

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 29 June 1581 and proved 7 February 1583, of Henry Wriothesley (21 April 1545 – 4 October 1581), 2nd Earl of Southampton, father of Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton, to whom Shakespeare dedicated *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece*.

For further details of the testator's family, including his 'Aunt Lawrence', 'Aunt Pounce' and 'Aunt Clerk' mentioned in the will below, see the will of his father, Thomas Wriothesley (21 December 1505 – 30 July 1550), 1st Earl of Southampton, TNA PROB 11/34/154.

The testator was five years of age at his father's death, and on 14 December 1550 his wardship and marriage were purchased for £1000 by William Herbert (1506/7–1570), 1st Earl of Pembroke. Akrigg, citing H.M.C., Salisbury MSS., XIII, 27, speculates that the testator's mother subsequently purchased the wardship. See Akrigg, G.P.V., *Shakespeare and the Earl of Southampton*, (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1968), p. 6.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testator married Mary Browne (born in or before 1552, d.1607) at Montagu House in London on 19 February 1566. Mary Browne, who was about thirteen years of age at the time of the marriage, was the daughter of Anthony Browne (1528-1592), 1st Viscount Montagu, by his first wife, Jane Radcliffe (1531/2–1552), daughter of Robert Radcliffe (1482/3-1542), 1st Earl of Sussex. For her will, see TNA PROB 11/110/388.

The testator's mother signed an agreement for the marriage on 20 January 1565 [=1566?], with 'an expiry date of June 24th following'. On 7 February 1568 the testator received letters patent allowing him to take possession of his lands, and on 10 February 1568 he 'signed the deed of covenant transferring a number of these manors to his wife as her marriage settlement'. See Akrigg, *supra*, p. 7; and Hampshire Record Office 5M53/198 (marriage contract), 5M53/234 (letters patent) and 5M53/184 (jointure). Also mentioned in the will below is a settlement of the testator's lands dated 10 May 1569 (see HRO 5M53/579 and TNA C 54/830) involving his father-in-law, Viscount Montagu, Ralph Scrope (d.1572), esquire, of Crondall, Hampshire, and John Hippisley (d.1570), esquire, of Cameley, Somerset. For Ralph Scrope, see his will, TNA PROB 11/54/520, and the will, TNA PROB 11/42A/91, of William Windsor, (1498-1558), 2nd Baron Windsor, whose daughter, Elizabeth Windsor, married Ralph Scrope as her third husband, and whose son and heir, Edward Windsor (1532?-1575), 3rd Baron Windsor, married Oxford's half-sister, Katherine de Vere (1538-1600). Ralph Scrope's widow, Elizabeth Windsor (see below), is also left a bequest as 'Lady Paulet, late wife to the aforesaid Ralph Scrope':

Also I will that four jewels of gold be made of the price or value of five pounds, whereof I give & bequeath one to my good Lady, the Lady Paulet, wife to the Lord Chidioc Paulet, one other to the Lady Paulet, late wife to the aforesaid Ralph Scrope, one other of them to Mrs Elizabeth Hodges, wife of Master Hodges, and the fourth to Mrs Elizabeth Welles, wife to Gilbert Welles, esquire.

For John Hippisley see his will, TNA PROB 11/53/287, and the History of Parliament at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/hippisley-john-1530-70>

By Mary Browne the testator had a son and two daughters:

* Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton.

* Jane Wriothesley, who died before 1573.

* Mary Wriothesley (c.1567–1607), who married Thomas Arundell (c.1560-7 November 1639), 1st Baron Arundell of Wardour.

TESTATOR'S EXECUTORS AND OVERSEERS

Charles Paget

For the testator's executor, Charles Paget (c.1546-1612), Catholic conspirator, see the *ODNB* entry.

Edward Gage

For the testator's executor, the Catholic recusant Edward Gage (d. March 1614) of Bentley, who married Margaret Shelley (d.1624), see the Gage pedigree in Questier, Michael C., *Catholicism and Community in Early Modern England*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Appendix 2). Edward Gage was the nephew of Alice Gage (d. March 1540), who married Sir Anthony Browne (d. May 1548), by whom she was the mother of Anthony Browne (1528-1592), 1st Viscount Montagu, the testator's father-in-law. For Sir Anthony Browne (d.1548) and Anthony Browne (1528-1592), 1st Viscount Montague, see the *ODNB* entries.

See also the monument to the testator's executor, Edward Gage, at:

<http://www.mbs-brasses.co.uk/botmapril2015.html>

In his will the testator leaves a bequest to 'my loving cousin, Edward Caryll', who was likely the Sir Edward Caryll (knighted 1603) who married Philippa Gage, sister of the testator's executor, Edward Gage. Edward Caryll was steward to Philip Howard (1557-1595), 13th Earl of Arundel (son of Oxford's first cousin, Thomas Howard (d.1572), 4th Duke of Norfolk), and an executor of Philip Howard's will, and was 'alleged to have

helped Lord Paget and Charles Arundell flee overseas'. See Questier, *supra*, pp. 51-2 and Appendix 2.

For the Caryll family, see also Gordon, H.D., *The History of Harting*, (London: W. Davy & Son, 1877), p. 65 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=fG41AQAAIAAJ&pg=PA65>

For Edward Caryll and the 'Catholic Earl of Arundel', see also Tittler, Robert and Norman Jones, eds., *A Companion to Tudor Britain*, (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2004), p. 263 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=F9_3ktSGOEwC&pg=PA263

For Edward Caryll as the Earl of Arundel's 'steward and doer', see the History of Parliament entry for Sir John Morley at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/morley-sir-john-1572-1622>

Gilbert Welles

There were a number of connections between the testator's executor, Gilbert Welles, and the Wriothesley family. In his will, Gilbert Welles' father, Thomas Welles, referred to the testator's father as 'my Lord great master', indicating that he had been in service to the 1st Earl of Southampton in some capacity. See his will, TNA PROB 11/36/47, proved 10 February 1553, and Attwell, *infra*, pp. 33-4.

There was a further connection between the two families. The testator's executor, Gilbert Welles (born c.1523, d.1598) of Brambridge, Hampshire, married firstly Avice De la Lynde, daughter of Thomas De la Lynde (d. 15 August 1532) by his wife, Alice Cheney, daughter of Sir Alexander Cheney of Sheppey, Kent. Avice was the sister of Sir George De la Lynde (d. 2 August 1556), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/38/92. Sir George De la Lynde's widow, Anne Goring (d. 20 May 1563), married Francis Browne, a younger brother of the testator's father-in-law, Viscount Montagu (see Questier, *supra*, Appendix 2; and a Chancery suit brought by George De la Lynde's three sisters and coheirs and their husbands, including Avice and her husband, Gilbert Welles, against Anne Goring De la Lynde and her second husband, Francis Browne, TNA C 1/1486/35). Viscount Montagu's younger brother, Francis Browne, helped draw up the Catholic toleration petition of 1585, and was alleged to have sheltered the printing presses of the Jesuits Robert Parsons and Robert Southwell (see Questier, *supra*, pp. 97, 161-2, 188-90).

