

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 10 April 1509 and 1 September 1512 and proved 10 May 1513, of John de Vere (8 September 1442 - 10 March 1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford.

## ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

### ***Testator's parents***

The testator was the second son of John de Vere (1408-1462), 12<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and Elizabeth Howard (1411-1473), daughter and heir of Sir John Howard (1385-1410) by Joan Walton (d.1425). Sir John Howard (1385-1410) was the son of Sir John Howard (d.1437) and Alice Tendring (d.1426), and the grandson of Sir Robert Howard (d.1388) and Margaret Scales, daughter of Robert Scales (d.1369), 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Scales. See Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513), 'The Foremost Man of the Kingdom'*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), p. 24.

According to several sources, the testator's grandmother, Joan Walton, was the *daughter* and heir of Richard Walton (d.1409). However according to other sources, Joan Walton was the *sister* and heir of Richard Walton, (d.1409) and the daughter of John Walton by Margery Sutton, daughter of Sir Richard Sutton (d.1395). See Hicks, M.A., 'The Last Days of Elizabeth Countess of Oxford', *The English Historical Review*, Vol. 103, No. 406, (January 1988), pp. 76-95 at p. 81. See also the inquisition post mortem of Richard Walton, TNA C 137/72/36; Ross, *supra*, p. 24; and Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. 6, (Manchester: Taylor Garnet, Evans & Co. Ltd., 1910), p. 97 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/manorsofsuffolkn06copiuoft#page/96/mode/2up>

After the death of Sir John Howard (1385-1410), Joan Walton (d.1425) married secondly Sir Thomas Erpingham (d.1427-8), whom Shakespeare mentions by name in *Henry V*:

*Good morrow, old Sir Thomas Erpingham:  
A good soft pillow for that good white head  
Were better than a churlish turf of France.*

The testator's father and eldest brother were beheaded on Tower Hill in February 1462. In 1473 the testator's mother was forced to convey her lands to Richard, Duke of Gloucester, later Richard III. The testator was attainted in 1475. See the *ODNB* entry for John de Vere, 12<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford; and Ross, *supra*, p. 77.

### ***Testator's siblings***

The testator had four brothers and three sisters:

-**Aubrey de Vere** (beheaded 20 February 1462), who married Anne Stafford (d. April 1472), daughter of Humphrey Stafford (15 August 1402 – 10 July 1460), 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Buckingham. After his death, she married Sir Thomas Cobham (d.1471) of Sterborough Castle, Surrey, by whom she had one child, a daughter, Anne Cobham (d. 26 June 1526), who married firstly, while very young, Edward Blount (buried 1 December 1475), 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Mountjoy, and secondly Edward Burgh (d. 20 August 1528), Lord Burgh. See Cokayne, George Edward, *The Complete Peerage*, (London: The St Catherine Press, 1913), Vol. III, p. 355 (where Sir Thomas is erroneously identified as ‘Sir Reynold’):

<https://archive.org/stream/completepeerage03coka#page/354/mode/2up>

See also the will of Sir Thomas Cobham, proved 10 July 1471, TNA PROB 11/6/36, and the *ODNB* entry for the Cobham family:

*After his father's death the inheritance of Sir Reynold [iv] Cobham (1381–1446) was seized by the king on the grounds that he was illegitimate, and in 1417/18 Reynold had to assert his right to inherit in the exchequer. Never summoned to parliament, he was knighted in 1426, and ten years later he received the custody of Charles, duke of Orléans, who had been captured at Agincourt. He married twice. His first wife was Eleanor (d. 1422), daughter of Sir Thomas Culpeper (d. 1429). With his second wife, Anne (1389–1453), daughter of Thomas Bardolf, Lord Bardolf, and Amice, daughter of Ralph, Lord Cromwell, he founded Lingfield collegiate church in 1431. Sir Reynold [iv] and both his wives were buried at Lingfield. Sir Reynold [iv] Cobham (1381–1446) and Eleanor had four children. Sir Reynold [iv] was predeceased by his eldest son, Sir Reynold [v] Cobham, who died in 1441 or 1442. Sir Reynold [v] married twice. His only surviving child, Margaret (d. c.1460), born to his first wife, Thomasine, daughter of Sir Thomas Chideocke, married Ralph Neville, second earl of Westmorland. At the time of Margaret's marriage, between 1441 and 1442, her grandfather settled the Sterborough inheritance on her and her children, with remainder to his second son, Sir Thomas Cobham (d. 1471). She died without surviving children, and was buried at Doncaster, and consequently Sir Thomas succeeded to the Sterborough inheritance. He married Anne (d. 1472), widow of Aubrey de Vere, son of the earl of Oxford, and daughter of Humphrey Stafford, first duke of Buckingham, and his wife, Anne, daughter of Ralph Neville, first earl of Westmorland. He had close links with Archbishop Thomas Bourchier, and was constable of Rochester Castle from 1415. He left an illegitimate son, Reynold [vi] Cobham, probably the child of a liaison with a sister of his friend Gervase Clifton, and a legitimate daughter, Anne (d. 1526), who as a child married Edward Blount, second Baron Mountjoy. Blount died aged only eight in 1475, and Anne then married Edward Burgh, Baron Burgh, who suffered from mental illness and died in 1528.*

*A startling comparison with the quiet lives of the other fifteenth-century Cobhams of Sterborough is provided by the spectacular rise and fall of the fourth child of Sir Reynold [iv], Eleanor Cobham (c.1400–1452), who married Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, in 1428. She had been a lady-in-waiting to his former wife, Jacqueline of Hainault, and had probably begun an affair with the duke in 1424. In 1441 she was convicted of trying to*

*predict the date of Henry VI's death through sorcery, and died a prisoner at Beaumaris Castle on 7 July 1452.*

See also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 253-4 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=kjme027UeagC&pg=RA2-PA254>

**-Sir George Vere** (d.1503), who married firstly Margaret Talbot (d.1472), daughter of John Talbot, first Viscount Lisle (d.1453), and sister and co-heir of Thomas Talbot (d. March 1470), 2<sup>nd</sup> Viscount Lisle, by whom he had no issue. See Ross, *supra*, pp. 18, 77, 204. He married secondly Margaret Stafford, the daughter of William Stafford of Frome. For Margaret Stafford's family background, see the will of Sir George Vere, TNA PROB 11/13/444.

**-Sir Thomas Vere** (d.1478), attainted in 1475. See Ross, *supra*, pp. 78.

**-Richard Vere** (d.1480), a priest. See Ross, *supra*, p. 77.

**-Elizabeth Vere** (d.1499), who married William Bouchier. See Ross, *supra*, p. 18. William Bouchier is unidentified. Benton suggests he was William Bouchier (d.1483), son and heir of Henry Bouchier (c.1408-1483), 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Essex. See Benton, Montagu, 'Graffiti in Essex: Some Further Examples', *The Essex Naturalist*, Vol. 29, 1952-1956, p. 102 at:

<http://www.essexfieldclub.org.uk/portal?p=Archive&s=030&o=0102&searchText=bouchier&keyWords=bouchier&quoted=0>

*A Bouchier-Vere badge cut on one of the piers in Stebbing church is noteworthy. It shows the Bouchier knot with the Vere molet in the centre, and possibly commemorates the marriage of William Bouchier, son and heir of Henry, Earl of Essex, to Elizabeth, one of the daughters of John de Vere, twelfth Earl of Oxford. Sir John Bouchier bequeathed books, etc., to Stebbing church in 1495.*

See also:

<https://rakinglight.co.uk/uk/st-marys-stebbing-essex-1-2/>

Benton's identification seems unlikely since Ross states that Elizabeth Vere lived until 1499, and between 1464 and 1467 the William Bouchier who was the heir of the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Essex married Edward IV's sister-in-law, Anne Woodville (d.1498). He predeceased his father, leaving by Anne Woodville, a son, Henry Bouchier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Essex.

Another possibility is that Elizabeth Vere's husband was a younger son of William Bouchier (d. before 12 December 1469), 9<sup>th</sup> Baron Fitzwarin, by his first wife, Thomasine Hankford (d. 3 July 1453). If so, he was a nephew of Thomas Bouchier

(c.1411-1486), Archbishop of Canterbury. See *Plantagenet Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, p. 356.

**-Joan Vere** (living 1468), who married Sir William Norreys (born c.1441, d. before 10 January 1507) of Yattendon, Berkshire, by whom she is said to have had four sons, Sir Edward Norreys, Richard Norreys, William Norreys and George Norreys, and two daughters, Margaret Norreys, who married Gilbert Bullock, esquire, and Elizabeth Norreys, who married firstly Thomas Rogers and secondly Thomas Fettiplace. After the death of Joan Vere, Sir William Norreys married secondly, on 25 April 1472, Isabel Ingaldesthorpe (d. 20 May 1476), by whom he had a son who died young. Sir William Norreys married thirdly, before 31 January 1478, Anne Horne, daughter of the London alderman, Robert Horne and Joan Fabyan, the daughter of Edward Fabyan. She was the widow successively of Sir William Harcourt (living 25 July 1471) and Sir John Stanley (d. 29 June 1476). By his third wife, Sir William Norreys is said to have had two sons, Richard Norreys and Lionel Norreys, and four daughters, Katherine Norreys, who married Sir John Langford; Anne Norreys, who married William Wroughton and Sir John Baldwin; Elizabeth Norreys, who married William Fermor, esquire; and Jane Norreys, who married John Cheney. See *Plantagenet Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, pp. 421-2. See also the will of Sir John Baldwin (d.1545), Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, TNA PROB 11/30/580.

**-Mary Vere**, a nun at Barking.

See the pedigree, in Ross, *supra*, p. 18.

## ***MARRIAGES AND ISSUE***

### ***Testator's first marriage***

The testator married firstly, by 1471, Margaret Neville, the sixth daughter of Richard Neville (1400-1460), 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Salisbury, and Alice Montague (c.1406–1462), sole daughter and heir of Thomas Montagu (1388-1428), 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Salisbury. For Richard Neville, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Salisbury, see the *ODNB* entry, and *Plantagenet Ancestry, supra*, Vol. III, p. 267.

The testator's first wife was the sister of Richard Neville (1428-1471), 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Warwick and 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Salisbury, 'the Kingmaker', and of George Neville (1432–1476), Archbishop of York. Margaret Neville died between 20 November 1506 and 14 January 1507. See the *ODNB* entries for the testator, for Richard Neville, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Salisbury, and for George Neville; and Ross, *supra*, pp. 18, 50-1, 204.

