum pertinentijs in magna Bentley in dicto

13 Comitatu Essex Necnon omnibus terris tenementis Redditibus Servicijs terris glebis decimis porcionibus et hereditamentis quibuscumque

14 cum pertinentijs in Creppinge et Edwarston predictis in dicto Comitatu Suffolk Ac in Aythorpe Rodinge in predicto

15 Comitatu Essex que dicto nuper Prioratui sive Monasterio pertinebant sive spectabant Ac etiam totum illum

16 Scitum fundum Ambitum Circuitum et procinctum nuper domus sive Prioratus beate Marie et sancti Iacobi

17 et sancte Crucis de Hedingham ad Castrum in dicto Comitatu Essex Ac Domum et nuper Prioratum de Hedingham

18 predicto Ac totam Ecclesiam Campanile et Cemiterium eiusdem nuper Prioratus  
Necnon omnia Messuagia domos

19 edificia Orrea Grangias Columbaria Pomaria Gardina Stagna vivaria terras et solum  
tam infra septum

20 et Circuitum eiusdem nuper Prioratus quam extra septum et Circuitum dicti nuper  
Prioratus et eidem nuper

21 Prioratui spectantia sive pertinentia Ac Rectorias Ecclesiarum parochialium de  
Hedingham ad Castrum et Gosfelde cum

22 pertinentijs nuper appropriatas eidem nuper Prioratui sive Monasterio de Hedingham  
predicto in dicto Comitatu Essex Ac

23 Advocaciones et patronatus Ecclesiarum Rectoriarum et viciarum de Hedingham ad  
Castrum et Gosfeild predictis in dicto Comitatu Essex

24 Necnon omnia et singula Maneria Messuagia terras tenementa Molendina prata  
pascuas pasturas boscos subboscos asserta aquas

25 Stagna vivaria Piscaria Comunias redditus annuitates ffeodi ffirmas Reverciones  
Servicia ffeoda militum Warda Maritagia

26 Relevia Escaetas Rectorias Capellas Advocaciones Ecclesiarum viciarum  
Capellarum et Cantariarum glebas porciones pencias

27 decimas oblaciones Mortuaria ferias mercata Tolneta vias semitas libertates  
ffranchesias Warrena Curia Leta

28 visus ffranciplegij et omne id quod ad visum ffranciplegij pertinet et alia  
hereditamenta iura et perpetuitates quecunque tam

29 spiritualia quam temporalia cuiuscumque sint generis nature vel speciei et  
quibuscumque nominibus censeantur seu eorum aliquis

30 censeatur que dicto nuper Prioratui de Hedingham ad Castrum nuper spectabant sive  
pertinebant vel de quibus aliqua

31 Priorissa dicti nuper Prioratus antehac tempora fuit seisita in iure dicti nuper Prioratus  
sive Monasterij predicti scituata

32 iacentia et existentia in villis Campis parochijs sive Hamlettis de Hedingham ad  
Castrum Hedingham Syble Gosfelde

33 Yeldham magna Yeldham parva et alibi vbi cumque in dicto Comitatu Essex ac in quibuscumque alijs Comitatibus sive locis infra

34 Regnum suum Anglie prout per dictas litteras Patentes vltimo superius recitatas (inter alia) plenius liquet et appetat

35 Cumque etiam Eduardus nunc Comes Oxonie filius et heres Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie filij et heredis predicti Iohannis

36 [PAGE TORN] nuper Comitis Oxonie per litteras Patentes predictas nuper patris nostri Henrici viijtii de predictis Manerijs Scitibus Prioratibus Rectorijs

1 Advocacionibus terris tenementis hereditamentis et ceteris premissis per predictas litteras Patentes gerentes datum predicto vicesimo secundo

2 die Iulij anno regni dicti precharissimi patris nostri Henrici octavi nuper Regis Anglie vicesimo octavo supradicto prefato

3 Iohannii Comiti Oxonie Avo datas et Concessas (inter alia) seisitus existens per ffinem cum proclamationibus in Curia nostra

