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Jacobus Dei gratia Anglie Scotie Francie et Hibernie

*Rex fidei defensor & c. Omnibus ad quos p(re)sentes l(itte)re p(er)ven(er)int sal(u)tem
Inspeximus Irrotulamentum cuiusdam finalis Iudicii sive decreti coram nob(is) in
Cancellar(io) n(ost)ra int(er) Petrum Fige &*

*div(er)sos alios Tenentes & Inhibitantes infra Maner(ium) de Winslowe in Com' Buck'
querentes et Franciscum Fortescue p(re)nobilis Ordinis Bathie militem & Johannem
Fortescue Armig(eru)m filiu(m) & heredem*

*apparentem predicti Francisci Fortescue militis defendentes nuper reddit' & fact' in
Cancellar' n'ra predicta irrotulat' ibidemq' Ac Record' remanen' in hec verba*

[translation] James, by the grace of god King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc., to those to whom the present letters may come, greetings. We have inspected the enrolment of a certain final judgment or decree before us in our Chancery between Peter Fige and diverse other tenants and inhabitants within the Manor of Winslow in the county of Bucks, plaintiffs, and Francis Fortescue of the most noble Order of the Bath, knight, and John Fortescue esquire, son and heir apparent of the aforesaid Francis Fortescue knight, defendants, lately rendered and made in our Chancery aforesaid and enrolled in the same place and the record remaining in these words:

Whereas Peter Fige, William Edmondes,

Henrie Wyndover and Roberte Williat Gentlemen, Benedict Holland, Roberte Stevens, Nicholas Brynsoll, Thomas Coxe, William Graunte, Thomas Graunte the elder, Thomas Graunte the younger

Walter Graunte the elder, Richarde Hayle, Edward Hogson, Thomas Hogson, Richarde Hogson, Steven Jackson, Peter Jackson, Elizabeth Illing, Thomas Kirbye, Walter Kerbie, William Lowndes, Roberte

Maynwaring Clerke, Nicholas Michell, Richarde Miller, William Norman, Roberte Norman, Thomas Norman, Thomas Overing, Nicholas Overing, John Paxton, John Robinson, Richarde

Shelton, John Shelton, William Sponer alias Lunt, Robert Snowe, Richarde Stuchburie, Thomas Stuchburie, William Tomlyne, Roberte Travell[?], Henrie Wallis, Peter Wardner, John Chinall, Thomas

Asten, William Bancks, Johane Banckes, William Brashed, Edmonde Brawne, Thomas Barrowe, Thomas Bachiler, Richarde Barbor, John Emerton, William Giles, Thomas Jackson, Thomas Hide, Seath

Mason, George Miller, Nicholas Norman, Thomas Parker, John Stuchburie the elder, John Stuchbury the younger, John Taylor, Thomas Smithe, Henrie Chaundler, James Coxe, Johane Nashe

Elizabeth Williams, Raphe Uddyne, Hughe Seyton, William Mynnell, Thomas Bowden, Robert Burte, John Glenister, Roberte Glenister, William Glenister, John Graunte, George Elliott, Mathewe

Miller, Katherine Snowe, Richarde Snowe, Anthonye Tomlyne, William Greene, Robert Jaye, Thomas Sylverside, John Bowden, Thomas Bowden, Richarde Capenhurste, William Emerton, Richard Grace thelder

Richarde Grace the younger, Thomas Grace, Benedicte Grace, John Grace, Thomas Goodspeede, Benedicte Hollande the younger, Thomas Hollande, Thomas Mountague, John Pitkyne, Thomas Pitkyne

Roberte Rayner, John Rutlande, Richarde Stevens, William Stevens the elder, William Stevens the younger, Henrie Stevens, John Stevens the elder, John Stevens the younger, Richarde Worrall, John

Worrall, Richard Bennett, Thomas Hopson, Margerie Osborne, William Porter, Reynolde Marshall, John Fuller, George Addams, Thomas Addams, Robert Addams, John Addams, Richarde Barton, Thomas Carter

Henrie Curtis, Richard Cowper, Henrie Fennell, William Hobbes, John Hawkyne, Roberte Hawkins, William Illinge, Richarde Johnson, Thomas Lewesley, Richarde Muncke, Roberte Nashe, Anthonie Okeley, John

