

SUMMARY: The document below is a Court of Wards copy of the inquisition post mortem taken at Brenthwood on 27 September 1604, three months after Oxford's death. For a more complete discussion, see the original document, TNA C 142/286/165. There are some minor discrepancies between this copy and the original. For example, this copy supplies the correct date of 1583 for Oxford's grant of the farm of his office of Lord Great Chamberlain to Israel Amice, as well as the rent of £6 per annum for tithes in Bures St. Mary, Aldham and Lavenham, a figure which is missing from the original.

[LM: Copy by Valentine Saunders]

[LM: Essex]

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford

Indented inquisition taken at Brentwood in the foresaid county on the twenty-seventh day of September in the second year [=27 September 1604] of the reign of the Lord James by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., before John, Lord Petre of Writtle, Nicholas Ridgely, esquire, Andrew Jenner, esquire, deputy escheator of the said Lord King in the foresaid county, & William Courtman, esquire, feodary of the said Lord King in the foresaid county, by virtue of letters patent of commission of the said Lord King in the nature of a writ of the said Lord King of diem clausit extremem [=he has closed his last day] to the same Commissioners and to Thomas [+Mildmay], knight, directed to inquire after the death of Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, Lord of Badlesmere & Scales directed [sic?] & to this inquisition sewn, by the oath etc.;

Who say upon their oath that the foresaid Earl of Oxford before his death was seised in his demesne as of fee of the office of bailiff of the whole forest in & of Essex in the foresaid county of Essex, & of keeper & steward of the same forest, and also of & in the bailiwick & keeping of the park & houses of the Lord King of Havering in the said county of Essex, and also of divers fees, profits, commodities, advantages, immunities & privileges to the foresaid offices belonging & appertaining, as for [sic] divers evidences in writing to the foresaid jurors in manifest evidences more fully is clear & appears;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Earl of the foresaid offices in the form aforesaid seised on the fifth day of May last past [=5 May 1604] before the taking of this inquisition gave & granted to Henry Humberston, yeoman, the office of keeper of the walk called Chapel Hainault walk within the foresaid forest with its rights, members & appurtenances, and the same Earl of Oxford then ordained, made & appointed him, Henry Humberston, keeper & perambulator of the same walk, to have, hold, enjoy & exercise the foresaid office by himself or by his sufficient deputy or his deputies so long as the same Henry Humberston would conduct himself honourably, with all & singular lands, wages, fees, payments, profits & emoluments to the same office

from of old appertaining or belonging, by virtue of which the same Henry Humberston exercises & has the same office;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Earl seised of the foresaid offices in the form aforesaid before his death by his deed sealed by his seal at arms bearing date the eighteenth day of June in the second year [=18 June 1604] of the reign of the said Lord King of England, France & Ireland & of Scotland the thirty-seventh to the foresaid jurors similarly [+appearing] in manifest evidences, for the considerations in the foresaid deed mentioned & expressed, demised & granted to Francis, Lord Norris, & Francis Vere, knight, of [sic] the offices of keeper & steward of the foresaid forest and all & singular the profits & commodities to the same offices appertaining, to have & hold to the same Francis, Lord Norris & Francis Vere, knight, their executors & assigns, from the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin then last past until the end & term of eleven years thereafter next following & fully to be completed, by virtue of which demise the same Francis, Lord Norris, & Francis Vere, knight, were & still are possessed thereof;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Earl while he lived was seised in his demesne as of fee of the office of Great Chamberlain of England and also of divers fees, profits, issues & revenues yearly owed & paid out of the office commonly called le Petty Bag in the court of the Lord King of his Chancery to the said office of the said Earl of Great Chamberlain of England appertaining & belonging, & thus being seised thereof, by his deed indented bearing date the sixth day of November in the twenty-fifth year [=6 November 1583] of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth, late Queen of England, demised, granted & to farm let to a certain Israel Amice all & singular the foresaid fees, profits, issues & revenues, to have to the same Israel, his executors & assigns, from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel then last past until the end & term of thirty-one years thereafter next following and fully to be completed & ended, yielding & paying therefore yearly during the foresaid term to the forenamed Earl, his heirs & assigns, forty & two pounds of lawful money of England at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel or within eight weeks after any feast of the foresaid feasts by equal portions, by virtue of which certain demise the foresaid Israel Amice was thereof possessed, & thus thereof being possessed, the same Israel Amice after the foresaid demise & after the twentieth day of April in the twenty-sixth year [=20 April 1584] of the late Lady Queen etc. & before the third day of May in the thirty-third year [=3 May 1591] of the reign of the said late Queen etc. was outlawed for debt, by reason of which all the goods, chattels & debts which belonged to the foresaid Israel Amice at the time of the promulgation of the foresaid outlawry, & among other things the demise aforesaid, became forfeit to the said Lady Queen, by virtue of which the foresaid Lady Queen was possessed of the foresaid demise made to the forenamed Israel Amice in the form aforesaid, and thus being possessed thereof the same Lady Queen by her letters patent sealed under the great seal of England bearing date the foresaid third day of May in the thirty-third year abovesaid gave & granted to a certain John Drawater & John Holmes all & singular such goods, specialties, sums of money, payments, accounts, demands, profits, commodities & advantages whatsoever which were forfeited or to which the said Lady Queen would have been entitled by reason or

