

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the licence, dated 20 December 1578, by which Oxford was granted permission to alienate his manor of Saint Johns alias le Commandre in East Bergholt in Suffolk to Thomas Walton and Robert Derehaugh. The manor was sold shortly thereafter by Walton and Derehaugh to William Cardinall. See TNA PROB 11/55, ff. 242-3; TNA C 2/Eliz/M7/54; TNA C 2/Eliz/C22/42.

LM: Grant(?) of licence to alienate for Thomas Walton, gentleman, & others

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know ye that we, of our especial grace and for thirty shillings & nine pence paid to our farmer, 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, that he 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 the same Earl to our beloved Thomas Walton & Robert Derehaugh, gentlemen, the manor of Seynt Johns alias le Commandre with the appurtenances and one messuage, one toft, one dovecot, one garden, one hundred acres of land, one hundred acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture, two hundred acres of furze & heath, & twenty shillings rent with the appurtenances in East Bergholt, Stratford, Braham alias Brantham, Wenham, Cambuste [=Combust?], Capel, Bentley & Chattisham in our county of Suffolk which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

To have & to hold to the same Thomas & Robert and to the heirs & assigns of the same Thomas forever of us, our heirs & successors, by the services therefore owed & 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 Thomas & Robert that they might be able to receive from the forenamed Earl, & hold forever to them and to the heirs & assigns of the same Thomas, of us, our heirs & successors, the foresaid manor, messuage, lands, meadows & pastures and all & singular other the premises above expressed & specified with the appurtenances by the services aforesaid, as is aforesaid;

Not willing that the foresaid Earl or his heirs, or the forenamed Thomas & Robert or the heirs of the same Thomas by reason of the premises might be troubled therefore, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed by us, our heirs or successors, or by our justices, escheators, sheriffs, bailiffs or other officers or ministers or [+those] of any our said heirs or successors, nor might be by any of them troubled, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed;

In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the twentieth day of December.

LM: D(?) licencie alienando pro Thome Walton Generoso & alijs

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

2 novem denarijs solutis ffirmario nostro virtute litterarum nostrarum patentium concessimus & licenciam dedimus

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

4 Charissimo Consanguineo nostro Edwardo Comiti Oxonie quod ipse Manerium de Seynt Johns alias

5 le Commandre cum pertinentijs ac vnum mesuagium vnum toftum vnum Columbarium vnum gardinum Centum

6 acrarum terre Centum acras prati quadraginta acras pasture ducentas acras Iampnorum & bruere &

7 viginti solidatas redditus cum pertinentijs in Estbergholt Stratford Braham alias Brantham Wenham

8 Cambuste Capell Bentley & Chattesham in Comitatu nostro Suffolcie Que de nobis tenentur in Capite vt

9 dicitur dare possit & concedere alienare aut cognoscere per finem vel per recuperacionem in Curia nostra coram

10 Iusticiarijs nostris de Banco seu aliquo alio modo quocumque ad libitum ipsius Comitis dilectis nobis

11 Thome Walton & Roberto Derehawgh generosis habendum & tenendum eisdem Thome & Roberto ac heredibus

12 & assignatis ipsius Thome de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta

13 imperpetuum Et eisdem Thome & Roberto quod ipsi predicta Manerium mesuagium terras prata & pasturas ac cetera

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14 omnia & singula premissa superius expressa & specificata cum pertinentijs a prefato Comite recipere possint &

15 tenere sibi ac heredibus & assignatis ipsius Thome de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia predicta

16 sicut predictum est imperpetuum tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus

17 nostris predictis damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Comes vel heredes sui aut prefati Thomas &

18 Robertus vel heredes ipsius Thome ratione premissorum per nos heredes vel successores nostros aut per Iusticiarios

19 Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos aut alios Officiarios seu Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum

20 vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur impetantur vexentur in aliquo seu grauentur

21 Nec eorum aliquis occasionetur molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo seu grauetur In cuius rei &c Teste Regine

22 apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Decembris