

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of King 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.

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 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. It thus seems likely that the underlying purpose of Oxford's grant of Colne Priory to the Queen on 6 May 1588 and the Queen's regrant of Colne Priory to Oxford on 8 June 1588 was to sever the manor of Hinxton from King Henry VIII's original grant to the 15<sup>th</sup> Earl so that the manor could be sold 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 although the grant below is referred to throughout the foregoing summary for the sake of simplicity as a grant of Colne Priory, the grant actually included 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), as well as several rectories, advowsons, tithes and pensions.

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 &c salutem Sciatis quod nos in consideracione veri & fidelis seruicij quod dilectus & fidelis consanguineus & consiliarius nostri

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 Iohanni Comiti Oxonie totum

5 scitum fundum ambitum circuitum et procinctum domus & nuper prioratus siue Monasterij beate Marie virginis & sancti Iohannis Evangeliste de

6 Colne Comitatis alias Erles Colne in Comitatu nostro Essexie auctoritate parlamenti dudum suppressi & dissoluti ac domum & nuper prioratum

7 de Colne Comitatis predicto ac totam ecclesiam campanile et cimiterium eiusdem nuper prioratus siue Monasterij necnon omnia mesuagia domos

8 edificia orrea grangias columbaria orta pomaria gardina stagna vivaria terras & solum tam infra ceptum & circuitum eiusdem nuper

9 domus & prioratus siue Monasterij quam extra septum & circuitum eiusdem nuper domus & prioratus siue Monasterij eidem nuper prioratui siue

10 Monasterio spectantia siue pertinentia necnon Manerium de Colne alias Colne prioratu in Colne Comitatis ac Manerium de Barwyke alias Barwike

11 in Colne Alba & Ingesthorp cum omnibus suis pertinentijs in Comitatu predicto & Manerium de Ingeston cum pertinentijs in Comitatu nostro Cantebrigie necnon rectorias

12 ecclesias & capellas de Colne Comitatis magna Bentley Walter Belchamp alias Beauchamp Walteri alias Walter Belchamp

13 Douercourt harwiche Messyng & Alba Colne in dicto Comitatu Essexie ac rectoriam ecclesie parochialis de Wykham cum pertinentijs in dicto Comitatu

14 Cantebrigie eidem nuper prioratui siue Monasterio nuper appropriates siue pertinentes necnon aduocaciones patronatus et donaciones rectoriarum ecclesiarum

15 vicariarum & capellarum de Colne Comitibus Colne Alba Douercourt harwyche Messyng magna Bentley & Walter Belchamp & ius

16 patronatus earundem in dicto Comitatu nostro Essexe necnon aduocacionem patronatum & donacionem rectorie siue ecclesie parochialis de Wykeham predicto &

17 ius patronatus eiusdem in dicto Comitatu nostro Cantebrigie Ac eciam omnes & singulas glebas decimas tam prediales quam personales & mixtas eisdem

18 rectorijs vicarijs et capellis siue eorum alicui pertinentibus siue spectantibus necnon omnes illas annuitates siue annuales penciones & porciones

19 subscriptas videlicet annualem pensionem viginti solidorum exeuntem de Rectoria et ecclesia de Stansted & vnam annualem pensionem decem

20 solidorum exeuntem de rectoria & ecclesia de Hedyngham Syble & vnam annualem pensionem quatuordecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum exeuntem

21 de ecclesia de Maplestede magna & vnam annuitatem siue annualem pensionem sex solidorum exeuntem de rectoria siue ecclesia de Aldham

22 ac vnam annualem pensionem octo solidorum exeuntem de rectoria & ecclesia de Bures ad montem alias Montbures in dicto Comitatu Essexe necnon

23 vnam pensionem triginta trium solidorum & quatuor denariorum exeuntem de ecclesia & rectoria de Lavenham ac vnam pensionem viginti solidorum

24 exeuntem de ecclesia de Aldham in Comitatu nostro Suffolice necnon omnes illas porciones decimarum exeuntium & percipiendarum de & in rectorijs & ecclesijs de

25 Bures ad montem alias Montbures Stansted Hedyngham Sible Maplested magna & Maplested parua in dicto Comitatu nostro Essexe ac

26 de & in rectorijs ecclesijs vicarijs & capellis de Lavenham & Aldham in dicto Comitatu nostro Suffolice necnon omnia alia Maneria mesuagia terras tenementa

27 prata pascuas pasturas boscos subboscos molendina asserta aquas stagna viuaria piscarias comunias redditus annuitates feodi firmas reuerciones

28 seruicia feoda militum Warda maritagia releuia escaeta Warena libertates ffranchias Curia Leta visus ffranciplegij ac omne id quod [+ad] visum ffranciplegij

29 pertinet rectorias capellas aduocaciones ecclesiarum rectoriarum vicariarum capellarum & cantiarum glebas porciones pensiones decimas oblaciones