occasion of any outlawry had or promulgated against the foresaid Israel by whatsoever name or names or by addition of name or names after the twentieth day of April in the twenty-sixth year abovesaid, by virtue of which the foresaid John Drawater & John Holmes were possessed, among other things, of the foresaid demise & of the fees, profits & other the premises by the forenamed Earl of Oxford demised to the forenamed Israel in the form aforesaid, & thus being possessed thereof, the foresaid Earl of Oxford by an indenture tripartite made between the foresaid Earl on the first part & John Wolley, esquire, one of the Privy Council of the said late Queen, and Francis Trentham, esquire, on the second part, & the foresaid Israel Amice, John Drawater & John Holmes on the third part, bearing date the fourth day of July in the thirty-third year [=4 July 1591] of the reign of the said Queen remised [+and] released to the foresaid Israel Amice, John Drawater & John Holmes the said yearly sum of forty-two pounds & all & all manner of actions, suits & demands whatsoever for the foresaid sum or any parcel thereof, and further that the same Israel Amice, John Drawater & John Holmes by the same indenture tripartite assigned to the forenamed John Wolley & Francis Trentham so the foresaid indenture of demise by the foresaid Earl made to the foresaid Israel Amice as the whole estate, right, title, interest, term & demand of the foresaid Israel, John Drawater & John Holmes, or of any of them & every of them in the foresaid yearly fees, issues, profits & revenues to the forenamed Israel in the form aforesaid demised by the foresaid Earl, and further that the foresaid Earl by the foresaid indenture tripartite demised & grant to the forenamed John Wolley & Francis Trentham all & singular the foresaid fees, issues, profits, commodities & revenues & any parcel thereof, to have to the same John Wolley & Francis Trentham, their executors & assigns, immediately from & after the expiry, surrender, or other determination of the foresaid term granted to the forenamed Israel Amice by the foresaid Earl for & during the term of eighty years if Elizabeth Trentham, then one of the maids of honour of the said late Lady Queen & sister of the foresaid Francis Trentham so long would live, by virtue of which the foresaid John Wolley & Francis Trentham were possessed of the foresaid fees, issues, profits & revenues as the law demands, & the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Earl after took to wife the forenamed Elizabeth Trentham, now Countess of Oxford, & that the same Countess still survives & is in full life at Hornchurch in the foresaid county, & that after the foresaid John Wolley died, & that by reason thereof the foresaid Francis Trentham was solely possessed of the foresaid fees, issues, profits & revenues by right of survivorship;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Earl in his life was seised in his demesne as of fee of & in the manor of Bretts with its rights, members & appurtenances in the foresaid county of Essex, and also of divers other lands, tenements & hereditaments in West Ham & Flatwick in the said county of Essex, and also of & in a certain farm & divers lands, tenements & hereditaments called or known under the description of Plaistow alias Playsted in the parish of Halstead in the said county of Essex, & thus being seised thereof, by his deed sealed by his seal at arms bearing date the eighteenth day of June last past [=18 June 1604] before the taking of this inquisition to the foresaid jurors [+appearing] in manifest evidences, for & in consideration of a certain sum of money & for other considerations expressed in the foresaid deed, bargained & sold to the forenamed Francis Trentham the foresaid manor, farm, lands, tenements &