For the De la Lynde family, see Van Someren, J.F., *De Navorscher*, New Series, (Nijmegen: H.C.A. Thieme, 1896), pp. 12-13, 79 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=f3BPAQAAMAAJ&pg=RA1-PA487>

For the inscription to Anne Goring De la Lynde Browne (d. 20 May 1563) in Blandford church, see Long, Charles Edward, ed., *Diary of the Marches of the Royal Army During the Great Civil War*, (Camden Society, 1859), p. 124 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/royalarmymarches00camduoft#page/124/mode/2up/>.

According to Questier, the testator's executor, Gilbert Welles was 'the brother of the celebrated martyr, Swithin Wells'. Questier adds that Swithin Welles 'had once been the Earl's tutor', and states that both Swithin Welles and the testator's executor, Thomas Dymoke (see below), were arrested 'after the exposure of the Babington plot' in 1586. Questier states further that Gilbert Welles was a prisoner in Wisbech Castle in 1588, and that Swithin Welles was executed on 10 December 1591 for harbouring the priest, Edmund Gennings:

[T]he taking of Edmund Gennings had been one of Richard Topcliffe's great triumphs. Edmund had been arrested at the London residence of the well-known Hampshire recusant Swithin Wells. (Wells was executed on the same day as the priest for feloniously harbouring him.) Wells was, as we saw, part of the following of the second earl of Southampton, and Edmund had been used at one time as a go-between from his own master Richard Sherwood, who subsequently became a priest, to the gentleman-martyr James Leyburn, a relative by marriage of the earl of Southampton. Leyburn publicly expressed a deep hatred of Elizabeth, and he was executed in 1583.

See Questier, *supra*, pp. 64-5, 204, 267.

For James Leyburn (executed 1583), who was 'a first cousin of the first Viscount Montague's sister-in-law Anne Dacre (wife of Philip Howard, earl of Arundel)' see Questier, *supra*, p. 324, and the History of Parliament entry for James Leyburn's grandfather at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/leyburn-sir-james-1490-1548>

For Swithin Wells (born c.1536) and Edmund Gennings (b.1567), both executed 10 December 1591, and for Swithin Welles' letter to his brother-in-law, Gerard Morin (see below), see Challoner, Richard, *Memoirs of Missionary Priests*, New Edition, (London: Thomas Jones, 1842), pp. 134-142 and 142-4 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=HQNeAAAACAAJ&pg=PA142>

The testator's executor, Gilbert Welles, married secondly Isabel de Maryn de Egra. For the marriage settlement, dated 2 November 1559, see Hampshire Record Office 29M82/320. Isabel was the daughter of Gilbert Welles' stepmother, Anne Knight, the second wife of Gilbert Welles' father, Thomas Welles. In his will (see above), Thomas Welles bequeaths 'to Gerard de Maryn and to (illegible name), my wife's children, to each of them £10 over and besides their own father's legacy'. Anne Knight's first

husband appears to have been Niccolo de Marini, who mentions in his will his wife, Anne, and son, Gerard. For his will, dated 20 March 1540 and proved 15 September 1554, see TNA PROB 11/30/202. For the marriage of the testator's executor, Gilbert Welles, and Isabel de Maryn, see also Attwell, Bill, *A History of the Attwell Family 1200-1650*, (2014), p. 35 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=BH0QCAAQBAJ&pg=PA35>

For the marriage of Gilbert Welles and Isabel de Maryn, see also the Welles pedigree in Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *Pedigrees From the Visitation of Hampshire*, Vol. LXIV, (London: Harleian Society, 1913), p. 75 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/pedigreesfromvis64beno#page/74/mode/2up>

For Elizabeth Welles, see also:

http://www.diaperheritage.com/diaper_trail/

There had always been a significant manor at Woolston and in the early sixteenth century it was held by the wealthy Italian merchant Nicolyn de Maryn d'Egra, who had come to Southampton some years earlier to act as an agent and consol for the city of Genoa.

A further link between the testator's executor, Gilbert Welles, and the Wriothsley family is explored by Emerson in her entry for Alice Morin (d.1602). See:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenM.htm>

According to one source, Alice Morin was a member of the de Maryn family, and married Gilbert Welles' younger brother, Swithin Welles, who at one time was tutor to Henry Wriothsley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton.

Ralph Hare

For the testator's executor, Ralph Hare (d. August 1623), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/hare-ralph-1566-1623>

Thomas Dymoke

The testator's executor and 'trusty servant' Thomas Dymoke, gentleman, has not been identified, although it seems likely he was a member of the Dymoke family of Scrivelsby, Lincolnshire.

Henry Percy

For the testator's overseer, Henry Percy (c.1532-1585), 8th Earl of Northumberland, who by 25 January 1562 married his cousin, Katherine Neville (1545/6-1596), first daughter

and coheir of John Neville (d.1577), 4th Baron Latimer, by his wife, Lucy Somerset (d.1582), see the *ODNB* entry for Henry Percy, 8th Earl of Northumberland, and the wills of John Neville (17 November 1493 – 2 March 1543), 3rd Baron Latimer, TNA PROB 11/29/303, and Lucy Somerset Neville (d.1582), TNA PROB 11/65/170.

According to the *ODNB*, Northumberland ‘had several of his sons educated in Paris by Charles Paget’, and ‘continued to dabble in treasonous plots surrounding Mary [Queen of Scots]’. He was imprisoned in the Tower in June 1585, and ‘was found in bed in the Tower on the night of 20–21 June, dead from a shot through the heart inflicted with his own pistol, which was still in his hand. The Star Chamber inquest held on 23 June determined that his death was suicide.’

Thomas Paget

For Charles Paget’s elder brother, the testator’s overseer, Thomas Paget (c.1544-1590), 4th Baron Paget, who fled England in December 1583 with Oxford’s onetime friend and later bitter enemy, Charles Arundel (d.1587), see the *ODNB* entry and Paris Archives K.1561, TNA SP 12/164/52, and TNA SP 12/164/53.

