

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 17 and 31 May 1623 and proved 27 November 1626, of Katherine Wriothesley Cornwallis (d. 16 August 1626), aunt of Henry Wriothesley (6 October 1573 – 10 November 1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton, to whom Shakespeare dedicated *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece*. Two codicils were annexed to the will, the first on 26 November 1624 after the death of the 3rd Earl of Southampton, and the second on 20 March 1626.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testatrix was the daughter of Thomas Wriothesley (1505–1550), 1st Earl of Southampton, and his wife, Jane (d. 15 September 1574). The testatrix had three brothers and four sisters:

-**William Wriothesley** (1535 - August 1537).

-**Anthony Wriothesley**, who died an infant c.1542.

-**Henry Wriothesley** (21 April 1545 – 4 October 1581), 2nd Earl of Southampton.

-**Elizabeth Wriothesley** (buried 16 January 1555).

-**Mary Wriothesley** (buried 13 December 1561).

-**Anne Wriothesley** (living 21 July 1550, when her father made his will).

-**Mabel Wriothesley** (living 17 July 1602 when her aunt, Anne Wriothesley Knight Lawrence, made her will; see TNA PROB 11/116/231).

In the will of her brother, Henry Wriothesley, 2nd Earl of Southampton, the testatrix was bequeathed 500 marks, and was requested to bring up the 2nd Earl's daughter, Mary Wriothesley (c.1567–1607). The testatrix' husband was bequeathed a black jennet in the will, and was appointed one of the overseers. See TNA PROB 11/65/88.

For further details concerning the testatrix' parents and siblings, see the will of the testatrix' father, TNA PROB 11/34/154, and the will of the testatrix' mother, TNA PROB 11/56/535.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testatrix was contracted to marry Sir Matthew Arundell (d. 24 December 1598), son of Sir Thomas Arundell (executed 26 February 1552) and Margaret Howard (c. 1515 – 10 October 1571), the daughter of Lord Edmund Howard (d. 19 March 1539), third son of

Thomas Howard (1443 – 21 May 1524), 2nd Duke of Norfolk, by his first wife, Elizabeth Tilney (d. 4 April 1497).

Although the marriage did not take place, the families were later connected through the marriage of Sir Matthew Arundell's eldest son and heir, Thomas Arundell (c.1560-1639), 1st Baron Arundell of Wardour, who on 18 June 1585 at St Andrew's, Holborn, married the 3rd Earl of Southampton's sister, Mary Wriothesley (c.1567–1607), the daughter of Henry Wriothesley (baptized 1545, d. 4 October 1581), 2nd Earl of Southampton, and his wife, Mary Browne (born in or before 1552, d. 1607), the daughter of Anthony Browne (1528-1592), 1st Viscount Montague, by Jane Radcliffe (1531/2–1552), the daughter of Robert Radcliffe (1482/3-1542), 1st Earl of Sussex, and his second wife, Margaret Stanley, daughter of Thomas Stanley (b. before 1485, d.1521), 2nd Earl of Derby, by Anne Hastings (d.1550). See the *ODNB* entries for Thomas Arundell, 1st Baron Arundell of Wardour; Anthony Browne, 1st Viscount Montagu; Robert Radcliffe, 1st Earl of Sussex; and Edward Stanley (1509-1572), 3rd Earl of Derby.

In the will below the testatrix mentions 'one of the gold rings my niece Arundell gave me', and leaves bequests to her nephew, Mr. Thomas Arundell', 'my good Lady, his wife', and 'my nephew, Mr William Arundell'.

For Sir Matthew Arundell's younger brother, Oxford's onetime friend and later bitter enemy, Charles Arundel (d.1587), see the Wikipedia article at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Arundell.

About 1567 the testatrix married Thomas Cornwallis (d. 13 May 1597), esquire, of East Horsley, Surrey, Gentleman Pensioner and Groom Porter to Queen Elizabeth. He was the son of Edward Cornwallis (d. before 17 May 1568), a younger brother of Sir John Cornwallis (c.1491 - 23 April 1544), Steward of the Household of Prince Edward from 1538 to 1544. See the will of Sir John Cornwallis, TNA PROB 11/30/155.

