

SUMMARY: The document below is the licence, dated 30 January 1548, by which the 10-year-old King Edward VI (1537-1553) granted to John de Vere (1516-1562), 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, permission to alienate certain manors to the King's uncle, Edward Seymour (c.1500-1552), Duke of Somerset, Protector of the Realm.

Licence was required before a tenant in chief of the Crown could alienate lands held by him by knight service.

*A royal ordinance of 1256 attempted to protect the incidents of feudal tenure by restricting the right of tenants-in-chief of the king to alienate lands held of him. Alienation at will meant that the king's control over his lands was weakened by subinfeudation, as the feudal ladder was stretched. Moreover, his dues were often reduced by the division of land into parcels too small to return the appropriate services. After 1256, alienation was only permitted by licence of the king. There is little evidence of the effect of this change under Henry III, but the records from the late thirteenth century suggest that licences were not easily available until the mid-1290s. At this point, Edward I reversed his previous policy of opposing alienation of lands held in chief. Instead, he granted licences to alienate, under which the alienee would hold the land in chief of the king and for which a fine was paid. Thus the king's financial incidents were safeguarded and he made money from the licence.*

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*In the same year [1526], "alienations by tenants in chief were only permitted on condition that prospective fiscal loss to the crown was indemnified. Penal recognizances were devised in the case of each and every such permitted alienation, which were enrolled in chancery." These methods are familiar, and they show the crown relying on the combination of its traditional feudal right to license alienations and the more recent development of the use of recognizances to enforce those rights. The campaign quickly moved beyond these fairly passive activities, and in June 1526 a meeting of the king's council commanded the king's attorney and solicitor "that they shall have all such in accion as alieneth any lands which are houlden of the king as of his Crowne ymmediately and also as well those which selleth lands whereof the kinge is in the Reversion as them which maketh Alienacion whereby the king looseth livery or primer seisin."*

See McGlynn, Margaret, *The Royal Prerogative and the Learning of the Inns of Court* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 27, 180.

Accordingly, in the licence to alienate below, in each instance a clause states that the manor or manors in question will be held by Somerset 'by the services thereof owed & of right customary'.

Since the lands of the Oxford earldom had descended from male heir to male heir over the years by 'ancient entails' (see TNA C 54/626 and TNA PROB 11/17, ff. 82-90), many of the lands which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl inherited were held by him as tenant in chief of the

Crown by knight service. Knowledge of the original tenure by which some of the lands comprised in these 'ancient entails' were held had apparently been lost with the passage of time. However all the lands included in the licence below were lands thought to be held by the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl as a tenant in chief of the Crown by knight service, and it was thus necessary for the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to obtain licence from the King to alienate this limited group of lands before Somerset could include them in the fine comprising almost all the lands of the Oxford earldom which he extorted from the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl on 10 February and 16 April 1548. The licence to alienate includes the following manors:

1. Manor of Christian Malford in Wiltshire;
2. Manors of Chesham Higham and Chesham Bury in Buckinghamshire;
3. Manor of Thorncombe in Devonshire;
4. Manors of Downham and Stansted Mountfitchet in Essex;
5. Manor of Aldham in Suffolk, manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst and Lamarsh in Essex, and manors of Crudwell and Eastcourt in Wiltshire;
6. Honour of Castle Hedingham and manors of Prayors, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall and Colne Wake in Essex, manors of Hormead, Barkway and Newsells in Hertford, manor of Abington in Cambridge, manors of Lavenham and Battsford in Suffolk;
7. Honour of Whitchurch in Buckinghamshire, manors of Castle Camps and Abington in Cambridge, and manor of Countesmead in Essex, in all of which Anne (d.1559), Countess of Oxford, widow of John de Vere (1499-1526), 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, held life estates;
8. Manor of Shottesbrook in Berkshire in which Robert de Vere (d.1598), brother of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl, and his wife held a life estate.

It should be noted that the manor of Abington in Cambridge appears twice in the foregoing list and in the licence below. It should also be noted that the manor of Battsford included in the licence below was likely the manor referred to in TNA C 66/740, m.5 as the manor of East Bergholt. The 16<sup>th</sup> Earl held two manors in East Bergholt. He had inherited one in 1540 from his father, John de Vere (1482-1540), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford (see reference to the manor of East Bergholt, valued at £47 15s 1/2d per annum, in TNA SC 11/919). Another had been granted to him on 29 April 1544 by King Henry VIII in exchange for the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's manors of Dovercourt and Harwich (see TNA C 66/740, m.5) It seems likely that the latter manor is the one included in the licence below. Confusingly, it would seem that this manor is referred to in some of the extant documents as the manor of Battsford, and in others as the manor of East Bergholt. In addition, one or the other of these manors is also referred to by various other names, including Old Hall, le Commandry, Bergholt Commandry, and St. John's.

The fine which Somerset extorted from the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl after the licence below had been obtained comprised all the lands which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl held in 1548 with the exception of his lands in Chester, his lands in Langdon Hills and Wennington, and the lands comprised in Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory to John de Vere (1482-1540), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and his heirs by letters patent dated 22 July 1536 (see TNA C 66/668 membranes 26-27, and ERO D/DPt/631). Somerset may have exempted Colne Priory from both the licence

below, and the fine which followed, because he had qualms about appropriating a large grant which had been made by his recently deceased brother-in-law, Henry VIII (1491-1547). The reason for Somerset's omission from the fine of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands in Chester appears to have been that by the statute *De modo levandi fines* of 18 Edward I, no fine could be levied unless upon a suit commenced by writ, and the King's writ did not run in the county palatine of Chester, which had its own courts (see Cruise, William, *A Digest of the Laws of England Respecting Real Property*, Vol. 3 (London: Saunders and Benning, 1835), pp. 71, 102). For the fine, see TNA E 328/403 and Fitch, Marc and Frederick Emmison, eds., *Feet of Fines for Essex, Vol V: 1547-1580* (Oxford: Leopard's Head Press, 1991), p. 9.

Because the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands in Chester, his lands in Wennington and Langdon Hills, and the lands comprised in Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory were not included in either the licence below, or the fine which followed, they were not covered by the provisions of the private Act of Parliament of 23 January 1552 which restored the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands to him by deeming the fine of 10 February and 16 April 1548 to be to his use. The 16<sup>th</sup> Earl therefore continued to hold his lands in Chester, Wennington, Langdon Hills and Colne Priory after the fine and Act of Parliament in the manner in which he had originally inherited them.

Joined with Somerset as grantees in the licence to alienate are his brother-in-law, Sir Michael Stanhope (d.1552), his first cousin (and the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's brother-in-law), Sir Thomas Darcy (1506-1558), and the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's legal counsellor, John Lucas (d.1556). The roles played by Stanhope, Darcy and Lucas are not entirely clear, and the legal interests they acquired under the fine of 10 February and 14 April 1548 which followed are equally unclear, since the Act of Parliament which rectified Somerset's extortion against the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl contains no specific discussion of their role (see HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35).

The licence below is a highly unusual example of a licence of alienation in that it contains detailed terms of a purported financial settlement pursuant to a marriage contract between Somerset and the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl for their children, Henry Seymour (1540-c.1600), and Katherine de Vere (1538-1600).

In each section, licence is granted to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to alienate a specified manor or manors by fine or otherwise in one of two alternative ways. The first of these is worded: 'To have to the said Duke of Somerset, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever'. This language authorizes the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to alienate by making an outright grant in fee simple of the specified manor or manors to Somerset et al, and is not followed by any provisions concerning a marriage contract. The second of the two alternatives is worded: 'or to have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford etc.'. This language is followed by provisions involving a marriage contract, and authorizes the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to alienate by making a much more limited grant to Somerset et al as trustees to hold the specified manor or manors to various uses, the most common version being that the specified manor or manors will be held to the use of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl

for life without impeachment of waste and after his death to his lawful male heirs, and for lack of lawful male heirs to his daughter Katherine and her future husband Henry, son of the Duke of Somerset, and their heirs, and for lack of heirs of Katherine and Henry, to the right heirs of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl.

There is obviously a very material difference between the two alternative wordings. The first authorizes an outright grant of legal title in fee simple to Somerset et al, while the second merely authorizes a grant to Somerset et al as the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's trustees, holding his lands to his use. Moreover, although the second of the two alternatives also contains language throughout having to do with a marriage contract, that alternative, whereby Somerset et al would have held the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands as trustees to his use, never came about, and it seems clear from the fine and other relevant documents that Somerset never intended it to come about. The fine of 10 February and 16 April 1548 consisted of an outright grant of legal title to Somerset and his heirs in fee simple, and as indicated in the private Act of Parliament of 22 and 23 January 1552 which rectified Somerset's extortion against the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl, once the fine was enacted the lands of the Oxford earldom were automatically and secretly entailed on Somerset and his heirs by a legal 'metamorphosis' through the operation of an earlier private Act of Parliament which Somerset had had passed in April 1540 (see HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35, and HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n37).

Another noteworthy aspect of the licence below is that the language states, in the case of each specified manor or manors, that if no marriage were to take place by 29 September 1559 between the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's daughter Katherine and Henry or any other of Somerset's sons, all the uses set out with respect to that manor or manors (i.e. the uses set out in the second alternative wording) would be void and of no legal effect. However it is nowhere stated in the language of the licence that if the first alternative were to be adopted, i.e. an outright grant in fee simple to Somerset and his heirs, that that grant would be void and of no legal effect if no marriage were to take place by 29 September 1559. For that reason, the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl could not have relied on the licence below as grounds for seeking restoration of his lands if no marriage took place after the fine of 10 February and 16 April 1548 had been levied, because the language of the licence to alienate deliberately fails to provide for that contingency.

At the time of the commencement of Somerset's extortion against the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl at the end of January 1548, the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl was a widower, and had no male heir. His daughter Katherine was his only child. However he was only 46 years old, and in the normal course of events it was entirely possible that he would remarry and beget a male heir, and in fact clauses in the licence below with respect to the manors of Downham and Stansted Mountfitchet contain provision for a jointure for the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's wife if he should remarry, while other clauses provide that specified manors are to descend, in certain circumstances, to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's male heirs. These clauses give a surface appearance of normalcy to the provisions for the marriage contract between Katherine and Henry contained in the licence by allowing for the possibility that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl might remarry and beget a male heir. However this appearance of normalcy is undercut by language stipulating that Somerset et al must be parties to any deed providing for a jointure for the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's wife should he remarry. In practical terms this gave Somerset direct control

over the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's remarriage since in the normal course of events someone of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's station in life could not remarry without providing a substantial jointure for his new wife. It thus seems clear that Somerset intended that the clauses in the licence providing for the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands to descend in certain circumstances to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's male heirs, or to his right heirs, would never take effect. See also TNA SP 10/1/45, which indicates that Somerset was actively involved in preventing the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's remarriage.

The complicated provisions of this licence to alienate were thus mere camouflage for Somerset's real intention, which was to extort from the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl all the lands of the Oxford earldom, as Sir James Dyer pointed out in a judgment in a lawsuit brought by the Queen in 1571:

*King Edward VI, having knowledge by information of his council of the great spoil and disherison of John, late Earl of Oxford, by the circumvention, commination, threats, coercion and other undue means of Edward, late Duke of Somerset, governor of the King's person and protector of the realm and people, practised and used in his time of his greatest power and authority with the said Earl whereby all ancient lands and possessions of the earldom of Oxford within the realm were conveyed by fine and indenture anno 2 Edward VI [=1548] to the said Duke in fee, and yet in fact by a metamorphosis entailed to him and his heirs begotten on the Lady Anne, his wife, by force of a statute made anno 32 Hen. VIII [=1540] . . . .*

For the judgment of Sir James Dyer, see J.H. Baker, ed., *Reports from the Lost Notebooks of Sir James Dyer* (London: Selden Society, 1994), pp. 196-8.

The provisions in the licence below of 30 January 1548 were incorporated into an indenture which Somerset forced the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to sign on 1 February 1548. In order to guarantee that the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl would perform the terms of the indenture of 1 February 1548, Somerset also forced the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl to enter into a recognizance of £6000 on 26 February 1548. No copy of either the indenture of 1 February 1548 or the recognizance of 26 February 1548 has survived, but they are discussed in the private Act of Parliament of 23 January 1552 by which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands were restored to him after Somerset's execution (see HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35) as well as in the letters patent of 22 January 1553 by which King Edward VI restored to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl certain bonds, jewels and other chattels extorted from him by Somerset (see TNA C 66/848).

Other provisions in the licence below which merit attention include the following:

(1) Katherine and Henry were children, and might die before reaching the age at which they could marry. Alternatively, Henry might not consent to the marriage when he reached the age of consent. The licence thus contains clauses providing that Katherine might wed, instead of Henry, one of the other sons of Somerset, or that in fact no marriage whatever might take place between Katherine and one of Somerset's sons. Under normal circumstances, if no marriage took place there would be a clause declaring the entire agreement frustrate and void. Instead the licence contains the highly unusual

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provision that even if no marriage took place, Somerset would nonetheless retain the lands of the Oxford earldom to the use of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl and his heirs;

(2) A further provision states that if a marriage were to take place between Katherine and one of Somerset's sons, and the son were to alienate one or more of the manors in question, the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl could re-enter them, but nonetheless, Somerset would still hold the manors to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's use;

(3) In addition to manors which were already in the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's possession, clauses in the licence make similar provision for manors which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl held in reversion after life estates to Anne (d.1559), Dowager Countess of Oxford, widow of John de Vere (1499-1526), 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and Robert Vere (d.1598), brother of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl;

(4) In the case of each specified manor or manors, a clause provides that Somerset is entitled to hold the manors in question from the King by the usual services, again suggesting that the true intent of the licence was that the fine which followed the licence would be an outright grant to Somerset and his heirs in fee simple.

As mentioned earlier, in each instance in the licence below a clause states that after alienation in either of two alternate ways, the specified manor or manors will be held from the Crown by Somerset et al 'by the services thereof owed & of right customary'. Given these specific provisions, it was therefore Somerset who held the manors included in the licence from the Crown as a tenant in chief by knight service after the fine of 10 February and 16 April 1548, and it would appear that Somerset died on the morning of 22 January 1552 holding these manors as tenant in chief of the Crown by knight service since the Act of Parliament which rectified Somerset's extortion makes reference to his death, and was therefore not enacted until after his execution. A wardship was triggered by the death of a tenant in chief. Thus, if Somerset had already died in 1552 holding these lands as a tenant in chief from the Crown by knight service, how could those tenures have been transferred back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl so as to form the legal basis for the Queen's claim in 1562 to Oxford's wardship? It is true that the private Act of Parliament of 23 January 1552 deemed the fine to be to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's use, but this occurred after the fact, i.e. after Somerset's death. Would this have sufficed to transfer the tenures back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl retroactively after Somerset had already died holding by those tenures?

It seems obvious that this complex legal issue should have been adjudicated before the Queen took Oxford and his lands into wardship. There is a hint as to the probable outcome had the matter been litigated in a timely manner in 1562 in Sir James Dyer's judgment in the lawsuit brought against Oxford by the Queen in 1571. In that judgment Sir James Dyer held that Oxford took the lands of his mother's jointure which were the subject of the Queen's lawsuit by purchase and not by descent:

*Item, the rest of all the particular estates and interests of the brothers executed, and of the father's wife, is expressly appointed to the father during his life, remainder to the son etc. as above, and thus by the Act he shall be adjudged in as purchaser.*

Dyer's statement appears to be very broad, and to include not only the lands of Oxford's mother's jointure, but all the lands comprised in the fine of 10 February and 16 April which were covered in the private Act of Parliament. It seems that Sir James Dyer was of the view that Oxford took all those lands as purchaser. Dyer does not specifically state that the tenures had not been transferred back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl after Somerset's death, but his finding that Oxford took all the lands comprised in the fine and covered by the Act of Parliament as purchaser makes it clear that Dyer did not consider that Oxford held those lands as a tenant in chief of the Crown by knight service.