hereditaments with their appurtenances, to have & to hold the same to Francis Trentham, his executors & assigns, for & during the term of sixty years then next following if the foresaid Countess so long would live, by virtue of which the foresaid Francis Trentham entered into the same manor, farm, lands, tenements & hereditaments with the appurtenances & was & still is thereof possessed as the law demands;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Earl in his life was seised in his demesne as of fee of & in the rectory of Walter Belchamp alias Belchamp Walter with its entire rights, members & appurtenances in the said county of Essex, & thus being seised thereof the same Earl & the foresaid Countess Elizabeth, his wife, by their deed indented to the foresaid jurors [+appearing] in manifest evidences bearing date the twelfth day of March in the thirty-fourth year [=12 March 1592] of the reign of the said late Queen, for & in consideration of a certain sum of money & other considerations expressed in the foresaid deed indented, bargained & sold to the forenamed Francis Trentham & Ralph Sneyd the foresaid rectory with the appurtenances to the same Francis Trentham & Ralph Sneyd, their heirs & assigns, forever, and that in the same indenture it is further contained that the foresaid rectory with the appurtenances, upon reasonable request of the foresaid Earl, would be reassured by the foresaid Francis Trentham & Ralph Sneyd to the same Earl for & during the natural life of the same Earl, & for lack of such reassurance that the same Earl would receive & take the issues & profits of the same rectory with the appurtenances during his natural life as by the same deed indented more fully appears, by virtue of which the same Francis Trentham & Ralph Sneyd were seised of the foresaid rectory in their demesne as of fee, and the foresaid jurors further say that the foresaid Earl did not request the forenamed Francis & Ralph nor any one of them to reassure to the same Earl the foresaid rectory for or during the natural life of the same Earl;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the same Earl while he lived was seised in his demesne as of fee of & in a certain portion of tithes being in the hamlet of Stansted in the parish of Halstead in the county of Essex, & of a certain other portion of tithes being in Aldham & Marks Tey in the said county of Essex, & of another portion of tithes being in Sible Hedingham in the said county of Essex, and of another portion of tithes being in Maplestead in the said county of Essex, and of another portion of tithes being in Bures St. Mary in the said county of Essex & in the county of Suffolk, and of a certain other portion of tithes being in Aldham in the said county of Suffolk, & of a certain other portion of tithes being in Lavenham in the said county of Suffolk, and of & in one parcel of meadow called Ashmill marsh lying in Whatfield in the said county of Suffolk, and that the same Earl thus seised thereof died thus seised thereof;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that John Wotton, knight, now deceased, in his life was seised in his demesne as of fee of & in a certain annuity or yearly rent of sixty & six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence of lawful money of England issuing of the manor of Fyll with the appurtenances & of divers other lands & tenements in the county of Kent, and the same John Wotton thus being seised thereof by his deed indented sealed by his seal bearing date the thirty-first day of December in the thirty-ninth year [=31 December 1596] of the reign of the said late Queen Elizabeth & in

the Court of Chancery of the same late Queen enrolled within six months after the date of the same indenture to the foresaid jurors [+appearing] in evidences similarly manifest, for & in consideration of a certain sum of money to the forenamed John Wotton paid in advance by the foresaid Earl of Oxford & by Henry de Vere, Viscount Bulbeck, now Earl of Oxford, then heir apparent of the foresaid Edward, Earl of Oxford, bargained & sold to the forenamed Earl of Oxford & Henry de Vere, Viscount Bulbeck, & to the heirs of the same Henry, the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of sixty & six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence, by virtue of which the same Earl & Henry were thereof seised, namely, the foresaid Earl in his demesne as of free tenement & the foresaid Henry, Viscount Bulbeck, in his demesne as of fee, & that the same Earl of such his estate died thereof seised, by virtue of which the same Henry, Viscount Bulbeck, was of the foresaid annuity or yearly rent solely seised in his demesne as of fee by right of survivorship;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Earl on the day on which he died was seised in his demesne as of fee of & in one messuage called Fenhouse & of divers lands, meadows & pastures to the same messuage appertaining lying in Ardleigh in the said county of Essex, and of one messuage called Pickstones & of divers lands, meadows & pastures to the same messuage appertaining lying in Stisted in the said county of Essex, and also of three cottages & eighteen acres of land, meadow & pasture lying in Messing in the said county of Essex, & of one messuage called Potts & of certain lands to the same messuage appertaining lying in Marks Tey in the said county of Essex, and of one messuage with the appurtenances lying in Coggeshall next to the market-place there, to the use & maintenance forever of the schoolmaster holding the grammar-school in Earls Colne in the said county of Essex forever, and that the same Earl thus thereof seised died thus thereof seised;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid offices of bailiff, keeper, and steward of the foresaid forest & of bailiff & keeper of the foresaid houses & park of Havering aforesaid & other the premises to the foresaid offices appertaining are held of the Lord King but by which services the foresaid jurors are entirely ignorant, & are worth by year beyond reprises twenty pounds;

