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## ARCHBISHOP WARHAM'S LETTERS.

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WE have been compelled to diverge somewhat from our original intention, to make room for the Will of John Roper, of Eltham, father of William Roper, who married Margaret, the favourite daughter of Sir Thomas More. Besides its importance in relation to the controversy, perhaps the most serious, between Warham and Wolsey, this Will, as the testator seems to have anticipated, gave rise to much discussion, and was at last the subject of an Act of Parliament, passed in the year 1529. The succession to Roper's house in Kent, held by the custom of Gavelkind, appears to have produced disputes in the family, which could not be settled without so grave an interposition.

“Nec Deus intersit nisi dignus vindice nodus  
Inciderit.”

No private cause in England, whether considering the eminence of the parties concerned, or the issues involved in it, had, up to that time preferred so strong a claim on the majesty of Parliament.

This Will, and the Letters, are from originals in the Record Office, where further correspondence is preserved in connection with the Ropers, to which we may possibly have occasion to refer hereafter.

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## 24. ARCHBISHOP WARHAM TO CARDINAL WOLSEY.

Place it your grace to understand that now lately I receyved letters from thAbbat and Convent of Boxley, in whiche they offered to bynd thaire house by thaire writings obligatorie, to be sealed with thaire convent seale, for the payment of all suche sommes of money as thAbbat oweth the Kinges highnes, biraason of his collect. Wherein, he and his said convent desireth respite, and favor, touching dayes of payment to bee graunted, for a tyme in that behalf.

In whiche matier, seing the said Abbey is an exempte place of your graces jurisdiction, I wold bee very lothe to medle, unles I were in maner forced thereto, by thact of convocation, auctorising me, and my lord of London, to make processe against suche collectors as pay not thair collect, accordingly as it is specified in the xvii<sup>th</sup> and the xxi<sup>th</sup> chapitur of the said convocation. And forasmuche as the said place is power, and much seking is thither to the rode of grace, from all partes of this realme, I wold be lothe, if I myght chose, to interdicte the place, or, to put the fructes of the same, under sequestration, tyll the kinges highnes bee payed for diverse causes, whiche I doubt not, but your grace wol son coniect.

Whereupon, considering that it is an exempt place of your graces jurisdiction, whiche I wold bee lothe to interdict, or sequester the fructes thereof, and considering this matier concerneth paymentes to be made to the kinges grace, wherein, I am not mynded to gyve dayes, without your graces pleasure knowen in that behalf. I entierly beseche your grace to advertise me by your moost honorable letters, what is your graces mynde and pleasure best to bee doon in this caas, outhur to interdict the said monastery, and sequester the fructes; or els graunt thaim som respite and dayes of payment, upon thair writinge obligatory under thair convent seale. Thabbat, as far as I can perceyve and lerne, is utterly disposed to lyve hardly and precisely, to bryng the place out of debt, and affore hand after this greate warnyng, and if I thought he wold not, I wold in no caas wrote or speke any letter or word in his favor. Diverse men bifore this, have fallen sore, whiche have arrisen and recovered; and have doon as well and better, than they whiche never fell, and so I trust this Abbat woll, or els it were piety that he shuld lyve muche longer to the hurt of so holy a place, where so many mi-

rales be shewed. At my manor of Otford, the third day of May.

At your graces commandement,  
WILL<sup>A</sup>M CANTAR.

To the moost Reverend Father in God, and my very singular good lord, my Lord Cardinall of York and legate de latere good grace.

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25. FROM THE SAME TO THE SAME.

Pleace it your good grace to understand that I have receyved your moost honorable and loving letters, dated at your graces place beside Westminster, the secunde day of this moneth of Marche, by whiche I perceyve how graciously ye take in good part my fre and playne writing to the same, whereof in my moost hertie wise I thank your grace, assuering you that unles I had had in your gracis undoubted favors and benignite towardis me verey singulier trust and confidence to write without displeasure, not only the playnes of my mynde, but also suche reportes as were brought unto me, I wold in no wise have attempted to disclose my said mynd and reportes so openly.

And where your grace adviseth me from hensfurth to give lesse credence to all thoes that have made suche untrue reaportes as bee conteyned in my said letters, studieng more to make division than to norisse good amite and accorde bitwixt your grace and me. Suerly albeit I rehersed in my said letters suche reaportes as were writen and spoken unto me, and none otherwise, as I shall annswere affore god, yet I trust it cannot bee gatherd of my said letters that I gave any firme credence to thoes report. For unfaynedly whatsoever surmises sinister reportes or insinuations have been made or shalbe made unto me, by whatsoever menys they com, they have not, and shall not rayse, kendyll, or ingender in me any part of grudge of mynde towardes your grace, orels any mystrust in your singulier goodnes, favors, and benivolence towardes me, which evidently towardes me and myne by substanciall experiment appereth dayly more and more, which your graces manifold good dedes bee more depely fastened in myne hert and remembrance, than can bee removed by any



wordes or reaportes whiche your graces goodnes I am not able to recompense with any other thing than with my feithful hert, true love, and dayly prayer for your grace, whereof your grace, being thus so good lord unto me, shalbee so well assuered as far as my litell power shalbe able to extende as of any thing in this worle, orels I were far unkynd and unthankfull.

And I beseche your grace to think none otherwise in me but that I esteme and set by the favor of your grace a hunderth tymes and incomparably more than by the privat cause of Jane Roper or any suche.

And forasmuche as your grace writeth that your grace is contented at my desire to forbere further proceeding in the principal matier of John Ropers testament tyl I may awaite on your grace after Ester, I hertly thank your grace, and entend therefor to bee shorter in writing at this tyme, and to differ my ful annswer tyl I may have present conference and communication with your grace, trusting that none of your graces counsail whiche is groundly lerned hath or wol persuade unto your grace, that by vertue of your legacy, notwithstanding the composition that I made with your grace as legate de latere, ye may procede severally in knowlege of testamentarie causes, whiche heretofor have only apperteyned to the jurisdiction of my prerogative, and that without any breche of the said composition. If any lerned wol affirme and prove the same, suerly he hath seen other lawes, or other understanding of lawes than I could ever know or perceyve, and yet I have taken some payne to loke for suche matiers.

Finally, I trust when I shal com to your graces presence so to declare my mynde to the same in every thing that your grace of your goodnes shalbe right wel contented and pleaced there withall by the grace of God, who preserve your grace in highe honor and dignite, long life and good helth, as good as I can desir to have myself. At my churche of Cantrebury, the vi<sup>th</sup> day of Marche, [1524?]

At your grace commandement,

WILL<sup>A</sup>M CANTUAR.

To the moost Reverend father in god and my verey singulier good lord my lord Cardinal of York and legate de latere good grace.

(Sealed.)