If the foregoing view is correct, the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands in Chester, his lands in Wennington and Langdon Hills, and the lands comprised in Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory were the only lands held by the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl at his death which could provide a legal basis for the Queen's claim to Oxford's wardship. The question then becomes whether any of those lands were held by the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl as a tenant in chief of the Crown by knight service when he died. The 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's inquisition post mortem (see TNA C 142/136/12) states that the jurors had no knowledge of the tenures by which the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's lands in Chester, or in Wennington and Langdon Hills, were held, or of whom they were held:

*And further the foresaid jurors say that the manors of Warmingham, North Rode, Blacon, Ashton, Worleston, and the eastern gate of Chester are held, but of whom is entirely unknown to the foresaid jurors.*

*And the foresaid jurors say that Langdon Hills aforesaid and certain lands in Wennington are held, but of whom is unknown to the foresaid jurors.*

Apparently, therefore, only the lands comprised in Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory remained upon which to ground the Queen's claim to Oxford's wardship. Dyer appears to go out of his way to preserve Colne Priory as the legal basis for the Queen's claim to Oxford's wardship in this obiter dictum:

*But of all the lands that were given in tail by King Henry 8, the Queen shall have the whole in ward etc.*

The likelihood that the legal basis for Oxford's wardship was misconstrued during the entire wardship, and that it was not until after Oxford had come of age, and Sir James Dyer had rendered his judgment in 1571, that the Queen realized that there had been some misconstruction of her legal claim to the wardship appears to be supported by her letters patent licencing Oxford to enter on his lands on 30 May 1572 (see TNA C 66/1090). Although it is possible that these letters patent constitute a grant of special livery, the wording 'without any proof of his age & without any other livery or prosecution of his inheritance' suggests that Oxford may not have been required to sue livery at all:

*The Queen to whom etc. greeting. Know that we, of our special grace and of our certain knowledge & mere motion, have granted & given licence, and by these presents do grant & give licence for us, our heirs & successors, by how much [+is] in us to our well-*

*beloved and faithful subject Edward de Vere, now Earl of Oxenford, son & next heir & elder male issue of the body of the right honourable John de Vere, late Earl of Oxenford, deceased, which certain John, late Earl of Oxenford, held of us in chief by knight service on the day on which he died, by whatsoever name, surname or addition of name the same Edward de Vere, now Earl of Oxenford, is named or called, that the same Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, immediately, without any proof of his age & without any other livery or prosecution of his inheritance or of any parcel thereof to be prosecuted out of our hands [+& those] of our heirs or successors according to the course of procedure of our Chancery or according to the law by the course of procedure of our Court of Wards & Liveries or the law of our land of England or by any other manner, might licitly & safely be able to enter, go into & seise all & singular the honours, castles, lordships, manors . .*

If that is indeed the case, and Oxford was not required to sue livery at all when the Queen finally permitted him to enter on his lands more than a year after he had come of age, the reason may be that the suing of livery would have opened up issues concerning the misconstruction of the Queen's legal claim to Oxford's wardship which she felt were better left alone.

For ease of reference, the names of the manors covered in each section of the licence have been added as headings in the translation below.

#### MANOR OF CHRISTIAN MALFORD

Edward Sixth by the grace of God King of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith & on earth Supreme Head of the English & Irish Church, to all to whom our present letters shall have come, greeting. Know that we for certain causes & considerations us at present especially moving, of our special grace have granted & given licence, and by these presents do grant & give licence for us & our heirs [+by] how much is in us, to our dearest cousin John, Earl of Oxenford, that he, so by fine to be levied in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas, as otherwise at his pleasure, might be able to give, acknowledge, grant, enfeoff, alienate, bargain, sell or by his deed confirm to our dearly beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerset, and to our beloved & faithful Michael Stanhope, knight, Thomas Darcy, knight, & John Lucas, esquire, his manor of Christ Malford alias Christian Malford with the appurtenances in our county of Wiltshire, and also forty messuages, ten cottages, two mills, two dovecots, forty gardens, forty orchards, eight hundred acres of arable land, two hundred acres of meadow, one thousand & five hundred acres of pasture, forty & fifty acres of wood, two hundred acres of furze & heath & ten pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Christ Malford alias Christian Malford in our said county of Wiltshire which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have to the said Duke of Somerset, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to have to the said Duke of Somerset, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever to the behoof & use of Henry, one

of the sons of the forenamed Duke of Somerset, and Katherine, daughter and heir apparent of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford, & of the heirs of the body of the said Henry which the said Henry shall have lawfully begotten of the body of the said Katherine, and for lack of such issue to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford during his life without impeachment of any waste to be made thereof, and after the decease of the said Earl, to the behoof & use of the first & elder issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said elder male issue lawfully begotten, & for lack of such issue male & of heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, to the behoof & use of the second issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said second issue male lawfully begotten, and thus from issue male of the body of the foresaid Earl to issue male of the body of the said Earl lawfully to be begotten & similarly to the use of the heirs males of such issue male lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue male & of heirs males of the body of such issue male & such issue of the body of the said Henry as is aforesaid, then to the use of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten, & for lack of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided always that if the forenamed Henry shall have disagreed or disassented to marry or to take as his lawful wife the foresaid Katherine, & that the forenamed Henry before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine [=29 September 1559] shall not be willing or shall not have happened to marry & to take as his wife the said Katherine, that then all & singular the foresaid uses of the said manor of Christian Malford and the rest of the premises in Christian Malford aforesaid shall immediately cease & be entirely determined, and that then the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns & all & singular other person & other persons who shall have been possessed or seised of or in the foresaid manor of Christian Malford & the rest of the premises or of or in any parcel thereof shall have been and shall have stood thereafter possessed and seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Henry & of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof & use of such other son of the forenamed Duke who shall have lawfully married the said Katherine, & of the said Katherine, & of the heirs of the body of such other son of the forenamed Duke who shall have lawfully married the said Katherine of the body of the forenamed Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the forenamed Earl & of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry during his life or any other of the sons of the forenamed Duke to whom the said Katherine shall have happened to be lawfully married during the life of the said son shall have alienated, discontinued or placed outside or shall permit to be placed outside or to be alienated by any recovery the foresaid manor of Christian Malford or any parcel thereof or the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Christian Malford aforesaid, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas & all & singular other person & persons who shall have stood or been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manor, messuages, & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof thus alienated, discontinued

or placed outside or permitted to be placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail as is aforesaid, shall thereafter have stood and been seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forever;

And that the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas might be able to receive the foresaid manor of Christian Malford & all & singular the foresaid messuages, cottages, mills and the rest of the premises above expressed & specified with all & singular their appurtenances from the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & to hold [+them] to themselves & to the heirs of the said Duke forever or to those their heirs & assigns forever from us, our heirs & successors, by the services thereof owed & of right customary forever to the several uses & according to the intents & conditions abovesaid, similarly by the tenor of these presents we have given and do give special licence, not willing that the foresaid John, Earl of Oxenford, or his heirs, or the forenamed Duke of Somerset, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or any of them, or the forenamed Henry or Katherine, or any other or any others before remembered (s. & pl.) to whom (s. & pl.) any use or any uses might be (s. & pl.) before limited or appointed (s. & pl.), as is aforesaid, of or in the foresaid manor and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof, might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, perturbed in anything or oppressed by us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or of our said heirs whomsoever;

#### MANORS OF CHESHAM HIGHAM & CHESHAM BURY

And moreover be it known that we, for the causes & considerations aforesaid, of our special grace have granted & given licence & by these presents do grant & give licence for us & our heirs [+by] how much is in us to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, that he, so by fine to be levied in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas as otherwise at his pleasure, might be able to give, acknowledge, grant, enfeoff, alienate, bargain, sell or by his deed confirm to our forenamed dearly beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerset, & to the forenamed Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, his manors of Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury with the appurtenances in our county of Buckinghamshire, and also fifty messuages, three mills, five dovecots, fifty gardens, fifty orchards, one thousand & five hundred acres of arable land, three hundred acres of meadow, three thousand acres of pasture, two hundred acres of wood, three hundred acres of furze & heath & five pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury in our said county of Buckinghamshire which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford & his executors until the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty two [=29 September 1552], and after the same feast

of Saint Michael the Archangel to the behoof & use of the forenamed Henry & Katherine and of the heirs of the body of the said Henry of the body of the same Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the forenamed Earl & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided always that if the forenamed Henry shall have disagreed or disassented to marry or to take as his lawful wife the forenamed Katherine, or that the forenamed Henry shall have died, or because of any other matter or cause the marriage between the said Henry & Katherine shall not have happened to take effect or shall not have been celebrated, and that it shall have happened one other of the sons of the forenamed Duke to marry or to take as his lawful wife the foresaid Katherine, that then immediately after such marriage had & solemnized between one other of the sons of the forenamed Duke & the said Katherine the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who then shall have been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manors of Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury & the rest of the premises in Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury aforesaid or of any parcel thereof shall have been thereof seised & possessed thereafter to the use of such other son of the forenamed Duke who shall have happened to marry or take as his lawful wife the said Katherine, & of the same Katherine, & of the heirs of the body of the said other son of the forenamed Duke who shall have happened to marry or take as his lawful wife the foresaid Katherine of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the forenamed Earl & the heirs of his body lawfully issuing, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford forever;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry nor any other son of the forenamed Duke shall have been unwilling, or shall not have married or taken as his lawful wife the forenamed Katherine before the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine or within one month next following the same feast of Saint Michael, that then all & singular the uses above remembered of or in the foresaid manors of Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury and of & in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in the said county of Buckinghamshire shall entirely cease and shall be void, and that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or then shall have been seised of or in the foresaid manors & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in the said county of Buckinghamshire shall have stood & been seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford & the heirs of his body lawfully issuing, and for lack of such issue to the behoof & use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided further that if the forenamed Henry during his life or any other of the sons of the forenamed Duke to whom the said Katherine shall have happened to be lawfully married during the life of the said other son shall have alienated, discontinued or placed outside or shall permit to be placed outside or to be alienated by any recovery the foresaid manors of Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury or any parcel thereof or the foresaid

messuages and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in the said county of Buckinghamshire, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who shall have stood or been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manors of Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury & the said messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in the said county of Buckinghamshire thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside or permitted to be placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail as is aforesaid, shall thereafter have stood and been seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forever, and that then it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Earl & his heirs into all & singular the foresaid manors & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in the said county of Buckinghamshire thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail to re-enter, & all the same manors and the rest of the premises to recover & enjoy as in its former state, any bargain, covenant, estate, possession or other security after the date of these presents to be had [+or] made thereof or [sic] (blank) by the said Earl or from the said Earl in anything notwithstanding;

And that the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas might be able to receive the foresaid manors of Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury and the foresaid messuages, lands, and the rest of the premises with the appurtenances in the said county of Buckinghamshire from the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & to hold [+them] to themselves & to the heirs of the said Duke forever, or to those their heirs & assigns forever from us, our heirs & successors, by the services thereof owed & of right customary forever to the several uses & according to the intents & conditions abovesaid, similarly by the tenor of these presents we have given and do give special licence, not willing that the foresaid John, Earl of Oxenford, or his heirs, or the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or any of them, or the forenamed Henry or Katherine, or any other or any others before remembered (s. & pl.) to whom (s. & pl.) any use or any uses might be (s. & pl.) before limited or appointed (s. & pl.), as is aforesaid, of or in the foresaid manors and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in our said county of Buckinghamshire, might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, perturbed in anything or oppressed by us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or of our said heirs whomsoever;

#### MANOR OF THORNCOMBE

And further be it known that we, for the causes & considerations aforesaid, of our special grace have granted & given licence and by these presents do grant & give licence for us & our heirs [+by] how much is in us to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, that he, so by fine to be levied in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas as otherwise at his pleasure, might be able to give, acknowledge, grant, enfeoff, alienate, bargain, sell or by his deed confirm to our forenamed dearly beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerset, & to the forenamed Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas his manor of Thorncombe with the appurtenances in our county of Devonshire, and also forty

messuages, ten cottages, one mill, two dovecots, forty gardens, forty orchards, one thousand & five hundred acres of arable land, three hundred acres of meadow, one thousand acres of pasture, five hundred acres of wood, two hundred acres of furze & heath & six pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Thorncombe and the advowson of the vicarage of Thorncombe aforesaid in our said county of Devonshire which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl for term of his life without impeachment of any waste to be made thereof, and after the decease of the said Earl to the behoof & use of the forenamed Henry & Katherine and of the heirs of the body of the said Henry of the body of the forenamed Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue then to the use of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of the forenamed Earl forever;

Provided always that if the forenamed Henry shall have disagreed or disassented to marry or to take as his lawful wife the forenamed Katherine, or that the forenamed Henry shall have died, or because of any other matter or cause the marriage between the said Henry & Katherine shall not have happened to take effect or shall not have been celebrated, and that it shall have happened one other of the sons of the forenamed Duke to marry or to take as his lawful wife the said Katherine, that then immediately after such marriage had & solemnized between one other of the sons of the forenamed Duke & the said Katherine the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who then shall have been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manor of Thorncombe & the rest of the premises in the said county of Devonshire or of any parcel thereof shall have been thereof seised & possessed thereafter to the use of such other son of the forenamed Duke who shall have happened to marry or take as his lawful wife the said Katherine, & of the same Katherine, & of the heirs of the body of the said other son of the forenamed Duke who shall have happened to marry or take as his lawful wife the foresaid Katherine of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the forenamed Earl & the heirs of his body lawfully issuing, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford forever;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry nor any other son of the forenamed Duke shall have been unwilling or shall not have married or taken as his lawful wife the foresaid Katherine before the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine or within one month next following the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above remembered of or in the foresaid manor of Thorncombe and of & in the said messuages, advowson, & the rest of the premises in the said county of Devonshire shall entirely cease and shall be void, and that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall have been seised of or in the foresaid manor & the rest of the premises in the said

county of Devonshire shall have stood & been seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof & use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided further that if the forenamed Henry during his life or any other of the sons of the forenamed Duke to whom the said Katherine shall have happened to be lawfully married during the life of the said other son shall have alienated, discontinued or placed outside or shall permit to be placed outside or to be alienated by any recovery the foresaid manor of Thorncombe or any parcel thereof or the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in the said county of Devonshire, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas & all & singular other person & persons who shall have stood or been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manor of Thorncombe & the said messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in the said county of Devonshire thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside or permitted to be placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail shall thereafter have stood and been seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forever, and that then it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Earl & his heirs into all & singular the foresaid manor & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in the said county of Devonshire thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail to re-enter & all the same manors [sic] and the rest of the premises to recover & enjoy as in its former state, any bargain, covenant, estate, possession or other security after the making of these presents to be had [+or] made thereof or [sic] (blank) by the said Earl, or from the said Earl in anything notwithstanding;

And that the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas might be able to receive the foresaid manor of Thorncombe and the foresaid messuages, lands and the rest of the premises with the appurtenances in our said county of Devonshire from the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & to hold [+them] to themselves & to the heirs of the said Duke forever, or to those their heirs & assigns forever from us, our heirs & successors, by the services thereof owed & of right customary forever to the several uses & according to the intents & conditions abovesaid, similarly by the tenor of these presents we have given and do give special licence, not willing that the foresaid John, Earl of Oxenford, or his heirs, or the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or any of them, or the forenamed Henry or Katherine, or any other or any others before remembered (s. & pl.) to whom (s. & pl.) any use or any uses might be (s. & pl.) before limited or appointed (s. & pl.), as is aforesaid, of or in the foresaid manor and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in our said county of Devonshire, might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might thereof be molested, troubled, disquieted, vexed, perturbed in anything or oppressed by us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or of our said heirs whomsoever;