And that the foresaid manor of Bretts & other the premises in West Ham & Flatwick are held of whom (s. & pl.) & by which services the foresaid jurors are entirely ignorant, and are worth by year beyond reprises eight pounds;

And that the foresaid farm & other the premises known under the description of Plaistow alias Playsted in Halstead aforesaid are held of the Lord King in chief by knight-service, but by what part of a knight's fee the foresaid jurors are entirely ignorant, & are worth by year beyond reprises twenty shillings;

And that the foresaid rectory of Walter Belchamp with the appurtenances is held of the Lord King in chief by knight-service, but by what part of a knight's fee the foresaid jurors are entirely ignorant, & is worth by year beyond reprises twenty shillings;

And that the foresaid portions of tithes in the parishes of Aldham, Marks Tey, Sible Hedingham, Maplestead, [+and] Bures St. Mary in the said county of Essex are held of the said Lord King in chief by knight-service, but by what part of a knight's fee the same portions are held the foresaid jurors are entirely ignorant, & are worth by year beyond reprises thirteen pounds six shillings & four pence;

And that the foresaid portions of tithes being in Bures St. Mary aforesaid, Aldham, & Lavenham in the said county of Suffolk are held of the said Lord King in chief by knight-service but by what part of a knight's fee the foresaid jurors are similarly entirely ignorant, and are worth by year six pounds;

But of whom (s. & pl.) or by which services the foresaid parcel of meadow called Ashmill marsh in Whatfield in the said county of Suffolk and the foresaid other messuages, cottages, lands, tenements & hereditaments lying & being in Ardleigh, Stisted, Messing, Marks Tey & Coggeshall are held the foresaid jurors are entirely ignorant, & are worth by year beyond reprises nothing;

And that the foresaid Earl of Oxford died on the twenty-fourth day of June last past before the taking of this inquisition, and that Henry de Vere, now Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck, & Lord Badlesmere & Scales, is his son & heir & at the time of the death of the foresaid Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, was aged eleven years & four months;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Henry Humberston now survives & is in full life at Brentwood in the said county of Essex;

And the foresaid jurors further say upon their oath that the foresaid Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, on the day on which he died neither had nor held any other or more lands or tenements in the foresaid county of Essex to their knowledge.

[LM: Exemplum per Valentinum Saunders]

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Edwardus de Veere Comes Oxonie

1 Inquisitio indentata capta apud Brentwood in Comitatu predicto vicesimo septimo die Septembris Anno regni domini Iacobi dei gracia Anglie Scocie ffrancie & hibernie Regis fidei defensoris &c secundo Coram Iohanne Domino Petre de Writtle Nicholo

2 Ruggley Armigero Andreli Ienour Armigero deputato Escaetore dicti domini Regis Comitatu predicto & Willelmo Courtman Armigero ffeodario dicti domini Regis Comitatu predicto virtute literarum patentium Commissionis dicti domini Regis in natura brevis dicti domini Regis de diem clausit extremum ijsdem Commissionarijs ac

3 Thome [+Mildmay] Militi directi ad inquirendum post mortem Edwardi de Veere Comitis Oxonie magni Camerarij Anglie Domini de Badlesmere & Scales directis [sic?] & huic Inquisicioni consucti per sacramentum &c Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Comes Oxonie ante obitum suum fuit seisitus in dominico

4 suo vt de feodo de Officio Balliue totius fforeste in & de Essex in predicto Comitatu Essex & de Custodis & Senescalli eiusdem fforeste Necnon de & in Balliua & Custodia Parcī & domorum domini Regis de Haveringe in dicto Comitatu Essex Acetiam de diuersis feodis proficuis commoditatibus

5 advantagijs immunitatibus & privelegijs officijs predictis spectantibus & pertinentibus prout pro [sic] diuersis evidencijs in scriptum Iuratoribus predictis in evidencijs ostensis plenius liquet & apparet Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Comes de officijs predictis in forma predicta seisitus quinto die Maij

