

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of Henry VIII's grant of Colne Priory to John de Vere (1482-1540), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and his heirs on 22 July 1536. Oxford inherited Colne Priory under the terms of this grant.

Colne Priory was founded in or before 1111 by Aubrey de Vere I (died c.1112), a tenant in chief of William the Conqueror, and his wife, Beatrice, after the death of his son Godfrey (died c.1104). Aubrey de Vere I was succeeded by his second, but eldest surviving son, Aubrey de Vere II (c.1085-1141), who married Adeliza, the daughter of Gilbert fitz Richard of Clare, by whom he was the father of Aubrey de Vere III (c.1115-1194), created 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Oxford in 1141. See:

'Houses of Benedictine monks: Priory of Earl's Colne', in *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 2*, ed. William Page and J Horace Round (London, 1907), pp. 102-105. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/essex/vol2/pp102-105> [accessed 19 June 2020].

See also:

'Earls Colne: Manors and other estates', in *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 10, Lexden Hundred (Part) Including Dedham, Earls Colne and Wivenhoe*, ed. Janet Cooper (London, 2001), pp. 92-94. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/essex/vol10/pp92-94> [accessed 19 June 2020].

*The lands with which the de Veres endowed Colne priory became the separate manor of Colne Priory, which was granted to John de Vere, earl of Oxford, at the Dissolution.*

On 6 May 1588 Oxford granted Colne Priory to Queen Elizabeth by a fine in the Court of Common Pleas for the stated sum of £4000 (see TNA CP 25/2/261/30ELIZIEASTER, Item 5). The sum of £4000 mentioned in the fine merely represented a valuation of Colne Priory for purposes of the fine. No money would have changed hands as indicated by the fact that by letters patent of 8 June 1588 Queen Elizabeth regranted Colne Priory to Oxford (see TNA C 66/1321, mm. 8-9 and ERO T/B 177/3). As a result of the Queen's letters patent of 8 June 1588 Oxford held Colne Priory to himself and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten (at the time, these were his three daughters by his first wife, Anne Cecil, who had died on 5 June 1588), and failing such issue, to the heirs of the body of John de Vere (1482-1540), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford.

On 14 April 1592, at the petition of Sir John Norris (1547x50-1597) the Queen issued letters patent granting her reversionary interest in Colne Priory (together with her reversionary interest in several other properties not owned by Oxford) to Theophilus Adams and Thomas Butler and their heirs forever. Under the terms of the grant, Colne Priory was henceforth to be held by the fortieth part of one knight's fee at an annual rent of £66 (see TNA C 66/1393, mm. 11-16 and ERO D/DPr/631). The rent formerly paid by Oxford for Colne Priory was thus transferred to the Queen's grant of her reversionary interest to Adams and Butler.

The Queen's grant to Adams and Butler appears to have been a direct result of Oxford's sale of Colne Priory two months earlier, on 7 February 1592, to Richard Harlakenden (see ERO D/DU 256/1). For the licence dated 1 February 1592 authorizing Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham, to alienate Colne Priory to Richard Harlakenden, see TNA C 66/1392, mm. 23-4. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 5 May 1592 by which clear title to Colne Priory passed from Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612), to Richard Harlakenden for £200, see TNA CP 25/2/135/1725/34ELIZIEASTER, Item 46.

The underlying purpose of the Queen's grant to Adams and Butler thus appears to have been to facilitate the uniting of Oxford's former interest in Colne Priory and the Queen's reversionary interest under a single owner, Richard Harlakenden. Adams and Butler appear to have functioned as intermediaries in obtaining a grant of the Queen's reversionary interest and selling it to Richard Harlakenden, so that, with Oxford's original interest and the Queen's reversionary interest united, Harlakenden would become sole owner of the two interests in Colne Priory which had formerly been separate. The Queen's reversionary interest in Colne Priory, like any reversionary interest, was contingent on an event, in this case the eventual failure of the line of de Vere heirs. Once Oxford had sold Colne Priory to Richard Harlakenden on 7 February 1592, the dependence of the Queen's reversionary interest on the failure of the de Vere line was an anomalous condition, and the Queen was prepared to part with her reversionary interest in Colne Priory provided she continued to receive the £66 annual rent.

It should be noted that three properties included in the original grant of Colne Priory made by King Henry VIII to the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl and his heirs on 22 July 1536 are not mentioned in the fine of 6 May 1588, the Queen's regrant to Oxford of 8 June 1588 or the Queen's grant of 14 April 1592 to Adams and Butler. These were the rectories of Dovercourt and Harwich in Essex, and the manor of Hinxton in Cambridge. The rectories of Dovercourt and Harwich had been granted back to King Henry VIII on 29 April 1544 by the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl (see TNA C 66/766, mm. 5-8). At Oxford's suit, the manor of Hinxton was granted by the Queen to John Machell by letters patent dated 24 May 1588 (see TNA C 66/1304, mm. 31-2). The letters patent state that Oxford had surrendered the manor of Hinxton to the Queen prior to the Queen's grant to Machell.