#### MANORS OF DOWNHAM & STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET

And moreover be it known that we, for the causes & considerations aforesaid, of our special grace have granted & given licence and by these presents do grant & give licence for us & our heirs [+by] how much is in us to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, that he, so by fine to be levied in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas as otherwise at his pleasure, might be able to give, acknowledge, grant, enfeoff, alienate, bargain, sell or by his deed confirm to our forenamed dearly beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerset, & to the forenamed Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas his manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet with the appurtenances in our county of Essex, and also thirty messuages, eight cottages, one mill, two dovecots, thirty gardens, thirty orchards, one thousand acres of arable land, two hundred acres of meadow, one thousand acres of pasture, four hundred acres of wood, two hundred acres of furze & heath & six pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchett & Burnells in our said county of Essex which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford during his life without impeachment of any waste to be made thereof, and after the decease of the said Earl to the behoof & use of the first & elder male issue of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said elder male issue lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue male & of heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, to the behoof & use of the second issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said second issue male lawfully begotten, and thus from issue male of the body of the said Earl to issue male of the body of the same Earl lawfully to be begotten & similarly to the use of the heirs males of such issue male lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the issue female of the body of the forenamed Earl after the making of these presents to be lawfully begotten & of the heirs of the body of such issue female lawfully issuing, and for lack of such issue female & of heirs of the body of such issue lawfully begotten, to the use of the forenamed Henry & Katherine and of the heirs of the body of the said Henry of the body of the same Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided always that if the forenamed Earl shall have happened to marry or take as his lawful wife any person who shall have survived him, the Earl, and that the forenamed Earl, Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or those of them, the Earl, Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas who shall have survived, during the life of the said Earl by any deed or in any deed sealed and subscribed by the seals and hands of the same Earl, Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or by the seals and hands of the same Earl, Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas who shall have survived, shall have assigned, limited or appointed to such person who shall have been the lawful wife of the forenamed Earl for a jointure of her, the wife, aforesaid, the manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet with the appurtenances and the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid, that then after

the decease of the same Earl the same manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet and the same messuages & the rest of the premises in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid or so much thereof as in any such deed sealed & subscribed by the said Earl, Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or by those of them who shall have survived, shall have been specified, limited, or appointed to such wife of the forenamed Earl for her jointure shall be and remain to the use of such wife for term of her life, & afterwards to the uses & intents as in these presents are above limited & declared;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry shall have happened to disagree to marry with the foresaid Katherine and shall not marry with the same Katherine before the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the said year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine abovesaid, and that the same Katherine shall have been married & shall accept as her lawful husband one other son of the forenamed Duke before the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel or within one month next after the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared to the forenamed Henry & Katherine as is aforesaid of and in the said manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet & of and in the said messuages and the rest of the premises in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid might and shall be entirely void & determined, and that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or then were possessed or seised of or in the foresaid manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet and of the said messuages and the rest of the premises in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid or any parcel thereof shall have stood & been possessed & seised thereof after the decease of the forenamed Earl & after default of issue male of his body lawfully issuing & of the heirs males of the body of the same issue male lawfully begotten, and after default of issue female of the body of the forenamed Earl after the making of these presents lawfully to be begotten & of heirs of the body of the same issue female lawfully begotten, & after the foresaid jointure in manner & form aforesaid to be appointed determined, to the use of such son of the forenamed Duke who shall have lawfully married the said Katherine, & of the same Katherine, & the heirs of the body of the said son by him of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the heirs of the body of the said Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry nor any other son of the forenamed Duke shall have been unwilling or shall not have married or taken as his lawful wife the foresaid Katherine before the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine or within one month next following the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared of or in the foresaid manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet & of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid shall entirely cease and shall be void, & that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall have been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet & of or in the foresaid messuages

& the rest of the premises in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid or any parcel thereof shall thereafter have stood and been seised & possessed thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl during his life, & after his decease shall have stood & been seised & possessed thereof, or of so much thereof as shall have been appointed or limited in manner & form aforesaid for the jointure of the lawful wife of the forenamed Earl, to the use of the same wife during her life, and after her decease to the behoof of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided further that if the forenamed Henry during his life or any other of the sons of the forenamed Duke to whom the said Katherine shall have happened to be lawfully married during the life of the said other son shall have alienated, discontinued or placed outside or shall permit to be placed outside or to be alienated by any recovery the foresaid manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet or any parcel thereof or the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas & all & singular other person & persons who shall have stood or been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet & the said messuages and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside or permitted to be placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail shall thereafter have stood and been seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forever, and that then it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Earl & his heirs into all & singular the foresaid manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail to re-enter, & all the same manors & the rest of the premises to recover & enjoy as in its former state, any bargain, covenant, estate, possession, or other security after the making of these presents to be had [+or] made thereof or [sic] by the said Earl, or from the said Earl, (blank) in anything notwithstanding;

And that the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas might be able to receive the foresaid manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises with the appurtenances in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid from the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & to hold [+them] to themselves [+&] to the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to themselves, their heirs & assigns, forever from us, our heirs & successors, by the services thereof owed & of right customary forever to the several uses & according to the intents & conditions abovesaid, similarly by the tenor of these presents we have given and do give special licence, not willing that the foresaid John, Earl of Oxenford, or his heirs, or the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or any of them, or the forenamed Henry or Katherine, or any other or any others before remembered (s. & pl.) to whom (s. & pl.) any use or any uses might be (s. & pl.) before limited or appointed (s. & pl.), as is aforesaid, of or in the foresaid manors of Downham & Stansted Mountfitchet or any parcel thereof or of or in the foresaid messuages & the

rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Downham, Stansted Mountfitchet & Burnells aforesaid, might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed by us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or of our said heirs whomsoever;

MANORS OF ALDHAM, GREAT CANFIELD, GREAT BENTLEY,  
DODDINGHURST, LAMARSH, CRUDWELL & EASTCOURT

And moreover be it known that we, for the causes & considerations aforesaid, of our special grace have granted & given licence and by these presents do grant & give licence for us & our heirs [+by] how much is in us to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, that he, so by fine to be levied in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas as otherwise at his pleasure, might be able to give, acknowledge, grant, enfeoff, alienate, bargain, sell or by his deed confirm to our forenamed dearly beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerset, and to the forenamed Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas his manor of Aldham in our county of Suffolk, and also ten messuages, six cottages, one mill, two dovecots, ten gardens, ten orchards, five hundred acres of arable land, one hundred acres of meadow, three hundred acres of pasture, two hundred acres of wood, three hundred acres of furze & heath & five pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Aldham & Hadleigh in our said county of Suffolk, and his manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh in our said county of Essex, and also sixty messuages, forty cottages, five mills, six dovecots, sixty gardens, sixty orchards, two thousand acres of arable land, five hundred acres of meadow, one thousand & five hundred acres of pasture, six hundred acres of wood, five hundred acres of furze & heath & thirty pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone in our said county of Essex, & his manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt with the appurtenances in our said county of Wiltshire, and also forty messuages, twenty cottages, one mill, two dovecots, forty gardens, forty orchards, five hundred acres of meadow, one thousand & five hundred acres of arable land, one thousand acres of pasture, fifty acres of wood, six hundred acres of furze & heath & fifteen pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Crudwell & Eastcourt in our said county of Wiltshire which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford during his life without impeachment of any waste to be made thereof, and after the decease of the said Earl to the behoof & use of the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas for the term & time of twenty-one years next after the decease of the said Earl completely to be fulfilled, to that intention that they, the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, shall have & perceive all the yearly rents, revenues & profits thereof resulting or arising within the said twenty & one years towards the payment & satisfaction of the debts and legacies of the forenamed Earl or towards the payment of so

much of the same debts & legacies as the same yearly profits shall extend [+to] during the foresaid term of twenty & one years;

And after the decease of the forenamed Earl & after the said term of twenty-one years completely ended, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall have been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manor of Aldham and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Aldham & Hadleigh in the said county of Suffolk, & of or in the said manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone in the said county of Essex, and of or in the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid in the said county of Wiltshire or any parcel thereof, shall thereafter have stood & been seised & possessed thereof to the use of the first & elder issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said first elder male issue lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue male & of heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, to the behoof & use of the second issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said second issue male lawfully begotten, and thus from issue male of the body of the said Earl to issue male of the body of the same Earl lawfully to be begotten & similarly to the use of the heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the forenamed Henry & Katherine & the heirs of the body of the said Henry of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided always that if the forenamed Henry shall have happened to disagree to marry with the foresaid Katherine and shall not marry with the same Katherine before the foresaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine abovesaid, and that the same Katherine shall have been married & shall accept as her lawful husband one other son of the forenamed Duke before the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel or within one month next after the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared to the forenamed Henry & Katherine as is aforesaid of or in the said manor of Aldham & the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Aldham & Hadley aforesaid in the said county of Suffolk, & of or in the said manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone in the said county of Essex, and of or in the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid in the said county of Wiltshire might and shall be entirely void & determined, and that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall have been

possessed or seised of or in the foresaid manor of Aldham & the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Aldham & Hadleigh aforesaid, & of or in the said manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone aforesaid, or of or in the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid shall thereafter have stood & been possessed & seised thereof after the decease of the forenamed Earl, & after the said term of twenty & one years completely fulfilled & ended, and after default of issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten & of heirs males of the body of the same issue male lawfully issuing, to the use of such son of the forenamed Duke who shall have lawfully married the said Katherine, & of the same Katherine, & the heirs of the body of the said son by him of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry nor any other son of the forenamed Duke shall have been unwilling to marry or shall not have married or taken as his lawful wife the foresaid Katherine before the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine or within one month next following the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared of or in the foresaid manor of Aldham & the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Aldham & Hadley aforesaid, & of or in the said manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone aforesaid, and of or in the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid shall entirely cease and shall be void, and that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall have been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manor of Aldham & the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Aldham & Hadley aforesaid, & of or in the foresaid manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone aforesaid, and of or in the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt & the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid or any parcel thereof shall have stood and been seised & possessed thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl during his life without impeachment of any waste to be made thereof, and after his decease to the use of the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas & their executors during the said term of twenty & one years to that intention that they shall have & perceive all & singular the yearly revenues & profits thereof towards the payment & satisfaction of the debts & legacies of the forenamed Earl or towards the payment of so much of the same debts & legacies as the same profits shall extend [+to] during the said term of twenty & one years, and after the same term of twenty & one years ended &

completed to the behoof & use of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully issuing, and afterwards to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided further that if the forenamed Henry during his life or any other son of the forenamed Duke to whom the said Katherine shall have happened to be lawfully married during the life of the said son shall have alienated, discontinued or placed outside or shall permit to be placed outside or to be alienated by any recovery the foresaid manor of Aldham & the said messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Aldham & Hadley aforesaid, & the said manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone aforesaid, & the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas & all & singular other person & persons who shall have stood or been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manor of Aldham & the said messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Aldham & Hadley aforesaid, & of or in the said manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone aforesaid, and of or in the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt and the said messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside or permitted to be placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail shall thereafter have stood and been seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forever, and that then it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Earl & his heirs into all & singular the foresaid manors [sic] of Aldham & the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Aldham & Hadley aforesaid, & into the said manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst, & Lamarsh and into the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henney & Alphamstone aforesaid, and into the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail to re-enter & all the same manors and the rest of the premises to recover & enjoy as in its former state, any bargain, covenant, estate, possession, or other security after the making of these presents to be had [+or] made thereof or [sic] by the said Earl or from the said Earl (blank) in anything notwithstanding;

And that the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas might be able to receive the foresaid manor of Aldham and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Aldham & Hadleigh aforesaid, & the said manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages and the rest of the premises in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henney & Alphamstone aforesaid, and the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt & the said messuages & the rest

of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid from the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & to hold [+them] to themselves [+&] to the heirs & assigns of the said Duke, forever, or to themselves, their heirs & assigns, forever from us, our heirs & successors, by the services thereof owed & of right customary forever to the several uses & according to the intents & conditions abovesaid, similarly by the tenor of these presents we have given and do give special licence, not willing that the foresaid John, Earl of Oxenford, or his heirs, or the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or any of them, or the forenamed Henry or Katherine, or any other or any others before remembered (s. & pl.) to whom (pl. & s.) any use or any uses might be (s. & pl.) before limited or appointed (s. & pl.), as is aforesaid, of or in the foresaid manor of Aldham and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Aldham & Hadleigh aforesaid, & of or in the foresaid manors of Great Canfield, Great Bentley, Doddinghurst & Lamarsh and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, High Roding, Hatfield Regis, Great Bentley, Thorrington, Little Bentley, Frating, Doddinghurst, Shenfield, Lamarsh, Great Henny & Alphamstone aforesaid, and of or in the said manors of Crudwell & Eastcourt and the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Crudwell & Eastcourt aforesaid, might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed by us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or of our said heirs whomsoever;

HONOUR OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM, MANORS OF PRAYORS, LITTLE YELDHAM, FINGRITH, EARLS COLNE, CREPPING HALL, COLNE WAKE, HORMEAD, BARKWAY, NEWSSELLS, ABINGTON, LAVENHAM & BATTISFORD

And further be it known that we, for the causes & considerations aforesaid, of our special grace have granted & given licence and by these presents do grant & give licence for us & our heirs [+by] how much is in us to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, that he, so by fine to be levied in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas as otherwise at his pleasure, might be able to give, acknowledge, grant, enfeoff, alienate, bargain, sell or by his deed confirm to our forenamed dearly beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerset, & to the forenamed Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, his honour of Castle Hedingham with the appurtenances and his manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake and also five hundred messuages, two hundred cottages, ten mills, ten dovecots, five hundred gardens, five hundred orchards, three thousand acres of arable land, five hundred acres of meadow, two thousand acres of pasture, one thousand & five hundred acres of wood, three thousand acres of furze & heath, & one hundred marks of rent with the appurtenances in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chapell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead in our said county of Essex, and his manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells with the appurtenances and also twelve messuages, six cottages, two mills, twelve gardens, twelve

orchards, eight hundred acres of arable land, one hundred acres of meadow, six hundred acres of pasture, sixty acres of wood, five hundred acres of furze & heath & ten pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Great Hornead, Little Hornead, Barkway & Royston in our said county of Hertford, and his manor of Abington with the appurtenances & six messuages, three cottages, one mill, six gardens, four orchards, six hundred acres of arable land, eighty acres of meadow, three hundred acres of pasture, sixty acres of wood, four hundred acres of furze & heath & six pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Abington in our said county of Cambridge, and also his manors of Lavenham & Batisford with the appurtenances and fifty messuages, thirty cottages, three mills, five dovecots, sixty gardens, sixty orchards, two thousand acres of arable land, three hundred acres of meadow, one thousand acres of pasture, two hundred acres of wood, three hundred acres of furze & heath & eight pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford in our said county of Suffolk which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford during his life without impeachment of any waste to be made thereof, and after the decease of the said Earl to the behoof & use of the first & elder male issue of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said male issue lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue male & of heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, to the behoof & use of the second issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said second issue male lawfully begotten, and thus from issue male of the body of the said Earl to issue male of the body of the same Earl lawfully to be begotten & similarly to the use of the heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the forenamed Henry & Katherine & the heirs of the body of the said Henry of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided always that if the forenamed [+Henry] shall have happened to disagree to marry with the foresaid Katherine, and that the forenamed Henry shall not marry with the same Katherine before the foresaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine abovesaid, and that the same Katherine shall have been married & shall accept as her lawful husband one other son of the forenamed Duke before the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel or within one month next after the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared to the forenamed Henry & Katherine as is aforesaid of or in the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham & of or in the foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappel Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, and of & in the foresaid

manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells with the appurtenances and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manor of Abington [+&] of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battisford and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford aforesaid might and shall be entirely void & determined, and that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall be seised or possessed of or in the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham & of or in the foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, and of & in the foresaid manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells with the appurtenances and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manor of Abington & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battisford or of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford aforesaid or any parcel thereof shall have stood and been seised & possessed thereof after the decease of the forenamed Earl & after default of issue male of his body lawfully issuing & of heirs males of the body of the same issue male lawfully begotten, then to the use of such son of the forenamed Duke who shall have lawfully married the said Katherine, & of the same Katherine, & the heirs of the body of the said son by him of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the heirs of the body of the said Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry nor any other son of the forenamed Duke shall have been unwilling or shall not have married or taken as his lawful wife the said Katherine before the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine or within one month next following the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared of or in the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham & of or in the foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bowerhall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manor of Abington & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battisford and of or in the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long

Melford aforesaid might and shall be entirely void & determined, and that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who might or shall have been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham & of or in the foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, & of or in the said manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells with the appurtenances & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manor of Abington & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battisford & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford aforesaid or any parcel thereof shall have thereafter been seised & possessed to the use of the forenamed Earl & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided further that if the forenamed Henry during his life or any other of the sons of the forenamed Duke to whom the said Katherine shall have happened to be lawfully married during the life of the said other son shall have alienated, discontinued or placed outside or shall permit to be placed outside or to be alienated by any recovery the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham & the foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake and the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, & the foresaid manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, and the foresaid manor of Abington & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, and the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battisford and the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford aforesaid, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who shall have stood or been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham & of or in the foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, & of or in the foresaid manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, and of or in the foresaid manor of Abington and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, & of or in the

foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battsford and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford aforesaid or any parcel thereof thus alienated, discontinued, placed outside or permitted to be placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail shall thereafter have stood and been seised thereof to the use of the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forever, and that then it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Earl & his heirs into all & singular the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham and the foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Wakes Colne and into the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, and into the foresaid manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells & into the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, & into the foresaid manor of Abington & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, and into the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battsford and into the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford aforesaid thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail to re-enter & all the same manors & the rest of the premises to recover & enjoy as in its former state, any bargain, covenant, estate, possession or other security after the making of these presents to be had [+or] made thereof or [sic] by the said Earl or from the said Earl (blank) in anything notwithstanding;