6 vltimo preterito ante capcionem huius Inquisicionis dedit & concessit Henrico Humerston yomono officium custodis perambulacionis vocatis Chappell Henault Wake infra fforestum predictum cum suis iuribus membris & pertinentijs ac idem Comes Oxonie ipsum Henricum Humerston adtunc custodem &

7 perambulatore perambulacionis eiusdem ordinavit fecit & constituit habendum tenendum gaudendum & exercendum officium predictum per se vel per sufficientem deputatum suum siue deputatos suos quamdiu idem Henricus Humerston se bene gereret vnacum omnibus & singulis terras vadia feoda regarda proficua

8 & emolumenta eidem officio ab antiquo pertinentia siue spectantia virtute cuius idem Henricus Humerston idem officium exercet & habet Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Comes de officijs predictis in forma predicta seisitus ante obitum suum per scriptum suum sigillo

9 suo ad arma sigillatum gerens datum decimo octauo die Iunij Anno regni dicti domini Regis Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie secundo & Scocie tricesimo septimo Iuratoribus predictis similiter in evidencijs ostensis pro consideracionibus in scriptum predictum mencionatis & expressis dimisit & concessit ffrancisco Domino Norris &

10 ffrancisco Veere Militi de [sic] officijs Custodis & senescallie [sic?] fforeste predictae ac omnia & singula proficua & commoditates ijsdem officijs pertinentibus habendum et tenendum ijsdem ffrancisco Domino Norris & ffrancisco Vere militi executoribus & assignatis suis a festo Annunciacionis beate Marie virginis tunc vltimo preterito vsque finem

11 & terminum vndecim annorum extunc proxime sequentium & plenarie complendorum virtute cuius dimissionis ijsdem ffranciscus Dominus Norris & ffranciscus Veere miles fuerunt & adhuc sunt inde possessionati Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Comes dum vixit fuit seisitus in dominico suo

12 vt de feodo de officio magni Camerarij Anglie necnon de diuersis feodis proficuis exitibus & reuencionibus annuatim debitis & solubilibus extra officium vulgariter vocatum le Pettibagge in Curia domini Regis de Cancellaria sua dicto officio dicti Comitis magni Camerarij Anglie pertinentibus & spectantibus & sic inde

13 seisitus existens per scriptum suum Indentatum gerens datum sexto die Novembris Anno regni domine Elizabethe nuper Regine Anglie vicesimo quinto dimisit concessit & ad firmam tradidit cuidam Israeli Amice omnia & singula predicta feoda proficua exitus & reuenciones habendum eidem Isareli [sic] executoribus & assignatis

14 suis a festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc vltimo preterito vsque finem & terminum triginti vnus annorum extunc proxime sequentium et plenarie complendorum & finiendorum reddendo & soluendo inde annuatim durante termino predicto prefato Comiti heredibus & assignatis suis quadraginta & duas libras legalis monete Anglie ad festa

15 Annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis & sancti Michaelis Archangeli vel infra octo septimanas post quemlibet festum ffestorum predictorum equis porcionibus virtute cuius quidem dimissionis predictus Israell Amice fuit inde possessionatus & sic inde possessionatus existens idem Isarell [sic] Amice post dimissionem predictam & post

16 vicesimum diem Aprilis Anno vicesimo sexto domine nuper Regine & ante tercium diem Maij Anno regni dicte nuper Regine &c tricesimo tercio debito vtlagatus fuit ratione cuius omnia bona Cattalla & debita que fuerunt predicto Israeli Amice tempore promulgacionis vtlagarie predictae & inter alia dimissio predicta deuenerunt

17 forisfacta dicte domine Regine virtute cuius predicta Domina Regina fuit de dimissione predicta prefato Israell Amice in forma predicta facta possessionata Et sic inde possessionata existent [sic] eadem domina Regina per literas suas patentes sub magno sigillo suo Anglie sigillatas gerentes datum predicto tercio die Maij Anno

18 tricesimo tercio supradicto dedit & concessit quibusdam Iohanni Drawewater & Iohanni Holmes omnia & singula talia bona specialitates pecuniarum summas soluciones comptus demaundas proficua commoditates & advantagia quecunque que forisfacta fuerunt seu quibus dicta domina Regina intitulata fuisset ratione siue occasione