## THE WILL OF JOHN ROOPER, ESQ.

In the name of God Amen. I John Rooper, of the paroche of Eltham, in the countie of Kent, the xxvii day of Januarye, in the xv yere of our sovereign lorde King Henry VIII., and in the yere of our Lorde God m<sup>l</sup> v<sup>e</sup> xxij, being of hole mynde and good remembraunce, thanks be to God, make this my present testament in fourme folowing:—Furst, I bequethe my soule to Almighty God, our blessed lady sayncte Mary the Vyrgyn, and to all the company of heven, my bodye to be buryed in the churche of sainte Dunston without Westgate of Canterburye, in the chapell of Sainte Nycholas, in the same church where I have made my buryeng place. And I bequethe to the Vycar of the same churche, for my tythes negligently forgotten xiii<sup>s</sup>-iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item, to the reparacyons of the churche of holy crosse within the Westgate of Canterburye, xx<sup>s</sup>. Item, to the Vycar of sainte Brydes in London, for my tythes forgotten, x<sup>s</sup>. Item, to the Vycar of Eltham, for lyke cause, x<sup>s</sup>. And to the reparacyons of the same churche, xx<sup>s</sup>. Item, to the reparacyons of the paroche churche of Swalclyf, xx<sup>s</sup>. Item, to the churche of Cosme and Danyane in the Bleen, for lyke cause, x<sup>s</sup>. Item, for lyke cause to Whitstaple churche, xx<sup>s</sup>. Item, to the reparacyons of the churche of Henn, xx<sup>s</sup>. Item, to the reparacyons of the churche of Stowrmothe, xx<sup>s</sup>. Item, to the reparacyons of the churche of Preston, beside Wyngham, x<sup>s</sup>. Item, to the reparacyons of the churche of Ryver, beside Dover, vi<sup>s</sup>-viiij<sup>d</sup>. Item, to the reparacyons of the churche of Elwell, vi<sup>s</sup>-viii<sup>d</sup>. Item, to the reparacyons of the churche of Sainte Stephin, besyde Caunterbury, xx<sup>s</sup>. Item, I bequeth to the pryor of Christe Churche of Caunterbury forsaide, and to the convent of the same place, for a dyrige and a masse of requiem to be sayed and song there, by the same pryor and convent in convenyent tyme after my decesse, v<sup>li</sup>, whereof the saide pryor to have xx<sup>s</sup> for his labor, and the residue to be devyded amongst the convent of the same place, rateablye by the pryor of the same church for the tyme being by his discession. Item, I bequethe to the Abbot of sainte Austen's, without the walles of Caunterbury forsaide, and to the convent of the same place, iij<sup>li</sup>-vj<sup>s</sup>-viiij<sup>d</sup>, for lyke cause, whereof the saide Abbot to have for his labour xiiij<sup>s</sup>-iiij<sup>d</sup> and the residue to be devyded, by the discession of the Abbot there for the tyme being, rateably amongst his convent. Item, I bequethe to the

Abbot of Bataylle in Sussex, and to the convent of the same place, for lyke cause,  $\text{iiij}^{\text{li}}\text{-vi}^{\text{s}}\text{-viiij}^{\text{d}}$ , whereof the Abbot to have  $\text{xiiij}^{\text{s}}\text{-iiij}^{\text{d}}$  for his labour, and the residue to be devyded amongst his convent in lyke manner as, as aforsaide. Item, I bequethe to the Abbot of Feversham, and to his convent of the same place, for lyke cause,  $\text{iiij}^{\text{li}}\text{-vj}^{\text{s}}\text{-viiij}^{\text{d}}$ , whereof the same Abbote then being to have for his labour  $\text{x}^{\text{s}}$ , and the residue to be devyded amongst his convent rateablye. Item, I bequethe to the pryour of sainte Gregorye, without the Northgate of Caunterbury forsaide, and to the convent of the same place, for lyke cause,  $\text{xl}^{\text{s}}$ , whereof the pryour of the same place to have for his labour  $\text{x}^{\text{s}}$ , and the residue to be devyded amongst his convent rateablye.

Item, I bequethe to the making of an horse way, for the fisshe wyves, and other, in the highway from Whitstaple, to the entring of the strete of sainte Dunston, without the Westgate of Caunterbury, in suche place, and places, as the Abbot of Feversham that now is, and other myn executours, shall thinke most necessary and convenyent, one hundredth markes, And the saide Abbot to have for his labour about the same  $\text{xl}^{\text{s}}$ . And I requyre myn executours to have at my buryeng dirige, and on the morow,  $\text{xxx}$  masses to be song and sayed, or mo by the discrecion of myn executours, without making of any gaye herse, other than  $\text{iiij}$  grete tapers of wax to be set about the herse, to be light at the service, and to be holden with  $\text{iiij}$  poure men with  $\text{iiij}$  blacke gownes, and  $\text{iiij}$  children with  $\text{iiij}$  blacke gownes, with  $\text{iiij}$  lesse tapers. And in lyke manner at my monethes mynde, And the prieste and clerke to have for theyr labours as myn executours can with them reasonably agree. And ferthermore, to order my buryall in such maner as my saide executours shall thinke necessary and convenyent. Not passing perfourming of my saide buryall, and monethes mynde, the expence of  $100^{\text{li}}$  which I will be therupon disposed by the advyse of my saide executors. And after yerely suche masses and dirige to be sayed ones in the yere, as in my last will shalbe declared, for the helth of my soule, and my frendes' soules, and all xtien soules.

And of this my testament I make and ordeyn the Reverende father in God the pryor of Christe church of Canterbury forsaide, for the tyme being, Sir John Fyneux, knight, chief Justice of the King's benche, Richard Broke, Judge, to whom I bequethe  $\text{iiij}^{\text{li}}\text{-vi}^{\text{s}}\text{-viii}^{\text{d}}$ , John Hales, one of the barons of the King his Exchequer, and Jane my wif, myn executours, for the assis-

tence of the saide Jane in that behalf. And for the forther helpe of such labour and paynes as shall happen to be aboutte the accomplisshement of the premisses and perfourmyng of my testament and last will, I make also Christopher Hales, John Sethe, Robert Maycote, John Chilton, and John a Berry, myn olde servaunte, myn executours. And I bequethe to my wif Jane C.C.<sup>li</sup>, and to every of the same pryor, and Lorde Fyneux, for theyr labor, x marks, and to the saide John Hales, iij<sup>li</sup>.vi<sup>s</sup>.viii<sup>d</sup>, and to the saide Christopher, xl<sup>s</sup>. And to every of the saide John Sethe, Robert Maycote, John Chilton, and John a Bery, xl<sup>s</sup>. And these bequestes beforesaid of one 100<sup>li</sup> for my buryall, or more as my saide executours shall think necessary and convenyent, and the saide C.C.<sup>li</sup> to my saide wif, to be levyed of my moveable goods and cattalles if it will thereof arryse, orells to be levyed of the yssues and proffytes of my manors, landes, and tenementes, as is conteyned in my last will. And all the residue of all my saide bequestes aforesaide to be levyed of thissues and proffytes yerely of my manors, landes, and tenementes in my last will specefied and conteyned: landes and tenementes lymyted to my wiffe, Joyntors and londs and tenementes lymyted to my soonnes Edward and Christofer, and londs and tenementes for our yerely obyt to be kept in my last will of my manors, londs, and tenementes conteyned and specefied onely excepted; and all the residue of my saide moveable goodes and catalles to be disposed by my saide executours in maner and fourme also as in my saide last will of my manours, landes, and tenementes is specefied and conteyned, desiring all my saide executours specyally of theyr charytees to cause this my present testament and last will to be fulfilled asmoche as they may. And if complaynte happen to be made uppon me after my decesse of any Injury or Wrong don by me in my lif to any person or persons, and theruppon lawfull profe therof had and made by any suche person or persons, then I will my saide executours make recompence and amendes to the same person or persons so complayning, or otherwise agree with them, which recompence and amendes I will shalbe levyed of thissues and proffyttes of suche manours, landes, and tenementes as in my last will be lymyted and appoynted for payment of my debttes and dyvers bequestes in the same last will also specefied and conteyned.