And that the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas, & John Lucas might be able to receive the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham & the foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake & the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, & the said manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, & the foresaid manor of Abington & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, & the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battsford and the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford aforesaid from the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & to hold [+them] to themselves & to the heirs of the said Duke forever or to themselves, their heirs & assigns, forever from us, our heirs & successors, by the services thereof owed & of right customary forever to the several uses & according to the intents & conditions abovesaid, similarly by the tenor of these presents we have given and do give special licence, not willing that the foresaid John, Earl of Oxenford, or his heirs, or the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or any of them, or the forenamed Henry or Katherine, or any other or any others before remembered (s. & pl.) to whom (s. & pl.) any use or any uses might be (s. & pl.) before limited or appointed (s. & pl.), as is aforesaid, of or in the foresaid honour of Castle Hedingham & of or in the

foresaid manors of Prayors alias Bower Hall, Little Yeldham, Fingrith, Earls Colne, Crepping Hall & Colne Wake and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Little Yeldham, Great Yeldham, Earls Colne, Crepping, Great Fordham, Little Fordham, Chappell Parish, Gestingthorpe, Nether Yeldham, Gaines Colne, Fingrith, Blackmore, Wakes Colne, Gosfield & Halstead aforesaid, and of or in the said manors of Hormead, Barkway & Newsells and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Great Hormead, Little Hormead, Barkway & Royston aforesaid, & of or in the foresaid manor of Abington and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Abington aforesaid, & of or in the foresaid manors of Lavenham & Battisford & of or in the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Lavenham, East Bergholt, Brent Eleigh, Great Waldingfield & Long Melford aforesaid, might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed by us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or of our said heirs whomsoever;

#### HONOUR OF WHITCHURCH, MANORS OF CASTLE CAMPS & ABINGTON, COUNTESMEAD IN BUMPSTEAD

And whereas Anne, Countess of Oxenford, widow, at the making of these presents holds to the term of her life, the reversion or remainder thereof after her death belonging to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & his heirs forever, the honour of Whitchurch with the appurtenances in our said county of Buckinghamshire and also twenty messuages, ten cottages, two mills, three dovecots, twenty gardens, twenty orchards, one thousand acres of arable land, two hundred acres of meadow, one thousand acres of pasture, three hundred acres of wood, five hundred acres of furze & heath, and ten pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Whitchurch in the said county of Buckinghamshire, and the manors of Castle Camps & Abington with the appurtenances in our said county of Cambridge, and also sixty messuages, thirty cottages, three mills, four dovecots, sixty gardens, sixty orchards, one thousand & five hundred acres of arable land, forty acres of meadow, two thousand acres of pasture, five hundred acres of wood, six hundred acres of furze & heath, & twenty pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington in the said county of Cambridge, & the manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead in our said county of Essex, and also ten messuages, five cottages, one mill, one dovecot, ten gardens, ten orchards, five hundred acres of arable land, one hundred acres of meadow, six hundred acres of pasture, sixty acres of wood, two hundred acres of furze & heath, & six pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Steeple Bumpstead & Helions Bumpstead in the said county of Essex, be it known that we, for the causes & considerations aforesaid, of our special grace have granted & given licence and by these presents do grant & give licence for us & our heirs [+by] how much is in us to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, that he, so by fine to be levied in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas as otherwise at his pleasure, might be able to give, acknowledge, grant, enfeoff, alienate, bargain, sell or by his deed confirm to our forenamed dearly beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerset, & to the forenamed Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas the foresaid honour of Whitchurch &

the foresaid mesuages and the rest of the premises in Whitchurch aforesaid or the reversion or remainder thereof, and the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid or the reversion or remainder thereof, and also the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Steeple Bumpstead & Helions Bumpstead aforesaid or the reversion or remainder thereof which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever after the death of the forenamed Anne, Countess of Oxenford, to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford during his life without impeachment of any waste to be made thereof, & after the decease of the said Earl to the use of the first elder male issue of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said issue male lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue male & of heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, to the behoof & use of the second issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said second issue male lawfully begotten, and thus from issue male of the body of the said Earl to issue male of the body of the said Earl lawfully to be begotten & similarly to the use of the heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the forenamed Henry & Katherine and of the heirs of the body of the said Henry of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided always that if the forenamed Henry shall have happened to disagree to marry with the foresaid Katherine & shall not marry with the same Katherine before the foresaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine abovesaid, and that the same Katherine shall have been married & shall accept as her lawful husband one other son of the forenamed Duke before the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel or within one month next after the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared to the forenamed Henry & Katherine as is aforesaid of or in the foresaid honour of Whitchurch and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Whitchurch aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof, & of or in the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid and of or in the foresaid reversion or remainder thereof, & of or in the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Steeple Bumpstead & Helions Bumpstead aforesaid & of or in the foresaid reversion or remainder thereof might and shall be entirely void & determined, & that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall be possessed or seised of or in the foresaid honour of Whitchurch and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Whitchurch aforesaid and of or in the foresaid reversion or

remainder thereof, or of or in the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof, and of or in the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Steeple Bumpstead & Helions Bumpstead aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof or any parcel thereof shall have stood & been possessed & seised thereof after the decease of the forenamed Anne, Countess of Oxenford, and after the decease of the forenamed Earl & after default of issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the same issue male lawfully issuing, to the use of such son of the forenamed Duke who shall have lawfully married the said Katherine, & of the same Katherine, & the heirs of the body of the said son by him of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry nor any other son of the forenamed Duke shall have been unwilling to marry or shall not have married or taken as his lawful wife the foresaid Katherine before the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine or within one month next following the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared of or in the foresaid honour of Whitchurch and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Whitchurch aforesaid and of or in the foresaid reversion or remainder thereof, or of or in the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof, & of or in the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid & of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Steeple Bumpstead & Helions Bumpstead aforesaid and of or in the foresaid reversion or remainder thereof shall entirely cease and shall be void, & that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall have been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid honour of Whitchurch and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Whitchurch aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof, and of or in the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington aforesaid & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid and of or in the foresaid reversion or remainder thereof, and of or in the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid & of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Steeple Bumpstead & Helions Bumpstead aforesaid and of or in the foresaid reversion or remainder thereof or any parcel thereof shall have stood and been thereof seised & possessed after the decease of the forenamed Anne, Countess of Oxenford, to the use of the forenamed Earl & the heirs of his body lawfully issuing, & for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided further that if the forenamed Henry during his life or any other of the sons of the forenamed Duke to whom the said Katherine shall have happened to be lawfully

married during the life of the said other son shall have alienated, discontinued or placed outside or shall permit to be placed outside or to be alienated by any recovery the foresaid honour of Whitchurch & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Whitchurch aforesaid or the said reversion or remainder thereof, and the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid or the said reversion or remainder thereof, & the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid & the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Steeple Bumpstead & Helions Bumpstead aforesaid or the said reversion or remainder thereof, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who shall have stood or been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid honour of Whitchurch and of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Whitchurch aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof, and of or in the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington aforesaid & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid & of or in the foresaid reversion or remainder thereof, & of or in the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Steeple Bumpstead & Helions Bumpstead aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside or permitted to be placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail shall thereafter have stood and been seised thereof after the decease of the forenamed Anne, Countess of Oxenford, to the use of the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forever, and that it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Earl & his heirs into all & singular the foresaid honour of Whitchurch and the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Whitchurch aforesaid and into the said reversion or remainder thereof, and into the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abyngdon aforesaid & into the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid & into the said reversion or remainder thereof, & into the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid and into the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Steeple Bumpstead & Bumpstead Helions aforesaid & into the said reversion or remainder thereof thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail after the death of the forenamed Anne, Countess of Oxenford, to re-enter & all the same honour, manors, & the rest of the premises to recover & enjoy as in its former state, any bargain, covenant, estate, possession, or other security after the making of these presents to be had [+or] made thereof or [sic] by the said Earl or from the said Earl (blank) in anything notwithstanding;

And that the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas might be able to receive the foresaid honour of Whitchurch & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Whitchurch aforesaid or the reversion or remainder thereof, and the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington aforesaid & the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid or the reversion or remainder thereof, & the foresaid manor of Countesmead in Bumpstead aforesaid and the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Steeple Bumpstead &

Bumpstead Helions aforesaid or the reversion or remainder thereof from the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & to hold [+them] to themselves [+&] to the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever or to themselves, their heirs & assigns, forever after the death of the forenamed Anne, Countess of Oxenford, from us, our heirs & successors, by the services thereof owed & of right customary forever to the several uses & according to the intents & conditions abovesaid, similarly by the tenor of these presents we have given and do give special licence, not willing that the foresaid John, Earl of Oxenford, or his heirs, or the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or any of them, or the forenamed Henry or Katherine, or any other or any others before remembered (s. & pl.) to whom (pl. & s.) any use or any uses might be (s. & pl.) before limited or appointed (s. & pl.), as is aforesaid, of or in the foresaid honour of Whitchurch & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Whitchurch aforesaid or of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof, and of or in the foresaid manors of Castle Camps & Abington & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Horsehead & Abington aforesaid or of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof, and of or in the foresaid manor of Countesmead & [sic] Bumpstead aforesaid and of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Steeple Bumpstead & Bumpstead Helions aforesaid or of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof, might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed by us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or of our said heirs whomsoever;

#### MANOR OF SHOTTESBROOK

And whereas further Robert Vere, esquire, brother of the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, at the making of these presents holds to the term of his life, the remainder thereof after his decease to the lawful wife of the said Robert who shall have survived him during the life of the said wife if the same Robert by his deed sealed by his seal shall have limited & appointed the same thus to go & remain, the reversion or remainder thereof after the death of the forenamed Robert Vere & of his said wife if the same Robert shall have limited & appointed as is aforesaid belonging to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & his heirs forever, the manor of Shottesbrook with the appurtenances in our county of Berkshire, and also ten messuages, five cottages, one mill, two dovecots, ten gardens, ten orchards, eight hundred acres of arable land, sixty acres of meadow, four hundred acres of pasture, four hundred acres of wood, five hundred acres of furze & heath, & five pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Shottesbrook in the said county of Berkshire, be it known also that we, for the causes & considerations aforesaid, of our special grace have granted & given licence and by these presents do grant & give licence for us & our heirs [+by] how much is in us to the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, that he, so by fine to be levied in our court before the justices of the Common Pleas as otherwise at his pleasure, might be able to give, acknowledge, grant, enfeoff, alienate, bargain, sell or by his deed confirm to our forenamed dearly beloved uncle, Edward, Duke of Somerset, and to the forenamed Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John

Lucas, the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook and the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Shottesbrook aforesaid or the reversion or remainder thereof which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & the heirs & assigns of the said Duke forever, or to have to the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas & their heirs & assigns forever after the death of the forenamed Robert Vere & of his said wife limited & appointed as is aforesaid, to the behoof & use of the forenamed Earl of Oxenford during his life without impeachment of any waste thereof to be made, and after the decease of the said Earl to the use of the first & elder male issue of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said male issue lawfully begotten, & for lack of such issue male & of heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, to the behoof & use of the second issue male of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully to be begotten & of the heirs males of the body of the said second issue male lawfully begotten, and thus from issue male of the body of the said Earl to issue male of the body of the same Earl lawfully to be begotten & similarly to the use of the heirs males of the body of such issue male lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the forenamed Henry & Katherine and of the heirs of the body of the said Henry of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the heirs of the body of the forenamed Earl lawfully begotten, and afterwards to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided always that if the forenamed Henry shall have happened to disagree to marry with the foresaid Katherine, and shall not marry with the same Katherine before the foresaid feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine abovesaid, and that the same Katherine shall have been married & shall accept as her lawful husband one other son of the forenamed Duke before the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel or within one month next after the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular the uses above declared to the forenamed Henry & Katherine as is aforesaid of or in the said manor of Shottesbrook and of or in the said messuages and the rest of the premises in Shottesbrook aforesaid & of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof might and shall be entirely void & determined, and that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are or shall have been possessed or seised of or in the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook and of or in the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Shottesbrook aforesaid & of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof or any parcel thereof shall have stood & been possessed & seised thereof, after the decease of the forenamed Robert Vere and of his said wife limited & appointed as is aforesaid, and after the decease of the forenamed Earl & after default of issue male of his body lawfully issuing & of the heirs males of the body of the same issue male lawfully begotten, to the use of such son of the forenamed Duke who shall have lawfully married the said Katherine, & of the same Katherine, & the heirs of the body of the said son by him of the body of the said Katherine lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the heirs of the body of the said Earl lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the behoof of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided also that if the forenamed Henry nor any other son of the forenamed Duke shall have been unwilling or shall not have married or taken as his lawful wife the said Katherine before the said feast of Saint Michael the Archangel which shall be in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty nine or within one month next following the same feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that then all & singular uses above declared of or in the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook & of or in the said messuages & the rest of the premises in Shottesbrook aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof might or shall be entirely void & determined, & that then & successively the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who are and shall have been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Shottesbrook aforesaid & of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof or any parcel thereof shall have stood & been seised and possessed thereof, after the decease of the forenamed Robert Vere & of his said wife limited & appointed as is aforesaid, to the use of the forenamed Earl & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue to the use of the right heirs of the said Earl forever;

Provided further that if the forenamed Henry during his life or any other son of the forenamed Duke to whom the said Katherine shall have happened to be lawfully married during the life of the said other son shall have alienated, discontinued or placed outside or shall permit to be placed outside or to be alienated by any recovery the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook and the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Shottesbrook aforesaid or the said reversion or remainder thereof, that then the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas, their heirs & assigns, & all & singular other person & persons who shall have stood or been seised or possessed of or in the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook & of or in the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises or any parcel thereof in Shottesbrook aforesaid and of or in the said reversion or remainder thereof thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside or permitted to be placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail shall thereafter have stood and been seised thereof, after the decease of the forenamed Robert Vere & of his said wife thus limited & appointed as is aforesaid, to the use of the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forever, and that then it shall be well allowed to the forenamed Earl & his heirs into all & singular the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook and the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Shottesbrook aforesaid & into the said reversion or remainder thereof thus alienated, discontinued or placed outside by recovery in fee simple or fee tail after the decease of the forenamed Robert Vere & of his said wife limited & appointed as is aforesaid, to re-enter & all the same manor, messuages, & the rest of the premises to recover & enjoy as in its former state, any bargain, covenant, estate, possession, or other security after the making of these presents to be had [+or] made thereof or [sic] by the said Earl or from the said Earl (blank) in anything notwithstanding;

And that the forenamed Duke, Michael Stanhope, Thomas Darcy & John Lucas might be able to receive the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook and the foresaid messuages & the rest of the premises in Shottesbrook aforesaid or the reversion or remainder thereof from the forenamed John, Earl of Oxenford, & to hold [+them] to themselves [+&] to the heirs &

assigns of the said Duke forever, or to themselves, their heirs & assigns, forever from us, our heirs & successors, by the services thereof owed & of right customary forever to the several uses & according to the intents & conditions abovesaid, similarly by the tenor of these presents we have given and do give special licence, not willing that the foresaid John, Earl of Oxenford, or his heirs, or the forenamed Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, or the heirs or assigns of the said Duke, Michael, Thomas, & John Lucas or any of them, or the forenamed Henry or Katherine, or any other or any others before remembered (s. & pl.) to whom (s. & pl.) any use or any uses might be (s. & pl.) before limited or appointed (s. & pl.), as is aforesaid, of or in the foresaid manor of Shottesbrook or any parcel thereof or of or in the foresaid messuages and the rest of the premises in Shottesbrook aforesaid or any parcel thereof, might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might thereof be molested, troubled, vexed, disquieted, perturbed in anything or oppressed by us or our heirs, our justices, escheators, sheriffs or other bailiffs or of our said heirs whomsoever;

In testimony of which thing we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witnessed by me, myself, at Westminster on the thirtieth day of January in the second year of our reign [=30 January 1548].