For the testatrix and her husband, see also the Cornwallis pedigree in *The Private Correspondence of Jane Lady Cornwallis, 1613-1644*, (London: S. & J. Bentley, 1842), p. xxxiv at:

<https://archive.org/stream/privatecorrespon00baco#page/n43/mode/2up>.

By Thomas Cornwallis, the testatrix had two sons, Robert Cornwallis, who died in France aged about 20, and Henry Cornwallis, who died at 3 or 4 years of age. See the will of Thomas Cornwallis, TNA PROB 11/89/570; Akrigg, G. P. V., *Shakespeare and the Earl of Southampton* (London: Hamish Hamilton, 1968), pp. 6, 27; and the funeral certificate of Thomas Cornwallis in Nichols, *Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica*, (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Son, 1836), Vol. III, p. 294 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=PicAAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA294>

For the monumental inscription to the testatrix and her husband in the church of St Martin's in East Horsley see Manning, Owen and William Bray, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Surrey*, Vol. III, p. 34 at:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=UWw-AQAAIAAJ&focus=searchwithinvolume&q=Cornwallis>

See also:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/sic_itur_ad_astra/8625306262

APPOINTMENT OF HENRY WRIOTHESLEY, 3rd EARL OF SOUTHAMPTON AS EXECUTOR

The testatrix originally appointed her nephew, Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton, as her sole executor and residuary legatee. However he predeceased her, dying in the Low Countries on 10 November 1624, and after his death the testatrix added a codicil naming his widow, Elizabeth Vernon Wriothesley, Countess of Southampton, and his surviving son, Thomas Wriothesley, 4th Earl of Southampton, as co-executors. From the *ODNB*:

Southampton with his elder son, James, took command of a troop of English volunteers who meant to assist the Dutch in their campaign against Spain. After landing in the Low Countries, father and son were both attacked by fever. Young James died at Rosendael on 5 November. The exhausted, grieving earl accompanied his son's body to Bergen-op-Zoom, but there, on 10 November 1624, he himself died 'of a Lethargy', perhaps a heart attack (Akrigg, 174). He was survived by his wife, who was still alive in November 1655. Father and son were buried in the chancel of the church of Titchfield, Hampshire, on 28 December.

Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton, and Elizabeth Vernon (11 January 1573 – c. November 1655), had two sons and three daughters, all of whom are mentioned in the will below:

(1) James Wriothesley (1605-1624), who predeceased his father, dying in the Low Countries on 5 November 1624.

(2) Thomas Wriothesley (10 March 1608 – 16 May 1667), 4th Earl of Southampton, for whom see the *ODNB* entry.

(3) Penelope Wriothesley (18 November 1598 – 16 July 1667), who married William Spencer (bap. 4 January 1591 – 19 December 1636), 2nd Baron Spencer. He was the son of Robert Spencer (1570 – 25 October 1627), 1st Baron Spencer, the grandson of Sir John Spencer (c.1549 – 9 January 1600), and the great-grandson of Sir John Spencer (1524 – 8

November 1586) by Katherine Kitson, daughter of Sir Thomas Kitson (d.1540), whose eldest son and heir, Sir Thomas Kitson (1540-1603), was closely associated with Oxford's friends, Lord Henry Howard (1540-1614), Charles Arundel (d.1587) and Francis Southwell, as indicated in interrogatories administered to Arundel in early 1581 (see TNA SP 12/151/47, ff. 105-106):

What did you at Sir Thomas Kitson's, and whether did you hear any Mass there, and whether did you burn any writings there?

For Sir John Spencer (1524 – 8 November 1586), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/spencer-sir-john-1524-86>

For Sir John Spencer (c.1549-1600), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/spencer-john-1549-1600>

For Robert Spencer (1570 – 25 October 1627), 1st Baron Spencer, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/spencer-robert-1570-1627>

For Sir Thomas Kitson (d.1540), see his will, TNA PROB 11/29/2.