This is the last will of me the saide John Roper, made the

xxvii<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the xv<sup>th</sup> yere of the reigne of King Henry the VIII., as to the disposicyon of all my manours, landes, and tenementes, Rentes, Revercyons, Servyces, Advowsons, and other heredytamentes, with theyr appurtenances, Whereof I the saide John Roper ioynetye with other be seased, or whereof any other person or persons ben seased to myn use, within the Counties of Kente, Surrey, the Cytee of London, or ellswhere, within the Realme of Englonde.

Fyrst, forasmoche as I have provyded and caused myn eldest soonne Willyam to be prefferred, and to be Joynt offycer with me in the office, of the chief clerke of our Sovereigne lorde the King, for ples before the same King to be holden, and perceyve the proffyttes thereof after my decesse, the Atteyning of which office was to me no litle charge, And also where the grete parte of my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, to the yerely value of one hundreth poundes and above, ben of the tenure and nature of Gavylkynde, and that londes and tenementes of the same tenure and nature of Gavilkynde, within the saide Countie of Kent ben, and the tyme that no manne's mynde ys to the contrary, hathe ben parted and parteable emonge heyres males, and to thintente my soonnes after my decesse, shall have no cause to varye amongst them selffes, or to stryve for the partycyon and devyding of the same, I therefore openly declare this my saide last will concerning my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, by these presentes in fourme folowing, that ys to saye :

Fyrst, I will that all the saide persons, theyr heyres, and assignes, seased of and in all my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, Rentes, Revercyons, Servyces, Advowsons, and other heredytamentes, with theyr appurtenances aforesaide, shall after my decesse ymedyatly stonde and be seased of and in my manor place of Welhawe, Courtelage, Barnes, Stables, Gardeyns, Orchards, the motes and waters there, in the parochie of Eltham, with theyr appurtenances, in the saide Countie of Kent ; And also of and in my pryncypall place, with the barnes, stables, courtlages, and gardeyns, with theyr appurtenances, in the parochie of Sainte Dunstons without the walles of Caunterburye, in the saide Countie of Kent ; and also of and in my pryncypall place called Chestfelde, with the barnes, stables, gardeyns, and Orchards, with theyr appurtenances, in the parochie of Swalclyf, in the saide Countie of Kent : and of and in every

of them, to the use of Jane my wif, aslong and all the tyme that the saide Jane do lyve sole unmarried, without impechement of waste, wilfull waste as of plucking downe of houses onely excepted; And also of the pryncypall mansion place called the lodge, with the quadrante, the kitchen, the houses next adioyning to the same, called the milkehouse, the dof house, Gardeyn, and orchard, in the parochie of Linsted, during her lif, notwithstanding that she marye. Which pryncypall mansion place and houses in Lynsted aforsaid, amongst other landes and tenementes, Sir John Fyneux, knight, chief Justice of our soveraigne Lorde the King, at plees before the same King to be holden, by his writing gave and graunted to me, and to the saide Jane my wife for ever, to dispose it to any of the soonnes of me the saide John Roper and Jane, which it shoulde lyke us to lymyte yt unto. And over that I will that the saide Jane shall take and perceyve to her owne use, of thissues and proffyttes of all the saide manours, landes, and tenementes aforesaide, in such place and places as hereafter in this my last will shalbe appoynted, one hundreth markes, and fewell for her household yerely during her lyf. And also I will that the issues and proffyttes lymyted for the joyntour of the saide Jane shalbe at the lymytacyon and poyntement of the same Jane during the space of x yeres after her decesse, to be disposed at her Will if she lyve sole.

And Ferthermore I will my saide wif, lyvyng sole unmarried, shall yerely after my decesse receyve and take xiiij<sup>li</sup>-vj<sup>s</sup>-viiij<sup>d</sup> of thissues and proffyttes of the saide manor called the logge, and of all other landes and tenementes in Lynsted aforsaid, Dodington, Kingsdowne, and Norton, within the saide Countie of Kent, and of my londes and tenementes in Estgrenewich, and Candelwike Strete in London, till my Soon Edward cummeth to the age of xxiiij yeres, towards the exhibycyon and fynding of my saide soon Edward to lerning, and to kepe my saide sonne Edward therewith honestly during the saide terme. And when my saide soon Edward cummeth to the age of xxiiij yeres, then I will that my saide wif shall trewly content and paye to my saide soone Edward, that ys to say, of the issues and proffytes of the saide manor called the Logge, and of the londes and tenementes in Lynsted, Kingsdowne, Norton, and Dodington; of the saide londes and tenementes in Estgrenewich, and also of the saide londes and tenementes in Candelwike Strete in London, xx<sup>li</sup> at the feastes of Saincte Michael the Archaungell and thannuncya-

tion of our lady the Vyrgyn, by even porcyons yerely, as long as the saide Jane doth lyve sole unmarried.

And if the saide Jane be maryed or decesse before thage of xxiiij yeres of the saide Edwarde my soone, then I will that my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stonde and be seased of all the saide londes and tenementes in Lynsted, Kingsdowne, Dodington, and Norton, with theyr appurtenances, and of the saide londes and tenementes in Estegrenewiche and Candelwike strete in London, with theyr appurtenances, to the use and intende that the saide Edwarde shall have and perceyve of thissues and profyttes thereof to his exhibicyon and fynding xiiij<sup>li</sup>-vi<sup>s</sup>-viiij<sup>d</sup>, till he cum to the saide age of xxiiij yeres; and after when he cummeth to the age of xxiiij yeres, then the saide Edwarde to have and perceyve of thissues and proffytes thereof yerely xx<sup>li</sup>, unto suche tyme as my dettes, bequestes, and legacies ben levyed and payed, or convenyently might be payed; and ymedyatlye after my dettes, bequestes, and legacies levyed and payed or might be levyed or payed, my saide feoffes, their heyres and assignes, shall stonde and be seased of the revercyon of the saide manor place in Lynsted, and of all other londes and tenementes in Lynsted, Dodington, Kingsdowne, and Norton, and of the londes and tenementes in Estegrenewiche, and Candelwyke Strete in London, with theyr appurtenances, to the use of the saide Edwarde during his lif, without impechement of waste; and after his decesse to thuse of his eldest issue male of his bodye, lawfullye begotten; and so from one the eldest yssue male to one other the eldest heyre and yssue male of his bodie begotten, for ever, Undevyded and not to be parted ne parteable emonges heires males.