### ***Testator's second marriage***

The testator married secondly, in late 1508 or early 1509, Elizabeth Scrope, the daughter and co-heir of Richard Scrope (d.1485), esquire, of Bentley, Yorkshire, second son of Henry Scrope (1418-1458/9), 4<sup>th</sup> Baron Scrope of Bolton, and Eleanor Washbourne (d.1505/6), the daughter of Norman Washbourne (1433-1482), esquire, and Elizabeth Kniveton, the daughter of Henry Kniveton of Bradley, Derbyshire. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. IV, p. 199; and *Plantagenet Ancestry*, *supra*, Vol. III, p. 548.

When she married the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, Elizabeth Scrope was the widow of William Beaumont (1436 – December 1507), 2<sup>nd</sup> Viscount Beaumont and Lord Bardolf. See Ross, *supra*, p. 97, and her will, TNA PROB 11/27/144.

The testator is said to have had an illegitimate daughter:

\***Katherine de Vere**, who married Sir Robert Broughton (d.1506), by whom she was the mother of John Broughton (d. 24 January 1518), the first husband of Anne Sapcote (d. 14 March 1559). Anne Sapcote married secondly, Sir Richard Jerningham, and thirdly John Russell (c.1485-1555), 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Bedford, by whom she was the mother of Francis Russell (1526/7–1585), 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Bedford. See Ross, *supra*, p. 187, and the wills of Anne Sapcote, TNA PROB 11/42A/512; Sir Robert Broughton, TNA PROB 11/15/535; John Broughton, TNA PROB 11/19/251; and Richard Jerningham, TNA PROB 11/22/172.

The testator had no surviving legitimate children, and the majority of his estates descended, as outlined in his will, to his nephew, John de Vere (14 August 1499 – 14 July 1526), 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, son of the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl's younger brother, Sir George Vere (d.1503?), third son of the 12<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford by Elizabeth Howard. For the will of Sir George Vere, see TNA PROB 11/13/444. John de Vere (1499-1526), 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, married Anne Howard (d.1559), the daughter of Thomas Howard (1443 – 21 May 1524), 2nd Duke of Norfolk, by his second wife, Agnes Tilney (c.1477 – May 1545), a marriage arranged by the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl, as mentioned in the will, but died without issue, at which time the majority of the estates of the earldom descended, as outlined in the will, to John de Vere (1482-1540), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, grandson of the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl's uncle, Sir Robert Vere, a younger son of Richard de Vere (d.1417), 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and his wife Alice Serjeaux (d.1452). The future 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford is also one of the executors appointed in the will.

### **TESTATOR'S EXECUTORS**

The testament and a codicil are dated 10 April 1509, and the last will, which deals with the testator's lands, is dated 1 September 1512. The will was proved 10 May 1513, at which time administration was granted to seven of the executors: Sir Robert Drury (b. before 1456, d.1535), the Earl's chief steward; Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527) of Smallbridge; John Vere, the Earl's auditor-general; John Josselyn (d.1525?); John Danyell (d.1518/19); William Okeley (or Oakley); and Sir Humphrey Wingfield (b.

before 1481, d.1545). On the following day, administration was granted to the testator's widow. On 20 June administration was granted to Sir Robert Lovell, Sir James Hubbard (or Hobart) and William Cooke, and, finally, on 28 June to the remaining executor, Sir Thomas Lovell (c.1449-1524).

For the testator's executor, Robert Drury, see Ross, *supra*, p. 231; the *ODNB* entry; and his will, TNA PROB 11/25/467.

For the testator's executor, Sir William Waldegrave, see Ross, *supra*, p. 237, and his will, dated 26 January 1525 and 6 July 1525 and proved 6 March 1528, TNA PROB 11/22/294.

For the testator's executor, John Josselyn, see Ross, *supra*, p. 233, and his will, TNA PROB 11/22/61.

For the testator's executor, John Danyell, see Ross, *supra*, p. 231, and his will, TNA PROB 11/19/189.

For the testator's executor, William Oakley, see Ross, *supra*, p. 234.

For the testator's executor, Sir Humphrey Wingfield, see Ross, *supra*, p. 238, and his will, TNA PROB 11/31/34.

For the testator's executor, Sir Robert Lovell, see Ross, *supra*, pp. 234-5.

For the testator's executor, Sir James Hubbard, see Ross, *supra*, p. 233.

For the testator's executor, Dr. William Cooke, see Ross, *supra*, p. 199.

### ***OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL***

#### ***Robert Goldingham***

For Robert Goldingham, see his will, TNA PROB 11/31/505.

For the inventory of the testator's goods and chattels, see TNA SP 1/4, ff. 70-103.

#### ***Henry Marney, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Marney***

For Henry Marney (1456/7-1523), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Marney, and his second wife, Isabel Wyfold, see the *ODNB* entry and his will, TNA PROB 11/21/156. Isabel Wyfold was the only daughter and heir of the wealthy grocer and Lord Mayor of London (1450-1), Nicholas Wyfold (d.1456) by his third wife, Margaret Chedworth (d.1494), the daughter of Sir John Chedworth and his wife, Joan. After the death of Nicholas Wyfold, Margaret

Chedworth married secondly, as his third wife, John Norreys (d. 1 September 1466), esquire, of Ockwells (in Bray) and Yattendon, Berkshire, Master of the Royal Wardrobe and Treasurer of the Queen's Chamber, and thirdly John Howard, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Norfolk, slain at the Battle of Bosworth on 22 August 1485. See the will of Nicholas Wyfold, TNA PROB 11/4/424, the will of John Norreys, TNA PROB 11/5/240, the will of Margaret (nee Chedworth), Duchess of Norfolk, TNA PROB 11/10/315, and *Plantagenet Ancestry, supra*, Vol. II, pp. 271-3.

Isabel Wyfold's first husband was her stepbrother, John Norreys (d.1485), the son of her stepfather, John Norreys (d. 1 September 1466), *supra*.

The following clause establishes that Isabel Wyfold had died by the time the testator made his will:

*Item, I will that my cousin, Sir Henry Marney, knight, shall have £40 in money in full recompense of such goods as the same Sir Henry claimeth or may claim in the right of his late wife, the daughter of Wyfold, if the same Sir Henry can make mine executors a lawful discharge for it against all manner persons, or else not.*

The 13<sup>th</sup> Earl refers to Henry Marney as his 'cousin'. The Earls of Oxford were connected to the Marneys through the three daughters of Sir Richard Sergeaux (d.1393) and his wife, Philippa Arundel (d.1399). Alice Sergeaux (d. 18 May 1452) married Richard de Vere (d. 15 February 1416/17), 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford; Philippa Sergeaux (c.1373 – 11 or 13 July 1420) married Sir Robert Pashley (d. 8 June 1453), and Elizabeth Sergeaux married Sir William Marney (d.1414). For the will of Sir William Marney see TNA PROB 11/2B/21 and King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills (No. 8)', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. V, pp. 281-5 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.32044090331075&view=1up&seq=329>

King's transcript erroneously dates the will to 9 August; however the will itself is dated 19 August ('decimo nono Augusti'). King also omits a bequest to Robert Newport.

For the connection between the Sergeaux and Marney families, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 11-14 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=PA14>

See also the Pashley pedigree after p. 12 and the Sergeaux pedigree after p. 32 in MacMichael, N.H., 'The Descent of the Manor of Evegate in Smeeth with Some Account of its Lords', *Archaeologia Cantiana*, Vol. 74, 1960, pp. 1-47 at:

<https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/index.php/arch-cant/vol/74/descent-manor-vegate-smeeth-some-account-its-lords>

The 13<sup>th</sup> Earl was also connected to Henry Marney through the Howards. As noted above, Henry Marney's wife, Isabel Wyfold, was the daughter of Margaret Chedworth, who married, as her third husband, John Howard, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Norfolk. The 1<sup>st</sup> Duke's father, Robert Howard (d.1436), was the son of Sir John Howard (d.1437), and a half brother of the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl's grandfather, Sir John Howard (1385-1410). See the pedigree in Ross, *supra*, p. 24.

In addition, the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl and Henry Marney were connected through the marriage of the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl's sister, Joan Vere (living 1468), to Sir William Norreys (see above), whose brother (or half brother), John Norreys (d.1485), was the first husband of Henry Marney's wife, Isabel Wyfold.

The clause in the will below mentioning Henry Marney may have been related to goods which came to Isabel Wyfold through her first husband, John Norreys (d.1485), after the death of Joan Vere's husband, Sir William Norreys.

*Item, I will that my cousin, Sir Henry Marney, knight, shall have £40 in money in full recompense of such goods as the same Sir Henry claimeth or may claim in the right of his late wife, the daughter of Wyfold, if the same Sir Henry can make mine executors a lawful discharge for it against all manner persons, or else not.*

In dei Nomine Amen. I, John de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, being in good health and perfect mind, not grieved, vexed, troubled nor diseased with any bodily sickness, knowing and considering well th' uncertainty and unstable[n]es of this wretched life, and that there is nothing so certain to any creature in this world living as is the departure from the same, and nathless nothing so uncertain as the time and hour thereof, ordain and make this my present testament the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April the year of our Lord God 1500 and nine, and in the 24<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the 7<sup>th</sup> in manner and form ensuing, videlicet:

First, I give and bequeath my soul to th' infinity [sic] mercy of Almighty God, Maker and Redeemer thereof, to the most blessed and glorious Virgin, Our Lady Saint Mary, Saint John Baptist, Saint John th' Evangelist, Saint Anthony, Saint George, and to all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried before the high altar of Our Lady chapel in the priory of Colne in the county of Essex in a tomb which I have made and ordained for me and Margaret, my late wife, where she now lieth buried, my body thither to be brought according to my degree, and I renounce and revoke by this my testament all other former testaments, bequests and legacies by me made tofore the date foresaid;

Furtherly, I will that all my debts sufficiently proved to be due by any writing or otherwise and by me owing to any person be truly and duly contented and paid, and in like wise I will that unto all persons duly and sufficiently proving that I have injured or wronged them or taken any goods of them against reason and good conscience be made



recompense and restitution as far as my goods may extend or stretch or else as mine executors may entreat them for the discharge of my conscience;

Item, I bequeath to the figure at Walsingham of our good and blessed Lady mine eagle of gold displayed and garnished;

Item, I bequeath in th' honour of the holy and blessed king, maiden and martyr, Saint Edmund, to his monastery at Bury my best whole suit of vestments of cloth of gold of tissue, videlicet, for priest, deacon and subdeacon;