19 alicuius vtlagarie habito siue promulgato versus predictum Israell quibuscunque nomine vel nominibus siue addicione nominis vel nominum post vicesimum diem Aprilis Anno vicesimo sexto supradicto virtute cuius predictus Iohannes Drawewater & Iohannes Holmes fuerunt de dimissione predictae et de feodis proficuis &

20 alijs premissis per prefatum Comitem Oxonie prefato Israell in forma predicta dimissis inter alia possessionati & sic inde possessionati existentes predictus Comes Oxonie per Indenturam tripartitam inter predictum Comitem ex prima parte & Iohannem Wolley Amigerum vnum de priuato consilio dicte nuper Regine Et ffranciscum

21 Trentham Armigerum ex secunda parte & predictos Israell Amice Iohannem Drawewater & Iohannem Holmes ex tercia parte confectam gerentem datum quarto die Iulij Anno regni dicte Regine tricesimo tercio remisit relaxauit predictis Israel Amice Iohanni Drawewater & Iohanni Holmes dictam Annuaalem summam

22 quadraginta duarum librarum ac omnia & omnimoda acciones sectas & demaundas quecunque pro predicta summa seu aliqua inde parcella Et vltorius quod ijdem Israel Amice Iohannes Drawewater & Iohannes Holmes per eandem Indenturam tripartitam assignauerunt prefatis Iohanni Wolley & ffrancisco Trentham

23 tam predictam Indenturam dimissionis per predictum Comitem prefato Israel Amice factam quam totum statum ius titulum interesse terminum & demaundam prefatorum Israell Iohannis Drawewater & Iohannis Holmes siue eorum aliquorum & quorumlibet eorum in predictis annualibus feodis exitibus proficuis & reuencionibus prefati Israell in forma

24 predicta dimissis per predictum Comitem Et vltorius quod predictus Comes per Indenturam tripartitam predictam dimisit & concessit prefatis Iohanni Woolley & ffrancisco Trentham omnia & singula predicta feoda exitus proficua commoditates reuenciones & quamlibet inde parcellam habendum eisdem Iohanni Wolley & ffrancisco Trentham

25 executoribus & assignatis suis immediate ab & post expiracionem sursum reddicionem siue aliam determinacionem predicti termini prefato Israell Amice per predictum Comitem concessi pro & durante termino octoginta annorum si Elizabetha Trentham tunc vna ancillarum honoris dicte domine nuper Regine & soror predicti

26 ffrancisci Trentham tam diu viueret virtute quarum [sic?] predicti Iohannes Wooley & ffranciscus Trentham fuerunt de predictis feodis exitibus proficuis & reuencionibus possessionati prout lex postulat Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Comes postea duxit in vxorem prefatam Elizabetham

27 Trentham modo Comitissam Oxonie & quod eadem Comitissa adhuc superstes & in plena vita existit apud Hornechurche in Comitatu predicto & quod postea predictus Iohannes Wooley obiit & quod racione inde predictus ffranciscus Trentham fuit solus possessionatus de predictis feodis exitibus proficuis & reuencionibus per

28 ius accrescendi Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Comes in vita sua seisitus fuit in dominico suo vt de feodo de & in Manerio de Brettes cum suis iuribus membris & pertinentijs in Comitatu Essex predicto necnon de diuersis alijs terris tenementis & hereditamentis in Westham & fflatwicke in

29 dicto Comitatu Essex acetiam de & in quadam firma & diuersis terris tenementis & hereditamentis vocatis siue cognitis per nomen de Plaistowe alias Plaisted in parochia de Halsted in dicto Comitatu Essex & sic inde seisitus existens per scriptum suum sigillo suo ad arma sigillatum gerens datum decimo octauo die

30 Iunij vltimo preterito ante capcionem huius Inquisitionis Iuratoribus predictis in evidencijs ostensis pro & in consideracione cuiusdam pecuniarum summa [sic?] & pro alijs consideracionibus in factam predictam expressis barganzavit & vendidit prefato ffrancisco Trentham Manerium firmam terras tenementa & hereditamenta predicta cum suis

31 pertinentijs habendum & tenendum eadem ffrancisco Trentham executoribus & assignatis suis pro & durante termino sexaginta annorum tunc proxime sequentium si predicta Comitissa tam diu vixeret virtute cuius predictus ffranciscus Trentham in Manerium firmam terras tenementa & hereditamenta eadem cum pertinentijs