R. Southwell

1 Edwardus sextus dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Rex fidei defensor & in terra ecclesie Anglicane & Hibernice supremum caput Omnibus ad quos presentes littere nostre preuenerint salutem Sciatis quod nos ob certas causas & consideraciones nos ad presens specialiter mouentes de gracia nostra speciali concessimus & licenciam dedimus ac per presentes concedimus & licenciam

2 damus pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est Charissimo consanguineo nostro Iohanni Comiti Oxonie quod ipse tam per finem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiis nostris de Communi Banco leuandum quam aliter ad libitum suum Manerium suum de Cristmalford alias Cristen Malford cum pertinentiis in Comitatu nostro Wiltesciria necnon quadraginta mesuagia decem Cotagia duo molendina duo Columbaria quadraginta gardina quadraginta pomaria octingentas

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5 ipsius Henrici quos ipse Henricus de corpore dicte Katerine legitime procreauerit Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus & vsum prefati Comitiss Oxonie durante vita sua sine impetitione alicuius vasti inde faciendum Et post decessum ipsius Comitiss ad opus & vsum primi & senioris exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitiss legitime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius senioris exitus masculi legitime

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8 ad accipiendum in legitimam coniugem suam predictam Katerinam & quod prefatus Henricus ante festum sancti michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono noluerit vel non contigerit maritare & ducere in vxorem suam dictam Katerinam quod tunc omnes & singuli predicti vsus dicti Manerij de Cristmalford ac ceterorum premissorum in Cristmalford predicto Immediate cessabunt & erunt

9 penitus determinati Et quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alia persona & alie persone qui fuerint possessionati aut seisati de aut in predicto Manerio de Cristmalford & ceteris premissis aut de aut in aliqua inde parcella fuerint ac steterint inde extunc possessionati ac seisati ad vsum prefati Henrici & heredum de corpore suo legitime procreatorum Et

10 pro defectu talis exitus ad opus & vsum talis alicuius filij prefati Ducis qui dictam Katerinam legitime maritauerit & ipsius Katerine & heredum de corpore talis filij prefati Ducis qui ipsam Katerinam legitime maritauerit de corpore prefate Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum prefati Comitiss & heredum de corpore suo legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitiss

11 imperpetuum Prouiso eciam quod si prefatus Henricus durante vita sua aut aliquis alius filiorum prefati Ducis cui dicta Katerina legitime maritari contigerit durante vita ipsius filij alienauerit discontinuauerit vel extra posuerit aut extra poni seu alienari

permittet per aliquam recuperacionem predictum Manerium de Christmalford aut aliquam inde parcellam aut predicta mesuagia ac cetera premissa aut

12 aliquam inde parcellam in Cristmalford predicto quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas & omnes & singuli alia persona & persone qui steterint aut fuerint seisati vel possessionati de aut in predictis Manerio Mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella sic alienatis discontinuatis aut extra positis aut extra poni permissis per recuperacionem in ffeodo simplici aut

13 ffeodo talliato prout predictum est steterint ac seisati fuerint inde extunc ad vsum prefati Comitum heredum & assignorum suorum imperpetuum Et quod prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas predictum Manerium de Cristmalford & omnia & singula predicta mesuagia Cotagia Molendina ac cetera premissa superius expressa & specificata cum omnibus & singulis eorum pertinentiis a prefato Iohanne Comite

14 Oxonie recipere possint & tenere sibi & heredibus ipsius Ducis imperpetuum vel illis heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum ad separales vsus & secundum intenciones & condiciones supradictas tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Iohannes Comes Oxonie vel heredes sui aut prefati Dux Somerset

15 Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas vel heredes aut assignati ipsius Ducis aut heredes vel assignati ipsorum Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis Lucas seu eorum alicuius vel prefati Henricus aut Katerina vel aliquis alius aut aliqui alij superius memoratus vel memorati ad quem vel ad quos aliquis vsus vel aliqui vsus de aut in predicto Manerio ac ceteris premissis seu aliqua inde parcella sit vel

16 sint superius limitatus siue appunctuatus aut limitati aut appunctuati sicut predictum est per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios Balliuos nostros vel dictorum heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur inquietentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gaudentur nec eorum aliquis inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gaudentur Et insuper

17 Sciatis quod nos ob causas & consideraciones predictas de gracia nostra speciali concessimus & licenciam dedimus & per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie quod ipse tam per finem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiis nostris de communi Banco leuandum quam aliter ad libitum suum Maneria sua de Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury cum pertinentiis in Comitatu nostro

18 Buk' necnon quinquaginta mesuagia tria molendina quinque Columbaria quinquaginta gardina quinquaginta pomaria Mille & quingentas acras terre trescentas acras prati tria Milia acras pasture ducentas acras bosci trescentas acras iamprorum & bruere & quinque

libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury in dicto Comitatu nostro Buk' que de nobis tenentur in capite vt dicitur

19 dare possit recognoscere concedere feoffare alienare barganizare vendere aut scripto suo confirmare prefato precharissimo Auunculo nostro Edwardo Duci Somerset & prefatis Michaeli Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohanni Lucas habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum siue habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis suis

20 imperpetuum ad opus & vsum prefati Comitis Oxonie & executorum suorum vsque ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo secundo Et post idem festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli ad opus & vsum prefatorum Henrici & Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius Henrici de corpore eiusdem Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum prefati Comitis &

21 heredum de corpore suo legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitis imperpetuum Prouiso semper quod si prefatus Henricus diagreauerit vel disasentauerit ad maritandum vel ad accipiendum in legitimam coniugem suam predictam Katerinam aut quod prefatus Henricus obierit vel propter aliquam aliam materiam seu causam maritagium inter dictos Henricum & Katerinam

22 minime contigerit ad accipiendum effectum siue non fuerit celebratum Et quod contigerit vnus alius ex filiis prefati Ducis ad maritandum vel ad ducendum in legitimam vxorem suam predictam Katerinam quod tunc immediate post tale maritagium habitum & solempnizatum inter vnum alium filiorum prefati Ducis & dictam Katerinam prefatus Dux Michaeli Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui

23 & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui tunc fuerint seisati vel possessionati de aut in predictis Maneriis de Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury & ceteris premissis in Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury predictis seu de aliqua inde parcella fuerint extunc inde seisati & possessionati ad vsum talis alij filij prefati Ducis qui maritare aut ducere in legitimam vxorem suam dictam Katerinam

24 contigerit & eiusdem Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius alij filij prefati Ducis qui maritare aut ducere in legitimam vxorem suam predictam Katerinam contigerit de corpore ipsius Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum prefati Comitis & heredum de corpore suo legitime exeuntium Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum prefati Comitis Oxonie imperpetuum prouiso eciam

25 quod si prefatus Henricus nec aliquis alius filius prefati Ducis noluerit vel non maritauerit aut duxerit in legitimam vxorem suam prefatam Katerinam citra dictum ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono seu infra vnum mensem proxime sequentem idem ffestum sancti Michaelis quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus supramemorati de aut in predictis Maneriis de

26 Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury ac de & in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in dicto Comitatu Buk' penitus Cessabunt & erunt vacui Et quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut adtunc fuerint seisati de aut in predictis Maneriis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in dicto Comitatu Buk'

27 steterint & erunt inde seisati ad vsum prefati Comitatus Oxonie & heredum de corpore suo legitime exeuntium Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus & vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitatus imperpetuum Prouiso vltimo quod si prefatus Henricus durante vita sua aut aliquis alius filiorum prefati Ducis Cui dicta Katerina legitime maritari contigerit durante vita ipsius alij filij alienauerit discontinuauerit vel extra posuerit aut extra

28 poni seu alienari permittet per aliquam recuperacionem predicta Maneria de Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury aut aliquam inde parcellam aut predicta mesuagia ac cetera premissa aut aliquam inde parcellam in dicto Comitatu Buk' quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui steterint aut fuerint seisati vel

29 possessionati de aut in predictis Maneriis de Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury & dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in dicto Comitatu Buk' sic alienatis discontinuatis aut extra positis aut extra poni permissis per recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato prout predictum est steterint ac seisati fuerint inde extunc ad vsum prefati Comitatus heredum & assignorum suorum imperpetuum Et quod tunc bene

30 licebit prefato Comiti & heredibus suis in omnia & singula predicta Maneria & cetera premissa seu aliquam inde parcellam in dicto Comitatu Buk' sic alienata discontinuata aut extra posita per recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato reintrare & omnia eadem Maneria ac cetera premissa rehabere & gaudere vt in pristino statu suo aliquibus bargania conuencione statu possessione siue alia securitate

31 post datum presencium inde habendum faciendum vel (blank) per ipsum Comitem seu ab ipso Comite in aliquo non obstante Et quod prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas predicta Maneria de Chesham Higham & Chesham Bury ac predicta mesuagia terras ac cetera premissa cum pertinentiis in dicto Comitatu Buk' a prefato Iohanni [sic?] Comite Oxonie recipere possint & tenere sibi & heredibus ipsius Ducis imperpetuum vel

32 illis heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum ad separales vsus & secundum intenciones & condiciones supradictas tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Iohannes Comes Oxonie vel heredes sui aut prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas vel heredes aut assignati ipsius Ducis

33 aut heredes vel assignati ipsorum Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis Lucas seu eorum alicuius vel prefati Henricus aut Katerina vel aliquis alius aut aliqui alij superius memoratus aut memorati ad quem vel ad quos aliquis vsus vel aliqui vsus de aut in predictis Maneriis ac ceteris premissis seu aliqua inde parcella in dicto Comitatu nostro Buk' sit vel sint superius limitatus aut appunctuatus aut limitati

34 siue appunctuati sicut predictum est per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios Balliuos nostros vel dictorum heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur inquietentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gauentur nec eorum aliquis inde occasionetur molestetur vexetur perturbetur in aliquo seu gauetur Et ulterius Sciatis quod nos ob causas & consideraciones predictas de gracia nostra

35 speciali concessimus & licenciam dedimus & per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie quod ipse tam per finem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiis nostris de communi Banco leuandum quam aliter ad libitum suum Manerium suum de Thornecombe cum pertinentiis in Comitatu nostro Deuonia necnon quadraginta mesuagia decem Cotagia vnum molendinum duo Columbaria quadraginta

36 gardina quadraginta pomaria Mille & quingentas acras terre trescentas acras prati Mille acras pasture quingentas acras bosci ducentas acras iampnorum & bruere & sex libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Thornecombe ac aduocacionem Vicarie de Thornecombe predicto in dicto Comitatu nostro Deuonia que de nobis tenentur in capite vt dicitur Dare possit recognoscere concedere feoffare alienare barganizare vendere

37 aut scripto suo confirmare prefato precharissimo Auunculo nostro Edwardo Duci Somerset & prefatis Michaeli Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohanni Lucas habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum siue habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum ad opus & vsum prefati Comitis pro termino vite sue absque impeticione alicuius

38 vasti inde faciendum Et post decessum ipsius Comitis ad opus & vsum prefatorum Henrici & Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius Henrici de corpore prefate Katerine legittime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus tunc ad vsum heredum de corpore prefati Comitis legittime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus tunc ad vsum rectorum heredum prefati Comitis imperpetuum prouiso semper quod si prefatus Henricus diagrauerit vel

39 disasentauerit ad maritandum vel ad accipiendum in legittimam coniugem suam predictam Katerinam aut quod prefatus Henricus obierit vel propter aliquam aliam materiam seu causam maritagium inter dictos Henricum & Katerinam minime contigerit ad accipiendum effectum siue non fuerit celebratum Et quod contigerit vnus alius ex filiis prefati Ducis ad maritandum vel ad ducendum in legittimam vxorem suam

40 dictam Katerinam quod tunc immediate post tale maritagium habitum & solempnizatum inter vnum alium filiorum prefati Ducis & dictam Katerinam prefatus Dux Michael Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui ad tunc fuerint seisati siue possessionati de aut in predicto Manerio de Thornecombe & ceteris premissis in dicto Comitatu Deuonia seu de aliqua inde parcella

41 fuerint extunc inde seisati & possessionati ad vsum talis alij filij prefati Ducis qui maritare aut ducere in legittimam vxorem suam dictam Katerinam contigerit & eiusdem Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius alij filij prefati Ducis qui maritare aut ducere in legittimam vxorem suam predictam Katerinam contigerit de corpore ipsius Katerine legittime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum prefati Comitatus

42 & heredum de corpore suo legittime exeuntium Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum prefati Comitatus Oxonie imperpetuum Prouiso eciam quod si prefatus Henricus nec aliquis alius filius prefati Ducis noluerit vel non maritauerit aut duxerit in legittimam vxorem suam predictam Katerinam citra dictum festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono seu

43 infra vnum mensem proxime sequentem idem festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus supramemorati de aut in predicto Manerio de Thornecombe ac de & in dictis mesuagiis aduocacione & ceteris premissis in dicto Comitatu Deuonia penitus Cessabunt & erunt vacui Et quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone

44 qui sunt aut fuerint seisati de aut in predicto Manerio & ceteris premissis in dicto Comitatu Deuonia steterint & erunt inde seisati ad vsum prefati Comitatus Oxonie & heredum de corpore suo legittime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus & vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitatus imperpetuum Prouiso vltimo quod si prefatus Henricus durante vita sua aut aliquis alius filiorum prefati Ducis Cui dicta

45 Katerina legittime maritari contigerit durante vita ipsius alij filij alienauerit discontinuauerit vel extra posuerit aut extra poni seu alienari permittet per aliquam recuperacionem predictum Manerium de Thornecombe aut aliquam inde parcellam aut predicta mesuagia ac cetera premissa aut aliquam inde parcellam in dicto Comitatu Deuonia quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy

46 & Iohannes Lucas & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui steterint aut fuerint seisati vel possessionati de aut in predicto Manerio de Thornecombe & dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in dicto Comitatu Deuonia sic alienatis discontinuatis aut extra positis aut extra poni premissis per recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato steterint ac seisati fuerint inde extunc ad vsum

47 prefati Comitatus heredum & assignorum suorum imperpetuum Et quod tunc bene licebit prefato Comiti & heredibus suis in omnia & singula predictum Manerium ac cetera

premissa seu aliquam inde parcellam in dicto Comitatu Deuonia sic alienata discontinuata aut extra posita per recuperacionem in ffeodo simplici aut feodo talliato reintrare & omnia eadem Maneria ac cetera premissa rehabere & gaudere vt in pristino statu

48 suo aliquibus bargania Conuencione statu possessione siue alia securitate post confeccionem presencium inde habendum faciendum vel (blank) per ipsum Comitem seu ab ipso Comite in aliquo non obstante Et quod prefati Dux Michaeli Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas predictum Manerium de Thornecombe ac predicta mesuagia terras ac cetera premissa cum pertinentiis in dicto Comitatu nostro

49 Deuonia a prefato Iohanne Comite Oxonie recipere possint & tenere sibi & heredibus ipsius Ducis imperpetuum vel illis heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & Successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum ad separales vsus & secundum intenciones & condiciones supradictas tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Iohannes

50 Comes Oxonie vel heredes sui aut prefati Dux Michaeli Thomas & Iohannes Lucas vel heredes aut assignati ipsius Ducis aut heredes vel assignati ipsorum Ducis Michaeli Thome & Iohannis Lucas seu eorum alicuius vel prefati Henricus seu Katerina vel aliquis alius aut aliqui alij superius memoratus aut memorati ad quem vel ad quos aliquis vsus vel aliqui vsus de aut in

51 predicto Manerio & ceteris premissis seu aliqua inde parcella in dicto Comitatu nostro Deuonia sit vel sint superius limitatus aut appunctuatus siue limitati siue appunctuati sicut predictum est per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios balliuos nostros vel dictorum heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur inquietentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gauentur nec

52 eorum aliquis inde occasionetur molestetur inquietetur vexetur perturbetur in aliquo seu gauetur Et insuper Sciatis quod nos ob causas & consideraciones predictas de gracia nostra speciali concessimus & licenciam dedimus & per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie quod ipse tam per finem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiis nostris de communi Banco leuandum