4 de Communi Banco coram Iusticiarijs nostris de Recordo nuper levatem quantum in eodem Eduardo fuit dedit et Concessit nobis

5 heredibus et Successoribus nostris Omnia eadem Maneria Scitus Rectorias Advocaciones terras tenementa hereditamenta et

[LM: The Fine]

6 premissa (inter alia) prout per eundem ffinem plenius liquet et appetat Cuius quidem ffinis Tenor sequitur in

7 hec verba (Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia domine Regine apud Westmonasterium a die Pasche in vnum mensem

8 Anno Regnorum Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie et Hibirnie Regine fidei defensoris &c a Conquesto tricesimo

9 Coram Edmondo Anderson ffrancisco Wyndham Willelimo [sic] Peryam et ffrancisco Rodes Iusticiarijs et alijs dicte domine

10 Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus inter ipsam dominam Reginam querentem et Eduardum Comitem Oxonie deforcientem

11 de Scitu nuper Prioratus sive Monasterij beate Marie virginis et sancti Iohannis Evangeliste de Colne Comitis alias Earles

12 Colne cum pertinentijs Ac de Scitu nuper domus sive Prioratus beate Marie sancti Iacobi et sancte Crucis de Hedingham

13 ad Castrum cum pertinentijs Ac domus et nuper Prioratus de Colne Comitis et Hedingham cum pertinentijs ac

14 de Manerio de Barwycke alias Barwyke in Colne alba Ingesthorpe et Brettes cum pertinentijs Ac de sexaginta

[LM: Manerio de Berwick  
60 messuagia 15 molendina  
2000 acre terre 500 acre prati  
800 pasture 500 boscis 300 Acre  
moor 300 Iampnarum]

15 Messuagijs quadraginta Cottagijs xltij toftis quindecim Molendinis sex Columbarijs sexaginta pomarijs sexaginta Gardinis

16 duobus millibus acris terre quingentis acris prati octingentis acris pasture quingentis acris

17 bosci crescentis acris Iampnorum et bruere crescentis acris More crescentis acris Marisci frisci libera piscaria libera Warennæ

18 Comunia Pasture pro omnibus Averijs et octoginta libratis redditus cum pertinentijs in Colne Comitis alias Earles Colne

19 Barwyke Colne alba Colne Engayne Colne Wake Pedmarsshe Lammarshe Bures ad montem Walter

20 Belchampe Benteley magna Messinge Stanstede Hedingham Sybley Maplestede magna Maplested

21 parva Inglesthorp Hedingham ad Castrum Gosfelde et Stamborne Necnon de Rectorijs de Colne

22 Comitis Colne alba Bentley magna Walter Belchampe alias Beauchampe Walter alias Walter Belchampe

23 Messinge Hedingham Sybley Maplestede magna Maplestede parva Inglesthorp Hedingham ad

24 Castrum et Gosfield cum pertinentijs ac de Capellis de Colne Comitis Colne alba Hedingham ad Castrum

25 Hedingham Sybley Yeldham magna et Yeldham parva cum pertinentijs Ac etiam de omnibus et omnimodis decimis

26 porcionibus pencionibus oblacionibus et obvencionibus quibuscumque crescentibus provenientibus seu renovantibus de et in

27 parochijs de Colne Comitis Colne alba Colne Engayne Colne Wake Padmarsshe Lammarshe Bures ad

28 montem Walter Belchampe magna Bentley Messinge Stanstede Hedingham Sibley Maplestede

29 magna Maplestede parva et Inglesthorne cum pertinentijs Necnon de ffeodis Militum Wardis Maritagijis Relevijs

30 bonis et Catallis ffelonum et ffugitivorum Escaetis Nundinis mercatis tolnetis libertatibus et ffranchesijis cum pertinentijs

31 in Colne Comitis Colne alba Colne Engayne Colne Wake Hedingham ad Castrum Stamborne