Aldam, Richarde Showler, William Sturdwick, Will(ia)m Verney, Roberte Allen, Henrie Warde, John Warde, John Williatt, Henrie Jeffes, Richarde Wilson, Henrie Mullens, Raphe Moores, Richard Maresfeilde, William

Rishbrooke, William Meade, Rooke Maskall, Walter Graunte the younger, John Illinge and Thomas Illinge, customarie and coppiehoulde tennauntes in deede, or by reputacion of the mannor of Winslow in

the Countie of Buck' and of the members of the same (that is to saie Greeneburroughe, Little Horwood and Shipton in the saide countie of Buck') sometimes parcell of the possessions of the late

dissolved monasterie of Sainte Albans in the Countie of Hertford have of late exhibited their bill of complainte into this moste honorable Courte of Chancerie againste Sir Frauncis Fortescue knight

of the moste honorable order of the Bathe and John Fortescue Esquior, sonne and heire apparaunte of the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue, **Declaring thereby** that whereas they the

said Complaynautes and their Auncestors and those by whome they severallie and respectivelie they claime their estates of and in their Coppiehoulde and Customarie landes houlden of the saide

manner of Winslow and the saide members of the same, time whereof the memorie of man is nott to the contrarie, had bynne and yette are severallie and respectivelie seised according to the

Customes of the saide manner, by Coppie of Courte Rolles of the saide manner, of Coppiehoulde or Customarie estates in Fee simple or Fee taile generall or speciall, for tearme of one or more

lives, or for terme of yeares, not exceedinge one and twentie yeares, at the will of the lorde according to the Custome of the said manner by Coppie of Courte Rolles of the said manner, and

of and in diverse and sondrie messuages, land, tenements, cottages, tofts, curtilages, buildinges, Orchards, gardens, courte yardes and backsides in Wynslowe, Greeneborough, Little Horwood and Shipton

aforesaid, and of and in [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx] of their saide respective messuages lands and tenements

severallie and respectivelie belonging and appertayning, and to and with the same severallie and respectivelie occupied, used and enjoyed, and that they being thereof soe seised, and diverse and

sondrie Controversies, ambiguities and doubttes being moved, and stirred betweene the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue defendaunte whoe ys the lord of the sayde manner, and members, for tearme of his

lief withoute ympeachmente of waste, and John Fortescue Esquior, sonne and heire apparaunte of the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue, in whome the Remaynder in Fee simple of the seade manner of

Wynslowe, and the members thereof then lawfullye was, and the saide complaynaunts the tenants of the saide mannor and members thereof, for and aboute the trewe, lawfull and aunciente

custome of paymente of Fynes uppon dying seised of their coppiehoulde estates holden of the saide mannor, as alsoe howe muche one whole yarde lande of the Copyhoulde and Customarie landes

aforesaide should containe and be reputed to be: As well therefore for a quiett ende of the saide questions, and for the avoyding and preventing of all future suites and controversyes in lawe, and as

otherwise, which might happen or weare likelie to ensue touching and concerning the saide Fynes of the Tenaunte their heires and assignes for the time being, and for their said severall and respective

estates, and the setting downe expresselie of what certaine contents the saide whole yarde lande, and halfe yarde lande shoulde be thereafter reputed and taken to bee for a fynall and perpetuall

peace to be concluded and settled to remaine betweene the saide defendautes and the heires and assignes of the saide John Fortescue, lorde of the said mannor and members thereof for the time

being, and the complaynautes and all the rest of the tenautes of the said mannor and members for the tyme being, their heires and assignes of, for and concerning the premisses, as alsoe for

and in consideracion of the Somme of one thowsande pounds of good and lawfull money of Englande to him the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue payde by and amongste the saide complaynautes by

waie of composicion for and in respecte of the settleing and assertayning of the premisses and of other agreements, on the parte and behalfe of the said Sir Frauncis Fortescue, his heires, executors,

administrators and all other the lordes of the saide mannor and members of Wynslowe amongste other thinges to be performed and kepte, he the sayde Sir Frauncis Fortescue by his sufficient deed

indented under his hande and seale, bearing date the ninthe daie of Februarie in the eighte yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne lorde the kings maiestie that nowe is of his realmes of Englande,

Fraunce and Irelande, and of Scotlande the foure and fortithe, by and with the assente and consente of the said John Fortescue, made betwene him the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue of the one parte, and