53 quam aliter ad libitum suum Maneria sua de Downham & Stansted Monfychett cum pertinentiis in Comitatu nostro Essex necnon triginta mesuagia octo Cotagia vnum molendinum duo Columbaria triginta gardina triginta Pomaria Mille acras terre ducentas acras prati Mille acras pasture quadringentas acras bosci ducentas acras iamprorum & bruere & sex libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles

54 in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex Que de nobis tenentur in capite vt dicitur Dare possit recognoscere concedere feoffare alienare barganizare vendere aut scripto suo confirmare prefato precharissimo Auunculo nostro Edwardo Duci Somersett & prefatis Michaeli

Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohanni Lucas habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum siue habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli

55 Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum ad opus & vsum prefati Comitis Oxonie durante vita sua absque impetitione alicuius vasti inde faciendum Et post decessum ipsius Comitis ad opus & vsum primi & senioris exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius senioris exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus masculi

56 & heredum masculorum de corpore talis exitus masculi legitime procreatorum ad opus & vsum secundi exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius secundi exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et sic ab exitu masculo de corpore dicti Comitis ad exitum masculum de corpore eiusdem Comitis legitime procreandum & ad vsum heredum masculorum cumsimiliter talis exitus masculi legitime procreatorum

57 Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum exitus femelle de corpore prefati Comitis post confeccionem presencium legitime procreandi & heredum de corpore huiusmodi exitus femelle legitime exeuntium Et pro defectu talis exitus femelle & heredum de corpore huiusmodi exitus legitime procreatorum ad vsum prefati Henrici & Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius Henrici de corpore eiusdem Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum

58 heredum de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitis imperpetuum Prouiso semper quod si prefatus Comes maritare aut in legitimam vxorem suam ducere contigerit aliquam personam que ipsum Comitem supervixerit Et quod prefati Comes Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas siue illi eorundem Comitis Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannes Lucas

59 qui supervixerint durante vita ipsius Comitis per aliquod Scriptum vel in aliquo Scripto Sigillis ac manibus eorundem Comitis Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis Lucas seu sigillis ac manibus eorundem Comitis Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis Lucas qui supervixerint sigillatum ac subscriptum assignauerint limitauerint siue appunctuauerint tali persone que fuerit legitima vxor prefati Comitis pro Iunctura ipsius vxoris predicta

60 Maneria de Downham & Stansted Monfychett cum pertinentiis ac predicta mesuagia ac cetera premissa vel aliquam inde parcellam in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis quod tunc post decessum eiusdem Comitis eadem Maneria de Downham & Stansted Monfychett ac eadem mesuagia & cetera premissa in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis vel tantum inde prout in aliquo tali

61 Scripto sigillato & subscripto per dictos Comitem Ducem Michael Thomam & Iohannem Lucas aut per illos eorum qui supervixerint specificata limitata siue appunctuata fuerit tali vxori prefati Comitis pro Iunctura sua erunt ac remanebunt ad

vsum talis vxoris pro termino vite sue & postea ad tales vsus & intenciones prout in presentibus superius limitatos & declaratos existunt Prouiso eciam

62 quod si prefatum Henricum ad maritandum cum predicta Katerina disagreeare contigerit & non maritabit cum eadem Katerina citra dictum festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in dicto Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono supradicto Et quod eadem Katerina Maritatum fuerit & accipiet in legitimum maritum suum vnum alium filium prefati Ducis citra idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangel vel infra vnum

63 mensem proxime post idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus superius declarati prefatis Henrico & Katerine prout predictum est de aut in dictis Maneriis de Downham & Stansted Monfychett & de aut in dictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis sint ac fuerint penitus vacui & determinati Et quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy &

64 Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut adtunc fuerunt possessionati aut seisati de aut in predictis Maneriis de Downham & Stansted Monfychett ac de dictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis aut aliqua inde parcella steterint & erint inde possessionati & seisati post decessum prefati Comitis & post defectum exitus

65 masculi de corpore suo legitime exeuntis & heredum masculorum de corpore eiusdem exitus masculi legitime procreatorum & post defectum exitus femelle de corpore prefati Comitis post confeccionem presencium legitime procreandi & heredum de corpore eiusdem exitus femelle legitime procreatorum & post predictam Iuncturam modo & forma predicta appunctuandum determinatam ad vsum talis filij prefati Ducis qui dictam Katerinam legitime

66 maritauerit & eiusdem Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius filij per ipsum de corpore dicte Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus heredum de corpore dicti Comitis legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus rectorum heredum ipsius Comitis imperpetuum Prouiso eciam quod si prefatus Henricus nec aliquis alius filius prefati Ducis noluerit vel non maritauerit aut duxerit in legitimam vxorem

67 suam predictam Katerinam citra dictum festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono vel infra vnum mensem proxime sequentem idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus supradecarati de aut in predictis Maneriis de Downham & Stansted Monfychett & de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Downham, Stansted Monfychett &

68 Burnelles predictis penitus cessabunt & erunt vacui & quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut fuerint seisati siue possessionati de aut in predictis

Maneriis de Downham & Stansted Monfychett & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis aut

69 aliqua inde parcella extunc steterint ac fuerint inde seisati & possessionati ad vsum prefati Comitum durante vita sua & post eius decessum steterint & fuerint seisati & possessionati inde vel de tanto inde prout appunctuato siue limitato fuerit modo & forma predicta pro Iunctura legitime vxoris prefati Comitum ad vsum eiusdem vxoris durante vita sua Et post eius decessum ad opus heredum de corpore

70 prefati Comitum legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus rectorum heredum ipsius Comitum imperpetuum Prouiso vltimo quod si prefatus Henricus durante vita sua aut aliquis alius filiorum prefati Ducis Cui dicta Katerina legitime maritari contigerit durante vita ipsius alij filij alienauerit discontinuauerit vel extra posuerit aut extra poni seu alienari permittet per aliquam

71 recuperacionem predicta Maneria de Downham & Stansted Monfychett aut aliquam inde parcellam aut predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa aut aliquam inde parcellam in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui steterint aut fuerint seisati vel possessionati de aut in

72 predictis Maneriis de Downham & Stansted Monfychett & dictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis sic alienatis discontinuatis aut extra positis aut extra poni premissis per recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato steterint ac seisati fuerint inde extunc ad vsum prefati Comitum heredum & assignorum suorum imperpetuum Et quod tunc bene

73 licebit prefato Comiti & heredibus suis in omnia & singula predicta Maneria de Downham & Stansted Monfychett ac dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Downham, Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis sic alienata discontinuata aut extra posita per recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato Reintrare & omnia eadem Maneria & cetera premissa rehabere & gaudere vt in pristino statu suo aliquibus bargania

74 conuencione statu possessione siue alia securitate post confeccionem presencium inde habendum faciendum vel per ipsum Comitum seu ab ipso Comite (blank) in aliquo non obstante Et quod prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas predicta Maneria de Downham & Stansted Monfychett & predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa cum pertinentiis in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles

75 predictis a prefato Iohanne Comite Oxonie recipere possint & tenere sibi heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum vel sibi heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum ad separales vsus & secundum intenciones & condiciones supradictas tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Iohannes Comes Oxonie vel heredes sui

76 aut prefati Dux Michaell Thomas & Iohannes Lucas vel heredes aut assignati ipsius Ducis aut heredes vel assignati ipsorum Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis Lucas seu eorum alicuius vel prefati Henricus seu Katerina vel aliquis alius aut aliqui alij superius memoratus aut memorati ad quem vel ad quos aliquis vsus vel aliqui vsus de aut in predictis Maneriis de Downham & Stansted Monfychett

77 seu aliqua inde parcella aut de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in Downham Stansted Monfychett & Burnelles predictis sit aut sint superius limitatus siue appunctuatus vel limitati aut appunctuati sicut predictum est per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios Balliuos nostros vel dictorum heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur

78 vexentur inquietentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gaentur nec eorum aliquis inde occasionetur molestetur vexetur inquietetur perturbetur in aliquo seu gauetur Et insuper Sciatis quod nos ob causas & consideraciones predictas de gracia nostra speciali concessimus & licenciam dedimus ac per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie quod ipse tam

79 per finem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiis nostris de communi Banco leuandum quam aliter ad libitum suum Manerium suum de Aldham in Comitatu nostro Suff<sup>r</sup> necnon decem mesuagia sex Cotagia vnum molendinum duo Columbaria decem gardina decem pomaria quingentas acras terre Centum acras prati trescentas acras pasture ducentas acras bosci trescentas acras iamprorum & bruere & quinque libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in

80 Aldham & Hadley in dicto Comitatu nostro Suff<sup>r</sup> Ac Maneria sua de magna Canfeld magna Bentley Dodyngherst & Lammarsh in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex necnon sexaginta mesuagia quadraginta Cotagia quinque Molendina sex Columbaria sexaginta gardina sexaginta pomaria duas Mille acras terre quingentas acras prati Mille & quingentas acras pasture sexcentas acras bosci quingentas

81 acras iamprorum & bruere & triginta libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng Dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex & Maneria sua de Crudwell & Escott cum pertinentiis in dicto Comitatu nostro Wiltesciria necnon quadraginta mesuagia viginti

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1 Cotagia vnum molendinum duo Columbaria quadraginta gardina quadraginta Pomaria quingentas acris [sic] prati Mille & quingentas acras terre Mille acras pasture quinquaginta acras bosci sexcentas acras iamprorum & bruere & quindecim libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Crudwell & Escott in dicto Comitatu nostro Wiltesciria Que de nobis tenentur in capite vt dicitur dare possit recognoscere concedere feoffare alienare

2 barganizare vendere aut scripto suo confirmare prefato precharissimo Auunculo nostro Edwardo Duci Somersett ac prefatis Michaeli Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohanni Lucas habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum siue habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum ad opus & vsum prefati Comititis Oxonie durante vita sua

3 absque impeticione alicuius vasti inde faciendum Et post decessum ipsius Comititis ad opus & vsum prefatorum Ducis Michaeli Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohannis Lucas pro termino & tempore viginti vnus annorum proxime post decessum ipsius Comititis plenarie complendorum ea intencione quod ipsi prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas habebunt & percipient omnia annualia redditus reuenciones & proficua inde prouenientia siue

4 crescentia infra dictos viginti & vnum Annos erga solucionem & satisfaccionem debitorum ac legacionum prefati Comititis vel erga solucionem de tanto eorundem debitorum & legacionum prout eadem annualia proficua extendent durante predicto termino viginti & vnus annorum Et post decessum prefati Comititis & post dictum terminum viginti vnus Annorum plenarie finitum quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy &

5 Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut fuerint seisati vel possessionati de aut in predicto Manerio de Aldham ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Aldham & Hadley in dicto Comitatu Suff<sup>r</sup> & de aut in dictis Maneriis de magna Canfeld magna Bentley Dodyngherst & Lammarshe ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng

6 Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng Dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarshe magna Henney & Alphampston in dicto Comitatu Essex ac de aut in dictis Maneriis de Crudwell & Escott ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Crudwell & Escott predictis in dicto Comitatu Wiltesciria aut aliqua inde parcella extunc steterint & erint inde seisati & possessionati ad vsum primi & senioris exitus masculi

7 de corpore prefati Comititis legittime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius primi senioris exitus masculi legittime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus masculi & heredum masculorum de corpore talis exitus masculi legittime procreatorum ad opus & vsum secundi exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comititis legittime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius secundi exitus masculi legittime procreatorum Et sic ab exitu masculino de

8 corpore dicti Comititis ad exitum masculum de corpore eiusdem Comititis legittime procreandum & ad vsum heredum masculorum de corpore cumsimiliter talis exitus masculi legittime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum prefati Henrici & Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius Henrici de corpore dicte Katerine legittime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum heredum de corpore prefati Comititis legittime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis

9 exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitis imperpetuum Prouiso semper quod si prefatum Henricum ad maritandum cum predicta Katerina disagreeare contigerit & non maritabit cum eadem Katerina citra predictum festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono supradicto Et quod eadem Katerina Maritatum fuerit & accipiet in legitimum maritum suum vnum alium filium

10 prefati Ducis citra idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli vel infra vnum mensem proxime post idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus superius declarati prefatis Henrico & Katerine prout predictum est de aut in dicto Manerio de Aldham & dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Aldham & Hadley predictis in dicto Comitatu Suff<sup>r</sup> & de aut in dictis Maneriis de magna Canfeld magna Bentley Dodyngherst &

11 Lammarsh ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng Dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston in dicto Comitatu Essex ac de aut in dictis Maneriis de Crudwell & Escott ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Crudwell & Escott predictis in dicto Comitatu Wiltesciria

12 sint aut erunt penitus vacui & determinati Et quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut fuerint possessionati aut seisati de aut in predicto Manerio de Aldham & dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Aldham & Hadley predictis & de aut in dictis Maneriis de magna Canfeld magna Bentley

13 Dodyngherst & Lammarsh ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng Dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston predictis aut de aut in dictis Maneriis de Crudwell & Escott ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Crudwell & Escott predictis extunc steterint &

14 erunt inde possessionati & seisati post decessum prefati Comitis & post dictum terminum viginti & vnus annorum plenarie completum & finitum Et post defectum exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreati & heredum masculorum de corpore eiusdem exitus masculi legitime exeuntium ad vsum talis filij prefati Ducis qui dictam Katerinam legitime maritauerit & eiusdem Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius filij

15 per ipsum de corpore dicte Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus rectorum heredum ipsius Comitis imperpetuum Prouiso eciam quod si prefatus Henricus nec aliquis alius filius prefati Ducis noluerit maritare vel non maritauerit aut duxerit in legitimum vxorem suam predictam Katerinam citra dictum ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono

16 vel infra vnum mensem proxime sequentem idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus supradecarati de aut in predicto Manerio de Aldham & dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Aldham & Hadley predictis & de aut in dictis Maneriis de magna Canfeld magna Bentley Dodyngherst & Lammarsh ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfyld

17 Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston predictis ac de aut in dictis Maneriis de Crudwell & Escott ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Crudwell & Escott predictis penitus Cessabunt & erunt vacui Et quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli

18 alij persona & persone qui sunt aut fuerint seisati siue possessionati de aut in predicto Manerio de Aldham & dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Aldham & Hadley predictis & de aut in predictis Maneriis de magna Canfeld magna Bentley Dodyngherst & Lammarsh ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley

19 Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng Dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston predictis ac de aut in dictis Maneriis de Crudwell & Escott & dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Crudwell & Escott predictis aut aliqua inde parcella steterint ac fuerint inde seisati & possessionati ad vsum prefati Comitit durante vita sua absque impeticione alicuius vasti inde

20 faciendum Et post eius decessum ad vsum prefatorum Ducis Michaelit Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohannis Lucas & executorum suorum durante dicto termino viginti & vnus Annorum ea intencione quod ipsi habebunt & percipient omnia & singula annuales reuenciones & proficua inde erga solucionem & satisfaccionem debitorum & legacionum prefati Comitit vel erga solucionem de tanto eorundem debitorum & legacionum prout

21 eadem proficua extendent durante dicto termino viginti & vnus Annorum Et post idem terminum viginti & vnus Annorum finitum & expiratum ad opus & vsum heredum de corpore prefati Comitit legittime exeuncium Et postea ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitit imperpetuum Prouiso vltimo quod si prefatus Henricus durante vita sua aut aliquis alius filiorum prefati Ducis Cui dicta Katerina

22 legittime maritali contigerit durante vita ipsius filij alienauerit discontinuauerit vel extra posuerit aut extra poni seu alienari permittet per aliquam recuperacionem predictum Manerium de Aldham & dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa vel aliquam inde parcellam in Aldham & Hadley predictis & dicta Maneria de magna Canfeld magna Bentley Dodyngherst & Lammarsh ac dicta mesuagia & cetera

23 premissa aut aliquam inde parcellam in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng Dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston predictis & dicta Maneria de Crudwell &

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Escott ac dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Crudwell & Escott predictis quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas

24 Darcy & Iohannes Lucas & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui steterint aut fuerint seisati vel possessionati de aut in predicto Manerio de Aldham & dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in Aldham & Hadley predictis & de aut in dictis Maneriis de magna Canfeld magna Bentley dodyngherst & Lammarsh ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella

25 in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng Dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston predictis ac de aut in dictis Maneriis de Crudwell & Escott ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in Crudwell & Escott predictis sic alienatis discontinuatis aut extra positis aut extra poni