32 Hedingham Sybley Gosfeilde Yeldham magna et Yeldham parva Ac de visus ffranci plegij et quicquid ad

33 visum ffranci plegij pertinet in Colne Comitis Colne alba Colne Engayne Colne Wake Hedingham

34 ad Castrum Stamborne Gosfeld Yeldham magna Yeldham parva et Hedingham Sybley cum pertinentijs Ac

35 etiam de Advocacionibus et iuribus patronatus Ecclesiarum de Colne Comitis Colne alba Colne Engayne Colne Wake

36 Bentley magna Walter Belchampe Hedingham ad Castrum Messinge Stansted Hedingham Sybley

37 Maplestede magna Maplestede parva Inglesthorne et Gosfeld in Comitatu Essex Et de Rectoria de Wyckham

38 cum pertinentijs ac de Centum acris terre viginti acris prati viginti acris pasture decem acris bosci et octo

1 libratis redditus cum pertinentijs in Wycham Necnon de Advocacionibus et iuribus patronatus Ecclesie de Wyckham in Comitatu Cantebrigie Et de

2 Rectorijs de Lavenham et Aldham cum pertinentijs Ac de vno Messuagio duobus gardinis duobus Pomarijs Centum acris terre decem

3 acris prati viginti acris pasture decem acris bosci viginti acris Iampnorum et bruere Comuniia pasture pro omnibus animalibus et quinque

4 libratis redditus cum pertinentijs in Lavenham et Aldham Necnon de omnibus et omnimodis decimis garbarum granorum et ffeni

5 quibuscumque crescentibus provenientibus seu renovantibus in Lavenham et Aldham in Comitatu Suffolk unde placitum Convencionis

6 summonitum fuit inter nos prefatam Reginam et predictum Comitem in Curia predicta Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit

7 predicta Scitus domos Prioratus Maneria tenementa piscaria Warrenna Comunias pasture redditus Rectorias Capellas

8 decimas porciones pencias oblaciones obvaciones ffeoda militum Warda Maritagia Relevia bona et Catalla

9 ffelonum et ffugitorum Escaetas Nundinas Mercata tolneta libertates ffranchesias et visus ffranci plegij cum

10 pertinentijs ac Advocaciones predicta esse ius ipsius domine Regine ut illa que eadem domina Regina habet de dono

11 predicti Comitis Et illa remisit et quiet Clamavit de se et heredibus suis predicte Regine heredibus et

12 Successoribus suis imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se et heredibus suis quod ipsi Warrantizabunt predicte

13 domine Regine heredibus et Successoribus suis predicta Scitus domos Prioratus Maneria tenementa piscaria Warrenna

14 Comunias pasture redditus Rectorias Capellas decimas porciones pencias oblaciones obvaciones ffeoda Militum Warda

15 Maritagia Relevia bona et Catalla ffelonum et ffugitorum Escaetas Nundinas mercata tolneta libertates

16 ffranchesias et visus ffranci plegij cum pertinentijs Ac advocationes predictas contra predictum Comitem et heredes suis [sic]

17 imperpetuum Et pro predicta Recognicione remissione quiet clamacione Warrantia [sic?] ffine et Concordia eadem

18 domina Regina dedit predicto Comiti quatuor mille libras Sterlingorum. Cumque etiam superinde nos

19 fecerimus quasdem alias litteras nostras Patentes sub magno Sigillo nostro Anglie confectas| gerentes datum

20 apud Westmonasterium octavo die Iunij Anno regni nostri tricesimo in quibus continetur (inter alia) Quod nos per

21 easdem litteras nostras Patentes dederimus et Concesserimus prefato Eduardo nunc Comiti Oxonie per nomen dilecti

22 et fidelis Consanguinei nostri Edwardi de Veer Comitis Oxonie vicecomitis Bulbeck magna [sic] Camerarij Anglie

23 et domini de Badlesmere et Scales Totum illum Scitum fundum ambitum Circuitum et procinctum

24 domus et nuper Prioratus sive Monasterij beate Marie virginis et sancti Iohannis Evangeliste de Colne