Peter Fyge, William Edmonds, Henrie Wendover, Benedicte Holland, Robert Stevens and Robert Williatt, some of the complaynautes for and on the behalf of themselves and other the complayants

on the other parte, and by him the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue dewlie sealed and delivered, did conclude and agree to and with the said complaynants, that whereas divers questions, suites and

debates weare latelie before that occasioned and moved betwene him the saide Sir Fraunces Fortescue and then and yett respective customarie and coppieholde tenautes of the saide mannor and

members of Wynslowe for, aboute and concerning the rating, demaunde and paymente of Fines uppon dynges seised, and surrenders of the coppinghoulde and customarie messuages, cottages, lands,

tenements and hereditaments, holden respectivelie of and within the saide mannor of Winslow and the members thereof, and for the more certaine declaracion howe much one whole yarde land

and one haulfe yarde lande of the saide customarie and coppieholde land should bee reputed and taken to be, and cont[xxxx] for ever hereafter, that for the better pacifying establishing,

and composinge [xxxx] unto a perticuler certaintie and for prevention of all future troubles, differences and questions in that behalfe, by the mutuall agreement of them the

saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue and other the parties to the saide indenture, with the advice, free assente and consente of all the reste of the customarie and coppieholde tenautes, **It was**

mutuallie betwene them in and by the saide recited deed indented covenanted, concluded and agreed, that all suche coppieholde or customarie lands, meadowes and pastures houlden of the saide mannor

by coppie of courte rolle, and then commonlie called, reputed and taxed as a whole yarde lande, in common payments, and in a scedule unto the said indenture anneded mencioned and comprised, meant

or intended for one yarde lande and their commons and righte of commons, and all other the appurtenaunces thereunto belonging or appertayning, should att all times hereafter be holden, reputed and

taken to be one yarde lande and all such coppieholde or customarie landes, meadowes and pastures houlden of the saide mannor by coppie of courte rolle, and then commonlie called, reputed and taxed

as a whole halfe yarde lande in common payments and reputacion, and in the saide schedule mencioned, meante or intended for halfe a yarde lande, and their commons and rightes of commons and all

other thappurtenaunces thereunto belonging or appertayning shoulde at all times thereafter to be houlden, reputed and taken to be an halfe yarde lande. **And where** within the precincts and limittes

of the saide mannor and members thereof, anye man did or should houlde by coppie of courte rolle anie landes, tenements or hereditaments that weare nott, nor had nott bene reputed and taken to be

whole and intier yarde lands, or whole or intyer halfe yarde landes, and are in the saide schedule mencioned, meante or intended; that then, and in such case everie thirtie acres which anye one

dothe or shall doe houlde as the same with their commons and rightes of commons thereunto belonging or appertayning, and then esteemed and laide for acres should be accompted and taken

for one yarde lande, and everie Fifteene acres which anie one did or shoulde soe houlde as the same [xxxx]s then esteemed and layde for acres with their commons and rightes of commons and all other

the appurtenaunces thereunto belonging or appertayning shoulde be accompted and taken for one half yarde lande; And that all lands, tenements and hereditaments which have nott byn aunciente

coppiehoulde, which att anie time heretofore hadde bynne graunted by coppie of courte rolle within the saide mannor and members thereof whiche weare or had bynne demesne landes of the said

manner or anie the members thereof, and are in the said scedule mencioned, meante or intended with their commons and right of commons thereunto belonging thereunto belonginge or appertayning should be for ever

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thereafter be absolutelie houlden reputed and taken to be coppiehoulde and customarye landes of the saide mannor and shoulde paie fynes and be reputed to be customarye land as other the land

beforementioned. And that all and everie time and times thereafter for ever when and as often it shoulde happen that anie customarye tennaunt or tennauntes which did or shoulde by coppie

of Courte rolle of or in the saide mannor for the time being anie of the customarie or reputed customarie or coppiehoulde landes, tenements or hereditaments aforesaide in the said schedule menc(i)o(n)ed

should happen to dye seised thereof, or in his life time surrender according to the custome of the mannor into the lordes handes the same or anie parte thereof to their owne use or uses or to

the use or uses of anie other person or p(er)sonnes, that then and in such cases there should no[t be take]n or demanded att anye time by the said Sir Frauncis Fortescue his heires or assignes lord

of the saide mannor, or anie other lorde or lords of the saide mannor for the time being [from any?] persone or persons as after such dying seised or surrender should or mighte take uppe

the same landes, tenements or hereditaments whereof such dying seised or surrender sh[xxxxx]e greater or other somme or som(m)es of money for or in the names of Fine or Fines then for

