

[GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND, 1608] [1]

[6 James 1]

[Letters patent of 1608 granting the Temple Church and other properties to the barristers' societies of the Inner and Middle Temple]

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LETTERS PATENT TO THE INNER AND MIDDLE TEMPLES [1]

13 AUGUST, 6 JAMES I, A.D. 1608

line 2 **J**acobus Dei gracia Anglie Scocie Francie
 et Hibernie Rex Fidei defensor &c [Omnibus]
 ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Salutem Cum
 Regnum nostrum Anglie pacis et belli artibus per
 tot secula florentissimum nobis singulari Dei
 line 3 providentia suo tempore jure hereditario devolu-
 tum magnam sue felicitatis partem antiquis &
 illius Regni propriis legibus [long]a etatum serie
 probatis illique populoſe ac bellicoſe genti ut max-
 ime accomodis & affidua experientia approbatis
 line 4 merito debitam agnoſcit Cumque Hoſpicia inter-
 rioris et medii Templi London diu [sic] ex illis
 quatuor tocius Europe [cele]berrimis Collegiis
 legum predictarum studioſis & peritis semper refer-
 tis gratuita Progenitorum nostrorum Regum Anglie mu-
 line 5 nificentia per longum tempus dedicata fuerunt in
 uſum Studentium ac profeſſorum dictarum legum quibus
 quaſi optimis doctrin[e &] morum seminariis qua-
 mplurimi Juvenes generis splendore & animi &
 corporis dotibus Precellentes ab omnibus huius
 line 6 regni partibus indicis confluerunt & ex quibus
 multi tam nostri quam Progenitorum nostroꝝ tem-
 poribus ad publica [& ar]dua tam status quam
 iuſticie munia obeunda ob optima eoz merita evoc-

James by the Grace of God, of England, Scot-
 land, France and Ireland, King, Defender of
 the Faith, etc. To all to whom these present Let-
 ters shall come Greeting.

WHEREAS our Realm of England,
 having been for so many ages exceedingly pros-
 perous in the arts of peace and war, and
 having by the singular providence of God in his
 own time devolved upon us by hereditary right,
 is sensible that great part of its welfare is justly
 owing to the ancient and proper Laws of the
 Realm, tried through a long series of ages, and
 particularly adapted to that populous and warlike
 nation, and approved by constant experience

AND WHEREAS THE INNS of the Inner and Middle
 Temple, London, being two out of those four
 Colleges the most famous of all EUROPE, as al-
 ways abounding with persons devoted to the study
 of the aforesaid Laws and experienced therein,
 have been by the free bounty of our progenitors,
 Kings of England, for a long time dedicated to the
 use of the Students and Professors of the said
 Laws,

to which as to the best Seminaries of learning
 and education very many young men, eminent
 for rank of family and their endowments of mind

[1] [This Latin text is from a facsimile of the original letters patent located in the frontispiece of vol. 2 of *A Calendar of the Inner Temple Records*, edited by F A Inderwick, QC, London, 1898 [downloaded from <https://www.innertemple.org.uk/who-we-are/history/calendars-of-inner-temple-records-1505-1845>]. Obscured or illegible portions in the facsimile have been supplied from the Latin text shown in *Master Worsley's Book*, pp 231-242, cited at right.] "The Latin transcript has been compared with the facsimile of the original Letters Patent . . . and also with the enrolment at the Public Record Office (Pat. Roll, 6 Jac. I, Part 28, No. 9), but for convenience of reading the abbreviations contained in both the original Letters Patent and the enrolment have been extended." [In this edition, restored abbreviations are shown in italic superscript; f is the so-called "long" s; j = "es" (or sometimes "is"); z = "us"; ꝛ = "rum".]

[1] [English translation from *Master Worsley's Book on the History and Constitution of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple*, edited by Arthur Robert Ingpen, KC, London: Chiswick Press, 1910 [Internet Archive], pp 231-242.] "The translation is that supplied to the Commissioners for the purposes of the Parliamentary Report of 1855 with a few unimportant corrections."

line 7 ti fuerunt in quibus magna prudencie ac integritatis
 line 8 specimina dederunt ad dicte professionis honorem & huius Regni ornamentum ac tocius Reipubl[ice b]onu^m non modicum prout nobis abunde liquet **Sciatis igitur quod** nos felicem statum
 line 9 huius Regni Anglie dicta^z legum ministerio tot seculis florentem quatenus in nobis est perpetuare desiderantes dicto[rumq]ue hospitorum non tam pristine celebritatis continuacionem quam novi splendoris accessionem ambientes ac ut benevolentiam et munificenciam nostram dictarum legum professioni & professoribus omni posteritati magis testata[m rel]inquamus [De] gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris
 line 10 Dedimus & concessimus ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et successoribus nostris Damus & concedimus Predilecto & fideli Consiliario nostro Julio Cæsar [alia]s Adelmari militi Cancellario & Subthesaurario Scaccarii nostri Henrico Mountagu militi Recordatori Civitatis nostre London ac nobis
 line 11 & consiliis in lege Will^{elmo} Towse Armigero Riccardo Daston armigero dicto^z hospitio^z Thesaurarii[s J]ohanni Bois militi Andreo Gray Thome Farmer Radulpho Ratcliffe Matheo Dale Hugoni
 line 12 Hare Mathyo Cratchwood Georgio Wild Thome Pagitt Johanni Hare Will^{elmo} Gibbes Ricardo Brownlowe Bartholomeo Man [Edm]undo Prideaux Johanni Cavell Georgio Croke Henrico Hall Rogero Dale Ricardo Swayne Anthonio Dyott
 line 13 Franci[sco] Morgan Edwardo Stapleton Nicholao Overbury Johanni Hele Jacobo Walrond Johanni Harri[s T]horne Stephens Elizeo Hele Georgio Wrightington Edwardo Bromley Will^{elmo} Bastard Armigeris Johanni Jackson militi Johanni Jermy
 line 14 Riccardo Gwynne Franci[sco] Tate Johanni Walter Franci[sco] More Davidi Waterhouse L[aur]encio Hide Will^{elmo} Brock Georgio Gascoigne Paulo Ambrosio Croke Will^{elmo} Swanton Johanni Loyd
 line 15 Franci[sco] Harvy Thome Cæsar Edwardo Cason & Will^{elmo} Fletcher Armigeris predicta Hospitia & capitalia mesuagia & edificia nostra c[um p]ertinentiis vocata seu cognita per nomen vel nomina de le Inner & le Middle Temple sive novi Templi
 line 16 London seu eo^z alicuius in suburbio Civitatis nos-