According to the inquisition post mortem taken on 27 September 1604, at the time of his death Oxford still owned the rectory of Walter Belchamp and the portions of tithes pertaining to the rectories of Mount Bures, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Aldham and Lavenham included in the original grant below (see TNA C 142/286/165).

The grant below specifies that at the time of the making of the grant the value of the properties and other assets comprised in it is £160 per annum, and that they are to be held by the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl and his heirs in capite by knight service by the twentieth part of one knight's fee. The total annual rent to be paid to the Court of Augmentations for the

properties is stated to be £66, consisting of a rent of £16 12s by way of a tithe or tenth, and an additional rent of £49 8s.

It should be noted that for the sake of simplicity this summary refers to the property granted by King Henry VIII to the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl in 1536, and inherited by Oxford, as 'Colne Priory'. However as is evident from the original grant below, the property granted to the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl by the King in 1536 actually consisted of the lands of two former priories, namely the priory of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint John the Evangelist in Earls Colne (usually referred to as Colne Priory), and the priory of Blessed Mary & Saint James & the Holy Cross in Castle Hedingham (usually referred to as Hedingham Nunnery), as well as three manors (the manors of Colne Priory, Barwick and Hinxton), and several rectories, advowsons, tithes and pensions. It is also important to note that, completely apart from King Henry VIII's grant, the Earls of Oxford owned another manor in the area known as the manor of Earls Colne, a separate entity from the manor of Colne Priory. Oxford sold the manor of Earls Colne to Roger Harlakenden (d.1603) in 1584 (see the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 13 October 1584, TNA CP 25/2/132/1695/26/7ELIZIMICH, Item 1).

The King to whom etc., greeting. Know that we, in consideration of the true & faithful service which our beloved & faithful cousin & counsellor John de Vere, Knight of the honorable Order of the Garter, Earl of Oxford & Great Chamberlain of England, before this time has rendered to us, of our special grace and certain knowledge & mere motion have given & granted, and by these presents do give & grant to the same John, Earl of Oxford, all the site, ground, ambit, circuit and precinct of the house & late priory or monastery of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint John the Evangelist of Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne in our county of Essex by the authority of Parliament lately suppressed & dissolved;

And the house & late priory of Earls Colne aforesaid, and all the church, belfry and churchyard of the same late priory or monastery;

And also all messuages, houses, buildings, barns, granges, dovecots, garden plots, orchards, gardens, ponds, fishponds, lands & soil both within the sept & circuit of the same late house & priory or monastery and without the sept & circuit of the same late house & priory or monastery to the same late priory or monastery belonging or appertaining;

And also the manor of Colne alias Colne Priory in Earls Colne, and the manor of Barwick alias Barwike in Colne Alba & Inglesthorpe with all their appurtenances in the foresaid county;

& the manor of Hinxton with the appurtenances in our county of Cambridge;

And also the rectories, churches & chapels of Earls Colne, Great Bentley, Walter Belchamp alias Belchamp Walter alias Walter Belchamp, Dovercourt, Harwich, Messing & White Colne in the said county of Essex, and the rectory of the parish church of Wickham with the appurtenances in the said county of Cambridge to the same late priory or monastery lately appropriate or appertaining;

And also the advowsons, patronages and gifts of the rectories, churches, vicarages & chapels of Earls Colne, White Colne, Dovercourt, Harwich, Messing, Great Bentley & Walter Belchamp and the right of patronage of them in our said county of Essex;

And also the advowson, patronage & gift of the rectory or parish church of Wickham aforesaid & the right of patronage of the same in our said county of Cambridge;

And also all & singular the glebe tithes, both predial and personal & mixed, to the same rectories, vicarages and chapels or to any of them appertaining or belonging;

And also all those annuities or yearly pensions & portions underwritten, viz.:

A yearly pension of twenty shillings issuing of the rectory and church of Stansted;

& one yearly pension of ten shillings issuing of the rectory & church of Sible Hedingham;

& one yearly pension of fourteen shillings and four pence issuing of the church of Great Maplestead;

& one annuity or yearly pension of six shillings issuing of the rectory or church of Aldham;

And one yearly pension of eight shillings issuing of the rectory & church of Bures ad montem alias Mount Bures in our said county of Essex;

And also one pension of thirty-three shillings & four pence issuing of the church & rectory of Lavenham;

