

APPENDIX 2 Documents post 1536

Statutes of the Realm March 28th 1536

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Relating to Sir Nicholas Vaux, Lord Harrowdon who had sold to Sir Arthur Darcy the Manor of Grenes Norton and other manors and Forests of Whittelwood, Northants.

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Indenture of 28th March 27th year of Henry VIII (1536)

This is the Indenture noted in detail in the following Letters Patent of May 1538.

... bargained granted & sold to Sir Arthur Darcy the Cyte Circuyte & peyncte of Monastery of Our Blessed Lady of Sawley County of York, lately dissolved & suppressed by acts of parliament houses buildings etc. And also the Lordships of Manors of Staynforth Langlyff & Staynton with appurtenances in County of York & Manor & Forest of Gisburn, Manor of Bolton, Rent of Grindleton, houses and rents in Chipping etc....

One Cottage in Setyll & c'ten messuages lands & tenements in Patherne, one messuage in Neusome & others & advowsons & psonages at the churches of Tadcaster & Gargrave Also one annuel rent or pencon of 4d heretofore yearly paid or due to be payed unto the said late Abbot of said Monastery of Sawley by the Abbot of Furness & his p'decessors, for the tythe corne & graynes of Winterburn pa of Gargrave & any lands late in possession of Sawley Abbey.

plus details of Monastery of Coverham.

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Also in Suppression of Yorkshire Monasteries YAS RS vol. 48, 1912, page 152-3.

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HENRY the EIGHT by the Grace of God King of England and France and Lord of Ireland and Supreme Head upon Earth of the English Church TO ALL TO WHOM the present Letters shall come Greeting WHEREAS by a certain Indenture made between us of the one part and our beloved and faithful Servant Arthur Darcy Knight of the other part the date whereof is the 20th day of March in the 27th year of our Reign for divers causes and good considerations in the aforesaid Indenture specified and declared WE have bargained granted and sold to the aforesaid Arthur the scite circuit and precinct of the Monastery of the Blessed Mary of SAWLEY in our County of York by the authority of Parliament lately dissolved and suppressed with all houses and idifices situate and built upon and within the same and all singular demesne lands and tenements aforesaid of the late Monastery AND also the Lordships or Manors of

Staynforth Langlif and Stanton with the appurtenances in our said County of York And the Manor and Forest of Gisbourne in our said County of York And the Moiety of the Manor of Bolton with the appurtenances in our said County of York And one annual rent of £4 - 6 - 0 issuing annually from the Ville of Gryvleton three tenements in the Ville of Brandford and one messuage or tenement in the Ville of Chepying called Heslehurst one messuage or tenement in Waddyngton one messuage or tenement in Wourston one messuage or tenement in Chatebourne one messuage or tenement In Downham and a certain messuage lands and tenements in Renyngton one parcel of land in Gaisgill and three messuages or tenements in Lytton And also the Grange of Barnebye Two tenements in Rassemell one cottage in Cottill and certain messuages lands and tenements in Pathem one messuage or tenement in Newshine one messuage or tenement in Swynden and the Grange of Glingthorpe one messuage or tenement in Ilklaye certain parcels of lend in Farnelaye and certain messuages lands and tenements in Halton in the Parish of Whitkirk one pasture in Calterton and certain messuages lands and tenements in Sledebourne one messuage or tenement in Sutton and one annual rent of 12 shillings issuing annually from certain Lands in Whitworth and one other annual rent of 6/8d annually received by our Receiver of Chyderhowe with all their appurtenances in our said County of York. Also the advowsons and Rectories of the Churches of Tadcaster and Gargrave in our said County of York with the advowsons of the Vicarages of the Churches aforesaid and all glebes lands tithes profits and emoluments to the aforesaid Rectories appertaining or belonging Also one annual rent or pension of 53/4d then therefore annually paid or ought to be paid to the late Abbot of the said late Monastery of Sawley by the Abbot of Fornes and his predecessors for the tithes of grain of Wynterbourne being parcel and within the parish of Gargrave In our said County of York Also the Grange of Sonderland in our County of Lancaster And all other messuages lands and tenements meadows woods pastures commons waste grounds furzes fisheries ponds waters mills rents reversions and services with their appurtenances advowsons rectoris churches chapels chantries tithes pensions portions with all other hereditaments whatsoever lying and being in our said Counties of York and Lancaster or either of them or elsewhere within our Kingdom of England which were lately reputed and known to be part parcel or member of the possessions profits or commodities of the aforesaid late Monastery of Sawley in as ample manner and form as if the same messuages lands tenements and hereditaments were particularly truly and specially named and expressed in the aforesaid Indenture AND ALSO WHEREAS we by that Indenture further bargained and sold to the aforesaid Arthur the Manors of Stirton and Conyngesthorp and all other messuages lands meadows woods pastures commons waste grounds moors marshes waters ponds fisheries mills rents reversions and services with all their appurtenances in Stirton Conyngesthorp Ledes Holbekke Awstroppe Secrofte Kirkestoll Wyrkeley otherwise called Wortlaye Thornewell and Morlaye in the said County of York which said Manors of Stirton and Conyngesthorpe and other premises before and recited were parcel of the possessions of the late Priory called the Priory of the Holy Trinity within our County of the City of York likewise lately dissolved and suppressed as is aforesaid. AND ALSO WHEREAS we by that Indenture bargained and sold to the aforesaid Arthur the Grange celled Scraston Graunge otherwise called the Grange of Scraston and one messuage or tenement in Slapkyl one messuage or tenement in Carlton one messuage or tenement called Arunde1House and one messuage or tenement in Caudbergh with all and singular their appurtenances in our said County of York And all and singular messuages lands tenements meadows pastures woods waters fisheries mills commons

waste land rent reversions and services with all profits and commodities whatsoever in the aforesaid Vills and Hamlets of Scraston Carlton Arundel House and Caudbergh which were lately reputed and known as part parcel or member of the late Abbey or Monastery of Coverham likewise by authority of Parliament dissolved as is aforesaid in as ample manner and form as if the same Manors messuages lands and tenements and all other the premises were particularly and truly named and expressed in the aforesaid Indenture And further by the same Indenture for the considerations in the same Indenture specified we promised and granted to the aforesaid Arthur that the same Arthur his heirs and assigns should thereafter have possess use and enjoy for all future time all and singular rents revenues issues profits and commodities due and thereafter to be due of and in the aforesaid manors lands tenements and other premises without impediment or interruption of us or any of our Officers in as ample and large manner as we should have had if we had made no bargain or sale thereof to the aforesaid Arthur ALSO WHEREAS we by the same Indenture promised and granted to the aforesaid Arthur that the same Arthur his heirs and assigns should thereafter for all future time have use and enjoy all and singular such and the like liberties franchises realties waifs strays frankpledges and courts with all issues profits and commodities to the same appertaining in and upon the aforesaid Manors lands and tenements and other hereditaments thereinbefore expressed in as ample large manner condition and form as the Abbots and Priors and any of them theretofore by the laws of this Kingdom of England lawfully used and had the same by the authority of Royal Letters Patent prescription or otherwise at any time before the aforesaid Monastery and Priory were dissolved TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the aforesaid Manors lands tenements rents revenues and services with all other premises before by the aforesaid Indenture bargained and sold to the aforesaid Arthur Darcy his heirs and assigns for ever To hold of us our heirs and successors for ever in capite for ever by the service of a Knights fee and by the annual rental of £25 - 8 - 10 for all suits services and demands the aforesaid rent to be paid annually at the feasts of St Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by equal portions into the hands of the Treasurer for the time being of the Court of Augmentation of the Revenues of our Crown as by the same Indenture among other things fully shewn and appears AND ALSO WHEREAS by a certain Act in our Parliament begun at London on the 3rd day of November in the 21st year of our Reign and then adjourned to our Vill of Westminster in our County of Middlesex and there by divers prorogations continued it was among other things by the authority of the same Parliament enacted ordained and established that the aforesaid Arthur Darcy should have hold enjoy and possess for himself his heirs and assigns for ever all and singular the aforesaid scite circuit and precinct of the aforesaid late Monastery of the blessed Mary of Sawley in our said County of York with all edifices situated built and constructed upon and within the same And all and singular the aforesaid Manors lands tenements rents revenues services meadows pastures woods mills waters fisheries commons waste grounds rents and services advowsons Rectories churches chapels chantries tithes pensions portions commodities profits hereditaments and all and singular other premises with all and singular their appurtenances in the aforesaid Indenture by us bargained and sold to the aforesaid Arthur To hold of us our heirs and successors in Capite as of our Crown by the service of a Knights fee and by the aforesaid annual rent of £25 : 8 : 10 for all suits services and demands the aforesaid rent to be paid annually at the aforesaid feasts of St Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by equal portions to the hands of the aforesaid Treasurer of the Court of Augmentation of the

Revenues of our Crown for the time being And further by the same Act it was enacted that the aforesaid Arthur Darcy his heirs and assigns should have hold and enjoy all and singular titles liberties franchises realities waifs strays views of frankpledge Courts with all issues profits and commodities to the same appearing in and upon the aforesaid Manors lands tenements and other hereditaments in as ample and large manner condition and form as the aforesaid late Abbots and Priors and any of them then therefore by the laws of this our Kingdom of England lawfully had and used the same by the authority of Royal Letters Patent prescription or otherwise at any time before the dissolution of the aforesaid late Monasteries and Priories as by the same Act among other things in the same Act contained is likewise shewn and appears KNOW YE that we for and in recompensation as well of the Manor of Grenesnorton with the appurtenances in our County of Northampton as for the forest of Whytleswod with the appurtenances in the same County and for divers manors lands tenements and other hereditaments by the aforesaid Arthur Darcy purchased and had of Thomas Vause Knight Lord Harrowden and by the same Arthur given and granted to us and our heirs as for other considerations us specially moving Do ratify approve and by these presents confirm the estate title and possession of the aforesaid Arthur Darcy of and in all and singular the aforesaid scite manors lordships lands tenements and other premises with all and singular their appurtenances in the aforesaid Indenture and Act of Parliament or in either of them specified We do also ratify approve and by these presents confirm to the aforesaid Arthur all and singular the premises before recited AND FURTHER We do by these presents give and grant to the aforesaid Arthur Darcy the Manors of Stanneford and Langlyff with the appurtenances one pasture in Smethall within the Lordship of Byrkyn also all and singular Manors lordships messuages lands tenements meadows feedings pastures rents reversions services also all and singular other hereditaments possessions profits and emoluments whatsoever with the appurtenances in Brundford otherwise Bradforth Chepying Hesyhurst otherwise Helhurst Renyngton Rowthme11 Cettyll Pathorne Sledborne Clytherhoo otherwise Clyderoo Todcaster Ouxton Hakynley Hedeley Beylburgh Smethall Hedeley flatt Clyfford Wortley otherwise Workley Churwell Scraston Slagegill and Carlton aforesaid in our aforesaid Counties of York and Lancaster to the aforesaid late Monasteries of Sawley and Coverham and to the aforesaid late Priory of Holy Trinity or either of them or to either of them appertaining or belonging or are recited and accepted as parcel of the lands and tenements of the same late Monasteries or Priory in as ample manner and form at the same have come or ought to have come into our hands by any reason whatever to which said premises by these presents newly given and granted do not exceed the annual value of £11 : 0 : 0 TO HOLD to the same Arthur his heirs and assigns for ever AND FURTHER we have given and granted and by these presents so far as in us lies do will and by these presents grant to the aforesaid Arthur Darcy his heirs and assigns for ever that the same Arthur his heirs and assigns for ever may have hold and possess Views of Frankpledge and all and everything which to View of Frankpledge belongs in all and singular the aforesaid Manors lands tenements and other premises of all Inhabitants and Residents within the aforesaid Manors lands tenements and other premises as well in the aforesaid Indenture specified as by these presents to the aforesaid Arthur granted as aforesaid Also the chattels of felons fugitives outlaws felons of themselves deodands cattle chattels waifs or to be waived and strays treasure trove and all things whatsoever forfeited or to be forfeited within all the aforesaid manors and other the premises and every of them with the appurtenances so that the tenants residents and inhabitants in the

aforesaid manors lands tenements and other premises as well in the aforesaid Indenture specified as by these presents granted or the Inhabitants or residents in any of the premises their heirs or successors be not henceforth bound or compelled to go to or appear before any other View of Frankpledge or Leet except to the View of Frankpledge of the aforesaid Arthur his heirs and assigns WE do also grant to the aforesaid Arthur all and singular such and so many liberties and franchises of and in the aforesaid scite manors lands tenements and other premises with the appurtenances as we should have had in the same if this our present grant had not been made to the aforesaid Arthur AND FURTHER we will and grant that the same Arthur his heirs and assigns may have enjoy and use marts fairs and markets in the aforesaid Vill of Gysbourne in manner and form as the same have been used or had within twenty years last past in the same Vill of Gysbourne WE have also granted and by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Arthur that the same Arthur his heirs and assigns may every year henceforth have and hold at Bolton aforesaid in the aforesaid County of York a certain fair or mart to be held for and during three days that is to say in the Vigil on the day and morrow of the Apostles Peter and Paul Also one market at Bolton aforesaid in the aforesaid County of York to be held on Friday in every week with all and singular liberties and tolls to such fair or market appertaining or belonging so that the same Fair and Market be not to the injuring of other neighbouring fairs and markets TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the same Manors Lands tenements meadows feedings pastures woods rents views of frankpledge liberties franchises marts fairs and markets hereditaments profits and emoluments by these presents before granted to the aforesaid Arthur his heirs and assigns for ever without account or any other thing to be rendered or paid to us our heirs or successors TO HOLD as well and singular the premises in the aforesaid Indenture and Act of Parliament specified as all and singular the premises to the aforesaid Arthur these presents before granted as aforesaid of us our heirs and successors in capite by the [payment] of a Knights fee and by the aforesaid annual rent of £25 : 8 : 10 in the aforesaid Act and Indenture specified and by the aforesaid annular rent of 23s as well for the tenth part and in the name of the tenth part the annual value of the premises and granted to us by the authority of our Parliament as for all other services rents and other sums of money whatsoever due to us our heirs or successors for the premises or any of them To be paid annually at the aforesaid Feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by equal portions into the hands of the Treasurer of the aforesaid Court of Augmentation of the Revenue of our Crown for the time being for all services exactions and demands whatsoever AND FURTHER we do give and grant to the aforesaid Arthur Darcy all and singular issues profits and revenues of all and singular the premises to him by these presents before granted from the aforesaid 4th day of February in the aforesaid 27th year of our Reign henceforth arising or growing as well by his own proper hands in and by the hands of the tenants and farmers of the same premises as by the hands of our Receivers and other officers and Ministers of the same premises to be paid without account or any other thing to be rendered paid or done thereof to us our heirs and successors AND ALSO we will and by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Arthur Darcy and his heirs that they may have free warren in and through all and singular the whole of the Manors lands tenements meadows woods pastures and other premises in our said County of York to the aforesaid late Monastery of Sawley before the dissolution and suppression of the same Monastery in any manner appertaining or belonging with all liberties and franchises appertaining to Warren so that