and body, have daily resorted from all parts of this Realm, and

from which many men in our own times, as well as in the times of our progenitors, have by reason of their very great merits been advanced to discharge the public and arduous functions as well of the state as of justice,

in which they have exhibited great examples of prudence and integrity, to the no small honour of the said Profession, and adornment of this Realm, and good of the whole Commonwealth, as is to us so abundantly manifest:

KNOW YE THEREFORE, THAT we, being desirous ⁽¹⁰⁾ of perpetuating, as far as in us lies, the welfare of this Realm of England, flourishing for so many ages by the administration of the said Laws, and compassing not so much the continuance of the ancient renown of the said Inns as an accession of new honour, and

to leave upon record to all posterity a testimony of our good will and munificence to the Profession and to the Professors of the said Laws,

Have of our special Grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, given and granted, and by these Presents for ourselves our heirs and successors do give and grant to our well-beloved and faithful Councillor Sir Julius Caesar, otherwise Adelmary, Knight, Chancellor, and Under Treasurer of our Exchequer; Sir Henry Montague, Knight, Recorder of our City of London, one of our Counsel in the Law; William Towse, Esquire, Richard Daston, Esquire, Treasurers of the said Inns; Sir John Boys, Knight, Andrew Gray, Thomas Farmer, Ralph Ratcliffe, Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratcherood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John Hare, William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bartholomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell, George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Edward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, John Hele, James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens, Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward Bromley, William Bastard, Esquires; Sir John Jackson, Knight, John Jermy, Ric[hard] Gwynne, Francis Tate, John Walter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Lawrence Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne, Paul Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John Lloyd, Francis

tre London ac infra le Temple Barre London predictum existētia ac omnia mesua[**gia**] aulas domos edificia claustra structurās Cameras gardina lez Courtꝝ venellas chimina atria vias semitas vacua
line 17 funda muros lapides & terras fundum & solum nostra quecumque infra situm precinctum ambitum & circuitum dictorum locoꝝ vocatorum le Inn[er] Temple & le Midle Temple sive Novum Templum, et capitalium mesuagiorum predictorum & ceteroꝝ
line 18 premissorū existētia aut ut pars vel parcella eorūdem et ceterorum premissorū seu eorum alicuius unquam antehac habita cognita accepta seu reputa[**ta exi**]stētia **Ac Totum** ilium Pontem vocatum le Temple Bridge, necnon stotum ilium annualem redditum sive annualem pencionem Decem libraꝝ
line 19 nuper parcellam possessionum & Revencionum nuper Hospitalis sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Anglia ac exeuntem sive solutum de t[enementi]s predictis vocatis seu cognitis per nomen de le Inner Temple alias dicti interioris partis Templi London vel de
line 20 thesauro Societatis eiusdem interioris Templi aut per Thesaurarium eiusdem Societatis annuatim Solvendum [**Ac**] unum alium annualement redditum sive annualement pencionem Decem libraꝝ nuper parcellam possessionum & revencionum dicti nuper Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem ac exeuntem
line 21 seu solutum de tenementis predictis vocatis seu cognitis per nomen de le Middle Temple London vel de thesauro societatis eiusdem medii Templi L[on-**don**] aut per Thesaurarium eiusdem Societatis annuatim solvendum ac Revercionem & reverciones omnium & singuloꝝ premissorum ac cuiuslibet inde
line 22 parcellę **Necnon** totam illam Ecclesiam edificium & structuram Ecclesie pro divino cultu precibus sacramentis & sacramentalibus ce[lebra]ndis usitatam sive dedicatam communiter vocatam le Temple Church scituatam infra scitum circuitum & precinctum predictorum Hospitioꝝ mesuagiorum & ceteroꝝ
line 23 premissorum superius per presentes preconcessorū seu eorū alicuius Ac totam Cancellam & Navem & campanile eiusdem Ecclesie cum c[amp]anis in eodem existētibz ac Cemiterium claustrum et omnes Capellas Cameras & structurās eidem Ecclesie adjacentibus sive constructis ac revercionem

Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward Cason, and William Fletcher, Esquires,

our aforesaid Inns and capital Messuages and buildings, with the appurtenances called or known by the name or names of the Inner and the Middle Temple, or New Temple, London, or any of them, being in the Suburbs of our City of London, and within the Temple Barre of London aforesaid; and

all our Messuages, Halls, Houses, Edifices, Cloisters, Buildings, Chambers, Gardens, Courts, Lanes, Passages, Yards, Ways, Paths, Void Grounds, Walls, Pavements, and Lands, Ground and Soil whatsoever, being within the site, precinct, compass, and circuit of the said places called the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple, or New Temple, and of the capital Messuages aforesaid, and other the premises, or as part or parcel of the same, and other the premises, or any of them, always theretofore had, known, taken, or reputed so to be; And

all that Bridge called the Temple Bridge;

Also all that annual rent or annual payment of Ten Pounds, late parcel of the possessions and revenues of the late Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem in England, and issuing or paid out of the tenements aforesaid, called or known by the name of the Inner Temple, otherwise called the Inner Part of the Temple, London, or out of the Treasure of the same Society of the Inner Temple, or by the Treasurer of the same Society, to be paid yearly; And

one other annual rent or annual payment of Ten Pounds, late parcel of the possessions and revenues of the said late Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, and issuing or paid out of the tenements aforesaid, called or known by the name of the Middle Temple, London, or out of the Treasure of the same Society of the Middle Temple, London, or by the Treasurer of the same Society, to be paid yearly; And

the reversion and reversions of all and singular the premises and of every part thereof; And

all that Church, Edifices, and Buildings of the Church, used for or dedicated to Divine Worship, Prayers, and celebrating the Sacraments and Sacramentals, commonly called the Temple Church, situate within the site circuit, and pre-

line 24 & *reuercion*es *omnium* & *singulorum* *premissioꝝ* & cuiuslibet inde parcella **Damus eciam** ac ex certa sciencia e[*t me*]ro motu *nostris* pro *nobis* hereditibus & *successoribus* *nostris* *concedimus* prefatis Julio Ceasar [2][Henrico Mountagu Wilhelmo Towse Ricardo Dajton Johanni Boys Andreo Gray Thome Farmer Radulpho Ratcliff Matheo Dale Hugoni Hare Mathyo Cratchwood Georgio [Wil]d Thome Pagitt Johanni Hare Wilhelmo Gibbes Ricardo Brownelowe Bartholomeo Man Edmundo Prideaux Johanni Cavell Georgio Croke Henrico Hall Rogero Dale Ricardo Swayne Anthonio Dyott Francisco Morgan Edwardo Stapleton Nicholaro Ov[erbury] Jacobo Walrond Johanni Harris Thome Stephens Elizeo Hele Georgio Wrightington Edwardo Bromley Wilhelmo Bastard Johanni Jackfon Johanni Jermy Ricardo Gwynne Francisco Tate Johanni Walter Francisco More Davidi Waterhoufe Laurencio Hide Wilhelmo Bro[ck Ge]orgio Gascoigne Paulo Ambrosio Croke Wilhelmo Swanton Johanni Loyd Francisco Harvy Thome

line 28 Ceasar Edwardo Cason & Wilhelmo Fletcher] hereditibus & assignatis suis infra predicta mesuagia terras tenementa & cetera *Premissa* per presentes preconcessa & infra quamlibet inde [parcella]m huiusmodi letas *visum* franciplegii assignam & assignam panis vini & cervisie ac omnia alia iurisdictiones franchises libertates privilegia immunitates & exemp[ciones qualia et que ac adeo plene] libere & integre [ac in tam] amplis modo et forma prout nuper Priores [& Con]fratres [dicti] nuper Prioratus sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Anglia seu eoꝝ aliquis vel aliquis alius sive aliqui alii mesuagia [predicta et cetera premissa seu aliquam inde parcellam habentes] seu occupantes aliquo tempore habuerunt tenuerunt vel gavis[i fue]runt *habuit* tenuit vel gavisus fuit seu *habere* tenere vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit in *predictis* mesuagiis terris & tenementis superius per presentes preconcessis aut in aliqua inde parcella *ratione* vel *pretextu* alicuius Charte Doni Concessionis vel Confirmationis aut aliquaꝝ [literarum] Patentium per nos sive per ali-

cincts of the aforesaid Inns, Messuages, and other the premises above by these Presents before granted, or any of them; and

all that the Chancel and Nave and Belfry of the same Church, with the Bells being in the same, and

the Churchyard, Cloisters, and all the Chapels, Chambers, and Buildings, to the same Church adjacent or erected, and

the reversion and reversions of all and singular the premises, and of every part thereof;

We Give Also and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, grant to the aforesaid Julius Caesar, [2][Henry Montague, William Towse, Richard Daston, John Boys, Andrew Gray, Thomas Farmer, Ralph Ratcliffe, Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratchwood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John Hare, William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bartholomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell, George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Edward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens, Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward Bromley, William Bastard, John Jackson, John Jermy, Richard Gwynne, Francis Tate, John Walter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Lawrence Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne, Paul Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John Lloyd, Francis Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward Cason, and William Fletcher] their heirs and assigns, within the aforesaid Messuages, Lands, Tenements and other the premises by these Presents before granted and within every part thereof

such leets, view of Frankpledge, Assise and Assay of Bread, Wine and Ale, and all other Jurisdictions, Franchises, Liberties, Privileges, Immunities, and Exemptions, such and which and as fully, freely, and entirely, and in as ample a manner and form as the late Priors and Brothers of the said late Priory of Saint John of Jerusalem in England, or any of them, or any other or others having or occupying the aforesaid messuages and other the premises or any part thereof, at any time had, held, or enjoyed, or ought to have held, or enjoyed, in the aforesaid Messuages, Lands