30 obuenciones mortuaria ferias mercata tolmeta vias semitas & alia hereditamenta quecumque tam spiritualia quam teircuit emporalia cuiuscumque sint generis

31 nature vel speciei & quibuscumque nominibus censeantur siue eorum aliquis censeatur que dicto nuper domui & prioratui siue Monasterio spectabant

32 siue pertinebant situata iacentia siue existentia in villis campis parochijs siue hamelettis de Colne Comitatus 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 vbicumque in dicto Comitatu nostro Essexie ac in Ingeston & Wykham in

35 dicto Comitatu nostro Cantebrigie ac alibi vbicumque in dicto Comitatu nostro Cantebrigie et in Lavenham & Aldham in dicto Comitatu nostro Suffollicie ac in quocumque alio

36 Comitatu siue loco infra regnum nostrum Anglie de quo vel de quibus Robertus Abell nuper prior eiusdem nuper prioratus ante hac fuit seisatus in iure

37 nuper domus siue prioratus predicti & adeo plene & integre ac in tam amplis modo & forma prout dictus Robertus Abell nuper prior dicti nuper

38 prioratus siue Monasterij de Colne predicta siue aliquis predecessorum suorum in iure eiusdem nuper prioratus quarto die ffebruarij vltimo preterito

39 aut antea illa habuit tenuit vel gauisus fuit ac adeo plene & integre prout dictus nuper prioratus siue Monasterium ac omnia & singula premissa cum

40 pertinentijs ad manus nostras ratione & pretextu cuiusdam actus in parlamento nostro apud London tercio die Novembris Anno regni nostri vicesimo primo inchoato

41 & deinde vsque Westmonasterium adiornato & per diuersas prorogaciones vsque ad & in quartum diem ffebruarij vltimo preterito continuato & tunc & ibidem tento inter

42 alia inde edita & prouisa deuenerunt aut deuenire deberent ac in manibus nostris iam existunt aut existere deberent ac adeo plene & integre prout nos omnia

43 & singula premissa habemus ac haberemus si presens concessio nostra prefato Comiti inde facta non fuisset Excepto inde & omnino reseruato nobis heredibus & successoribus

44 nostris toto illo Manerio de Creppyng cum pertinentijs in dicto Comitatu nostro Suffolcie ac rectoria ecclesie parochialis de Edwardston cum suis iuribus et pertinentijs

45 quibuscumque in eodem Comitatu nostro Suffolcie ac vno molendino vocato Borflett Mill cum pertinentijs in magna Bentley in dicto Comitatu nostro Essexe necnon omnibus

46 terris tenementis redditibus seruicijs terris glebis decimis porcionibus et hereditamentis quibuscumque cum pertinentijs in Creppyng et Edwardston predictis in dicto Comitatu nostro

47 Suffolcie ac in Eythrop Rodyng in predicto Comitatu nostro Essexe que dicto nuper prioratui siue Monasterio pertinebant siue spectabant Et vlterius de vbiori

48 gracia nostra dedimus & concessimus ac per presentes damus & concedimus prefato Comiti Oxonie totum scitum fundum ambitum circuitum & procinctum

49 nuper domus siue prioratus beate Marie & sancti Iacobi & sancte crucis de Hedyngham ad Castrum in dicto Comitatu nostro Essexe auctoritate parlamenti

50 predicti simili modo dudum suppressi & dissoluti ac domum & nuper prioratum de Hedyngham predicto ac totam ecclesiam campanile & cimiterium

51 eiusdem nuper prioratus necnon omnia mesuagia domos edificia orrea grangias columbaria pomaria gardina stagna viuaria terras & solum

52 tam infra ceptum & circuitum eiusdem nuper prioratus quam extra septum & circuitum dicti nuper Prioratus et eidem nuper Prioratui spectantia siue

53 pertinentia ac rectorias ecclesiarum parochialium de Hedyngham ad Castrum & Gosfeld cum pertinentijs nuper appropriatas eidem nuper prioratui siue Monasterio

54 de Hedyngham predicto in dicto Comitatu nostro Essexe ac aduocaciones & patronatus ecclesiarum rectoriarum & vicariarum de Hedyngham ad Castrum & Gosfeld

55 predictis in dicto Comitatu nostro Essexe necnon omnia & singula Maneria mesuagia terras tenementa molendina prata pascuas pasturas boscos subboscos asserta

56 aquas stagna viuaria piscarias comunias redditus annuitates feodi firmas reuersiones seruicia feoda militum Warda maritagia releuia escaetas rectorias

57 capellas aduocaciones ecclesiarum vicariarum capellarum & cantariarum glebas porciones pensiones decimas oblaciones mortuaria ferias mercata tolmeta

58 vias semitas libertates ffranchiesias Warrennas Curia leta visus ffranciplegij et omne id quod ad visum ffranciplegij pertinet & alia hereditamenta