And for lacke of suche issue male, then I will that of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, to the saide Edwarde before lymyted, my saide feoffes and theyr heyres and assignes shall stonde and be seased of them, to thuse that the daughter of the same Edwarde, if he happen to have yssue female, shall have, take, and perceyve of thissues and proffytes of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, one C<sup>ii</sup> [£100] to her preferrement. And if there be mo then one, the saide C<sup>ii</sup> to be egally devyded bitwen them. And after the saide C<sup>ii</sup> levyed and had, or convenyently might be levied and had to the use aforesaide, and my dettes and legacies levyed and payed, or might be levied and payed, then my saide feoffes, theyr

heys and assignes, shall stonde and be seased of the revercyon of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes before lymyted to the saide Edwarde, for lacke of such issue male of the saide Edwarde, to thuse of Christofer my youngest soon, for terme of his lyf, without impechement of waste; and after his decesse to thuse of his eldest yssue male of his bodye lawfully begotten, for terme of his lyf, without impechement of waste; and after his decesse to one other the eldest next yssue and heyre male of his bodye cummyng, and so from one the eldest yssue male of his bodye begotten, to one other the eldest heyre and yssue male of his bodye begotten, for ever, undevyded, and not to be parted ne partable amongst heyres males as long as there ys or shalbe any yssue male of his bodye begotten.

And for lacke of suche yssue male, I will that my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stonde and be seased of the same manours of Logge, landes and tenementes in Lynsted, Dodington, Kingsdowne, Norton, Estgrenewich, and London, to thuse of the daughters of my soon Christofer and theyr heyres for ever; and lyke wise I will that my wif Jane, lyvyng sole and unmarried, shall take and perceyve yerely xiiij<sup>li</sup>-vj<sup>s</sup>-viii<sup>d</sup> of thissues and proffytes of my manors of Welhaw and Esthorne, in Eltham, in the saide Countie of Kent, and of all my other londes and tenementes in Eltham forsaide, Modingham, Lee, Cheselherst, Kydbroke, Charleton, Woolwich, and Bexley, with theyr appurtenances, in the saide countie, tyll my saide soon Christofer cummeth to the age of xxiiij yeres, towardes the exhibycyon and fynding of my saide soon Christofer to lerning, and to kepe him therewith honestly during the saide terme; and when that my saide soon Christofer cummeth to the age of xxiiij yeres, then I will that my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stonde and be seased of my saide manours of Welhawe and Esthorne, and of all my other manours, landes, and tenementes in Eltham, Modingham, Cheselherst, Lee, Kydbroke, Charleton, Wolwiche, and Bexley, with theyr appurtenances, to thintent that my saide wif, lyving sole unmarried, shall yelde and paye yerely to the saide Christofer my soon of thissues and proffytes of them at the feastes of Saincte Michaell tharchaungell and thanauncyacion of our Ladye, by even porcyons, xx<sup>li</sup> yerely; and yf the saide Jane decesse, or be maryed before the saide age of xxiiij yeres of my saide soonne Christofer, then I will that my saide feoffes, theyr heres and assignes, from thensfourth shall stonde and be



seased thereof, to the use and intente that the saide Christofer my Soonne shall have and perceyve of thissues and proffytes of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes, in Eltham, Modingham, Cheselherst, Lee, Kydbroke, Charleton, Wolwiche, and Bexley, xiiij<sup>th</sup>-vj<sup>th</sup>-viiij<sup>th</sup> towards his exhibycyon and fyndyng; and when the saide Christofer cummeth to the age of xxiiij yeres, then I will my saide feoffes, theyr heires and assignes, shall from thensfourth stonde and be ceased of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes in Eltham, Modingham, Cheselherst, Lee, Kydbroke, Charleton, Wolwich, and Bexley, to thintente that the saide Christofer shall have and perceyve of thissues and proffytes thereof to the yerely value of xx<sup>li</sup> till my dettes, bequestes, and legacyes be levyed and payed or convenyently might be levyed and payed; and after my dettes, bequestes, and legacies levyed and payed, or might be levyed and payed, then and from thensfourth my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stonde and be ceased of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes in Eltham, Modingham, Lee, Cheselherst, Kydbroke, Charleton, Wolwich, and Bexley, to thuse of the saide Christofer during his lif, without impechement of waste, and after his decesse to thuse of the eldest issue male of the bodie of the saide Christofer lawfully begotten, and so from one the eldest heyre and yssue male to one other the next eldest yssue male of the bodye of the saide Christofer lawfully begotten, for ever, to be undevyded and not partable amongst heires males.

And for lacke of such issue male, then I will my saide feoffes, their heires and assignes, shall stonde and be ceased of the same londes and tenementes to the saide Christofer before lymtyed, to thuse that the daughters of saide Christofer, if he have issue female, shall have, perceyve, and take, of the issues and proffyttes of the same londes and tenementes lymtyed to the saide Christofer, one C<sup>li</sup> for her preferrement, and if there be mo then one, the C<sup>li</sup> to be egally devyded bitwen them; and after the saide C<sup>li</sup> levyed and had, or convenyently might be levyed and had, to thuse aforesaid, and my dettes and legacies levyed and payed, or might be levyed and payed, then my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stonde and be ceased of the same manours, landes, and tenementes assigned to the saide Christofer, to thuse of the eldest heyre male at the comune law, of my body begotten, during his lyf, without impechement of waste, and after his decesse to thuse of

one the eldest next issue and heyre male of his bodye cummyng, and so from one the eldest issue male unto one other the eldest yssue male of his body begotten, aslong as there is or shalbe any issue male of his body begotten; and for lacke of suche yssue male I will my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stonde and be seased of the saide londes and tenementes before lymyted to the saide Christofer, to thuse of the next heires of Willyam myn eldest soon, and of theyr heyres for ever.

Provyded alwaye that every of my soonnes Edward and Christofer, or theyr eldest yssue male, that shall happen to have and enjoye the saide londes and tenementes, to the saide Edward and Christofer severally in manner and fourme afore lymyted, shall and may make a joynctour to theyr wif or wiffes of the same, or of parcell thereof, to them appoynted for terme of theyr Wiffes' lyves, and that my feoffes, theyr heires and assignes, thereof shall during that tyme stonde and be seased of the same, to thuse of the same wif or wiffes, as the saide Edward and Christofer, or the saide issue male, therunto shall appoynte and lymyte, during the lif or lyves of the same wif or wyves; and also may make exchaunge thereof for other londes and tenementes of like value or better Levyng, the same londes and tenementes taking in exchaunge in lyke wise and to like intent, and being of as just tytyle as the saide londes and tenementes to the saide Edward and Christofer before lymyted ben.

