

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy enrolled on the Close Rolls on 12 November 1608 of the indenture, dated 11 November 1608, by which John Collett sold his interest in the Globe playhouse, the inn called the Star in Bread Street, and other properties in Southwark and London to John Bodley of Streatham.

See also the facsimile on the Shakespeare Documented website at:

<https://shakespearedocumented.folger.edu/resource/document/deed-transfer-globe-and-other-properties-john-collett-sir-thomas-bodley-listing>

There may be a handwritten transcript of the indenture at the Huntingdon Library made by Charles William Wallace. See:

<http://ltb-stg.cch.kcl.ac.uk:51518/db/record/emlot-record/7758/>

For the copy on the Close Rolls of the indenture, dated 7 October 1601, by which Nicholas Brend (d. 12 October 1601), in consideration for payment of his debts of £1478 and for £250 paid to him by John Collett, mortgaged properties in Southwark, including the Globe playhouse, to Sir Matthew Browne (d.1603) and John Collet, see TNA C 54/1722, mm. 5-7.

For Nicholas Brend's recognizance to Sir Matthew Browne and John Collett in the amount of £2500 as security for performance of the indenture of 7 October 1601, see TNA C 54/1705, mm. 24-5.

For Nicholas Brend's indenture of 10 October 1601 by which he sold the properties mentioned in the indenture below, including the Globe playhouse, to Matthew Browne and John Collett, see TNA C 54/1682, mm. 10-11.

Nicholas Brend had earlier leased the ground on which the Globe playhouse was built by lease dated 21 February 1599 to Richard Burbage (1568-1619), Cuthbert Burbage (1564/5-1636), William Kempe, Augustine Phillips (d.1605), Thomas Pope (d.1603) John Heminges (1566-1630) and William Shakespeare (1564-1616) of Stratford upon Avon (see TNA REQ 4/1/2):

*for the said gardens and grounds whereupon the said playhouse & galleries were afterwards builded were demised & letten by the said Nicholas Brend by his indenture of lease tripartite bearing date in or about the 21st day of February in the 41st year of the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth [=21 February 1599] unto Cuthbert Burbage, Richard Burbage, William Shakespeare, the said Augustine Phillips, Thomas Pope, the said John Heminges, one of the said defendants, and William Kempe, to have and to hold the one moiety of the said garden plots and ground to the said Cuthbert Burbage and Richard Burbage, their executors, administrators & assigns, from the feast of the birth of Our Lord God last past before the date of the said indenture [=25 December 1598] unto the end & term of 31 years from thence next ensuing [=24 December 1629] for the yearly*

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*rent of seven pounds & five shillings, and to have & to hold the other moiety of the said garden plots & grounds unto the said William Shakespeare, Augustine Phillips, Thomas Pope, the said John Heminges, one of the said defendants, & William Kempe, their executors, administrators & assigns, from the said feast of the birth of Our Lord God then last past before the date of the said indenture unto the said full end & term of 31 years from thence next ensuing for the like yearly rent of seven pounds & five shillings.*

Nicholas Brend was the son of Thomas Brend (d.1598), and his first wife, Margery. For the will of Thomas Brend, see TNA PROB 11/93/316. For the inquisition post mortem taken on 17 May 1599 after the death of Thomas Brend in which Nicholas Brend is said to have been 37 years of age or more at the time of Thomas Brend's death, see TNA C 142/257/68. In the inquisition the Globe is described as:

*one house newly built with a garden to the same appertaining in the parish of Saint Saviour's aforesaid in the county of Surrey aforesaid in the occupation of William Shakespeare and others.*

For the will of Nicholas Brend, dated 10 October 1601 and proved 6 November 1601, see TNA PROB 11/98/348.

For the inquisition post mortem taken at Southwark on 3 December 1601 concerning lands held by Nicholas Brend, in which the properties in the indentures of 7 and 10 October 1601 are not mentioned, and which was delivered to the court on 27 January 1602 by John Bodley of Streatham, gentleman, see TNA C 142/271/151.

