

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 31 March 1567 and proved 16 September 1567, of Richard Lambert, grocer, brother-in-law of Lettice (nee Pakington) Martyn, the mother of Humphrey Martyn, the addressee of the *Langham Letter* which describes Leicester's entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth in the summer of 1575. The testator's wife was Alice Pakington, the sister of Lettice (nee Pakington) Martyn. For the will of their father, Humphrey Pakington (1502-1556), see TNA PROB 11/38, ff. 150-1. For the will of their mother, Elizabeth Pakington (d.1563), see TNA PROB 11/46, ff. 278-9.

The testator names as his executors his brother-in-law, Edward Jackman, alderman, and his brother, John Lambert, grocer, and as one of his overseers, his brother-in-law, William Coles, the husbands, respectively, of three other of the Pakington sisters, Anne, Katherine and Margaret. For the will of the testator's brother, John Lambert, see TNA PROB 11/64, ff. 21-3. For the will of the testator's brother-in-law, Edward Jackman, see TNA PROB 11/52, ff. 23-5. For the will of the testator's brother-in-law, Sir Lionel Duckett, who at the time the testator made his will was married to another of the Pakington sisters, Jane, see TNA PROB 11/72, ff. 68-9.

After the death of the testator, his widow, Alice (nee Pakington), married Clement Paston (c.1515-1598). The testator names as his children his sons Edmund, Richard, William and Edward, and his daughters Elizabeth, Jane and Mary.

LM: Testamentum Richardi Lambert Civis et Alderman

In the name of God, Amen. The last day of March in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred threescore and seven and in the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I, Richard Lambert, citizen and alderman of London, being sick in body but nevertheless of good and perfect mind and remembrance, laud and praise be therefore given unto Almighty God, do make, ordain and dispose this my last will and testament, as well of and upon all my goods and chattels, plate, wares and merchandises, debts and household stuff and ready money, as also of & upon all my manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I give and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, in whom and by the merits of the second person, Jesus Christ, I trust to be saved and to have full and clear remission and forgiveness of my sins, and I commit my body to the earth to be buried in Christian burial where it shall seem most convenient to my executors hereunder named;

And after my body buried, then I will that all such debts and duties as I owe unto any person or persons of right or in conscience shall be truly paid or set in good assurance

how to be paid, and that done, then I will that all and singular my goods, chattels, plate, debts, jewels, household stuff and ready money shall be divided into three equal and indifferent parts or portions according to the laudable custom of the City of London, whereof one equal part I give and bequeath unto Alice Lambert, my well-beloved wife, to her own proper use;

One other equal part thereof I give and bequeath to and among all my children, portion and portion like, to be paid and delivered to them as they and every of them shall accomplish and come to their lawful ages of 21 years or my daughters to marriage, according to the said custom, and every of my said children to be heir to other if death shall happen to any of them in the meantime;

And the third equal part thereof I reserve to myself and to my executors hereunder named to perform my legacies and bequests hereafter following, that is to say:

Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Alice, my wife, over and above her just part and portion to her due of my goods by the said custom the sum of two hundred pounds and all her jewels appertaining to her body;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Edmund Lambert, my eldest son, over and above his said part and portion the sum of two hundred pounds in money, to be delivered unto him when he shall come and be of th' age of 21 years, and for the sure payment thereof accordingly, my will and mind is that bond and surety be taken in the Orphans' Court of the City of London like as is there used for his orphanage part;

Item, I give and devise unto Richard Lambert, my son, over and above his said part and portion two hundred marks in money, to be delivered to him at his age of 21 years upon like bond and assurance as is aforesaid;

Item, I give and bequeath to William Lambert, my son, over and above his portion the like sum of two hundred marks in money, to be paid when the same William shall come to his like age of 21 years upon like bond and assurance as is aforesaid;

Also I give and devise to Edward Lambert, my son, over and above his portion the sum of two hundred pounds in money, to be likewise paid to him when he shall come to his full age of 21 years upon like bond and assurance to be taken in the Orphans' Court for the payment thereof as before is appointed;

Item, I give and bequeath to every of my daughters, Elizabeth Lambert, Jane Lambert and Mary Lambert, over and above their several parts and portions to them due of my goods by the said custom, the sum of two hundred pounds apiece in money, to be paid to the same my daughters at such time as they shall come to their lawful ages of 21 years or be married, which shall first happen, and that the like order be taken by bond of recognizance for the sure payment thereof as is used in the said Orphans' Court;