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quem *pro*genitoꝝ *nostroꝝ* antehac *habitarum* *factarum*
 seu confirmatarum aut *ratione* vel *pre*textu alicuius
 line 32 legitime *prescriptionis* usus seu *consuetudinis* ante-
 hac habite seu *usitate* vel aliquo quocumque alio
 legali modo iure seu titulo ac [adeo plene] libere
 & [integ]re prout ea omnia & singula in manibus
 nostris iam existunt vel existere debent seu
 line 33 debuerunt **Exceptis** tamen & nobis heredibus &
 successoribus nostris omnino *reservatis nominacione*
donacione & libera *disposicione* ad officium
 magistri sive Cust[odis dom]us et [ecclesie] nostre
 novi Templi London *predicte* & Rectorie Ecclesie
 predicte ac *ordinacione* & *constitucione* eiusdem
 line 34 Magistri Custodis sive Rectoris domus et Ecclesie
 predicte quociescumque et quandocumque infutu-
 rum vacare contigerit **Habendum et tenendum**
 [predict]a hospicia mesuagia domos edificia Cam-
 eras gardina libertates franchises privilegia immu-
 line 35 nitates & cetera omnia et singula *premissa* superius
 per *presentes pre*concessa & quamlibet inde parcel-
 lam cum suis *pertinenciis* universis (exceptis *pre*ex-
 ceptis) prefatis Julio Cea[sar [3]H]enrico Moun-
 tagu Willemo Towse Ricardo Daston Johanni Boys
 Andreo Gray Thome Farmer Radulpho Ratcliff
 line 36 Matheo Dale Hugoni Hare Matheo Cratchwood
 Georgio Wild Thome Pagit Johanni Hare Willemo
 Gibbes Ricardo Brownelowe Bartholomeo Man Ed-
 mundo Pridea[ux Joh]anni Cavell Georgio Croke
 Henrico Hall Rogero Dale Ricardo Swayne Antho-
 nio Dyott Francisco Morgan Edwardo Stapleton
 line 37 Nicholaro Overbury Johanni Hele Jacobo Walrond
 Johanni Harris Thome Stephens Elizeo Hele Geor-
 gio Wrightington Edwardo Bro[mley W]illemo
 Bastard Johanni Jackson Johanni Jermy Richardo
 Gwynne Francisco Tate Johanni Walter Francisco
 line 38 More Davidi Waterhouse Laurencio Hyde Willel-
 mo Brock Georgio Gascoigne Paulo Ambrosio
 Croke Willemo Swanton Johanni Loyd Francisco
 Harvy Thome Caesar E[dwar]do Cason & Willel-
 mo Fletcher heredibus et assignatis suis ad proprium
 opus & usum ipsoꝝ Julii Caesar [4]Henrici Moun-

and Tenements above by these Presents before granted, or in any part thereof, by reason or colour of any Charter of Gift, Grant or Confirmation, or of any Letters Patent by us or by any of our progenitors, heretofore had, made, or confirmed, or by reason or colour of any lawful Prescription, Use or Custom theretofore had or used, or by or in any other legal manner, right, or title, and as fully, freely, and entirely as all and singular the same in our hands now are or should or might be;

Except nevertheless wholly to ourselves our heirs, and successors, the reservation, nomination, donation, and free disposition to the Office of Master or Keeper of our House and Church of the New Temple of London aforesaid, and of the Rectory of the aforesaid Church, and the ordination and appointment of the same Master, Keeper, or Rector of the House and Church aforesaid, as often as, and whenever in future it shall happen to be vacant;

To Have and To Hold the aforesaid Inns, Mes- suages, Houses, Edifices, Chambers, Gardens, Liberties, Franchises, Privileges, Immunities, and all and singular other the premises above by these Presents before granted and every part thereof, with all their appurtenances (except as before excepted) to the aforesaid Julius Caesar, [3][Henry Montague, William Towse, Richard Daston, John Boys, Andrew Gray, Thomas Farmer, Ralph Ratcliffe, Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratchwood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John Hare, William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bartholomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell, George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Edward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, John Hele, James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens, Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward Bromley, William Bastard, John Jackson, John Jermy, Richard Gwynne, Francis Tate, John Walter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Lawrence Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne, Paul Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John Lloyd, Francis Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward Cason, and William Fletcher,] their heirs and assigns, to the proper behoof and use of them the said Julius