Item, I will and require mine executors that they, as hastily after my departure as they can or may provide, shall cause 2000 Masses of Requiem to be said and sung for my soul by priests in manner and form following, videlicet, every friar being a priest and abiding in any of the houses of the Black Friars in Cambridge, the Black Friars of Oxford, and the White Friars of Lynn, which houses of friars be of the foundation of mine ancestors, and also the brethren of the Charterhouse at London, Sheen and Syon, being priests, and also every monk, canon and every other religious person being a priest and abiding within any house of religion of the foundation of any of mine ancestors shall sing and say Placebo, Dirge & Commendations and 5 of the said 2000 Masses, and have of my goods by th' hands of mine executors 3s 4d for his labour, and also every other friar, monk, canon, anchorite and every other man of religion being a priest within any house of religion whatsoever it be in any of the shires of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex shall sing and say Placebo, Dirge and Commendations and three Masses, parcel of the residue of the said 2000 Masses, as soon as it may be done, and to have for his labour 18d, and if all the said Masses in sum above-written to be said and sung extend not to the full number of 2000 Masses, then I will that such discreet and well-disposed priests as mine executors shall seem most expedient, as well regulars as seculars, shall sing and say the residue of the same Masses to the full number of 2000 Masses, and to have for their labour 8d for every Mass, Placebo, Dirge and Commendations;

Also I will that the monks of the priory of Colne foresaid, which house is of ye foundation of me and mine ancestors, shall every day during the space of one month next after my departure sing Dirge solemnly by note for my soul in the said priory, and also sing one Mass of Requiem duly by note, and every monk there being a priest and so doing by all the said space shall have for his labour and reward in that behalf 10s, and every novice of the said house for the same time 5s;

Item, I will that mine executors cause to be said for me three Trentals of Saint Gregory according to th' order of Saint Gregory's trentals in manner and form following, videlicet, thone of the 3 as soon as it may be after my said burying, the second as soon as it may be done and said after my 30<sup>th</sup> day, and the third as soon as it may be after my year's day, and that mine executors in any wise cause the said 3 trentals to be said by the most virtuous priests that they can provide, as well anchorites as other, and for every of the said trentals I bequeath £12;

Also I will that mine executors, as soon as they may after my departure, do find 3 secular priests to sing and pray for my soul, the souls of my late wife, my wife that now is when God shall call her, my children, my Lord my father & my Lady my mother, my brethren and my sisters, all mine ancestors' souls, all my friends' and good-doers' souls, and all Christian souls in the priory of Colne foresaid by the space of 3 whole years, taking yearly for their wages every of them 10 marks;

Also I give and bequeath to the prior and covent of Colne priory and to their successors, to th' honour of Almighty God and to the intent that divine service hereafter shall be the more reverently ministered there, of th' ornaments and jewels pertaining to my chapel these parcels following, videlicet, one whole suit of vestments for priests, deacon and subdeacon of black velvet powdered with garters, flowers and mullets and orphreyed with red velvet, and 3 copes of black satin figury upon tawny ground, and one cope of black velvet purled; item, 2 altar-cloths of white damask embroidered, and mine arms in divers parts of the same, with a frontlet of the same wrought in the stole paly with many works and a piece of red cloth of gold of tissue at every end thereof; item, a cope of cloth of baudekin, white, orphreyed with blue cloth of gold; item 2 copes of crimson velvet powdered with fire-irons, th' orphreys powdered with angels and mullets; item 2 copes of crimson cloth of gold with a monk on the head; item, my second portas, in the which the grant of th' office of the Great Chamberlainship of England made in time past unto Aubrey de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, mine ancestor, is written in th' end; item, 2 great candlesticks of silver parcel-gilt chased, weighing 104 ounces; item, a censer of silver with leopards' faces, weighing 27 ounces di{midium}; item, a book called a coucher; item a cross without Mary and John of silver annealed on both sides with th' Evangelists, weighing 63 ounces; item, a paxbred silver and gilt with an angel in the midst under a glass holding a vernicle, weighing 16 ounces 3 quarters; item, a chalice, written about the bowl *Laudemus et superexaltemus eum in s{e}c{u}la*, weighing 22 ounces; item, a monstrance of beryl for relics, the foot and the covering thereof silver and gilt with Saint Anne having Our Lady in her arms, weighing 19 ounces; item, another lower monstrance with a beryl in the top of ye covering and Saint Margaret in the bottom, weighing 9 ounces 3 quarters; item, an angel silver and gilt bearing relics, weighing 16 ounces;

Item, I give and bequeath unto th' apparelling of the chapel of Our Lady in the said priory of Colne where my tomb and the tombs of mine ancestors and friends tofore rehearsed be now and hereafter shall be made, of the ornaments and parcels now used belonging to my chapel in my closet, viz., a chalice of silver and gilt with the Trinity in the paten and in the foot of the crucifix with Mary & John, and this scripture following about the bowl, *Calicem salutaris accipiam*, weighing 17 ounces 3 quarters; item, 2 small candlesticks of silver, the borders gilt, weighing 26 ounces 3 quarters; item, 2 small basins of silver and well gilt, embossed with a scripture about the borders, weighing 22 ounces 3 quarters; item, a paxbred of silver gilt and enameled, with a crucifix Mary and John set therein, weighing 6 ounces 1 quarter; item, 2 cruets silver and gilt the borders, with mullets graven on the lids of them, weighing 5 ounces; item, a Mass-book with these words in the beginning of the second leaf *Post aspersione aque dicat sacerdos*; item, 2 altar-cloths of white sarsenet set with flowers, garters and mullets on them, and a pane in the upper cloth of chequered satin figury with a crucifix Mary and John set thereupon,

and on the nether cloth an image of Our Lady; item, a pair of vestments of white cloth of gold of tissue; item, a pair of vestments of crimson satin with orphreys of blue velvet garnished; item, a pair of vestments of crimson cloth of baudekin with a[n] orphrey of needlework, and on the back of the orphrey a pelican & an image of Our Lady; item, 2 frontlets of divers sorts; item 3 corporases with the cases thereunto; item, 4 altar-cloths of linen to lie upon th' altars; item, 2 altar-cloths of black cloth of gold;

Item, I give and bequeath to the high altar of the church and priory of Colne foresaid 2 altar-cloths of russet sarsenet powdered with garters and mullets, and a pane in the midst of crimson cloth of baudekin;

Item, I give and bequeath to the said high altar of the church & priory of Colne foresaid my cross with the foot silver and gilt, the which is accustomed to stand upon the altar in my closet, weighing 69 ounces;

Item, I give and bequeath to the priory and covent of Colne foresaid and to their successors, to th' use and profit of the same place and to th' intent they shall the more heartily and more devoutly pray for me, a standing cup silver and gilt with a flower in the bottom which is my daily cup, weighing 20 ounces di{midium}; item, a great standing salt six-square silver and gilt with a cover pounced with vines, weighing 39 ounces di{midium}; item, I will that they have the basin and ewer silver and parcel-gilt that is accustomed to be carried with me, weighing 88 ounces, and that these goods formerly by me to the said prior and covent given be unto them delivered by indenture tripartite, thone part with them to remain, the second with mine executors, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> to be delivered by mine executors unto mine heir at his full age, and that upon the delivery of the said stuff, jewels and plate, the prior for the time being shall make a solemn oath that he, during the time that he shall be prior there, shall not embezzle, sell nor put away any of the said stuff, jewels or plate, but the same always to remain and continue in the said house to th' use above expressed, and that every prior that hereafter shall be elect and chosen to be prior there shall upon his stallation view and see the said stuff, jewels and plate, and to make a like solemn oath for the good keeping and ordering of the same according to th' intent tofore specified;

Item, I give and bequeath to the belfry of the church and priory of Colne foresaid £20 towards the building of the same;

Item, I give and bequeath to the monastery of Saint John at Colchester my 2 copes of crimson cloth of gold of Lucca;

Item, I give and bequeath to the cathedral church of Saint John of Amiens in Picardy my best image of Our Lady, being in my closet, and mine image of Saint John Baptist silver and gilt, weighing both together 150 ounces;

Item, I give and bequeath to the abbey of Woburn in the county of Buckingham, whereof I am founder, mine image of Saint Andrew silver and gilt accustomed to stand in my chapel, weighing 66 ounces;

Item, I give and bequeath to the Black Friars of Oxford mine image of Saint Bartholomew silver and gilt, likewise accustomed to stand upon the altar in my said chapel, weighing 60 ounces 3 quarters;

Item, I give and bequeath to the Black Friars of Cambridge mine image of Saint Peter silver and gilt accustomed to stand in my said chapel, weighing 58 ounces di {midium};

Item, I give and bequeath to the priory of Hatfield Broadoak mine image of Saint James silver and gilt accustomed to stand in my foresaid chapel, weighing 64 ounces;

Item, I give and bequeath to the nunnery of Bruisyard in ye county of Suffolk towards the amendment and reparations of the said house, 20 marks;

Item, I will that every house of religion hereafter ensuing, being of the foundation of mine ancestors, as well men as women, viz., the houses of Woburn, Stratford, Hatfield Broadoak, the Black Friars of Oxford and Cambridge, the house of Saint Osyth, the nuns of Swaffham, Hedingham, Ickleton, the houses of Thremhall, Blackborough and Bromehill, the White Friars of Lynn, and the houses of Blackmore, Royston, Medmenham and Hempton, and also such parish churches where I have manors, lands and tenements, shall have a reward of the stuff of my chapel by the discretion of mine executors, and if such stuff as remaineth in my said chapel will not suffice thereunto, I then will that such of the said houses for whom it shall lack shall be provided by my said executors, and delivered to th' intent they shall the more heartily and devoutly pray for the souls of me, my wife and my children, my Lord my father, my Lady my mother, my brethren and sisters, and all mine ancestors' souls, and the souls of all such persons that in any wise I am bounden and have cause to pray for, and that every house of my foundation foresaid, at such time as they shall do exequies for me, my wife, my children, my Lord my father, my Lady my mother, and other as is tofore rehearsed, shall find 5 tapers about mine hearse to burn there during the time of the same exequies, and all those that shall have business abouts my same exequies to have for their labours by the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I bequeath unto mine old friend, Sir Thomas Lovell, knight, a salt of silver and gilt with a pearl in the top weighing 25 ounces;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my most loving wife of th' ornaments and jewels pertaining to my chapel these parcels following, viz., 2 altar-cloths of blue cloth of gold lined with blue buckram; item, a whole suit of vestments of the same stuff, thone of them orphreyed with crimson velvet set with fine flowers of gold embroidered with a rag[ged] staff in the foot of every flower, and thother orphreyed with crimson satin figury with flowers of gold woven in the same; item, 3 copes of like stuff, and according with the said vestments; item, a vestment of crimson velvet upon velvet orphreyed with white damask with flowers of gold woven therein; item, a vestment of white damask orphreyed with purple velvet set with garters; item, a vestment of crimson cloth of baudekin; item, 2 altar-cloths crimson velvet upon velvet set with water-flowers; item, 6 altar-cloths of

linen hallowed to lie upon altars; item 2 curtains of red sarsenet; item, a cross with a plain foot garnished with 7 stones, with a vice to open and to put in a piece of the Holy Cross, weighing 36 ounces 3 quarters; item, a pair of candlesticks of silver and gilt with shanks pounced, weighing 58 ounces; item, a censer of silver and parcel-gilt with leopards' faces, weighing 27 ounces; item, a great chalice with a patible Mary and John in the foot, and written about the bowl *Hic est enim calix noui testamenti*, weighing 31 ounces; item, another chalice parcel-gilt, in the paten whereof *Ihesus* is made in a knot, weighing 12 ounces di{midium}; item, a holy-water stock of silver with a sprinkle which is accustomed to hang in my closet, weighing 24 ounces 3 quarters; item, 2 images of silver & gilt, thone of Our Lady and thother of Saint John Evangelist, that be accustomed to stand upon the high altar, weighing together 120 & 18 ounces; item, 2 salts of silver and gilt with a cover daily accustomed at my board, weighing together 26 ounces; item, my best 2 cruets with spouts like dragons silver and gilt, weighing together 28 ounces di{midium}; item my second antiphon; item, 2 grails, one of the best, another of the worst; item, 3 processioners; item, a legend complete;