And one pension of twenty shillings issuing of the church of Aldham in our county of Suffolk;

And also all those portions of tithes issuing of & to be perceived of & in the rectories & churches of Bures ad montem alias Mount Bures, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead & Little Maplestead in our said county of Essex, and of & in the rectories, churches, vicarages and chapels of Lavenham & Aldham in our said county of Suffolk;

And also all other manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, mills, assarts, waters, stanks, fishponds, fisheries, commons, rents, annuities, fee-farms, reversions, services, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs,

escheats, warrens, liberties, franchises, courts, leets, views of frankpledge and all that which [+to] view of frankpledge appertains, rectories, chapels, advowsons of churches, rectories, vicarages, chapels & chantries, glebes, portions, pensions, tithes, oblations, obventions, mortuaries, fairs, markets, tolls, ways, footpaths & other hereditaments whatsoever, both ecclesiastical and temporal, of whatsoever kind, nature or species they be & by whatsoever names they or any of them be adjudged, which belonged or appertained to the said late house & priory or monastery situate, lying or being in the towns, fields, parishes or hamlets of Earls Colne, White Colne, Colne Engaine, Colne Wake, Pedmarsh, Lamarsh, Mount Bures, Walter Belchamp, Dovercourt, Harwich, Great Bentley, Messing, Aldham, Stansted, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Inglethorpe and elsewhere wheresoever in our said county of Essex, and in Hinxton & Wickham in our said county of Cambridge and elsewhere wheresoever in our said county of Cambridge, and in Lavenham & Aldham in our said county of Suffolk, and in whatsoever other county or place within our kingdom of England of which (s. & pl.) Robert Abell, late prior of the same late priory formerly was seised in right of the late house or priory aforesaid, & as fully & entirely and in as ample manner & form as the said Robert Abell, late prior of the said late priory or monastery of Colne aforesaid or any of his predecessors in right of the same late priory on the fourth day of February last past [=4 February 1536] or formerly have had, held or enjoyed the same, and as fully & entirely as the said late priory or monastery and all & singular the premises with the appurtenances have come or ought to come to our hands and now are or ought to be in our hands by reason & authority of a certain Act in our Parliament begun at London on the third day of November in the twenty-first year of our reign [=3 November 1529], & thereafter adjourned to Westminster & by divers prorogations continued until & on the fourth day of February last past & then & there held, among other things thereof published & provided, and as fully & entirely as we have had and might have had all & singular the premises if this our present grant thereof made to the forenamed Earl had not been made;

Excepted thereof, & wholly reserved to us, our heirs & successors, all that manor of Crepping with the appurtenances in our said county of Suffolk, and the rectory of the parish church of Edwardstone with its rights and appurtenances whatsoever in our same county of Suffolk, and one mill called Borefleet mill with the appurtenances in Great Bentley in our said county of Essex, and also all lands, tenements, rents, services, glebe lands, tithes, portions and hereditaments whatsoever with the appurtenances in Crepping and Edwardstone aforesaid in our said county of Suffolk and in Aythorpe Roding in our foresaid county of Essex which to the said late priory or monastery appertained or belonged;

And further of our more abundant grace we have given & granted and by these presents we do give & grant to the forenamed Earl of Oxford the whole site, ground, ambit, circuit & precinct of the said late house or priory of Blessed Mary & Saint James & the Holy Cross of Castle Hedingham in our said county of Essex by the authority of the aforesaid Parliament in similar manner lately suppressed & dissolved;

And the house & late priory of Hedingham aforesaid, and all the church, belfry & churchyard of the same late priory;

And also all messuages, houses, buildings, barns, granges, dovecots, orchards, gardens, ponds, fishponds, lands & soil both within the sept & circuit of the same late priory and without the sept & circuit of the said late priory and to the same late priory belonging or appertaining;

And the rectories of the parish churches of Castle Hedingham & Gosfield with the appurtenances lately appropriated to the same late priory or monastery of Hedingham aforesaid in our said county of Essex;

And the advowsons & patronages of the churches, rectories and vicarages of Castle Hedingham & Gosfield aforesaid in our said county of Essex;