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the same Arthur may hold the aforesaid to him and his heirs for ever So that no person may enter the aforesaid Warren to chase or hunt in the same nor take anything whatsoever which appertains to warren therefrom without the license or will of the same Arthur or his heirs under a

Penalty of £10 WHEREFORE we will and firmly command for us and our heirs that the aforesaid Arthur Darcy may have and hold to him and his heirs for ever the aforesaid Warren in the aforesaid Manors lands tenements woods and other premises with the liberties and franchises to such warren appertaining or belonging So that no person may enter the aforesaid Warren to chase or hunt in the same or to take anything which appertains to warren without the licence and will of the same Arthur or his heirs under a penalty to us of £10 so nevertheless that land be not within the metes or our Forest AND FURTHER we will and grant for us our heirs and successors that these our present Letters Patent shall be good valid and effectual in law any omission negligence repugnancy or contrariety in the same But so that express mention of the true annual value or certitude of the premises or of other gifts or grants by us or by any of our progenitors or predecessors heretofore made to the aforesaid Arthur be in nowise made less in these presents Or any other Statute Act Proviso Proclamation or restitution to the contrary of the premises or any of them in any wise notwithstanding IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent WITNESS ourself at Westminster the 9th day of May in the 30th year of our Reign

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The Great Seal of England

Inquisition Post Mortem Sir Arthur Darcy 1561

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(words in italics are uncertain or interpolated or unreadable on the crease)

Indented Inquisition taken at York castle the 29th day of March in the third year (1561) of the reign of Elizabeth by the grace of god Queen of England and Scotland defender of the faith etc. in front of Stephen Holforde knight Escheator for the said lady Queen in the county of Yorkshire the post mortem of Sir Arthur Darcy by virtue of a writ of "De Diem Clausit Extremum" [literally, "closing the last day"] of the said lady Queen post mortem of the said Arthur Darcy knight by the same Escheator directed and annexed to this Inquisition on oath Who say upon their oath that the said Arthur Darcy knight named in the said writ said before his death he was seized in his demesne as of fee of and ... late site and monastery of Salley with its demesne land and part of the same site of the late monastery being in the aforesaid county or elsewhere (*held*) under the Queen of England with all writs liberties and commons wheresoever that by Act of Parliament of lord Henry eight ... England ... lady Queen now unfinished at London the third day of November in the 21st year of his reign (1529) and from thence as far as the vill .. Westm... .. the same by continued ... authority of the same Parliament the same Arthur ...namely they say that he was seized of and in half the manor of Bolton in Craven in

the aforesaid county in the aforesaid form And also of huton Rudbye alias the said hooton next to(iuxta) Rudbye in the aforesaid county And so ... being seized the said Arthur by his testament disposed his lands bearing date 16th September in the second year of the reign of the aforesaid lady Queen (1560) and on oath aforesaid (*as*) shown in the same he gave and bequeathed all the said or late monastery of Salley Bolton in Craven and hooton Rudbye Rudbye with all demesne lands Granges messuages lands tenements buildings woods underwoods rents reversions hereditaments whatsoever in the aforesaid site or late monastery of Salley half the manor of Bolton and the manor of hooton Rudbye alias hooton iuxta Rudbye and their ... appertaining or belonging to henry Darcy gent. son and heir apparent of the aforesaid Arthur and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten And if it happens that the aforesaid Henry Darcy or the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten the aforesaid site or aforesaid late monastery with half the manor of Bolton in Craven aforesaid And the manor of hooton Rudbye alias hooton iuxta Rudbye with all the aforesaid appurtenances Thomas Darcy gent. son of the aforesaid Arthur and the male heirs of his body and for lack of other issue of the body of the said Thomas lawfully begotten remaining thereafter to Edward Darcy another son of the aforesaid Arthur and the male heirs of his body begotten and for lack of other issue of the body of the said Edward lawfully begotten remaining thereafter to Arthur ... son of the aforesaid Arthur and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten And for lack of other issue of the body of the said Arthur lawfully begotten remaining thereafter to Nicholas Darcy another son of the aforesaid Arthur Darcy knight and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten other issue remaining thereafter to John Darcy another son of the aforesaid Arthur and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten And for lack of other issue of the body of the said John lawfully begotten remaining thereafter to Francis Darcy another son of the aforesaid Arthur Darcy and the male heirs of his body begotten And for lack of other issue of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten remaining thereafter (*o valid*) heirs of the aforesaid Arthur Darcy knight in perpetuity Item the jurors declared the aforesaid Arthur Darcy knight the day before his death was seized in his demesne as of fee of and in ... Grange of Styrtton alias Stirton Grange with all messuages cottages mills buildings lands meadows closes pastures woods underwoods tenements and hereditaments appurtenant to the same in the aforesaid county And having been seized being by testament and by will of his lands bearing ... September in the second year of the reign of the lady Queen aforesaid namely in the same shown in the same he gave wished and bequeathed all the aforesaid Granges with all their appurtenances abovesaid to Thomas Darcye his son and male heirs of his body lawfully begotten (*and for lack of*) other issue of the body of Thomas himself lawfully begotten then all the aforesaid Granges with all and singular appurtenances aforesaid remaining and descending to Henry Darcy gent. son apparent of the aforesaid Arthur and male heirs of his body lawfully begotten just as by testament shown the said Arthur made of his goods bearing date the first of April in the third year of the reign the lady Queen abovesaid and by the aforesaid jurors with (*others mentioned*)..... more fully appears Item the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid Arthur Darcy knight the day before his death namely was seized of and in his manor of S(*tainforth*) underbargh in Craven in the aforesaid county and seized being by his testament bearing date the 16th day of September in the year aforesaid by the aforesaid jurors in the same shown he gave wished and bequeathed the aforesaid manor of Staynforth to Edward Darcy his son and heirs his body lawfully begotten And for lack of other issue of the body of the aforesaid Edward

lawfully begotten that then the manor aforesaid with all appurtenances remain and descend to the aforesaid Henry Darcy gent. son and heir apparent of the aforesaid Arthur and the male heirs (*of his*) body lawfully begotten just as by the testament of his goods by the aforesaid jurors shown in the same bearing date the day and year aforesaid is apparent And also the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid Arthur Darcy knight was namely seised ... before his death in his demesne as in manor lately the site of the monastery of Arden with all demesne lands messuages cottages meadows closes pastures grazing woods underwoods and hereditaments ... to his same manor lately lately to the site belonging or appertaining now or lately in the tenure of Christoferson in the aforesaid county and being thence seised by his testament ... by the aforesaid jurors in the same shown he gave wished and bequeathed all the said manor or the late aforesaid site with all demesne lands messuages lands closes pastures grazing woods underwoods and tenements to the same appertaining now or lately in the tenure of Christofer Willmason to Arthur Darcy aforesaid son of Arthur Darcy knight and the male heirs of the body of son Arthur himself lawfully begotten And for lack of other issue of the body of Arthur himself lawfully begotten ... then Henry Darcy and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten as is aforesaid. And moreover the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid Arthur in the said writ named namely was seised the day before his death in his demesne as of fee of and in his manor of and also of his manor of Nappa in Craven in the aforesaid county And being seised by testament of his lands aforesaid he gave wished and bequeathed his aforesaid manor of lanclyf and Nappaye with all messuages cottages lands appurtenances closes pastures grazing woods underwoods ... Frankpledge liberties franchises commons rents reversions and and hereditaments whatsoever appurtenances of the same or belonging to it to Nicholas Darcy son of the aforesaid Arthur and male heirs of his body lawfully begotten (*And*) for lack of other issue of his body lawfully begotten remaining thence ... Henry Darcy gent. son and heir of the same Arthur and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten as is aforesaid. Item the aforesaid jurors say that the same Arthur Darcy knight the day before his death was namely seised in his demesne as (*of fee of and*) in his manor of Potternewton alias Scothall and of and in certain messuages lands meadows closes pastures and grazing in Ardenside and also of and in two messuages or tenements Gatecote and Colbawthe lying and being in Arden and Ardenside being seised by testament his aforesaid lands he gave and bequeathed and wished the aforesaid manor of Potternewton alias Scothall with all messuages lands meadows closes pastures grazing rents reversions and appurtenances of the same manor and all messuages cottages lands and tenements in Ardenside(*Potter*)newton aforesaid two messuages tenements called Gaytcote and Colbwathe with their own their appurtenances lying and being in Arden and Ardenside aforesaid with

all and singular its members and appurtenances whatsoever to John Darcy another son of the aforesaid Arthur and the male heirs of (*his*) body lawfully begotten and for lack of other issue of the body of the said John lawfully begotten that then all things mentioned before remaining and descending to the aforesaid Henry Darcy and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten as is aforesaid Item the aforesaid jurors say upon their oaths (*that*) Arthur Darcy knight the day before his death was otherwise seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the manor of Gisborne Forrest in Craven in the said county And being seised being by testament for disposal of his lands bearing date the 16th day of September (*in the year abovesaid*) by the aforesaid jurors in the same shown he gave and bequeathed the manor of Gisborne Forest in Craven in the

aforesaid county with all messuages lands and tenements rents reversions and *(uits?)* and hereditaments whatsoever lying and being in Gisborne Forrest in Craven in the said county ... Darcy son of the aforesaid Arthur Darcy and the male heirs of his body lawfully begotten And for lack of other issue of his body lawfully begotten remaining thence to Henry Darcy gent. son and heir apparent of the said Arthur and the heirs body lawfully begotten Just as the said Arthur by testament and his last will ... for disposal of his goods bearing date the first day of April in the third year of the reign of the Lady Queen abovesaid the aforesaid jurors above in accordance with holding this Inquisition in the same seised shown And by this part it is clear. Item the aforesaid jurors say that upon their oaths that the aforesaid Arthur Darcy knight by his testament for the setting in order of his lands bearing date the 16th of September in the year abovesaid etc. he wished *(and)* ordained that the aforesaid Henry Darcy and heir apparent of the same Arthur and his heirs in perpetuity for the future to pay and discharge all the aforesaid manors of Staynforthe undrebarghe ... manor or the site of the late monastery of Arden with all demesne lands in Christofer W..... and and manors of lanclyf and Nappay Pottnewton alias Scothall and also all messuages lands and tenements in Arden and Ardenside aforesaid and also manors of Gisborne Forest aforesaid by his testament aforesaid mentioned before appertaining to Edward Darcy Arthur Darcy N*(cholas)* Darcy John Darcy Francis Darcy of and by all services rents rent *(arrears?)* reserved to the lady Queen and from and with all whatsoever of which aforesaid manors or any of them so much ... or ...to the lady Queen or anyone ... or person whomsoever being chief lord of the fee and all released and acquired in perpetuity for tithes and rents abovesaid and the aforesaid Henry Darcy and his heirs not paying and discharging all is aforesaid that then the aforesaid Arthur wished ordained and bequeathed by his testament aforesaid made by setting in order of his lands aforesaid that he well allowed(?) and that which appertained to himself undischarged as aforesaid to enter the manor of Staynton in Craven then lands and tenements in Staynton in Craven aforesaid and the said manor and hereditaments and tenements until the aforesaid manor and everywhere there is discharged of all rents in arrears to other or to any existing *(persons?)* just as by the testament aforesaid more fully appears and contains and to the aforesaid jurors in ... Item the aforesaid jurors say that by testament the lands to the aforesaid same Arthur nevertheless intended that according to law and statute ordained and made statute by this Queen of England is that anyone soever can give and bequeath two parts of all manors lands and tenements and hereditaments himself is seised and who holds of the lady Queen in chief either by military *(service)* by his testament and last wish or other legal method made in his lifetime So that a third part of his manors lands tenements and hereditaments remain and descend to the son and heir apparent because of that the aforesaid jurors say that upon their oaths that the aforesaid Arthur knight in the said writ named was seised the day of his death in his demesne as of fee of the manor of Brynbem alias Brimham with dacre and parcel of the manor of in Neddredale and the manor of Granngemere Craven Also of and in the manor of Gisborne in Craven and of the granges of Clinthorp and Pathorne And of and in the manor of Stannton in Craven aforesaid Also of and in one messuage cottage and one tenement lands meadows and pastures and woods in Swinsden in Craven aforesaid And of and in 40 acres land 20 acres meadows in Galbarghe and Westoye of and in one messuage one cottage one croft and one bovate of land and twenty acres in Nelson in Craven aforesaid and namely was seised the day of his death of and in two messuages three cottages and four bovates land and meadow and sixty acres pasture in horton And of