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line 39 tagu Willelmi Towse Ricardi Daston Johannis Boys
Andrei Gray Thome Farmer Radulphi Ratcliff
Mathei Dale Hugonis Hare Mathei Cratchwood
G[*eorgii*] Wild Thome Pagitt Johanni Hare Willel-
mi Gibbes Ricardi Brownelowe Bartholomeis Man
Edmundi Prideaux Johanni Cavell Georgii Croke
line 40 Henrici Hall Rogeri Dale Ricardi Swayne Anthonii
Dyott Francisci Morgan Edwardi Stapleton Nich-
olari Overbury Johannis Hele Jacobi [Walr]ond
Johannis Harris Thome Stephens Elizei Hele
Georgii Wrightington Edwardi Bromley Willelms
line 41 Bastard Johannis Jackson Johannis Jermy Ricardi
Gwynne Francisci Tate Johannis Walter Francisci
More Davidi Waterhouse Laurencii Hide Willelmi
Brock Georgii Gaf[*coign*]e Pauli Ambrosii Croke
Willelmi Swanton Johannis Loyd Francisci Harvy
Thome Caesar Edwardi Cason & Willelmi Fletcher
line 42 ac Heredum & assignatorum suoꝝ. Que quidem
Hospicia mesuagia domos edificia Cameras & ce-
tera premissa volumus ac per presentes pro nobis
Heredibus et successoribus no[*stris*] firmiter manda-
mus pro Hospitacione & educacione studencium &
professoꝝ legum predictaꝝ in eisdem Hospitiis per-
petuis temporibz futuris commorantibus deservire
line 43 **Reddendo** annuatim nobis heredibz & Successoribus
no[*stris*] pro predictis premijs vocatis seu cog-
nitis per nomen de *le Inner Temple* cum perti-
nenciis decem libras legalis monete Anglie & pro
premissis vocatis per nomen de *le Middle Temple*
line 44 alias Decem libras confimilis monete Anglie ad
Receptam Scaccarii no[*stri*] ad Festa Sancti Michaelis
Archangeli & Annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis
equis por[cion]ibus solvendis Ac tenendum omnia
& singula premissa de nobis Heredibz & Suc-
cessoribz no[*stris*] ut de Manerio no[*stro*] de East-
line 45 greenwich in libero & communi soccagio per fi-
delitatem tantum & non in capite pro omnibus
serviciis et demaundis nobis Heredibus et suc-
cessoribus no[*stris*] inde solvendis seu faciendis
Et predicti Julius Ceasar [5]Henricus Mountagu
Willelmi Towse Ricardus Daston Johannis Boys
line 46 Andreus Gray Thomes Farmer Radulphus Ratcliff

Caesar, [4][Henry Montague, William Towse, Richard Daston, John Boys, Andrew Gray, Thomas Farmer, Ralph Ratcliffe, Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratchwood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John Hare, William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bartholomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell, George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Edward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, John Hele, James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens, Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward Bromley, William Bastard, John Jackson, John Jermy, Richard Gwynne, Francis Tate, John Walter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Lawrence Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne, Paul Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John Lloyd, Francis Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward Cason, and William Fletcher,] and their heirs and assigns

which said Inns, Messuages, Houses, Edifices, Chambers, and other the premises we will, and by these Presents for ourselves, our heirs and successors, strictly command, shall serve for the Entertainment and Education of the Students and Professors of the Laws aforesaid, residing in the same Inns for ever

Yielding annually to us, our heirs and successors,

for the aforesaid premises called or known by the name of the Inner Temple, with the appurtenances, Ten Pounds of lawful money of England; and

for the premises called by the name of the Middle Temple other Ten Pounds of like money of England,

at the receipt of our Exchequer, at the Feasts of St. Michael the Archangel, and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; to be paid in equal portions;

And To Hold all and singular the premises of us, our heirs and successors, as of our Manor of East Greenwich,¹ in free and common socage by fealty only and not in chief, for all services and demands of us, our heirs and successors therefor to be paid or made:

[5] The names of the other grantees as above are here repeated.

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Matheus Dale Hugonus Hare Matheus Cratchwood Georgius Wild Thomas Pagit Johannes Hare Willelmus G[ibbes] Ricardus Brownelowe Bartholomeus Man Edmundus Prideaux Johannes Cavell Georgius Croke Henricus Hall Rogerus Dale Ricardus Swayne Anthonius Dyott Franciscus Morgan Edwardus Stapleton Nicholus Overbury Johannes Hele Jacobus Walrond Johannes Harris T[homa]s Stephens Elizas Hele Georgius Wrightington Edwardus Bromley Willelmus Bastard Johannus Jackson Johannus Jermy Ricardus Gwynne Franciscus Tate Johannes Walter Franciscus More Davidus Waterhouse Laurencius Hide Willelmus Brock Georgius Gascoigne [Paulus] Ambrosius Croke Willelmus Swanton Johannes Loyd Franciscus Harvy Thomas Ceasar Edwardus Cafon & Willelmus Fletcher pro se Heredibus & assignatis suis conveniunt & concedunt ad et cum nobis Heredibus et successoribus nostris quod ipsi prefati Julius Ceasar [6]Henricus [Montagu W]illelmis Towse Ricardus Daston Johannus Boys Andreus Gray Thomes Farmer Radulphus Ratcliff Matheus Dale Hugonus Hare Matheus Cratchwood Georgius Wild Thomas Pagitt Johannes Hare Willelmus Gibbes Ricardus Brownelowe Bartholomeus Man Edmundus Prideaux Johannes Cavel[1 Geor]gius Croke Henricus Hall Rogerus Dale Ricardus Swayne Anthonius Dyott Franciscus Morgan Edwardus Stapleton Nicholus Overbury Johannes Hele Jacobus Walrond Johannes Harris Thomas Stephens Elizeris Hele Georgius Wrightington Edwardus Bromley Willelmus [Bastard] Johannus Jackson Johannus Jermy Ricardus Gwynne Franciscus Tate Johannes Walter Franciscus More Davidus Waterhouse Laurencius Hide Willelmus Brock Georgius Gascoigne Paulus Ambrosius Croke Willelmus Swanton Johannes Loyd Franciscus Harvy Thomas Ceasar E[dwardus] Cafon & Willelmus Fletcher heredes & assignati sui convenientem mansionem et domum iuxta Ecclesiam predictam de tempore in tempus allocabunt & appunctuabunt predictis Magistris