And also all & singular the manors, messuages, lands, tenements, mills, meadows, feedings, pastures, woods, underwoods, assarts, waters, stanks, fishponds, fisheries, commons, rents, annuities, fee-farms, reversions, services, knights' fees, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, rectories, chapels, advowsons of churches, vicarages, chapels & chantries, glebes, portions, pensions, tithes, oblations, mortuaries, fairs, markets, tolls, ways, footpaths, liberties, franchises, warrens, courts, leets, views of frankpledge and all that to view of frankpledge appertains, & other hereditaments, rights and perpetuities whatsoever, both ecclesiastical and temporal, of whatsoever kind, nature or species they be & by whatsoever names they or any of them be adjudged, which lately belonged or appertained to the said late priory of Castle Hedingham or of which any prioress of the said late priory before this time was seised in right of the said late priory or monastery aforesaid situate, lying or being in the towns, fields, parishes or hamlets of Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Gosfield, Great Yeldham, Little Yeldham & elsewhere wheresoever in our said county of Essex and in whatsoever other counties or places within our kingdom of England, as fully & entirely and in as ample manner & form as Mary Bainbridge, late Prioress of the late priory of Castle Hedingham aforesaid or any of her precessors in right of the same late priory or monastery on the fourth day of February last past or formerly have had, held or enjoyed them, and as fully & entirely as the said priory of Hedingham and all & singular other the premises with the appurtenances have come or ought to come to our hands and now are or ought to be in our hands by reason & authority of the Act aforesaid, & as fully & entirely as we have had & might have had them if our present grant made to the forenamed Earl had not been made;

And further of our more abundant grace we have given & granted and by these presents we do give & grant to the fornamed Earl of Oxford all & all manner of courts, leets, views of frankpledge and all that which to view of frankpledge appertains, warrens, franchises, liberties & jurisdictions whatsoever in all & singular the foresaid manors, lands, tenements & other the premies above in these presents expressed & specified, and in any parcel of the same, except pre-excepted, which the foresaid Robert Abell & Mary Bainbridge on the said fourth day of February last past or at any time before have had, held or enjoyed, or ought to have, or any of them has had or enjoyed in right of the



foresaid priories or any of them, and as fully & entirely and in as ample manner & form as the same have come or ought to come to our hands and in our hands now are or ought to be by reason & authority of the foresaid Act;

Which certain sites of our foresaid priories and the manors, messuages, lands, tenements and all & singular other the premises above specified, except pre-excepted, are of the clear value of one hundred sixty pounds by year & not more;

To have and to hold the foresaid sites, churches, belfries, ambits and precincts of the foresaid priories and all & singular the foresaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements and all and singular other the premises above expressed and specified with all & singular their appurtenances, except pre-excepted, to the forenamed Earl of Oxford & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, to hold of us, our heirs & successors, in chief by knight service, viz., by the twentieth part of one knight's fee, and by the rent of sixteen pounds & twelve shillings in the name of a tithe or yearly tenth part of the said manors and of all & singular other the premises above specified & granted, except pre-excepted, and by the rent of forty-nine pounds & eight shillings by year wholly to be paid to the hands of our treasurer or our receivers of our Court of Augmentations of Revenues of the Crown for the time being at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin or within one month next following either feast of those feasts by equal portions for all other services, exactions & demands whatsoever therefore by us, our heirs or successors in any way to be claimed, exacted, paid or made;

And futher we do give & by these presents we have granted to the said Earl of Oxford all issues, rents, farms, profits & emoluments of the foresaid sites, manors, lands & tenements and all & singular other the premises with the appurtenance, except pre-excepted, from the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin last past hitherto coming or growing, to have to the same Earl of our gift without account or any other [+thing] to us, our heirs or successors to be rendered, paid or made therefore;

Although express mention of the true annual value or the certainty of the premises etc.

In testimony etc. Witness the King at Westminster on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July.

1 Rex Omnibus ad quos & salu[m] Sciatis quod nos in considerac[i]o[n]e v[er]i & fidelis seruicij quod dilectus & fidelis consanguineus & consiliarius n[ost]ri

2 Iohannes de Veer miles honorabilis ordinis garterii Comes Oxonie & magnus Camerarius Anglie ante hec tempora nobis impendit de gracia

3 nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus per presentes

4 damus et concedimus eidem Ioh{ann}i Comiti Oxon{ie} totum

5 scitum fundum ambitum circuitum et p{ro}cinctu{m} domus & nup{er} prioratus siue Monast{er}ij b{eat}e Marie virginis & s{an}c{t}i Ioh{ann}is Evangeliste de

6 Colne Comititis alias Erles Colne in Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} auctoritate parlamenti dudum supp{re}ssi & dissoluti ac domu{m} & nup{er} prioratum

7 de Colne Comit{is} p{re}dict{o} ac totam eccl{es}iam campanile et cimit{eriu}m eiusdem nup{er} prioratus siue Monast{er}ij necnon om{n}ia mesuagia domos

8 edificia orrea grangias columbar{ia} ort{a} pomar{ia} gardina stagna vivaria t{er}ras & solum tam infra ceptum & circuitum eiusdem nup{er}