Xxxxx xxx xxxxxx and whole yarde lande in the said schedule mencioned meante or intended [xxxxxxx] and accompted as aforesaid to such a messuage belonging or reputed to be belonginge

or for suche a yard lande without being mencioned, meante or intended in the saide schedule with their commons and rightes of commons and all other thappurtnaunces thereuntoe

belonging or appertayning, the somme of three powndes of good and lawfull money of England for everie mesuage or cottage and halfe yard lande to be rated and accompted as

aforesaide thereunto belonging being mencioned meante or intended in the said schedule with their commons and rightes of common and all other the appurtenances thereunto

belonging or appertayning thirtie shillings. And for everie such halfe yarde lande w[xxxxx] messuage or cottage and in the saide schedule mencioned meante or intended with theyre

commons and right of commons and all other thappurtenaunces thereunto belonging or [xxxxx]g the somme of thirtie shillings. And for everie mesuage or cottage having thereunto

butt twoe acres or under belonging and in the said scedule mencioned or intended with the commons and rightes of commons and all other thappurtenaunces thereunto belonging or apperteyninge

five shillings. And for everie other quantitie of lande of whatsoever kinde not amounting [xxxx]ole unto one halfe yarde land to be accompted as aforesaide and in the said scedule

mencioned meante or intended with their commons and rightes of commons thereuntoe belonging or appertayning after the rate of twoe shillings for everie acre and nott more or lesse. **And**

it is further by the said bill declared that the said Peter Figge, William Edmonds, Henrie Wendover, Benedict Hollande, Robert Stevens and Robert Williatt for themselves their and

everie of their heires, executors, administrators and assignes, and for and on the behaulfe of [xxxxx] of the complaynaunts and costomarie and coppiehoulde tenaunts of the saide mannor of

Winslowe and members thereof for the time respectivelie being and their heires respectively [xxxxx] by the {the} above mencioned indenture, covenaut, promise and graunte to and withe the

saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue, his heires, executors, administrators and assignes and everie of them that the saide complaynants and all the reste of the saide customarie and coppiehoude

Tenautes of the saide mannor of Winslowe and members thereof for the time being to whome or to whose use anie the customarie or reputed customarie Tenautes of the saide mannor or

members thereof aforesaide respectivelie should happen to discende or to be surrendered should from time to time as occasion thereof respectivelie shoulde falle forthe or require paie or cause to be

paide unto him the said Sir Frauncis Fortescue and other the lorde or lordes of the saide mannor and members thereof for the time respectivelie being uppon everie dying seised surrender and

admission or tender of admission thereuppon for all such customarie messuages, landes, tenements and hereditaments respectivelie according to the intention and true meaning abovesaid the respective

Fine and Fines above mencioned and expressed and nott lesse nor more. **And it is further** declared in and by the saide Bill of complainte, that the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue for

himselpe his heires executors administrators and assignes did further in and by the saide recited indenture covenante promise and graunt to and with the said Peter Figge, William Edmonds, Henrie

Wendover, Benedicte Hollande, Robert Stevens and Robert Williat their and everie of their heires, executors, administrators and assignes and everie of them respectivelie that hee the saide Sir

Frauncis Fortescue and the said John Fortescue Esquior sonne and heire apparaunt of the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue, Gilbert Fortescue, William Fortescue, Adriane Fortescue and Roberte

Fortescue gentlemen other sonnes of the said Sir Frauncis Fortescue respectivelie when and as they respectivelie should attain and come to their severall ages of one and twentie years

and Sir William Fortescue knighte brother of the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue or such or soe manye of them and the said complaynants Peter Figge, William Edmonds, Henrie Wendover, Benedict

Holland, Robert Stevens and Robert Williatt or the survivor or survivors of them shoulde at anie time or times thereafter nominate and appointe within one moneth next after such nominacion

and appointment and requeste or requestes thereof as abovesaide to be made, make doe cause knowledge or suffer to be donne att the onelie proper costes and charges in the lawe of the

saide complaynautes all suche further acte and acts by decree in the Chauncerie and otherwise as should be devised by them the saide complaynaunts or their Councell learned in the lawe for

the better corroborating, establishing and confirmacion of the agreement and conclusions contayned and expressed in the saide recited Indenture. **And it is further** in and by the saide