and in eight messuages one cottage And also of and in four messuages one ... or a granary four closes 40 acres land thirty acres meadow two hundred acres pasture in Remington And of and in one message one cottage one bovat land and meadow one thousand acres pasture and 2s rent in Ralthamell And also of and in one annuity(?) or annual rent of 40s occupied by the Collector(?) of Rybblesdale the annuity received of the manor of clayton and of so much (?) annual rent 20s 8d in Gyggleswike And also of and in five messuages three cottages two hundred acres land eighty acres meadow one thousand acres pasture and grazing for xx... (*centum*) sheep per greater (*long*) hundred in lytton and of and in two messuages two cottages 60 acres land 20 acres meadow one hundred acres pasture with commons and liberties in water and pasture and woods in the townships of Weston Ilkleye and Sterneley in the county aforesaid And also the Rectory of Gargrave with the advowson of the vicar in the same place two messuages five cottages twelve bovates land and meadow and one hundred acres pasture in Gargrave and of and in four tenements and 53s 7d of rent in Grindleton And also of and in one message with three crofts and 20 perches and three bovates three acres meadow and pasture of three hundred sheep per greater (*long*) hundred in the fields and commons of Preston in Craven And also of and in one fishpond or Stayne fishery called malle Wat tue in Craven in the County And of and in one message three cottages nine acres meadow and 40 acres pasture in Downham And of and in one cottage one close one bovat land in Chippinge called hesilhurste riddinge And of and in 60 perches land 23 and acres land and meadow and ... acres pasture in Saylburye in the county and namely of and so much pasture for six hundred per greater (*long*) hundred and forty sheep annually depastured upon marton more in Craven And also of so much annual rent 6s 8d annually in hand of the said receiver(?) of the lady Queen of the Castle of Clyderhowe in Lancaster county And of and in two messuages two cottages 14 bovates land 20 acres meadow two hundred acres pasture lying in honmanbye Fangefosse and Eyton in the aforesaid county And death thereafter seised Item the aforesaid jurors say that the manor or site of the late monastery of Salley with all demesne lands appertaining to the same and half the manor of Bolton in Craven aforesaid is held of the lady Queen *in capite* and as mentioned above they say that ...of hoton Rudby alias hooton iuxta rudby is held of the said lady Queen but by what ... the aforesaid jurors are wholly ignorant Item the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid manor or Grange of Styrtton Grange aforesaid is held of the said Queen as of *capite* And similarly the aforesaid jurors say that the manor of Staynforthe underbarghe aforesaid is held of the said Queen as of her Crown *in capite* Item the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid manor of Arden with all demesne lands and tenements in the tenure of Christofer Wil.... of the said lady Queen *in capite* And as above the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid manors of lanclyf and Nappay are held of the aforesaid lady Queen *in capite* and which aforesaid manor of Pottnewton alias Scothall is held of the lord of the county in socage and by rent And which aforesaid messuages lands and tenements in Ardenside aforesaid is held of the lady Queen as of his manor of Estgrenewithe in the county of Lanc(aster) by fealty only and not *in capite* Item the aforesaid jurors say that the manor of Gysborne Forrest in Craven of the said lady Queen *in capite* as of her Crown Item the aforesaid jurors say that the manor of Brymbem alias Brymham with decr (*Dacre*) parcel of Seilley in Netherdale is held of the said lady Queen but by what the jurors are ignorant And which aforesaid manor and (*all and*) singular messuages cottages lands and tenements in Grangmere and the manors of Gisborne in Craven Grange of Clynthorpe and paythorne with all messuages cottages lands tenements and hereditaments in the same And also the

aforesaid messuages cottages and other things mentioned before in S.... and all lands and meadows in Galbarghe and Westby and also the aforesaid messuages Tofts and crofts and lands in Newsom and the aforesaid messuages cottages tenements meadows and pastures in haton hollgill Remyngton Rawthemell Settell Claytope Giggleswike lytton Weston Ilkley Rectory of Gargrave with members and messuages cottages and other things mentioned before in Gargreve Grindleton Marton and Martonmore and all messuages lands and tenements in Staynton are held of the said lady Queen *in capite* by (*own?*) military (*service*) and by rent £26 11s 10d for all (*service?*) And also the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid messuages cottages and all lands and tenements aforesaid in honmanby Stangefosse and Eyton are held of the aforesaid lady Queen *in capite* by (*service?*) forty *doing?*... .. military fealty and by rent 23s 10d at the Feast of Saint Michael so much Item the aforesaid jurors say the manor..... site of the late monastery of Salley with all demesne lands and other hereditaments mentioned before are worth per annum in all over and above deductions £6 16s 1d And that half the manor of Bolton in Craven aforesaid is worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £11 9s 11d And that the aforesaid manor of hooton Rudbye alias hooton iuxta Rudbye is worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions 5d And also they say that his manor of Grange of Stirton alias Stirton Grange is worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £18 13s 4d Item they say that the manor of Stanforthe undreberghe is worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £.... 15s 10d Item they say that the manor of Arden with all demesne lands in the tenure of Christofer Williamson is worth per annum in all profits £39 3s 4d And as the aforesaid jurors say above the aforesaid manors of lanclyf and Nappaye are worth (*per annum*) in all profits over and above deductions £27 8s 4d And that the manor of Pottnewton alias Scothall aforesaid the messuages lands and tenements in Arden and Ardenside are worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £25 And that the manor of Gisborne Forest aforesaid is worth per annum profits over and above deductions £22 9s 6d And that the manor of Brymbem alias Brymham with dacre and parcel of the manor of Benley in Netherdale is worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £120 Item the aforesaid jurors say that the manor lands and tenements in Grangmere aforesaid is worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £16 10s 8d And that the aforesaid manor of Gisborne with appurtenances is worth per annum in all profits over and above £14 8s 11d And as the jurors say above Grange of Glenthorpe and all messuages lands and tenements in Glenthorp and Pathorne are worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £12 18d Item they say that the manor of Staynton is worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £4 2s Item the aforesaid jurors (say) that all the aforesaid messuages tenements meadows pastures and hereditaments (*ying*) and being in Swinden Galbarghe Newson horton holgill Rimington Newbye Rawthemell Settle Claytopp Giggleswike litton Ilkley S.... .. Weston Preston and maw wat tue marton and marton more are worth per annum in all profits over and above £9And also the aforesaid jurors say upon their oaths that the Rectory of Gargrave with glebe (lands) and its other and all messuages cottages lands and tenements in Gargrave aforesaid are worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £50 6s 8d And that the aforesaid messuages (*cottages lands tenements hereditaments*) in Grindleton aforesaid are worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions 67s 4d messuages cottages lands and tenements in Fangefosse honmanbye and Ayton are worth per annum in all profits over and above deductions £10 6s 8d Item the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid Arthur Darcy knight named in the said

death the third day of April And that Henry Darcy gent. is son and heir apparent of the said Arthur and that he was of full age the day of the death of the aforesaid Arthur (*mentioned above*) namely 22 years (*unclear word inserted above line*) and more Item the aforesaid jurors say upon their oaths that the aforesaid Arthur (*darcy*) knight in the said writ named was not seised in his demesne as of fee or fee entailed or otherwise nor this nor held other things or lands or tenements of the said lady Queen in the county of York or of other things or of other (*person or?*) persons the day of his departure other than who is as aforesaid

In witness whereof etc.

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predicta Maneria mesuagia terras prata pasturas /17/ boscos & redditus ac cetera omnia & singula premissa superius expressa & specificata cum pertinentiis /18/ a prefatis henrico Thoma Edwardo Arthuro Nicholao Johanne & Francisco recipere possint & tenere /19/ sibi ac heredibus & assignatis ipsius Ricardi de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia predicta sicut /20/ pre dictum est imperpetuum tenore presentium similiter licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus /21/ nostris predictis damus specialem Nolentes quod predicti henricus Thomas Edwardus Arthurus /22/ Nicholaus Johannes & Franciscus vel heredes sui aut prefati Ricardus & Raphael vel heredes /23/ ipsius Ricardi ratione premissorum per nos heredes uel successores nostros aut per Justiciarios Escaetores /24/ Vicecomites Balliuos aut alios Officiarios seu Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum vel /25/ successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur impetantur vexentur in aliquo seu /26/ grauentur nec eorum aliquis occasionetur molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo seu grauetur In /27/ cuius rei &c T(este) R(egina) apud Westm(onasterium) secundo die Maij ..

The Queen to all to whom &c. greeting. Know that we of our special grace and for twelve pounds six shillings and eight pence paid to our *Firmarius* by virtue of our letters patent have granted and given licence and for ourselves our heirs and successors as much as lies in us by the presents grant and give licence to our beloved and faithful Henry Darcy knight and to our beloved Thomas Darcy Edward Darcy Arthur Darcy Nicholas Darcy John Darcy & Francis Darcy esquires that they may be able to give & grant alienate or recognise by fine or by recovery in our Court before our Justices of the Bench or in any other manner soever at the desire of the same Henry Thomas Edward Arthur Nicholas John & Francis to our beloved Richard Cutts the younger esquire & Raphael Pemberton gentleman the manors of Langclieff & Nappay with appurtenances and fifty messuages thirty cottages forty tofts one water mill two dovecotes forty gardens two thousand acres of land three hundred acres of meadow two thousand acres of pasture thirty acres of wood two thousand acres of furze and heath three hundred acres of moor and four pounds of rent with appurtenances in Longclieff & Nappay in our county of York which are held of us in Chief (*in Capite*) as it is called to have and to hold to the same Richard & Raphael and the heirs & assigns of that Richard for ever of us our heirs & successors by the services therefrom due and of law accustomed And to the same Richard & Raphael that they themselves may be able to receive from the aforesaid Henry Thomas Edward Arthur Nicholas John & Francis the aforesaid manors messuages lands meadows pastures woods and rents and all and singular the remaining premises expressed and specified above with appurtenances & to hold them to themselves and the heirs & assigns of that Richard of us our heirs & successors by the aforesaid services as is aforesaid for ever by the tenor of the presents similarly we have given and for us our heirs and successors aforesaid we give special licence Not wishing that the aforesaid Henry Thomas Edward Arthur Nicholas John & Francis or their heirs or the aforesaid Richard & Raphael or the heirs of that Richard by reason of the premises be troubled molested vexed with claims vexed or burdened in anything therefrom by us our heirs or successors or by our justices escheators sheriffs bailiffs or other officers or ministers whatsoever or those of our said heirs or successors nor that any of them be

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whereof &c witness the Queen at Westminster on the second day of May.

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Crastino sancte Trinitatis Anno Regnorum Elizabethae dei gratia Anglie Francie &
Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &cetera a Conquestu Vicesimo quarto Coram
Edmundo Anderson' Thoma Meade Francisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam'
Justiciariis & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Ricardum
Cutt(es) Junioem Armigerum & Raphaellem Pemberton' Generosum querentes Et
Henricum Darcy Militem Thomam Darcy Edwardum Darcy Arthurum Darcy
Nicholaum Darcy Johannem Darcy & Franciscum Darcy Armigeros deforciantes de
Manerijs de Langclieff & Nappay cum pertinenciis Ac de quinquaginta mesuagijs
triginta Cotagijs quadraginta toftis Vno Molendino aquatico duobus columbar(iis)
quadraginta gardinis duobus Millibus acrarum terre trescentis acris prati duobus
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predictorum Henrici Thome Edwardi Arthuri Nicholai Johannis & Francisci Et illa
remiserunt & quietumclamaverunt de ipsis Henrico Thoma Edwardo Arthuro
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heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus

ipsius Ricardi predicta Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis contra predictum Franciscum & heredes suos imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietumclamacione Warantia fine & concordia ijdem Ricardus & Raphael dederunt predictis Henrico Thome Edwardo Arthuro Nicholao Johanni Francisco septingentas & quadraginta libras sterlingorum.

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This Indenture triptyte made the twentye day of Aprill in the xxiiij th yere of the Reigne of our Sovereigne / Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god quene of England France & Ireland Defender of the faith & etc/ betwene the right worshippfull Sir henry Darcy knight & Thomas Darcy Edward Darcy Arthure/ Darcy John Darcy & Francis Darcy Esquires brethren of the said Sir henry Darcy of the first/ parte Nicholas Darcy Esquire one other of the brethren of the sayd Sir henry Darcy of the seconde/ parte And Richard Cuttes the younger of Debden in the Countye of Essex Esquire & Raphaell/ Pemberton of Turvey (?) in the Countye of bedforde gentleman of the thirde parte Whereas Sir Arthure/ Darcy knyght deceased naturall father of the sayd Sir henry Thomas Edward Arthure Nicholas/ John & Francis Darcy by his last will & Testament in wrytinge willed & Devysed amongst other/ thinges unto the said Nicholas Darcy his sonne All those his Manor of Lanckeclyf & Nappaye/ with all & singuler there members & appurtenances in the County of yorke. And all & singuler his/ Landes messuages Tenementes rentes reversiones services Courtes Leetes liberties Franchises profyttes/ Commodities & hereditamentes whatsoever to the sayd Manores of Lanckelyf & Nappay aboveseyd/ or to eyther of them belonginge or apperteyninge. And all other his Landes tenementes & hereditamentes/ whatsoever in Lanckelyf & Nappay aboveseyd or in eyther of them. To have & to hold the/

sayd Manors of Lanckelyf & Nappay & all other the premisses with thappertenences unto the sayd Nicholas/

Darcy & to theires males of his bodye Lawfully begotten. The Remynder thereof for lacke of/ such issewe to the sayd Arthure Darcy his sonne & to theires males of the bodye of the sayd Arthure/ lawfully begotten. And for default of such issewe of the bodye of the sayd Arthure Darcy lawfully/ begotten The Remynder thereof to the sayd John Darcy his sonne & to theirs males of the bodye/ of the sayd John Darcy lawfully begotten. And for default of such issewe of the bodye of the sayd/ John Darcy lawfully begotten The Remynder thereof to the sayd Frannces Darcy his sonne & to/ theirs males of the bodye of the sayd Frannces Darcy lawfully begotten. And for default os such issew/ of the bodye of the sayd Frannces lawfully begotten. The Remynder thereof to the sayd Thomas/ Darcy his sonne & to theirs males of his bodye lawfully begotten. And for lacke of such/ issewe the Remynder thereof to the right heirs of the sayd Sir Arthure Darcy for ever as by the / same last will more plainely emongses(?) other thinges appearethe. Now witnesseth this Indenture/ that for & in consideracon that a sure (?) perfytte & absolute estate in fee symple should be had/ conveyed & assured unto the sayd Nicholas Darcy & to his heirs & assignes for ever of & in the/ sayd Manors of Lanckelyf & Nappay aforesayd & of all other the Landes Tenementes & hereditamentes/ in Lanckelyf & Nappay aforesayd. And of & in all other the Premisses with all & singuler there/ appurtenances in Lanckelyf & Nappay aforesayd or in eyther of them in the sayd county of yorke/ And to thintent & purpose that all estate & estates in taylor mencyoned in the sayd last will And/ testament of the sayd Sir Arthure Darcy in a Shedule or Codycill annexed unto the sayd will/ of the sayd manors and other the premysse should be & utterly extinct. And for dyvers other good/ causes & reasonable consyderacons the parties to thes Indentes especially moveinge. It ys/ covenanted granted condyscended contended & fully agreed by & betwene all the sayd parties to/ these present Indentures in maner & forme followinge. That ys to say first the sayd Sir henry/ Darcy Thomas Edward Arthure John & Frannces Darcy & every of them by & for himself/ his heirs execs & admynstrators severally covennanteth grannteth & agreyth to & with the sayd Nicholes/