Item, I give and bequeath unto her of my plate pertaining to my household these parcels following, viz., a spice-plate standing, gilt and without a cover, weighing 66 ounces; item, a standing cup with a cover silver and gilt with chevrons having mine arms in the bottom, weighing 35 ounces; item, another standing cup gilt and enamelled with blue true-loves in the bottom, weighing 26 ounces; item, a standing cup gilt with a broken flower in the bottom enamelled with blue, weighing 31 ounces; item, 2 pottle-pots gilt and chased, weighing 163 ounces di{midium}; item, 2 plain white pots of silver with mullets in the covering, weighing 140 & 13 ounces; item, 6 bowls with a cover parcel-gilt with mine arms in the bottom, weighing 83 ounces di{midium}; item, a salt of beryl standing with an image of a Morian under the beryl, bearing up the salt, with a cover silver and gilt, weighing 35 ounces 1 quarter; item, a plain standing salt without a cover, the swages gilt, weighing 9 ounces di{midium}; item, another like salt, weighing 9 ounces 1 quarter; item, a pair of basins covered gilt with a scutcheon of mine arms and my late wife's arms departed in the bottom of the same, weighing 116 ounces; item, 2 basins of silver chased and each other chase gilt with baynes [=bands?], weighing 111 ounces; item, 2 ewers with broad bottoms, weighing together 53 ounces; item, 2 plain candlesticks of silver parcel-gilt with broaches for wax, weighing 28 ounces; item, a great candlestick with a nose and broach parcel-gilt, weighing 18 ounces 1 quarter; item, 6 gilt spoons with round knops upon th' ends, weighing 7 ounces; item, 12 spoons not gilt, weighing 17 ounces di{midium};

Item, I give and bequeath to my said wife without diminution or restraint all manner apparel to her person, as well cloth as silk, and all manner of chains, rings, girdles, devices, beads, brooches, ouches, precious stones and all other things being parcel of her apparel, whatsoever they be;

Item, I give and bequeath unto her of th' apparel and stuff of my household & chambers these parcels following, viz., a celure, a tester, and a counterpoint of cloth of baudekin crimson and green with lions of gold, with 3 curtains and a traverse of sarsenet, and a counterpoint of green tapestry with an angel in the midst; the hanging of green tapestry of

my devices which serveth for the hall, also a cupboard-cloth, a tapet under the window, and a carpet; item, a sparver of green cloth of gold of baudekin, the curtains thereof of green tartarin; item, a counterpoint of green verdure, a carpet and a cupboard cloth accustomed to be in my lodging-chamber at Hedingham, with the green hanging of tapestry of my devices accustomed in my said lodging-chamber at Hedingham; item, 2 pieces of red say, a traverse of silk accustomed to be in the gentlewomen's chamber at Hedingham, 5 pieces of red say and a carpet pertaining to my said wife's closet there; item, 2 pieces of red worsted used to be in the withdraught of my chamber there; item, a celure and a tester of baudekin with birds of gold, 3 curtains of green, the counterpoint and all the tapets of the history of Grizel, a cupboard cloth and a carpet used to lie in my chamber called the King's Chamber at Hedingham, with all mattresses and pallets for to lie under beds lying in any of the said chambers there; item, a celure, a tester and a counterpoint of white and red verdure paly, with tapets of the same for all the chamber; item, a great carpet to lie under a board, and a carpet for a cupboard cloth; item, a sparver of blue cloth of gold of baudekin with 3 curtains white and blue tartarin;

Item, I give and bequeath to her besides all the premises 3 pair of fine sheets and 10 pair of coarse sheets, 12 pair of sheets for servants, 3 pair of fustians, 8 pair of blankets, 8 coverlets, 12 featherbeds with the transoms, and 12 pillows; item, in stuff of the kitchen besides the premises, a new garnish of pewter vessel and 3 garnish of household pewter vessel over and besides her own; item, a brass pot called a standard, another brass pot of 5 gallons, another pot of 3 gallons and a half, 2 posnets, 4 pans, 2 broaches square, 2 round, and 2 broaches for birds, 2 racks of iron, a gridiron & a caldron;

Item, I will that if I have issue male of my body lawfully begotten, that then my same issue male shall have the goods and jewels hereafter ensuing, viz., first, mine image of the Trinity silver and gilt, and my cross of gold wherein lieth 2 pieces of the Holy Cross with the garnishing of the same, which weigheth 120 & 7 ounces, and the cross of gold weigheth 15 ounces; item, my bed of roots which I had by reason of mine office of the Great Chamberlainship of England at the King's coronation, also my hanging of Tullius; item, a celure & a tester of rich arras with a tourney therein which I had at the coronation of the Queen that dead is by reason of my said office; item, a celure, a tester and a counterpoint of crimson satin with my helmet and device, and a hanging for the great chamber at Hedingham of tapestry paly crimson and tawny; item, a celure, a tester and a counterpoint of crimson satin of Bruges embroidered with blue boars, mullets and a park; item, a celure, a tester and a counterpoint of crimson damask embroidered with flowers, boars and crankets and 2 women feeding a popinjay in a cage, the celure and the tester lined with canvas and the counterpoint lined with buckram; item, 2 standing pots silver and gilt chased with mine arms and the Howard arms in the tops, weighing 163 ounces; item, a pair of covered basins gilt accustomed to be in my chapel, weighing 142 ounces; item, 2 altar-cloths of white made and wrought by my Lady my mother, with a frontlet of the same wrought with mine arms; item a suit of vestments of white for priest, deacon and subdeacon; item, 3 copes of the same colour; item, 2 censers of silver with the calygreyhounds, weighing 133 ounces & 1 quarter; item, my best cross silver and gilt, weighing 164 ounces; item, my best garnish of silver vessel marked with briquets, with 4 chargers, all weighing 1380 ounces; mine alms-dish with swages gilt, weighing 147

ounces 1 quarter, my cup of gold with splayed eagles and a balas in the top, weighing 42 ounces 1 quarter, and my greatest candlesticks weighing 131 ounces 1 quarter, and all these same tofore rehearsed and to mine issue male bequeathed to be put in the monastery of Bury or in such other place as I shall name, or else thereas mine executors or the more part of them in number shall think most convenient under sure and safe keeping by their discretions, all which stuff, jewels and plate I will shall be delivered unto my said heir male when he cometh to his full age of 21 years and not afore, and that it shall be delivered unto him in this manner and form, showing unto him that my very will & mind is that he shall have th' use of the same stuff, jewels and plate during his life, and after his decease all the same to remain to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and if it fortune me to have no issue male, but issue female or females, that then all the said parcels shall go to the said heir female or heirs females of my body lawfully begotten, and if there be mo daughters than one, to be divided evenly amongst them;

And if it shall happen me to die without any such said issue of my body lawfully begotten or having but only one heir male, and he to die tofore the said age, or else without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, then I will that the said stuff, jewels and plate to him assigned as is above shall immediately remain to my nephew, John Vere, son of my brother, Sir George Vere, knight, if he then be on live and not under the said age of 21 years, and my mind to be expressed unto him concerning the remainder thereof for th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male, all the same to be delivered unto my cousin, John Vere, cousin and heir unto mine uncle, Sir Robert Vere, knight, if he then be on live, and after his death to remain to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male, all the same parcels to be disposed by mine executors for the weal of my soul and the souls abovesaid, and on God's behalf desire my said heir male which shall fortune to be of my body lawfully begotten, and also my said nephew and cousin, if it shall happen the stuff, jewels and plate to come to his or their hands by reason of my bequest foresaid, that they will in no wise attempt for to break this my will inasmuch as I of my good mind have thus bequeathed the same unto him or them that shall succeed me as heir male in the earldom for their honour and increase, provided alway that upon the deliver[y] of the said stuff, jewels and plate unto any mine heir or heirs which shall have right thereunto by reason of this my said bequest, I will that he or they shall make a sufficient discharge of the same unto mine executors, and that they promise and affirm to observe my said will in every behalf, and if my said issue male, nephew, cousin or he unto whom first delivery shall be made of the said parcels do interrupt or break this my present will, then I will that my said executors shall make no delivery of the said goods, jewels and plate, but convert the same to such use of the weal of my soul and the souls tofore expressed as they shall think most convenient;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my nieces, Dorothy and Ursula, 600 marks, that is to say, to either of them 300 marks, the same to be delivered unto either of them at their ages of 24 years, or before if they be married, and if it fortune one of them or both to decease tofore the said age or marriage, then that money to be disposed by mine executors for th' execution of this my testament and of my last will and codicil, and towards the payment of the said six hundred marks I will that my chain with the whistle having six score and

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one links weighing 98 ounces di{midium} be sold, and the residue that shall lack to be made up by mine executors to ye full of the same sum;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Broughton a pair of flagons of silver like to bottles, weighing 173 ounces di{midium};

Item, I give to Robert Broughton, his brother, £10 in money;

Item, I bequeath to my said cousin, John Vere, of my plate and other stuff the value of £100;

Item, I give unto the same John Vere my collar of Garters and red roses of gold;

Item, I will that mine executors, in as goodly haste as they reasonably may after my decease, shall convey and cause to be conveyed such of my jewels, plate, stuff and goods moveable, and such evidences of mine as shall be thought most convenient by mine executors or the more part of them, to be put in such coffers and well locked with divers locks & keys, being within my castle of Hedingham, at London, at Wivenhoe, or any other place, unto the abbey of Bury or to the house of Saint John's at Colchester, or else to such places as my said executors of the more part of them in number shall think most convenient, to the intent they may have their meeting there for th' ordering and disposition of the same for th' execution, as well of every article contained in this my testament and in my codicil, as of every article and clause contained and specified in my last will for the declaration of the same touching the demeaning and ordering of my lands and tenements being recovered or to be recovered, being or to be in feoffors' hands, and the profits of the same for the performance of my said will, testament and codicil;