26 permissis per recuperacionem in feodo simplici vel feodo talliato steterint ac seisati fuerint inde extunc ad vsum prefati Comitum heredum & assignorum suorum imperpetuum Et quod tunc bene licebit prefato Comiti & heredibus suis in omnia & singula predicta Maneria de Aldham & dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Aldham & Hadley predictis & in dicta Maneria de magna Canfeld magna Bentley dodyngherst & Lammarsh

27 ac in dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston predictis ac in dicta Maneria de Crudwell & Escott ac dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Crudwell & Escott predictis sic alienata discontinuata aut extra posita per

28 recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato reintrare & omnia eadem Maneria ac cetera premissa rehabere & gaudere vt in pristino statu suo aliquibus bargania conuencione statu possessione siue alia securitate post confeccionem presencium inde habendum faciendum vel per ipsum Comitem seu ab ipso Comite (blank) in aliquo non obstante Et quod prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas

29 Darcy & Iohannes Lucas predictum Manerium de Aldham ac dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Aldham & Hadley predictis & dicta Maneria de magna Canfeld magna Bentley Dodyngherst & Lammarsh ac dicta mesuagia ac cetera premissa in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton parua Bentley ffratyng dodyngherst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney

30 & Alphampston predictis ac dicta Maneria de Crudwell & Escott & dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Crudwell & Escott predictis a prefato Iohanne Comite Oxonie recipere possint & tenere sibi heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum vel sibi heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & Successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum ad separales vsus & secundum intenciones & condiciones supradictas

31 tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Iohannes Comes Oxonie vel heredes sui aut prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas vel heredes aut assignati ipsius Ducis aut heredes vel assignati ipsorum Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis Lucas seu eorum alicuius vel prefati Henricus seu Katerina vel aliquis alius aut aliqui alij superius memoratus

32 aut memorati ad quos vel ad quem aliquis vsus vel aliqui vsus de aut in predicto Manerio de Aldham ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Aldham & Hadley predictis & de aut in predictis Maneriis de magna Canfeld magna Bentley dodyngerst & Lammarsh ac dictis mesuagiis & cetera premissis in magna Canfeld parua Canfeld alta Rodyng Hatfeld Regis magna Bentley Thorryngton

33 parua Bentley ffratyng Dodyngerst Shenfeld Lammarsh magna Henney & Alphampston predictis ac de aut in dictis Maneriis de Crudwell & Escott ac dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Crudwell & Escott predictis sit aut sint superius limitatus aut appunctuatus vel limitati aut appunctuati sicut predictum est per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios balliuos nostros

34 vel dictorum heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur inquietentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gaentur nec eorum aliquis inde occasionetur molestetur vexetur inquietetur perturbetur in aliquo seu gauetur Et vlterius Sciatis quod nos ob causas & consideraciones predictas de gracia nostra speciali concessimus & licenciam dedimus ac per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus pro nobis & heredibus nostris

35 quantum in nobis est prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie quod ipse tam per finem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiis nostris de communi Banco leuandum quam aliter ad libitum suum Honorem suum de Hedyngham ad Castrum cum pertinentiis ac Maneria sua de Prayors alias Bowerhall parua Heldham [sic] ffyngreth Colne Comitibus Crepynghall & Wakes Colne necnon quingenta mesuagia ducenta Cotagia decem molendina

36 decem Columbaria quingenta gardina quingenta pomaria tria Milia acras terre quingentas acras prati duo Milia acras pasture Mille & quingentas acras bosci tria Milia acras iamptorum & bruere & Centum marcatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Henyngham ad Castrum Henyngham Syble parua yeldham magna yeldham Colne Comitibus Crepyng magna ffordham parua ffordham Chapell paryshe

37 Gestyngthorp nether yeldham Gaynes Colne ffyngreth Blakamore ColneWake Gosfyld & Halsted in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex ac maneria sua de Hornemedede Barkweye & Newselles cum pertinentiis necnon duodecim mesuagia sex Cotagia duo molendina duodecim gardina duodecim pomaria octingentas acras terre Centum acras prati sexcentas acras pasture sexaginta acras bosci quingentas acras

38 iamptorum & bruere & decem libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in magna Hornemedede parua hornemedede Barkweye & Royston in Comitatu nostro Hertfordia ac manerium suum de Abyngdon cum pertinentiis & sex mesuagia tria Cotagia vnum molendinum sex

gardina quatuor pomaria sexcentas acras terre octoginta acras prati trescentas acras pasture sexaginta acras bosci quadringentas acras iamprorum & bruere & sex libratas redditus cum

39 pertinentiis in Abyngdon in Comitatu nostro Cantebrigia necnon Maneria sua de Lavenham & Basford cum pertinentiis ac quinquaginta mesuagia triginta Cotagia tria Molendina quinque Columbaria sexaginta gardina sexaginta pomaria duo Millia acras terre trescentas acras prati Mille acras pasture ducentas acras bosci trescentas acras iamprorum & bruere & octo libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Lavenham Esberghelt

40 Illycombust magna Waldyngfeld & Longa Melford in dicto Comitatu nostro Suff<sup>r</sup> Que de nobis tenentur in capite vt dicitur dare possit recognoscere concedere feoffare alienare barganizare vendere aut Scripto suo confirmare prefato precharissimo Auunculo nostro Edwardo Duci Somersett & prefatis Michaeli Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohanni Lucas habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas

41 & heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum siue habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum ad opus & vsum prefati Comitis Oxonie durante vita sua absque impetitione alicuius vasti inde faciendum Et post decessum ipsius Comitis ad opus & vsum primi & senioris exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius exitus masculi

42 legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus masculi & heredum masculorum de corpore talis exitus masculi legitime procreatorum ad opus & vsum secundi exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius secundi exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et sic ab exitu masculo de corpore dicti Comitis ad exitum masculum de corpore eiusdem Comitis legitime procreandum & ad vsum

43 heredum masculorum de corpore cumsimiliter talis exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum prefati Henrici & Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius Henrici de corpore dicte Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum heredum de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitis imperpetuum Prouiso semper quod si prefatum [+Henricum] ad maritandum cum predicta

44 Katerina disagreare contigerit & quod prefatus Henricus non maritabit cum eadem Katerina citra predictum ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono supradicto Et quod eadem Katerina maritatum fuerit & accipiet in legitimum maritum suum vnum alium filium prefati Ducis citra idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli vel infra vnum mensem proxime post idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc

45 omnes & singuli vsus superius declarati prefatis Henrico & Katerine prout predictum est de aut in predicto Honore de Hedyngham ad Castrum & de aut in predictis Maneriis

de Prayors alias Bowerhall parua yeldham ffyngrth Colne Comitibus Crepynghall & Wakes Colne ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Henyngham ad Castrum Henyngham Syble parua yeldham magna yeldham

46 Colne Comitibus Crepyng magna ffordham parua ffordham Chapell paryshe Gestynghorp nether yeldham Gaynes Colne ffyngrth Blakamore Wakes Colne Gosfeld & Halsted predictis ac de & in predictis Maneriis de Hornemedede Barkwey & Nuselles cum pertinentiis ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in magna hornemedede parua hornemedede Barkwey & Royston predictis ac de aut in predicto

47 Manerio de Abyngdon [+&] de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Abyndon predicto ac de aut in predictis Maneriis de Lavenham & Basford ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Lavenham Estbergholt Illycombust magna Waldyngfeld & Longa Melford predictis sint ac fuerint penitus vacui & determinati Et quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes

48 Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut fuerint seisati siue possessionati de aut in predicto Honore de Hedyngham ad Castrum & de aut in predictis Maneriis de Prayors alias Bowerhall parua yeldham ffyngrth Colne Comitibus Crepynghall & Wakes Colne ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Henyngham ad Castrum Henyngham Syble parua

49 yeldham magna yeldham Colne Comitibus Crepyng magna ffordham parua ffordham Chapell paryshe Gestynghorp Netheryeldham Gaynes Colne ffyngrth Blakamore ColneWake Gosfeld & Halsted predictis ac de & in predictis Maneriis de Hornemedede Barkwey & Nuselles cum pertinentiis ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in magna Hornemedede parua Hornemedede

50 Barkwey & Royston predictis ac de aut in predicto Manerio de Abyngdon & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Abyndon predicto ac de aut in predictis Maneriis de Lavenham & Basford aut de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Lavenham Estbergholt Illycombust magna Waldyngfeld & Longa Melford predicta [sic?] aut aliqua inde parcella steterint & erint inde possessionati & seisati

51 post decessum prefati Comitibus & post defectum exitus masculi de corpore suo legitime exeuntium & heredum masculorum de corpore eiusdem exitus masculi legitime procreatorum tunc ad vsum talis filij prefati Ducis qui dictam Katerinam legitime maritauerit & eiusdem Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius filij per ipsum de corpore dicte Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus heredum de corpore dicti Comitibus

52 legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus rectorum heredum ipsius Comitibus imperpetuum Prouiso eciam quod si prefatus Henricus nec aliquis alius filius prefati Ducis noluerit vel non maritauerit aut duxerit in legitimum vxorem suam dictam Katerinam citra dictum festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini

Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono vel infra vnum mensem proxime sequentem

53 idem festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus supradelati de aut in predicto Honore de Hedyngtham ad Castrum & de aut in predictis Maneriis de prayors alias Bowerhall parua yeldham ffyngrith Colne Comitum Crepyngthall & Wakes Colne ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Henyngtham ad Castrum Henyngtham Syble parua yeldham magna yeldham

54 Colne Comitum Crepyng Magna ffordham parua ffordham Chapell paryshe Gestyngthorp Netheryeldham Gaynes Colne ffyngrith Blakamore Colne Wake Gosfeld & Halsted predictis & de aut in predictis Maneriis de Hornemedede Barkwey & Nuselles & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in magna Hornemedede parua Hornemedede Barkwey & Royston predictis ac de aut in predicto Manerio de

55 Abyngdon & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Abyngdon predicto ac de aut in predictis Maneriis de Lavenham & Basford ac de aut in dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Lavenham Estbergholt Illycombust magna Waldyngfeld & Longa Melford predictis sint ac fuerint penitus vacui & determinati Et quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes

56 Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sint aut fuerint seisati vel possessionati de aut in predicto Honore de Hedyngtham ad Castrum & de aut in predictis Maneriis de prayors alias Bowerhall parua yeldham ffyngrith Colne Comitum Crepyngthall & Wakes Colne ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Henyngtham ad Castrum Henyngtham Syble parua

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58 predictis ac de aut in predicto Manerio de Abyngdon & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Abyngdon predicto ac de aut in predictis Maneriis de Lavenham & Basford & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Lavenham Estbergholt Illycombust Magna Waldyngfeld & Longa Melford predictis aut aliqua inde parcella deinde steterint ac fuerint seisati & possessionati ad vsum

59 prefati Comitum & heredum de corpore suo legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitum imperpetuum Prouiso vltimo quod si prefatus Henricus durante vita sua aut aliquis alius filiorum prefati Ducis Cui dicta Katerina legitime maritari contigerit durante vita ipsius alij filij alienauerit discontinuauerit vel extra posuerit aut extra poni seu alienari permittet per aliquam

60 recuperacionem predictum Honorem de Hedyngham ad Castrum & predicta Maneria de prayors alias Bowerhall parua yeldham ffyngreth Colne Comitibus Crepynghall & Wakes Colne ac predicta mesuagia ac cetera premissa in Henyngham ad Castrum Henyngham Syble parua yeldham magna yeldham Colne Comitibus Crepyng magna ffordham parua ffordham Chapell paryshe Gestynghorp

61 Netheryeldham Gaynes Colne ffyngreth Blakamore Colne Wake Gosfeld & Halsted predictis & predicta Maneria de Hornemedede Barkwey & Nuselles & predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in magna hornemedede parua hornemedede Barkwey & Royston predictis ac predictum Manerium de Abyngdon & predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Abyngdon predicto ac predicta Maneria de Lavenham & Basford ac predicta

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67 Gestynghorp Netheryeldham Gaynes Colne ffyngreth Blakamore Colne Wake Gosfeld & Halsted predictis ac in predicta Maneria de Hornemedede Barkwey & Nuselles & in predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in magna hornemedede parua hornemedede

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68 Lavenham & Basford ac in dicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Lavenham Estbergholt Illycombust magna Waldyngfeld & Longa Melford predictis sic alienata discontinuata aut extra posita per recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato reintrare & omnia eadem Maneria & cetera premissa rehabere & gaudere vt in pristino statu suo aliquibus bargania conuencione statu possessione

69 siue alia securitate post confeccionem presencium inde habendum faciendum vel per ipsum Comitem seu ab ipso Comite (blank) in aliquo non obstante Et quod prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas predictum Honorem de Hedyngham ad Castrum & predicta Maneria de prayors alias Bowerhall parua yeldham ffyngreth Colne Comitum Crepynghall & Wakes Colne & predicta mesuagia

70 ac cetera premissa in Henyngham ad Castrum Henyngham Syble parua yeldham magna yeldham Colne Comitum Crepyng magna ffordham parua ffordham Chapell paryshe Gestyngthorp Netheryeldham Gaynes Colne ffyngreth Blakamore Colne Wake Gosfeld & Halsted predictis & dicta Maneria de Hornemedede Barkwey & Nuselles & predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in magna

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72 Ducis imperpetuum vel sibi heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & Successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum ad separales vsus & secundum intenciones & condiciones supradictas tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Iohannes Comes Oxonie vel heredes sui aut prefati Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas vel heredes

73 aut assignati ipsius Ducis aut heredes vel assignati ipsorum Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis Lucas seu eorum alicuius vel prefati Henricus seu Katerina vel aliquis alius aut aliqui alij superius memoratus aut memorati ad quem vel ad quos aliquis vsus vel aliqui vsus de aut in predicto honore de Hedyngham ad Castrum & de aut in predictis Maneriis de Prayors alias Bowerhall parua yeldham

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76 Estbergholt Illy combust magna Waldynfeld & Longa Melford predictis sit vel sint superius limitatus aut appunctuatus seu limitati aut appunctuati sicut predictum est per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios Balliuos nostros vel dictorum heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur inquietentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gauentur nec eorum

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1 aliquis inde occasionetur molestetur vexetur inquietetur perturbetur in aliquo seu gauetur Et cum Anna Comitissa Oxonie vidua ad confeccionem presencium tenet ad terminum vite sue reuersionem [sic?] siue remanere inde post eius mortem prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie & heredibus suis imperpetuum spectantem honorem de Whitechurche cum pertinentiis in dicto Comitatu nostro Buk' necnon viginti mesuagia decem Cotagia duo

2 molendina tria Columbaria viginti gardina viginti Pomaria mille acras terre ducentas acras prati Mille acras pasture trescentas acras bosci quingentas acras Iampnorum & bruere ac decem libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Whitchurche in dicto Comitatu Buk' ac Maneria de Castell Campes & Abyngdon cum pertinentiis in dicto Comitatu nostro Cantebrigia necnon sexaginta mesuagia triginta Cotagia tria molendina quatuor Columbaria

3 sexaginta gardina sexaginta Pomaria Mille & quingentas acras terre quadraginta acras prati duo Milia acras pasture quingentas acras bosci sexcentas acras iampnorum & Bruere & viginti libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Castell Campes Sudy campos Horshed & Abyngdon in dicto Comitatu Cantebrigia & Manerium de Cowntesmede in Bumpsted in dicto Comitatu nostro Essex necnon decem mesuagia quinque Cotagia vnum

4 molendinum vnum Columbarium decem gardina decem pomaria quingentas acras terre Centum acras prati sexcentas acras pasture sexaginta acras bosci ducentas acras iampnorum & bruere & sex libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Bumpsted ad turrim & Bumpsted Helyon in dicto Comitatu Essex Sciatis quod nos ob causas & consideraciones predictas de gracia nostra speciali concessimus & licenciam dedimus ac per presentes

5 concedimus & licenciam damus pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie quod ipse tam per finem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiis nostris de communi Banco leuandum quam aliter ad libitum suum predictum Honorem de Whitchurche & predicta mesuagia ac cetera premissa in Whitchurche predicto vel