25 Comitis alias Earles Colne in Comitatu nostro Essex auctoritate parlamenti dudum suppressae et dissolute

26 que nuper habuimus ex dono sive concessione eiusdem Comitis Ac totum illum domum nuper Prioratum de

27 Colne Comitis predicto Et totam Ecclesiam Campanile et Cemiterium eiusdem nuper Prioratus sive

28 Monasterij Que similiter nuper habuimus ex dono sive Concessione predicti Comitis Necnon omnia

29 illa Messuagia domos edificia orrea Grangias Columbaria horta pomaria Gardina Stagna vivaria

30 terras et solum tam infra septum et Circuitum eiusdem nuper domus et Prioratus sive Monasterij

31 quam extra septum et Circuitum eiusdem nuper domus et Prioratus sive Monasterij eidem nuper

32 Prioratui sive Monasterio spectantia sive pertinentia Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive Concessione

33 predicti Comitis Necnon totum illud Manerium de Colne alias Colne Prioratu in Colne Comitis Que

34 nuper habuimus ex dono sive concessione predicti Comitis Ac totum illud Manerium de Barwyke alias

35 Rectoriam Barwyke in Colne alba et Inglesthorpe cum omnibus suis pertinentijs in Comitatu predicto Necnon

36 omnes illas Rectorias Ecclesias et Capellas de Colne Comitis et Colne alba predictis Que nuper habuimus

1 ex dono sive Concessione predicti Comitis Ac omnes illas Rectorias Ecclesias et Capellas de Colne Comitis

2 Magna Bentley Walter Belchampe alias Beuchampe Walter alias Walter Belchampe Messinge et

3 Alba Colney in Comitatu Essex predicto Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive Concessione predicti Comitis Ac totam

4 illam Rectoriam et Ecclesiam parochiale de Wyckham cum pertinentijs in Comitatu Cantebrigie Necnon omnes illas Advocaciones

5 patronatus et donaciones Rectoriarum Ecclesiarum [sic] viciarum et Capellarum de Colney Comitis Colne Alba Messinge Magna

6 Bentley Walter Belchampe et ius patronatus eorundem in dicto Comitatu Essex Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive

7 concessione predicti Comitis Ac totum illum [sic?] Advocacionem patronatus et donacionem vicarie sive Ecclesie parochialis de

8 Wyckham predicto et ius patronatus eiusdem in dicto Comitatu nostro Cantebrigie Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive

9 Concessione predicti Comitis Ac etiam omnes et singulas Glebas decimas tam prediales quam personales

10 et mixtas eisdem Rectorijs vicarijs et Capellis sive eorum alteri pertinentia sive spectantia Necnon omnia illa

[LM: molendina]

11 alia Maneria Messuagia terras tenementa prata pascuas boscos subboscos Molendina asserta aquas Stagna vivaria

12 piscaria Comunias redditus annuitates pencias porciones ffeodi firmas Reverciones Servicia ffeoda Militum

13 Warda Maritagia Relevia Escaetas Warrenna libertates ffranchesias Curia Leta visus ffranciplegij et omne id

14 quod ad visum ffranci plegij pertinet Rectorias Capellas et Advocaciones Ecclesiarum Rectoriarum vicariarum Cantariarum et

15 Capellarum glebas decimas Oblaciones obvenciones Mortuaria ferias mercata tolneta vias semitas et alia

16 hereditamenta quecunque tam spiritualia quam temporalia cuiuscumque sint generis nature vel speciei quibuscumque

17 nominibus censeantur sive eorum alter [sic?] censeatur scituata iacentia sive existentia in villis Campis parochijs sive Hamilettis

18 de Colne Comitis Colne alba Colne Engayne et Colne Wake Pedmarshe Lammarshe Bures ad montem

19 Walter Belchampe Bentley magna Messinge Stansted Hedingham Sybley Maplestede magna

20 Maplestede parva et Inglesthorpe et alibi vbiicumque in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex ac in Wyckham in dicto Comitatu