Darcy his heirs & assignes by thes presentes that the sayd Sir henry Darcy Thomas/ Edward Arthure John & Frannces Darcy or some one of them ...together with the/ sayd Nicholas Darcy upon the reasonable request & at the onely cost & chardges in the / law of the sayd Nicholas Darcy his heirs or assignes on this syde or before the feast of/ thannunciacon of our Lady sayt mary the virgin next ensewinge the date of these presentes/ shall ... a Fyne or Fynes & suffer the same to be entered & engrossed in due forme of/ ... with proclamacon accordinge to the forme of statute in such case provyded of the sayd/ manors of Lanckelyf & Nappay above sayd in the sayd Countye of yorke & of all & singuler/ the messuages Landes tenementes with reversiones services & hereditamentes whatsoever/ with all & singuler there appurtenances to the sayd manors landes or tenementes belonginge/ or anywyse appurteyninge or reputed taken used of knowne as parte parcell or/ member of the sayd manors landes & tenementes & hereditamentes unto the sayd Richard/ Cutes & Raphaell Pemberton by the names of the manors of Lanckelyf & Nappay/ with thappurtenances And of fyftee messuages thirtye cotages fortye toftes one watermyll/ twoe ... howses Forty gardens two thowsand acres of lande three hundrethe acres of / medowe twoe thowsand acres of pasture thirtye acres of woodes twoe thowsand acres/ of Fures & heath three hundrethe acres of more & foure poundes rent(?) with there/ appurtennces in Lanckelyf & Nappay afforesayd or by any other name or names whatsoever/ ///

By sayd fyne or Fynes so to be Levyd the sayd Sir henry Thomas Edward Arthur Nicholas/ John and Francisco darcey shall recognyse the sayd Manors and tenementes With thappurtenances to be the/

Right of the sayd Richard Cuttes as those the sayd Richard and Raphael shall then have of the/

.... of the said Sir henry Thomas Edward Arthur Nicholas John and Francisco darcy And the same/
shall remyse and quyte claim frome them the sayd Sir henry Thomas Edward Arthur Nicholas/
John and Francisco and their heyres unto the sayd Richard and raphael and to the heires/
of the sayd Richard And further the sayd Sir henry and his heires by the same fyne or fynes and/
by the concorde therof shall warrante the sayd Manors landes tenementes and other the premysses/
with their appurtenances unto the sayd Richard and Raphael and the heires of the sayd Richard agaynst/
hym the sayd Sir henry and his heires And the sayd Thomas Darcy and his heires by the same fyne/
or fynes and by the concorde therof shall warrante the sayd manors landes tenementes and other/
the premysses with their appurtenances unto the sayd Richard and Raphael and to the sayd heires of the
sayd/

Richard agaynst hym the sayd Thomas darcy and his heires And the sayd Edward Darcy/
and his heyres by the same fyne *etc ut sup per Thoma*. And the sayd Arthur Darcy *etc ut dicit per/
Thoma darcy* And the sayd Nicholas and his heires etc as is sayd of Thomas. And the sayd John/
Darcy and his heires etc as is sayd of Thomas And the sayd Francisco darcy and his/
heires etc as is sayd before of Thomas is And it is further covenanted grannted/
..... and fully agreyd by and betwene the sayd parties for them and everye of them/
and for the heires of everye of them by thes presentes that aswell the sayd Fyne and Fynes and all/
& every conveyance and assurance of all and synguler the sayd manors messuages landes tenementes
and/

of all other the premysses with the appurtenances or of any parcel therof to be had levyd or made/
by the sayd Sir henry Thomas Edward Arthur Nicholas John and Frannces or by some or/
any of theym unto the sayd Richard and Raphael shalbe and shalbe (sic) ad.. dem.. and taken/
to be so thonely proper use and behooff of the sayd Nicholas Darcy and of his heires & assignes/
... and to none other use use se yntent intentes nor purposes And the sayd Sir henry/
Darcy doth covenant & grannte for hyme(?) his heirs executors & admynstrators to & with the sayd
Nicholas/

Darcy his heirs & assignes by these presentes that he the sayd Nicholas Darcy his heirs and/
assignes & every of them shall or may att all tymes hereafter for evermore peaceably & quietly/
have hold occupye & enioye the sayd manors landes tenementes hereditamentes & all other the/
premisses with all & singuler thappurtenances without the lawfull lett interruption or disturbance of the
sayd/

Sir henry or of his heirs or of any other person or persons clamyinge by from of under the tittle of/
hime them or any of them. And the sayd Thomas Darcy doth lykwyse covennant etc/
as before ys sayd of Sir henry. And the sayd John Darcy doth likewise covennant &tc as before/
is sayd of the sayd Sir henry. And the sayd Frannces Darcy doth covennant &tc as before is sayd/
of the sayd Sir henry. And the sayd Sir henry Darcy, Thomas &tc doth severally covennant grannt &
agree to & with the sayd Nicholas/

Darcy his heirs & assignes by these presentes That they the sayd Sir henry Thomas &tc & every of/
them & theirs of every of them at all tymes & from tyme to tyme thereafter dureing the space of tenne/
yers next ensyueinge the date hereof at the costes & charges in the lawe of the sayd Nicholas/
darcy his heirs or assignes & uppon lawfull request to be made in that behest(?) shall soe make/
knowledge execute & suffer cause & procure to be made done knowledged executed & suffred/
all & every such further reasonable acte & actes thinge & thinges devyse & devyses in the law
whatsoever/

for the better assurance sure makeinge & conveyinge of the sayd manors landes tenementes & of all/
other the premisses with all & singuler their appurtenances of every parte & parcell ys of unto the sayd/
Nicholas darcy his heirs & assignes or to any other person or persons as the sayd Nicholas darcy/
his heirs or assignes shall nomynate & appoynte in such sorte manner & forme as by the sayd/
Nicholas darcy his heirs or assignes or by his or there learned counsell in the lawe shalbe/
reasonably (sic) advysed or devysed & required with warranty onely as afforesayd which sayd acte/

and actes thinge & thinges devyes & devyses shalbe to thonely use & behoof of the sayd Nicholas/
darcy his heirs or assignes & to any other use intent or purpose. In wytnes whereof to the/
first parte of these Indentures remaynyng with the abovenamed Sir henry darcy Thomas/
Darcy Edward darcy Arthure darcy John darcy & Frannces darcy, the abovesayd/
Nicholas darcy Richard Cuttes & Raphael Pemberton have sett there seales to the seconde parte/
thereof remayninge with the abovesayd Nicholas darcy The abovesayd Sir henry darcy Thomas/
darcy Edward darcy Arthure darcy John darcy Frannces darcy Richard Cuttes/
Raphael Pemberton have sett there seales to the thirde parte thereof remayninge/
with the sayd Richard Cuttes & Raphael Pemberton. The abovesayd Sir henry/
darcy Thomas darcy Edward darcy Arthure darcy John darcy Frannces darcy/
& Nicholas darcy have sett there sealles the day & yeare first above wrytten./

Henry darcy/ Thomas darcy/ Edward darcy/ Arthure darcy/ John darcy/ Frannces darcy/ Richard Cuttes
Raphael Pemberton

Sealled & delivered by the within named Sir Henry darcy/ Tho darcy Edward darcy/ Arthure darcy
Richard Cuttes & Raphael Pemberton in the presence of Richard Cuttes thelder Ro. Cage.
John Lentet scr (?) (*scribe?*)

Sealled & delivered by the within named John darcy, & Frannces darcy in the presence of Ro. Cage,
Cuthbert Brathwayte & Robert wright

(Following page crossed out notes the date of February 1588)

Nicholas Darcy to Henry Billingsley Chancery document 1585, 1591
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This Indenture made the nyne and twentieth daye of November in the foure and thirtieth
yeare of the raigne of our sovraigne ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of
England France and Ireland defender of the faith between Nicholas Darcy of
Northampton in the countie of Northampton Esquire one of the sonnes of Sir Arthure
Darcy knight deceased and Henry Billingsley citizen and Alderman of London of the
one partie And Richard Foster the younger Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder
Richard Foster his sonne Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson of
Wynskale.....Lordshippe of Langcliffe in the parishe of Giggleswicke in the Countie
of York yomen Henry Paycocke and Michell Saylbanke of Cowsyde within the said
Lordshipp of Langcliffe in the said Countie of York yomen of the other partie
witnesseth that **whereas** the said Nicholas Darcy by **his Indenture of lease** bearing
date the nynth day of February in the seven and twentieth yere of the raigne of our said
sovrain ladye Quene Elizabeth (**1585**) for and uppon dyvse (diverse) good and
lawfull causes and considerations in the said Indenture mentioned dyd demys grant
and to farme lett unto the said Henry Billingsley by the name of Henry Billingsley
citizen and haberdasher of London All those the mannors of Langcliffe and Nappey
withall and singular their righte members and (word missing) appurtenance

whatsoever in the said Countie of York And all and singular messuages edyffics buildings lands tenements rents revercions suits court letes libties franchises profitts comodities and heredytaments whatsoever to the said manors of Langcliffe and Nappey or to either of them belonging or in any wise appteyning or accepted reputed taken known used occupied demysed or letten to or with the said messuages or either of them or as part parcel or member of them or either of them And all and singular other the messuage land tenement rent revercion profitt and heredytament whatsoever of the said Nicholas Darcy withall and singuler their appurtenance situate lyinge being *comying* growing or renewing of or within the townes parishes hamletts and feilds of Langcliffe and Nappey aforesaid and in either or everye of them in the said Countie of York And also the revercion and revercions of all and singuler the premisses and all and singuler rents and profitts whatsoever incydent unto the same revercion and revercions to have and to hold the same unto the said Henry Billingsley his executors admynstrators and assignes from the day of the date of the said rented Indentures unto and terme and for and during all the terme of fyve hundreth yeares from thence next following and fully to be complett and ended under the condition in the said rented Indentures mentioned with dyvse other covenants matters agreements and things in the same rented Indentures mentioned as by the same Indentures more at large appeareth **And whereas** the said Nicholas Darcy for the further assurance of the said manor of Langcliffe and **the better confirmyng** of the state of the said Henry Billingsley and his saide terme of yeares therein And uppon intent to extinguish the condition conteyned in the said rented Indenture of lease by **his other dede or wryting** under his hande and seale bearing date the eight day of August in the eight and twentieth yeare of the raigne of our said sovraigne ladye Quene Elizabeth (**1586**) for the consideration therein specified dyd **approve ratyfie and confirme** unto the said Henry Billingsley his executors admynstrators and assignes the said **Indenture of lease** and the grante thereby made of the said manors of Langcliffe and Nappey together withall and singular the messuages lands tenements rentes revercions heredytaments comodities and premisses by the saide Indenture of lease mentioned to be demysed with the appurtenance and all and every other things conteyned in the said Indenture of lease and the fulle right title and terme which the said Henry Billingsley had to and in the said and premysses with their appurtenance and to and in everie parte thereof by force of the said Indenture of lease to have and to hold the said manors messuages lands rents heredytaments and premisses by the said Indenture of lease mentioned to be demysed with the appurtenance unto the said Henry Billingsley his executors admynstrators and assignes from the day of the date of the said rented Indenture of lease for and during all the residue of the said terme of fyve hundreth yeares therein mentioned to be demysed and then remayning to come and unexpyred without ympeachment of or for anye manner of waste with further covenants grants agreements and things therein conteyned as by the said last rented dede more fully appeareth **And whereas** also the said **Nicholas Darcy by one recognizance of the nature of the statute staple** bearing date the ayatenth day of November in the six and twentieth yeare of the raigne of our said sovraigne ladye Quene Elizabeth (**1584**) standeth bound unto the said Henry Billingsley in the some of one thousande poundes of lawfull money of England payable as by the said recognizance or statute more playnely maye appeare **And whereas also the said Nicholas Darcy by one other recognizance of the nature of the statute staple** bearing date the fouretenth day of August in the said six and twentieth yeare of said raigne (**1584**) standeth bound unto the said Henry Billingsley in the some of one thousande and two hundreth