Bill of complainte sett fourth that the defendautes in and by one Tripartite Indenture dated the twelveth daie of June laste paste made betwene them the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue and

the saide John Fortescue on the firste parte and the said Peter Figge William Edmonds, Henrie Wendover, Benedict Holland, Robert Stevens and Robert Williatt on the second parte, and one

Timothie Cartwrighte of Washborne in the Countie of Gloucester gentleman and Fraunces Curson of Salden in the saide Countie of Buck gentleman on the thirde parte as in parte of

performance and accomplismente of the covauntes, conclusions, articles and agreements in that behalfe in the saide first recited deed indented on the parte and behalfe of him the said Sir Fraunces

Fortescue his heires executors administrators and assignes mencioned to be performed, observed and kepte did covauntes promise and graunte to and with the saide complaynaunts Peter Figge

William Edmonds, Henrie Wendover, Benedict Holland, Robert Stevens and Robert Williatt their and everie of their heires, executors, administrators and assignes and everie of them that theye

the said Sir Frauncis Fortescue and John Fortescue his sonne should at or before the feast of Sainte John the Baptiste then next ensueing the date of the said laste recited deed acknowledge and

leavie unto them the saide Tymothie Cartwrighte and Frauncis Curson and their heires all the costes and charges in the lawe of the saide complaynaunts their or some of their heires or assignes

before the kinges maiesties justices of the Courte of Common pleas at Westminster in such due sorte, manner and forme as by the saide complaynautes or the greater number of them or their

councell learned in the lawe shoulde be reasonable devised, advised and required. One Fyne *sur cognizauce de droit comoces que ils ont de leur dones* of and in the saide mannor of Winslowe

and alsoe of and in all and singuler mesuages, cottages, lands, tenements, Fines and all other proffitts, commodities, emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever in Wynslowe, Shipton, Greenboroughe, Litle

Horwood or anye of them or accepted, reputed or taken as parte of the same mannor together with the reversion and reversions of all and singuler the premisses and everie parte thereof, which saide

Fine so to be leavied should be to the use and behoofe of the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue for tearme of his naturall lief withoute impeachmente of anye manner of waste and with libertie to sett

take and carrie awaie the wood and trees growing upon the premisses which weare in the possession of the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue, and after the decease of the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue to

the use and behoofe of the saide John Fortescue his sonne his heires and assignes for ever. And to none other use, intente or purpose. **And that** the saide Fine was well and duellie leavied and

executed accordingle and was soe donne by the mutuall assent and consent of all the said parties, cheiflie for that the said John Fortescue being before seised of the Remainder of the saide mannor

of Winslowe and the said members thereof e[nsuing] upon the deathe of the saide Sir Frauncis Fortescue intaile shoulde be cutte offe and the said John

Fortescues estate therein to be reduced into the estate in Fee simple wherebie hee and his heires after the deathe of Sir Frauncis Fortescue should and might bee the better and

rather bounden by a Decree in this honorable Courte and otherwise, and to the ende that the complaynaunts and all customarie and coppiehold tenauntes their and everie of

their heires and assignes for the time being of the said copiehold estates might for ever thereafter have hould and enioye [each and eve]rie lands, tenements and hereditaments dischardged of all

greater or other Fines upon the dying seised or surrenders [afor]esaide then in the saide firste recited indenture is in [xxxxx]lie mencioned, meante, limited and expressed, and

according to the true intencion and meaning thereof. **And it is** further declared by the said Bill of Complainte [that Sir Fraunci]s Fortescue did in & by the said first mencioned Indenture

aforesaid amongst other thing covenant conclude & agree to and [wit]h the said complaynaunts that hee the said Sir Frauncis [Fortescue di]d doe & p(er)forme all & every other act and acts for the better

corroborating & confirmacion of the p(re)misses according to the true intent & meaning of the said first recited indenture, A[xxxxx]all recited indentures whereunto relacion being had more

plainely doth & maie appere. To which purpose the said complaynaunts in and by the said bill of complaint became humble [suitors with? Si]r Fraunces and John Fortescue that all & singuler the

p(re)misses might by Decree of this most honorable court decreed [xxxx] actuallie for ever established accordinglie against the [said Sir Frauncis] Fortescue and John Fortescue & the heires & assignes of the