21 nostro Cantabrigie ac in Lavenham et Aldham in Comitatu nostro Suffolk Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive

22 concessione predicti Comitis Et que similiter predicte nuper domui et Prioratui sive Monasterio beate Marie

23 virginis et sancti Iohannis Evangeliste de Colne Comitis alias Earles Colne spectabant sive pertinebant Ac Totum

24 fundum Scitum ambitum circuitum et procinctum nuper domus sive Prioratus beate Marie sancti Iacobi et

25 sancte Crucis de Hedingham ad Castrum in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex Ac totam illam domum et nuper Prioratum

26 de Hedingham predicto Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive Concessione predicti Comitis Ac totam Ecclesiam

27 Campanile et Cemiterium eiusdem nuper Prioratus Necnon omnia illa Messuagia domos edifica horrea

28 Grangias Columbaria Gardina Pomaria Stagna vivaria terras et solum tam infra septum et circuitum

29 eiusdem nuper Prioratus quam extra septum et Circuitum eiusdem nuper Prioratus et eidem nuper Prioratui

30 spectantia sive pertinentia Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive Concessione predicti Comitis Ac omnes illas Rectorias

31 Ecclesiarum parochialium de Hedingham ad Castrum et Gosfeld cum pertinentijs eidem nuper Prioratui sive Monasterio de

32 Hedingham predicto in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex pertinentes Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive Concessione predicti Comitis

33 Ac omnes illas Advocaciones et patronatus Rectoriarum et viciarum de Hedingham ad Castrum et Gosfelde predictis in

35 Comitatu nostro Essex Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive Concessione predicti Comitis Necnon omnia et singula

36 illa Maneria Messuagia terras tenementa Molendina prata pascuas pasturas boscos subboscos asserta aquas [PAGE TORN]

1 Stagna vivaria piscaria Comunias Reditus annuitates ffeodi ffirmas Reverciones Servicia ffeoda Militum Warda Maritagia

2 Relevia Escaetas Rectorias Capellas Advocaciones Ecclesiarum viciarum Capellarum et Cantiarum Glebas porciones pencias

3 decimas oblaciones obvenciones Mortuaria ferias mercata tolneta vias semitas libertates franchises Warrenna Curia Leta

4 visus ffranci plegij et omne id quod ad visum ffranci plegij pertinet et alia hereditamenta iura et perpetuitates quecumque tam

5 spiritualia quam temporalia cuiuscumque sint generis nature vel speciei et quibuscumque nominibus censeantur seu eorum aliquis

6 censeatur Que nuper habuimus ex dono sive concessione predicti Comitis ac que similiter dicto nuper Prioratui de

7 Hedingham ad Castrum nuper spectabant sive pertinebant vel que nuper habuimus ex dono sive concessione predicti

8 Comitis Unde aliqua Priorissa dicti nuper Prioratus ante hec tempora fuit seisita in iure dicti nuper Prioratus

9 sive Monasterij predicti scituata iacentia et existentia in villis Campis parochijs sive Hamlettis de Hedingham ad Castrum

10 Hedingham Syble Gosfelde Yeldham magna Yeldham parva et alibi in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex ac alibi in quibuscumque

11 alijs Comitatibus sive locis infra Regnum nostrum Anglie Adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Maria

12 Baynbrigg nuper Priorissa nuper Prioratus de Hedingham ad Castrum predicto aut aliqua predecessorum suorum in iure

13 eiusdem nuper Prioratus sive Monasterij illius habuit tenuit vel gavisa fuit Habendum et tenendum predicta Scitum

14 Ecclesias Campanile ambitum et procinctum Prioratus predicte ac omnia et singula predicta Maneria Messuagia terras tenementa

15 annuitates pencias porciones ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata cum omnibus et singulis

16 suis pertinentijs (inter alia) prefato Eduardo Comiti Oxonie et heredibus de Corpore suo legitime procreatis et pro

17 defectu talis exitus heredibus de Corpore dilecti Consanguinei nostri Iohannis de Veer defuncti nuper Comitis Oxonie Avi prefati