Item, I will that no part of the legacies by me bequeathed (except those that I have willed unto Thomas Lovell, knight, and to my wife), be delivered till my debts be paid and one year after my departure expired, unless it be thought by ye more part of mine executors that is it [sic] behoveful and convenient to deliver any part of the same within the said year for some cause reasonable, and if any person or persons to whom I have given or bequeathed anything do interrupt, let, break or cause any part of my testament, codicil or last will to be interrupted or broken, that then the same person or persons that so do shall have no profit by my said testament, codicil nor last will, but that every parcel unto any such person or to the children of such persons bequeathed be sold by mine executors and employed for the weal of my soul;

Also I will that every man being my servant, and all other persons of what degree or condition they be of having any office, fee or annuity by my mouth or by my writing during my pleasure or otherwise going out of any honours, manors, lands and tenements of mine inheritance in fee simple or of my purchase shall have, continue and enjoy the same after my decease with like fees, wages and profits during their lives as they had of me by my life for th' execution and occupation of the same;



Item, I will that all knights, esquires, gentlemen and other to whom I have appointed certain annuities during their lives for such true and faithful service as they have done unto me whose names & the sums of their annuities are especified in a codicil hereunto annexed, as by the title of the same codicil it doth appear, shall be truly contented and paid of their said annuities during their lives of th' issues and profits of my said manors, lands and tenements put in feoffment for th' execution of this my testament and of my codicil and last will, and that all other my servants to whom I have given certain sums of money by way of reward whose names and their sums annexed to their names do also appear in my said codicil, as by the title written above their names there it doth appear, shall truly be paid and contented of their said rewards by mine executors of my goods and profits of my lands put in feoffment as is foresaid in such convenient time as by my same executors shall be thought reasonable;

Item, I will that if it fortune any sum or sums of money to be demanded of mine executors by any person or persons for any manner of cause which by mine executors cannot be avoided, but that they shall be compelled to pay or to compound for the same, and that my goods above my bequests suffice not to the contentation thereof, and th' issues and profits of my lands recovered or to be recovered or put in feoffment must go for the time to the said payments so demanded, by reason whereof th' execution of my testament, codicil and will for the payments of the same must in many things be put in delay till such time as the said payments so demanded be paid, that then and immediately after the said payments so demanded be made and paid, all such persons and every of them which have forborne any profit in the meantime of any fee, annuity or reward or other profit to them or any of them belonging by reason of my said testament, codicil or will shall be answered, contented and paid of their said fees, annuities, rewards and profits and all th' arrearages of the same in as hasty and reasonable time as the profits of my said lands may be received and gathered after the said demands be paid by the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I will that my cousin, Sir Henry Marney, knight, shall have £40 in money in full recompense of such goods as the same Sir Henry claimeth or may claim in the right of his late wife, the daughter of Wyfold, if the same Sir Henry can make mine executors a lawful discharge for it against all manner persons, or else not;

Item, I will that my best antiphoner after my decease be delivered to the church of Stoke Nayland;

Item, I will that if my kinsman, Thomas Vere, have no promotion by marriage nor otherwise in my lifetime by my means, that then the same Thomas shall have yearly during his life 20 marks of fee going out of my said lands and tenements which are put in feoffment during 20 years next after my death;

Also I will that mine executors within a quarter of a year next after my decease, if it may be conveniently done, shall pay and content my household servants such household wages as to them at that time shall be due, and also within the said quarter do content and pay unto every of my said servants all such legacies and rewards as to my same servants

by this my testament or by my codicil by way of gift or reward is bequeathed unto him, and because I would that my household servants should have reasonable time in providing of them new masters, I will that my same servants, or as many of them as list to continue in my household, shall have meat and drink there for one whole year next ensuing my death without taking of any wages or other reward or gift saving such as is by me formerly appointed, and for that my said servants should continue and keep together if they so like, I will that my household be kept at the priory of Colne by the space of one whole year next my death;

Item, I will that mine executors give towards the making of the aisles of the church of Lavenham £20 over and besides £20 which I tofore have given to the same;

Item, I will that my said executors give towards the building and making of the church of Harwich £20;

Item, I will that if any matter comprised within this my testament, codicil or last will be ambiguous or doubtful, or if my said executors for any matter or cause concerning my said testament, codicil or last will or for anything by them to be done with my goods for the weal of my soul hereafter be in divers opinions, that then th' interpretation, ordering and doing thereof be had and made by the more part of my said executors, and if there be thing by me omitted out of my testament or thing therein to be changed and thought necessary so for to be by the more part of mine executors, then I will that the more part of them shall do and be ordered therein as they shall seem most convenient and necessary, and that such doing, alteration and order by them so taken and made be as parcel of my said testament and of as good effect and as available as though it were by me done and here expressed;

Item, I will that all mine executors being on live, or as many of them as conveniently may, shall once in the year have a general assemble in the city of London, so that they be the more part in number, tofore the Chief Justice of the King's Bench, the Chief Judge of the Common Pleas, and the Master of the Rolls of the King's Chancery for the time being, or 2 of them, to th' intent if any matter of weight happen to fall amongst them for the defence of mine heir or his lands, or for anything for th' execution of my last will, testament and codicil or any of the same, or for any matter or thing therein by them to be done, that they shall show the same to the said Judges and Master, taking their advices and counsel for th' order thereof, and their advices or advice of such of them as at such assemblies can or will be present had, that then my said executors or the more part of them in number to execute such things as by them or the more part of them shall be thought reasonable, and as often as such meetings shall be, that repeating be had by my said executors as well of such things as they tofore that day have done, as of such other things as by them shall be then after their such meeting necessary to be done, and the said Judges and Master at my costs and charges have their dinner, and for every their pain and labour there being present, 10s;

Also I will that for all such charges and costs as shall be sustained by any of mine executors, as well for the said meeting at London as for any other meeting in any other

place, or for any other matter or cause, labour or cost by them or any of them done to their charges for & about th' execution of my testament, codicil or last will, allowance shall be had and made to every of them by the more part of my same executors in number, so that none of mine executors in any such allowance shall be his own only judge, nor yet take his reward or allowance himself, but by th' assent of the more part of his company in number as is foresaid;

And over that, I will that none of my said executors make any manner grant, nor make release nor other discharge for any matter touching my said testament, codicil or last will, nor make any offices, nor take any receipt, nor make any payment, nor any other thing do by authority of my testament, codicil or last will without th' assent of the more part of mine executors in number, which if any of them willfully or obstinately do without such said assent, and will not be reformable by the more part of my said executors, that then he or they so doing be clearly dismissed from all further meddling with th' execution of my testament, will and codicil, and not to have nor take any advantage or profit by any grant, bequest or reward to him limited by this my testament, by my will or codicil because of his obstinacy and misdemeanor, but the residue of mine executors to refuse his or their company;

Item, I give and bequeath unto every one of mine executors being of the degree of a knight and taking upon him the charge of th' execution of this my testament and of my last will and codicil ten pounds in money for his pain in and abouts the same, and likewise to every other of mine executors taking upon him the like charge ten marks in money;

And for the performance of my last will and also of this my present last testament with my codicil hereunto annexed, I ordain and make mine executors, videlicet, first Elizabeth, my most dearest wife, Sir Thomas Lovell, knight, Sir James Hubbard, knight, Sir Robert Drury, knight, Sir William Waldegrave, knight, Sir Robert Lovell, knight, William Cooke, doctor, John Vere th' elder, esquire, Humphrey Wingfield, esquire, John Danyell, esquire, John Josselyn, esquire, and William Okeley, gentleman;

In witness whereof to this my present last testament I have set to my sign manual, and also to the same and my last will and codicil annexed together have set the seal of mine arms the day and year above-written.

Oxenford.

This is the codicil of me, John de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, videlicet, I will that all these persons whose names be especified here under this clause shall receive and have, every one of them, an yearly annuity for term of their lives according to the sum annexed unto each of their names, the same to go out and be paid of such my lands and tenements as mine executors or the more part of them shall thereunto appoint:

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Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight, £6 13s 4d;  
Sir Robert Drury, knight, £6 13s 4d;  
Sir Robert Lovell, knight, £6 13s 4d;  
Sir William Waldegrave, knight, £6 13s 4d;  
Sir Roger Wentworth, knight, 100s;  
Sir William Findern, knight, 100s;  
Sir Henry Tey, knight, 100s;  
Sir Robert Peyton, knight, £3 6s 8d;  
Sir John Grene, knight, £3 6s 8d;  
Sir William Clopton, knight, £3 6s 8d;  
Sir Robert Cotton, knight, £3 6s 8d;  
Sir Giles Alington, knight, £3 6s 8d;  
My cousin, John Vere, over and besides mine other bequests in my testament and last will, £20;  
John Josselyn, £10;  
John Danyell, £10;  
William Okeley, £10;  
Robert Brews [=Brewse?], 53s 4d;  
John Goldingham, 53s 4d;  
William Aylofffe, 53s 4d;  
John Aspelon, 53s 4d;  
Humphrey Wingfield, 53s 4d;  
William Pyrton th' elder, 53s 4d;  
John Fowhell [=Fowle], 53s 4d;  
Geoffrey Gates, 53s 4d;  
George Waldegrave, 53s 4d;  
Thomas Tyrrell, the son of Sir Thomas, £3 6s 8d;  
Richard Appleton, 53s 4d;  
William Sondes, £3 6s 8d;  
John Barners, £3 6s 8d;  
Anthony Danvers, 53s 4d;  
Thomas Vere, 53s 4d;  
Henry Radcliffe, 53s 4d;  
Thomas Brews [=Brewse?], 53s 4d;  
Robert Tyrrell, 53s 4d;  
William Waldegrave, 53s 4d;  
Thomas Tey senior, 53s 4d;  
Thomas Tey junior, 53s 4d;  
William Pyrton junior, 53s 4d;  
Richard Wryght, £4;  
Thomas Lathbury, 53s 4d;  
Thomas Rotheman, 53s 4d;  
Thomas Radcliffe, 53s 4d;  
Robert Skern, 53s 4d;  
Robert Dedyk, 40s;

Lewes Blodwell, for keeping of Campes mews, over and besides his fee for keeping of the park there, 40s 10d;  
 Laurence Younge, 40s;  
 Roger Neve, 40s;  
 Griffith Gough, 40s;  
 George Reynew, 40s;  
 George Traas, 40s;  
 John Swayn, 40s 10d;  
 Henry Watson, 40s;  
 John Hewet, 40s;  
 William Dikson, 40s;  
 Robert Broughton, 53s 4d;  
 Laurence Forster, 53s 4d;  
 Francis Burton, 100s;  
 Robert Goldingham, 53s 4d.