Also I will that my feoffes of and in the londes and tenementes in Hakynnton and Sainte Stephen, that I late purchased of John Lytilcote and his wif, and if it so may be, and which wern sumtyme Nycolas Sheldewiches, and of the landes and tenementes in the paroch of Sainte Dunstons next Canterburye, late Rycharde Filpottes, and the londes and tenementes late Elyzabeth Loveryke, widowe, decessed, in the paroch of Sainte Dunstons without the westgate of Canterbury, or any of them, and of and in a pece of lande called Brambiltighe, conteynyn by estymacyon ix acres, lyeng in Hakynnton, Whereof vij acres were sumtyme Selokkes, theyr heires and assignes shall from the tyme of my decesse suffer my saide wif and her assignes to take and perceyve yerely thissues and proffytes of them during her lif, she lyvyng sole unmaried, to this intent that the same Jane my wif shall yerely kepe the

Reparacyons of the houses of the same londes and tenementes, and also to pay yerely the quyterentes of the same londes and tenementes to the chif lordes of the fee, with parcell of the proffyttes of the same londes and tenements; and with the residue of the same yssues and proffyttes that shall remayne yerely over and above the necessary reparacions of the same houses and paymentes of the saide quitrentes, I will that there shalbe by her one yerely obyte of one dirige and xxx masses kept in the church of Sainte Dunstons aforesaide, the dirige to be song uppon the even of that day that shall happen me to pass out of this present world; and upon the morow folowing the saide xxx masses, yerely for ever to pray for the helth of the sowle of the excellent prynce King Henry VIII., when he shall passe from this transitory lif, the soules of his progenytours and successours, and for my soule, my wiffes soule, when she shall happen to passe out of this worlde, my fathers soule, my mothers soule, the soule of John Rooper, Founder of the Chauntrye of Sainte Nycholas, in the saide church of Sainte Dunstons, the sowle of Sir John Fineux, chief Justice of England, Father to my saide wif, when he ys departed from this worlde, and for the soule of dame Elizabeth, late his wif, Priour Sellinges soule, priour Goldestones soule, Sir John Wylyamsons soule, Myldred Appultrefelde soule, the soule of Dame Elizabeth Borchier, Thomas Barrettes soule, John Herstes soule, his fathers soule, and his mothers soule, Wymarkes soule, Sir John Kysley soule, Wilyam Maryners soule, Richard Bollinges soule, Jane Frognalles soule, Rycharde Gyttons soule, Agnes Letters soule, John Roo soule, clerke, all my childrens soules, my kynnys soules, my frendes soules, my servauntes soules, and all Christian soules, Whereof iij of the saide masses to be song by note, the furst of the trynytee, the seconde of our blessed lady, and the thyrde of requiem eternam; and that every pryest being at the dirige and masse, on the morrow; every of them iij<sup>d</sup>, and those iij that synge the saide iij masses by note, and being at dirige, every of them to have vj<sup>d</sup>; and that there be spente uppon poure people in almes, in brede and chese, xx<sup>d</sup>, and ij<sup>[s]</sup> in ale; and to vj poure men, torcheholders, every of them ij<sup>d</sup>; and for waste of wax at the dirige and the saide iij masses iij<sup>s</sup>; amongst clerkes and children helping the pryestes at the masses, xx<sup>d</sup>; and also vi<sup>s</sup>-viii<sup>d</sup> yerely to fynde brede and wyne and wax to the ij chauntrye preestes at the masses to be songen

at the Altner in the chappell of Saincte Nycholas in the saide church of Sainct Dunstons. And also to a poure man that can helpe a pryest to sing, and being of honest disposicyon, yerely, towards his fynding, xxxiiij<sup>a</sup>-iiij<sup>d</sup>, to the intent that he shall daylie by the yere helpe the saide Chauntry preestes at masse when they be disposed to say masses; and also the same poure man to say ones a day wekely our Ladye's salter yerely, in the honor of our blessed lady, to pray for my soule, my wiffes soule, the soules of my father and mother, the sowle of John Rooper, Founder of the saide Chauntrye, and for the soules of all the other before named and specified. And that the saide poure man for the tyme being shall have the lytle house that goeth for v<sup>s</sup> by the yere, and a gardeyn to the same, next adjoyning to the great tenement that I purchased of the saide Elizabeth Loveryk, to inhabyte and dwelle in during his lif, to this intente, that the same poure man for the tyme being shall have the keping of the grete place and gardeyns at saint Dunstons forsaide, after my decesse, in the absence of my wif while she lyveth, and after in the absence of him that shalbe owner of the same place after the decesse of my saide wife, if my saide wif in her tyme, or the owner of the saide place, patron of the saide Chauntrye, will therwith be contente and pleased, and if not, then to helpe the preeste to theyr masses, and to say the psalter of our ladye daylie, and to pray for the soules before specefied. And also with thissues and proffytys of the same londes and tenementes I will there be a lampe brennyng yerely, by night and day, before the sacrement, in the quyer of the same church of sainte Dunstons, in the honour of the holy sacrament.

And if it happen my saide Wif to Decesse or be maryed, then I Will my saide feoffes of and in my saide londes and tenementes to my saide wif in fourme beforesaide willed and assigned, to the saide obyt and other premisses to be pfourmed and kept, shall from and after the decesse of my saide wif, or after or fro her saide maryage, take and receyve yerely for ever the yssues and proffytys of the saide landes and tenementes to thintent to delyver and pay the saide yssues and proffytys yerely to the eldest chauntrye pryest of contynuaunce of the saide Chauntrye of sainte Nycholas for the tyme being, to thuse and intent that the same eldest chauntrye pryest shall dispose and distribute the same of thissues and proffytys of the same londes in lyke manner and fourme as I have before willed and declared

my saide wif to do, perfourme, and dispose, with thissues and proffytes of the same londes and tenementes, and to the same intende, for ever; and the same Chauntery priest to receyve for his diligence and labour yerely for the doing of the same vj<sup>s</sup>-viij.

And if it happen the saide eldest Chauntery priest of contynuaunce in the saide Chauntrye for the tyme being, to make defaulte and to sease the perfourming of the premisses in manner and fourme aforesaide to be doon, then I will that Wylliam my soon, the eldest heyre male of my body, owner in use of my saide grete place at sayncte Dunstons, and patron of the saide Chauntery, shall have the rule and disposicyon of the saide yssues and proffyttes, therewith to do and perfourme this my last will in manner and fourme aforesaide During his lyf; and after his decesse, one suche issue male as there shalbe or ought to be my next heyre male of my bodye begotten, owner in use to the saide place, Patron of the saide Chauntrye, shall have the rule and disposicyon of the saide yssues and proffyttes, therewith to do and perfourme this my last will in fourme aforesaide During his lyf. And after his decesse, one suche yssue male as there shalbe or ought to be my next heyre male of my bodye begotten, owner in use of the saide place, patron of the saide Chauntrye, shall have the disposicyon and rule of the saide yssues and proffyttes of the same londes and tenementes to perfourme my saide last will in fourme aforesaide During his lif. And so one other myn eldest and next heyre male of my body after one other my next eldest heyre male of my body shall have the Rule and disposicyon of thissues of the same landes and tenementes to perfourme this my last will in manner and fourme aforesaide for ever.