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7 alienare barganizare vendere aut Scripto suo confirmare prefato precharissimo Auunculo nostro Edwardo Duci Somersett & prefatis Michaeli Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohanni Lucas habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum siue habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum post mortem prefate Anne

8 Comitisse Oxonie ad opus & vsum prefati Comitiss Oxonie durante vita sua absque impetitione alicuius vasti inde faciendum & post decessum ipsius Comitiss ad vsum primi senioris exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitiss legitime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus masculi & heredum masculorum de corpore talis exitus

9 masculi legitime procreatorum ad opus & vsum secundi exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitiss legitime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius secundi exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et sic ab exitu masculo de corpore dicti Comitiss ad exitum masculum de corpore ipsius Comitiss legitime procreandum & ad vsum heredum masculorum de corpore cum similitur talis exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et

10 pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum prefati Henrici & Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius Henrici de corpore dicte Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum heredum de corpore prefati Comitiss legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitiss imperpetuum Prouiso semper quod si prefatum Henricum ad maritandum cum predicta Katerina disagreeare

11 contigerit & non maritabit cum eadem Katerina citra predictum festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono supradicto Et quod eadem Katerina maritatum fuerit & accipiet in legitimum maritum suum vnum alium filium prefati Ducis citra idem festum sancti Michaelis Archangel vel infra vnum mensem proxime post idem festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes &

12 singuli vsus superius declarati prefatis Henrico & Katerine prout predictum est de aut in predicto Honore de Whitechurche ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Whitechurche predicto ac de aut in dicta reursionem siue remanere inde & de aut in predictis Maneriis de Castell Campes & Abyngdon & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Castell Campes Sudy Campes Horshed &

13 Abyngdon predictis ac de aut in predicta reuersione siue remanere inde & de aut in predicto Manerio de Cowntesmede in Bumsted predicto & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Bumpsted ad turrim & Bumpsted Helyon predictis & de aut in predicta reuersione siue remanere inde sint ac erunt penitus vacui & determinati & quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michaeli Stanhopp Thomas Darcy

14 & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut fuerint possessionati aut seisati de aut in predicto Honore de Whitchurche ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Whitechurche predicto ac de aut in predicta reuersione siue remanere inde aut de aut in predictis Maneriis de Castell Campes & Abyngdon & de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Castell Campes

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16 prefate Anne Comitisse Oxonie ac post decessum prefati Comitissae & post defectu exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitissae legitime procreati & heredum masculorum de corpore eiusdem exitus masculi legitime exeuntium ad vsum talis filij prefati Ducis qui dictam Katerinam legitime maritauerit & eiusdem Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius filij per ipsum de corpore dicte Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu

17 talis exitus ad opus rectorum heredum ipsius Comitissae imperpetuum Prouiso eciam quod si prefatus Henricus nec aliquis alius filius prefati Ducis noluerit maritare vel non maritauerit aut duxerit in legitimam vxorem suam predictam Katerinam citra dictum ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono vel infra vnum mensem proxime sequentem

18 idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus supradecarati de aut in predicto Honore de Whitchurche ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Whitchurche predicto ac de aut in predicta reuersione siue remanere inde aut de aut in predictis Maneriis de Castell Campes & Abyngdon & de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Castell Campes Sudy Campes

19 Horshed & Abyngdon predictis ac de aut in dicta reuersione siue remanere inde & de aut in predicto Manerio de Cowntesmede in Bumpsted predicto & de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Bumsted ad turrim & Bumsted Helyon predictis ac de aut in predictis reuersione siue remanere inde penitus Cessabunt & erunt vacui & quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michaeli Thomas & Iohannes Lucas heredes

20 & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut fuerint seisati siue possessionati de aut in predicto Honore de Whitchurche ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Whitchurche predicto ac de aut in dicta reuersione siue

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22 Anne Comitisse Oxonie ad vsum prefati Comitiss & heredum de corpore suo legitime exeuntium & pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitiss imperpetuum Prouiso vltimo quod si prefatus Henricus durante vita sua aut aliquis alius filiorum prefati Ducis cui dicta Katerina legitime maritari contigerit durante vita ipsius alij filij alienauerit discontinuauerit vel extra posuerit aut extra poni

23 seu alienari permittet per aliquam recuperacionem predictum Honorem de Whitechurche & predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa aut aliquam inde parcellam in Whitechurche predicto vel dictam reuersionem siue remanere inde ac predicta Maneria de Castell Campes & Abyngdon & predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa aut aliquam inde parcellam in Castell Campes Sudy Campes Horshede & Abyngdon predictis vel dictam

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25 seisati vel possessionati de aut in predicto Honore de Whitechurche ac de aut in predictis mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in Whitechurche predicto ac de aut in dicta reuersione siue remanere inde ac de aut in predictis Maneriis de Castell Campes & Abyngdon predictis & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in Castell Campes Sudy Campes Horshed &

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27 simplici vel feodo talliato steterint ac seisati fuerint inde extunc post decessum prefate Anne Comitisse Oxonie ad vsum prefati Comitiss heredum & assignorum suorum imperpetuum Et quod tunc bene licebit prefato Comiti & heredibus suis in omnia & singula predictum Honorem de Whitechurche ac predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Whitechurche predicto ac in dicta reuersione siue remanere inde ac in predicta Maneria de Castell

28 Campes & Abyngdon predictis & in predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Castell Campes Sudy Campes Horshed & Abyngdon predictis & in dictam reuersionem siue remanere inde & in predictum Manerium de Cowntesmede in Bumpsted predicto ac in predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Bumpsted ad Turrim & Bumpsted Helyon predictis & in dictam reuersionem siue remanere inde sic alienata discontinuata aut

29 extra posita per recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato post mortem prefate Anne Comitisse Oxonie Reintrare & omnia eadem Honorem Maneria & cetera premissa rehabere & gaudere vt in pristino statu suo aliquibus bargania conuencione statu possessione siue alia securitate post confeccionem presencium inde habendum faciendum vel per ipsum Comitem seu ab ipso Comite (blank) in aliquo non

30 obstante Et quod prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas predictum Honorem de Whitechurche & predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Whitechurche predicto vel reuersionem siue remanere inde ac predicta Maneria de Castell Campes & Abyngdon predictis & predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Castell Campes Sudy Campes Horshed & Abyngdon predictis vel reuersione siue remanere inde

31 & predictum Manerium de Cowntesmede in Bumpsted predicto ac predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Bumpsted ad turrim & Bumpsted Helyon predictis vel reuersionem siue remanere inde a prefato Iohanne Comite Oxonie recipere possint & tenere sibi heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum vel sibi heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum post mortem prefate Anne Comitisse Oxonie de nobis heredibus & Successoribus nostris per

32 seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum ad separales vsus & secundum intenciones & condiciones supradictas tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Iohannes Comes Oxonie vel heredes sui aut prefati Dux Michael Thomas & Iohannes Lucas vel heredes aut assignati ipsius Ducis aut heredes vel assignati ipsorum Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis

33 Lucas seu eorum alicuius vel prefati Henricus seu Katerina vel aliquis alius aut aliqui alij superius memoratus vel memorati ad quos vel ad quem aliquis vsus vel aliqui vsus de aut in predicto Honore de Whitechurche & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis in Whitechurche predicto vel de aut in dicta reuersione aut remanere inde ac de aut in predictis Maneriis de Castell

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35 inde sit vel sint superius limitatus aut appunctuatus vel limitati aut appunctuati sicut predictum est per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios Balliuos nostros vel dictorum heredum nostrorum quoscumque quoscumque [sic] inde

occasionentur molestentur vexentur inquietentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gaudentur nec eorum aliquis inde occasionetur molestetur vexetur inquietetur perturbetur in aliquo

36 seu gaueatur Cumque vltorius Robertus Veer Armiger frater prefati Iohannis Comitis Oxonie ad confeccionem presencium tenet ad terminum vite sue remanere inde post eius decessum legitime vxori ipsius Roberti que ipsum supervixerit durante vita ipsius vxoris si idem Robertus per scriptum suum sigillo suo signatum eadem ita ire & remanere limitauerit & appunctuauerit reuersione [sic?] siue remanere inde

37 post mortem prefati Roberti Veer & dicte vxoris eius si idem Robertus limitauerit & appunctuauerit vt predictum est prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie & heredibus suis imperpetuum spectantem Manerium de Shottesbroke cum pertinentiis in Comitatu nostro Berkeria necnon decem mesuagia quinque Cotagia vnum Molendinum duo Columbaria decem gardina decem pomaria octingentas acras terre sexaginta acras prati quadringentas acras pasture

38 quadringentas acras bosci quingentas acras iampnorum & bruere & quinque libratas redditus cum pertinentiis in Shottesbroke in dicto Comitatu Berkeria Sciatis eciam quod nos ob causas & consideraciones predictas de gracia nostra speciali concessimus & licenciam dedimus & per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefato Iohanni Comiti Oxonie quod ipse tam per finem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiis

39 de communi banco leuandum quam aliter ad libitum suum predictum Manerium de Shottesbroke ac predicta mesuagia ac cetera premissa in Shottesbroke predicto vel reuersionem siue remanere inde Que de nobis tenentur in capite vt dicitur Dare possit recognoscere concedere feoffare alienare barganizare vendere aut scripto suo confirmare prefato precharissimo Auunculo nostro Edwardo Duci Somersett ac prefatis

40 Michaeli Stanhopp Thome Darcy & Iohanni Lucas habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum siue habendum eisdem Duci Michaeli Thome & Iohanni Lucas & heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum post mortem prefati Roberti Veer & dicte vxoris eius limitata & appunctuata prout predictum est ad opus & vsum prefati Comitis Oxonie durante vita sua absque impetitione alicuius

41 vasti inde faciendum Et post decessum ipsius Comitis ad vsum primi & senioris exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius exitus masculi legitime procreatorum & pro defectu talis exitus masculi & heredum masculorum de corpore talis exitus masculi legitime procreatorum ad opus & vsum secundi exitus masculi de corpore prefati Comitis legitime

42 procreandi & heredum masculorum de corpore ipsius secundi exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et sic ab exitu masculo de corpore dicti Comitis ad exitum masculum de corpore eiusdem Comitis legitime procreandum & ad vsum heredum masculorum de corpore cumsimiliter talis exitus masculi legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis

exitus ad vsum prefatorum Henrici & Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius Henrici de corpore dicte

43 Katerine legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum heredum de corpore prefati Comitis legitime procreatorum Et postea ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitis imperpetuum Prouiso semper quod si prefatum Henricum ad maritandum cum predicta Katerina disagreeare contigerit & non maritabit cum eadem Katerina citra predictum ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo

44 nono supradicto Et quod eadem Katerina Maritatum fuerit & accipiet in legitimum maritum suum vnum alium filium prefati Ducis citra idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli vel infra vnum mensem proxime post idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus superius declarati prefatis Henrico & Katerine prout predictum est de aut in dicto Manerio de Shottesbroke ac de aut in dictis mesuagiis ac

45 ceteris premissis in Shottesbroke predicto & de aut in dicta reuersione siue remanere inde sint ac erunt penitus vacui & determinati Et quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michaeli Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui sunt aut fuerint possessionati aut seisati de aut in predicto Manerio de Shottesbroke ac de aut in dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis

46 in Shottesbroke predicto & de aut in dicta reuersione siue remanere inde aut aliqua inde parcella steterint ac erint inde possessionati & seisati post decessum prefati Roberti Veer ac dicte vxoris eius limitatis & Appunctuatis prout predictum est ac post decessum prefati Comitis & post defectu exitus masculi de corpore suo legitime exeuntium & heredum masculorum de corpore eiusdem exitus masculi legitime precreatorum ad

47 vsum talis filij prefati Ducis qui dictam Katerinam legitime maritauerit & eiusdem Katerine & heredum de corpore ipsius filij per ipsum de corpore dicte Katerine legitime precreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus heredum de corpore dicti Comitis legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus rectorum heredum ipsius Comitis imperpetuum Prouiso eciam quod si prefatus Henricus nec aliquis alius filius

48 prefati Ducis noluerit vel non maritauerit aut duxerit in legitimam vxorem suam dictam Katerinam citra dictum ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod erit in Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono vel infra vnum mensem proxime sequentem idem ffestum sancti Michaelis Archangeli quod tunc omnes & singuli vsus supradecarati de aut in predictis Manerio de Shottesbroke & de aut in dictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis

49 in Shottesbroke predicto ac de aut in dicta reuersione siue remanere inde sint aut fuerint penitus vacui & determinati & quod tunc & deinceps prefati Dux Michaeli Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli

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50 in Shottesbroke predicto & de aut in dicta reuersione siue remanere inde aut aliqua inde parcella steterint ac fuerint inde seisati & possessionati post decessum prefati Roberti Veer & dicte vxoris eius limitatis & appunctuatis prout predictum est ad vsum prefati Comitum & heredum de corpore suo legitime procreatorum Et pro defectu talis exitus ad vsum rectorum heredum ipsius Comitum imperpetuum Prouiso vltimo quod si prefatus

51 Henricus durante vita sua aut aliquis alius filiorum prefati Ducis Cui dicta Katerina legitime maritaliter contigerit durante vita ipsius alij filij alienauerit discontinuauerit vel extra posuerit vel extra poni seu alienari permittet per aliquam recuperacionem predictum Manerium de Shottesbroke ac predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa aut aliquam inde parcellam in Shottesbroke predicto vel dictam reuersionem siue

52 remanere inde quod tunc prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas heredes & assignati sui & omnes & singuli alij persona & persone qui steterint aut fuerint seisati vel possessionati de aut in predicto Manerio de Shottesbroke & de aut in predictis mesuagiis & ceteris premissis aut aliqua inde parcella in Shottesbroke predicto ac de aut in dicta reuersione siue remanere inde sic alienatis discontinuatis

53 aut extra positus aut extra poni premissis per recuperacionem in feodo simplici vel feodo talliato steterint ac seisati fuerint inde extunc post decessum prefati Roberti Veer & dicte vxoris eius limitatis & appunctuatis prout predictum est ad vsum prefati Comitum heredum & assignorum suorum imperpetuum Et quod tunc bene licebit prefato Comiti & heredibus suis in omnia & singula predictum Manerium de Shottesbroke ac predicta mesuagia ac cetera

54 premissa in Shottesbroke predicto & in dictam reuersionem siue remanere inde sic alienata discontinuata aut extra posita per recuperacionem in feodo simplici aut feodo talliato post decessum prefati Roberti Veer & dicte vxoris eius limitata & appunctuata prout predictum est Reintrare & omnia eadem Manerium mesuagia & cetera premissa rehabere & gaudere vt in pristino statu suo aliquibus bargania conuencione statu

55 possessione siue alia securitate post confeccionem presencium inde habendum faciendum vel per ipsum Comitem seu ab ipso Comite (blank) in aliquo non obstante Et quod prefati Dux Michael Stanhopp Thomas Darcy & Iohannes Lucas predictum Manerium de Shottesbroke ac predicta mesuagia & cetera premissa in Shottesbroke predicto vel reuersionem siue remanere inde a prefato Iohanne Comite Oxonie recipere possint &

56 tenere sibi heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ducis imperpetuum vel sibi heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus & Successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum ad separales vsus & secundum intenciones & condiciones supradictas tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac damus

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specialem Nolentes quod predictus Iohannes Comes Oxonie vel heredes sui aut prefati Dux Michael Thomas

57 & Iohannes Lucas vel heredes aut assignati ipsius Ducis aut heredum [sic?] vel assignati ipsorum Ducis Michaelis Thome & Iohannis Lucas seu eorum alicuius vel prefati Henricus aut Katerina vel aliquis alius aut aliqui alij superius memoratus aut memorati ad quem vel ad quos aliquis vsus vel aliqui vsus de aut in predicto Manerio de Shottesbroke aut aliqua inde parcella seu de aut in predictis

58 mesuagiis ac ceteris premissis in Shottesbroke predicto aut aliqua inde parcella sit aut sint superius limitatus siue appunctuatus siue limitati aut appunctuati sicut predictum est per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticios Escaetores Vicecomites aut alios balliuos nostros vel dictorum heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur vexentur inquietentur perturbentur in aliquo seu gauentur nec eorum aliquis inde

59 occasionentur molestetur vexetur inquietetur perturbetur in aliquo seu gauetur In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium tricesimo die Ianuarij Anno regni nostri secundo

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