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And I will that these persons whose names be hereunder written shall have by th' hands of mine executors according to the sums annexed to their names, and no fee nor annuity, but only each one his sum for one time in reward:

Margaret Ryther, 53s 4d;  
 Elizabeth Wingfield, 53s 4d;  
 Margaret Harleston, 53s 4d;  
 William Towneley, 53s 4d;  
 Thomas Eyre, 53s 4d;  
 Thomas Hogen [=Hogan], 40s;  
 William Barton, 40s;  
 William Holbroke, 40s;  
 Richard Jewellar, 40s;  
 John Brond, 40s;  
 George Hesketh, 40s;  
 Anthony Freman, 40s;  
 John Williams, 40s;  
 Peter Barneham, 53s 4d;  
 John Legge, 40s;  
 John Holme, 40s;  
 Robert Rowse, 40s;  
 Thomas Munnyng, 40s;  
 Richard Wilton, 40s;  
 William Woderose, 40s;  
 Thomas Hogen [=Hogan], 40s;  
 William Milles, 40s;  
 George Turnor, 40s;

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Nicholas Jeve, 40s;  
Thomas George, 40s;  
Simon Breyn, 40s;  
John Parker, 40s;  
John a Kent, 40s;  
Simon Dyestar, 40s;  
Thomas Estay, 40s;  
Oliver Hunt, 40s;  
Laurence Houghton, 40s;  
Thomas Garling, 40s;  
John Greeneleef, 40s;  
Walter Symond, 40s;  
Thomas Mayhew, 40s;  
James Baldwyn, 40s;  
Robert Baldwyn, 40s;  
Thomas Jackson, 40s;  
John Pigge, 40s;  
Laurence Skinner, 40s;  
William Dallog, 40s;  
John Lewes, 40s;  
John Tolton, 40s;  
Ralph Goldern, 40s;  
William Estay, 40s;  
Thomas Riveley, 40s;  
Lewes William, 40s;  
Hugh Pigge, 40s;  
David Roderford, 40s;  
Peers Sowth, 40s;  
Thomas Brett, 40s;  
Peers Barnard, 40s;  
Robert Bell, 40s;  
Richard Cook, 40s;  
William Cracherode, 40s;  
John Cracherode, 40s;  
Robert Fenne, 40s;  
Robert Manche, 40s;  
John Nashe, 40s;  
Thomas May, 40s;  
Robert Bryan, 40s;  
Thomas Porter, 40s;  
Thomas Bridges, 40s;  
John Wode, 40s;  
Richard Dalton, 40s;  
Richard Pygot, 40s;  
Cornelius Thomson, 40s;  
William, the yeoman baker, 40s;

John Doye, 40s;  
 Old Jegon, the parker, 40s;  
 Richard Baker, 40s;  
 Richard Barker, 40s;  
 Richard Hardkyn, 40s;  
 Nicholas Benbury, 40s;  
 Simon Gateward, 40s;  
 William Elistoon, 40s;  
 Iyan Aleyne, 40s;  
 William Ring, 40s;  
 The miller, 40s;  
 John Harrison, 40s;  
 Robert Bucketon, 40s;  
 John Davison, 40s;  
 Thomas, the groom baker, 40s;  
 Randoll Lyell, 40s;  
 Andrew Fleccher, 40s;  
 John Jegon, the gardener, 40s;  
 Kemp, the gardener, 40s;  
 2 other grooms of the stable, 53s 4d;  
 The groom chariot-man, 26s 8d;  
 The groom brewer, 26s 8d;  
 The groom cater, 26s 8d;  
 John Browne, luter, 40s;  
 Stephen, tabret, 26s 8d;  
 Guylliam, fiddler, 26s 8d;  
 The groom slaughterman, 26s 8d;  
 The groom of the scullery, 26s 8d;  
 William Walker, 26s 8d;  
 Richard Pipar, 26s 8d;  
 John Boye, 26s 8d.

Oxenford.

This is the last will of me, John de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, made the first day of September in the year of our Lord God 1500 and 12<sup>th</sup>, and in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup>, viz.:

First, I renounce and revoke by this my last will all other wills by me made tofore the date hereof, saving and except always my testament concerning my bequests and other things comprised and declared in the same, bearing date the tenth day of April the year of our Lord God 1500 and 9, the 24<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the 7<sup>th</sup>, sealed with my seal of arms and signed in divers places thereof with my hand, and also my codicil to the same annexed, which testament and codicil and all and everything expressed and

declared in the same and either of them I will shall stand still in full strength, and that they be executed according to the true meaning and intent thereof, and will that if Elizabeth, my most loving wife, be living the time of my death, that then Sir Richard FitzLewis, knight, William Waldegrave, knight, Robert Drury, knight, Robert Lovell, knight, Roger Wentworth, knight, Robert Morton, knight, Robert Peyton, knight, William Clopton, knight, John Grene, knight, Robert(?) Wentworth, knight, Giles Alington, knight, John Broughton, esquire, John FitzLewis, esquire, Thomas Tyrrell, esquire, George Waldegrave, esquire, Geoffrey Gates, esquire, Thomas Brewes, esquire, Thomas Tey, esquire, William Pyrton, esquire, John Josselyn, gentleman, John Aspelon, gentleman, William Aylofffe, gentleman, Humphrey Wingfield, gentleman, John Danyell, gentleman, and William Okeley, gentleman, which with others now deceased have recovered against me the manors of Hormead, Barkway, Rokey and Newsells in the county of Hertford, and the manors of Tilbury nigh Clare with Skaths, Brays, Nortofts, Guttridge, Much Oakley, Skighaw, Pevers, Peppers, Fingrith, Doddinghurst, Astonhall, Earls Fee, Bowers Gifford, Harwich with Dovercourt, and Battles Hall in the county of Essex, to th' use of me and of mine heirs and to and for the performance of this my last will and of my said testament and codicil, & also that the said Sir Richard FitzLewis, knight, with other above-named which stand & be enfeoffed of and in the manors of Wivenhoe, Battleswick, Cokyns, Moze and Little Oakley in the said county of Essex to like use and intent, shall suffer my said wife during her life natural to take and perceive th' issues, revenues and profits, as well of the said manors, lands and tenements and of every parcel of them so recovered, as of the said manors, lands and tenements so being in feoffment, and in all and every parcel of the same shall stand & be seised to the use of my said wife during her natural life according to such covenants as are thereof expressed and comprised in certain indentures made between me on the one party, and Ralph Scrope, Doctor of Divinity, Sir Roger Wentworth, knight, and Sir Richard Wentworth, knight, on thother party, concerning the marriage had between me & my said wife, as in the same indentures it doth more plainly appear, and after the death of my said wife, if she die within 20 years' space next after my death, that then the issues and profits of all the manors tofore rehearsed shall be received by mine executors from the time of her death unto the end of the said 20 years so next following my death to th' execution and performance of this my said last will and of my said testament and codicil annexed together, and after the death of my said wife and the said 20 years expired, I will that then all my said recoverors of the foresaid manors shall stand & be seised of the same manors to the use of the heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the use of my nephew, John Vere, son and heir of my brother Sir George Vere, knight, and of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the use of my cousin, John Vere, cousin and heir to mine uncle, Sir Robert Vere, knight, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue male, the said recoverors and feoffors shall stand and be seised of the said manors of Hormead, Astonhall, Harwich with Dovercourt, Earls Fee in Bowers Gifford, Tilbury nigh Clare with Nortofts, Brays, Skaths, Pevers, Peppers, Doddinghurst, and Fingrith with their appurtenance to the use of the heirs of the body of my Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten, and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the use of my right heirs, and of the said manors of Barkway, Rokey and Newsells, Guttridge, Skighaw, Battles Hall, Much Oakley, Wivenhoe, Battleswick, Cokyns, Moze



and Little Oakley to th' use of th' heirs of ye body of my Lady my mother lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the use of the heirs of my Lady my mother forever;

And I will that my said manors of Wivenhoe, Battleswick, Cokyns, Moze and Little Oakley with th' appurtenances be recovered in Michaelmas term next following the date of this my said will according to such note and knowledge as I made thereof lately unto Sir Robert Reade, knight, Chief Justice of Common Pleas, at his last being with me, and that such persons as are appointed and named in the said note to recover the said manors, after the same recover had & executed, shall stand recoverors and be seised of the same manors of Wivenhoe, Battleswick, Cokyns, Moze and Little Oakley with their appurtenances to like use and intent in all things as of and upon the same manors it is above remembered and expressed;

Also I will that my said wife, immediately after my decease, if she then be living, have and enjoy my manor of East Bergholt with th' appurtenances in the county of Suffolk and my manor of Weeting with th' appurtenances in the county of Norfolk for term of her life upon like conditions and for like intent as of and upon the same manors of East Bergholt and Weeting in certain indentures bearing date the 15 day of April in the third year of the reign of King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> made by me on thone party and Thomas, Earl of Surrey, on thother party be contained and expressed, and after the decease of my said wife I will that my feoffors of and in the said manors of East Bergholt and Weeting which then shall be living shall stand feoffors and be seised of the same with their appurtenances to th' use of the performance and execution of this my said last will and of my said testament and codicil for the said term of 20 years next after my decease, and that my said feoffors of and in the said manors of East Bergholt and Weeting after the decease of my said wife shall suffer mine executors to take and perceive th' issues, profits and revenues of the same manors with their appurtenances during the residue of the said 20 years to th' intent that they with the same shall perform and execute my said testament and codicil, and after the said 20 years ended and expired, then I will that the said feoffors shall stand and be seised of and in the said manors of East Bergholt and Weeting with th' appurtenances to th' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my said nephew, John Vere, and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of my said cousin, John Vere, and of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' heirs of the body of my said Lady my mother lawfully begotten and th' heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of th' heirs of my Lady my mother and their heirs forever;