9 domus & prioratus siue Monast{er}ij q{ua}m ext{ra} septum & circuitum eiusdem nup{er} domus & prioratus siue Monast{er}ij eidem nup{er} prioratui siue

10 Monast{er}io spectan{tia} siue p{er}tinen{tia} necnon Man{er}iu{m} de Colne alias Colne priorat{u} in Colne Comititis ac Man{eriu}m de Barwyke alias Barwike

11 in Colne Alba & Ingesthorp cum om{n}ib{us} suis p{er}tin{entijs} in Com{itatu} p{re}d{ic}t{o} & Man{er}iu{m} de Ingeston cum p{er}tin{entijs} in Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Cantebr{igie} necnon rectorias

12 eccl{es}ias & capellas de Colne Comititis magna Bentley Walter Belchamp alias Beauchamp Walteri alias Walter Belchamp

13 Douercourt harwiche Messyng & Alba Colne in d{ic}t{o} Com{itatu} Essex{e} ac rectoriam eccl{es}ie parochialis de Wykham cum p{er}tin{entijs} in d{ic}t{o} Com{itatu}

14 Cantebr{igie} eidem nup{er} prioratui siue Monast{er}io nup{er} appropriat{es} siue p{er}tinen{tes} necnon aduocac{i}o{n}es p{at}ronatus et donac{i}o{n}es rectoriar{um} eccl{es}iar{um}

15 vicariar{um} & capellar{um} de Colne Comititis Colne Alba Douercourt harwyche Messyng magna Bentley & Walter Belchamp & ius

16 patronat{us} ear{un}dem in d{ic}t{o} Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} necnon aduocac{i}o{n}em p{at}ronat{um} & donac{i}o{n}em rectorie siue eccl{es}ie parochialis de Wykeham p{re}dict{o} &

17 ius p{at}ronatus eiusdem in d{ic}t{o} Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Cantebr{igie} Ac eciam om{n}es & singulas glebas decimas tam p{re}diales q{ua}m p{er}sonales & mixtas eisdem



18 rectorijs vicarijs et capellis siue eor{um} alicui p{er}tinen{tibus} siue spectan{tibus} necnon om{n}es illas annuitates siue annuales penc{i}o{n}es & porc{i}o{n}es

19 subscript{as} videl{ice}t annuaem pensionem viginti solidor{um} exeunt{em} de Rectoria et eccl{es}ia de Stansted & vnam annuaem pensionem decem

20 solidor{um} exeunt{em} de rectoria & eccl{es}ia de Hedyngham Syble & vnam annuaem pensionem quatuordecim solidor{um} et quatuor denarior{um} exeunt{em}

21 de eccl{es}ia de Maplested magna & vnam annuatatem siue annuaem pensionem sex solidor{um} exeunt{em} de rectoria siue eccl{es}ia de Aldham

22 ac vnam annuaem pensionem octo solidor{um} exeunt{em} de rectoria & eccl{es}ia de Bures ad montem alias Montbures in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} Essex{e} necnon

23 vnam pensionem triginta triu{m} solidor{um} & quatuor denarior{um} exeunt{em} de eccl{es}ia & rectoria de Lavenham ac vnam pensionem viginti solidor{um}

24 exeunt{em} de eccl{es}ia de Aldham in Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Suff{olice} necnon om{n}es illas porc{i}o{n}es decimar{um} exeuntiu{m} & p{er}cipiend{arum} de & in rectorijs & eccl{es}ijs de

25 Bures ad montem alias Montbures Stansted Hedyngham Sible Maplested magna & Maplested parua in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} ac

26 de & in rectorijs eccl{es}ijs vicarijs & capellis de Lavenham & Aldham in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Suff{olice} necnon om{n}ia alia Man{er}ia mesuag{ia} t{er}ras ten{ementa}

27 prat{a} pasc{uas} pastur{as} boscos subboscos molendina asserta aquas stagna viuaria piscarias co{mun}ias redditus annuitates feodi firmas reu{ercione}s

28 s{er}uicia feod{a} milit{um} Ward{a} maritag{ia} releuia escaeta Warenn{a} lib{er}tates ffranches{ias} Cur{ia} Let{a} vis{us} ffrancipleg{ij} ac om{n}e id quod [+ad] vis{um} ffrancipleg{ij}

29 p{er}tinet rectorias capellas aduocac{i}o{n}es eccl{es}iar{um} rectoriar{um} vicariar{um} capellar{um} & cantariar{um} glebas p{or}c{i}o{n}es pensiones decimas oblac{i}o{n}es

30 obuenc{i}o{n}es mortuaria fer{ias} m{er}cat{a} tolnet{a} vias semitas & alia hereditamenta quecumq{ue} tam sp{irit}ualia q{ua}m tcircuit emporalia cuiuscumq{ue} sint gen{er}is

