

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 3 January 1604 and proved 23 January 1604, of Sir John Harte, Lord Mayor London, who resided in Oxford's former mansion of near London Stone.

The testator was the son of Ralph Harte, esquire, of Sproston Court in the county of York.

Oxford had sold his mansion at London Stone, variously termed Oxford House or Oxford Place, to Sir Ambrose Nicholas in 1573, who at his death ordered the mansion to be sold by his executors (see TNA PRO 30/34/14 and TNA PROB 11/60, ff. 165-7). The testator may have purchased the mansion from Sir Ambrose Nicholas' executors, or there may have been intermediate purchasers. Both men kept their mayoralties there, Sir Ambrose Nicholas in 1575-6, and Sir John Harte in 1589-90, as recounted by Stow:

*On the north side of this church and churchyard [St Swithins] is one fair and large builded house sometime pertaining to the Prior of Tortington in Sussex, since to the Earls of Oxford, lately to Sir John Hart, alderman, and now to Master Humphrey Smith, alderman of this city, which house hath a fair garden belonging thereunto lying on the west side thereof on the backside of two other houses in Walbrook. In the reign of King Henry the Seventh, Sir Richard Empson, knight, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster dwelled in one of them, and Edmund Dudley, esquire, in the other. Either of them had a door of intercourse into this garden, wherein they met and consulted on matters at their pleasures. In this Oxford Place Sir Ambrose Nicholas kept his mayoralty. Since him the said Sir John Hart, and now the said Master Humphrey Smith dwelleth in it.*

*On the south side of this high street, near unto the channel, is pitched upright a great stone called London Stone, fixed in the ground very deep, fastened with bars of iron, and otherwise so strongly set that if carts do run against it through negligence, the wheels be broken, and the stone itself unshaken*

*The cause why this stone was there set, the time when, or other memory thereof is none, but that the fame hath long continued there is manifest, etc.*

See *The Survey of London . . . begun firstly by the pains and industry of John Stow in the year 1598, afterwards enlarged by the care and diligence of A.M. in the year 1613, and now completely finished by the study and labour of A.M., H.D. and others this present year 1633*, (London: Elizabeth Purslow, 1633), pp. 242-3

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=UONBAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA243&lpg=PA243&dq=%22humphrey+Smith%22+%22London+Stone%22&source=bl&ots=Y1mCmegSvR&sig=mFObozuUGjaVgYGmYvUFh8I906w&hl=en&sa=X&ei=fIApVL2lCYGziwK0m4GQDA&ved=0CC8Q6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=%22humphrey%20Smith%22%20%22London%20Stone%22&f=false>

Herbert records that Oxford Place was sold by Captain George Smith to the Salters' Company in 1541:

*. . . which they purchased in 1641, of Captain George Smith and Catherine his wife, by the description of "the great house, called London Stone, or Oxford House, otherwise Oxford Place", and the same was, by a fine levied in Hilary Term, 6 Charles I, conveyed to John Babington, John Pope, James Smith, and William Bisbey, as feoffees of the company.*

See Herbert, William, *The History of the Twelve Great Livery Companies of London*, (London, 1836), Vol. II, p. 561 at:

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=Qe9NAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA561&lpg=PA561&dq=%22George+Smith%22+%22Oxford+House%22&source=bl&ots=lySeAcvH5L&sig=5MyGw9v2uA84dJoao4WvNM\\_IDQU&hl=en&sa=X&ei=9okpVKXBN8TcigL69oD4BQ&ved=0CD0Q6AEwBQ#v=onepage&q=%22George%20Smith%22%20%22Oxford%20House%22&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=Qe9NAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA561&lpg=PA561&dq=%22George+Smith%22+%22Oxford+House%22&source=bl&ots=lySeAcvH5L&sig=5MyGw9v2uA84dJoao4WvNM_IDQU&hl=en&sa=X&ei=9okpVKXBN8TcigL69oD4BQ&ved=0CD0Q6AEwBQ#v=onepage&q=%22George%20Smith%22%20%22Oxford%20House%22&f=false).

The testator was twice married. The name of his first wife is unknown. Her maiden name may have been Newman, as the testator refers in the will below to his 'brother-in-law, John Newman, grocer' (for the latter's will, see TNA PROB 11/123/471). The will below, and the will of Oxford's officer, Richard Branthwayte (d.1594), TNA PROB 11/84/476, establish that when she married the testator, she was a widow with four children by her first marriage (Edward Bull, Matthew Bull, Margaret Bull and Elizabeth Bull) when she married the testator. In the will below the testator leaves bequests to his four stepchildren:

*Item I give and bequeath unto Edward Bull and Matthew Bull, the sons of my late deceased wife, and to Mistress Jones, their sister, the sum of ten pounds apiece, to be paid to them within one year next after my decease.*

*Item, I give to Elizabeth Taylor, their other sister, and now the wife of John Taylor, mercer, the sum of thirteen pounds six shillings eight pence, and I do release and forgive unto her said husband and to her the sum of four pounds in money which I lent unto her in his absence.*

The testator's step-daughter, Margaret Bull, had married firstly Richard Branthwayte (d.1594), and after his death, Edward Jones (c.1560-1609), thus occasioning the testator's reference to her as 'Mistress Jones'. For Edward Jones, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/jones-edward-1560-1609>.

According to Blomefield, John Branthwayte's wife, Margaret Bull, was the daughter of John Bull of London, and if Blomefield is correct, then the testator's first wife was the

widow of John Bull. See Blomefield, Francis, *An Essay Towards A Topographical History of the County of Norfolk*, (London: William Miller, 1806), Vol. V, pp. 110-11 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=uwUVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA110&lpg=PA110&dq=%22Richard+Branthwayte%22&source=bl&ots=9gEyzHQtkH&sig=rLuHeoDsl3dGS4p6brGNdd4245I&hl=en&sa=X&ei=aDArVOH-EeGmigLBjoHgBQ&ved=0CEgQ6AEwCQ#v=onepage&q=%22Richard%20Branthwayte%22&f=false>.

By his first wife, the testator had two daughters:

\* Joan Harte, who married Sir George Bolles (1538-1621), Lord Mayor of London in 1617-18 (for his will see TNA PROB 11/138/187). Their daughter, Anne Bolles, later married the London grocer, Humphrey Smythe, whom the testator appoints as one of his executors, and who later resided in the testator's mansion at London Stone (see above):

*And of and for the execution of this my will and testament I do ordain and make the said George Bolles, my son-in-law, the said Joan, his wife, John Bolles, their son, and my trusty and loving friend, Humphrey Smythe, grocer, to be my executors of this my last will and testament.*

*Item, I do give & bequeath unto Anne Bolles, one of the daughters of the said George Bolles and of my said daughter, Joan, his wife, the sum of three hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence of lawful money of England.*

See the pedigree of Bolles in Burke, John and John Bernard Burke, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies of England*, (London: Scott, Webster and Geary, 1838), p. 69 at:

[http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=K1kBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA69&lpg=PA69&dq=george+bolles+sheriff&source=bl&ots=E8Ls18npak&sig=c-8tcL-CirR-kpkgt5rSGKHX10Y&hl=en&ei=ZZQATqqE4nRhAfbtDBDQ&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=3&ved=0CCgQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=george%20bolles%20sheriff&f=false](http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=K1kBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA69&lpg=PA69&dq=george+bolles+sheriff&source=bl&ots=E8Ls18npak&sig=c-8tcL-CirR-kpkgt5rSGKHX10Y&hl=en&ei=ZZQATqqE4nRhAfbtDBDQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=3&ved=0CCgQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=george%20bolles%20sheriff&f=false).