18 nunc Comitis defuncti legitime procreatis Reddendo nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris pro predicto Manerio de Colne alias

19 Colne Priorye et predictis Rectorijs et Capellis et pro omnibus et singulis predictis Manerijs Messuagijs terris tenementis et

20 hereditamentis ac ceteris omnibus et singulis premissis cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentijs in Colne Comitis Colne alba Colne

21 Engayne et Colne Wake predictis sexaginta et sex libras ad Receptum Scaccarij nostri seu ad manus Receptorum sive Ballivorum

22 nostrorum pro tempore existentium ad ffesta sancti Michaelis Archangeli et Annunciaconis beate Marie virginis vel infra vnum

23 mensem proxime sequentem vtrumque festum festorum illorum per equales porciones omnino solvendas pro omnibus alijs

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24 Servicijs exaccionibus et demaundis quibuscumque proinde nobis heredibus vel Successoribus nostris quovismodo petendis

25 exigendis solvendis vel faciendis prout per easdem litteras nostras Patentes (inter alia) plenius liquet et appareat Et

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26 Sciatis quod nos pro diversis Causis et Consideracionibus nos specialiter moventibus et precipue in Consideracione boni

27 veri et acceptabilis Servicij nobis antehac multipliciter per dilectum et fidelem nostrum Iohannem Norreys Militem impensi

28 Necnon ad humilem peticionem eiusdem Iohannis Norreys ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et Concessimus ac

29 per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris damus et Concedimus Theophilo Adams et Thome Butler de Londonia

30 generosis ac heredibus suis imperpetuum Revercionem et Reverciones Remanere et Remaneria nostra quecumque predictorum dominiorum

31 Maneriorum Monasteriorum Prioratum Rectoriarum Grangiarum Cantiarum terrarum tenementorum pratorum pascuarum pasturarum decimatarum pencionum porcionum

32 Advocacionum Iurium patronatus et Ceterorum possessionum et hereditamentorum quecumque [sic?] superius mencionatorum et specificatorum et Cumlibet [sic?] inde parcellae

33 dependentia super separales Concessiones predictas superius mencionatas vel super earum aliqua vel super aliquam aliam Concessionem

34 vel concessiones factas de premissis vel eorum aliquo aut de aliqua inde parcella Ac omnes Reddiciones et cetera omnia annualia

35 proficua quecumque reservata super quodcumque donum vel concessionem et super quecumque dona aut Concessiones facta de [+premissis aut]

1 de aliqua parte vel parcella premissorum &c Damus eciam et per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris concedimus

2 prefatis Theophilo Adams et Thome Butler ac heredibus et Assignatis suis imperpetuum Revercionem et Reverciones Remanere

3 et Remaneria omnium predictorum dominiorum Maneriorum Monasteriorum Prioratum Rectoriarum Grangiarum terrarum tenementorum pratorum pascuarum pasturarum

4 decimarum pencionum porcionum Advocacionum Iurium patronatus et Ceterorum possessionum et hereditamentorum quorumcumque superius mencionatorum

5 recitatorum et specificatorum et quamlibet inde partem et parcellam (exceptorum preexceptorum) Ac omnes et omnimodes boscos

6 subboscos et arbores de in et super premissis vel aliqua inde parcella crescentes et existentes Ac etiam [sic?] terras fundum et

7 solum eorundem boscorum sobboscorum et arborum Ac Revercionem et Reverciones Remanere et Remaneria omnium et singulorum

8 domorum edificiorum horreorum Stabulorum Columbariorum hortorum pomariorum Gardinorum terrarum tenementorum pratorum pascuarum pasturarum

9 Comuniarum vastorum Iamnorum bruerarum Mororum Mariscorum decimarum oblacionum aquarum aquarum Cursuum pisciarum piscatoriarum

10 viarum semitarum redditum et Servitorum Operum Tenentium sectarum ad Molendina Necnon firmarum ffeodorum Militum Wardorum Maritagiorum