59 iura et perpetuitates quecumque tam spiritualia quam temporalia cuiuscumque sint generis nature vel speciei & quibuscumque nominibus censeantur seu eorum

60 aliquis censeatur que dicto nuper Prioratui de Hedyngam ad Castrum nuper spectabant siue pertinebant vel de quibus aliqua Priorissa dicti nuper

61 Prioratus ante hec tempora fuit seisita in iure dicti nuper prioratus siue Monasterij predicti situata iacentia siue existentia in villis campis

62 parochijs siue Hameletis de Hedyngam ad Castrum Hedyngam Syble Gosfeld Yeldam magna Yeldam parua & alibi vbicumque in

63 dicto Comitatu Essexe ac in quibuscumque alijs Comitatibus siue locis infra regnum nostrum Anglie adeo plene & integre ac in tam amplis modo & forma prout

64 Maria Baynbrig nuper Priorissa nuper Prioratus de Hedyngam ad Castrum predicta aut aliqua predecessorum suorum in iure eiusdem nuper

65 Prioratus siue Monasterij quarto die ffebruarij vltimo preterito aut antea illa habuit tenuit vel gauisa fuit ad adeo plene & integre prout

66 dictis Prioratus de Hedingham ac omnia & singula cetera premissa cum pertinentijs ad manus nostras ratione & pretextu actus predicti deueniunt aut

67 deuenire deberent ac in manibus nostris iam existunt aut existere deberent & adeo plene & integre prout nos illa habemus & haberemus si presens

68 concessio nostra prefato Comiti facta non fuisset Et vlterius de vbiori gracia nostra dedimus & concessimus ac per presentes damus & concedimus

69 prefato Comiti Oxonie omnes & omnimoda Curia leta visus franciplegij ac omne id quod ad visum ffranciplegij pertinet Warrennas franchisesias

70 libertates & iurisdictiones quascumque in omnibus & singulis predictis Manerijis terris tenementis & ceteris premissis superius in presentibus expressis & specificatis

71 ac in qualibet earundem parcella exceptis preexceptis que predictus Robertus Abell & Maria Baynbrig in iure prioratum predictorum aut eorum alicuius

72 dicto quarto die ffebruarij vltimo preterito aut aliquo tempore antea habuerunt tenuerunt vel gauisi fuerunt vel habere debuerunt seu aliquis eorum

73 habuit aut gauisus fuit et adeo plene & integre ac in tam amplis modo & forma prout illa ad manus nostras ratione & pretextu actus predicti deueniunt

74 aut deuenire deberent ac in manibus nostris iam existunt aut existere deberent  
Quequidem Scitus Prioratum predictorum ac Maneria mesuagia terras

75 tenementa ac cetera omnia & singula premissa superius specificata excepta preexcepta  
sunt clari valoris Centum sexaginta librarum per annum & non vltra

76 habendum et tenendum predicta scitus ecclesias campanilia ambitus et procinctus  
prioratum predictorum ac omnia & singula predicta Maneria mesuagia

77 terras tenementa ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata  
cum omnibus & singulis suis pertinentijs excepta preexcepta prefato Comiti

78 Oxonie & heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis tenendum de nobis heredibus  
& successoribus nostris in capite per seruicium militare videlicet per vicesimam

79 partem vnus feodi Militis ac per redditu sexdecim librarum & duodecim solidorum  
nomine decime siue annualis decimo partis dictorum Maneriorum

80 ac ceterorum omnium & singulorum premissorum superius specificatorum &  
concessorum exceptorum preexceptorum ac per redditum quadraginta nonem librarum &  
octo

81 solidorum per annum ad manus Thesaurarij nostri siue receptorum nostrorum Curie  
Augmentacionum reuencionum Corone nostre pro tempore existentis ad festum

82 sancti Michaelis Archangeli & Annunciacionis beate Marie virginis vel infra vnum  
mensem proximam sequentem vtrumque festum festorum illorum per equales porciones

83 omnino soluendas pro omnibus alijs seruicijs exaccionibus & demandis quibuscumque  
proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quouismodo petendis exigendis

84 soluendis vel faciendis Et vltorius damus & per presentes concedimus eidem Comiti  
Oxonie omnia exitus redditus firmas proficua & emolumenta

85 predictorum scituum Maneriorum terrarum & tenementorum ac ceterorum omnium &  
singulorum premissorum cum pertinentijs exceptorum preexceptorum a festo  
Annunciacionis beate Marie

86 virginis vltimo preterito hucusque prouenientes siue crescentes habendum eidem  
Comiti ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis

87 heredibus vel successoribus nostris reddendo soluendo vel faciendo Eo quod expressa  
mencio de vero valoro annuo aut certitudine premissorum &c

88 In cuius &c Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium xxij die Iulij