And the said Julius Caesar, [5][Henry Montague, William Towse, Richard Daston, John Boys, Andrew Gray, Thomas Farmer, Ralph Ratcliffe, Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratchwood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John Hare, William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bartholomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell, George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Edward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, John Hele, James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens, Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward Bromley, William Bastard, John Jackson, John Jermy, Richard Gwynne, Francis Tate, John Walter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Lawrence Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne, Paul Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John Lloyd, Francis Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward Cason, and William Fletcher,] for themselves, their heirs and assigns, covenant and undertake to and with us, our heirs and successors,

that they the aforesaid Julius Caesar, [6][Henry Montague, William Towse, Richard Daston, John Boys, Andrew Gray, Thomas Farmer, Ralph Ratcliffe, Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratchwood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John Hare, William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bartholomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell, George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Edward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, John Hele, James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens, Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward Bromley, William Bastard, John Jackson, John Jermy, Richard Gwynne, Francis Tate, John Walter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Lawrence Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne, Paul Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John Lloyd, Francis Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward Cason, and William Fletcher,] their heirs and assigns,

will, from time to time, set apart and appoint a convenient Mansion and House near the aforesaid Church, for the aforesaid Master or Keeper of the House and Church aforesaid, and his successors for the time being, for his residence and habitation, so long as he shall remain the

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sive Custodi Domus & Ecclesie *predicte* et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus pro moracione et habitatione sua quamdiu Magister sive Custos domus et Ecclesie *predicte* extiterit & illam Sumptibus & expensis suis propriis manutenebunt

line 54 imperpetuum **Ac etiam** unam annuitatem sive annualem pensionem Septemdecim libraꝝ sex solidos & octo denarios legalis monete Anglie **prefato** Magistro sive Custodi domus et Ecclesie *predicte* & successoribus suis in partem manutencionis ipsius Magistri & Custodis & successorum suorum pro

line 55 tempore existencium annuatim ad Festa sancti Michaelis Archangeli & Annunciacionis Beate Marie Virginis imperpetuum per equalis porciones **de tempore** in tempus persolvent seu persolvi curabunt ultra & preter Viginti libras annualis redditus seu pensionis per nos Heredes et successoris

line 56 nostros **prefato** Magistro sive Custodi et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus annuatim ad Festa *predicta* solvendas Necnon *predictam* Ecclesiam Cancellam & Campanile eiusdem ac omnia alia eidem Ecclesie quoquo modo *pertinencia* de & in

line 57 omnibus & per omnia perpetuis temporibus sumptibus suis propriis bene & sufficienter manutenebunt **et** sustinebunt ad cultus divinos sacramenta & sacramentalia ac alia officia ministeria et ritus ecclesiasticos quoscumque *ibidem* imperpetuum celebranda prout decet & hucusque usitatum est **Et**

line 58 **ulterius** de ampliori gracia nostra ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nostris volumus & concedimus **et per presentes** pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris **prefatis** Julio Cæsare [7]Henrico Mountagu Wilhelmo Towse Ricardo Daston Johanno Boys Andreo Gray Thome Farmer Radulpho Ratcliff Matheo Dale Hugoni Hare Matheo Cratchwood

line 59 Georgio Wild Thoma Pagitt Johanni Hare Wilhelmo Gibbes Ricardo Brownlowe Bartholomeo Man Edmundo Prideaux Johanni Cavell Georgio Croke Henrico Hall Rogero Dale Ricardo Swayne Anthonio Dyott Francisco Morgan Edwardo Stapleton

line 60 Nicholao Overbury Johanni Hele Jacobo Walrond Johanni Harris Thoma Stephens Elizeo Hele

Master or Keeper of the said House or Church, and

will maintain the same at their own proper costs and charges for ever; And

also will, from time to time pay, or cause to be paid, one annuity or yearly payment of Seventeen Pounds Six shillings and Eight pence of lawful money of England, to the said Master or Keeper of the House and Church aforesaid, and to his successors, in part maintenance of him the said Master and Keeper, and his successors for the time being, yearly, at the feasts of St. Michael the Archangel, and of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary for ever, in equal portions over and above Twenty Pounds yearly rent or payment to be made by us, our heirs and successors, to the before-mentioned Master or Keeper and his successors for the time being, yearly, at the Feasts aforesaid: And

Moreover, that they will well and sufficiently maintain and keep up the aforesaid Church, Chancel, and the Belfry of the same, and all other things to the same Church in any manner appertaining of and in all respects and in all things at their own proper costs for ever, for the Celebration of Divine Service and the Sacraments and Sacramentals and other the Ministerial Offices and Ecclesiastical Rites whatsoever henceforth for ever, as is befitting and henceforth accustomed:

And Further, of our more especial grace, certain [4] knowledge and mere motion, we will and grant by these Presents, for ourselves, our heirs and successors to the before mentioned Julius Caesar, [7][Henry Montague, William Towse, Richard Daston, John Boys, Andrew Gray, Thomas Farmer, Ralph Ratcliffe, Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratchwood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John Hare, William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bartholomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell, George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Edward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, John Hele, James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens, Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward Bromley, William Bastard, John Jackson,