\* Judith Harte, who married the London grocer, Edward Cage (d.1619), stepson of Sir John Harte's second wife, Anne, by her earlier marriage to Anthony Cage (d. 24 June 1583). See Brown, Alexander, *The Genesis of the United States*, (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1890), Vol. II, p. 841 at:

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=29w-AAAAYAAJ&pg=PA914&lpg=PA914&dq=%22Edward+Cage%22+%221618%22&source=bl&ots=BAN\\_vWRDEx&sig=vJWgcBBCYp94ynvgzKCaORMxtVY&hl=en&sa=X&ei=0i4rVNPGBcTEigLz24CIDQ&ved=0CEgQ6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=%22Edward%20Cage%22%20%221618%22&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=29w-AAAAYAAJ&pg=PA914&lpg=PA914&dq=%22Edward+Cage%22+%221618%22&source=bl&ots=BAN_vWRDEx&sig=vJWgcBBCYp94ynvgzKCaORMxtVY&hl=en&sa=X&ei=0i4rVNPGBcTEigLz24CIDQ&ved=0CEgQ6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=%22Edward%20Cage%22%20%221618%22&f=false).

The testator married secondly, Anne (nee Haynes). She was the widow firstly of a husband surnamed Hudson, by whom she appears to have had no issue, and secondly of Anthony Cage (d.1583), by whom she had a son, Nicholas Cage, referred to by the testator as his 'son-in-law' in the will below:

Item, I give and bequeath to my son-in-law [=stepson], Nicholas Cage, the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid within one year next after my decease.

Oxford had sold his manor of Great Hormead in Hertfordshire to Anthony Cage (d.1583) in 1579. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 29 June 1579 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Hormead in Hertfordshire to Anthony Cage the elder for £640, see TNA CP 2/157/2160/21ELIZITRIN, Item 11.

As a result of this sale, Oxford and Daniel Cage, the son of Anthony Cage (d.1583), competed for the right to serve as chamberlain at the coronation of Queen Anne in 1603. See Chauncy, Henry, *The Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire*, (London: Mullinger, 1826), Vol. I, p. 270 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/historicalantiq03chaugoo#page/n329/mode/2up>

*[Edward de Vere, 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford] on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 21 Elizabeth, conveyed this manor [=Hormead] to Anthony Cage, citizen and salter of London, and to his heirs forever, who had issue four sons: 1 Anthony, who lived at Stone in Cambridgeshire; 2 John, who lived at Totteridge in this county; 3 Edward, who lived in Southwark, and 4 Daniel, to whom he gave this manor.*

*This Daniel, 1 James I, claimed his right to serve the Queen in the office of Chamberlain at her coronation by his tenure of this manor before the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Lord Henry Howard, the Lord Zouche, the Lord Lumley, Popham and Anderson, Chief Justices, commissioners appointed to hear and determine the claims and services at the coronation of King James and Queen Anne, but by reason of the pestilence the King deferred all the ceremonies of his coronation concerning his riding from the Tower of London to Westminster, and commanded by his proclamation that no preparation should be made but only what concerned the real part of the coronation to be exercised within the church, and the commissioners also commanded that no claims made should be examined but those for the service done within the church at the coronation, and respited the judgment upon the claim of this Daniel for that the Earl, who held the manors of Fingrith, Hormead and Ginges by his service, had sold Hormead to this Cage, but they doubted whether the Earl had retained Ginges or not.*

For the testator's widow, Anne (d.1625), see her will, TNA PROB 11/145/391, and the pedigree of Cage of Pakenham in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), p. 186 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft#page/186/mode/2up>.

For the arms of the family of Anne (nee Haynes) Hudson Cage Harte (d.1625), see Haines, Charles Reginald, *A Complete Memoir of Richard Haines (1633-1685), A Forgotten Sussex Worthy*, 1899, p. 141 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/completememoirof00hainuoft#page/140/mode/2up>.

See also the pedigree of Haynes in Howard, Joseph Jackson and Joseph Lemuel Chester, eds., *The Visitation of London Anno Domini 1633, 1634 and 1635*, (London: Harleian Society, 1880), Vol. XV, p. 371 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationoflond01stge#page/370/mode/2up>.

RM: T{estamentum} d{omi}ni Joh{ann}es Harte

In the name of God, Amen. The third day of January in the year of Our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred and three [=3 January 1604], and in the years of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., that is to say, of England, France and Ireland the first, and of Scotland the seven and thirtieth, I, Sir John Harte, knight, citizen and alderman of London, being at this present in good and perfect memory, laud and praise be therefore given to Almighty God, considering with myself and well weighing the great number of years already gone over my head, with the sentence of God pronounced and executed upon all the sons of Adam from the beginning of the world that they are dust and unto dust they shall return again, and that the apostle hath said it is decreed that all shall die, and considering also that the hour and time of death is uncertain so as we know not when or at what time it will please the Lord who hath given us this life to require the same again at our hands, thought it good to follow that godly counsel given by the holy prophet of God to good King Ezechias: *Set thy house in order, for thou shalt die & not live*, to dispose and set an order for the temporal blessings of this life whereof the Lord hath made me steward, how I would have the same disposed and ordered after my death, beseeching God so to assist me with his holy spirit that I may do it to his glory, the benefit of his poor church upon earth, and to the good of all those that shall any ways be partaker of the same, Amen;

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my heavenly Father, and to Jesus Christ, his Son, my Redeemer and Advocate, and to God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me and all the elect people of God, and my body to be buried, if it conveniently may be, in the parish church of St Swithin's near unto London Stone whereof I am now patron;

And to th' end I would have no contention or controversy after my decease between Dame Anne, my well-beloved wife, and my two daughters, Joan, now the wife of George Bolles of London, Grocer, & Judith, now the wife of Edward Cage, also of London, Grocer, nor between any of them and my executors or any other the persons herein named about any the said temporal blessings of this life bestowed upon me by Almighty

God, but that they may live in godly love and unity and be contented with such part and portion thereof as I shall leave or devise to every of them respectively, therefore forasmuch as before and at the time of my marriage with the said Dame Anne, now my wife, it was concluded and agreed between me and her, and by her then faithfully promised, and also at divers times sithence, and especially of late in the time of this my tedious and dangerous disease often repeated to both our contents, that she, the said Dame Anne, after my decease, will be contented to accept one third part of all my goods, chattels and credits for her reasonable part & portion thereof by the custom of the city of London, which agreement and promise on her part I am assuredly persuaded in respect of my long experience for many years of her faithfulness and honest dealing in all her actions that she will most faithfully keep and perform, and the rather also both for that of mine own goodwill and benevolent mind towards her I have not only heretofore made her joint purchaser with me for term of her life of and in the manor of Okehampton in the county of Lincoln, being of the clear yearly value of three hundred pounds by year, but also am minded to leave and devise unto her such further part and portion of my goods and lands as hereinafter is expressed, wherein I require and charge my executors to deal lovingly and kindly with her and not to strive or contend with her about trifles;

I do will and devise that all and singular my goods, chattels, wares, merchandises, plate, household stuff, ready money and debts shall be indifferently appraised and valued, and thereupon, the debts which I shall happen to owe at the time of my decease being first satisfied and deducted, I will the same shall be divided into three equal parts and portions according to the laudable custom of the city of London, one full third part whereof I do leave, devise and bequeath unto the said Dame Anne, my well-beloved wife, to her own proper use in satisfaction of all such part and portion as she shall or may have or claim of, in or to my goods, chattels or credits by the custom of the same city, and the other two third parts thereof I do will and devise as followeth, viz.:

I do give and bequeath to the said Dame Anne, my well-beloved wife, all such of the jewels, rings of gold, and plate which were hers before my marriage with her as at the time of my decease shall remain not altered, changed nor sold away by me, and also all such chains and other jewels as I have sithence given or bestowed upon her, the same Dame Anne, and also one dozen of silver trenchers parcel-gilt, and one chafing-dish of silver which I had of the gift of the late Lady Ramsey, deceased, and my new spout-pot of silver to serve her at her table;

And also I will that all the residue of my household stuff and plate remaining, deduction being made of the part and portion thereof hereinbefore devised to or for the said Dame Anne, my wife, shall be divided in two equal parts, whereof one equal part thereof I do give, devise & bequeath to the said Joan Bolles, my eldest daughter, to her own proper use, and as touching the other part thereof, I do will and devise that if in case the said Edward Cage, my son-in-law, shall in his lifetime, and within the space of one year next after my decease, by good & sufficient conveyance and assurance in the law lawfully and sufficiently convey and assure to the said Judith, now his wife, my daughter, for and during the term of her natural life messuages, lands and tenements within the realm of England for her jointure which from and after his decease shall be and continue unto her

of the clear yearly value of one hundred pounds by year at the least over and above all charges and reprises, and which by the promise of him and of his late father should have been made at the time of his marriage with her, that then my executors, within the space of four months next and immediately after such jointure so made and notice or knowledge thereof in writing to them given, and the conveyances thereof to them delivered to be kept for her use, shall well & truly deliver or cause to be delivered to the said Edward Cage and to my said daughter, Judith, his wife, or to one of them, in satisfaction of all such part and portion as they or either of them can or may claim of or in my goods, chattels or credits, the said one other part of the said two parts of my said household stuff and plate or the value thereof in money as the same by indifferent appraisement shall amount unto, and if in case the same one part of the same my household stuff and plate, according to such indifferent appraisement thereof to be made, shall not amount to the full sum or value of five hundred pounds of lawful money of England, that then my executors within the said space of four months before limited shall satisfy and pay or cause to be paid to the said Edward Cage & Judith, his wife, or to one of them, so much lawful English money as together with the full value of the said one part of my said household stuff and plate shall amount unto and make up the full sum and value of five hundred pounds of lawful money of England, which with the monies he hath already received and had of me in marriage with the said Judith, my daughter, and with the moneys he oweth me, will make up the full sum of two thousand and one hundred pounds, and then also in case they, the same Edward and Judith, shall hold themselves fully satisfied therewith according to my true meaning herein expressed, I will that all such bonds as I have of him for the monies he oweth me shall after such jointure so made be delivered [-unto] to him cancelled, and not be accounted any parcel of my estate at my decease;

Provided always that if it happen him, the said Edward Cage, to decease or depart this mortal life before such time as any such jointure shall be so made, and the said Judith, my daughter, shall happen him to survive, then I will that my executors within four months next and immediately after such his decease shall well and truly deliver and pay the said one part of my said household stuff and plate, together with so much money as with the same shall amount unto and make up the sum or value of five hundred pounds as is herein last before-mentioned, unto her, the same Judith, in such satisfaction as is aforesaid, to her own proper use;

And if it happen her, the said Judith, to decease or depart this mortal life before such time as any such jointure shall be so made, the said Edward Cage being then living, that then after such her decease, the same one part of my said household stuff and plate, together with so much money as with the same shall amount unto and make up the sum or value of five hundred pounds as is last aforesaid, shall remain and be paid to and amongst all her children which shall be then living, part and part like, upon reasonable request therefore to be made after such time as they and every of them shall accomplish or come to their several lawful ages of twenty and one years or days of marriage, whichsoever shall first happen;

And further, if in case the said Edward Cage and the said Judith, my daughter, do and shall after my decease hold themselves fully satisfied and contented with the several legacies herein by me given and devised unto them and their children in full satisfaction of all such part and portion as they, the same Edward and Judith, or either of them, can or may by any means claim or demand of, in or to my goods, chattels or credits, and shall in writing under their hands and seals, to be delivered to my executors or one of them within one month next after my decease, acknowledge and undertake that they will so accept of the same accordingly, then I do give and bequeath unto the children of them, the same Edward and Judith, hereinafter named, the several legacies and sums of money following, that is to say, to John Cage, their son, being my godson, the sum of three hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence; to Edward Cage, their son, the sum of one hundred pounds; to Anthony Cage, their son, the like sum of one hundred pounds; to Nicholas Cage, their son, the sum of two hundred pounds; to Daniel Cage, their son, the like sum of two hundred pounds; to Bartholomew Cage, their son, the sum of one hundred pounds; to Anne Cage, their daughter, the sum of three hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence, and to Elizabeth Cage, their daughter, the like sum of three hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence of lawful money of England, and then also in such case I will the same several legacies and sums of money to be paid to every of the same sons respectively as they and every of them shall accomplish or come to their several lawful ages of twenty and one years, and to either of the same daughters as she or they shall accomplish or come to their several lawful ages of twenty and one years or be married, whichsoever shall first happen;

And if it happen any of the same sons or daughters to decease or depart this mortal life before the accomplishment of his, her or their said several age or marriages, that then the part and legacy of him, her or them which shall so happen to decease shall remain and be paid to and amongst the survivors and survivor of them, part and part like;

Item, I do give & bequeath unto Anne Bolles, one of the daughters of the said George Bolles and of my said daughter, Joan, his wife, the sum of three hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence of lawful money of England;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Grocers in the city of London, by what name or title soever the same Company is incorporated or called, the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of England, to be paid by my executors within two years next after my decease, to th' intent that the Wardens & Assistants of the said Company shall lend and deliver out the same sum of one hundred pounds from time to time forever unto two honest young men free of the same Company & retailers of grocery within the same city, that is to say, to either of the same young men the sum of fifty pounds apiece, to have the use and occupying thereof by and during the space of three years, putting in two sufficient sureties to be bound with him for the repayment of the same money to the Wardens and Assistants of the same Company at th' end of the same three years, or sooner if he shall happen to die, decay or leave to dwell in the city of London at any time within the same three years, and so in like manner to be continued from three years to three years to other two such young men of the said



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Company upon like bonds & sureties to be given by every of them for the repayment thereof as is aforesaid according to my true meaning herein expressed;

Item, I give and bequeath to the said Company of Grocers the sum of twenty pounds to make them a dinner the day of my burial, and also I do give unto them two great livery pots gilt weighing fourscore seventeen ounces and a half, to serve them at their feast dinners when they meet together at their hall;

Item, I give and bequeath to the relief of the poor children harboured in Christ's Hospital in London the sum of forty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath towards the relief of the poor, sick and diseased persons in St Bartholomew's Hospital near West Smithfield, London, the sum of fifty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath towards the relief of the poor, sick and sore persons in St Thomas' Hospital in Southwark the sum of twenty pounds, which several legacies hereinbefore given to the said hospitals, I will to be paid to the Treasurer and Governors of every of the same hospitals within one year next after my decease;

Item, I give to the relief of the poor people in Bethlehem near Bishopsgate, London, the sum of fifty-three shillings four pence, to be likewise paid within one year next after my decease;

Item, I give to the relief of the poor prisoners in Newgate, London, the sum of five pounds, to be distributed amongst the poorest sort of them according as every of their several necessities shall require at the discretion of my executors quarterly by twenty and five shillings every quarter during the space of one year next after my decease;

Item, I give towards the relieving & delivering out of prison of such poor people, men and women, as do lie in prison in the two Counters in London, viz., in the Poultry and Wood Street, and are detained for their fees or other small sums of debt fallen into by suretyship or casual losses by honest trade in their vocations, the sum of ten pounds to either of the same Counters, to be distributed & paid by my executors from time to time as they shall see cause to the commissioners for the poor of the same Counters for the time being;