pounde of lawfull money of England payable as by the said recognizance or statute more playnely also may appeare Nowe this Indenture witnesseth that they the said Nicholas Darcy and Henry Billingsley aswell for and in consideration of the some of fyve hundreth thirtie seaven pounds twelve shillings and nyne pence of lawfull money of England to them the saide Nicholas Darcy and Henry Billingsley in hande before then sealing and delyverie of these presents by the saide Richard Giles Thomas Richard Thomas Christopher Henry and Michael well and trulye contented satisfied and payde whereof and wherewith they the saide Nicholas Darcy and Henry Billingsley doe acknowledge and confess them selves and either of them to be well and trulye contented satisfied and payde and all the other persons above named and everie of them theye and everie of their heyres executors and admynstrators thereof and of evrye (?) parcell thereof to be fully and thereby acquitted exonerated and discharged forever by these presents have demysed bargained solde assigned sett over and confirmed and by these presents doe.....and absolutely demyse bargaine sett assigne sett over and confirme unto the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster Richard Foster Thomas Foster Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke their executors administrators and assignes All those seaven several messuages with their appurtenances nowe being in the several tenures or occupations of the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke Michael Saylbanke and one Elizabeth Foster Wydowe or of their assigne or assignes sett lying and being in Wynskall and Cowesyde aforesaide within the saide Lordshippe of Langcliffe And also all howses buildings yardes gardens and crofts to the saide messuages or anye of them nowe belonging or to or with the same or anye of them nowe used occupied or letten And also threescore andf two acres twentie and fyve polles be they more or lesse of arrable lande andf meadowe lying and being in Wynskale and Cowsyde aforesaide within the saide Lordshippe of Langcliffe and nowe or late in the several tenures or occupations of them the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke or their assigne or assignes And alsoe two hundreth sixe acres two roodes and foure polles of pasture lying and being within the saide Lordshippe of Langcliffe in the saide countie of yorke that is to witt (?) begynnyng att aclose called the Purse And soe following the wall and dytche to the west ende of one greate close of pasture called Hensyde And from there following the south syde of.....nere to a geate of Hensyde close called the Locke grene gate And from there.....to aclose called Robert Saylbanke calfe close att Cowsyde aforesaide And from the same calfe close to aclose called the Cow Close and soe to the corner of Wynskale ynge as measure shall aforde the same All which acres of lande meadowe and pasture shal conteyne the the (sic) rate of fyve ells and a halfe to everie polle and one polle in breadthe and fortie polles in lengthe to everie roode And the saide Nicholas Darcy and Henry Billingsley for the consideration aforesaide doe clerelye and absolutely bargayne and sett unto the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Richard Foster his sonne Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke their heyres executors and assignes all woode underwoode and trees growing or being in or uppon the premisses before by these presents intended to be bargayned solde demysed assigned sett over or confirmed together with the retention(?) retentions (?) remaynders of all and anye the saide premisses and of anye parte and parcell thereof before by these presents to be bargayned and grannted over as aforesaide for the saide time of fyve hundreth yeares And all rents yssues and yerely proffitts whatsoever uppon any demyse or lease made

of the premisses of anye parte or parcell of the same together alsoe withall the whole estate righte title.....possession of inheritance benefytt proffitt clayme and demande which they the saide Nicholas Darcy and Henry Billingsley or either of them their or either of their heyres executors admynstrators or assignestyme or tymes heretofore have had att this tyme have or otherwyse shall inioye or ought to have (?) to be entytled to have of in or to the saide messuages tenements and premisses assigned settover or confirmed with their appurtenances or of or to.....or parcell?) of the same to have and to holde the saide messuages tenements and all other the saide premisses before (?) in and by these presents bargayned alyned (?) solde settover and assigned as aforesaide withall and.....their appurtenances unto the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Richard Foster his sonne Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke their executors admynstrators and assignes from and ymedattlye after the making of these presents for and during (?) and unto the full ende and time and duringe all the reste and residue of the saide time of fyve hundreth yeares soe thereof grannted by the saide Nicholas Darcy unto the saide Henry Billingsley as aforesaide as yett are unexpyred not ended orwithout ympeachment of anye manner of waste And alsoe in as full free large and ample manner and forme to all intentes and purposes as they the saide Nicholas Darcy and Henry Billingsley or either of them have or of right oughte or are entytled to have the saide premisses or anye parte thereof by anye waye righte title or meanes whatsoever And the saide Nicholas darcy fro hym selfe his heyres executors and admynstrators and anye of them dothe covenante grannte conclude condyscende and fullye agree to and with the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Richard Foster his sonne Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke and anye of them their and hires of their executors admynstrators and assignes by these presents thatt the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Richard Foster his sonne Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke their and anye of their executors admynstrators and assignes and heires of them shall and maye att all.....tyme and tymes hereafter during the contynuance of the saide time of fyve hundreth yeares soe before tyme grannted of the saide premisses as aforesaide lawfullye quyetye and peceably have holde occupye and enioye the saide premisses with their appurtenances and anye parte and parcell thereof before in and by these presents bargayned solde and grannted over as aforesaide without anye lett suite denyall troble vexation interruption wiccion(?) (eviction?) action (?) or anye other incombrance whatsoever of hym the saide Nicholas Darcy his heyres or assignes or of anye other person or persons lawfullye clayming by or under his estates or title or by or under the title of Sir Arthure darcy knighte father of the saide Nicholas or anye of the sonnes of the same Sir Arthure in anywyse And further also that the saide premysses withall and singuler their appurtenances before an and by these presents mentioned to be bargayned solde and grannted over as aforesaide the daye of the date of these presents are and soe from tyme to tyme and att all and anye tyme and tymes hereafter during the contynuance of the saide time of fyve hundreth yeares soe thereof grannted as aforesaide shall remayne contynue and be unto them the saide Richard Foster Giles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Richard Foster Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke their and anye of them their executors admynstrators and assignes free and clere and frelye and clerelye acquitted exonerated discharged or otherwyse from tyme to tyme saved and kepte harmeles by the saide Nicholas Darcy his heyres and assignes of and from all and all manner of

former bargaynes.....sales gyftes grannted leases estates annuyties fees wynters(?)
dowers fynes.....accomptes condemp..... iudgements extents executions rents
rente charge rente secke(?) arrerage of rents uses conditions forfeitures statutes and
recognizances and from all other acts charges titles troubles incumbrances and
demandes whatsoever heretofore had made done knowledged or suffred or hereafter
to be had made done knowledged or suffred of the saide premisses by the saide
Nicholas darcy or by the saide Sir Arthur Darcy knight or either of them or anye
clayming by or under them or either of them or anye of the sonnes of the saide Sir
Arthure in anywyse the rente and suite hereafter to be due to the cheyfe Lorde or
Lorde of the fee or fees thereof and all leases made of the premisses to the saide
Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Richard Foster Thomas Foster the
younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke and by vertue
whereof they the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster thelder Richard
Foster Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson Henry Paycocke and Michael
Saylbanke or anye of them have or hathe occupied and taken the proffitte thereof And
the saide first recyted Indenture of demyse and lease and the saide statute or
recognizance soe had made or knowledged by the saide Nicholas of the saide
premisses (?) onlye excepted and foreprysed And further also that he the saide
Nicholas Darcy his heyres and assignes and all and anye other person or persons
which nowe stande or are seized or which att anye tymes hereafter shall stande
contynue or be seized of the saide premysses and lawfullye clayming by from or
under the title of the saide Nicholas Darcy his heyres or assignes or from by in or
under the saide Sir Arthure Darcy for the tyme beinge as he they or anye of them
shalbe thereunto required by the saide Richard Foster Gyles Foster Thomas Foster
thelder Richard Foster his sonne Thomas Foster the younger Christopher Lawson
Henry Paycocke and Michael Saylbanke or anye of them their and anye of their
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The said Henry his heyres executors admynstrators or assignes or any of them and without any other lett suite tolle denial negation interruption omission *action* or any other incumbrances whatsoever of hym the said Henry Billingsley his heires executors admynstrators or assignes or of any other person or persons lawfully having any estate or title in or to the premisses by from or under the said Henry Billingsley his heyres or assignes or any of them And further alsoe that the said premisses with all and singuler their appurtenance before in and by theis present mentioned to be bargained solde and granted over as aforesaid the daye of the date of this present are and doe from tyme to tyme and at all and any tyme and tymes hereafter duringe the continuance of the said tyme of fyve hundreth yeares thereof granted as aforesaid shall remayne continue and be unto the said Willm. Carre John Brayshaw George Lawson Lawrence Yveson Thomas Preston Thomas Newhouse John Lupton and Egydii (Giles) Cookeson and any of them they and any of their executors admynstrators and assignes free and cleare and freely and clearly acquitted *exonerated* and discharged or otherwise from tyme to tyme within convenient tyme after notice and request thereof to be made and given unto the said Henry Billingsley his heyres executors or admynstrators saved and kept *harmless* of and from all and all manner of former and other bargaynes sales gifts grants leases estates annuities *agreements* executions rents of rent uses conditions forfeitures statute and recognizance and of and from all other *acte* charge titles troubles incumbrances and demandes whatsoever heretofore had made done or knowledged or hereafter to be had made done or knowledged by or unto the said Henry Billingsley his heyres executors admynstrators or assignes or by any other person or persons having any estate or interest by or under the estate title or interest of the said Henry Billingsley in any wise the rents and heretofore due or hereafter to be due for the said premisses to the cheefe Lorde or Lordes of the fee or fees thereof only excepted and And the said Henry Billingsley for hym selfe his heyres executors and admynstrators doth further covenante and grante to and with the said Willm. Carr John Brayshaw George Lawson Lawrence Iveson Thomas Preston Thomas Newhouse John Lupton and Ejdii Cookeson and any of them they and any of their heyres executors and admynstrators that the said Henry Billingsley his heyres executors and admynstrators or assignes nor any of them shall not at any tyme or tymes hereafter by force of the said denial rented statute or recognizance or upon any *agreement* or execution thereupon to be extended or to be extended the said premisses before by theis presente mentioned to be bargayned solde and granted over as aforesaid or any parte or parcell thereof nor otherwise by color or virtue of the same title any the rente yssues or profite thereof nor otherwise interrupte or disturb the possession of them the said William Carr John Brayshaw George Lawson Lawrence Iveson Thomas Preston Thomas Newhouse John Lupton and Ejdii Cookeson or of any of them or of they or anye of their heyres executors admynstrators or assignes of in or to the premisses or any parte thereof in anywise In witnes whereof the parties aforesaid to theis presente Indentures interchangeablie have sett their handes and seales the daye and yeare firste above written

Et memorandum dies et anno suprascript presat Nichus Darcy Armiger et Henricus Billingsley venerunt coram Ira dua regina in cancellaria sua et recognonerunt indent uram predictam et omnia et singula in eadem content et specificat in forma supra

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Sale of the manor

No. 4 Darcy/Billingsley/Atwill 8th August 1586

To all men to whom this present writing shall come Nicholas Darcy of London Esquire sendeth greetings may please god everlasting whereas I the said Nicholas Darcy by my Indenture of lease bearing date the ninth day of February in the seven and twentieth year (1585) of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth the Queen's majesty that now is did for the consideration therein specified demise grant and to farm let unto Henry Billingsley citizen and Alderman of London by the name of Henry Billingsley citizen and haberdasher of London All those the manors of Langcliffe and Nappay with all and singular their right members and appurtenances whatsoever in the county of york And all and singular messuages houses edifices buildings land tenements rents reversions suits courts leets liberties franchises profits commodities and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manors of Langcliffe and Nappay aforesaid or to either of them belonging or in any wise appurtenant or accepted reputed taken known used occupied demised or let to or with the said manors or either of them or as part parcel or member of them or either of them And all and singular other the messuages lands tenements rents reversions suits profits and hereditaments whatsoever of me the said Nicholas Darcy with all and singular their appurtenances situate lying being coming growing or renning?) of or within the towns parishes hamlets and fields of Langcliffe and Nappay aforesaid and in any or any of them in the said county of york And also the reversion and reversions of all and singular the premises and all and singular rents and profits whatsoever incident unto the said reversion and reversions To have and to hold the said manors messuages lands tenements rents reversions suits and hereditaments and all and singular other the premises with their appurtenances unto the said Henry Billingsley his executors administrators and assigns from the day of the date of the said recited Indenture of lease unto the end and term and for and during all the term of five hundred years from thence next following and fully to be complete and ended under the condition in the said Indenture mentioned and declared that is to say That if I the said Nicholas Darcy my heirs executors administrators or assigns or any of us did well and truly content and pay or cause to be contented and paid unto Lawrence Atwill citizen and scrivener of London his executors or assigns the sum of eight hundred three score three pounds six shillings and eight pence of lawful money of England on the last day of November next coming after the date of the said Indenture of lease at the then dwelling house of the said Lawrence Atwill set and being in the parish of St. Andrews undershaft in London for the discharging and making void of an obligation bearing the date of the said Indenture of lease wherein the said Henry Billingsley and I the said Nicholas Darcy for the only debt of me the said Nicholas made jointly and severally bound unto the said Lawrence Atwill in the sum of one thousand and four hundred pounds of lawful money of England with condition endorsed for payment of the said sum of eight hundred three score three pounds six shillings and eight pence in manner and form aforesaid That then and from thenceforth the said Indenture and

the lease demise and grant thereby made of all and singular the premises (and) all and singular the covenants therein contained and all bonds and statutes made for or continuing the performance of the covenants therein contained should be utterly void frustrate and of none effect As by the said Indenture of lease amongst diverse other covenants grants articles and agreements therein contained more at large it doth and may appear Now I the said Nicholas Darcy do by these presents acknowledge and confess that I the said Nicholas did not perform or accomplish the said condition or proviso And that I or any for me did not pay or tender to pay to the said Lawrence Atwill or his assigns the foresaid sum of eight hundred sixty three pounds six shillings and eight pence or any part thereof at the day time or place of payment thereof above mentioned or at any time since(?) And that the said Henry Billingsley of his own money hath been compelled and forced to pay all the said sum of eight hundred sixty three pounds six shillings and eight pence by force of the foresaid obligation And therefore now be it known by these presents that I the said Nicholas Darcy for and in consideration of a certain sum of money to me in hand before then(?) sealing hereof by the foresaid Henry Billingsley truly paid whereof I knowledge the receipt and thereof and of any parcel thereof I do by these presents clearly acquit and discharge the said Henry Billingsley his heirs executors and administrators by these presents So by these presents for me and my heirs approve ratify and confirm unto the said Henry Billingsley his executors administrators and assigns the said Indenture of lease and the grant thereby made of the said manors of Langcliffe and Nappay together with all and singular the messuages land tenements rents reversions hereditaments commodities and premises by the said Indenture of lease mentioned to be demised with the appurtenances and all and any other things contained in the said Indenture of lease and the estate right title interest and term which the said Henry Billingsley hath to and in the said manors and premises with the appurtenances and to and in any part thereof by force of the said Indenture of lease To have and to hold the said manors messuages lands tenements hereditaments and premises by the said Indenture of lease mentioned to be demised with the appurtenances unto the said Henry Billingsley his executors administrators and assigns from the day of the date of the said recited Indenture of lease for and during all the residue of the said term of five hundred years therein mentioned to be demised and now remaining to come and unexpired without impeachment of or for any manner of waste And further he the said Nicholas Darcy for him his heirs and assigns doth by these presents grant to the said Henry Billingsley his executors and assigns that he or they or any of them shall not at any time hereafter during the said term be in any wise implemented impeached or charged by him the said Nicholas Darcy his heirs or assigns or any others with or for any manner of spoil or waste to be committed suffered or done of in or upon the said premises or any part thereof In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal dated the eighth day of August in the eight and twentieth year(1586) of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith Anno diu 1586

Latin text

**PRO Chancery and Supreme Court of Judicature Close Rolls vol. 212 page 166
Elizabeth 32 (1589/90) C54 / 1368 viij**

Nichus Darcy and Willo Kydd et al.