said John and all & every p(er)son and p(er)sons clayming by from or [xxxxx] them or anie of them according to the purport intente [xxxxx] grant articles p(re)misses and agreements in that behalf in the

said first mencioned Indenture contained, mencioned & expressed [xxxxx] otherwise. As also that they the said defend(an)ts first [xxxxx]e with the said Complaynaunts to become humble suitors

unto the high & honorable Court of Parliament to have the [xxxxx] Decree enacted, established and confirmed by Act [of Parliament?]. And alsoe they the said Complaynaunts doe further shewe

by the said bill of Complaint that the said defend(an)ts (notwithstanding the p(re)misses) have latelie exacted & demanded [xxxxx]. upon sondrie dyings seised of some of the customary &

coppiehould tenants & surrenders of some other of their coppiehould estate sometimes greater & sometimes lesser [xxxxx]d in & by the first recited Indenture concluded & agreed

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uppon to the intent thereby to give the more coulour that the said Fines should be uncertaine and not according to the true meaning and intencion of the said first above mencioned Indenture. And did alsoe deny to

assent unto the p(re)misses contrarie to the aforesaid faithfull p(ro)misses and agreements of them the said defendants [xxxxx] the mutuall meaning of all parties and contrarie to all right equity and good conscience, as

by the said bill of Complainte remaying of Record in this honorable Court more plainlie dothe and maie a[ppear] **And wheras** the said defendant Sir Frauncis Fortescue by his Aunswear

confessed that some questions and doubt have risen betwene Sir John Fortescue knight deceased father of the said Sir Frauncis Fortescue being lord of the said mannor and some of the Customarie Tenants of that

manner concerning especiallie the rating and payment of Fines aswell after the dying seised of the seve[rall cust]omarie tenants of the said manor as uppon surrenders made according to the Custome of ye

same manner and that thereuppon some suits were moved betwene the said Sir John Fortescue and all o[f the customari]e Tenants of that manor. And that by reason of the decease of the said Sir John Fortescu

continued and prosecuted some of the said matters, and that as well by suite of the Complainants as by [xxxxxxx] Sir William Fortescu and Sir Thomas Denton knight. It was mutuallie agreed betwene

the said Sir Fraunces Fortescu and the said Complaynants that all Customary Tenants of the said manor and members should pay unto the said Sir Frances Fortescue by way of composition for the

assertayning of the said Fines for everie mesuage or cottage and yard land with thappurtenances ten p[ounds], for ev]erie yard land with thappurtenances being without a mesuage or cottage ten pounds. And for

every mesuage or cottage and half yard land with thappurtenances five pounds and for everie half yard land with thappurtenances being without a mesuage or cottage five pounds. And for ev(er)y mesuage or cottage

not having therewith above two acres of land with thappurtenances ten shillings. And for all acres of land [with appurtenan]cs not being c(er)teine and whole yard lands or half yard lands six shillings eight pence. And that

all and everie Tenante then after respectivelie to be admitted to any customarie or coppiehold lands or te[xxxxxxx] manor should from time to time for ever then after uppon their generall admissions respectivelie

pay unto the lord of the said manor and members thereof respectivelie for the time being fines for a mesuage [or cottage] and one yard land with thappurtenances the somme of three pounds. And for a yardland with

thappurtenances, although it had nott any mesuage or cottage ioined therewith three pounds. And for halfe a yard land with thappurtenances whether with a mesuage or cottage thirtie shillings. And for a mesuage or

cottage nott having thereunto belonging above twoe acres of land with thappurtenances five shillings. And for all acres of land with thappurtenances not being certain and whole yard lands or half yard

lands respectivelie for every acre of land with thappurtenances twoe shillings. **And the said** Sir Francis Fortescue did further thereby confesse that the names of all or most p(ar)te of the then customary tenants

of the said mannor, and what mesuages, cottags, lands and ten(emen)ts they did then severally and respectivelie holde and the sommes of money payable as aforesaid for and about the assertayning of the saide

fines as also the Sommes with everie of their mesuages, cottages and lands with thappurtenancs should afterwards paie for Fines. And alsoe the quantities of whole yard lands with their appurtenancs as from \hence/

they should be taken and reputed to be weare by mutuall agreement aswell of the Complaynants as of the defendant Sir Frances Fortescu written into a schedule in p(ar)chment indented being the scedule