Item, I give to the relief of the poor prisoners lying in the holes of the said two Counters four pounds, that is to say, to either of the same Counters forty shillings, to be paid by my executors by ten shillings every quarter to each Counter during the space of one year after my decease;

Item, I give towards the relief of the poor prisoners in the White Lion in Southwark the sum of forty shillings, and towards the relief of the poor in the King's Bench there the sum of other forty shillings, to be paid and distributed at the discretion of my executors as need shall appear;

Item, I give and bequeath towards the marriages of threescore poor maidservants the sum of thirty pounds, that is to say, to every of them the sum of ten shillings apiece at the discretion of my executors as need shall require;

Item, I give to the poor of the said parish of St Swithin's whereof I am now a parishioner the sum of five pounds to be distributed at the discretion of my executors;

Item, I give the sum of five marks to be distributed to the poorest householders of the parish of St Bartholomew near the Royal Exchange in London, whereof I was sometime a parishioner, at the discretion of my executors and the two churchwardens of the same parish as most need shall appear;

Item, I give and bequeath the sum of five pounds to be paid and distributed to the poorest widows and householders of Lime Street Ward in London, whereof I am now alderman, at the discretion of the deputy and some of the common council there as the necessities of the same poor shall likewise appear;

Item, I give the sum of five pounds to be likewise paid and distributed to and amongst the poorest people of the parish of East Ham in the county of Essex where most need shall appear, at the discretion of my executors and the two churchwardens of the same parish for the time being;

Item, I give the sum of ten pounds to be distributed amongst the poorest widows and householders of the parish of Coxwold in the county of York by the discretion of Sir Henry Bellassis, knight, Mr Graunge, my schoolmaster there, and the churchwardens of the same parish for the time being;

Item, I give and bequeath the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to be likewise distributed to and amongst the poorest widows and householders of the parish of Kilburn in the said county of York by the discretion of Mr Anthony Askwith [=Asquith?], gentleman, and the churchwardens of the same parish where most need shall appear;

Item, I give the sum of ten pounds to be distributed amongst the poorest widows and householders of the parish of Helmsley in the said county of York by the discretion of the vicar there and of Mr Ashley and the churchwardens of the same parish, all which several legacies herein last before-mentioned to be given to the poor of the several parishes aforesaid I will shall be paid within one year next after my decease;

Item, I give to my worshipful good friend, Mr Toby Wood, counsellor at the law, the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence, and also I give to him and his wife, either of them, a black gown in remembrance of my love and goodwill towards them;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son-in-law [=stepson], Nicholas Cage, the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid within one year next after my decease;

Item I give and bequeath unto Edward Bull and Matthew Bull, the sons of my late deceased wife, and to Mistress Jones, their sister, the sum of ten pounds apiece, to be paid to them within one year next after my decease;

Item, I give to Elizabeth Taylor, their other sister, and now the wife of John Taylor, mercer, the sum of thirteen pounds six shillings eight pence, and I do release and forgive unto her said husband and to her the sum of four pounds in money which I lent unto her in his absence;

Item, I give & bequeath to my sister Barker of Helmsley in the county of York the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence, to be delivered and paid to her own hands;

Item, I give unto such and so many of the three daughters of my said sister Barker as shall be living at the time of my decease the sum of five pounds apiece;

Item, I give unto my cousin, Elizabeth Thornden, the sum of twenty and five pounds;

Item, I give unto my loving friend, Mistress Hawes, widow, the sum of five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my cousin, George Harte, now apprentice with Mr Egles [=Eagles?], the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid unto him within six months next after the expiration of the term of his apprenticeship;

Item, I give and bequeath unto his brother, Richard Harte, dwelling with my said son-in-law, George Bolles, and which was bound apprentice unto me, the like sum of one hundred pounds, to be likewise paid unto him within six months next after th' expiration of the term of his apprenticeship, and my will and mind is that if it happen either of them, the [-the] said George Harte or Richard Harte, to decease before the receipt of his said legacy hereinbefore to him bequeathed, that then the same his legacy shall remain and be paid to the other of them surviving;

Item, I give unto Francis Harte, now dwelling at Nether Silton in the county of York, the sum of twenty pounds;

Item, I give unto Ralph Harte of Aldesworthe in the county of Northampton the sum of ten pounds, and I do release and forgive unto him all such monies as he is indebted or doth owe unto me;

Item, I give unto my cousin, John Harte, dwelling at Sneaton in the county of York, the sum of one hundred pounds, and I do also forgive and release unto him all such monies as he is indebted or doth owe unto me;

Item, I give unto Ralph Harte of Sneaton aforesaid in the said county of York the like sum of one hundred pounds, and to my cousin, his wife, the sum of twenty pounds;

Item, I give unto John Harte, the son of the said Ralph Harte and now apprentice with Mr Heydon, the sum of forty pounds, to be paid unto him within six months next after th' expiration of the term of his apprenticeship if he do or shall so long live; otherwise, the same legacy to be void;

And if in case my cousin, Dorothy Race, now dwelling with me, shall be ruled and governed in the bestowing of herself in marriage by my wife and executors or the survivors of them, then I do will and devise to be paid unto her, the same Dorothy, on the day of her marriage the sum of one hundred pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my cousin, Anne Thompson of Kilburn in the county of York, the sum of five pounds in money, and unto so many of her four children which she had by one Richard Markendale, her first husband, as shall be living at the time of my decease the sum of ten pounds apiece;

Item, I do will and devise to my said cousin, Anne Thompson, the sum of ten pounds every year for and during so long time as she shall happen to live, to be paid unto her half yearly after my decease by even portions, that is to say, five pounds at every half year's end out of the debts which Ralph Harte of Sneaton in the county of York oweth unto me, or in his default, by my executors;

Item, I give and bequeath to my old familiar friend and acquaintance, Mr Robert Johnson of Lughnam [=Luffenham?] in the county of Rutland, and to his son, Abraham Johnson, student at the law, to either of them the sum of fifty-three shillings and four pence to buy them rings (in mei memoria);

Item, I give to my godson, John Clark, the sum of five pounds, which I will to be paid to his use unto his father, Mr Clark, the preacher, within six months next after my decease;

Item, I give unto Mr Jackson, parson of the parish church of St Swithins aforesaid, the sum of fifty-three shillings & four pence, and a mourning gown;

Item, I give unto Mr Graunge, schoolmaster of my free school of Coxwold aforesaid, the sum of five pounds, and also I give to the usher of the same school the sum of three pounds six shillings and eight pence;

Item, I give unto Sydney College in Cambridge the sum of thirty pounds towards the furnishing of their new library with books such as the scholars there stand in need of;

Item, I will and devise to my executors the sum of six hundred pounds of lawful money of England to th' intent that they or the survivor of them within one year next after my decease shall disburse and lay out the said sum of six hundred pounds in and for the purchasing of lands, tenements or hereditaments to the yearly value of forty and two pounds of lawful money of England, and shall cause sufficient assurance and conveyance thereof to be made to the Master, Fellows and scholars of the said college called Sydney College aforesaid and to their successors by such name as they are incorporated or called,

or to such feoffees or other persons and their heirs forever as by learned counsel according to the laws of this realm shall be reasonably devised or advised, to the intent and purpose that the yearly rents, issues and profits of the same lands, tenements or hereditaments so to be purchased shall and may be from thenceforth yearly forever at the feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael th' Archangel, or within forty days next after every of the same feasts, by even portions be given and distributed at Sydney College aforesaid in manner and form following, that is to say, unto the Master of the same College yearly for the time being, forty shillings; to a Greek lecturer in the same College yearly for the time being to be chosen by the Master and Fellows of the same College, four pounds; unto two Masters of Art, being Fellows of the same College, yearly for the time being the sum of ten pounds apiece towards their exhibition and maintenance in the same College for and during so long time as by the Master and Fellows of the same College according to the orders of their house shall be appointed; and unto four poor scholars of the same college yearly for the time being likewise towards their exhibition & maintenance in the same College the sum of four pounds apiece during and until such time as they shall proceed Masters of Art, provided that the Masters of Art and poor scholars which so shall have the same sums of money yearly towards their exhibition and maintenance severally as is aforesaid shall be such as shall be admitted into the same College from and out of my free school of Coxwold aforesaid so long as there shall be any such fit to receive the same, and for want of such Masters of Art or scholars, then to be given and bestowed yearly to and upon such other Masters of Art and poor scholars in the said College as by the Master and Fellows of the same College shall be thought fit and appointed;