Nichus Darcy de vill Northt in com Northt Armiger coram dua Regina in Cancellar sua psonafit constitut venit recognonit sed bere Willmo Kidde de Langcliffe in Com Ebor yoman & Egidio Foster de Wynskale in com pdto yoman octinigent libras bone & legatis monete Angl solvend eisdem Willmo & Egidio seu eor alteri vel eor tertio attoru executor vel administrator suis infesto sci michis Archi px futur post dat psent Et insifecit vult & concedit pses hered executor & administrator suis Octingent libre lebent & recupent de bonis catall terr ten & hereditament ipius Nichi hered executor & administrator suor.....invent fuint infra Regin Angl Ad opus & psuim ipor Willim & Egidii hered executors & administrators suors Test dat sua Regina apud Westm tertio decimo die Juli Anno Regni due ure Elizabeth dei gra Angl franc & hibi Regnie fidei defensoris & tricesimo scdo

The condition of this Recognizance is such that where two severall pares of Indentures are// drawn and ingrossed into parchment the one of the same pares betwene thabove boundes// Nicholas Darcy of the one partye and William Kidde Thomas Kidde John Browne William// Browne Richard Foster Anthonye Armystead & Thomas Preston of thother partye And the other// of the same pares betwene him the sayd Nicholas of the one partye And Henry Somerscales Richard Somerscales Robert Somerscales his sonne Richard Lawson George Lawson Henry// Peycocke thabove names Giles Foster one Mathewe Siggesweke Richard Kidson Thomas// Sowden Michaell Saylbanke and Lawrence Iveson of the other partye suportinge or makinge// mention of the bargaine and sale of certen messuages houses one Water milne land tents and// hereditaments and one grove or springe called Langcliffe springe in Langcliffe and Winskell in// the countye of Yorke interchangeablye signed and subscribed by and with the hands or names// of the said parties As by every parte of the same Indentures remaininge in the severall hands or custodye// of the same parties more at large appeareth If the sayd Nicholas Darcy his heires or assignes// doe before the twentieth day of November next ensuinge the date of this Recognizance pass// seale deliver and acknowledge one parte of every of the said severall Indentures to the use// and behoof of the barganees therin named and there heires Wherby the same may be inrolled// in some of her maiesties courts of Recorde at Westminster And also if he the sayd Nicholas and// Jane nowe his wief doe at or before the said twentieth day of November nowe next ensuinge// before her maiesties Justices of her comen plees at Westminster levye one fyne with pclamations// to the use of the barganees aforementioned or of the survivors of them and their heires of all and// singular the pmisses ment or intended by the sayd Indentures to be bargayned and sould with// Warrantye against the sayd Nicholas and Jane and the heires of the same Nicholas in such// maner and forme as by the learned counsell of the said barganees or any of them shalbe// reasonablye devised and required And also in case there be not before the date hereof any recoverye// at the comon lawe had or suffred by him the sayd Nicholas and all his brethren of the pmisses// in and by the said Indenture mentioned to be bargayned and solde with Indentures in due forme// of lawe made and passed and to the learned councell of the barganees above mentioned or some// of them at or before the sayd twentyeth day of November upon reasonable request to be shewed for the leadinge of the use of such recoverye as to all and singular the pmisses to the use and// behoof of him the sayd Nicholas and his heires then if the sayd Nicholas and all his brethren// doe at or before the sayd twentieth day of November nowe next ensuinge accordinge to the// course of comon recoverie in cases of and for assurancs of lands used upon the reasonable request// of the sayd

William Kidde and Giles Foster or either of them their or either of their heires or// assignes or any of them as vouchees appere And enter unto Warrantie upon a write of Entry// sur dissein in lepost in the terme of saint Michaell next to be brought by any pson or psons against// such pson or psons as then shalbe tenant or tenants of the freeholde of the pmisses so as they// the sayd barganees or some of them doe paye or cause to be paid unto the sayd Nicholas// Darcy & Henrye Billingsley citizen and Alderman of London or either of them or to the heires or// assignes of either of them the some of seaven hundreth fortye seaven pounds and tenne// shillings of lawfull money of Englande at or before the sayd twentieth day of November// nowe next ensuinge at or in the funte stone of the Temple church of London or at the place// where the same fonnte stone nowe standeth without fraude or coven And wheras the said// Nicholas Darcy hath demised leased or grannted unto the above named Henrye Billingsley// All that the mannor or Lordshippe of Langcliff with the members and appurtenancs thereof &// all his lands and tents in Langcliff aforesaid whereof the pmisses mentioned in the said severall// parse of Indentures the parcell for the terme of manye yeres for the yerelye rent of thirtye pounds// or thereabouts If upon the receipte of the said some of seaven hundred fortye seaven pounds// and ten shillings at the day and place above limited he the said Henrye Billingsley his executors// administrators or assignes doe absolutelye alien assigne and convey unto him the sayd Nichas// his heires or assignes such terme of yeres as he the sayd Henrye Billingsley nowe hath or which// he the same Henrye his executors or assignes or any of them shall then have in or to the pmisses// or any parte or parcell thereof That then this Recognizance shalbe thereby void and of// no value but if defaulte or breche be had or made of or in the pmisses or any parte or pointe of// the same then x to stande and be in full force and efficacie.

Recog int Darcy et Kidde et al

"N Darcy"

Signd (?) "Egidii Foster"

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Regine infra scr xxxiiij infra noia
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dampnat^m

Recognizance between Darcy and Kidde et al.

annulled the same recognizance condition
whereby 14th April in the year of our Lady
Queen within written 34th below named
Giles Foster came before give...
.... Chancery himself in person and made
... completely to be satisfied and paid
in full the sum of money in the same recognizance
and condition themselves content to
.....thus the same Giles recognizance aforesaid
enacted cancelled and entirely compensated

The will of Sir Henry Billingsley 1606

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In the name of God Amen the sixth of August in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. and in the year of our Lord God 1606 I Sir Henry Billingsley knight and Alderman of the City of London being by the goodness of Almighty God at this point whole of body and perfect mind and memory do ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following first I render my soul to Almighty god who of his great goodness has created it and of his infinite mercy through the blood of his only begotten son Jesus Christ has redeemed it in whom only my assured trust is to be partaker of all the kingdom which he has purchased for his children of the number of which his holy spirit does assure me to be one my body I will shall be buried with as final pomp and show as may conveniently be only in such decent order as becoming a Christian of my place and calling. As touching my worldly goods movables chattels and debts wherewith it has pleased Almighty God to bless me my will is that after the satisfying and contenting to every one which can lawfully or in conscience or equity demand any debt owing by me the residue be disposed in manner

and form following. Imprimis whereas before celebration of marriage between my now wife Dame Suzan Billingsley and myself there was an agreement between us upon certain good considerations (as by the indentures concerning the same does and may appear) That she should not challenge any third of my goods movables chattels and debts due otherwise unto her by the custom of the city of London if it should please God she should survive me. And whereas also at the foresaid time before celebration of marriage between us I did promise unto her that if she should survive me I would leave unto her all such jewellery plate and household stuff as she should bring unto me and which were her own proper goods and not worn out lost or given away before that time my will Therefore is for the accomplishment of my said promise that she shall quietly enjoy all her said jewellery plate and household stuff that shall so remain in my possession not worn lost or given away at the time of my decease without all manner of fraud or interception of my executors hereunder named. And moreover whereas since the time of our marriage I have received of her in ready money and for cattels implements and other things sold by her the sum of £200 as by my proper book of account will appear my will and meaning is that the said £200 shall be repaid unto her as a due debt unto her out of my estate within the space of one year after my decease further in respect of the love and affection I bear unto her and in respect of her love and kindness towards me and I do give and bequeath unto her first all such rings chains of gold or other jewellery whatsoever which I have given unto her either before or after the time of our marriage for as the same be first prized and valued by men to be appointed according to the laudable custom of the city of London. Also I give and bequeath unto her so much of my plate and household stuff as being prized and valued according as is aforesaid shall amount to the sum of £500 she to take her choice as well of the plate as of the household stuff and what shall want that she will not take in plate and household stuff to the said sum of £500 my will is shall be paid unto her in money within one year after my decease. And my further will and meaning is that my said wife shall over and above the foresaid legacies have the use and wearing during her natural life and so long as she herself will dwell in my now dwelling house in the parish of St Catherine Colman by Algate in London all my tables cupboards presses Cisterns of lead bedsteads pictures and maps and painted clothes the same being first prized and value. And then after her decease I give the same wholly to Sir Henry Billingsley knight. Secondly as touching my children I do declare by this my last will that my eldest son Henry Billingsley knight has been by me advanced already in money besides lands given him far above the sum which could accrue unto him by the custom of the city of London. And therefore he can challenge nothing due unto him of one third due unto my orphans likewise my son Thomas Billingsley has received of me in ready money long since for his advancement the sum of £1500 which I freely give him and so I do think him fully satisfied of his part of orphanage that might accrue unto him by the foresaid custom. Also I give unto my son in law John Quarles with the marriage of my daughter Elizabeth £1000 beside her apparel wedding dinner And that which it cost me at the time of their marriage about the sum of £200 so that I do think my said son in law cannot enjoy any greater sum by the custom of the City notwithstanding I do afterwards in this my will give unto my aforesaid sons Henry Thomas and my daughter Elizabeth certain legacies And do leave one third part of all my goods movables chattels and debts which I myself shall owe at the time of my decease being first fully satisfied and paid unto my son John Billingsley and my daughter Catherine Billingsley unto which two by the custom of the City the said third part is otherwise due. And my further will is that whatsoever the said one third part shall want of

£4000 the same shall be supplied out of the rest of my estate for that my meaning is that my said son John and daughter Katherine shall have each of their portions made up £2000. Item I give and bequeath to be bestowed and employed by my executors hereunder named for the use and benefit of the poor of the parish of St Katherine Colmans (in the ward of Algate within the City of London where I now dwell) the sum of £200 upon lands or otherwise for a continual stock as my executors hereunder named with the advice of the parson churchwardens and some of the better and substantial sort of the parishioners for the time being shall think fittest. Nevertheless under and upon the conditions hereafter expressed and declared That is to say my will is that the profit which shall arise of the said land or stock shall be given and bestowed from time to time for ever upon such and so many poor inhabitants of the said parish excepting always the inhabitants of those houses or tenements which have been newly erected contrary to the proclamation set forth in the 27th year of the reign of our late Queen Elizabeth deceased excepting also the inhabitants of any great house divided into several (?) tenements contrary to the said proclamation as by the discretion of the parson churchwardens and six of the discreetest and substantiallest inhabitants of the said parish for the time being shall be thought meet. Provided always and my will nevertheless is that the aforesaid legacy or land shall depend upon this condition That is at any time hereafter either the parson or churchwardens of the said parish for the time being or any other in the name or allowance of the said parson or churchwardens or in the name of the inhabitants of the said parish or the most part of them or by their permission or allowance shall actually interrupted and ... my heirs or assigns or the heirs or assigns of my heirs or assigns of my now dwelling house in the said parish of St Katherine Colma[n]s from the peaceable and quiet possession of one piece of building by me erected upon a piece of the church yard as it now stands annexed to my said dwelling house on the west. And also one little yard adjoining likewise on the west side of my house and upon part whereof on the street side I have built a little shed for my coach for which yard also I pay unto the parson four shillings yearly. And to the churchwardens as much Then my will is That the foresaid rent and legacy shall be void and utterly cease and that then it shall be lawful for my heirs and assigns or the heirs or assigns of any of them of this my said dwelling house to take to their own use either the profit of the said land if the money happened to be bestowed upon land or else the said stock and profits thereof if it remain so in stock and the same to detain for long as they shall be disturbed interrupted and amoved as aforesaid Anything before in these presents to the contrary expressed notwithstanding. Item I give unto the master and fellows of Emmanuel College in the University of Cambridge by what name or title soever they be incorporated the sum of 100 marks upon the condition that they shall upon the receipt thereof enter into bonds to my executors hereunder named to employ the same money within two years at the furthest after the receipt thereof upon lands or tenements of such yearly and clear value and rent as will suffice for the maintenance for ever of one Scholar in the said College to be by them from time to time elected and maintained according to the foundation statutes and orders of the said College without all fraud or guile according to my true intent and meaning which if they shall refuse to do Then this my legacy to be void. Item I give unto the poor of the Hospital of St Thomas in Southwark £25 And to the poor of Christ's Hospital £10 And to the four prisons within the City of London to wit the two Compters (*gaols attached to courts for debtors*) And the Gaols of Newgate and Ludgate £10 to be distributed amongst the poor prisoners in the same according to the discretion of my executors. Item I give unto my nephew Marton Billingsley £40. To my niece Cowper the wife of Richard