(4) Anne Wriothesley, who married Robert Wallop (20 July 1601 – 19 November 1667), only son of Sir Henry Wallop (18 October 1568 - 15 November 1642) of Farleigh Wallop, Hampshire by Elizabeth Corbet (d. 5 November 1623), daughter and heir of Robert Corbet of Moreton Corbet, Shropshire, and grandson of Sir Henry Wallop (1540? – 14 April 1599), and Katherine Gifford, daughter of Richard Gifford of King's Somborne, Hampshire. For Robert Wallop, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1660-1690/member/wallop-robert-1601-67>.

For an earlier contract of marriage between the 3rd Earl of Southampton's aunt, Anne Wriothesley, and Sir Henry Wallop (1540? – 14 April 1599), see the will of the testatrix' father, Thomas Wriothesley, 1st Earl of Southampton, TNA PROB 11/34/154.

(5) Elizabeth Wriothesley.

OTHER BEQUESTS IN THE WILL

One of the principal beneficiaries of the testatrix' will was her nephew, Sir William Sandys (c.1575 – 28 October 1628), of Mottisfont, Hampshire. He was the son of Sir Walter Sandys (d.1609), third son of Thomas Sandys (d.1560), 2nd Baron Sandys, by the testatrix' sister, Mabel Wriothlesley, and the great-grandson of William Sandys (c.1470–1540), 1st Baron Sandys of The Vyne. For the testatrix' sister, Mabel Wriothlesley and the testatrix' nephew, William Sandys, see the will of her father, Thomas Wriothlesley, 1st Earl of Southampton, TNA PROB 11/34/154. See also the inquisition post mortem of Sir Walter Sandys (d.1609), TNA C 142/312/134, and the History of Parliament entry for the testatrix' nephew, Sir William Sandys (c.1575 – 28 October 1628) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/sandys-sir-william-1575-1628>.

See also 'History and Description of the Vyne in Hampshire', *The Topographer for the Year 1789*, Vol. I, (London: Robson and Clarke, 1789), p. 54 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=1ps2AAAAMAAJ&pg=PA55>

See also Chester, Joseph Lemuel, ed., *The Marriage, Baptismal and Burial registers of the Collegiate Church or Abbey of St. Peter, Westminster*, (London, 1876), p. 150 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/marriagebaptism02chesgoog#page/n168/mode/2up>

Sir William Sandys (c.1575 – 28 October 1628) married Elizabeth Cornwallis, the granddaughter of Sir Thomas Cornwallis (1518/19–1604) of Brome, a first cousin of the testatrix' husband. Elizabeth Cornwallis and Sir William Sandys were married at the house of her father, Sir William Cornwallis (c.1549 - 13 November 1611) in St Botolph's (i.e. Oxford's former mansion) on 23 November 1592. There were no issue of the marriage. See the Cornwallis pedigree, *supra*, p. xxxvii at:

<https://archive.org/stream/privatecorrespon00baco#page/n45/mode/2up>

The testatrix also leaves bequests to 'the Lady Cornwallis' and 'my cousin Knoles, her daughter'. Lady Cornwallis was Elizabeth Molyneux, second daughter of John Molyneaux of Thorpe, Nottinghamshire, and the wife of Sir Thomas Cornwallis (d. 13 November 1618) of Portchester. Their daughter, Katherine Cornwallis, was the wife of Sir Henry Knollys (d. 15 October 1638) of Grove Place, Hampshire, Clerk of the Green Cloth. See the History of Parliament entry for Thomas Knollys (d.1612-1679) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1660-1690/member/knollys-thomas-1612-79>

For Sir Thomas Cornwallis of Portchester and his wife, Elizabeth Molyneux, see also the Cornwallis pedigree, *supra*, p. xxxvi at:

<https://archive.org/stream/privatecorrespon00baco#page/n45/mode/2up>

See also Molyneux, Gisborne, *Memoir of the Molyneux Family*, 1882, at:

<http://www.molineux.com/history/gisborne/memoir2.asp>

The testatrix leaves several bequests to members of the Breton family. It appears from the will of the testatrix' father, the 1st Earl of Southampton, that one of his sisters had married a husband surnamed Breton.