And also my will is that my executors or the survivors or survivor of them at the time of the making of such conveyance and assurance of the same lands, tenements or hereditaments so to be purchased as aforesaid, shall take of the Master, Fellows and scholars of the said College such reasonable assurance under their common seal for the yearly giving and distributing of the yearly rents, issues and profits thereof in manner and form aforesaid as by learned counsel shall be likewise reasonably devised or advised, and to th' end the same yearly sum of forty and two pounds shall and may take effect and be continued from and after my decease, I do hereby will and devise that my executors or the survivors or survivor of them shall from thenceforth until such time as such lands, tenements or hereditaments of that yearly value shall or may be purchased as aforesaid, receive and take the yearly rents, issues and profits of my manor and lordship of Low Borrowby in the county of York and of all and every the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, and of or out of the same shall in the said meantime well and truly pay to the said Master, Fellows and scholars of the said College, their successors or assigns, the said sum of forty and two pounds yearly at the four usual feasts in the year, viz., the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Nativity of St John Baptist, St. Michael th' Archangel, and the Birth of our Lord God, or within forty days next ensuing every of the same feasts, by even portions to be given and distributed in such manner and sort respectively as is hereinbefore expressed & declared;

Item, I give unto my brother-in-law, John Newman, grocer, and to my loving friends, the Lady Webbe, Mr Francis Cherry, Mr Benjamin Decroe [=Docwra?], the agent, and

Julinus Beamish, the bookkeeper of the Muscovia Company, and to Mr John Merrick, our agent in Russia, whom I beseech God to bless in his actions both abroad and at home, to every of them the sum of three pounds six shillings eight pence apiece to make them rings, all which rings I will to be made with death heads in them and two letters, I.H. for my name for remembrances of my love and goodwill towards them;

Item, I give to Mr Richard Wright, Secretary to the Muscovia Company, the sum of five pounds;

Item, I give unto my tenant, Richard Bridges of Scampton in the county of Lincoln, towards the charge of building and repairing the hall of my manor-house of Scampton aforesaid, the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid within one year next after my decease;

Item, I give unto John Wilbraham of East Ham in the county of Essex six pounds thirteen shillings four pence in money, and I do will and devise that the same John Wilbraham shall have and hold the house and ground of East Ham aforesaid which he now occupieth there of mine without any rent paying for the same for and during the term of twenty years next and immediately after my decease if he, the same John, do or shall so long live, he behaving himself well & honestly towards such of my sons-in-law and their wives to whom the reversion thereof shall appertain;

Item, I give and devise unto Thomas Wilbraham, cook, the son of the said John Wilbraham, the sum of thirty pounds in money, and also I give and devise unto him, the same Thomas Wilbraham, all the residue of my lease and term of years to come and unexpired of and in the house or tenement wherein he now dwelleth in or near the parish of St Swithins aforesaid, and which I lately bought of Mr Goldsmith, together with the indentures and writings concerning the same, he, the same Thomas Wilbraham, his executors and assigns, paying the yearly rent and performing the covenants which are to be paid or performed for or in respect of the same;

Item, I give and devise the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence to be disposed at the discretion of my executors in such sort as to them shall seem meet for or towards the relief of Margery Pryce, the wife of (blank) Pryce, bricklayer;

Item, I give and devise the sum of three pounds six shillings eight pence to Mistress Warner, widow;

Item, I give unto William Lawson, apprentice with Mr Wren, cooper, the sum of five pounds;

Item, I give unto every one of my household servants hereinafter named which shall be dwelling with me at the time of my decease such legacies and sums of money as hereafter ensue, that is to say, to John Cooper, my clerk, the sum of thirteen pounds six shillings eight pence; to Richard Mountaine, my serving-man, four pounds; to William Cartwright, my cook, three pounds six shillings eight pence; to Elizabeth Bond, my wife's

chambermaid, the sum of five pounds; to Agnes Marsh, my maidservant, four pounds, and to Suzanne Man, my maidservant, other four pounds;

Item, I give unto Anthony Foster, my kitchen-boy, towards the binding of him to be an apprentice, the sum of five pounds;

Item, I will and devise unto my executors so much money as shall be requisite and convenient to be bestowed at their discretions in and about my funerals for the decent and comely bringing of my body to the ground according to my degree & calling, and for the defraying of all other charges incident thereunto, amongst the which charges of my funerals I will there shall be given one hundred poor gowns of good and strong cloth unto threescore poor men & forty poor women which shall attend on my body to the funeral, and to every of them twelve pence apiece in money for their dinners;

And as touching such legacies and bequests hereinbefore made whereunto no time is herein limited for the payment thereof, I will the same to be paid as soon as the same conveniently may be after my decease, and in respect of the trust and confidence I have and repose in my executors and especially in my said son-in-law, George Bolles, touching the performance of this my last will and testament, my will and desire is that my executors nor any of them shall be in any wise compelled to give any sureties or other security unless it be his or their bonds only for the payment of any the legacies or sums of money herein devised or limited to be paid;

The residue and remainder of all and singular my goods, chattels and credits whatsoever, my debts being paid, my funerals discharged, and my legacies herein contained being performed, I do will, devise and bequeath wholly to remain unto the said George Bolles and to my said daughter, Joan, his wife, to their own proper use;

And of and for the execution of this my will and testament I do ordain and make the said George Bolles, my son-in-law, the said Joan, his wife, John Bolles, their son, and my trusty and loving friend, Humphrey Smythe, grocer, to be my executors of this my last will and testament;

And I give to the said John Bolles to be bestowed in a piece of plate the sum of ten pounds, and I give to the said Humphrey Smythe for his travail and pains in this behalf to be taken the sum of two hundred pounds;

And I do desire and appoint my worshipful good friends, Mr Richard Haile and Mr Oliver Stile, grocers, to be overseers of the same, to whom I do also give the sum of twenty pounds apiece for their pains, and to each of them a mourning gown, praying both my executors and overseers to see this my will performed in all points to their power as they will answer it at the last day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed before Jesus Christ the Righteous, to whom be all power, praise and dominion for evermore, Amen;

And as touching all such messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whereof I am now solely seised in fee simple, my will & mind is as followeth, viz.:

First, I will and devise to the said Dame Anne, my well-beloved wife, all that my mansion or dwelling-house wherein I now dwell in the parish of St Swithins in Candlewick Street near London Stone aforesaid, together with the use of the wainscots and hangings set up and fixed in and about the same mansion-house, for her dwelling therein, together with the house or tenement over the gate leading into the said mansion-house now being in the occupation of the said Edward Cage, my son-in-law, and also the cellar without my great gate of the said mansion-house now being in the occupation of William Wiles, clothworker, to have, hold and enjoy my said mansion-house, wainscots and hangings in and about the same house together with the said house or tenement over the gate and the said cellar without the same unto her, the said Dame Anne, my wife, for and during her natural life;