32 intrauit & fuit & adhuc est inde possessionatus prout lex postulat Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Comes in vita sua seisitus fuit in dominico suo vt de feodo de & in Rectoria de Walter Belcham alias Belcham Walter cum suis iuribus membris & pertinentijs

33 vniuersis in dicto Comitatu Essex & sic inde seisitus existens idem Comes & predicta Elizabetha Comitissa vxor eius per scriptum suum indentatum Iuratoribus predictis in evidencijs ostensis gerens datum duodecimo die Marcij Anno regni dicte nuper Regine tricesimo quarto pro & in consideracione cuiusdam

34 pecuniarum summa [sic?] & alijs consideracionibus in predictum scriptum indentatum expressis barganzavit & vendidit prefatis ffrancisco Trentham & Radulfo Sneade rectoriam predictam cum pertinentijs ijsdem ffrancisco Trentham & Radulfo Sneade heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum Et quod in eadem Indentura vltorius

35 continetur quod Rectoria predicta cum pertinentijs super rationabilem requisitionem predicti Comitis reassueretur per predictos ffranciscum Trentham & Radulfum Sneade eidem Comiti [sic] pro & durante vita naturali eiusdem Comitis & pro defectu talis reassurantie quod idem Comes reciperet & caperet exitus & proficua eiusdem rectorie cum pertinentijs

36 durante vita sua naturali prout per idem scriptum indentatum plenius apparet virtute cuius ijsdem ffranciscus Trentham & Radulfus Sneade fuerunt seisiti de Rectoria predicta in dominico suo vt de feodo Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt quod predictus Comes non requisiiuit prefatos ffranciscum & Radulfum nec eorum aliquem

37 reassurare eidem Comiti Rectoriam predictam pro aut durante vita naturali eiusdem Comitis Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod idem Comes dum vixit seisitus fuit in dominico suo vt de feodo de & in quadam porcione decimarum existente in hamlett de Stansted in parochia de Halsted in

38 Comitatu Essex & de quadam alia porcione decimarum existente in Aldham & Mark Tey in dicto Comitatu Essex & de alia porcione decimarum existente in Sybell

Hennyngham in dicto Comitatu Essex ac de alia porcione decimarum existente in Mapleston in dicto Comitatu Essex ac de alia porcione decimarum existente

39 in Bures St Marie in dicto Comitatu Essex & in Comitatu Suffollicie ac de quadam alia porcione decimarum existente in Aldham in dicto Comitatu Suffollicie & de quadam alia porcione decimarum existente in Lauenham in dicto Comitatu Suffollicie Ac de & in vna parcella prati vocati Ashemyll marshe iacente in Whatfylde in dicto Comitatu Suffollicie

40 Et quod idem Comes sic inde seisitus obiit sic inde seisitus Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes Wotton Myles modo defunctus in vita sua seisitus fuit in dominico suo vt de feodo de & in quadam Annuetate [sic?] siue annuali redditu sexaginta & sex librarum tresdecim

41 solidorum & quatuor denariorum legalis monete Anglie exeunte de Manerio de ffyll cum pertinentijs & de diuersis alijs terris & tenementis in Comitatu Kancie Et idem Iohannes Wotton sic inde seisitus existens per scriptum suum indentatum sigillo suo sigillatum gerens datum tricesimo primo die Decembris Anno regni dicte nuper

42 Regine Elizabethhe tricesimo nono & in Curia Cancellarie eiusdem nuper Regine infra sex menses post datum eiusdem Indenture irrotulatum Iuratoribus predictis in Euidencijs similiter ostensis pro & in consideratione cuiusdam pecuniarum summe prefato Iohanni Wotton premanibus solute per predictum Comitem Oxonie & per Henricum

43 de Veere vicecomitem Bulbecke modo Comitem Oxonie adtunc heredem apparentem predicti Edwardi Comitis Oxonie barganzavit & vendidit prefatis Comiti Oxonie & Henrico de Veere vicecomiti Bulbeck & heredibus eiusdem Henrici predictam annuetatem siue annualem redditum sexaginta & sex librarum tresdecim solidorum &

44 quatuor denariorum virtute cuius ijdem Comes & Henricus fuerunt inde seisiti videlicet predictus Comes in dominico suo vt de libero tenemento & predictus Henricus vicecomes Bulbecke in dominico suo vt de feodo & quod idem Comes de tali statu suo obiit inde seisitus virtute cuius predictus Henricus vicecomes