in the bill mencioned. And that all the matters in the said schedule contained were allowed of as well by the said Sir Frances Fortescue the lord of the said mannor and members as by all or the gretest number

of the complaynants. **And the said** Sir Frauncis Fortescue further answered and said that it was further mutuallie agreed uppon betwene him and the said Complaynants that if there were any landes or

ten(emen)ts within the said mannor which weare customarie lands and ten(emen)ts or before that reputed to be such and weare not comprised and specified in the said scedule that then the said Sir Frauncis Fortescu for the same

should be lefte at lib(er)tie as for and unto the same lands and ten(emen)ts nott therein comprised and especially specified And further said and confessed that for the effecting and p(ro)fiting of the said agreement for a

grounde and foundation of the same the said writing indented in the bill specified was drawn and mutuallie agreed uppon as in the said Indenture is contained and there unto one part of the said scedule

was annexed and afterwards the said Peter Figge and thother five persons in the bill mencioned as p(ar)ties trusted for & on the behalf of the rest of the said Tenants affirming and p(ro)testing that the saide

Indenture contained onely matter for assurance for the certaintie of their Fines and that they nor any of them would have, claime or take nothing els by vertue or coulour thereof or intended to alter the

Customes and rights of the said mannor in other respects, hee the said Sir Fraunces Fortescu did inseale unto the said Indenture with the scedule thereunto annexed. And further said that by the sealing of

that indenture he did onelie intend to assure the things agreed uppon as before in his said Answere is sett forth and expressed as likewise did meane, conclude and agree that the said Compl(ainan)ts and those that

should be Tenants after them successively & respectively of any the mesuags, cottags, lands ten(emen)ts & hereditam(en)ts with thappurtenancs in the said scedule mencioned & expressed shold have & enioy all such commons of

pasture & right of commons for their cattell for & to their said severall mesuags, cotags, tofts, lands, ten(emen)ts & hereditaments respectively belonging or app(er)teyning in such sort as the then respective p(re)sent tenants of

the p(re)misses respectivelie then lawfully used or enioied or of right might or ought to have or claime & not otherwise, but did not mean that under coulor of the word commons in the said indenture mencioned that

the compl(ainant)s should carry from the lord of the said mannor any of the demeane lands ten(emen)ts, hereditam(en)ts or benifitt or c(er)tainty of Fines for any mesuags, cottags, lands or hereditam(en)ts of the said mannor which were not

in the said scedule. **And** the said Sir Frances Fortescue by his said answeare further confessed that for the composicion in the p(re)misses he had received of the said compl(ainan)ts the somme of one thousand pounds

at the least. And also that he & the said John Fortescu thother defendand did seale another the last mencioned deed indented to the effect in the said bill of complaint mencioned. **And** the said John Fortescu the other

defend(an)t for his p(ar)te said that he was requested & appointed by his father thother def(endan)t to enseale the writing indented in the said bill of complaint last menc(i)o(n)ed which as was said was onely for the assertayning

of the fines of coppingholds with thappurtenancs in the said mannor mesuags, cotags, lands or hereditaments of the said mannor which were not menc(i)o(n)ed in the said scedule. And the said Sir Franc(is) Fortescu by his said answer

further confessed that for the composicion for asserteyning of fines for mesuags, cotags, lands and hereditam(en)ts with commons and rights of commons and app(ur)tenancs in the said scedule menc(i)o(n)ed, and for the extent estimacion

and quantities of yard lands and half yard lands with thappurtenancs in the said scedule menc(i)o(n)ed he hath received of the Tenaunts menc(i)o(n)ed in the said scedule the somme of one thousand pounds at the least, and also

that hee & the said John Fortescu thother defend(an)t did seale the last menc(i)o(n)ed deed indented to the effecte in the said bill of complaint menc(i)o(n)ed. And the said John Fortescu thother defend(an)t for his p(ar)te said that he was

requested and appointed by his father thother def(endant) to enseale the writing indented in the said bill of complaint last menc(i)o(n)ed as was said was onely for the assertening of the fines of Copiehold with thappurtenances

in the said mannor of Wynslove & members thereof which in regard of his dutie he did and is willing that the same shold be p(er)formed according to the effect of the agreement in the said Sir Frances Fortescu his Answer