Thomas Cornwallis

For the testator’s overseer and brother-in-law, Thomas Cornwallis (d. 13 May 1597), esquire, of East Horsley, Surrey, Gentleman Pensioner and Groom Porter to Queen Elizabeth, see his will, TNA PROB 11/89/570.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

Lady Paulet

‘The Lady Paulet, wife to the Lord Chidock Paulet’, to whom the testator leaves a bequest was Frances Neville Waldegrave Paulet (d.1599), the daughter of Sir Edward Neville (1471-1538) of Addington Park, Kent, esquire of the body to Henry VIII, by Eleanor Windsor (c.1479 – 25 March 1531), daughter of Andrew Windsor (d.1543), 1st Baron Windsor. Frances Neville married firstly, Sir Edward Waldegrave (1516/17-1561), and secondly, Chidioc Paulet (1521?-1574), a younger son of William Paulet (1474/5?-1572), 1st Marquess of Winchester. Frances Neville, Lady Paulet, was thus a first cousin of Elizabeth Windsor, Lady Paulet, widow of Ralph Scrope (d.1572), and also a first cousin of Edward Windsor (1532?-1575), 3rd Baron Windsor, who married Oxford’s half-sister, Katherine de Vere (see above). Moreover all three were nieces and nephew of George Windsor, eldest son and heir of Andrew Windsor, 1st Baron Windsor, and his wife, Ursula de Vere (d.1558), sister of John de Vere (1499-1526), 14th Earl of Oxford.

See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, p. 242; the will of Andrew Windsor, 1st Baron Windsor, TNA PROB 11/29/416; the will of Ursula de Vere Knightley (d.1558), TNA PROB 11/42A/10; the *ODNB* entry for William Paulet, 1st

Marquess of Winchester; and Jones, Edward Alexander and Alexandra Walsham, eds., *Syon Abbey and its Books*, (Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 2010), p. 218 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=7erClhiejjwC&pg=PA218&lpg=PA218>

See also the will of Chidioc Paulet, TNA PROB 11/57/143, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/paulet-chidioc-1521-74>

See also the will of Sir Edward Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/44/318, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/waldegrave-sir-edward-151617-61>

Sir Henry Browne

For the testator's brother-in-law, Sir Henry Browne, younger son of Viscount Montagu by his second wife, Magdalen Dacre (1538–1608), see the *ODNB* entry for Magdalen Dacre, Questier, *supra*, Appendix 2.

Alban Langdale

For the Catholic priest mentioned in the will as 'Alban Langdale, Doctor of Divinity', see the *ODNB* entry.

John Savage

The testator's 'loving cousin, John Savage, esquire, son and heir apparent unto Sir John Savage, knight' may have been the son of Sir John Savage (d.1597) of Clifton by his first wife, Elizabeth Manners, daughter of Thomas Manners (c.1497-1543), 1st Earl of Rutland. See the *ODNB* entry for Thomas Manners, 1st Earl of Rutland, and the History of Parliament entry for John Savage at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/savage-john-1554-1615>

Edward Manners, 3rd Earl of Rutland

For Edward Manners (1549-1587), 3rd Earl of Rutland, to whom the testator leaves a cup of silver and requests that he 'remain in goodwill to my son', see the *ODNB* entry.

Henry Fitzalan, 12th Earl of Arundel

For Henry Fitzalan (1512-1580), 12th Earl of Arundel, to whom the testator leaves a cup of silver and requests that he 'remain in goodwill to my son', see the *ODNB* entry.

Bridget Chower

'Bridget Chower, gentlewoman of her Majesty's bedchamber', to whom the testator bequeaths £100, has not been identified, but may have been Bridget Chaworth, for whom see Emerson at:

http://www.tudorwomen.com/?page_id=667

BRIDGET CHAWORTH (1548-April 18, 1621)

Bridget Chaworth was the daughter of Sir John Chaworth of Wiverton, Nottinghamshire (c.1498-September 3, 1558) and Mary Paston (c.1520-September 30, 1583). According to Marion Colthorpe, "Women at Court: Royal Household" in The Elizabethan Court Day By Day (2017) (http://folgerpedia.folger.edu/The_Elizabethan_Court_Day_by_Day), her father was Sir George Chaworth. In 1577, it was thought she might marry Lord Gormanston. By 1579, she was a gentlewoman of the privy chamber. Around 1590 (Folgerpedia says 1584), she married Sir William Carr of Sleaford (May 16, 1542-1608). One online genealogy gives them three children, Benjamin, William, and George (August 15, 1599-April 4, 1682), while another says Carr's heir was his brother, implying that he did not have children to inherit, but their daughter, Bridget Carr, was sworn in as a member of the privy chamber on June 18, 1601. Bridget Chaworth Carr was a chamberer to Queen Elizabeth both before and after her marriage. In 1591, she was given a gift of a "skarfe of Ash cullor cypers with ij edges of gould& Sylver," which she then gave away to one George Tenecre. Portrait: effigy at Ufford, Northamptonshire.

[f. 357v] T{estamentum} d{omini} Henrici Comitis Southampton

In the name of God, Amen. The 29th of June in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred fourscore and one after the computation of the Church of England, I, Henry, Earl of Southampton, being of good and perfect memory, and weighing with myself the uncertain state and condition of man's frail and decayable nature, and minding to make some provision and stay touching the disposition and bestowing as well of the goods, plate, jewels, household stuff, leases and cattles [=chattels?] whatsoever which I, the said Earl, am or shall be possessed of or have in use or possession at the time of my decease, as also of the issues, revenues, commodities and profits of such my lordships, manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments whereof the use or uses are limited, assigned or appointed to the right honourable Anthony, Viscount Montague, knight of the most honourable Order of the Garter, Ralph Scrope of Crondall in the county of Southampton, esquire, deceased, and John Hippisley of Cameley in the county of Somerset, esquire, likewise lately deceased, their executors, administrators and assigns, from and immediately after the decease of me, the said Earl, until such time as such issue male of my body lawfully begotten as God shall send me shall come to the full age of twenty and one years, and for default of such issue until the Lady Jane, now deceased, daughter to me, the said Earl, shall come to the full age of twenty and one years, with further limitations, as by indentures quadrupartite [=quadripartite] made between me, the said Earl, of thone party, and the said Viscount and John Hippisley on thother party, bearing

date the tenth day of May in the eleventh year [=10 May 1569] of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, the Queen that now is, made for the limitation, assignment and appointment of the said use or uses amongst [f. 358r] other more plainly appeareth, do by these presents declare, ordain, constitute and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I bequeath and commend my soul to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, assuredly trusting that through the merits of the bitter passion of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and through his infinite merits I shall be joined in the society and fellowship with his faithful servants saved and redeemed with his most precious blood;

And my body I will to be buried in the chapel of the parish church of Titchell [=Titchfield] in the county of Southampton where my Lady my mother lieth buried, which foresaid chapel I will to be new altered and finished by my executors within five years after my decease in form following, that is to say:

New side windows of stone to be made, and the roof plastered, with pendants being set full of my arms, and all the walls plastered like my house at Dogmersfield, and the same fair paved and divided with iron grates from the church:

Also two fair monuments there to be made, the one for my Lord, my father (whose body I would have thither to be brought and there buried), and my Lady my mother, the other for me, with portraitures of white alabaster or suchlike upon the said monuments;

And I will to be bestowed thereupon one thousand pounds by my foresaid executors;

And I will such funeral charges and obsequies to be done and bestowed upon my said burial as shall seem meet and convenient to my executors for mine estate and degree, so that the same exceed not a thousand pounds;

And I will to be given at the time of my burial according to the discretion of [-of] my executors in charitable alms the sum of one hundred marks;

Also I will there shall be given to the poor people in such places where any of my lordships, manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments doth lie, to such as shall seem to my executors to have most necessity, to th' intent that they and every of them shall pray for the good estate of my soul, the souls of my ancestors and all Christian souls, the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money of England;

And I bequeath to every almshouse within the city of London and the county of Southampton three pounds to th' intent that the poor of every of them within the said houses shall pray for my soul, the souls of my ancestors and all Christian souls;

And the said several legacies and bequeaths shall be paid by my executors within as short time after my burial as the same may be conveniently;

Further I will that my executors upon good proof shall content and pay all such sums of money as I shall owe at the time of my decease to any person by specialty or otherwise;

Also, if it may be proved that I have committed any injury or wrong to any person to whom before my decease I shall not have made full recompense, that then my executors, upon knowledge and good proof thereof to them made, shall with convenient speed make full recompense and satisfaction in that behalf as unto justice shall appear;

And also my meaning is that the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, shall have in full recompense of her thirds according to the laws and statutes of this realm all the manors, lands and hereditaments mentioned in a schedule hereafter ensuing, the said schedule being intituled 'Manors, lands and hereditaments assigned and set out to the Queen's Majesty in full recompense of her thirds', which said manors, lands and hereditaments so limited in the said schedule are and amounteth unto a full thirds and above in value of all and singular my manors, lordships, reversions and hereditaments whatsoever, and so I most humbly beseech and desire her Highness to accept the same, and are of the clear yearly value over and besides all charges by the year;

And I give and bequeath to her most excellent Majesty as a remembrance of my bounden duty one jewel of the value of two hundred marks which I will my executors to buy, and desire the overseers of this my said will to deliver the same to her said Majesty within ten weeks next after my decease, most humbly beseeching her said Majesty to accept the goodwill of the giver and not the value of the gift, with like humble petition that it may please her Highness of her abundant goodness to stand gracious sovereign unto my little infants I leave behind me, whom I hope God will direct to prove good servants and subjects to her Majesty and state;

As to the other two parties and [sic for 'of?'] all my manors, lordships, reversions and hereditaments whatsoever in possession, remainder, reversion or in use which I may limit or bequeath by this my will, I devise the same to my executors and to the survivors and survivor of them and to the executors of the survivor of them for the better performance of this my will until such time as in the foresaid indentures is limited and expressed and until such time as in this will is limited and declared;

Item, I will that if I shall keep house at the time of my decease, that then all my household servants or as many of them as list shall continue together in my house by the space of three months next after my decease, and there to be allowed by my executors during the said three months meat, drink and lodging in such manner [f. 358v] as they were used to have in my lifetime;

Item, I will that my said executors with as much speed as they may conveniently shall after my decease give and pay to every of my servants, besides such money as I shall owe for wages at the time of my decease, one whole year's wages in such sort as they severally have heretofore had in the year before my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son and heir apparent, Henry, Lord Wriothesley, if he shall live to the age of twenty and one years, and if he dieth before such age, then to such heir male of my body which shall live to accomplish the said age, and for default of such heir to such heir female of my body which shall live to accomplish the age of eighteen years, the several leases of the parsonage of Titchfield in the county of Southampton, of which said leases by reason of former conveyances by me thereof made I am now lawfully possessed in my own right and not as executors, as divers credible persons being witness to the said conveyance can well testify, which said alteration of estate I protest I might well make with a safe conscience both towards God and the world because I know of my own knowledge (and great reason there is also to move all others to think the like) that it should be my said Lady my mother's whole intent and meaning, any words in her will to the contrary notwithstanding, that the profits rising by the leases aforesaid should be wholly converted and employed for the maintenance of housekeeping at [+the?] chief mansion place of Titchfield, and the said several leases should go and be from time to time undividable to such heir who should inherit the said mansion place, and great reason there was to move her to be of that mind, for otherwise the want of the said parsonage would be such a maim to the foresaid mansion place that good hospitality by the owners thereof could not be in such manner there maintained and kept as to their estates and degrees should appertain;

The premises therefore considered, I will that if my said son shall die within age without having heir male of his body which shall live to accomplish the age of twenty and one years as aforesaid, that then the said leases should be to such next heir male of my body which shall live to the aforesaid age of twenty and one years, and for default of such issue to the heir female of my body who shall live to the age of eighteen years;

Nevertheless, for that my said Lady and mother's will was in words penned as abovesaid (although indeed contrary to her meaning), yet because the words be there set down, without any other mention or reason moving me thereunto, my will is that the said next heir male last mentioned and for default of such heir my said next heir female of my body having the said leases shall within one whole year after his or her full age as aforesaid pay unto the Lady Mary, my daughter, if she be then living, and if she be then dead then to such person as shall have enjoyed the same leases by my said Lady my mother's will if my foresaid conveyance had not been, four hundred pounds of lawful English money, which said four hundred pounds my mind is should be paid as aforesaid in full recompense and amends and not otherwise of all such right, title and interest as the party aforesaid who should or shall receive the same four hundred pounds might have or claim in or to the foresaid several leases by my said Lady my mother's will;

And if the said four hundred pounds shall not be paid after the foresaid age accomplished within one half year after lawful request made, the said request being made in the presence of three credible witnesses, then I bequeath the foresaid several leases to such person or persons to whom the foresaid four hundred pounds ought to have been paid;

Also I will that if I fail of heir of my body which shall live to accomplish the age aforesaid, that then the said leases shall be to such persons who should have enjoyed the same by my Lady my mother's will if my foresaid conveyance had not been;