Cowper £40. And to my nephew Henry Billingsley the son of my brother Richard Billingsley deceased £40. Item whereas there is owing unto me for rent of the coal mines certain money which is payable unto me by £100 every six months as by the Indenture of lease concerning the same more plainly appears My will is that of so much rent as shall be unpaid at the time of my decease Jane Billingsley daughter of my son Henry Billingsley knight shall have £500 unto her at the day of her marriage or age of 21 years which soever shall first happen And of the same rent Henry Billingsley the son of my son William Billingsley deceased shall have £100 paid to him at the age of 21 years. And his brother Thomas Billingsley £200 at his age of 21 years. Provided always and my will and meaning is that what shall want in payment of the legacies in respect that I shall in my lifetime have received some part of the said rent as shall so want by my receiving of the same in my lifetime shall be supplied and of my estate. And my meaning and will also is that if either the said Henry Billingsley or the said Thomas Billingsley shall depart this world before the age of 21 years the survivor shall enjoy the portion of him that is deceased. And if they both depart this world before the said age of 21 years then the said legacy to remain to my son Henry Billingsley knight. Item I give and to my loving brother William Bowes £20 to buy a cup or what he please for a remembrance. Item I give unto my loving friend Mr Dr Forster £10 to be bestowed as shall please himself for a remembrance. Item I give unto my good friend Mr Henry Butler £20 to bestow as before. And also to my loving niece mistress Ashbold And to my good brother in law Mr Nathaniel Tracy to each of them £10 per piece to be bestowed as before. Item I give to Suzan Tracy my wife's niece five pounds. And to Elizabeth Cramborne her old servant three pounds over and above her wages. Item I give unto Elizabeth Charman my servant five pounds. And to Richard Jones my servant five pounds over and above the five pounds which I owe unto him. Item I give unto every one of my now other men servants which shall be with me dwelling at the time of my decease three pounds apiece. And to every one of my other maidservants which shall be dwelling with me at the time of my decease four nobles the piece these legacies to my servants to be over and above their wages which shall be due at the time of my decease. Item for the better advancement of my son John Billingsley I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs and assigns for ever. All those my messuages and tenements situate lying and being in the parish of St Katherine's Christ Church alias Cree Church near Algate in London which I lately purchased of the right Hon Sir Thomas Howard knight now Earl of Suffolk. Item I give unto him over and above his part of the third and the legacy before given the sum of 1000 marks to be paid unto him when he shall attain the age of 21 years. And if it shall please god to call him before he shall attain unto the said years then I give the said thousand marks the one half to his sister Katherine if she shall then be living. And the other half amongst the children of my son William Billingsley deceased and the children of my son Thomas Billingsley to each part and part like. Item I give and to my daughter Quarles now wife of John Quarles the sum of 1000 marks for as always her husband do discharge my executors of all such sums of money as I shall stand bound for him at the time of my decease. And I do ordain my two sons Henry Billingsley and Thomas Billingsley my executors of this my last will and testament hoping they will with a good conscience and having the fear of God before their eyes faithfully and truly accomplish and perform the same according to the trust by me committed unto them without all manner of advantage taken and without all manner of wrangling and fraudulent shifts and devises in respect whereof as touching the rest of my goods debts chattels and movables my debts which I owe and Funerals [*expenses*] and legacies before given deducted I give one third part of

the remainder to my son Sir Henry Billingsley knight. And the other two third parts to my son Thomas Billingsley. And in witness that this is my last will and testament I have written it all with my own hand and set to my seal the day and year above written Henry Billingsley.

Latin text

Will of Nicholas Darcy 1607

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In the name of God Amen the Sixe and twentieth of May in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and five I Nicholas Darcy of Saint Martins in the feilde within the Countie of Middlesex Esquire beinge sicke in body yet whole in mynde and of perfect remembrance (thankes be to God) doe ordaine and make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge. First and principallie I doe give and bequeathe my soule unto the Almightye God my Creator and Redeemer, by whose merits I hope onely to be saved, and for ever to reigne with him and amongst his holie Angells, and my bodie to be buried in Christian burial at the Discretions of my Executors. And as concerninge all my landes and Tenements in Ty and after what sorte state and plight whatsoever the same doe now stand I will settle the same as hereafter followeth viz (?) And whereas of late I with one William Blower of London gentleman mortgaged by sufficient conveyance in the lawe, all that my estate interest title or terme of which I had, and whereof I was possessed of and in the Mannor and Buroroughe of Kenne with the appurtenances thereunto belonginge situate in the Countie of Devon, the which then had continuance for and duringe divers and sundrie years then and yet enduringe, the which I obtained of and from our late moste gracious Sovereigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth under the greate seale of England unto one Franncis Butler of Croydon in the County of Surry gentleman, for the some of Twelve hundred three score and Tenne poundes of Currant Englishe money to be paid unto the said Franncis Butler his Executors or assignes on or aboute the Twenty day of Julie now next ensuinge the date of this my now last will and Testament, as by the said Conveyance of mortgage more at large it appeareth, and whereunto I doe for the more certaintie thereof Referre my selfe. And whereas also I did in life sorte for the some of Three hundred poundes of like money which I received of Peter Blower nowe or late of London gentleman Mortgage unto the said Peter Blower his heires and assignes all that very Reversion in fee simple, which I lately purchased and bought of Robert Margette of Rushdon in the County of Northampton gentleman, of certayne Landes Tenements and hereditaments in and upon which Arthur Gooddaye gentleman and Anne his now wife whoe was the late wife of one William Hughes late of Higham Ferrers in the Countie of Northampton Esquire doe nowe or lately did dwell occupie and hold, as in Right of her the said Anne Goodday, and which said Reversion is to take effect in possession Imediately after the decease of her the said Anne Gooddaye and which saied revtion so mortgaged is to be redeemed from the said Peter Blower within three quarters of a yeare nowe next insuinge the date of this my nowe last will and Testamt by the payment of the some of Three hundred and thirtie poundes, by me my Executors administrators or assignes, as also by the Conveyance of Mortgage thereof more at large it appeareth, whereunto for the more certentie thereof I do referre my selfe. Now for the better establishinge and setlinge of my mynde in the premises and to settle and state them after the Redemption of the foresaid mortgages, or after Reconveyance made of the said premises so mortgaged,

or any of them to myne Executors or such as they shall name or appointe, and to the end, that the same severall thinges to be redeemed or reconveyed as aforesaid should be employed and disposed as aforesaid and disposed of in manner and forme as followeth. And for the better doinge and accomplishinge of the same I doe hereby devise authorise nominate depute(?) and appoint my well beloved brother Sir ~~James~~ (sic) Darcy Knight, and Sir Euseby Isham Knight of Piccesley in the Countie of Northampton to be my true faithfull and lawfull Attorneys and deputies for and in the name of me the said Nicholas and of the heires Executors and administrators of me the said Nicholas to satisfie and pay as well the foresaid some one thousand, Two hundred and Seventy poundes unto the aforesaid Franncis Butler his Executors administrators or assignes unto some of them at the tyme lymitted and appointed for the doinge of the same for the Redemption of the foresaid Lease for yeares of the foresaid mannor and Burrough as also to satisfie and paye unto the aforesaid Peter Blower his heires or Assignes, or unto some of them, the foresaid some of Three hundred and thirtie poundes at the tyme limited and appointed for the redemption of the foresaid Reversion or otherwise of noe Redemption be had or made by payment of the said severall somes of money due upon the said severall mortgages at the saide severall daies where on the somes shalbe due, then my will and desire is that the said Sir Franncis Darcy, and Sir Euseby Isham would take some pain to treat with the said Franncis Butler, and Peter Blower and either of them, to the end the severall premises soe mortgaged as aforesaid may be by some such meanes, as the said Sir Franncis Darcy and Sir Euseby Isham or the survivor of them shall thinke meete conveyed unto the said Sir Franncis and Sir Eusebie, and the survivor of them, or to such as they or the survivor of them shall thinke meete, the said Reversion in fee simple, and the said lease for all the terme then to come. And furthermore when as that the said lease for yeares and the foresaid Reversion shall happen to be Redeemed and reconveyed as aforesaid is mentioned. Then I will devise and appointe that the same lease of the foresaid Mannor of Borrowe and the foresaid Reversion to be to them the two knights theire heires Executors and assignes, or such other to whome the same shalbe by their appointment conveyed to and for the intente and purpose hereafter mentioned, viz. That the said two Knights by and with the full consent and likinge of my welbeloved wife Jane Darcy shall with as much convenient speede as maie be after either of the foresaid Redemptions in there due severall tymes and Reconveyance as aforesaid convert, make sale of, sell convey and assure, as well the foresaid interest state and terme of yeares which are yet to come, of and in the foresaid Mannor and Burroughe of Kenne unto some other person or persons for the most benefitt value and uttermoste price of the same; as also the foresaid Reversion unto some other person or persons and theire heires in fee simple, to and for the moste price and value of them, if soe be that the some be redemed or reconveyed during the life of her the aforesaid Anne Goodday. And if it happen that the said Anne Goodday to decease before the foresaid tyme of Redemption or reconveyance Then I will that the forenamed two Knights shall sell the foresaid heriditammentes whereupon the foresaid Reversion dependeth to the moste value and price thereof. And that with parte the money cominge and made of the sale of either of the foresaid mentioned lease and Reversion of the landes aforementioned I doe limite and appointe that the said two knights shall by and with the privicye and consente of my said wife satisfie all such the debts as I in conscience do duly owe to any person or persons. And furthermore I will that the money as shalbe made of the foresaid, shalbe by them the foresaid knights bestowed by and with the consent and privicie of the aforesaid wife by the purchasing of some or other good lease for yeare that shalbe of some

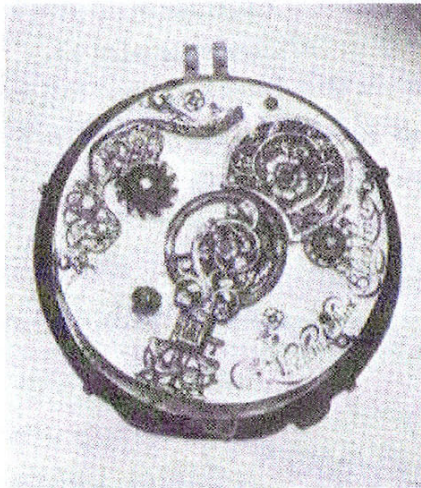
longe contynuaunce and whereuppon some good yearely gaines benefitts or proffitts shall or may yearely be raised or made uppon or by reason of the same over and above the Lords yearlie rente thereuppon reserved. And which said yearely proffitt over and besides the said yearely reserved Rent I doe devise and soe is my desire that they the said two knights should assure and conveye, or cause to be assured and conveyed unto my said wife, and that she shall or maie perceave receive and enjoye the same duringe her naturall life without any manner of attempt to be by her her executors administrators or assignes rendered or delivered therfore, And also I will and it is my full intent that the foresaid lease and Reversion beinge sold my debts beinge paid the Remainder of the said money shalbe presentlye delivered by the said two knights unto my said wife, and with her to Remaine and be in her Custodie use and occupation untill they the said two knights shall finde a convenient lease to bestowe the said money uppon with the consente of my said wife as aforesaid. And also I will that all the whole estate and estates of and in all such things as shalbe so purchased gotten and obteyned by and with the foresaid Residue of the foresaid some of money as also the Residue of the said money after my said wifes decease if not such purchase shalbe made in her life the aforesaid debts beinge paid and done as aforesaid shall be and goe unto my onely sonne Devorey(?) Darcy his Executors administrators and assignes discharged of and from all incumbrances whatsoever had made or done by them the said two knights and my said wife or any of them. Item I doe give unto my said brother all my Armor pistolls and stuckinges (?) Item I doe give unto my welbeloved Cosen Sir Euseby Isham my best taffeta (?) wascoate wroughte and embroidered with gold, and to my said welbeloved wife my debts beinge paid I give all other my goods and Chattells whatsoever Item I ordaine and make Jane Darcy my aforesaid lovinge wife, and my aforesaid brother Sir Franncis Darcy Knight, and the aforesaid Sir Euseby Isham my welbeloved Cozen Executors of this my last will and Testament. And whereas about three or fower yeares last past I delivered at the request of the Right honorable the Lord Crompton unto him the said Lord Crompton a faire watch with a larum in the presence of divers persons, and thereuppon the said Lord Crompton in consideration did then most faithfullie affirme and promise unto me to content satisfie and pay unto me my Executors or administrators the some of fortie poundes of Currant Englishe money for and in respect of the said watch and Larume, at the birth at his then next child. And whereas also within or about three or fower yeares last past, at the request of the Right honorable the nowe Earle of Sussex delivered unto him the said Earle one peece of Coyne in gold called a Twentie shillinge piece, and which said Earle then and thereuppon in consideration thereof faithfully assumed and promised to content and satisfie and pay unto me my Executors or administrators for and in respect of the said piece of Gould the some of five poundes of Currant Englishe money, at the birth of his then nexte child, the which said severall somes of forty pounds and five pounds I have no doubt nor mistrust but that the said honorable personages will satisfie and paye the same unto my aforesaid welbeloved wife unto whome I give the same shee beinge one of my aforesaid Executors. In witness of all which aforesaid premisses, and that this is the last will and Testament of me the said Nicholas Darcy, doe hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above [*I the said Nicholas' in margin*] written. Read signed and published as the last will and Testament of the said Nicholas Darcy, in the presence of Robert Wright, Marmaduke Ward Phillippe Leland.

Probatum fuit Testamentum supra scriptum apud London coram magistro Johanne Lyone(?) legmn doctore no Surrogato venerabilis viri domini Johannis Benet Milite

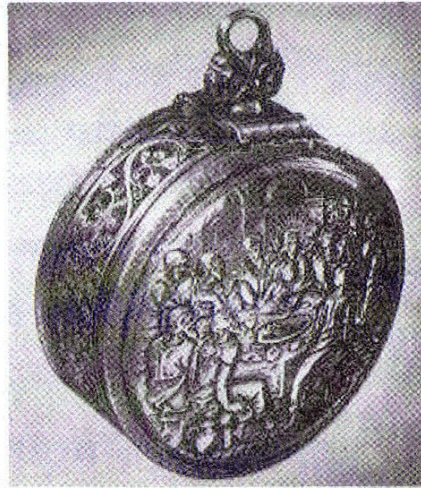
legum etiam doctoris curie Prerogative Cantuarionensis Magistri Custodis sixe Comissarii tenne. constituti vicesimo tertio die mensis Maii et Anno domini Millesimo sextentesimo Septimo. Inramento Jane rekte dicti defuncti et unius Executorum in humai Testamento nominatorum Cui comissa fuit administrato omniu singulorum bonoro Iurium et Creditorum dicti defuncti debene et fideliter administrand, Ad sancta dei Evangelia Iurat dominii Francus Darcie Milite, et domine Eusebio Isham milite Executor etiam in dicto Testamento nominat excertis causis..... Testamente reoneri(?) expresse renntiary (?)