and both the said defend(an)ts doe deny that they or either of them did at any time sithence the said agreem(en)t made exact or demand of any of the Tenants of the said mannor upon any dying seised or surrender of their

copiehold estats any greater or lesser fines then were in the said first menc(i)o(n)ed Indenture & schedule thereunto annexed exp(re)ssed & agreed upon & are redie to p(er)forme the said agreement. And doe further confesse that they

are well contented & pleased that their said agreem(en)t menc(i)o(n)ed in the said defend(an)ts Answeres first mencioned Indenture & schedule and according to the intencion & true meaning of the same should by the decree

of this most honorable Court be for ever ratified & confirmed if it should soe seeme fitt to the same. And likewise they wold ioine with the said Tenants of the said mannor & members thereof in humble suite to

be made to the saide high Courte of Parliament for the establishing of the said decree accordinglie by an Act in that behalf to be made. As by the said Bill and answeres remaying in this Courte more at large

appeareth. **Nowe forasmuch** as the said complaynants being Tenants of the said mannor had exhibited their Bill into the Court against the said defend(an)ts, he the said Sir Fraunces Fortescu being

lord of the said mannor the said John Fortescue sonne & heir apparant of the said mannor to have their fines of their Customarie estats made certaine, and not arbitrable at the will of the lord wherunto the

defend(an)ts had answered and had condiscended to a course certaine for the assertening of their said fynes and content of their said customarie lands and tenements sett downe in a paire of Indentures and

schedule thereunto anexed. **It is therefore** in the present terme of St Michaell that is to say on Thursdaiethe five and twentieth daie of November in the yeares of the raigne of our sov(er)eign

lord James by the grace of god of England Fraunce and Ireland king defender of the faith &c the eleventh and of Scotland the seaven and fortith By the right honorable Thomas Lord Ellesmere lorde

Chancellor of England and by the high court of chancery by and with the mutuall assent of the complaynants and defend(an)ts and their Councill learned on either side and their attorneys in the said Court Ordered

and **decreed** That the said complaynants their heires and assignes and all other the Coppiehold or Customarie Tenaunts of the said mannor of Winslow and members thereof for the time being and all

others clayming any Coppiehold or Customarie estats by from or under them or anie of them for the lands, tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances in the said scedule mencioned shall respectively

pay uppon admittances or tender of admittances uppon or after everie dying seised or surrender of their respective mesuages, cottages, lands, tenements and hereditaments aforesaid with thappurtenances or of

any part thereof Such Fynes proporcionable as are in and by the said firste recited Indenture and Scedule in that behalf mencioned to be agreed uppon and expressed and noe other or greater or lesser fyne

or fines. And that the said Sir Fraunces Fortescue nor the said John Fortescue their heires or assignes or any lord or lords of the said mannor of Winslowe and members thereof at anie time hereafter

uppon any such admittances or tender of admittances as aforesaid shall take or demande any greater or other Fines of or for the p(re)misses then respectivelie and proporcionable as abovesaid. **And** likewise

that the said mesuages and cottages and the lands therunto belonging with thappurtenances and other the lands in the said first recited Indenture and scedule thereunto annexed contained and expressed withe

their commons and rights of commons and all other the appurtenances shalbe adiudged, deemed and reputed to be uppon the taxacion respectivelie of anie such fynes after those and like quantities as in the

said first recited Indenture and scedule in that behalf are mencioned, limited and expressed according to the purport, intencion and true meaning of the said firste recited indenture and scedule thereunto annexed

and of the answeares of the said defendants and not otherwise. *Nos autem tenorem irrotulamenti iudicii sive decreti pdti ad requisic' p(re)dict' Petri Fige & alior' p(re)dtor' queren' tenentium pdti man(er)ii de*

Winslowe duxim' exemplificand' p(er) p(re)sentes. In cuius rei testimonium has l(itte)ras n(ost)ras fieri fecim' patentes. Teste me ipo apud Westm ultimo die Novembris anno regni nri Anglie Francie & Hibernie

undecimo et Scotie quadragesimo septimo.

Translation: We however have led the tenor of the enrolment of the aforesaid judgment or decree at the request of the aforesaid Peter Fige and the other aforesaid complainants, tenants

of the aforesaid manor of Winslowe, to be exemplified by the present documents. In witness of which matter we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witnessed by me myself at Westminster on the last day of November in the 11th year of our reign in England, France and Ireland and the 47th in Scotland.

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