31 nature vel speciei & quibuscumq{ue} no{m}i{ni}b{us} censeant{ur} siue eor{um} aliquis censeat{ur} que d{i}c{t}o nup{er} domui & prioratui siue Monast{er}io spectabant

32 siue p{er}tinebant situat{a} iacen{tia} siue existen{tia} in villis campis parochijs siue hamelett{is} de Colne Comitibus Colne alba Colne engayne

33 Colne Wake pedmersshe Lammershe Bures ad montem Walter Belchamp Douercourt harwiche Bentley magna Messyng Aldham Stansted

34 Hedyngham Sible Maplested magna Maplested parua Ingesthorpe ac alibi vbicumq{ue} in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} ac in Ingeston & Wykham in

35 d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Cantebr{igie} ac alibi vbicumq{ue} in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Cantebr{igie} et in Lavenham & Aldham in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Suff{olice} ac in quocumq{ue} alio

36 Com{itatu} siue loco infra regnu{m} n{ost}r{u}m Angl{ie} de quo vel de quib{us} Rob{er}tus Abell nup{er} prior eiusdem nup{er} prioratus ante hac fuit sei{sa}tus in iure

37 nup{er} domus siue prioratus p{re}d{i}ct{i} & adeo plene & integre ac in tam amplis modo & forma p{ro}ut d{i}c{t}us Rob{er}tus Abell nup{er} prior d{i}c{t}i nup{er}

38 prioratus siue Monast{er}ij de Colne p{re}d{i}c{t}a siue aliquis p{re}decessor{um} suor{um} in iure eiusdem nup{er} prioratus quarto die ffebruarij vltimo p{re}t{er}ito

39 aut antea illa h{ab}uit tenuit vel gauisus fuit ac adeo plene & integre p{ro}ut d{i}c{t}us nup{er} prioratus siue Monast{er}iu{m} ac om{n}ia & singula p{re}missa cum

40 p{er}tin{entijs} ad manus n{ost}ras r{ati}one & p{re}textu cuiusdam actus in parlamento n{ost}ro apud London t{er}cio die Novembr{is} Anno regni n{ost}ri vicesimo primo inchoat{o}

41 & deinde vsq{ue} West{monasteriu}m adiornat{o} & p{er} diu{er}sas p{ro}rogac{i}o{n}es vsq{ue} ad & in quartum diem ffebruarij vltimo p{re}t{er}ito continuat{o} & tunc & ibidem tent{o} int{er}

42 alia inde edit{a} & p{ro}uis{a} deuenerunt aut deuenire deberent ac in manib{us} n{ost}ris iam existunt aut exist{er}e deberent ac adeo plene & integre p{ro}ut nos om{n}ia

43 & singula p{re}missa h{ab}em{us} ac h{ab}erem{us} si p{re}sens concessio n{ost}ra p{re}fato Comiti inde fact{a} non fuisset Except{o} inde & om{n}ino reseruat{o} nob{is} hered{ibus} & succ{essoribus}

44 n{ost}ris toto illo Man{er}io de Creppyng cum p{er}tin{entijs} in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Suff{olice} ac rectoria eccl{es}ie parochialis de Edwardston cum suis iurib{us} et p{er}tin{entijs}

45 quibuscumq{ue} in eodem Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Suff{olice} ac vno molendino vocat{o} Borflett Mill cum p{er}tin{entijs} in magna Bentley in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} necnon o{mn}ib{us}

46 t{er}ris ten{ementis} reddit{ibus} s{er}uicijs t{er}ris glebis decimis porc{i}o{n}ib{us} et hereditamentis quibuscumq{ue} cum p{er}tin{entijs} in Creppyng et Edwardston p{re}d{i}c{t}is in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro

47 Suff{olice} ac in Eythrop Rodyng in p{re}d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} que d{i}c{t}o nup{er} prioratui siue Monast{er}io p{er}tinebant siue spectabant Et vlt{er}ius de vbiori

48 gr{aci}a n{ost}ra dedim{us} & concessim{us} ac p{er} p{re}sentes dam{us} & concedim{us} p{re}fato Comiti Oxon{ie} totum scitum fundum ambitum circuitum & p{ro}cinctum

49 nup{er} domus siue prioratus b{eat}e Marie & s{an}c{t}i Iacobi & s{an}c{t}e crucis de Hedyngham ad Castrum in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} auctoritate parlamenti

50 p{re}d{i}c{t}i simili modo dudum supp{re}ssi & dissoluti ac domum & nup{er} prioratum de Hedyng{a}m p{re}dict{o} ac totam eccl{es}iam campanile & cimiteriu{m}