11 Escaetarum Releviorum heriettorum ffinum exitum et amerciamentorum Curiarum Letarum visum ffranci plegij Curiarum et Letarum perquisicionum

12 ac proficuum Ac omnium que ad Curias Letas et visum ffranci plegij et Letas pertinent sive imposterum spectare

13 debent aut deberent Nativorum et Nativarum cum eorum sequelis ac bonorum et  
Catallorum Waviatorum extrahurarum deodandorum

14 estoveriorum et Comuniorum estoveriorum Wreccorum Maris Turnorum vicecomitis  
liberorum Warrenorum libertatum et immunitatum libere Warrene

15 Nundinarum mercatorum tolnetorum theolonorum Custumariorum picagiorum  
stallagiorum ac omnium aliorum iurum iurisdictionum ffranchesiarum

16 privilegiorum proficuum Commoditatum Emolumentorum et hereditamentorum  
nostrorum quorumcumque infra Regnum nostrum Anglie premissis

17 superius per presentes preconcessorum seu eorum alicui vel aliquibus vel alicui inde  
parcele quoquomodo spectantibus pertinentibus

18 regardantibus accidentibus vel appendentibus aut vt membra partes vel parcele  
eorundem predictorum premissorum seu eorum

19 aliquorum vel alicuius inde parcele antehac habita cognita dimissa locata occupata  
accepta vsitata sive reputata

20 existentibus (exceptis preexcepis) Adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo  
et forma prout aliquis

21 Abbas Abbissa Prior Priorissa aut aliqui Abbes Abbisse Priores sive Priorisse  
dictorum nuper Monasterij

22 et Prioratus aut prefatus Episcopus Lincolnie &c aut aliquis alias sive aliqui alii  
premisses predictas aut aliquam

23 inde parcellam antehac habentes aut seisiti inde existentes eadem premissa aut  
aliquam inde parcellam vnquam

24 habuerunt tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt habuit tenuit vel gavisus fuit seu habere tenere  
vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit

25 et adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout eadem omnia et  
singula premissa et quelibet

25 vel aliqua inde parcella seu redditus et annualia proficia eorundem vel alicuius inde  
parcele superius expressa et

27 specificata ad manus nostras seu ad manus aliquorum nuper Progenitorum nostrorum  
racione et pretextu alicuius dissolucionis

28 suppressionis aut sursum reddicionis dictorum nuper Monasterij Prioratus Hospitalis et Cantarie vel eorum alicuius

29 aut ratione vel pretextu alicuius Actus parliamenti sive aliquorum Actuum parliamenti aut per escaetam attincturam

30 forisfacturam seu quocumque alio legali modo iure seu titulo devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt aut aliqua inde

31 parcella devenit seu devenire debuit ac in manibus nostris modo existunt seu existere debent vel deberent

32 Habendum tenendum et gaudendum predictas Reverciones et Revercionem Remanere et Remaneria omnium predictorum Maneriorum

33 Rectoriarum Messuagiorum terrarum et tenementorum decimarum Hundredorum pratorum pascuarum pasturarum boscorum subboscorum hereditamentorum

34 ac ceterorum omnium et singulorum premissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum cum omnibus et singulis suis iuribus

35 membris et pertinentijs vniuersis (exceptis preexceptis) prefatis Theophilo Adams et Thome Butler ac heredibus et

36 Assignatis suis imperpetuum Tenendum predictum Manerium de Colne Comitis alias Colne Pryorye Ac omnia predicta

37 maneria Rectorias Capellas Messuagia terras tenementa hereditamenta ac cetera premissa in Colne Comitis

1 Colne alba Colne Engayne et Colne Wake predictis ac omnia et singula cetera premissa dicto nuper Monasterio

2 sive Prioratui de Colne Comitis alias Earles Colne vt prefertur spectantia sive pertinentia de nobis heredibus et Successoribus

3 nostris in Capite per Servicium Quadragesime parte [sic?] vnius ffeodi Militis Ac Reddendo nobis heredibus et