And as to all thissues and proffyttes of all the residue of manours, landes, and tenementes, Rentes, Revercyons, servyces, Advousons, and other heredytamentes, within the saide Shire of Kent or elles where, except the saide manours, landes, and tenementes before lymyted to the saide Edwarde and Christofer, and except the saide pryncypall place, Courtelage, barnes, stables, gardeyns, or orchardes, that is to say, saint Dunstons, Chestfelde, Welhawe, and Logge, in manner and fourme aforesaide, to mysaide Wif before lymyted, and thissues and proffyttes of my saide other manours, landes, and tenementes, to the value of the saide C markes yerely hereafter lymyted to my saide wif, and the saide londs and tenementes assigned to the saide obyte and Almes, I will that the same yssues and proffyttes shall from the tyme of my decesse

be receyved and taken by myn executours, and by them fully and hollye to be imployed and bestowed to and for the paymentes of my bequestes, dettes, and legacyes, and perfourmaunce of this my will. And after my dettes, bequestes, and legacyes in this my last will speceified ben of thissues and proffyttes thereof levyed, fulfilled, and trewly perfourmed, or convenyently might be perfourmed, then I will that all my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, being seased of and in all the same manours, landes, and tenementes, Rentes, Revercyons, servyces, Advousons, and other heredytaments, with theyr appurtenaunces, except before lymyted to the saide Edwarde and Christofer, obyt and almes, shall stonde and abyde seased thereof to the use of my saide wif as long as she lyveth sole unmarried. And if my saide Wif happen to mary or to Decesse before my saide dettes, bequestes, and legacies be levyed and payed, or might convenyently be levyed and payed, then I will that thissues and revenues of all my londs and tenementes abovesaide, except the landes and the tenementes lymyted to my soonnes Edward and Christofer, obyt and Almes, and the saide mansion place, and landes, houses and orchards, called the logge, and the saide C marks yerely to be to the saide Jane, shalbe taken, receyved, and imployed by myn executours to the perfourmance and payment of my dettes, bequestes, and legacyes, unto the same my Dettes, legacies, be or shalbe fully levyed and payed, or might be fully levyed and payed. And after the same my dettes and legacies shall or might be of the issues and proffyttes in fourme abovesaide, of the residue of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes, except before in this my last will to my said soonnes Edward and Christofer, obyt and almes, and C marks to my saide Wif Jane, in manner and fourme before lymyted, my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, from thensfourth shall stonde and be seased of the same residue to thuse of the saide Willyam myn eldest sonne during his lif, without ympechement of waste. And after his decesse to the next eldest yssue and heyre male of the bodye of the saide Willyam, lawfully begotten. And so from one the next and eldest heyre and issue male of the bodye of the saide Willyam begotten, to one other the next and eldest yssue male of his bodye begotten for ever, to be undevyded and not ptable amongst heyres males.

And for lacke of suche issue male, I will that my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, of all my saide manours, landes,

tenementes, Rentes, Revercyons, servyces, advousons, and other heredytamentes, with theyr appurtenances, shall stonde and abyde seased thereof to the use that the doughters of the saide Willyam, if he happen to have yssue female, shall have, take, and perceyve of thissue and proffytys of the same manours, landes, and tenementes lymtyed to the saide Willyam C.C.<sup>li</sup> to her pferrement. And if there be mo then one, the same C.C.<sup>li</sup> to be equally devyded bytween them. And after the saide C.C.<sup>li</sup> be levyed, had, and payed, or convenyently may be had, levyed, and paied, then I will my saide feoffes, theyr heires, and assignes, shall abyde and stond seased of all the saide residue of the saide manours, lands, and tenementes, Rents, Revercyons, servyces, advousons, and other heredytamentes within the Countie of Kent aforsaide, except before excepted, as well of landes and tenementes, advousons, and other heredytaments thereof of the saide teanure and nature of Gavilkynde, as of the other lands, advousons, and other heredytaments thereof, being at the comune law to thuse of suche one yssue male as then shalbe or ought to be my next heyre male of my bodye begotten, at the saide comune law of this Realme, And to the landes and tenements being holden by knightes servyce, for terme of his lif, without impechement of waste, So that alwaye I will that one person being my next and eldest heyre male of my bodye begotten, shall have in severaltey all my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, Rentes, Revercyons, servyces, advousons, and other heredytamentes, with theyr appurtenances, except before excepted, and lymtyed to my soonnes Edwarde and Christofer during his lif, without impechement of waste. And so from one myn eldest and next heyre male of my bodie to one other eldest and next heyre male of my bodie for ever, to contynue without dyvision or partycyon thereof, to be made bitween or emonges the heires males of my bodye after the custome of landes of the teanure and nature of Gavilkynd.

And for lacke of such issue male, then my said feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stonde and be seased from thensfourth of the saide residue of the saide manours, lands, and tenementes, advousons, and other heredytamentes before lymtyed to the said Wylliam, to thuse of the Doughters and heyres of the saide Edwarde, and of theyr heyres for ever, provyded alwaye that after the Decesse of my saide soonne Willyam, when my next heyre male or any of his eldest yssue male shalbe maryed, my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shalbe seased of and in landes

and tenementes for a joynctour to her that at such tyme is or shalbe wif to the eldest yssue male of the saide Willyam, to her use onely for terme of her lif, as the saide eldest and next heyre male of the saide Willyam or his eldest yssue male of his body for the tyme being shall lymyte and thinke to be behofull and necessary, so that the Joynctour passe not above xli<sup>ii</sup> by yere.

And I will that my feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes shall not delyver ne execute any estate to any of my soonnes for terme of lif, ne otherwise onely to any other person or persons; But that the same feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stonde and abyde seased thereof, thuse and intent abovesaide. And also I will that when all my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, with theyr appurtenances shall happen to cum to ij<sup>o</sup> or iij of my feoffes, that then the over lyver of them shall make or cause to be made a new feoffement thereof by thadvyse of my saide soones Willyam, Edward, and Christofer, and other my or theyr eldest heyre male for the tyme being, and such other then lyvyng as apparently may or might be heys male to me the saide John Rooper, or the more parte of them. And if all my saide feoffes dye without making of any suche feoffement of my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, to thuse and intent afore specefyed, then I will that the heyre or heyres of him that survyveth and that longest lyveth of my saide feoffes shall make or cause to be made a feoffement of the same by the saide advyse of myn eldest heyre male, and of my other heires males for the tyme being as ys before expressed in lyke manner as ys beforesaide to other persons, and theyr heyres and assignes, in lyke uses and to lyke intentes as ys afore specefyed; And so for ever from tyme to tyme lyke feoffementes to be made thereof, when nede shall requyre, to the saide uses and intentes aforsaide for ever, without making any estate or estates of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes, or of any of them, to any such yssue or eldest heyre male, but alway to contynew in use in my saide feoffes, and Survyver or Survyvours of them and theyr heyres, unto to such tyme as the saide feoffementes be made to other persons and theyr heyres to the same uses afore specefied, according to the trew mynde and fulfilling of this my last will.