And I desire my executors that within one year after my decease they cause to be made one other inventory tripartite indented, whereof the one part to remain in their custody and thother in the custody of my heir and the third part in the custody of my overseers, of all my household stuff, garnishments of household and movables being and remaining at the time of my decease in my several houses at London, Hampton, Beaulieu, Titchfield, Itchel and Dogmersfield (plate and such household stuff, garnishments of household and movables as are or shall be by this my testament or otherwise willed or bequeathed only excepted), all which household stuff, garnishments of household and movables contained in the said inventory my desire is shall be by my executors and the survivor and the survivors of them and by the executors of the survivor of them most carefully kept and looked unto during the nonage of the heir male of my body which shall live to the age of one and twenty years, and then the said household stuff, garnishments of household and movables contained in the said inventories to be delivered to the said heir male as a legacy to him given by this my testament;

But if it [f. 359r] shall please God to send me no heir male of my body which shall live to the age of twenty and one years, then all the movables and things mentioned in the foresaid last made inventory shall be equally divided amongst the heirs females of my body which shall live to accomplish the age of eighteen years, and for default of such heirs I will the foresaid movables expressed in the last mentioned inventory to my next heir;

Also my will is that if it should happen, contrary to the mind of my executors, that any of the movables mentioned in the foresaid last inventory should be lost, spoiled or much worsed, that then my executors or the survivors or survivor of them or the executors of the survivor of them should buy and provide at my costs and charges other movables of like quality, goodness and value as the movables lost, spoiled or much worsed were, and of the same make delivery to my foresaid heir at such time as thother movables were to be delivered;

Item, my will is that within one month after my decease all my household stuff and movables within my house at Dogmersfield to be removed to Itchel, and there safely kept with the rest of that house until the same be to be delivered to my heir;

Item, I give to the heir male of my body who shall live to the age of one & twenty years, and for want of such heir male to the heirs females of my body who shall live to the age of eighteen years, six hundred pounds' worth of my plate to be delivered when the foresaid heir shall accomplish the foresaid age, and in the meantime to same plate to be by my executors most carefully preserved, used and kept to the use of such my said heir;

I also give to such my heir male of my body who shall live to the age of one and twenty years, and for want of such heir male to the females of my body who shall live to the age

of eighteen years, all my sheep, horses and other cattle whatsoever (such only excepted as by this my last will and testament are or shall be otherwise willed or bequeathed), most earnestly desiring my executors and the executor and executors of the survivors of them that during the nonage of my said heir they do, according to my great and special trust in them reposed, so preserve, maintain, use and keep my stock and store of all kind of cattle during my said heir's nonage (such excepted as by this my will is otherwise bequeathed) whereby my said heir at his full age before mentioned may receive his lands and farms in the best manner stocked and stored;

Also my will is and I desire my said executors and the survivors and the survivor of them and the executors of the survivor of them that the whole profit and commodity coming and rising of the parsonage of Titchfield, Micheldever and Strattons be presently(?) after my decease received and kept to and for the use of such of the heir male of my body which shall live to the age of one and twenty years, and for default of such [-issue?] heir to and for the use of the heirs female of my body which shall live to the age of eighteen years, and for default of such heirs to and for the use and performance of this my will;

Item, I will the yearly rent, profits and reversion of my farm of Trinity Barkon [sic for 'Barton'?] near Winchester in the county of Southampton, and also the yearly profits of my lease of Fareham Park, Catesfeilde [Catisfield?] and Hookehowse [=Hook Valence?] in the county of Southampton to be employed and converted to the performance of this my will until the heir male of my body do or shall come to the age of one and twenty years, and for default of such heir until my heir females of my body shall accomplish the age of eighteen years;

Also I will that when the said heir male shall accomplish the said age, then I give the foresaid leases to the foresaid heirs male and his assigns, and for default of such heir male, I give the foresaid leases to the foresaid heirs females which shall live to accomplish the age of eighteen years, and for default of such female, I will the foresaid leases to my next heir;

Also my full intent and meaning is that the issues, profits and revenues of all my manors, lands and hereditaments whereof the use or uses are granted, assigned or limited to the foresaid Viscount Montagu, Ralph Scrope and John Hippisley as before mentioned shall during their estate or term in the same be wholly converted and employed by my executors towards the performance of this my will, and so shall likewise the issues, profits and revenues of all the manors, lands and hereditaments leased by indenture for years to th' executors of this my will;

Item, I give to the foresaid Lady Mary Wriothesley, my daughter, two thousand pounds of lawful English money to be paid to her at the age of eighteen years, if she be then living and then be not my heir or any of my heirs, which if she shall be, then I bequeath the said money to the performance of this my will;

Item, I bequeath to the said Lady Mary, my daughter, from the time of my decease to th' end that she may be the better brought up and maintained until she be of the age of

eighteen [f. 359v] years, to be paid by my executors threescore pounds by the year, payable in the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and th' Annunciation of Our Lady by even portions;

Also I will unto the said Lady Mary, my daughter, after she be of the age of eleven years, for her more better bringing up and maintaining, to be paid by my executors twenty pounds more by the year until she be of the age of eighteen years, and then as well the twenty pounds as the foresaid threescore pounds by the year to cease payable in the feasts aforesaid by even portions;

And because childhood is to be maintained by man's authority, and slippery and wavering youth to be underropped with elder counsel, I do with as great charge and as loving father may give an obedient daughter straitly command and exhort my said daughter that in her marriage she be wholly ruled and ordered by my executors and overseers and the survivors and the survivor of them, and not to bestow herself in marriage but with their good liking and consent;

Item, I do will and command that my foresaid daughter, the Lady Mary, be brought up with my sister, Katherine, or my Aunt Lawrence, they being allowed of her board of the portion I set forth for her maintenance, and if either of them shall refuse to keep her or that they shall depart this world, that then she be placed in some other good virtuous house at th' appointment of my executors, provided always that she be not in house with her mother, and if she shall refuse such place as they shall appoint, that then that portion I have bequeathed unto her to be bestowed upon the performance of my will, and no penny thereof upon her, neither yearly portion to maintain her;

Item, I will that all my arms and furniture for the wars which I have at Titchfield to the heir male of my body which shall live to accomplish th' age of one and twenty years, and in the meantime to be maintained and kept without spoil by my executors, and for default of such heir male I will and bequeath all my said arms and furniture for the wars to the heirs females of my body which shall live to accomplish th' age of eighteen years, and if I shall have no heir male nor heir or heirs female of my body as aforesaid, then I will and bequeath the said armour to my next heir;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sister, the Lady Katherine Cornwallis, five hundred marks of lawful money of England to be paid within three years after my decease if she be then living, and to the Lady Mabel Sandys, my sister, one pair of pots of silver to be bought worth fifty pounds to be delivered within one year after my decease if she be then living;