4 Successoribus nostris pro predicto Manerio de Colne alias Colne Pryorye ac pro omnibus et singulis predictis Manerijs Rectorijs

5 Capellis Messuagijs terris tenementis et hereditamentis ac ceteris premissis in Colne Comitis Colne alba Colne

6 Engayne et Colne Wake predictis ac pro omnibus et singulis ceteris premissis dicto nuper Monasterio sive Prioratui

7 de Colne Comitis alias Earles Colne vt prefertur spectantibus et pertinentibus Sexaginta et sex libras ad Receptum

8 Scaccarij nostri seu ad manus Receptorum sive Ballivorum nostrorum pro tempore existentium ad ffecta sancti Michaelis Archangeli

9 et Annunciacions beate Marie virginis vel infra vnum mensem proxime sequentem vtrumque ffestum festorum

10 illorum per equales porciones omnino solvendas Ac vterius volumus et concedimus pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus

11 nostris per presentes prefatis Theophilo Adams et Thome Butler heredibus et Assignatis suis Quod hec [sic?] Littere nostre

12 Patentes vel irrotulamentum eorundem [sic?] erunt posthac firme valide bone sufficientes et effectuales in lege erga et contra

13 nos heredes et Successores nostros tam in omnibus Curijs nostris quam alibi infra et extra hoc Regnum nostrum Anglie

14 absque aliquibus confirmacionibus licentia vel tolleracione de nobis heredibus vel Successoribus nostris imposterum

15 per prefatos Theophilum Adams et Thomam Butler aut heredes Executores Administratores et Assignatos suos

16 vel eorum aliquem vel aliquos procurandis aut obtainendis Non obstante male nominando vel male

17 recitando aut non recitando predicta separalia Maneria Rectorias Messuagia terras tenementa et cetera omnia

18 et singula premissa superius recitata et specificata vel aliquam inde parcellam Et non obstante non inveniendo

19 Officium vel Inquisitionem premissorum aut alicuius inde parcelle per que titulus noster inveniri debuit ante

20 confeccionem harum litterarum nostrarum Patentium Et non obstante male recitando aut non recitando aliquam

21 dimissionem aut concessionem de premissis aut de aliqua inde parcella antehac factam tam de Recordo quam

22 non de Recordo Et non obstante quod de nominibus Tenentium ffirmariorum seu Occupatorum Maneriorum Rectoriarum Hundredorum

23 terrarum tenementorum et ceterorum premissorum vel alicuius inde parcella plena et certa non fit mencio Et non obstante

24 aliquibus defectibus de Certitudine vel Computacione aut declaracione veri annualis valoris premissorum vel alicuius

25 inde parcella aut annualis redditus reservati de et super premissa vel de et super aliquam inde parcellam in hijs Litteris

26 nostris Patentibus expressis et contentis Et non obstante aliquibus alijs defectibus in non nominando aut in male nominando

27 alicuius Tenentis firmarij sive Occupatoris terrarum tenementorum et hereditamentorum predictorum sive aliquorum aliorum premissorum

28 aut alicuius inde parcella aut in non recitando aut non recte nominando natura genera species quantitates

29 aut qualitates premissorum aut alicuius inde parcella Et non obstante Statuto edito in parlamenti domini Henrici

30 nuper Regis Anglie sexti Antecessoris nostri Anno regni sui decimo octavo aut aliquo in eodem Statuto contento

31 vel mencionato aut aliquo alio Statuto Actu sive ordinacione quamque [sic?] antehac facto in aliquo Volumus

32 litteras nostras Patentes sub magno Sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo factas et Sigillatas absque ffine seu ffeodo

33 magno vel parvo nobis in Hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad vsum nostrum quoquomodo reddendo solvendo vel faciendo

34 Eo quod expressa mencio &c In cuius rei &c Teste Regina apud Westmonasterium decimo quarto die Aprilis

35 Anno regni nostri Tricesimo quarto per ipsam Reginam