An alarm clock of the period as in Nicholas Darcy's will

The age of decoration



a



b



PLATE 29

English alarm watch by Cornelius Mellin, first quarter seventeenth century. **b** The case is pierced, cast and chiselled. **c** The inside of the cover and the dial are finely engraved. **a** The decoration of the top plate of the movement is in the French style. Note the fixing of the balance cock, which fits over, and is pinned to, a stud fixed to the watch plate. The decorated wheel (gilt over blued steel) is stopwork for alarm.

(British Museum)

Pocket watches appeared in the late 16thC and manufacturers sought to add more functions and make them ornate. The earliest pocket watch is 1570 (made in Germany). Few people had them or could afford them.

The Letters Patent Text 1630 (contains the Final Concord text of 1582)

The North Craven Heritage Trust recently purchased a document referring to the transfer of land in Langcliffe in 1582. The document is dated 1630. We are grateful to John Harrop for this translation and his analysis of the format.

Parchment, approximately 17% ins. (45 cm.) high x 24¼ ins. (61.5 cm.) wide.

In places where the text has suffered damage through fading or abrasion, particularly at folds, readings have so far as possible been recovered or confirmed by the use of ultra-violet light. In this transcript the following editorial conventions have been adopted:

Words contracted or suspended in customary form have been extended as context, syntax and medieval precedent require. Initial 'ff' has been transcribed 'F'; '&' has been retained wherever it occurs; and the start of each new line has been indicated thus: /2/, /3/ etc.; in addition:

[abc] *indicates words or letters defective, damaged or not completely legible; [] words or letters completely lacking, with no evidence to support conjecture; (xyz) conjectural extension of a contracted form; (...) uncertain extension of a suspended word.*

Carolus dei gracia Anglie Scocie Francie & Hibernie **Rex** fidei defensor &cetera Omnibus ad quos presentes littere nostre peruenerint **Salutem** Sciatis quod quidam finis cum proclamacionibus inde /2/ factis Secundum formam statuti in huiusmodi Casu nuper editi & prouisi leuatus fuit in Curia domine Elizabethe nuper Anglie Francie & Hibernie Regine progenitricis nostri coram tunc Justiciariis suis De Banco /3/ apud Westmonasterium (a) termino Sancte Trinitatis Anno regni sui Vicesimo quarto Tenor **Cuius** sequitur in hec Verba **Ebor**' ?? (b) Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia domine Regine apud /4/ Westmonasterium in Crastino sancte Trinitatis Anno Regnorum Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie Francie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &cetera a Conquestu (c) Vicesimo quarto Coram Edmundo Anderson' Thoma Meade /5/ Francisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam' Justiciariis & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Ricardum Cutt(es) (d) Juniorem Armigerum & Raphaellem Pemberton' Generosum querentes Et Henricum /6/ Darcy Militem Thomam Darcy Edwardum Darcy Arthurum Darcy Nicholaum Darcy J[ohannem D]arcy & Franciscum Darcy Armigeros deforciantes **de** Manerijs de Langclieff & Nappay cum pertinenciis **Ac** /7/ **de** quinquaginta mesuagijs triginta Cotagijs quadraginta toftis Vno Molendino aquati[co..... c]olumbar(iis) quadraginta gardinis duobus Millibus acrarum terre trescentis acris prati duobus Millibus /8/ (e) [acra]rum pasture triginta acr[is b]osci [.....] acrarum [....] quatuor (f) li[b]ra[tis] reddit(us) cum pertinenciis in Langclieff & Nappay **Vnde placitum** [convencionis summonitum] (g) /9/ fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet **quod** predicti Henricus Thomas Edwardus Arthurus Nich[olaus] Johannes & Franciscus recognouerunt predicta Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis esse ius ipsius Ricardi **Vt illa** que ijdem /10/ Ricardus & Raphael habent dono predictorum Henrici Thome Edwardi Arthuri Nicholai Johannis & Francisci Et **illa** remiserunt & quietumclamaverunt de ipsis Henrico Thoma Edwardo Arthuro Nicholao Johanne &

Francisco /11/ & heredibus suis predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus ipsius Ricardi imperpetuum Et **preterea** idem Henricus concessit pro se et heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta /12/ Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis contra predictum Henricum & heredes suos imperpetuum Et **Vlterius** idem Thomas concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta /13/ Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis contra predictum Thomam & heredes suos imperpetuum Et **insuper** idem Edwardus concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta /14/ Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis contra predictum Edwardum & heredes suos imperpetuum Et **eciam** idem Arthurus concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta /15/ Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis contra predictum Arthurum & heredes suos imperpetuum Et **eciam** idem Nicholaus concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta /16/ Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis contra predictum Nicholaum & heredes suos imperpetuum Et **eciam** idem Johannes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta /17/ Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis contra predictum Johannem & heredes suos imperpetuum Et **eciam** idem Franciscus concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Ricardo & Raphaeli & heredibus ipsius Ricardi predicta /18/ Maneria & tenementa cum pertinenciis contra predictum Franciscum & heredes suos imperpetuum Et pro **hac** recognicione remissione quietumclamacione Warantia fine & concordia ijdem Ricardus & Raphael dederunt predictis Henrico /19/ Thome Edwardo Arthuro Nicholao Johanni Francisco septingentas & quadraginta libras sterlingorum Tenor **proclamacionum** huius finis sequitur in hec verba **Secundum formam statuti** Prima /20/ proclamacio facta fuit Vicesimo septimo die Junij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno Vicesimo quarto Reg[in]e infrascripte Secunda proclamacio tricesimo die Junij eodem termino Tercia proclamacio secundo die Julij eodem termino /21/ Quarta proclamacio quarto die Julij eodem termino Quinta proclamacio facta fuit Vicesimo primo die Novembris termino sancti Michelis Anno Vicesimo quinto Regine infrascripte Sexta proclamacio Vicesimo tercio die /22/ Nouembris eodem termino Septima proclamacio Vicesimo sexto die Nouembris eodem termino Octava proclamacio Vicesimo octauo die Nouembris eodem termino Nona proclamacio facta fuit quinto die /23/ Februarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno Vicesimo quinto Regine infrascripte Decima proclamacio septimo die Februarij eodem termino Vndecima proclamacio nono die Februarij eodem termino Duodecima /24/ proclamacio duodecimo die Februarij eodem termino Terciadecima proclamacio facta fuit sexto die Maij termino Pasche Anno Vicesimo quinto Regine infrascripte Quartadecima proclamacio octavo die /25/ Maij eodem termino Quintadecima proclamacio decimo die Maij eodem termino Sextadecima proclamacio terciodecimo die Maij eodem termino In **Cuius** rei testimonium sigillum nostrum ad /26/ brevia in banco predicto sigillanda deputatum presentibus apponi fecimus Teste T: Richardson apud Westmonasterium xxix die Novembris Anno regni nostri sexto **Cla(r)ke**

Seal missing. On the seal tag in a different hand: [R]ex and a monogram.

On the verso in a much later hand: A Fine / of the Manors of Langcliffe / & Nappay.

Notes To The Text

- (a) Ms. *Westm'* and so wherever it occurs.
- (b) In this context ?? is simply a paragraph mark such as ¶ .
- (c) *Sic*, see note to translation.
- (d) The mark of suspension after *Cutt* may represent *es* or *is* or another element.
- (e) Line 8 is badly damaged by abrasion along a horizontal fold. Although all that remains visible of the first word is the ending-*rum*, the context would require *acrarum*.
- (f) From the *Licence to Alienate* of May 1582 the gaps in this line may now be taken as: *[duobus Millibus] acrarum [iamptorum & bruere trescentis acris more &] quatuor ...*
- (g) Though the last two words of this line are completely illegible, they may confidently be supplied as forming part of the regular expression in this context.

Translation

Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etcetera, to all to whom our present letters shall come, Greeting. Know that a certain fine with proclamations thereof made according to the form of the statute lately ordained and provided in a case of this kind was raised in the Court of lady Elizabeth lately Queen of England, France & Ireland, our progenitor, before her then Justices of the Bench at Westminster in the term of the Holy Trinity in the twenty-fourth year of her reign, the tenor of which follows in these words:

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¶ **This is a Final Concord** (1) made in the Court of the lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of Holy Trinity (*11 June*) in the twenty-fourth year (*1582*) of the reign of Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etcetera, from the Conquest,(2) before Edmund Anderson, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndam & William Peryam, Justices, and other faithful (subjects) of the lady Queen then there present between Richard Cutt(es)(3) the younger, esquire, & Raphael Pemberton, gentleman, plaintiffs, and Henry Darcy, knight, Thomas Darcy, Edward Darcy, Arthur Darcy, Nicholas Darcy, John Darcy & Francis Darcy, esquires, deforcians, concerning the Manors of Langclieff & Nappay with appurtenances and concerning fifty messuages, thirty cottages, forty tofts, one water mill, *[two]* dovecote(s) forty gardens, two thousand acres of land, three hundred acres of meadow, two thousand [acres] of pasture, thirty acres of wood, *[two thousand]* acres *[of furze and heath three hundred acres of moor and]* four [pounds of rent] with appurtenances in Langclieff & Nappay whence a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same Court, namely that the aforesaid Henry, Thomas, Edward, Arthur, Nicholas, John & Francis have recognised that the aforesaid manors and tenements with appurtenances are the right of Richard himself as the things which the same Richard & Raphael have by gift of the aforesaid Henry, Thomas, Edward, Arthur, Nicholas, John & Francis, and they have remised and quit-claimed them from Henry, Thomas, Edward, Arthur, Nicholas, John & Francis themselves and their heirs to the aforesaid Richard & Raphael and the heirs of Richard himself for ever. And moreover the same Henry has granted on behalf of himself and his heirs that they will warrant the aforesaid manors and tenements with appurtenances to the aforesaid Richard and Raphael and the heirs of Richard himself against the aforesaid Henry and

his heirs for ever.(4) And further the same Thomas has granted on behalf of himself and his heirs that they will warrant the aforesaid manors and tenements with appurtenances to the aforesaid Richard and Raphael and the heirs of Richard himself against the aforesaid Thomas and his heirs for ever. And besides the same Edward has granted on behalf of himself and his heirs that they will warrant the aforesaid manors and tenements with appurtenances to the aforesaid Richard and Raphael and the heirs of Richard himself against the aforesaid Edward and his heirs for ever. And also the same Arthur has granted on behalf of himself and his heirs that they will warrant the aforesaid manors and tenements with appurtenances to the aforesaid Richard and Raphael and the heirs of Richard himself against the aforesaid Arthur and his heirs for ever. And also the same Nicholas has granted on behalf of himself and his heirs that they will warrant the aforesaid manors and tenements with appurtenances to the aforesaid Richard and Raphael and the heirs of Richard himself against the aforesaid Nicholas and his heirs for ever. And also the same John has granted on behalf of himself and his heirs that they will warrant the aforesaid manors and tenements with appurtenances to the aforesaid Richard and Raphael and the heirs of Richard himself against the aforesaid John and his heirs for ever. And also the same Francis has granted on behalf of himself and his heirs that they will warrant the aforesaid manors and tenements with appurtenances to the aforesaid Richard and Raphael and the heirs of Richard himself against the aforesaid Francis and his heirs for ever. And for this recognition, remission, quitclaim, warranty, fine and concord the same Richard and Raphael have given to the aforesaid Henry, Thomas, Edward, Arthur, Nicholas, John, Francis seven hundred and forty pounds sterling. **The tenor of the proclamations of this fine follows in these words: Following the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the twenty-seventh day of June in the term of Holy Trinity in the twenty-fourth year of the within-written Queen. (1582)** The second proclamation on the thirtieth day of June in the same term. The third proclamation on the second day of July in the same term. The fourth proclamation on the fourth day of July in the same term. The fifth proclamation was made on the twenty-first day of November in the term of Saint Michael in the twenty-fifth year of the within-written Queen. The sixth proclamation on the twenty-third day of November in the same term. The seventh proclamation on the sixth day of November in the same term. The eighth proclamation on the twenty-eighth day of November in the same term. The ninth proclamation was made on the fifth day of February in the term of Saint Hilary in the twenty-fifth year of the within-written Queen. (1583) The tenth proclamation on the seventh day of February in the same term. The eleventh proclamation on the ninth day of February in the same term. The twelfth proclamation on the twelfth day of February in the same term. The thirteenth proclamation was made on the sixth day of May in the Easter term in the twenty-fifth year of the within-written Queen. The fourteenth proclamation on the eighth day of May in the same term. The fifteenth proclamation on the tenth day of May in the same term. The sixteenth proclamation on the thirteenth day of May in the same term. In witness whereof we have caused our seal appointed for sealing writs in the aforesaid bench to be affixed to the presents.

Witness T. Richardson at Westminster on the 29th day of November in the sixth year of our reign. (1630)

Cla(r)ke

Notes to the Translation

(1) A *Final Concord* of this kind was a property transaction which for the sake of increased security took (by a legal fiction) the form of a law-suit in court, in which the purchaser(s) [*plaintiff(s)*] sued the vendor(s) [*deforciant(s)*] for the property in question. The action was then settled by a *plea of covenant* which was *summoned between them* in which the vendor(s) *recognised* that the property was *the right* of the purchaser(s), and *remised* it to him/her/them, in return for all which the payment of a consideration was recorded. [See Sir Henry Spelman's *Glossarium Archaiologicum* (3rd edn. 1687) pp. 228-9.] In this case, warranty clauses are also inserted, see (4) below.

(2) The expression *from the Conquest* is here redundant, being applicable in a context where a monarch such as Edward needs a number, and where another of the same name ruled before the Norman conquest, e.g. *Edward the third after/from the conquest*.

(3) The suspended form used here leaves the intended spelling of this person's surname uncertain, though perhaps most likely *Cuttes*.

(4) A *Warranty* was a guarantee by the grantor/vendor that if the grantee/purchaser should lose the property through a successful claim against the grantor/vendor's title to it, then he/she/they or their heirs would replace it by another property of equivalent value. The normal form of words in such a clause ran: *And I/we and my/our heirs will warrant [the property] to [the grantee/purchaser] against all people [contra omnes gentes]*. The series of warranties here is unusual in that each of the vendors warrants against himself and his own heirs.

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