And moreover I do give, will and devise unto her, the same Dame Anne, my wife, for and during her natural life all those my four messuages, houses or tenements by me lately erected and builded situate & being within a court or yard near adjoining to the churchyard of the parish church of St Swithins aforesaid, with all and singular their appurtenances now in the several occupations of Thomas Hunt, George Hawkins, Griffith Hinton and Cavaliero Maycott, together with the yearly rents and profits of the same four tenements amounting as they are now letten to the clear yearly value of thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence, the which I do also hereby will and devise to her, the same Dame Anne, as is aforesaid, over and besides her estate for life which of my own goodwill I caused to be made unto her as joint-purchaser with me of the foresaid manor of Scampton now being of the yearly value of three hundred pounds by year as is aforesaid, condition and to th' intent that she, the same Dame Anne, do and shall accept the same together in full satisfaction as well of such part and portion as she may have or claim by the custom of the city of London of or in my goods, chattels or credits as of all such dower as she may have or claim by the laws of this realm of or in any my lands, tenements or hereditaments whereof I am solely seised in fee simple; otherwise, in case she, the said Dame Anne, having notice of this condition, shall refuse to accept the same, then I will that this my devise to her made of my said mansion-house and tenements shall be void,

Provided nevertheless and my will is that the said George Bolles, my son-in-law, shall have and enjoy my great warehouse within the great gate of my said mansion-house, and also the rayson [=raisen?] lofts on the other side of the said house now in his occupation, together with free egress & regress with carts and carriages to and from the said warehouse and lofts at all lawful and convenient hours and times during the natural life of my said wife if he shall have occasion to use and occupy the [-the] same, and that freely without paying any rent therefore;

Provided also and my will further is that the said Edward Cage, my son-in-law, and my said daughter, Judith, his wife, shall or may from and after my decease have and continue their dwelling in my said house or tenement over the said great gate until they shall be



provided of a dwelling-house elsewhere, paying therefore yearly in the meantime to my said wife or such other to whom the immediate reversion thereof shall for the time being appertain the sum of five pounds of lawful money of England at the two usual feasts in the year, that is to say, at the feasts of the Nativity of St John Baptist and the Birth of our Lord God or within eight and twenty days next ensuing either of the same feasts by even portions, and also keeping the same house in sufficient reparations;

Nevertheless my will and mind also is that my executors by and during the space of one whole year next after my decease shall and may have free access, egress and regress into my said mansion or dwelling-house and into every room thereof at all lawful & convenient times and hours to view, appraise, inventory, fetch and carry away at their pleasure all such goods, utensils and things whatsoever belonging to my estate and which shall not then belong to the said Dame Anne, my wife, without any let, trouble, disturbance or interruption of or by her, the same Dame Anne, or any other person or persons by her means or procurement;

And also my will and mind is that she, the same Dame Anne, during her life or so long as she shall inhabit or dwell in my said mansion-house as aforesaid, shall not only pay and discharge the yearly rent of thirty shillings therefore reserved and payable to the King's Majesty to the hands of the sheriffs of London yearly, but also shall maintain the reparations of the same mansion-house in and by all things needful as occasion shall require;

And to that end I ordain that my executors shall have full and free power and liberty once in every year yearly at their pleasures with workmen to enter and come into the same house to view, search, and see what reparations the same shall need, and thereupon to give warning thereof to my said loving wife to repair and amend the same within six months then next following, which I doubt not but she will see performed accordingly;

And after the decease of the said Dame Anne, my wife, or other determination of her estate of and in my said mansion-house and other the premises herein last before to her devised, I do give, will and devise all that my said mansion and dwelling-house and the said house or tenement over the gate thereof, together with the said great cellar and all the said wainscots and hangings set up and fixed in and about my said mansion-house, and all warehouses, lofts, chambers, rooms and other th' appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, unto my said son-in-law, George Bolles and to the said Joan, his wife, my daughter, and to the heirs of the body of the same George Bolles by him on the body of the said Joan, my daughter, lawfully begotten or to be begotten, and for lack of such issue, to the heirs and assigns of the said Joan Bolles, my daughter, forever;

Item, I give, will and devise all those my three messuages & tenements situate and being in St Swithin's Lane in the said parish of St Swithins in the city of London aforesaid now or late in the several tenures or occupations of Thomas Wood, William Wiles and Joan Powell, widow, with all and singular their appurtenances and the reversion and reversions of the same, unto the said George Bolles and to my said daughter, Joan, his wife, and to

the heirs of the body of the same Joan lawfully begotten or to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the heirs and assigns of her, the same Joan, forever;

In consideration of which said gift and devise before herein by me made to the said George Bolles and to the said Joan, his wife, of my said mansion-house and tenements as is aforesaid, my will and mind nevertheless is and I do hereby ordain and appoint that if in case the said Edward Cage and Judith, his wife, do and shall after my decease hold themselves fully satisfied and contented with the several legacies herein by me given or devised unto them and their children in full satisfaction of all such part & portion as they, the same Edward and Judith, or either of them, can or may in any wise claim or demand of, in or to my goods, chattels or credits, and shall in writing under their hands and seals acknowledge and undertake that they will so accept of the same as is aforesaid, that then the said George Bolles and Joan, his wife, their heirs or assigns or some of them, within one year next and immediately after the decease of the said Dame Anne, my wife, shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid at my said mansion or dwelling-house in the parish of St Swithin[s] aforesaid the sum of one thousand pounds of lawful money of England unto such person or persons as in or by any writing or last will and testament in writing to be subscribed with the hand of the said Judith Cage, my daughter, and by her to be sealed in the presence of two or more credible witnesses without enforcement or deceit, and then and there to be produced and showed forth to be seen and perused by the said George Bolles and the said Joan, his wife, or their heirs, or some or one of them, shall be nominated or appointed to have the receiving, ordering, using & disposing of the said sum of one thousand pounds in such manner and sort and to such uses, intents and purposes as in or by any such writing or last will and testament in writing to be subscribed and sealed by her, the same Judith, as aforesaid shall be limited, appointed or mentioned;

And that then also for lack of such limitation or appointment thereof to be made in or by any such writing or last will and testament in writing so to be subscribed and sealed by the said Judith, my daughter, as is aforesaid, or if in case the said Edward Cage, her husband, at any time after my decease shall attempt, practise, procure or put in ure any act, thing or devise whatsoever whereby or by means whereof the said sum of one thousand pounds or any part thereof shall not be paid, employed or disposed in such manner and form as is aforesaid, and whereby or by means whereof this my will or devise touching or concerning the same shall be in any ways defeated or defrauded, that then in such case my will and mind is that after the decease of the said Dame Anne, my wife, the said sum of one thousand pounds shall be well and truly satisfied and paid at my said mansion or dwelling-house in the parish of St Swithins aforesaid equally to and amongst such and so many of the children of the said Judith, my daughter, as shall be then living, part and portion like, within six months next after reasonable request and demand by every of them respectively therefore to be made after such time as they and every of them shall accomplish or come to their several lawful ages of twenty and one years or days of marriage, whichsoever shall first happen, and that without any further delay, fraud or covin;

And also from and immediately after the decease of the said Dame Anne, my wife, I do will and devise all those my said four messuages, houses or tenements lately erected and built situate and being near the churchyard of the parish church of St Swithins aforesaid, with all and singular their appurtenances, now being in the several occupations of the said Thomas Hunt, George Hawkins, Griffith Hinton and Cavaliero Maycott, and the reversion and reversions thereof unto the said Bartholomew Cage, one of the sons of my said daughter, Judith Cage, and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and for lack of such issue I will the same to remain to Daniel Cage, one of the sons of my said daughter, Judith, and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to Nicholas Cage, one other of her sons, and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the heirs of the body of the said Judith, my daughter, lawfully begotten & to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the right heirs of her, the same Judith, forever;