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Georgio Wrightington Ed^{wardo} Bromley Willelmo
 Bastard Joh^{anni} Jackson [Joh^{anni} J]ermy Ric^{ardo}
 Gwynne Francisco Tate Joh^{anni} Walter Francisco
 More Davidi Waterhouse Laurencio Hide Willel-
 line 61 mo Brock Georgio Gascoigne Paulo Ambrosio
 Croke Willelmo Swanton Johanni Loyd Francisco
 Harvy Thome Ceasar Edwardo Cason & Willelmo
 Fletcher heredibus & [assi]gnatis suis quod He
 litere nostre Patentes vel Irrotulamentum eadem
 erunt in omnibus & per omnia firme valide bone
 line 62 Sufficiens & efficacis in lege erga & contra nos
 heredes & successores nostros absque aliqua Confir-
 macione licencia vel tolleracione de nobis heredibus
 & successoribus nostris [imposter]um procuranda
 seu obtinenda **Non obstante** quod predicta hospitia
 mesuagia et cetera premissa seu aliqua inde parcel-
 line 63 la male nominata vel non nominata non recitata vel
 male recitata sit vel sint Et non obstante quod
 nullum sufficiens Officium vel Inquisicio omnino
 [de pre]missis vel aliqua inde parcella inventum sit
 per quod titulus noster inveniri debuit ante confec-
 tionem hanc literarum nostrarum Patencium Et non obstante
 line 64 non recitando vel male recitando mispensione seu
 alia incertitudine tituli nostri seu status alicuius seu
 aliquo tenencium seu occupatorum premissorum seu
 alicuius inde parcellae Et non obstante quod aliquod
 donum dimissio sive concessio de premissis seu
 line 65 aliqua inde parcella de Recordo vel non de Recor-
 do antehac factum in presentibus non recitatum
 existit seu existunt Et non obstantibus aliquibus aliis
 defectibus de certitudine [vel co]mputacione aut
 declaracione veri annui valoris premissorum aut alicuius
 inde parcellae Et non obstante Statute in Parliamento
 line 66 domini Henrici nuper Regis Anglie quarti
 anno regni sui primo inde edito et provisio Et non
 obstantibus aliquibus defectibus in non recte nomi-
 nando naturas [genera] species quantitates aut
 qualitates premissorum seu alicuius inde parcellae
 line 67 **Volumus etiam** ac per presentes concedimus pre-
 fatis Julio Ceasar [8]Henrico Mountagu Willelmo
 Towse Ricardo Daston Johanni Boys Andreo Gray
 Thome Farmer Radulpho Ratcliff Matheo D[ale]

John Jermy, Richard Gwynne, Francis Tate, John
 Walter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Law-
 rence Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne,
 Paul Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John
 Lloyd, Francis Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward
 Cason, and William Fletcher,] their heirs and as-
 signs, that these our Letters Patent, or the enrol-
 ment of the same, be in all respects, and for all
 purposes, firm, valid, good, sufficient and effec-
 tual in Law, to and against us, our heirs and
 successors, without any Confirmation, License, or
 Toleration from us, our heirs and successors, here-
 after to be procured or obtained:

Notwithstanding that the said Inns, Messuages
 and other the premises, or any parcels thereof,
 be ill described, or not described, not recited, or
 ill recited; And

notwithstanding that no sufficient Office or In-
 quisition wholly of the said premises, or any part
 thereof be found, by which our title ought to be
 found before the completion of these our Letters
 Patent; And

notwithstanding the not reciting, or ill reciting,
 any mispension or other uncertainty of our title,
 or of the estate of either or any of the tenants or
 occupiers of the said premises, or of any part
 thereof; and

notwithstanding that there be any gift, demise or
 grant of the premises, or any part thereof, of
 record or not of record heretofore made, not
 recited in these Presents; and

notwithstanding any other defect in the ascer-
 taining or computing or declaring the true annual
 value of the premises, or of any part thereof; And

notwithstanding the Statute in Parliament of the
 Lord Henry the Fourth, late King of England, in
 the first year of his Reign, in that behalf made
 and provided; [8] And

notwithstanding any defect in not rightly naming
 the natures, kinds, sorts, quantities, or qualities
 of the premises, or of any part thereof:

We Will Also and by these Presents grant to the
 before mentioned Julius Caesar, [9][Henry Mon-

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[8] This is probably the Statute 1 Hen. IV, c. 6 [passed in 1399], which provides that in all petitions for grants of land, etc., the true value must be stated. [Statutes of the Realm (1810–25), vol 2 p 113. Also printed in: Statutes at Large, Pickering (1762), vol 2 p 390; Ruffhead (1763), vol 1 pp 426–427; Raithby (1811), vol 2 pp 209–210.]