Item, I give and bequeath to my very friend, Mr Alban Langdale, Doctor of Divinity, to have and hold from and immediately after my decease during the years I have in my lease of the Trinity Barton aforesaid, if he shall so long live, anything before in this my will to the contrary notwithstanding, one annuity or yearly rent of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of lawful money of England to be paid to him and his assigns at the feast[s] of th' Annunciation of Our Lady [+and?] St Michael the Archangel by even portions, with a

clause of distress that if the said annuity or yearly rent of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence or any part thereof to be behind and unpaid, that then it shall be lawful for him [+or?] his assigns, to distrain for the same in the foresaid farm of Trinity Barton, and the distress thereof so taken to hold until such time as he be fully satisfied of the arrearages thereof with his damages;

Also I will and bequeath one other annuity or yearly rent of five pounds of lawful money of England to my servant, Henry Allwaye, to be issuing, going and payable out of my said lease or farm called Trinity Barton immediately after my decease for and during he continuance of the said years I have in the said farm, if the said Henry Allwaye shall so long live, to be paid yearly at the feast[s] of th' Annunciation of Our Lady and St Michael th' Archangel by even portions with like clause of distress in and upon the said farm if the said annuity or yearly rent be behind and unpaid after any of the said feats aforesaid;

Also I will that four jewels of gold be made of the price or value of five pounds, whereof I give & bequeath one to my good Lady, the Lady Paulet, wife to the Lord Chidioc Paulet, one other to the Lady Paulet, late wife to the aforesaid Ralph Scrope, one other of them to Mrs Elizabeth Hodges, wife of Master Hodges, and the fourth to Mrs Elizabeth Welles, wife to Gilbert Welles, esquire;

Also I give and bequeath to my brother, [=brother-in-law] Henry Browne, my godson, one hundred pounds of lawful money of England, to be paid to him at his full age of one and twenty years, and if he die before, then the same to remain and be to the performance of this my last will and testament;

Also I give and bequeath to every of my aunts, that is to say, my Aunt Lawrence, my Aunt Ponde and my Aunt Clerk, twenty pounds apiece of lawful money of England;

Item, I give to my trusty servant, Thomas Dymoke, and to every other gentleman of my bedchamber dwelling with me [f. 360r] at the time of my decease beside their wages forty pounds, and every yeoman of my bedchamber dwelling with me as aforesaid besides their wages twenty pounds;

Also I give and bequeath to the said Thomas Dymoke, my servant, two hundred pounds to be paid by my executors within two years after my decease if the said Thomas be then living, and my will and desire is that the said Thomas for the good opinion and faithful trust I have in him should be one of those which shall be specially appointed after my decease to be attendant and daily about the person of my son, the Lord Wriothesley, to have care and charge thereof, whose duty in that behalf to be honestly and carefully performed I nothing doubt;

Item, I will that William, my beggar's boy, be kept, found and brought up by my executors at school until he shall come to the age of one and twenty years, and then I will and bequeath him forty marks of lawful money of England to be paid him at the same age if he shall so long live;

Also my will is that if I have heretofore leased, given or granted or shall at any time hereafter lease, give or grant any of my manors, lands, hereditaments, goods, chattels, leases or chattels real to any person or persons upon any trust or confidence to be performed in my life or after my decease, and that not performed and fulfilled in my lifetime, then I will that the same trust and confidence be performed after my decease by my executors and the survivors or survivor of them and by the executors and administrators of the survivor of them for and towards the discharge of my funerals, payment of my debts, gifts, grants, legacies and other things set forth and declared in this my present last will and testament;

Also my full intent and meaning is, anything before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding, that my said executors and the survivors and the survivor of them and the executors of the survivor [+of?] then [sic] shall not at any time sell or depart with any of my plate, jewels, armour or household stuff, garnishments of household which I shall have at the time of my decease for the payment or performance of any of my legacies, gifts, grants or bequeaths made in this my last will and testament other than with such as I have given or do give by this my testament, but that the same legacies, gifts, grants and bequeaths shall be paid and performed in such sort as in this will is limited and expressed, for the better performance whereof I desire the foresaid Viscount Montagu, who is now survivor to the foresaid Ralph and John, and his executors that it will please him and them upon request made to grant and convey to my executors and to the survivors and survivor of them all such estate, profit, term and interest as he or they hath, have or may have or claim into the foresaid manors, lands and hereditaments by the indenture or grant aforesaid with the indentures aforesaid;

Item, I will that my house at Dogmersfield within eight years after my decease be fully finished and builded by my executors according to the form already begun and model made by Adams of Greenwich for the building of the said house, and for [+that?] to the same new building it will be requisite to have new household stuff to furnish the same, my will therefore is that my executors and [+the?] survivors and survivor of them and the executors of the survivor of them within ten years after my decease, or before my heir shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years, shall bestow in household stuff the sum of five hundred pounds, and therewith deck and furnish the new buildings aforesaid, the use or occupation and property of which said household stuff I will shall go, remain and be in such sort, manner and form as I have before limited for my household stuff which at the time of my decease shall be within my house at Dogmersfield aforesaid;

Item, I will that my house in Whitley Park near Titchfield which is unfurnished [sic for 'unfinished'?] to be within three or four years at the furthest after my decease fully perfected and finished, that is to say, plastered, glazed, boarded, and every lodging within the parlour and hall wainscotted, and all other necessary things whatsoever in and about the said house amended, repaired and fully finished so as it may be meet to be dwelt in, and so kept by my executors until my heir be of the age of one and twenty years, taking allowance therefore of the profits of such lands and leases as are set forth for the performance of this my last will and testament;

And I do will that my foresaid servant, Thomas Dymoke, have the keeping of my said house at Whitley until my said son be of the full age of one and twenty years if the said Thomas Dymoke so long shall live;

And that my said servant during the foresaid time be ranger, and have the oversight of my three keepers and games about Titchfield, being allowed six pounds thirteen shillings four pence to be yearly paid unto him by my executors over and above all other bequeaths before or hereafter mentioned;

And also that he be allowed during the time aforesaid to keep twelve kine and one bull, that is to say, six in Whitley and six in the Great Park, and two horse beasts in Whitley Park and two in Titchfield Park;

And that he have yearly during the same time delivered by my executors at Whitley house for the foddering of his cattle and wintering of his geldings ten loads of good hay out of my meadows at Titchfield;

And that he be allowed [f. 360v] by my executors as much wood out of Whitley Park and Beckinge as he shall reasonably burn within the said house of Whitley;

And also during that time he shall lie there during the minority of my said heir, that he have four spare bullocks running(?) in the Great Park and twenty sheep in Whitley Park or Beckinge, if Beckinge be not let out, which if it be, then to have them roaming in Whitley Park;

Provided always that when the said Thomas shall depart this life, that then his estate cease in the foresaid house and premise which are willed him during the minority of my said heir;