Also where that Sir Edward Howard, Sir William Waldegrave, Sir Thomas Knyvet, Sir Robert Drury, Sir Thomas Boleyn, Sir Philip Calthorpe, Sir Richard Wentworth, Sir Robert Lovell, Sir Philip Tilney and Sir Thomas Wyndham, knights, Thomas Tyrrell, George Waldegrave, Thomas Blennerhassett, Humphrey Wingfield and John Danyell, esquires, have recovered against me mine honour and manor of Whitchurch and my manors of Aston Sandford, Calverton and Stratford in the county of Buckingham with all their members and appurtenances, my manor of Hawkeston in the county of Cambridge,

and my manors of the Flete and Badlesmere in the county of Kent, my manor of Wigston in the county of Leicester, my manor of Chelsworth in the county of Suffolk, and my manors of Knapton and Tittleshall in the county of Norfolk, which manors be of mine old inheritance, and I thereof at the time of the said recovery was sole seised to me and to th' heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, as by old gifts thereof made to mine ancestors manifestly doth appear, I will that the said Sir Edward Howard and thother recoverors tofore named immediately after my decease shall stand and be seised of the said honour and manors of Whitchurch, Aston Sandford, Calverton, Stratford, Hawkeston, Flete, Badlesmere, Wigston, Chelsworth, Knapton and Tittleshall with their appurtenances to th' use of my said nephew, John Vere, and the Lady Anne, his wife, for term of their lives and the lengest liver of them according to the purport of certain indentures of covenants bearing date the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November in the third year of King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> made between me on thone party and the said Earl of Surrey on thother party concerning the marriage now solemnized between my said nephew and Lady Anne, and after the decease of my same nephew & Lady Anne, I will that the said Sir Edward and thother recoverors shall stand and be seised of the said honour and manors of Whitchurch, Aston Sandford, Calverton, Stratford, Hawkeston, Flete, Badlesmere & Wigston with their appurtenances to th' use of th' heirs males of my said nephew John Vere's body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to the use of my said cousin, John Vere, and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of th' heirs of my Lord my grandfather's body lawfully begotten, [-and for de] and for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever, and of ye manors of Chelsworth, Knapton & Tittleshall to th' use of th' heirs of my said nephew, John Vere, and th' heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of th' heirs of my Lady my mother's body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of th' heirs of my Lady my mother forever;

Also, where the said Sir Edward Howard, knight, Sir William Waldegrave, knight, and Sir Thomas Knyvet, knight, and thothers tofore named of late recovered against me the manor of Preston with th' appurtenances in the said county of Suffolk, the manor of Dullingham with th' appurtenances in the said county of Cambridge, I will that the same Sir Edward and thothers recoverors tofore named stand and be seised of and in the said manors of Preston and Dullingham with th' appurtenances to th' use of my sister, Dame Margaret Vere, widow, late wife to my brother, Sir George Vere, knight, for term of her life, and after her decease to th' use of my said nephew, John Vere, and Lady Anne, his wife, for term of their lives and the lengest liver of them according to the tenor and effect of the tofore rehearsed indenture concerning the covenants of the said marriage between my said nephew, John Vere, and the said Lady Anne, and after the decease of my said sister and of my said nephew and Lady Anne, his wife, to th' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of th' heirs males of my said nephew's body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of my said cousin, John Vere, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of th' heirs of the body of my said Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever;

Also I will that all the feoffees of my manor of Langdon with th' appurtenances in the county of Essex stand feoffors and be seised of the same manor with th' appurtenances to th' use of my said sister, Dame Margaret Vere, for term of her life, and after her decease to th' use of my said nephew, John Vere, & Lady Anne for term of their lives and the lenger liver of them according to th' effect of th' afore-remembered indenture concerning the marriage of my said nephew and Lady Anne, and after the decease of my said sister and my said nephew and Lady Anne, to th' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of th' heirs males of the body of my said nephew, John Vere, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my said cousin, John Vere, and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of th' heirs of the body of my said Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever;

Furtherly, I will that my castle and honour of Hedingham and Yeldham, and my manors of Bumpstead, Canfield, Prayors otherwise called Bower Hall, and Grays in Hedingham Sible, Earls Colne, Bentley, Vaux, Crepping Hall nigh Colne, and Downham in the county of Essex, and my manors of Lavenham, Overhall and Netherhall, Cockfield Hall and Walsham Hall in the county of Suffolk, & my manors of Camps, Abington, Saxton & Swaffham Bulbeck in the county of Cambridge, my manor of Kensington in the county of Middlesex and all their appurtenances, and my place besides Bishopsgate in London, all which castle, honour, manors, lands and tenements be also of the old inheritance of mine earldom, and of the same I am sole seised to me and to th' heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, as by old gifts thereof also made to mine ancestors manifestly doth appear, shall descend, fall and grow, and every part of the same of my said old inheritance with all their appurtenances immediately after my decease, to th' heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to my nephew, John Vere, according to the said old entails, as of right they owe to do forasmuch as he is next heir male to the same after my decease without issue male of my body lawfully begotten if he then be on live, and if my said nephew die without heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, then I will that all the said castle, honour, manor[s] with th' appurtenances shall descend, fall & be to my said cousin, John Vere, cousin and heir to Sir Robert Vere, knight, mine uncle, forasmuch as he then, if he be on live, shall be next heir male and privy to the said old entails;

Also I will that my manor of Brokehall in the county of Suffolk, the manors of Farsfeld, Garboldisham, Fittons in Wiggenhall with the fishing, East Winch, Tostres and the toll of the box of Lynn in the county of Norfolk with their appurtenances, the manors of Gobions in Tilbury nigh Horndon, Waltons in Mucking, Waltons in Purleigh and Hayes in Stow in the county of Essex, which manors with th' appurtenances my Lady my mother was seised of to her and to th' heirs of her body lawfully begotten, as by old entails thereof made it doth manifestly appear, and to me after her death descended as heir general to the same entails, shall after my death come and descend to th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to my said nephew, John Vere, as heir general if he then be on live, or else unto such as at the time of my decease without heirs of my body lawfully begotten shall fortune to be heir or heirs general of the body of my Lady my mother lawfully begotten according to the said ancient entails thereof made;

Also I will that Sir Richard FitzLewis, knight, William Waldegrave, knight, and other which have recovered against me the manor of Aldham in the county of Suffolk, the manor of Fowlmere in the said county of Cambridge, the manor of Stansted Mountfitchet, Bentfield Bury and Bury Lodge in the said county of Essex, and my manors of Chesham Higham and Chesham Bury with their appurtenances in the county of Buckingham shall stand and be seised of the same manors by force of the said recovery to th' intent of and for the performance of this my said last will and of my testament and codicil thereunto annexed, that is for to say that mine executors shall take th' issues and profits of the same manors, lands and tenements so recovered with their appurtenances by the space of 20 years next ensuing after my death, and after the same 20 years passed, I will that the said recoverors shall stand and be seised of my said manors of Aldham, Fowlmere, Stansted Mountfitchet, Bentfield Bury, Chesham Higham and Chesham Bury to th' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of th' abovesaid John Vere, my nephew, and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of the said John Vere, my cousin, cousin and heir to my said uncle, Sir Robert Vere, knight, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue male of the said manors of Aldham, Stansted Mountfitchet, Chesham Higham and Chesham Bury with their appurtenances to th' use of th' heirs of the body of my Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten and to th' heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs, and of the said manors of Fowlmere, Bentfield Bury and Bury Lodge to th' use of th' heirs of the body of my Lady my mother lawfully begotten and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' heirs of my Lady my mother forever;

Also I will that all such persons as be or shall be seised by recovery or otherwise of and in the manors of Burnells in Stansted, Beaumont, Barners, Gibcrack, Netherhall in Gestingthorpe and Old Hall in Wethersfield with their appurtenances in the said county of Essex, and of my manor of Tattingstone and of my lands and tenements called Holbrook Park with th' appurtenances in the said county of Suffolk, & my manors of Wolferton, Babingley and Sandringham with all their appurtenances in the said county of Norfolk, all which manors, lands and tenements I lately purchased, shall stand and be seised of ye same to and for the performance of this my last will and of my said testament and codicil thereunto annexed, that is to say, that mine executors shall take all the revenues, issues & profits of and in all the same manors lands and tenements with th' appurtenances by me so purchased & so above rehearsed by the space of 24 years next after my death, and after the same 24 years so ended, then to th' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my said nephew, John Vere, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my said cousin, John Vere, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the use of th' heirs of the body of my Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to my right heirs forever;

Item, I will that all my feoffees that be or shall be seised of and in my manors of Garnons in Tendring, Maldon, Mundon, Flaxland, Warehills, Flanderswick, Fambridge and Jackletts with th' appurtenances in the said county of Essex, the manors of Predennek,

Trevenek, Rosenetham, Ethron, Poldew and Penhale with th' appurtenances in the county of Cornwall, the manors of Barton Bendish and Hillington with th' appurtenances in the said county of Norfolk, shall stand and be seised of the same manors with th' appurtenances to th' use and performance and execution of this my said last will and of my said testament and codicil for the said term of 20 years next after my decease, and that the said feoffees shall suffer mine executors to take and receive th' issues, profits and revenues of the said manors with th' appurtenances during the said 20 years to th' intent that they with the same shall perform and execute my said last will, testament and codicil, and after the said 20 years ended & expired, then I will that the said feoffees shall stand and be seised of and in all the same manors, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances to th' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my said nephew, John Vere, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of my said cousin, John Vere, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male, the said feoffees shall stand and be seised of the said manors of Predennek, Trevenneck, Rosenetham, Ethron, Poldew & Penhale to th' use of th' heirs of ye body of my Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever, and of the manors of Garnons in Tendring, Maldon, Mundon, Flanderswick, Warehills, Fambridge, Jackletts, Barton Bendish and Hillington to th' use of th' heirs of the body of my Lady my mother lawfully begotten and th' heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' heirs of my Lady my mother and their heirs forever;

Also I will that after the decease of Margery, the wife to James Hubbard, knight, and late wife to John Doreward, esquire, that then all my feoffors of and in the manors of Much Yeldham, Toppesfield, Barwicks, Scotneys, with all lands and tenements lying in Toppesfield, Much Yeldham, Hedingham Sible, Wethersfield, Stambourne and Tilbury nigh Clare with th' appurtenances in the county of Essex, the reversions whereof I late purchased of the said John Doreward, shall stand and be seised of the same manors, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances when they shall fall to th' use and performance & execution of this my said last will and of my said testament and codicil unto ye time of 24 years ended after my decease, and that the said feoffors shall suffer mine executors to take and receive th' issues, profits and revenues of the same manors, lands and tenements with all their appurtenances to th' intent that they shall with the same perform and execute my said last will, testament and codicil, and after the said 24 years ended and expired, and after the death of the said Margery, then I will that the said feoffees shall stand and be seised of all the said manors, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances to' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my said nephew, John Vere, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of my said cousin, John Vere, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of th' heirs of the body of my Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten and th' heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to my right heirs forever;

