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To the Right honorable Esquires John Fortescue knight one of the kings Ma(jsties) most honorable pryvie Counsell & Chancell(or)s of his hignes Duchie of Lancaster

Maie it please your honor to be advertised that whereas I was heretofore required by James Anderton & Robt Constable esquires Comissioners to draw a plot of the Comon in question betwixt the tennts of Selside & the tennts of Astwick I thereupon together wth the saide Comissioners & tennts did repaire unto the saide groundes in variance to survey the same, & haveinge fower tennts of either parte to acquainte me wth the boundares & mandes (?) of the saide Comon I did view & mesure ^the same^ & drawe a rough plott thereof, accordinge to my best skill, and shewed the same to the saide Comissioners, who did like well thereof & affirmed that it was trulie done, And thereupon the saide Comissioners subscribed there names to the same, & thereunto alsoe did set the names of the tennts that did guide & direct me as aforesaide And requested me by & accordinge to that rough draught, to make up a plott in Collors to be certefied unto your honour & the rest of this honorable Courte willinge me that soe sone as I shoulde have fynished the same, I shoulde deliver both plotts thereof unto one Cookeson of Settle sealed wth month (?) glewe Soe it is if it maie please your honor that I haveing delivered both the plotts to my sonne as well the plote set out in Collors as alsoe the rough plott subscribed under the handes of the saide Comissioners through whose neiglignce the rough parte of the saide plott was left out uncertefied unto the saide Comissioners wch is not a little grefe unto me, trustinge this honorable Courte will not take this my excuse to be in anie wilfull or ill dealinge but in the neiglignce of my saide sone as aforesaide And thus I thought it my dutie not onlie to Certefie the rough plott into the honorable Courte but alsoe have made & sent herewithall a newe plott accordinge to the form(er) plott delivered to the saide Comissioners wch they shoulde have certefied if the rough plott had bene delivered as aforesaide & alsoe I have hereinclosed & Certefied the pryvie Seale wch was directed against me out of this honorable Courte touchinge the saide plott Thus most humblie takeinge my leave this xvij th of June, 1604

Your honors in all dutie Christ Saxton