And over that I will that my saide Soones Edward and Christofer, till they cum to the Age of xxiij yeres, And my Doughters Elizabeth and Agnes till they be maryed or otherwise advanced, shalbe in the governance and Rule of my saide wif if she



so long lyve, and she to receyve and take yerely the yssues and proffyttes and somes of money to suche of them and every of them bequethed and lymyted in this my last will and testament for theyr fynding, and also to take and levye of thissues and proffytts of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes, except before excepted and lymyted to the saide Edwarde and Christofer, and the saide C marks to my saide Wif hereafter lymyted, towards the perfourmaunce of my saide dettes and bequestes as long as my saide wif lyveth sole unmarried. And if my saide wif mary or dye before my bequestes and dettes be payed and fulfilled, then and from thensfourth I will that thissues and proffytts of all my saide londes and tenementes and other here-dytamentes shalbe yerely taken up and receyved by the pryour of *Christes church of Caunterburye for the tyme being*, towards and to thintent that the pryour of the same church of christ in Caunterbury for the tyme being shall suffer my saide wif, during her lyf, to have out of my manours of Chestfelde, and other my londes and tenementes in Whitstaple, Swalclyf, Hern, Cosme, and Dannyane Le Bleen, and Recolver, within the saide Countye of Kent, And out of my manour of Hakynton, landes and tenementes in the saide paroche of sainte Stephins, in the Countie aforesaid, the saide C marks of good and lafull money of England.

If my saide Wif Do not let the perfourmaunce of this my last will, then the same my wif to have onely xl marks out of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, of laful money, yerely payable at the feastes of the Natyvyte of our lorde god, and the Natyvytee of saint John Baptist, by even porcyons. And my saide wif to have non further occupacyon and possession of my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, but onely the saide mansion place of the logge aforesaide During her lyf. And ferther I will that the saide C marks yerely lymyted to my saide Wif, to be made as sure unto her During her lif upon condycyon to be perceyved out of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes aforesaide, payable at the saide feastes, as by the same Jane my Wif and her counsaill shalbe devysed, in full recompence and satisfaction for her Dower and ioynctour. And then I will that the residue of thissues of my saide manours, landes, and tenementes be levyed yerely towarde the fulfilling, perfourming, and payeng of my saide Dettes and legacies before specefied, the unperformed and not payed. And over that to the fynding of every

of my saide Doughters Elizabeth and Agnes ij<sup>li</sup>-vj<sup>s</sup>-vii<sup>d</sup> till my saide Doughters be maryed or otherwise advaunced. And also to every of my saide Doughters maryages C.C. marks, if they shall not be maryed in my lif, or otherwise by some other covvenantes of their maryages by me in my lif provyded, and if any of them Dye before maryage or covvenantes and bondes made by me for the same, then her parte to sease. And if they or any of them entre into religion, then they or she so entering into Religion to have xl marks, and no more. And the saide Edwarde and Christofer to have to theyr fynding till they cum to the age of xxiiij yeres, of thissues and proffytts of the same manours, landes, and tenementes to them before lymtyed, every of them the saide xiiij<sup>li</sup>-vi<sup>s</sup>-vii<sup>d</sup> as is before saide, till they cum to the saide age of xxiiij yeres. And at the age of xxiiij yeres every of them to have xx<sup>li</sup>, till my dettes, bequestes, and legacyes ben levyed and payed, or might convenyently be levyed and payed, as ys above specefied, and also to be levyed of thissues and proffyttes of the same manours, landes, and tenementes. I will and bequethe to my wif Jane above, her owne apparell C.C.<sup>li</sup>, and to my Doughter Agnes, the Nunne of Dartford, to pray for my soule, xiiij<sup>li</sup>-vj<sup>s</sup>-vii<sup>d</sup>, and to the pryoresse and convent of the same place, for lyke cause, ij<sup>li</sup>-vj<sup>s</sup>-vii<sup>d</sup>. And to my Lady Fyneux, Suppyoresse of Dartford, xl<sup>s</sup>. And to every of my Doughters Elyn and Margaret x<sup>li</sup>.

And I will that of thissues and proffyttes of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, except before excepted, there be levyed for every of my Systers, being alyve at my Decesse, ij<sup>li</sup>-vj<sup>s</sup>-vii<sup>d</sup>, and for every of my Clerkes, being with me in my houseolde at my Decesse, xx<sup>s</sup>. And to every other houseolde servante x<sup>s</sup>. And I will that John a Bery, my servante, have the issues and proffytts of my tenement in Candelwyk strete, in London, which Willyam Harryson holdeth, during the lif of the same John a Bery, Any thing in this my will to the contrary Notwithstanding. And also I will there be levyed of thissues and proffytts of the saide manors, landes, and tenementes, except before excepted, to thuse of every of my saide soones Edwarde and Christofer, if they lyve to the age of xxiiij yeres, towards their preferment, in maryage or otherwise, or for landes to be purchased for them or every of them, C.C.<sup>li</sup>. And also I will that every place of freers in Caunterbury have xx<sup>s</sup>, and every place of harbaldowne and sainte Johns in Caunterbury xx<sup>s</sup>. And to Maynards spyttell, being to

the Castelwarde of Caunterbury x<sup>s</sup>. And to every of the pryson houses Westgate and the Castell x<sup>s</sup>. And I will that my Dettes, bequestes, and other Somes of money by me in this my last will willed, be fully levyed onely of thissues and proffytes of my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, except before excepted, as it will arryse, before my saide sonne Willyam take and have my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, or any of them, to him in manner and fourme before lymyed. And that myn executours dispose my goods and cattalles after suche meanes as I have before declared. And the residue by me not declared ne bequethed, to be distributed and disposed by my saide executours, by theyr discessions, towards the ferther Reliffe of my saide wif, and for the welth of soule, my frends soules, and all Christen soules, as by the said Jane my wif and myn executours shalbe thought convenyent, if she so longe abyde and be sole unmarried. And if it happen my saide executours by any accyon or otherwise by the law be compelled to pay any of my det or dettes of my moveable goods before they have levyed the saide Dettes and bequestes aforesaide of thissues and proffytes of the saide manours, landes, and tenementes, thereunto before lymyed, then I will that my saide wif and other myn executours shall kepe the saide manours, lands, and tenementes, and thereof take thissues and proffytes of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, till they have receyved and levyed the same Dettes so payed of my moveables, and all my other Dettes and bequestes aforesaide of the same issues and proffyttes in lyke manner to be levyed or convenyently might be levyed, as is afore rehersed.