51 eiusdem nup{er} prioratus necnon om{n}ia mesuagia domos edificia orrea grangias columbar{ia} pomar{ia} gardina stagna viuaria t{er}ras & solum

52 tam infra ceptum & circuitum eiusdem nup{er} prioratus q{ua}m ext{ra} septum & circuitum d{i}c{t}i nup{er} Prioratus et eidem nup{er} Prioratui spectan{tia} siue

53 p{er}tinen{tia} ac rectorias eccl{es}iar{um} parochialiu{m} de Hedyngham ad Castrum & Gosfeld cum p{er}tin{entijs} nup{er} appropriat{as} eidem nup{er} prioratui siue Mon{asterio}

54 de Hedyngham p{re}dict{o} in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} ac aduocac{i}o{n}es & p{at}ronatus eccl{es}iar{um} rectoriar{um} & vicariar{um} de Hedyngham ad Castrum & Gosfeld

55 p{re}dict{is} in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} n{ost}ro Essex{e} necnon om{n}ia & singula Maner{ia} mesuagia t{er}ras ten{ementa} molendina prata pasc{uas} pasturas boscos subboscos asserta

56 aquas stagna viuaria piscarias co{mun}ias redditus annuitates feodi firmas reu{er}siones s{er}uicia feod{a} milit{um} Ward{a} maritag{ia} releuia escaet{as} rectorias

57 capellas aduocac{i}o{n}es eccl{es}iar{um} vicariar{um} capellar{um} & cantariar{um} glebas porc{i}o{n}es pensiones decimas oblac{i}o{n}es mortuaria ferias m{er}cat{a} tolnet{a}

58 vias semitas lib{er}tates ffranchesias Warrenas Cur{ia} let{a} vis{us} ffrancipleg{ij} et om{n}e id quod ad vis{um} ffrancipleg{ij} p{er}tinet & alia hereditamenta

59 iura et p{er}petuitates quecumq{ue} tam sp{irit}ualia q{ua}m temporalia cuiuscumq{ue} sint gen{er}is nature vel speciei & quibuscumq{ue} no{m}i{n}ib{us} censeant{ur} seu eor{um}

60 aliquis censeat{ur} que d{i}c{t}o nup{er} Prioratui de Hedyngam ad Castrum nup{er} spectabant siue p{er}tinebant vel de quib{us} aliqua Priorissa d{i}c{t}i nup{er}

61 Prioratus ante hec tempora fuit seisita in iure d{i}c{t}i nup{er} prioratus siue Monast{er}ij p{re}dict{i} situat{a} iacen{tia} siue existen{tia} in villis campis

62 parochijs siue Hameletis de Hedyngam ad Castrum Hedyngam Syble Gosfeld Yeldam magna Yeldam parua & alibi vbicumq{ue} in

63 d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} Essex{e} ac in quibuscumq{ue} alijs Com{itatibus} siue locis infra regnu{m} n{ost}r{u}m Angl{ie} adeo plene & integre ac in tam amplis modo & forma p{ro}ut

64 Maria Baynbrig nup{er} Priorissa nup{er} Prioratus de Hedyngam ad Castrum p{re}d{i}c{t}a aut aliqua p{re}decessor{um} suor{um} in iure eiusdem nup{er}

65 Prioratus siue Monast{er}ij quarto die ffebruarij vltimo p{re}t{er}ito aut antea illa h{ab}uit tenuit vel gauisa fuit ad adeo plene & integre p{ro}ut

66 d{i}c{t}is Prioratus de Hedingham ac om{n}ia & singula cet{er}a p{re}missa cum p{er}tinentijs ad manus n{ost}ras r{ati}one & p{re}textu actus p{re}d{i}c{t}i deueniunt aut

67 deuenire deberent ac in manib{us} n{ost}ris iam existunt aut existe{re} deberent & adeo plene & integre p{ro}ut nos illa h{ab}em{us} & h{ab}erem{us} si p{re}sens

68 concessio n{ost}ra p{re}fato Comiti facta non fuisset Et vlt{er}ius de vbiori gr{aci}a n{ost}ra dedim{us} & concessim{us} ac p{er} p{re}sentis dam{us} & concedim{us}

69 p{re}fato Comiti Oxon{ie} om{n}es & om{n}imod{a} Cur{ia} let{a} vis{us} francipleg{ij} ac om{n}e id quod ad vis{um} ffrancipleg{ij} p{er}tinet Warrennas franchisesias

70 lib{er}tates & iurisdicc{i}o{n}es quascumq{ue} in om{n}ib{us} & singulis p{re}d{i}c{t}is Man{er}ijs t{er}ris ten{ementis} & cet{er}is p{re}missis sup{er}ius in p{re}sentib{us} exp{re}ssis & specific{atis}