The testatrix leaves a bequest to her 'cousin Hobard', who may have been Sir John Hobart.

RM: T{estamentum} D{omin}ae Catherinae Cornwallis

[f. 70r] In the name of God, Amen. The 17th day of May one thousand six hundred twenty-three, I, Katherine Cornwallis of East Horsley in the county of Surrey, widow, being whole of body and in good and perfect memory, thanks be to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul wholly to the infinite mercy of Almighty God, trusting assuredly to be saved by the merits of the passion of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, his only Son and our only Mediator, the second person in Trinity;

Item, I give & bequeath to the right honourable my good Lord and nephew, th' Earl of Southampton, as a remembrance of my goodwill, my gilt basin and ewer and my two gilt livery pots and two of my best velvet clothes [=cloths?] in my press at his choice, and to my honourable and very good Lady, his now wife, I give my carcanet of great pearls, being in number threescore and twelve;

Also I give to my said good Lady my cross of diamonds;

Item, I give to my niece, the Lady Penelope Spencer, one of my pearl chains with the gold stones therein;

And to my niece, the Lady Anne Wriothesley, I give the other of the said pearls chain with the like gold stone;

And to my pretty niece, the Lady Elizabeth Wriothesley, I give my little gold chain I was wont to wear about my neck;

Item, I give to my dear jewel and nephew, the Lord James Wriothesley, my best standing cup with a cover gilt;

Item, I give to my pretty nephew, Mr Thomas Wriothesley, my second standing cup with a cover gilt;

Item, I give to my said nephew, Mr Thomas Wriothesley, my house at Horsley with all th' appurtenances to the said manor belonging for and during his natural life;

And after his decease then to the use and behoof of the first son of the body of the said Thomas Wriothesley lawfully begotten and of the heirs males of the body of the said first son lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, then to the use and behoof of the second son of the body of the said Thomas Wriothesley lawfully begotten and of the heirs of the body of the same second son lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of the third son of the body of the said Thomas Wriothesley lawfully begotten and of the issue males of the same third son lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of the fourth son of the body of the said Thomas Wriothesley lawfully begotten and of the heirs males of the body of the same fourth son lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of all and every other the sons of the body of the said Thomas Wriothesley lawfully begotten successively one after another as they be in seniority or in age and of the heirs males lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, then I give the same to my honourable nephew, the Lord Wriothesley, to descend unto him and his children in such sort and manner as is set down to his brother and not otherwise, paying such annuities as my good husband and I have granted out of the same;

And for want of such heirs as aforesaid, then I give the said house and lands thereunto belonging to my good nephew, Sir William Sandys, and his heirs;

And for want thereof and for want of his heirs I give the said house to my cousin, Mr Thomas Cornwallis, with all th' appurtenances thereunto belonging [-to my cousin, Mr Thomas Cornwallis?] and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such heirs then I give the same to the right heirs of my good husband forever;

Also I give my parsonage of Effingham to whomsoever my house doth come for the better maintenance thereof, and all my household stuff, only wearing excepted;

Item, I give to the Lady Cornwallis my better pair of borders with pearls;

And to my cousin Knoles [=Knollys?], her daughter, my worser pair of borders;

Item, I give to my good friend, Mr Mynne, and his good wife the cup with the cover gilt that her Majesty gave me;

Item, I give to my cousin, the Lady Breton, one of the gold rings my niece Arundell gave me that I did usually wear on my finger;

Also I give to my cousin, Dennis Breton, and to his now wife ten pounds out of M [=Monkton?] Farleigh during my lease if either of them live so long;

And to my little William Breton, I give him twenty nobles yearly out of M [=Monkton?] Farleigh for his better maintenance, if he live so long, and twenty pounds in money presently;

Item I give to his sister, Katherine Breton, ten pounds;