Also I will that after the decease of Sir Thomas Fiennes, knight, my feoffees of and in the manor of Tendring with th' appurtenances in the said county of Essex, which reversion I late bought of the said John Doreward, esquire, shall stand and be seised of the same

manor with th' appurtenances, and suffer mine executors to take and receive th' issues, profits and revenues thereof when it shall fall during the time of 24 years next after my decease to the performance and execution of this my said last will and of my said testament and codicil, and after the said 24 years ended and expired, and after the death of the said Sir Thomas Fiennes, I will that my said feoffees shall stand and be seised of the said manor with th' appurtenances to th' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of my said nephew, John Vere, & to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of my said cousin, John Vere, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male to th' use of th' heirs of the body of my said Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten & to th' heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to my right heirs forever;

Item, I will that all my feoffors that be or shall be of my manors of Middleton, Westall, Estall, Tirington Hall and Scales Hoo, by what names soever they be called, with their appurtenances and members as they now be and lie together in the said county of Norfolk, shall suffer mine executors to take th' issues and profits of the same manors during 20 years next after my decease to the performance & execution of this my said last will and of my said testament and codicil, and after the said 20 years expired, the same manors to be to th' use of th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' use of the said John Vere, cousin and heir to the said Sir Robert Vere, knight, mine uncle, and to th' issue male of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue male the remainder thereof to mine above-named nephew, John Vere, and to th' issue male of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to th' heirs of the body of my Lady my mother lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to her right heirs forever;

Also I will that if such person or any of them as stand and are bound by their writing obligatory at my desire and for me unto the foresaid Earl of Surrey for the repayment of such sums of money as must be repaid to the same Earl or to his executors if such chances do fall or happen as be remembered and expressed in the fore-rehearsed indentures made between me and him touching the said marriage now had between my said nephew and Lady Anne be endangered or charged by reason of the said bonds or any of them to and for the said repayment, that then he or they and every of them so charged and endangered shall have and perceive the revenues, issues & profits of th' above-named manors, lands and tenements recovered or to be recovered and being in feoffment, & of all th' abovesaid lands and tenements and reversions by me purchased, except always such manors, lands and tenements as be tofore limited unto my said wife for term of her life, and also except such manors, lands and tenements as be afore assigned to my said nephew, John Vere, and the Lady Anne, his wife, and to my sister, Dame Margaret Vere, widow, for term of their lives, until such time as he or they and every of them so hurt and endamaged shall have and receive as much money as he or any of them shall be endamaged or charged with by any action for the same bond or bonds, any matter or article in this my last will or in my said testament or codicil rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding;

Also I will that every person and persons having any fee, annuity or office by my letters patents by any writing, by my mouth or otherwise, either for term of life, for years or but at pleasure, shall have and enjoy the same fees and annuities for term of his or their lives, to be perceived of th' issues, revenues and profits of all such manors, lands and tenements as are or shall be recovered and put in feoffment for th' execution of this my last will and of my said testament and codicil, the manors tofore assigned to my said wife, to my said sister, my said nephew & the Lady Anne, his wife, always except, for term of their lives, provided alway that I at all times during my life shall be at my liberty to revoke and repel such and as many of the said offices, fees or annuities as it shall please me, and then all such offices, fees and annuities by me so revoked utterly to cease and to take none effect;

Also I will that all my manors, lands and tenements with all their appurtenances not tofore expressed which now be mine or hereafter shall be mine, that as well the feoffees as my recoverors of and in the same shall after my decease suffer mine executors for to take & perceive the profits of them and every of them, and the same to dispose to th' execution of my said last will, testament and codicil by the space of 20 years next after my decease, which done and performed, I will my said recoverors and feoffees make estate of the same to th' heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my said nephew and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder to the said John Vere, cousin and heir to my said uncle, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue, the remainder thereof to th' heirs of the body of my Lord my grandfather lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my right heirs forever;

Also I will that if he or they that shall fortune to be mine heir male or heir or heirs general after such form as is before limited, disturb, trouble, vex or in any wise let my said wife in taking of the revenues and profits of the manors, lands and tenements or any parcel thereof to her above limited, or disturb, trouble, vex or let mine executors in executing and performing of this my last will of [sic] my said testament or codicil, or of any article or any other thing comprised in the same, that then he or they that so disturb, trouble, vex or let as is foresaid shall not take nor receive any benefit or profit in any manner thing to him or them bequeathed, limited or assigned by this my said will, testament or codicil, but that then after such disturbance it shall be leeful to the more part of mine executors to alien, sell and put away such manors, lands and tenements as I have purchased and to him or them so disturbing, troubling, vexing or letting limited, bequeathed or assigned, and also such manors, lands and tenements as be to him or them limited so interrupting which descend or came to me by mine ancestors in fee simple so as he or they shall take no benefit nor advantage by the same, and the money growing or coming of the said sale to be disposed by my said wife concerning her manors and by my said executors concerning their interest for the weal of my soul and for th' execution of my said last will and of my testament & codicil;

Item, I will that if within six years after my decease it can be duly proved in such ways as mine executors or the more part of them can think or apperceive the same to be true that

any such manors, lands and tenements which I by this my last will have assigned to th' heirs males tofore rehearsed owe of right to belong by reason of any old entail to th' heirs general, that then the same be reformed by the more part of mine executors according to good conscience and according to the same old entail, and in like wise if any manors, lands and tenements be assigned to th' heirs general afore rehearsed which of right by any old entail do belong to mine heirs male, I will the same shall be also reformed by my said executors or by the more part of them as it is foresaid, provided alway that mine executors shall take and perceive th' issues & profits of the said manors, lands and tenements with their appurtenances to them for th' execution of this my said last will, testament and codicil assigned during the terms aforesaid next ensuing my death as is abovesaid, provided nevertheless that the same shall not extend nor be prejudicial to the interest of my said wife during her life;

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my sign manual and my seal of arms.

Oxenford.

Probatum fuit testamentu{m} supradicti defuncti h{ab}entis dum vixit et mortis sue temp{or}e diu{er}sa bona & debita in diuersis dioc{esis} prouincie cant{uariensis} vnacum Codicello et vltima voluntate eiusdem eidem tes{tamen}to annex{is} ac manu propria ip{s}ius Comit{is} defuncti subscript{is} et signat{is} sigillo q{ue} suo armor{um} sigillat{is} et roborat{is} &c Admi{ni}stracio q{ue} om{n}i{um} et singulor{um} bonorum et debitorum d{i}c{tu}m Comitem defunctum et eius testamentu{m} et vltima{m} voluntatem siue Codicellum quali{te}rcunq{ue} concernen{tium} Roberto Drury Will{el}mo Walgraue Militib{us} ac Iohanni Veer Iohanni Josselyn et Iohanni Danyell Armigeris et Will{el}mo Okeley generoso Executorib{us} in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}at{is} decimo die mensis Maij Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo xiiio comissa extitit prestito primitus per d{i}c{t}os executores tact{is} scripturis sacrosanct{is} eu{a}ngelijs Iuramento corporali De bene et fideli{te}r admi{ni}strand{o} eadem Ac de perimplendo contenta in d{i}c{t}is testamento vltima voluntate & codicello eidem tes{tamen}to annex{is} Deq{ue} fideli Inuentario conficiend{o} et exhibend{o} Iurarunt q{ue} insuper d{i}c{t}i executores tact{is} per eosdem sacros{an}c{t}is eu{a}ngelijs ut prefertur q{uo}d(?) si et quatenus imposter{um} sufficienter et l{egi}time probat{um} fuerit d{i}c{tu}m defunctum aliud Legatum siue aliqua Legata per viam codicellorum vel ali{te}r alicui persone siue p{er}sonis reliquisse aut disposuisse preter et vltra Legata in dict{is} tes{tamen}to vltima voluntate et codicello contenta per eu{m} relict{a} q{uo}d extunc h{uius}mo{d}i Legat{um} sufficienter et l{egi}time probat{um} dicti executores h{uius}mo{d}i Legatu{m} siue Legata et eor{um} quodli{be}t perimplebunt seu p{er}impleri facient et procurent prout et quemadmodu{m} h{uius}mo{d}i legatum siue legata in d{i}c{t}is testamento vltima voluntate aut codicello ins{crip}t{um} aut inscript{a} fuissent Eciam comissa fuit similis ad{ministraci}o humfrido Wingfeld exec{utori} in p{er}sona M{agiste}r Xpoferi Midd procur{atoris} sui &c si{mi}lo Iurament{o} prestan{ti} &c Res{er}uata p{otes}tate alijs executorib{us} &c xiiiio die



mens{is} maij predict{o} com{m}issa fuit consimilis ad{ministraci}o &c D{omi}ne Eliz{abethe} Vere comitisse Oxon{ie} in p{er}so{na} M{agiste}r Will{elm}i ffalke &c xxo Iunij an{n}o pred{i}c{t}o comissa fuit ad{ministraci}o &c Roberto Lovell & Iacobo Hubberd militib{us} & Will{elm}o Cooke deinde xxviiio Iunij predict{o} comissa fuit ad{ministraci}o Thome Lovell militi in p{er}sona Tho{me} Mercer &c executor{ibus} Iurat{is}

[=The testament of the abovesaid deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods & debts in divers dioceses of the province of Canterbury, together with his codicil and last will to the same testament annexed, and subscribed and signed by the deceased Earl with his own hand, and sealed and confirmed with his seal of arms etc., was proved, and administration of all and singular the goods and debts concerning the said deceased Earl and his testament and last will or codicil by whatever right was granted to Robert Drury, William Waldegrave, knights, and John Vere, John Josselyn and John Danyell, esquires, and William Okeley, gentleman, executors appointed in the same testament, on the tenth day of the month of May in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 13<sup>th</sup>, the said executors having first having sworn by a corporal oath, touching the halidom of the Holy Scripture of the Gospels, to well and faithfully administer the same, and to fulfil the contents in the said testament, [+and] last will & codicil to the same testament annexed, and to prepare and exhibit a true inventory, and moreover the said executors [+having sworn], touching the halidom of the Gospels, as is mentioned previously, that(?) if and insofar as it shall have been hereafter sufficiently and lawfully proved that the said deceased left or disposed to any person or persons any legacy or any legacies by way of codicils or otherwise above and beyond the legacies left by him contained in the said testament, last will and codicil, that then such legacy sufficiently and lawfully proved, the said executors the same legacy or legacies and every of them shall implement or cause to be implemented and provided as and as though such legacy or legacies was or were written in the said testament, last will or codicil, and also a similar administration was granted to Humphrey Wingfield, executor, in the person of Master Christopher Midd, his proctor, etc. taking a similar oath etc., with power reserved to the other executors etc., [+and] on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month of May aforesaid administration was similarly granted etc. to the Lady Elizabeth Vere, Countess of Oxford, in the person of Master William Falke etc., [+and] on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June in the year aforesaid administration was grant to Robert Lovell & James Hubbard, knights, & William Cooke, [+and] then on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June aforesaid administration was granted to Thomas Lovell, knight, in the person of Thomas Mercer, etc.(?), executors, sworn.]