And also I give and bequeath to the child now on [sic?] my wife's body over and above the portion of the same child the sum of two hundred marks in money, to be paid to the same child in such manner and form as I have afore willed and devised for my other children;

And further my will and mind is that if it shall fortune any of my said children to decease before they shall come to their said lawful ages of 21 years or my said daughters to marriage, that then I will that the part and portion of him, her or them so deceasing shall remain to and amongst the other of my children then living, portion and portion like;

Item, I give and bequeath to my said wife, Alice Lambert, as a remembrance and pledge of love by me towards her borne, a ring of gold, price forty shillings;

Item, I give and devise to my brother, John Lambert, and to my sister, his wife, and to either of them, a ring of gold, price forty shillings;

Item, I give and devise unto my brother-in-law, Mr Roger Martyn, alderman, and his wife, and to my brother-in-law, Master Lionel Duckett, alderman, and his wife, to every of them a ring of gold, price 40s;

Item, I bequeath to my brother-in-law, Mr Alderman Jackman, and to my sister, his wife, and to my brother-in-law, Mr John Pakington, and his wife, and to my brother Thomas Lambert, to every of them a ring of gold of the value of forty shillings apiece;

Also, I give and devise to my brother-in-law, Richard Hollyman, and his wife, and my brother, William Pakington, and his wife, and to my brother, Edward Pakington, to every of them a ring of gold of like price of 40s, and to the same William Pakington in money ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sisters-in-law, Margaret and Margery Pakington, and their husbands and every of them a ring of gold of like price of 40s;

Item, I give and devise to my loving friends, Sir Thomas Lodge, knight, and Mr Giles Estcourt, to either of them a ring of gold, price 40s;

Also, I give and devise to my friends, William Dane and his wife, and Francis Bowyer and his wife, and to every of them a ring of gold, price 40s;

All which said several legacies and devises of rings aforesaid my desire is that my said friends will accept and take of my gift as a token or pledge of goodwill borne by me towards them;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother, John Lambert, one hundred pounds in money, and I bequeath to my brother-in-law, Mr Alderman Jackman, fifty pounds in money, and to my friend, Mr Giles Estcourt, £6 13s 4d in money, most heartily desiring every of the same my friends last before recited, as my special trust is in them, to take pains and as

much as in them lieth to see this my last will & testament be truly accomplished according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and to be aiding and helping my wife and children in giving them good counsel, and do as much as in them shall lie to see my children brought up in the fear of God, learning and knowledge, and in such good and honest virtuous exercises as they shall be most inclined unto;

Item, I give and devise to my said brother, Thomas Lambert, thirty-three pounds 6s 8d in money;

And I bequeath to my godson, Humphrey Lambert, son to my brother, John Lambert, thirteen pounds 6s 8d in money, to be paid unto him at his age of 21 years;

And I give and bequeath to every other of my said brother John Lambert's children, as well sons as daughters, which he shall have living at the time of my decease, three pounds 6s 8d, to be delivered to every of the same children as the[y] shall come to their lawful ages of 21 years or his said daughters to marriage, and every of the children of my said brother, John Lambert, to be heir to other of all and every their several legacies before severally expressed if death shall happen to any of them in the meantime;

Item, I give and devise to my brother-in-law, Edward Pakington, ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother, Mr Alderman Martyn, and his wife, my brother, Master Alderman Duckett, and his wife, my brother, Master Alderman Jackman, and his wife, my brother, John Lambert, and his wife, my brother, Richard Hollyman, and his wife, my brother, William Pakington, and his wife, my brother, William Coles, and his wife, my brother, Edward Pakington, Mr John Pakington and his wife, my brother Burbridge [=Burbage] and his wife, my brother, Thomas Lambert, and my friends and loving neighbours, Mistress Pierson, late wife of William Pierson, scrivener, deceased, Mistress Croxton, and Mistress Scott, to every of them a black gown, and to the said Mrs Pierson a ring of gold, price 40s, and to my friend, Thomas Hale, grocer, a ring of gold, price fifty shillings;

Also I bequeath to my brother, William Coles, grocer, thirty-three pounds 6s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to Simon Laurence, John Wuman(?) and Robert Stephyns, to every of them £5, and to Edward Gwyn and his wife, to either of them a ring of gold, price 40s;