And to all the rest of his sisters and brothers five pounds apiece;

Item, I give to my old cousin, George Breton, ten pounds;

And to his two daughters ten pounds apiece;

Item, I give to my cousin Hobard as a remembrance of my goodwill my ring with the opal stone therein;

I give to Mrs Bromfield beyond sea ten pounds;

Item, I give to my cousin, Mabel Breton, my jewel with the new myne(?) and the three pearls to it;

And to my cousin Dennis, her husband, I give my lease of all the rooms over Alison's house (if I have not given them already) if I dispose it not otherwise in my lifetime, conditionally that Mr Barnes shall have a lodging there rent-free during the term, if he live so long, which I hope my honourable good nephew will not deny in consideration of [f. 70v] my building there and my love to him and his;

Item, I give to my servant Barnes one hundred pounds of current English money;

Also I give to him the rent that he payeth to me for the ground I let him during his life and his wife's if she continue widow, and all pleasure and profits that he hath now thereby;

Also I will that all my apparel, silk, woollen and linen, of what kind soever it be and wheresoever it be, shall be divided into three parts equally, which I give to my trusty servant Barnes, to my cousin, Mabel Breton, and to my then waiting-maid at my decease,

Barnes to have his choice, and then my cousin, Mabel Breton, and my waiting maid the third, and to either of them a good chest for their clothes;

Item, I give to Barnes the chamber that Mrs Giddens hath during my term and the chambers where he now lieth, with all the furniture therein and room in the back yard to lay wood and coals, and passage therefore;

Item, I give to my good nephew, Sir William Sandys, the lease of my lodging near Southampton house and all my stuff and implements of household therein whatsoever to his own use;

Also I give to my Lady Sandys, my niece, my great chain of gold;

Item, I give to my good cousin, Mr Thomas Cornwallis, and to his little son my lease of Monkton Farleigh, praying him to pay all such legacies as I have granted therein to be paid, and to pay four pound yearly to the poor there;

Also I will that my cousin, Thomas, shall enter into sufficient bond to my cousin Knowles for the payment of all such legacies as are there appointed or to my executor, my good Lord, the Earl of Southampton;

Item, I give to the poor of Horsley four pounds yearly forever;

To be paid quarterly to the poor at Monkton Farleigh during the term of my lease £4 yearly;

To the poor of Princes Risborough during my lease forty shillings;

To Chitterne twenty shilling yearly, the disposing whereof I have appointed to my cousin, Dennis Breton, to whom I have given the profits thereof to be disposed by him, and I have to him expressed during my term therein unexpired;

Item, I give to George Gatten ten pounds if he have a lease made him of Welins house and land, which I would he had notwithstanding the [something omitted here?];

Item, I will that my body be buried hard by my good husband, and a convenient tomb made over us with the portraiture of my two children in that age they died, which I pray my good Lord and nephew, my executor, to perform with as convenient speed as he may without any great pomp or charge at my burial other than gowns to twelve poor men and women, to six apiece, and such blacks to my friends, servants and retainers as my said executor shall think good;

Item, I give to the poor forty pounds to be distributed in all places where I have any living, but specially at Horsley;

Item, I give to my good nephew Sandys thone half in value of my silver dishes and the twelve trencher plates that are graven with Mr Cornwallis his arms and mine;

Also I give him half my silver tuns, and one great silver salt-cellar with a cover, and one lesser salt-cellar with a cover, but not the least of all, the gilt bowl that was his mother's, and one dozen of good silver spoons, and the silver basin and ewer that mine aunt Lawrence gave me when she died, and my best table diamond with many cuts;

Also I give to my said nephew, Sir William Sandys, the lease of my lodging in London with all the furniture therein, paying such rent for the same as is contained in my lease therefore;

Item, I give to Slade ten pounds;

To Nicholas Cooke £9;

To Clouds(?) £10;

To William Barnes twenty marks;

To George £10, as I have before appointed;

To Isaac Sampson, when his term is out I give him 20 nobles;

Item, I give to Mabel, my maid, £30;