And to the intent my servant shall be more careful for the said Lord Wriothesley, my son, and the better have in memory how good Lord and master I am unto him, I do further give and bequeath to the said Thomas Dymoke for term of his life without condition or premise one rentcharge of ten pounds by the year to be issuing out of my leases and farms, anything before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding, the same payable in the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of Our Lady or within twenty days after either of the said feasts by even portions;

Nevertheless my meaning is that my executors, until my heir shall come to the age of one and twenty years, shall pay the said annual rent, and at my said heir's age of one and twenty years shall account to the said heir as aforesaid for the said parsonage in such manner as the said parsonage were not charged with the said rent;

Also I give and bequeath to my servant, William Chamberlain, one hundred marks of lawful money of England, to be paid within one half year after my decease, if he be then living;

And I give and bequeath to my loving cousin, Edward Carrell [=Caryll?], one cup of silver and gilt worth twenty marks;

And I give and bequeath to my loving cousin, John Savage, esquire, son and heir [-and] apparent unto Sir John Savage, knight, for a remembrance of my goodwill, a chain of the value of forty pounds to be bought and delivered unto him by my executors within one whole year after my decease;

Item, I will and desire my executors and the survivors and the survivor of them to see not only this my will and testament duly and truly performed according to my intent as they will answer before God at the last dreadful day, but also that if at any time of my death there be any part of my Lady my mother's will then not performed and discharged (the foresaid several leases of the parsonage of Titchfield only excepted), that then the[y] will also perform and accomplish my said Lady my mother's with as much speed as may be after my death according to the true intent and meaning thereof (except before excepted) and according to my will in that behalf;

And also if there be anything by good proof not discharged of my Lord my father's will, that it be likewise discharged;

Item, I will that if at any time of my death I leave any ready money or money owing me or goods or leases by this my last will unbequeathed, then the same to be employed by my executors to the performance of this my will, and also the profits of the manor of Itchel and Ewshot in the county of Southampton, and all such lands and hereditaments as I purchased of George Gifford, esquire, to be by my executors employed to the performance of this my will until my heir come to the age of one and twenty years;

And because a certain lease was made out to my son by certain feoffees of the same lands for certain years yet to come, that my said son, if he live to his full age of one and twenty years, do upon my blessing discharge my executors of the same; the profits thereof is to be employed as thother lands and commodities appointed to this my will;

Item, I give & bequeath unto my very good Lords the Earl of Arundel and Rutland as a testimony of my goodwill, to each of them a cup of silver and gilt of fifty ounces, with a request unto them to remain in goodwill to my son as firmly heretofore they have done to me;

Item, I give unto my good friend, Mrs Bridge Chower, gentlewoman of her Majesty's bedchamber, one hundred pounds;

Item, I give & bequeath to my trusty servant, Nicholas Collins, one hundred pounds;

And to my servant, Edmund Pretteye, one hundred pounds;

Item, I give unto my servants, Thomas Castlon [=Castelain?], Thomas Hollowell, each of them forty pounds;

And also I do straitly charge my said heir, so soon as he or she shall come to the age of one and twenty years, that he or she make the said Thomas Dymoke, my man, if he be then living, or to his children if he have any, a lease for one and twenty years of Bromwich farm in reversion of that already given him by me;

And upon my blessing I charge him, my said heir, to be good to all such of my servants as were faithful unto me in my life;

And because I fear that after my decease either my wife or any other whom I do not in this my last will [-and] nominate may seek to intrude themselves into some of my doings, either touching the performance of my will or those particular things which may presently rise to the benefit of my heir, I do most heartily request and earnestly charge all my executors that they yield not to such matter, & that nothing be of validity to pass from any one of my executors without the consent of the whole or of so [f. 361r] many as shall be living or within the bounds of England or the more part of them, whereof the said Thomas Dymoke to be one, otherwise his or their authority to cease and from thenceforth utterly to be void, and the whole to remain unto the rest;

And because no man's will is so perfect but that some scruple may rise thereupon, my will is that if any scruple or doubt shall arise, the opinion of my overseers be by my executors taken how the same may in best sort be ordered to the true meaning and benefit of my heirs, and that having their said advice it be fully ended by two of my executors, that is to say, Charles Paget, esquire, and my good and trusty servant, Thomas Dymoke, and if the said Charles Paget be not in England, by the said Thomas Dymoke as one who being now about me doth [+more?] particularly know my intent and meaning than any other doth touching my causes and intents contained within this my last will, whose honesty and affection towards me and mine I have found to be such as I am well assured he will as faithfully perform all matters to him committed as he hath truly served me in my life;

Item, my will is that if I die in debt more than my particular legacies herein mentioned, anything to the contrary notwithstanding, that my plate be all sold for the performing of my will, only so much to be reserved as is sufficient to serve my son's chamber at the discretion of my executors;

Item, my earnest request and desire is to my executors that they perform my secret trust reposed in them touching the bestowing and employing of such part of the surpluses of the profits and commodities of my lands and leases set out for the performance of this my last will which shall rise to their part even as they will answer the same before the throne of Almighty God;

Item I give my bay horse unto my servant, Thomas Dymoke, who hath broken and made the said horse;

Item, I give my black jennet to my brother [=brother-in-law], Thomas Cornwallis, and my colt call Weighill;

Item, my will is that when my farm of Stoneham & Sulton [sic for 'Sutton?'] and other farms that shall fall in the minority of my heir and set for the performance of my will that [+they?] be not by my executors set for fine, but the increase and such provision reserved against my said heir shall come of age as shall be meet to supply his want, as malt, sheep, steers at Beaulieu to the number of fifty, or threescore porkers, oats for horses and such other like according to their discretions;

Item, my will is that if my wife chance to die during the minority of my heir, that those lands which are her jointure shall presently upon her death remain to my executors to the performance of this my will during such time as the rest is committed to their use;

Item, I will that after the heirs of my body come and be of age of one and twenty years, that then such surplusage as shall be remaining of the profits and revenues of my manors, lands, leases, money, debts and movables set out and appointed for the performance of this my will and payment of my debts shall be equally and with great indifferency divided in three parts:

Whereof I will the first part to th' heirs males of my body, and for default of such issue to the heirs females of my body which shall live to accomplish the age of one and twenty years, and for default of such heir, the said third part to be to the performance of this my will;

One other part I will to such of my daughters which shall live to accomplish the age of one and twenty years, and if they die before the said age, then the said third part to such of their children which shall live to the age of one and twenty years, and for default of such issue, the said third part to be to the performance of this my will;

One other third part, being the least third part, I will to my executors;