Item, I give and devise towards th' advancement of forty poor maidens in marriage within the City of London £20, that is to say, to every such poor maid 10s where most need shall appear at the discretion of my said executors or the survivor of them, and to be paid within the space of five years next after my decease;

Item, I give and devise towards the relief and comfort of the poor people within the hospitals of London called Christ's Hospital, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Thomas Hospital in Southwark the sum of one hundred pounds in money, to be paid within one half year next after my decease;

Item, I give and devise towards the relief of the poor people in the parish of Saint Mary Bowe in London where I now dwell, and in the parish of Saint Michael at Bassishaw in London where I sometime dwelled, ten pounds, to be paid and distributed where most need shall appear at the discretion of my executors within the space of six months next after my decease;

Item, I give and devise to be delivered into th' hands of the Wardens of the Company of Grocers of London the sum of one hundred pounds within the space of six months next after my decease, the which said £100 my will is shall be delivered from time to time by the said Wardens and ten of the Assistance of the same Company unto two young men being free of the said Company and out of the livery at the appointment of the same Wardens & Assistance, that is to say, to either of them fifty pounds, which also my will is that the same young men shall have in occupying during the space of three years together from the day of the receiving thereof, the same two young men and either of them binding themselves with sufficient sureties with them to the Wardens of the said Company of Grocery for the time being by bond obligatory sufficient in the law, sealed and delivered as their deeds in some reasonable penalty as to the discretion of the same Wardens shall seem meet, as well for the repayment and redelivery of the same £100 at th' end of the said three years unto the Wardens of the said Company for the time being, as also that then the same young men and either of them shall, in consideration of the same £100, every year yearly during the same three years pay either of them for one cart-load of charcoals to be provided and distributed by the said Wardens amongst the poor people dwelling within the City of London where the same Wardens shall seem most meet and needful;

And after the said three years ended, then I will and do devise that the like order be taken by the Wardens and Assistance of the said Company which then shall be in place for the bestowing and disposing of the said £100 to and amongst two other young men of the same Company, being out of the livery, during the like space of three years in such manner and form as afore I have afore devised, and so from three years to three years during the space of 21 years in all shall be fully ended;

And after the said 21 years ended, then I further will and devise by these presents that the said Wardens of the said Company of the Grocery which then shall be in office shall within the space of three months next after the same 21 years ended truly and faithfully distribute the same £100 to & amongst poor people inhabiting within the 25 wards of London where the[y] shall seem most meet and needful by their good discretions;

Item, I give and bequeath for a dinner to be had and made amongst the Company of the Livery of the Grocers of London in their common hall called the Grocers Hall in London, ten pounds;

Item, I bequeath to Luke Lane, my servant, and to Richard Tomkins, my servant, £5 apiece, and to every of my menservants being my apprentices five pounds, and to every

other of my servants which shall be dwelling with me at the [-the] time of my decease, as well men and women, three pounds 6s 8d in money;

Item, I give and devise to my friend, George Dalmer, ten pounds in money, and I give and bequeath to my old servant, John Pelsaunt, £6 13s 4d in money, and I bequeath to the same John a ring of gold, price 40s;

Item, I give and devise unto Edward Lambert, my son, all such lease, interest, title, gain, profit and advantage as I have or ought to have of and in one new messuage or tenement with th' appurtenances lying and being in the parish of St Michael at Bassishaw in London by force of such lease and term of years as I have to come of and in the same, and I will my executors hereunder named or the survivor or survivors of them shall receive the issues, revenues and profits of the said new house with th' appurtenances to th' use of the same Edward, my son, during his minority, and then to make true payment to him of the issues and profits thereof without delay;

And if it shall fortune the same Edward to decease before he shall come to his lawful age of 21 years, that then I further will and devise that the same lease, interest and profits and the revenues thereof which then shall be received and after that to be received by force of the said lease by th' hands of my executors shall wholly remain to and amongst all the residue of my children, portion and portion like, and to be paid unto them as they and every of them shall grow and come to their lawful ages of 21 years or marriages, and every of them to be other's heir if death shall happen to any of them in the meantime;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Mr Cole, parson of Saint Mary Bowe in London where I am now a parishioner, three pounds, and to my friend, Charles Wetworthe, now minister of Bassishaw church in London, forty shillings;

Item, I give and bequeath unto 24 poor men which shall attend upon my body to my burial, to every of them a gown of 5s a yard;