Also I will that the saide pryour for the tyme being to have for the trew executing of this my last will, if my wif dye or be maryed before the performance of this my saide will, xx marks yerely of thissues and proffyttes of my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, Whereof x<sup>li</sup> to thuse of the same pryour, and iij<sup>li</sup>-vj<sup>s</sup>-viii<sup>d</sup> to suche one person as the saide pryour shall appoynt to receyve the issues and proffyttes of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, And that as long and unto the tyme this my last will be fully perfourmed, or reasonably might be perfourmed. And Furthermore, I will that if my saide soonne Willyam, his heyres and assignes, do lette, interrupte, or distourbe the perfourmaunce of this my testament and last will in parcell thereof, that then my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and

assignes, shall ymedyatyly from thensfourth stonde and be seased of all my manours, landes, and tenementes, before lymtyed to my saide sonne Willyam within the same Countie of Kent, to the use of the saide Edwarde my sonne, During his lif, without impechement of waste. And after his decesse to thuse of his eldest yssue male of his bodye begotten. And so from one the eldest yssue male to the eldest yssue male of his bodye begotten, Undevyded, and not to be parted ne partable emonges heires males.

And for lacke of suche yssue male of his bodye begotten, then I will my saide feoffes, theyr heyres, and assignes, shall stonde and be seased of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, before lymtyed to my saide Soone Willyam, to thuse of the saide Christofer my sonne, During his lif, without impechement of wast. And after his decesse, to thuse of his eldest yssue male to one other the eldest yssue male of his bodye begotten. And so from one his eldest yssue male to one other the eldest yssue male of his bodye begotten for ever, Undevyded, and not to be parted ne partable emonges heyres males. And for lack of such issue male, then I will my said feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, shall stond and be seased of the said manours, landes, and tenementes, before lymtyed to my saide Sonne Willyam, to thuse of theldest heyre male, at the comen law, of my bodye begotten, During his lif, without impechement of Waste. And after his Decesse to one theldest and next yssue male of his body cumyng. And so from one theldest yssue male to one other theldest yssue male of his bodye begotten, as long as there ys or shalbe any yssue male of his bodye begotten. And for default of such issue male, to thuse of the Doughters of the saide Edward, and of theyr heyres for ever. And if my sonne Edward, his heires, or assignes, do let, interrupte, or Distourbe the perfourmaunce of this my last will in any thing, or in any parcell thereof, then I will my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, of and in the saide manours, landes, and tenementes before lymtyed to my saide Soonne Edwarde, shall ymedyatyly from thensfourth stond and be seased of the same manours, landes, and tenementes to thuse of my saide sonne Christofer for terme of his lif, without impechement of waste, And after his Decesse to thuse of theldest issue male of his bodie begotten, And so from one the eldest issue male to one other the eldest yssue male of the bodie of the same Christofer lafully begotten

for ever, to be undevyded, and not to be parted ne partable emonges heires males.

And for lacke of suche yssue male, then I will that my feoffes, theyr heires and assignes, of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, before appoynted to the saide Edward my sonne, shall stonde and be seased thereof to thuse of the eldest heyre male at the comen law, of my bodie begotten, During his lif, without impechement of waste, And after his decesse to thuse of one the eldest next yssue male of his bodie cumyng, And so from one theldest yssue male unto one other theldest next yssue male of his body begotten, as long as there ys or shalbe ony yssue of his body begoten. And for lacke of suche yssue male of his bodye begotten, then I will my saide feoffes, theyr heires and assignes, shall stonde and be seased of the same manours, landes, and tenementes, before lymtyed to the saide Edward, to thuse of the Doughters of my saide sonne Christofer, and of theyr heyres for ever. And in like wise, if my saide sonne Christofer, his heyres or assignes, do let, interupte, or distourbe the perfourmance of this my last will above specefied, in every thing or in any pcell thereof, then I will that my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, of and in my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, before lymtyed to the saide Christofer, shall ymmedyatly from thensfourth stonde and be seased thereof to thuse of the saide Edward, During his lif, without impechement of waste, And after his decesse, to the use of the eldest yssue male of his body begotten, And so from one the eldest yssue male to one other theldest yssue male of the body of the saide Edward lafully begotten for ever, to be undevyded and not to be parted ne partable emonges heyres males. And for lacke of such issue male, then I will my saide feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, of and in the saide londes and tenementes lymtyed to the saide Christofer, shall stond and be seased thereof to thuse of theldest heyre male at the comen law, of my body begotten, for terme of his lif, without impechement of waste, And after his Decesse, to thuse of one theldest next yssue male of his body begotten, And so from one the next eldest yssue male unto one other theldest yssue male of his body begotten, to be undevyded and not to be parted ne partable emonges heyres males. And for lacke of suche yssue male of his body begotten, then I will my said feoffes, theyr heyres and assignes, of and in the same londes and tenementes

before lymyted to the saide Christofer, shall stonde and be seased thereof, to thuse of the saide Willyam myn eldest sonne, and of his heyres for ever.

Also where John Morton Esquier, late one of the gentilmen Sewers of the quenes chamber, by his indenture, bering date the fyrst day of December, the x<sup>th</sup> yere of the reigne of king Henry the viij<sup>th</sup>, made a lese to me and to John Morton, his brother, decessed, of his manours of Cosyes and of all his landes and tenementes in Romford and Havering at the Bowre, in the countie of Essex, for terme of xl yeres, yelding and payeng therefore yerely to the same John Morton, Esquier, During the same terme, xv<sup>li</sup> of lafull money of Englund, at the feastes of thanuncyacon of our lady and sainte Michaelle the Archangell, by even porcyons, as by the same indenture more playnely may appere, And over that where I have Receyved yerely sythen the tyme and day of this saide lease xv<sup>li</sup>-xiijs-iiij<sup>d</sup>, by even porcyons, at the saide feastes of thanuncyacon of our ladye and sayncte Michaelle the Archangell, of his manour of Allerston, in the Countie of Warwyk, I will that thereof, for his fynding and his servantes mete, Drynke, fyer, candell, bed, and bourde, by the yere; for fynding of one horse for his servaunte to Ryde upon his maisters bysynes, by the yere, xx<sup>li</sup> yerely to be allowed to me and to myn executours, and also allowed for the charges spent uppon the same John Morton, Esquier, for his clothing, hose, and shoes, and other necessaryes for his bodye, and for his servauntes wages, and for the reparacons of his saide manours necessary to be Don yerely; that then the residue above the saide fynding, clothing, and wages of his servante, and other charges afore-saide, fyrst payed and allowed, I Will it be disposed to William Morton the elder, and Willyam Morton the yonger Brethern, to the saide John Morton, esquier, and to Anne and Elyn his Systers, which have nothing toward theyr preferrement, equally to be dyvyded bitween them as long as it shall happen the same John Morton, esquier, to remayne in the custody of my wif, myn executours, and assignes.

Pme Johem Roop.

*The bequestes specefied in the testament of John Rop Esquier.*

Imprimis, to the vycar of saint Dunstons . . . xiijs-iiij.

Item, to the reparacyon of the churche of holy  
 crosse within the westgate of Canterbury . . . xx<sup>s</sup>  
 Item, to the parson of sainte Bryds, in London . . . x<sup>s</sup>  
 Item, to the

The above Will furnishes us with the following bit of pedigree :—

