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SUMMARY The document below is the final decree, dated 29 November 1620, in the lawsuit brought in the Court of Requests by John Witter against John Heminges (1566-1630) and Henry Condell (1576?-1627) in 1619.

For earlier documents in the lawsuit and a discussion of the case, see TNA REQ 4/1/2 on this website.

xxix Die Novembris a{nno} p{re}d{i}c{t}o

LM: Witter, Heminges

Whereas John Witter long sithence exhibited his bill of complaint unto the King's Majesty & his Highness' Council in his honourable Court of Whitehall at Westminster against John Heminges, gentleman, & Henry Condell, defendants, unto which bill the said defendants forthwith made their full and perfect answers, whereunto the complainant replied, & examined certain witnesses above two terms now past, & hath ever sithence failed to proceed in his said cause as by the due & ordinary course of this court he ought to have done, it is therefore by his Majesty's said Council of this court ordered that the same matter be from henceforth out of this court clearly & absolutely dismissed forever, & the said defendants are licenced to depart at their liberties *sine die*;

And it is further ordered that the complainant shall, upon sight or knowledge hereof, content & pay unto the said defendants the full sum of 20s for their costs herein most wrongfully sustained.