Also I give and bequeath to the relief and comfort of the poor prisoners being in the prisons called Ludgate, Newgate and the two Counters in London, and in the King's Bench and Marshalsea in Southwark, twenty pounds, that is to say, to every of the said prison-houses £3 6s 4d;

Item, I give and bequeath to the exhibition of poor scholars studying divinity in the University of Oxford and Cambridge twenty pounds, that is to say, to either of the said universities, ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to the Goodwife Nott 40s, and to the Goodwife Gelybrand, 20s;

And to my cousin Hungate and his wife, and to Thomas Person, scrivener, to every of them a black gown;

The residue of my third part and portion remaining wholly I give and bequeath to and amongst all my children, portion and portion like, to be paid and delivered to them and every of them as they and every [+of] them shall come to their lawful ages of 21 years or my said daughters to marriage, and every of them to be other's heir if death shall happen to any of them in the meantime, in such manner and form and with such assurance for the repayment of the same as I have afore willed, devised and assigned;

And as touching the order and disposition of all and singular my manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments set, lying and being within the counties of Wiltshire and Gloucester and elsewhere within the realm of England, I will and devise the same in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I will and devise unto Edmund Lambert, my eldest son and heir, and to his heirs forever according to his title of descent of inheritance from me to him to descend in possession my manors of Boyton, Sherrington and Orcheston St George in the county of Wiltshire, and also all my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Boyton, Sherrington, Orcheston St. George aforesaid and in Corton and Codford in the said county of Wiltshire;

Item, I will & devise my manor of Woodmancote in the county of Gloucester, and all my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Woodmancote aforesaid and in Dursley, Nibley, Wick, Wotton and Kingscote in the said county of Gloucester, to Richard Lambert, my son, to have and to hold to him, the said Richard, and to his heirs forever;

And I will and devise to my son, William Lambert, and to his heirs forever one annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds by year to be yearly issuing and going out of my said manor of Sherrington in the said county of Wiltshire, and to be yearly paid unto the said William and to his heirs forever at two terms in the year after my decease most usual, that is to say, at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and the Annunciation of Our Blessed Lady Saint Mary the Virgin by even portions, and if it shall happen the said annuity or yearly rent of £20 by the year to be behind unpaid in part or in all by the space of 28 days next after any feast-day of payment afore declared in which as is aforesaid it ought to be paid, that then and so often I do will & devise by these presents that it shall be lawful to and for my said son, William, and his heirs and assigns to enter into my said manor of Sherrington with all and singular their appurtenance, and there to distrain for the said annuity, and the distress there so taken to lead, drive and carry away and towards him and them to retain and keep until such time as the said annuity of £20 with th' arrearages of the same, if any be behind, be fully contented, satisfied and paid;

Provided always that if it shall happen my said son and heir, Edmund Lambert, to decease, having then no issue of his body lawfully begotten living, whereby my said manors of Boyton, Sherrington, Orcheston Saint George and other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in the foresaid county of Wiltshire shall descend and come unto the foresaid Richard Lambert, my second son, as next heir unto his said brother, Edmund Lambert, that then my will and mind is and by these presents I will and devise that my said gift and devise made of the said manor of [-the said manor of] Woodmancote in the

county of Gloucester and of all my said lands, tenements and hereditaments herebefore in this my testament given or assigned to my said son, Richard Lambert, shall be void and of no force nor available to my said son, Richard, or his heirs;

And then my very will is and also I do by these presents devise that my said manor of Woodmancote and all my said lands & tenements and hereditaments heretofore given and devised unto my said son, Richard Lambert, in the said county of Gloucester shall be and remain to my son, William Lambert, and to his heirs forever, to have and to hold unto him, the said William Lambert, and to his heirs forever;

Item, I give, will and devise unto Edward Lambert, my son, all my lands, tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances which I last purchased of John Jones, clothier, lying and being in Kevill and Kevyll Wyke in the county of Wiltshire, to have and to hold unto him, the said Edward Lambert, and to his heirs forever, and I will that my executors or the survivors or survivor of them shall receive the rents, issues and profits of all the same lands and tenements so to the said Edward, my son, given during his minority, and thereof at his full age of 21 years to give and make to the same Edward or his heirs a just and true account, reckoning and payment without any fraud or deceit;