Item, I give, will and devise all that my house or tenement with th' appurtenances situate and being near unto my great gate in the said parish of St Swithins near London Stone aforesaid now in the occupation of one John Hewet, grocer, together with two rooms thereunto adjoining lying over the kitchen of the same house and now in the occupation of George Bigger, cloth-worker, unto my said cousin, George Harte, now apprentice with Mr Egles, and to the heirs of the body of him, the said George Harte, lawfully to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to remain to the right heirs of me, the said Sir John Harte, forever;

Item, I give, will and devise to the parson and churchwardens of the said parish church of St Swithin[s] near London Stone aforesaid and to their successors forever all that my house or tenement with th' appurtenance situate and being in the said parish of St Swithins now in the occupation of the said George Bigger, cloth-worker, together with the reversion and rents of the same, the said two rooms thereof hereinbefore mentioned only excepted, to th' intent and purpose that the said parson and churchwardens and their successors shall yearly forever upon Good Friday betwixt the hours of eight and ten of the clock in the forenoon of the same day cause one learned and godly preacher to make a sermon in the said parish church upon some text of holy scripture entreating of the death and passion of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and shall out of the rent of the said house for every such sermon give to the preacher therefore for his pains the sum of eight shillings, and all the residue of the yearly rent of the same house or tenement shall yearly forever distribute and bestow to and amongst the poorest widows and householders of the said parish of St Swithins at two feasts or terms in every year, that is to say, at the feasts of Easter and St Michael th' Archangel by even portions where most need shall appear, and that without partiality by and according to the good discretion of the parson, churchwardens and parishioners of the same parish at vestry to be holden in their said parish church, and to be called Sir John Harte's alms;

Item, I give, will and devise unto the vicar and churchwardens of the parish of East Ham in the county of Essex and to their successors forever one annuity or yearly rent of four pounds of lawful money of England, to be issuing, payable and going out and yearly to be had, perceived and taken of, in and upon all and singular my freehold lands and

tenements in the parish of East Ham aforesaid, and out of, in and upon every or any of them and every or any part or parcel thereof, to have, hold, levy, perceive and enjoy the said annuity or yearly rent of four pounds to the said vicar and churchwardens and their successors forever at two feasts or terms in every year, that is to say, at the feasts of Easter and St Michael th' Archangel by even & equal portions, the first payment thereof to begin and to be made at such of the said feasts as shall first and next happen after my decease, and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said vicar and churchwardens and their successors into the said freehold lands and tenements in East Ham aforesaid, and into every or any part or parcel thereof, to enter and distrain for the same annuity or yearly rent and all arrearages thereof as often as the same shall happen to be behind unpaid contrary to the form aforesaid, to the intent and purpose nevertheless that the said vicar and churchwardens and their successors shall yearly forever give and distribute or cause to be given and distributed the said annuity or yearly rent of four pounds to and amongst the poorest widows and householders of the said parish of East Ham for the time being when and where most need shall appear without partiality by and according to the good discretion of the vicar and churchwardens and three at the least of the most substantial and discreetest parishioners of the same parish of East Ham for the time being, and to be likewise called Sir John Harte's alms;

Item, I give, will and devise all that my manor & lordship of Demchwick with the rights, members and appurtenances in the county of Sussex which I heretofore purchased of our late Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all and every other my manors and lordships, messuage[s], lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever in the said county of Sussex and the reversion and reversions of the same, unto my said son-in-law, George Bolles, and to my said daughter, Joan, his wife, for and during the term of their natural lives and of the life of the longest liver of them, and from and immediately after their deceases to remain unto John Bolles, their son, and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the heirs of the body of the said George Bolles by him on the body of the said Joan, my daughter, lawfully begotten or to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the heirs of the body of the said George Bolles lawfully to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the right heirs of the said Joan, my daughter, forever;

In consideration whereof my will and mind also is that the said George Bolles and Joan, his wife, their heirs or assigns or some of them, shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid at my said now mansion or dwelling-house in the parish of St Swithins aforesaid unto Judith Bolles, one of the daughters of them, the said George Bolles and Joan, the sum of three hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence of lawful money of England within six months next after the accomplishment of her full age of twenty and one years or marriage, whichsoever shall first happen, and reasonable request therefore to be made, and also shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to my said cousin, George Harte, now apprentice with the said Mr Egles, the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of England within one year next after the expiration of the term of his apprenticeship and like request or demand therefore to be made if he, the same George Harte, and the said Richard Harte, his brother, now dwelling with the said George Bolles, do or shall both so long live;

Item, I give, will and devise all that my manor and lordship of Low Borrowby with the rights, members and appurtenances thereof in the said county of York and all and singular my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments to the same manor or lordship belonging or appertaining or accepted, reputed or taken as any part, parcel or member thereof, and the reversion and reversions of the same unto the said Richard Harte and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to the said George Harte and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and for lack of such issue to remain to the right heirs of me, the said Sir John Harte, knight;

Provided always and my will and mind is that my executors and the survivor of them shall receive and take the yearly rents, issues and profits of the same my manor and lordship of Low Borrowby and the lands and tenements thereunto belonging from and after my decease during and until the expiration of the term of apprenticeship of such of them, the said Richard Harte or George Harte, to whom the immediate reversion or remainder of the same manor shall for the time being by virtue of this my will then belong or appertain, and then within six months next after the expiration of the term of apprenticeship of the said Richard Harte, if he be then living, shall satisfy and pay to him, the said Richard Harte, towards the increase of his stock, the rents, issues and profits of the said manor of Low Borough [=Borrowby] so by my said executors in the meantime to be received as aforesaid, deduction being made of so much thereof as by them shall be satisfied or paid to the Master, Fellows and scholars of Sydney College aforesaid according to my devise in that behalf hereinbefore made;

And if in the same meantime it shall happen him, the said Richard Harte, to decease or depart this mortal life, then shall satisfy and pay or cause to be paid unto the said George Harte within six months next after the expiration of the term of his apprenticeship towards the increase of his stock the one half or moiety of the rents, issues and profits which so by them in the meantime shall be received of the said manor of Low Borough [=Borrowby] and if [sic for 'of?'] the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, such deduction being made as is aforesaid, and then in such case I will the other half or moiety of the same rents and profits to be and remain to the said George Bolles, his executors and assigns, to his and their own proper use, anything whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding;

Item, I give, will and devise under the condition hereinafter specified all that my manor of Nether Silton alias Silton Pannell with the rights, members and appurtenances thereof in the said county of York, and all and singular my manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments thereunto belonging or appertaining or occupied or used to or with the same, or accepted, reputed or taken as any part, parcel or member thereof, and the reversion and reversions of the same unto John Bolles, the son of the said George Bolles and of my daughter, Joan, his wife, and to the heirs of the body of the said John Bolles lawfully to be begotten, upon condition that he, the same John Bolles, and the heirs of his body shall from and after my decease yearly forever well and truly pay or cause to be paid at my free school in Coxwold aforesaid the sum of thirty-six

pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England at the feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael th' Archangel in every year or within forty days next ensuing either of the same feasts by even and equal portions, to be there distributed in manner and form following, that is to say, to the master of the same school yearly for the time being, twenty pounds for his pains, and twenty-six shillings and eight pence for his livery; to the usher of the same school yearly for the time being, ten pounds for his pains and thirteen shillings four pence for his livery; to a schoolmaster yearly for the time being, to teach the petties or young children in Coxwold aforesaid to read English, fifty-three shillings and four pence; to a preacher yearly for the time being, for three sermons in every year to be there made, twenty shillings; to the visitors yearly of the said free school for a drinking or repast, twenty shillings, and also shall repair the same schoolhouse from time to time as need shall require, always within one half year next after monition or warning in writing to him, the same John Bolles, or the heirs of his body in that behalf to be given;

