

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the Queen's licence, dated 1 February 1592, authorizing Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612), to alienate the rectory of Messing to George Maxey. For the fine, dated 5 May 1592, by which clear title to the rectory of Messing passed from Oxford and Elizabeth Trentham to George Maxey, see TNA CP 25/2/135/1725/34ELIZIEASTER, Item 43.

Grant(?) of licence to alienate for George Maxey

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know ye that we of our especial grace and for thirty-five shillings six pence & [+one] farthing paid to our farmers by virtue of our letters patent have granted & given licence, and for us, our heirs & successors, by how much is in us by these presents do grant & give licence to our dearest cousin Edward, Earl of Oxford, & Elizabeth, his wife, that they might be able to give & grant, alienate or acknowledge by fine or by recovery in our court before our justices of the Common Pleas or by any other manner whatsoever at the pleasure of themselves, the Earl & Elizabeth, to our beloved George Maxey, esquire, the rectory of Messing with the appurtenances and two messuages, one toft, three gardens, three orchards, sixty acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture & ten acres of wood with the appurtenances in Messing, and all & all manner of tithes, portions, pensions, oblations & obventions whatsoever growing, renewing or arising in Messing, Easthorpe, Feering, Layer Marney & Inworth, and also the advowson of the vicarage of the church of Messing in our county of Essex which are held of us in chief, as it is said, to have & to hold to the same George and his heirs & assigns forever of us, our heirs & successors, by the services owed therefore, & of right customary;

And by the tenor of these presents we have similarly given, and for us, our heirs & successors aforesaid we do give special licence to the same George that he might be able to receive from the forenamed Earl & Elizabeth & hold to himself and his heirs & assigns forever of us, our heirs & successors by the services aforesaid, as is aforesaid, the foresaid rectory, messuages, lands, tenements, advowson and other all & singular the premises above expressed & specified with the appurtenances;

Not willing that the foresaid Earl & Elizabeth or their heirs, or the forenamed George or his heirs by reason of the premises by us, our heirs or successors, or by our justices, escheators, sheriffs, bailiffs or other officers or ministers or [+those] of our said heirs or successors whatsoever might be troubled therefore, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything or oppressed, nor any of them might be troubled, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything or oppressed. In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the first day of February.

LM: D' licencie alienando pro Georgio Maxey

1 Regina Omnibus ad quos &c salutem Sciatis quod nos de gracia nostra speciali ac pro triginta quinque

2 solidis sex denarijs & quadrante solutis ffirmarijs nostris virtute litterarum nostrarum patentium concessimus

3 & licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est per presentes

4 concedimus & licenciam damus Carissimo Consanguineo nostro Edwardo Comiti Oxonie & Elizabethe

5 vxori eius quod ipsi Rectoriam de Messing cum pertinentijs ac duo mesuagia vnum Toftum tria gardina

6 tria pomaria sexaginta acras terre viginti acras prati quadraginta acras pasture &

7 decem acras bosci cum pertinentijs in Messing ac omnes & omnimodo decimas porciones penciones

8 oblaciones & obuenciones quascumque crescentes renouantes siue emergentes in Messing Eastthorpe

9 ffeeringe laermarney & Inford aceciam aduocacionem vicarie ecclesie de Messing in Comitatu

10 nostro Essex Que de nobis tenentur in Capite vt dicitur dare possint & concedere alienare

11 aut cognoscere per finem vel per recuperacionem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiarijs nostris de Banco aut

12 aliquo alio modo quocumque ad libitum ipsorum Comitis & Elizabethe dilecto nobis Georgio Maxey

13 Armigero habendum & tenendum eidem Georgio ac heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus &

14 successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et eidem Georgio quod ipse

15 predictam Rectoriam mesuagia terras tenementa aduocacionem ac cetera omnia & singula premissa superius

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16 expressa & specificata cum pertinentijs a prefatis Comite & Elizabetha recipere possit & tenere sibi ac

17 heredibus & assignatis suis de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia predicta sicut predictum est

18 imperpetuum tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis

19 damus specialem Nolentes quod predicti Comes & Elizabetha vel heredes sui aut prefatus Georgius

20 vel heredes sui ratione premissorum per nos heredes vel successores nostros aut per Iusticiarios Escaetores

21 vicecomites Balliuos aut alios Officiarios seu Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum vel

22 successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur impetantur vexentur in aliquo seu

23 grauentur nec eorum aliquis occasionetur molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo seu grauetur In cuius

24 rei &c Teste Regine apud Westmonasterium primo die Februarij