Item, I will and devise unto Alice Lambert, my well-beloved wife, in full recompense and satisfaction of her jointure, dower and third part of all and singular my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, my manors of Kevill alias Keveleighe and Buckingham in the county of Wiltshire, and all my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Kevill alias Keveleighe and Buckingham aforesaid, to have and to hold unto her, the said Alice, for term of her natural life without doing, committing or procuring to be done any waste in or upon the same or any part thereof;

And also I will and devise that if my said wife shall happen to decease before he who shall happen to be my heir shall be of his full [+age] of 21 years, that then I further will and devise that my said executors or the survivor of them shall have, take, retain, levy and gather all the rents, issues, revenues and profits to be coming and yearly growing of my said manors of Kevill and Buckingham and of my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Kevill and Buckingham aforesaid during the minority of him that shall be my son and heir to th' use and towards the advancement and preferment of all the rest of my children which shall be then living at the time of my wife's decease, the same rents and profits to be equally divided between them, and to be paid unto them as they and every of them shall come to their lawful ages of 21 years or my daughters to marriage, and every of them to be other's heir if death shall hap to any of them in the meantime, as I have afore devised;

Provided always that my heir shall have no part nor portion of my said rents, revenues and profits which shall grow of the said manors, lands and tenements before assigned to my wife from the day of her decease until my heir shall be of th' age of 21 years for that the whole inheritance thereof shall then fall unto my said heir, nor that my said heir shall claim or make title to the inheritance of the same or to any part thereof from the time of the decease of my said wife until my said heir shall be of th' age of 21 years, anything in



this my testament contained, willed or devised to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding;

And also I will and devise that my said executors or the survivor of them shall have, receive, levy and gather all the rents, revenues and profits coming and growing of my said manor of Woodmancote and of all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Woodmancote, Dursley, Nibley, Wick, Wotton and Kingscote to the use of him who by force of this my will ought to have the same manor and other the premises during his minority and until he shall come and be of th' age of 21 years, and then to yield and make a just and true account and payment to such of my children as by this my testament ought to have and claim the same, without any fraud or deceit;

And also I will and devise that my friend, Mr Giles Estcourt, shall yearly receive, levy, gather and take the said annuity or yearly rent of £20 by the year heretofore granted to my said son, William, out of my said manor of Sherrington to the use of the said William, my son, during his minority and until he shall be of th' age of 21 years, upon condition that the same Giles before he shall receive any part thereof shall enter into bond sufficient in the law, and sufficient sureties with him, to be sealed and delivered as their deeds unto my executors in some reasonable penalty for the true answering and payment of the same annuity or yearly rent of £20 which he shall or may so gather and receive during the time and space aforesaid unto my said son, William, at his said age of 21 years, or to such other of my children as ought to have the same revenues by force of this my will if the same William shall fortune to decease without issue of his body lawfully begotten before his said age of 21 years, and that without fraud or deceit;

And if the said Giles die or refuse to be bound in such manner and form and to such purpose and intent as is aforesaid, that then I further will and devise that my executors shall take and receive the said annuity to such use and intent as before is limited, and during the time and space afore appointed;

Item, I do further give and devise unto the foresaid Alice, my wife, for further recompense of her jointure, dower and third part in and to all my manors, lands and tenements, all that my messuages or tenement with th' appurtenances lying in Levesham [=Lewisham] in the county of Kent, and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Lewisham aforesaid, and in Sippenham [=Sydenham] in the said county of Kent, to have and to hold to the said Alice during all the term of her natural life without doing or committing to be done any strip or waste in or upon the same or any part thereof, she paying the quit-rents and keeping and sufficiently maintaining all manner of reparations of the houses there standing or being upon the said lands or tenements, having allowance of sufficient timber upon the said lands for the doing of the said reparations;

And immediately after the decease of my said wife, then I further will and devise by these presents that the said messuage or tenements and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Lewisham and Sydenham aforesaid shall remain to the child now being in my wife's body, if the same shall fortune to be a man child, and to th' heirs of the same child, being a man-child, forever, and if it shall fortune the same child to be a man-child

and to decease before the same shall come to th' age of 21 years without issue of his body lawfully begotten, or if the said child shall fortune to be a woman-child, that then I will and devise that the same messuage, lands and tenements last before recited shall immediately after the decease of my said wife remain unto Edward Lambert, my son, and to his heirs and assigns forever;