45 Bulbecke fuit de annuitate siue annuali redditu predicto solus seisitus in dominico suo vt de feodo per ius accrescendi Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Comes die quo obiit seisitus fuit in dominico suo vt de feodo de & in vno Mesuagio vocato ffennehouse & de diuersis terris pratis & pasturis eidem

46 Mesuagio pertinentibus iacentibus in Ardley in dicto Comitatu Essex ac de vno Mesuagio vocato Pyckstones & de diuersis terris pratis & pasturis eidem Mesuagio pertinentibus iacentibus in Stisted in dicto Comitatu Essex Necnon de tribus Cottagijs & octodecim acris terre prati & pasture iacentibus in Messinge in dicto Comitatu Essex & de vno

47 Mesuagio vocato Pottz & de certis terris eidem Mesuagio pertinentibus iacentibus in Mark Tey in dicto Comitatu Essex Ac de vno Mesuagio cum pertinentijs iacentibus in

Coggeshall iuxta le market place ibidem ad vsum & manutencionem ludi magistri imperpetuum tenendi scolam grammaticalem in Erles Colne in dicto Comitatu Essex

48 imperpetuum Et quod idem Comes sic inde seisitus obijt sic inde seisitus Et Iuratores vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicta officia Balliua [sic?] Custodis et senescalli fforeste predicte & Balliua & Custodis domorum & parca predictorum de Haueringe predicto & alia premissa officijs p[redictis] pertinentibus tenentur de domino

49 Rege sed per que seruicia Iuratores predicti penitus ignorant & valent per Annum vltra reprisas viginti libras Et quod predictum Manerium de Brettes & alia premissa in Westham & fflattwicke tenentur de quo vel de quibus & per que seruicia Iuratores predicti penitus ignorant Et valent per Annum vltra reprisas octo libras

50 Et quod predicta firma & alia premissa cognita per nomen de Playstowe alias Playsted in Halsted predicto tenentur de domino Rege in capite per seruicium militare sed per quam partem feodi militis Iuratores predicti penitus ignorant & valent per Annum vltra reprisas viginti solidos Et quod predicta rectoria de

51 Walter Belcham cum pertinentijs tenetur de Domino Rege in Capite per seruicium militare sed per quam partem feodi militis Iuratores predicti penitus ignorant & valet per Annum vltra reprisas viginti solidos Et quod predictas porciones decimarum in parochijs Aldham Mark Tey Sybell Hennyngham Maplested

52 Bures St Marie in dicto Comitatu Essex tenentur de Domino Rege in capite per seruicium militare sed per quam partem feodi militis eadem porciones tenentur Iuratores predicti penitus ignorant & valent per Annum vltra reprisas tresdecim libras sex solidos & quatuor denariorum Et quod predictas porciones decimarum

53 existentes in Bures sancte Marie predicto Aldham & Lavenham in dicto Comitatu Suffolcie tenentur de dicto domino Rege in capite per seruicium militare sed per quam partem feodi militis Iuratores predicti penitus similiter ignorant Et valent per Annum vltra reprisas sex libras Sed de quo vel de quibus vel per que seruicia predicta

54 parcella prati vocati Ashmill Marshe in Whatfylde in dicto Comitatu Suffolcie Et predica alia Mesuagia Cottagia terras tenementa & hereditamenta iacentia & existentia in Ardley Stysted Messinge Mark Tey & Coggeshall tenentur Iuratores predicti penitus ignorant & valent per Annum ultra reprisas nichil Et quod predictus Comes

55 Oxonie obijt vicesimo quarto die Iunij vltimo preterito ante capcionem huius Inquisicionis Et quod Henricus de Veere modo Comes Oxonie magnus Camerarius Anglie viceComes Bulbecke & Dominus Badlesmere & Scales est eius filius & heres et tempore mortis predicti

56 Edwardi de Veere Comitis Oxonie fuit etatis vndecim Annorum & quatuor mensium Et Iuratores predicti vltorius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Henricus

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Humerston modo superstes & in plena vita existit apud Brentwood in dicti Comitatu Essex Et

57 Iuratores predicti vltius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Edwardus de Veere Comes Oxonie die quo obiit non habuit nec tenuit nulla alia siue plura terras siue tenementa in Comitatu Essex predicto ad eorum noticiam