line 68 Hu]goni Hare Matheo Cratchwood Georgio Wild
 Thomo Pagit Johanni Hare Willelmo Gibbes Ricar-
 do Brownlowe Bartholomeo Man Edmundo Pride-
 aux Johanni Cavell Georgio Croke Henrico Hall
 Rogero Dale Ricardo Swayne Anthonio Dyott
 Francifco Morgan Edwardo S[ta]ple]ton Nicholaso
 Overbury Johanni Hele Jacobo Walrond Johanni
 line 69 Harris Thomo Stephens Elizeo Hele Georgio
 Wrightington Edwardo Bromley Willelmo Baftard
 Johanni Jackfon Johanni Jermy Ricardo Gwynne
 Francifco Tate Johanni Walter Francifco More
 Davidi Waterhoufe L[aur]encio Hide Willelmo
 Brock Georgio Gafcoigne Paulo Ambrofio Croke
 Willelmo Swanton Johanni Loyd Francifco Harvy
 line 70 Thome Ceafar Edwardo Cafon & Willelmo Fletch-
 er quod habeant et habebunt has literas nostras Pat-
 entes sub magno Sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo
 factas [& sig]illatas absque fine seu feodo magno
 vel parvo nobis in Hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad
 ufum noftrum proinde quoquo modo reddend^o
 line 71 solvend^o seu faciend^o Eo quod expreffa mencio
 de vero valore annuo vel de certitudine premiff^o
 sive eoꝝ alicuius aut de aliis Do[nis s]ive concef-
 fionibus per nos vel per aliquem Antecess^o
 sive Progenitoꝝ nostroꝝ prefatis Julio Ceasar
 line 72 [9]Henrico Mountague Willelmo Towfe Ricardo
 Dafton Johanni Boys Andreo Gray Thome Farmer
 Radulpho Ratcliff Matheo Dale Hugoni Hare
 Matheo Cratchwood Geor[gi]o Wi]ld Thomo Pag-
 itt Johanni Hare Willelmo Gibbes Ricardo
 Brownlowe Bartholomeo Man Edmundo Pride-
 aux Johanni Cavell Georgio Croke Henrico Hall
 line 73 Rogero Dale Ricardo Swayne Anthonio Dyott
 Francifco Morgan Edwardo Stapleton Nicholaso
 Overbury Johanni Hel[e Jac]obo Walrond Johanni
 Harris Thomo Stephens Elizeo Hele Georgio
 Wrightington Edwardo Bromley Willelmo Baftard
 line 74 Johanni Jackfon Johanni Jermy Ricardo Gwynne
 Francifco Tate Johanni Walter Francifco More
 David^o Waterhoufe Laurencio Hide Willelmo
 [Brock] Georgio Gafcoigne Paulo Ambrofio
 Croke Willelmo Swanton Johanni Loyd Francifco

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 cliffe, Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratch-
 wood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John
 Hare, William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bart-
 holomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell,
 George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard
 Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Ed-
 ward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, John Hele,
 James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens,
 Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward
 Bromley, William Bastard, John Jackson, John
 Jermy, Richard Gwynne, Francis Tate, John Wal-
 ter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Lawrence
 Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne, Paul
 Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John Lloyd,
 Francis Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward Cason,
 and William Fletcher,] that they do and shall have
 these our Letters Patent under our Great Seal of
 England duly made and sealed, without fine or fee,
 great or small, to be for us into our Hanaper or
 elsewhere for our use therefor in any manner
 rendered, paid, or made:

To The Intent that express mention of the true
 yearly value, or of the certainty of the premises,
 or any of them, or of any other gift or grant by
 us, or by any of our ancestors or progenitors to
 the said Julius Caesar, [10][Henry Montague,
 William Towse, Richard Daston, John Boys,
 Andrew Gray, Thomas Farmer, Ralph Ratcliffe,
 Matthew Dale, Hugh Hare, Matthew Cratch-
 wood, George Wild, Thomas Pagitt, John Hare,
 William Gibbes, Richard Brownlowe, Bart-
 holomew Man, Edmund Prideaux, John Cavell,
 George Croke, Henry Hall, Roger Dale, Richard
 Swayne, Anthony Dyott, Francis Morgan, Ed-
 ward Stapleton, Nicholas Overbury, John Hele,
 James Walrond, John Harris, Thomas Stephens,
 Elisha Hele, George Wrightington, Edward
 Bromley, William Bastard, John Jackson, John
 Jermy, Richard Gwynne, Francis Tate, John
 Walter, Francis More, David Waterhouse, Law-
 rence Hide, William Brocke, George Gascoigne,
 Paul Ambrose Croke, William Swanton, John
 Lloyd, Francis Harvy, Thomas Caesar, Edward
 Cason, and William Fletcher,] or to either or any

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Harvy Thome Ceafar Edwardo Cafon & Willelmo
 line 75 Fletcher sive eoꝝ alicui vel aliquibus ante hec
 tempora factis in p^{re}sentibus minime facta existit
 aut aliquo statute [actu o]rdinac^{io}ne proviſione
 proclamac^{io}ne sive reſtric^{io}ne in contrarium inde
 line 76 ante Hac habitis factis Editis ordinatis sive provis
 aut aliqua alia re cauſa vel materia quacumque in
 aliquo non obſtantibus **In cuius rei teſtimonium**
 has literas noſtra[s fie]ri fecimꝝ Patentes Teſte me
 ipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium Terciodecimo die
 line 77 Auguſti anno regni noſtri Anglie Francie [&] Hi
 bernie ſexto & Scocie [quadragesimo ſecundo]
 per breve de privato Sigillo &c **Lukyn**

xiiij^o Junii 1609. Irrotulatur coram Hugone
 Sepey Examinatur per me Thomam Marten.

of them heretofore made, but not made in these
 Presents, may remain, or
 any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Procla-
 mation, or Restriction to the contrary heretofore
 made, done, issued, ordained or provided; or any
 other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever in any
 wise notwithstanding:

IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our
 Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS ourselves at Westminster this Thir-
 teenth day of August in the Sixth year of our Reign
 in England, France, and Ireland, and in Scotland
 the Forty-Second.

By writ of Privy Seal [etc]. **LUKYN.**

On fold of parchment [of the patent roll]

[14 June 1609. Enrolled before Hugh Sepey; Verified
 by me Thomas Marten.]

Great Seal of England appended by a cord. 1608,
 (Patent Roll, No. 1778, 6 James I, pt. 28, no. 9.) 13
 August.