And for lack of such issue of the body of the said John Bolles lawfully to be begotten, or if he, the said John Bolles, or the heirs of his body shall happen to make default of or in the payment of the said sum of thirty-six pounds thirteen shillings four pence yearly or any part thereof or in the repairing of the said schoolhouse, contrary to the form aforesaid, then I will and devise the said manor and lordship of Nether Silton alias Silton Pannell with the rights, members & appurtenances thereof in the said county of York and all the said messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and hereditaments thereunto belonging, or accepted, reputed or taken as any part, parcel or member thereof, and the reversion and remainders of the same to remain to Anne Bolles, one of the daughters of the said George Bolles, and to the heirs of the body of the same Anne lawfully to be begotten, upon condition that she, the same Anne, and the heirs of her body shall yearly from thenceforth forever well and truly pay or cause to be paid at my said school at Coxwold aforesaid the sum of thirty-six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of lawful money of England at the said two feasts last aforesaid in every year or within the space of forty days next ensuing either of the same feasts by even portions, to be there distributed in manner and form aforesaid, and shall also repair the said schoolhouse as need shall require within the like space of one half year next after monition or warning in writing to her, the same Anne & the heirs of her body in that behalf to be given as is aforesaid;

And for lack of such issue of the body of the said Anne Bolles, or if she, the same Anne, or the heirs of her body shall happen to make default of or in the payment of the said sum of thirty-six pounds thirteen shillings four pence or any part thereof or in the repairing of the said schoolhouse, contrary to the form aforesaid, then I will the said manor and lordship of Silton alias Silton Pannell and other the premises last aforesaid to remain to the said Judith Bolles, one other of the daughters of the said George Bolles, and to the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten, upon condition that she, the same Judith, and the heirs of her body shall from thenceforth yearly forever well and truly pay or cause to be paid at the said free school of Coxwold the sum of thirty-six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of lawful money of England at the said two feasts in every year or within the space of forty days next ensuing either of the same feasts by even portions, to be there distributed in manner and form before specified, and shall also repair the same

schoolhouse within the like space of one half year next after monition or warning to her, the said Judith Bolles, or the heirs of her body in that behalf to be given as is aforesaid;

And for lack of such issue of the body of the same Judith Bolles, or if she, the same Judith, or the heirs of her body shall happen to make default of or in the payment of the said sum of thirty-six pounds thirteen shillings four pence yearly or any part or parcel thereof or in the repairing of the said schoolhouse, contrary to the form aforesaid, then I will the said manor and lordship of Nether Silton alias Silton Pannell & other the said messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging or reputed or taken as any part or parcel thereof to remain to Judith Cage, my daughter, and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten or to be begotten, upon condition that she, the same Judith Cage, and the heirs of her body shall from thenceforth yearly forever well and truly pay or cause to be paid at the said free school of Coxwold the sum of thirty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England at the said two feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael th' Archangel in every year or within forty days next ensuing either of the same feasts by even portions, to be there distributed in manner and form before expressed, and shall also repair the said schoolhouse as need shall require, always within the like space of one half year next after monition or warning in writing in that behalf to her, the said Judith Cage, or the heirs of her body to be given as is aforesaid;

And for lack of such issue of the body of the said Judith Cage, my daughter, or if she, the said Judith Cage, or the heirs of her body shall happen to make default of or in the payment of the said sum of thirty-six pounds thirteen shillings four pence yearly or any part thereof or in the repairing of the said schoolhouse as is aforesaid, contrary to the true meaning of these presents, then I will the said manor of Nether Silton alias Silton Pannell and other the premises last aforesaid and the reversion and reversions of the same to the Master, Fellows and scholars of the said college called Sydney College in Cambridge, by such name as they are incorporated or called, and to their successors forever, to the intent that the yearly rents, issues and profits of the same manor and premises last aforesaid shall or may remain and be yearly employed and distributed in such manner and sort and to such uses, intents and purposes as touching and concerning my said free school at Coxwold aforesaid as is hereinbefore in these presents limited & appointed;

And furthermore I do hereby express and declare that my will and mind is that all and every such lease and leases by indenture under my hand and seal as by me are or shall be made of the manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments herein mentioned or of any of them or of any part or parcel thereof shall stand and remain in force and effect according to the tenor, effect and true meaning of the same lease and leases and every of them, anything whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding;

And I do hereby utterly revoke all former wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made or devised, and do ordain that these presents shall stand and remain for and as my last will and testament only;

In witness whereof to this my present testament and last will, being contained in thirty and six sheets of paper with this sheet, I, the said Sir John Harte, knight, have subscribed my name and set to my seal the day and year first above-written. John Harte.

Subscribed, sealed, published & delivered by the said Sir John Harte for and as his last will and testament the day and year first above-written in the presence of John Hone, one of his Majesty's High Court of Chancery, Master, Walter Plommer, John Hewett, and of me, John Maile, scr<sup>ivener</sup>(?), John Cowper.

Probatum fuit Testamentum sup<sup>ra</sup>scriptum apud London coram ven<sup>er</sup>abili viro D<sup>omi</sup>no Iohanne Bennett milite legum Doctore Surrogato ven<sup>er</sup>ab<sup>i</sup>lis viri D<sup>omi</sup>ni Ioh<sup>ann</sup>is Gibson militis legum etiam D<sup>o</sup>c<sup>t</sup>oris Curie Prerogative Cantuarien<sup>sis</sup> Mag<sup>ist</sup>ri Custodis sive Comissarij l<sup>egi</sup>time constituti vicesimo tertio die mens<sup>is</sup> Ianuarij Anno D<sup>omi</sup>ni iuxta cursum & computac<sup>ionem</sup> Eccl<sup>es</sup>ie Anglicane millesimo sexcentesimo tertio Iuramento Iohannis Burroughe No<sup>ta</sup>rij publi<sup>ci</sup> p<sup>ro</sup>cu<sup>rato</sup>ris Georgij Bowlles Iohanne Bowlles al<sup>ia</sup>s Harte eius vxoris filie n<sup>atu</sup>ralis et l<sup>egi</sup>time d<sup>i</sup>c<sup>t</sup>i def<sup>uncti</sup> Iohannis Bolles filij dictorum Georgij et Iohanne Necnon Humfridi Smythe Executor<sup>um</sup> in h<sup>uius</sup>mo<sup>d</sup>i Testamento no<sup>m</sup>i<sup>n</sup>ator<sup>um</sup> Quibus com<sup>m</sup>issa fuit administrac<sup>io</sup> om<sup>n</sup>iu<sup>m</sup> et sing<sup>u</sup>lor<sup>um</sup> Bonor<sup>um</sup> Iuriu<sup>m</sup> et creditor<sup>um</sup> dicti defuncti de bene et fidel<sup>ite</sup>r administrand<sup>o</sup> eadem Ad sancta dei Evangelia in debita iuris forma iurat<sup>o</sup>

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before the worshipful Sir John Bennett, knight, Doctor of the Laws, surrogate of the worshipful Sir John Gibson, also Doctor of the Laws, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the twenty-third day of the month of January in the year of the Lord according to the course and reckoning of the English Church the thousand six hundred third by the oath of John Burrough, notary public, proctor of George Bolles, Joan Bolles alias Harte, his wife, natural and legitimate daughter of the said deceased, John Bolles, son of the said George and Joan, and also Humphrey Smith, executors named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well and faithfully administer the same.]