And further I devise that my said executors or the survivor of them shall levy, receive and gather the rents and profits of the said lands and tenements last before recited to th' use of the said child now being in my wife's body (if it be a man-child), or to th' use of the said Edward, my son, from the day of the decease of my said wife until the same man-child, or the said Edward, my son (if the same fall unto him) shall be of th' age of 21 years, and then my executors to make thereof a just and true account and payment to him that of right ought to have the same lands last before recited by force of this my will, without fraud or deceit;

Provided always that if it shall fortune my said sons, Edmund Lambert and Richard Lambert, and either of them to decease before they and either of them shall be of th' age of 21 years, having then no issue living of their bodies nor of the body of one of them lawfully begotten, whereby the foresaid manors of Boyton, Sherrington, Orcheston St George & other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Boyton, Sherrington, Orcheston Saint George and in Corton and Codford aforesaid, and my manor of Woodmancote and other my lands in Woodmancote aforesaid, and in Dursley, Nibley, Wotton and Kingscote aforesaid, before to the same Edmund and Richard, my sons, bequeathed, shall descend and come to the said William, my son, that then I will that my said gift and devise to the said William before made of the said annuity of twenty pounds shall from thenceforth cease and be clearly void, and no lenger to the said William or his heirs be payable;

And that then I do further will and devise that the said annuity of twenty pounds shall remain and be yearly payable to Edward Lambert, my son, and to his heirs forever out of the said manor of Sherrington with th' appurtenances, in such manner and form as I have afore willed and devised the same unto the said William Lambert, my son, anything in this my testament contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

Provided also that if it shall fortune the said William, my son, to decease without issue of his body lawfully begotten (living the foresaid Edmund and Richard, my sons, or either of them), that then I further will and devise by these presents that the said annuity or yearly rent of £20 shall remain and be yearly payable in form aforesaid out of the said manor of Sherrington with th' appurtenances unto Edward, my son, and to his heirs and assigns forever in such manner and form as the same is before devised unto the said William, my son, and his heirs, anything in this my will contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding;

And of the execution of this my present testament and last will I ordain and make the foresaid Alice, my wife, and my brother-in-law, Master Edward Jackman, alderman, and my brother, John Lambert, grocer, my executors, and I give and bequeath to every of the

same my executors for their pains to be taken in the true and just execution thereof twenty pounds apiece over and besides their former legacies to them before severally given;

And overseers of the same to see the same my will truly performed accordingly so much as in them shall lie, I ordain and make my trusty friends, my brother-in-law, William Coles, grocer, and the foresaid Giles Estcourt, gentleman, and I bequeath to either of the same my overseers for their pains to be taken in that behalf ten pounds apiece over and besides their former legacies by me to them severally given as is aforesaid;

And for certain causes and considerations me thereunto moving, I do by these presents revoke and annul all former wills and testaments by me in any wise afore this time had, made or devised, and I will that none of them shall stand in strength or effect but only this my present testament and last will in such manner and form as I have afore willed and devised;

In witness whereof to this my present testament and last will I, the above-named Richard Lambert, alderman, have set my seal and subscribed my name the day & year above-written, these names who are hereunder written being witnesses and thereunto specially called at the request and desire of me, the said Richard Lambert, alderman. Richard Lambert. Per me, Edward Jackman, as witness. Per me, Hecton(?) min(?). Per me Thomam Hale generosum. Per me William Colles generosum. Per me Thomam Pierson. Per me, Nicholas Style. Per me, Luke Lane. Per me Julium borgaracium Per me Richardum Caldwall. Per me Simonum(?) Ludford(?).

Probatum fuit huiusmodi testamentum Coram Magistro Waltero Haddon Legum Doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis Custos siue Commissario Apud London Decimo sexto Septembris Anno Domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Sexagesimo septimo Iuramento Magistri Edwardi Jackman Aldermani et Iohannis Lambert personaliter presentium et Alice Relicte in persona Luce Lane procuratoris sui &c Executorum Quibus Commissa fuit Administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum Iurium et Creditorum dicti defuncti De bene &c Necnon de plano &c Ad sancta dei Evangelia

[=The same testament was proved before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the Laws, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London on the sixteenth of September in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-seventh by the oath of Master Edward Jackman, alderman, and John Lambert, personally present, and Alice, relict, in the person of Luke Lane, her proctor etc., executors, 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 etc., and also a plain etc.]