71 ac in qual{ibe}t ear{un}dem parcella except{is} p{re}except{is} que p{re}d{i}c{t}us Rob{er}tus Abell & Maria Baynbrig in iure prioratuu{m} p{re}d{i}c{t}or{um} aut eor{um} alicuius

72 d{i}c{t}o quarto die ffebruarij vltimo p{re}t{er}ito aut aliquo tempore antea h{ab}uerunt tenuerunt vel gauisi fuerunt vel h{ab}ere debuerunt seu aliquis eor{um}

73 h{ab}uit aut gauisus fuit et adeo plene & integre ac in tam amplis modo & forma p{ro}ut illa ad manus n{ost}ras r{ati}one & p{re}textu actus p{re}d{i}c{t}i deuener{unt}

74 aut deuenire deberent ac in manib{us} n{ost}ris iam existunt aut exist{er}e deberent Quequidem Scitus Prioratuu{m} p{re}d{i}c{t}or{um} ac Man{er}ia mesuag{ia} terr{as}

75 ten{ementa} ac cet{er}a om{n}ia & singula p{re}missa sup{er}ius specificat{a} except{a} p{re}except{a} sunt clari valoris Centum sexaginta librar{um} p{er} annu{m} & non vlt{ra}

76 h{ab}end{um} et tenend{um} p{re}dict{a} scitus eccl{es}ias campanilia ambit{us} et p{ro}cinctus prioratuu{m} p{re}d{i}c{t}or{um} ac om{n}ia & singula p{re}d{i}c{t}a Man{er}ia mesuag{ia}

77 t{er}ras ten{ementa} ac cet{er}a om{n}ia et singula p{re}missa sup{er}ius express{a} et specificat{a} cum om{n}ib{us} & singulis suis p{er}tin{entijs} except{a} p{re}except{a} p{re}fat{o} Comiti

78 Oxon{ie} & hered{ibus} de corpore suo legitime p{ro}creat{is} tenend{um} de nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris in capite p{er} s{er}uiciu{m} militare videl{ice}t p{er} vicesimam

79 partem vnus feodi Milit{is} ac p{er} redditu sexdecim librar{um} & duodecim solidor{um} no{m}i{n}e decime siue annualis decimo partis d{i}c{t}or{um} Man{er}ior{um}

80 ac cet{er}or{um} om{n}i{um} & singulor{um} p{re}missor{um} sup{er}ius specificat{orum} & concessor{um} except{orum} p{re}except{orum} ac p{er} redditum quadraginta nonem librar{um} & octo

81 solidor{um} p{er} annu{m} ad manus Thes{aurarij} n{ost}ri siue receptor{um} n{ost}ror{um} Cur{ie} Augmentacionu{m} reuencionu{m} Corone n{ost}re p{ro} tempore existen{tis} ad festu{m}

82 s{an}c{t}i Mich{ael}is Arch{angel}i & Annunciac{i}o{n}is b{eat}e Marie virginis vel infra vnu{m} mensem p{ro}ximam sequen{tem} vtrumq{ue} festum festor{um} illor{um} p{er} equales porc{i}o{n}es

83 omni{n}o soluend{as} p{ro} om{n}ib{us} alijs s{er}uicijs exacc{i}o{n}ibus & demand{is} quibuscumq{ue} p{ro}inde nob{is} hered{ibus} vel successorib{us} n{ost}ris quouismodo petend{is} exigend{is}

84 soluend{is} vel faciend{is} Et vlt{er}ius dam{us} & p{er} p{re}sentes concedim{us} eidem Comiti Oxon{ie} om{n}ia exitus redditus firmas p{ro}ficua & emolumenta

85 p{re}d{i}c{t}or{um} scituu{m} Man{er}ior{um} t{er}rar{um} & ten{ementorum} ac cet{er}or{um} om{n}i{um} & singulor{um} p{re}missor{um} cum p{er}tin{entijs} except{orum} p{re}except{orum} a festo Annunciac{i}o{n}is b{eat}e Marie

86 virginis vltimo p{re}t{er}ito hucusq{ue} p{ro}uenient{es} siue crescen{tes} h{ab}end{um} eidem Comiti ex dono n{ost}ro absq{ue} compoto seu aliquo alio p{ro}inde nob{is}

87 hered{ibus} vel successorib{us} n{ost}ris reddend{o} soluend{o} vel faciend{o} Eo q{uo}d exp{re}ssa mencio de v{er}o valoro annuo aut c{er}titudine p{re}missor{um} &c

88 In cuius &c T{este} R{ege} apud West{monasteriu}m xxij die Iulij