Item, my will is and also I do earnestly desire my said executors and the survivors of them that when any of the said copyholds become void which they by law may grant as executors, that yet they will not grant the same but in such manner that when my heir shall come to have the same it may be void of a tenant;

And that they will also carefully look to my parks and grounds so that my deer and game may be in best manner kept & preserved, and that my houses, lands, woods, parks, pales, stuff and armour may be [-may be] with like care repaired, kept, paled and looked unto according to my special trust in them reposed;

And my intent and meaning is that my executors and [+the?] survivors of them and the executors of the survivors of them shall pay and allow to themselves of my goods all such costs, charges and expenses whatsoever as they or any of them shall truly pay, lay out or be put to by any way for or concerning this my last testament or anything therein

mentioned, or for and concerning any cause, charge, suit or thing whatsoever which appertaineth to trusty executors to disburse, lay out, sue for or defend;

Item, I do name, constitute, ordain and make executors of this my last will and testament Charles Paget, esquire, brother to the Lord Paget, Edward Gage of Bentley in the county of Sussex, the foresaid Gilbert Welles of Brambridge in the county of Southampton, Ralph Hare, Bencher of the Inner Temple, London, esquires, and lastly my good and trusty servant, Thomas Dymoke, gentleman;

And I give every one of them for their pains to be taken one hundred [f. 361v] marks;

And I do name, constitute, ordain, appoint and make to be overseers of this my last will and testament my very good Lords Henry, Earl of Northumberland, my Lord Thomas Paget, and my loving brother [=brother-in-law], Thomas Cornwallis, esquire, and I give to every of them for a token of my goodwill a basin and an ewer with a pair of pots of silver worth fourscore pounds;

And I most instantly desire my executors that after my decease they will yearly, or every second year at the least, once meet and take and make account together concerning this my will and testament, upon which every said account I desire every of them to keep a book, and after the account made every of them to subscribe other's book interchangeably;

And I desire my overseers at every account to be made, as is aforesaid, it would please them or any of them to be there present, and upon every such account made to receive a book subscribed with my executors' hands testifying their said account;

And further my most earnest desire is unto my good Lords and to my said brother, Thomas Cornwallis, whom I do nominate and appoint overseers of this my last will, that it will please them according to the trust reposed in them to aid and assist my executors in all and every such case and cases as shall be needful for and touching the performance of this my will, and also to take as great care as in them shall lie that my son be godly and virtuously brought up and always assisted by them in friendship and good counsel with no less goodwill towards him and my house than it hath pleased them to show towards me in my lifetime;

And finally my request is to them and all my good friends and well-willers that they will offer their prayers to God for the good estate of my soul;

Lastly I will that whatsoever clause, sentence and words I, the said Earl, shall at any time hereafter add, diminish, put out, alter or change in this present last will and testament with my own hand shall be and stand as part of this my last will and testament;

In witness that this [+is?] my last will and testament, I, the said Earl, have hereunto set my seal and subscribed my name to every leaf in the presence of these persons whose

names be underwritten. H. Southampton. George Fortescue, Edmund Pretty, Thomas Fryar, Thomas Peigham and Felix Hunt.

Manors, lands and hereditaments assigned and set to the Queen's Majesty in full recompense of thirds

The manor of Beaulieu alias Bello Locis Regis with th' appurtenances (except the house, demesure [sic for 'demesnes'?] and parsonage now in my occupation).

The manor of Charke le Britten with th' appurtenances.

The manor of Bromwich with th' appurtenances.

The farm of [+the?] township of Yepelye [=Ippely?] with th' appurtenances in the New Forest.

The creation money of th' earldom of Southampton and my other rents in the said town of Southampton.

The rent of a piece of land within the parish of North Stoneham called Ilandes.

The manor of Newland with th' appurtenances, the manor of Segenworth with the appurtenances (except the house, lands and such of the demesne as be now in my own possession and occupation).

The rent of a parcel of ground called Le Ground, parcel of the manor of Titchfield within the parish of Titchfield.

The manor of Long Sutton with th' appurtenances (only the farm excepted and reserved to the performance of my will).

H. Southampton. George Fortescue, Edmund Prety, Thomas Fryar, Thomas Peigham, Felix Hunt.

Item, because my house at Dogmersfield is yet unperfected and that the same will require a long time working there, and because the house, being large, will require a continual careful looking unto, and lastly because in troth a smaller thing will be more convenient for my wife after my death than that is, my desire is that my executors with the assistance of my overseers do compound with her for her interest in the manor of Dogmersfield;

And because my intent is not that she shall not [sic?] be prejudiced any way, I will them to give her for the same (if she will so accept it) fourscore pounds by the year, which is a full greater portion than the same is worth, except the parks were destroyed;

And because the whole world shall witness that I die in perfect charity, my pleasure is that if my said wife be conformable to this, that then my executors do pay her, as of my bequest, five hundred pounds so soon as the same may conveniently be gathered after my debts paid and funerals discharged;

But if she refuse so to compound, that then there be no such legacy yielded her;

And I give to my Lord Montagu a George and a Garter of the value of forty pounds in token of perfect love and charity between us, which I will my executors to provide and give him so soon as conveniently they may.

I, Thomas Lord Paget, will at all times verify that the writing whereof this is a true copy was written with the late Earl of Southampton's own hand, and that it was his Lordship's will and intent that the contents therein should be in substance performed. In testimony whereof I have also written these last lines with my own hand. Thomas Paget.

I, Thomas Dymoke, late servant to the foresaid Earl, must likewise testify as the foresaid Lord Paget hath before written, and that it was the late Earl his mind the contents of the same writing should stand and be as parcel of the late Earl's will. In testimony whereof I have also written these last lines with my own hand. Thomas Dymoke.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum apud London Coram venerabili viro mag{ist}ro Will{el}mo Drury Legum Doctore curie prerogative cantuarien{sis} Commissario etc Septimo die mens{is} february Anno Domini iuxta cursum et computac{i}o{n}em eccl{es}ie Anglicane mill{es}imo quingentesimo octogesimo secundo Iuramento Chr{ist}oferi Robinson notarij publici procuratoris Edwardi Gage Gilberti Well{es} Radulphi Hare Armig{erum} et Thome Dymock generos{i} executor{um} etc Quibus commissa fuit administracio bonor{um} etc De bene etc Iurat{is}

[=The abovewritten will was proved at London before the worshipful Master William Drury, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary etc. of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the seventh day of the month of February in the year of the Lord according to the course and reckoning of the English church the thousand five hundred eighty-second by the oath of Christopher Robinson, notary public, proctor of Edward Gage, Gilbert Welles, Ralph Hare, esquires, and Thomas Dymoke, gentleman, executors etc., to whom administration was granted of the goods etc., sworn to well etc.]