For the final order by which ownership of the Globe playhouse and other properties in Southwark and in Bread Street in London was restored to Matthew Brend (1600-1659), the King's ward, after a lawsuit brought on his behalf by the King's attorney in the Court of Wards, see TNA WARD 9/94, ff. 31-3.

For the copy on the Close Rolls of the indenture, dated 21 February 1622, by which the final order of the Court of Wards was carried out, see TNA C 54/2471, No. 15.

In the lawsuit in the Court of Wards, it is stated that after Sir Matthew Browne's death in 1603 his interest in the indenture below went to John Collett by survivorship.

Sir Matthew Browne of Betchworth Castle in Dorking, Surrey, was the son of Sir Thomas Browne (d.1597) of Betchworth and his first wife, Mabel Fitzwilliam (see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, pp. 342-3). For the will of Sir Matthew Browne, dated 2 August 1603 and proved 19 April 1608, see TNA PROB 11/111/273.

John Collett, was the brother of Nicholas Brend's step-mother, Mercy (nee Collett) Bodley Brend (d. 13 April 1597).

John Bodley of Streatham was the son of Francis Bodley (d.1566), citizen and fishmonger of London (for whose will see TNA PROB 11/48/415), and his wife, Mercy Collett (d. 13 April 1597). After Francis Bodley's death, his widow, Mercy, married, as his second wife, Nicholas Brend's father, Thomas Brend (d.1598). John Bodley was a Justice of the Peace for Surrey, was knighted by King James at Compton Winyates in 1617, and in a lawsuit in the Star Chamber in 1623 is described as one of King James' gentleman-pensioners (see TNA STAC 8/74/10). On 13 September 1619 he was one of the witnesses when Edward Alleyn subscribed his name to the deed founding Dulwich College. See Strype's Survey of London at:

[http://www.hrionline.ac.uk/strype/TransformServlet?page=book1\\_213](http://www.hrionline.ac.uk/strype/TransformServlet?page=book1_213)

See also Nichols, John, *The Progresses, Processions, and Magnificent Festivities of King James the First*, (London: J.B. Nichols, 1828), Vol. III, p. 435 at:

[https://books.google.ca/books?id=KNE\\_AAAAcAAJ&pg=PA435](https://books.google.ca/books?id=KNE_AAAAcAAJ&pg=PA435)

John Bodley of Streatham married Jane Evelyn, the daughter of Thomas Evelyn, esquire, of Long Ditton, Surrey. See the will of Thomas Evelyn, TNA PROB 11/130/558, and Bannerman, W. Bruce, ed., *The Visitations of the County of Surrey*, (London: Harleian Society, 1899), Vol. XLIII, p. 147 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationscoun01banngoog#page/n160/mode/2up>

For a discussion of the financial arrangements made by Nicholas Brend with Sir Matthew Browne, John Collett and John Bodley in the days immediately preceding his death, see Berry, Herbert, *Shakespeare's Playhouses*, (New York: AMS Press, 1987), pp. 87-8.

For Nicholas Brend's marriage to Margaret Strelley without his father's consent, see Berry, pp. 84-5, and the will of Nicholas Brend, TNA PROB 11/98/348.

LM: Collett et Bodley

This indenture made the eleventh day of November Anno Domini 1608 & in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. the sixth & of Scotland the two & fortieth between John Collett, Citizen & Merchant Taylor of London, on thone party, & John Bodley of Streatham in the county of Surrey, esquire, on thother party;

Witnesseth that the said John Collett, as well for & in consideration of a certain sum of lawful money of England to him in hand paid at & before th' ensealing hereof by the said John Bodley, whereof he acknowledgeth the receipt by these presents, & for & in consideration of the trust & confidence reposed in him by the said John Bodley, as also for & upon divers other good & lawful causes & reasonable considerations him, the said

