

SUMMARY: The document below is the indenture dated 8 February 1592 by which Oxford appointed William Tiffin (d.1617) and William Adams as his attorneys to deliver seisin of Colne Priory to Richard Harlakenden or his assigns in performance of an indenture dated 7 February 1592 between Oxford and Harlakenden. For the indenture of 7 February 1592, see ERO D/DU 256/1. For the partial judgment rendered by the Court of Chancery on 10 February 1599 in Oxford's later lawsuit against Roger and Richard Harlakenden for reconveyance to Oxford of Colne Priory or for recompense for the undervaluation of the sale price by reason of fraud and breach of trust by the Harlakendens, see TNA C 78/104/17.

The transcript below was made from the copy on the Earls Colne Project Database website at <http://linux02.lib.cam.ac.uk/earlscolne//freehold/51900005.htm>. The ECPD copy does not appear to be entirely accurate. However it provides the details of the indenture, and serves as a useful resource. The author of this website hopes to obtain a copy of the original document in the near future.

To all Christian people to whom this present writing may come, Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Viscount Bulbeck, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, and Lord of Badlesmere and Scales, gives greeting in the Lord everlasting. Know I, the aforementioned Earl of Oxford, so in part complement and perform [sic?] [+of?] a certain covenant and agreement contained and specified in a certain indenture bearing date the 7th day of February in the thirty-fourth year [=7 February 1592] of the Queen's Majesty that now is between me, the aforementioned Earl of Oxford on the one part, and Richard Harlakenden of Staple Inn in the county of Middlesex on the other part, made, as for divers other good causes and considerations me in this specially moving, did give, grant, enfeoff, release, surrender and by these presents confirm to the aforesaid Richard Harlakenden, his heirs and assigns, all the site, foundation, enclosure, circuit and precinct of the house and late priory or monastery of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Evangelist of Colne Comitibus or Earls Colne in the county of Essex by the authority of Parliament suppressed and dissolved;

And moreover the house and late priory of Earls Colne aforesaid, and all the church and cemetery of the same late priory or monastery, besides all the messuages, houses, edifices, barns, granges, dovecotes, orchards, gardens, ponds, fishponds, land and ground so within the bounds and circuit of the same late house and priory or monastery as outside the bounds and circuit of the same late house and priory or monastery belonging or appertaining;

Also the manor or lordship of Colne alias the lordship of Colne Priory in Colne Comitibus alias Earls Colne or elsewhere in the said county of Essex;

Also all the rectory and parsonage of Earls Colne in the said county of Essex, and the advowson of the vicarage there, with all and singular the rights, members, liberties and

appurtenances to the same and there wherever, and all and singular the messuages, granges, farm land, tenements, meadows, pasture, feedings, mills, woods, underwoods, waters, fishings, fishponds, moors, marshes, waste, rents, reversions, services, advowsons, patronage of the church, chapel and vicarage, rectory, glebe, portions, pensions, tithes of sheaves, grain and hay, and all other tithes whatsoever, courts leet, hundreds, regalities, goods, chattels, waifs, goods of felons and outlaws, fines, markets, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, annuities, fees firme [sic], fees, knights' fees, customary tolls, franchises, liberties, profits, commodities and hereditaments whatever with all and singular their appurtenances situate, lying and being near [sic?] renewing or coming in the town, field, hamlet, parish or place of Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne, Aldham in the county of Suffolk, Aldham in the county of Essex, Lavenham, Sible Henningham, Maplestead Magna, Maplestead Parva, Bures ad Montem alias Mount Bures, Halstead or elsewhere wheresoever to the same manor or lordship rectory and vicarage or to any other belonging or howsoever appertaining or with the same or elsewhere or some other place or with any there part or parcel usually located or occupied or accepted, taken to be, reputed or known and [sic?] part, parcel member of the same or there anywhere or any there part or parcel, and all arrearages of rent of the premises, also the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders of all and singular the premises and where so it please there parcel, and all the rents and annuities, profits reserved upon by whatever dissession or concession, premission or anywhere there parcel before this made or shall contain;

To have and to hold and enjoy the site, house, manor, lordship, lands, tenements, tithes, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments and the rest of all and singular the premises above in these presents mentioned with their appurtenances to the use of the aforementioned Richard Harlakenden, his heirs and assigns, to the sole and proper work [sic?] and use of him, Richard Harlakenden, his heirs and assigns, forever, to hold of the chief lord's fee there by services then before owed and of right accustomed;

And I, the very aforementioned Earl of Oxford and my heirs, the aforesaid site, house, manor, lordship, land, tenements, tithes, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments, and the rest of all and singular the premises above in these presents mentioned with their appurtenances to the aforementioned Richard Harlakenden, his heirs and assigns, to the sole and proper work [sic?] and use of him, Richard Harlakenden, his heirs and assigns forever against all people shall warrant forever by these presents defend;

Know I, the aforementioned Earl of Oxford, do make, ordain, constitute in my place [+and?] by these presents empower my beloved in Christ William Tiffin, esquire, and William Adams, clerk, my true and lawful attorneys together or separately to enter in my place and in my name into the foresaid site, house, manor, lordship, lands, tenements, hereditaments and the rest of all and singular the premises and in anywhere or anything there parcel in my name and all there fully and peacefully possess and be seised of in my place and name to take and receive, and after this possession and seizure so then taken and had, full and peaceful possession and seisin of the premises where so it please or anywhere there parcel in the name of all to the aforesaid Richard Harlakenden or his certain attorney or attorneys deliver, to have and to hold the site in tenor, form and effect

of this present writing, and these to be made and approved all and whatever by my attorney or other made or to be made in the premises or of the premises by these presents;

In witness whereof to this my present writing I, the aforementioned Earl of Oxford, do set my seal, given the 8th day of February in the year above-written [=February 8, 1592].
Edward Oxford.

Sealed delivered the day and year above-written by John Harvie.