Item, I give to Blunden 40s;

If the said servants be with me at my decease, I give them these legacies, else not;

And for all the rest of my servants that have no legacies, I give them their year's wages;

All the rest of my goods and chattels not given nor bequeathed, my debts paid and my will performed, I give and bequeath to my good Lord and nephew, the Earl of Southampton, who I make my executor, and I hope he will perform all things according as my trust is in him with such consideration of my goods as shall be then left for my nephew Sandys, which I doubt not but he will safely deliver him and perform all the rest as my trust is in him;

Item, I give to my good nephew, Mr Thomas Arundell, one gilt bowl with a cover;

And to my good Lady, his wife, I give my pointed diamond;

And to my nephew, Mr William Arundell, I give one lesser bowl;

Item, I give to my waiting maid, Margaret Pennant, if she serve me at my decease, forty pounds;

Item, I give to my good cousin, Mr Thomas Cornwallis, one gilt bowl with a cover, and to his good wife ten pounds to buy her a carcanet, and to their little son ten pounds, desiring his father to pay all annuities that I have granted out of Monkton Farleigh which I will he shall be bound to do to my cousin Knoles [=Knollys?], or else the said lease to remain to my nephew Sandys;

And that this is my last will & testament I have written the same with my own hand the last day of May 1623;

Item, I give to Barnes his two grandchildren, to either of them a black gown and five pounds in money apiece. Catherine Cornwallis.

This will was published the last of May 1623 in the presence of Dennis Breton, John Barnes, William Barnes.

A codicil made the six and twentieth day of November in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James of England etc. Annoq{ue} D{omi}ni 1624 to be annexed to the last will [f. 71r] and testament of me, the Lady Katherine Cornwallis, viz.:

Whereas by my last will and testament in writing I did constitute, make & appoint the right honourable Henry, late Earl of Southampton, my sole and only executor, since which time the said Henry, Earl of Southampton, is dead, I do therefore constitute, ordain and appoint the right honourable Elizabeth, Countess of Southampton, and the right honourable Thomas, Earl of Southampton, to be my executors of my said will. Witness my hand and seal the day & years abovesaid. Katherine Cornwallis, hoping they will perform the same. Witnesses to this codicil, Thomas Clarke, John Barnes, William Barnes.

A codicil to be annexed to the last will and testament of me, the Lady Katherine Cornwallis, remaining in the custody of the right honourable the Countess of Southampton, made the 20th day of March Anno D{omi}ni 1625 by and with the consent and good approbation of the said Countess, I, the said Lady Katherine, do hereby give, will and devise unto Thomas Blundell, my servant, ten pounds of lawful money of England. Katherine Cornwallis.

Marginal notes on f. 70:

RM: Item, I give to my cousin, Elizabeth Breton, £30; to my cousin, William Cornwallis, 100 marks, my uncle's grandchild, & to his brother £20;

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LM: The legacies paid, the remainder of all my goods between my two nephews.

Probatum fuit Testamentum suprascriptum vnacum Codicill{is} coram Magistro Basilio Wood Legum doctore Surrogato Venerabilis Viri Domini Henrici Martin Militis legum etiam doctoris Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis Magistri Custodis sive Commissarij L{egi}time constituti Vicesimo septimo die mensis Novembris Anno Domini Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo sexto Iuramentis p{re}nobilis Viri Thome Comitis South{amp}ton et prenobilis femine Elizabethae Comitisse South{amp}ton Executorum in huiusmodi Testamento nominat{orum} Quibus Commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditoru{m} dicte defuncte De bene et fideliter Administrando eadem ad Sancta Dei Evangelia Iurat{is}

[=The above-written testament was proved, together with the codicils, before Master Basil Wood, Doctor of the Laws, Surrogate of the worshipful Sir Henry Martin, knight, also Doctor of the Laws, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the twenty-seventh day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred twenty-sixth by the oath of the right honourable Thomas, Earl of Southampton, and the right honourable the Lady Elizabeth, Countess of Southampton, 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 to well and faithfully administer the same.]