John Collett, hereunto specially moving, hath granted, aliened, bargained & sold & by these presents doth fully, clearly & absolutely grant, alien, bargain & sell unto the said John Bodley, his heirs & assigns, forever all that messuage or inn with th' appurtenances whatsoever commonly called or known by the name or sign of the Star situate, lying or being in or near Bread Street in the parish of All Hallows in Bread Street within the City of London sometime in the tenure or occupation of one John Dunscombe late of London, Merchant Taylor, deceased, or of his assigns, and sithence in the tenure or occupation of one Peter Jeffrey, & now in the tenure or occupation of Adam Taylor or of his assigns, and all & singular yards, backsides, halls, chambers, stables, haylofts, rooms, lights, easements, watercourses, commodities & hereditaments whatsoever to the said messuage or inn belonging or in any wise appertaining or now or at any time heretofore accepted, reputed, taken, known, letten or occupied as part or parcel of the said messuage or inn or as thereunto appertaining or belonging, and also all & singular warehouses, rooms, yards, void grounds & hereditaments whatsoever of him, the said John Collett, in the said parish of All Hallows in Bread Street aforesaid late in the tenure or occupation of one Joan Dunscombe, widow, the late wife of the said John Dunscombe, deceased, or of her assigns, and also all those two messuages or tenements with their appurtenances situate, lying & being together in Bread Street aforesaid in the said parish of All Hallows in Bread Street, London, on the south side of the gate-room or way leading out of Bread Street aforesaid into the said messuage or inn called the Star, and all other the lands, tenements & hereditaments whatsoever of the said John Collett in the parish of All Hallows in Bread Street aforesaid being late the inheritance of Nicholas Brend, esquire, deceased;

And also all those messuages, tenements, houses, edifices, buildings, chambers, rooms, playhouse, gardens, orchards, void rooms [sic?] & other lands & hereditaments whatsoever with all & singular their appurtenances now or late in the several tenures or occupations of Francis Carter, tanner, John Oldfield, tanner, Hugh Tooker [=Tucker?], waterman, John Kene, dyer, Henry Draper, brewer, Avery Butcher, waterman, Hendrick Sturman, armourer, Nicholas Zetchwell, baker, John Treherne, gentleman, George Archer, porter, Lawrence Bush, draper, John Johnson, tailor, John Knolles, Abraham Campion, beer-brewer, Richard Burbage & William Shakespeare, gent{lemen}, John Brigham, saddler, & Robert Bromfield, gentleman, & of every or any of them, their & every or any of their assign or assigns, or in the tenure or manurance, holding or occupation of any other person or persons situate, lying & being in Maiden Lane in the parish of Saint Saviour alias Saint Mary Overies in Southwark in the county of Surrey, and all other the messuages, lands, tenements & hereditaments whatsoever of him, the said John Collett, situate, lying & being in the said parish of Saint Saviour alias Saint Mary Overies in Southwark aforesaid, being late also only the inheritance of the said Nicholas Brend, and the reversion & reversions, remainder & remainders whatsoever of all & singular the premises & of every part & parcel thereof, and all yearly rents, sum & sums of money & other profits & payments whatsoever reserved or payable or covenanted to be paid in or upon any demise, lease or grant, leases or grants heretofore made of the premises or any of them or of any part or parcel thereof, together with all & singular deeds, evidences, escripts, writings & muniments whatsoever touching or concerning the premises & every or any parcel thereof;

To have & to hold the said messuage or inn called the Star with th' appurtenances & all other the said messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments & premises by these presents bargained & sold or meant or intended to be hereby bargained & sold with their & every of their appurtenances to the said John Bodley, his heirs & assigns, forever to the only use & behoof of the said John Bodley & of his heirs & assigns forever absolutely without any manner of condition or conditions;

In witness whereof the said parties to these present indentures interchangeably have set their seals, given the day & year first above-written.

Et memorand{um} q{uo}d die et Ann{o} Suprasc{ripto} P{re}fat{us} Ioh{ann}es Collett venit coram d{i}c{t}o D{omi}no Rege in Cancellaria Sua et recognovit Indent{uram} p{re}dict{a}m ac om{n}ia et Singula in eadem content{a} et Specificat{a} in forma Supradict{a}

Irr{otulatur} xijo die Novembris Ann{o} P{re}dict{o}

[=And be it remembered that on the day and year above-written the forenamed John Collett came before the said Lord the King in his Chancery and acknowledged the indenture aforesaid and all and singular in the same contained and specified in form abovesaid. Enrolled the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year aforesaid.]