

1 D1 To the right honorable S[i]r Rauf Sadler kingse Chancellor of ma[ges]t[ie]s
2 Duchie of Lancaster and of her Maj[esties] most honorable prave Consulle
3 In moste humble wase complayninge showeth unto y[ou]r hon[o]r yo[u]r dailie Orator Richarde Dale of Osmaston in the county of derby yeoman that when the Queenes ma[ges]t^{ie} y^d ndr
4 go by her highnes[s] Comission under the seale of her grace duchie of Lancashire beinge Date in or aboute the xxvii dae of February in the xxiith yire of her highness] Reigne
5 Auctho asshed will[ia]m Tasser ^{essye} clerke of her ma[ges]tes said duchie to compound & agve, w[i]th any maner of parson or parsons for any lands or rentes beinge paid of her ma[ges]t^{ie} said Duchie
6 & lyinge w[it]hin the countie of Derby in w[hi]ch the parties & occupiers has no estate from her ma[ges]t^{ie} or for w[hi]ch her ma[ges]t^{ie} wae answered very lic[k]l[i]e or no rent at all Or that
7 wae from her ma[ges]t^{ie} concealed Deteyned or wrongefully w[i]th holden To make w*mantes signede w[i]th the hand of the said will[ia]m Tusser to the Steward or under steward of
8 suche manas where any suche landes did lie to grannt the the same landes or any part thereof to any parson or p[er]sons & ther[e] hames for as accordinge to the Custome of the same
9 manor payinge suche rentes & s*nich for the same as by the same Commission it doth and may apper[e]d And whereas four acres & one rode of lande lyinge w[i]thin the
10 Towne & fields of Osmaston al[ia]s Osmounston w[i]thin the manor of Melborne p[ar]cell of her Ma[ges]t^{ies} said Duchie of Lancaster in the said Countie of Derby then or late in
11 the severale tenementes or occupaions of Regnold Dawson alia]s ment le per & John cowper or ther[e] assignes or any of them And all y' p[ar]cell of land called Gorbe predce or
12 conteyninge two acres of land lyinge & beinge w[i]thin the towne & feilds of Osmaston aforesaid p[ar]cell of the said manno^r of Melborne in the said County of Derby & now or late
13 in the Tenure & occupacon of John Babington or his assignes were at the tyme of the grant of the said Comission concealed deteyned & wrongefullie w[i]thholden from her
14 Ma[ges]t^{ie} And no rent at all answered or paid to her highnes[s] for the same And where[e]as also thr[e] acre of land lately And w[i]th*olde where[e]upon *pold w[it]h the
15 water of darwent same tyme ^{did} Rannie & passe in goyinge & compassinge aboute one p[ar]cell of land there called humber holme set lyinge & beinge w[i]thin her ma[ges]t^{ies} manor
16 of Spondon & Chaddesden p[ar]cell of her highness[s] said Duchie in the said county of Derby And one p[ar]cell of land w[i]thin the said mano^r called abyeflat conteynyng one
17 acre of land p[ar]cell of the said Duchie now or late in the ocupacon of will[ia]m Bradshaw or hys assignes ^{who such & doth pay rentes or grants for the said to the bailiffes & burgyses of Derby in the said county who meyeteneth him in the possession thereof} And one other p[ar]cell [of] land or gravelbed there contynying one
18 acre of land beinge p[ar]cell of the said Duchie w[i]thin the said mano^r of Spondon & Chaddesden were at the tyme of the grantinge of the said Comission ^{bkllege} conceylede
19 deteyned & wrongefully w[i]thhelden from her ma[ges]t^{ie} & no rentes at all answered to her highness[s] for the same And where suchone that tyme that is to say ~~not onelie~~
20 about the xxvi dai of June now ^{last} past yo[u]r said orator having compounded w[i]th the said will[ia]m Tasser for the fyne & yeres rent hireafter me mened to be granted
21 to her Ma[ges]t^{ie} for all the landes & rentes above mencouned her highness[s] did grant by copie of Co[ur]t rolle accordinge to the custome of the said mano^r of Melborne ^{isndle} the said iiij
22 acres & one Rod of land in the towne & feilds of Osmaston aforesaid & the said two acres of land called Goslie riles in the towne & feildes of Osmaston aforesaid to you^r said
23 orator & his heres for ever accordinge to the Custome of the said mano^r of Melborne for the fine of iiil xs vid the yearlie rent of iis **d to her Ma[ges]t^{ie} her heres & suaesseroaby
24 the copie of Co[ur]t Rolle ther[e]of made the certen date wher[e]of ^{Rent ment of honoring thereof} yo[u]r said orator knoweth not **** as also aboute the xxth Dai of June now like wise ^{last} paste the said iiij acres

25 so *ctyme covered w[i]th y^e water of Darwent w[i]thin the said mano^r of Spondon & Chaddesden & the said p[ar]cell of land called the byflat there & the other said p[ar]cell of lande
26 or gravell bedd there conteynge an acre of land unto ye said orator his herret & assigns for ever accordinge to the Custome of the said mano^r of Spondon &
27 Chaddesden for the fine of iiil xs & the yerely rente of xxd to be answered and paid to her Ma[ges]^{tie} her heires & Successors for ever & suche other price as by the copie
28 of Court Rolle ther[e]of made the certen date where[e]of yo[u]^r said orator ^{grounds of having} knoweth not where[e]upon yo[u]^r said orator paid his land paid all fynes & did fealtie & was
29 admitted tenants of the said premisses to him & to hole to him in his heires for ever And was ther[e]of lawfully seized in his demesne as of fee accordinge to the Custome or on of the said mano^r by force
30 where[e]of yo[u]^r said orator into the said premisses entail & was thereof lawfully seized in his demesne as of fee according to the Custom of the said manors And the
31 yssines & profites ther[e]of comyng to his owne use And quetlie pceve rece[i]ve & take as lawfull was & yet is for h[i]m to do n^r so it is if it mey please yo[u]^r hono^r that the
32 said copies of the said Co[u]rt Rolle wher[e]by the said prem[i]sses as is aforesaid were Granted unto yo[u]^r Orator & dyvers other es^{**}ctes my my and ates Admyttances copies
33 of Court Rolls & not of admittances & containing concernyng the said premisses of right belonginge to yo[u]^r said orator & ^{**}ovinge & inducinge & pveyo^r said a
34 Orators estate mterof & title therne And ^{are} now of late by casual pre^{**}es ~~happ~~ & great mishapp loste & come to the hinder ^{**}sted & possession of John Babington
35 of Normanton in the Countie of Derby gent Christofer Beamont of Derby in the Countie of Derby gent Alice Beamont of the same towne & county where
36 Henry Scatergood the Mano^r of Spondon & Chaddesden Chaddesden in the said county of Derby y[e]oman Scategood of the same mano^r & countie y[e]oman henry Sadler
37 of the same Mano^r & countie husbandman Rob[er]t Daken of in the said Countie of Derby husbandman will[ia]m Bradshaw of Derby in the said county
38 of Derby y[e]oman James Dawson of Osmaston asbresaid in the said Countie of Derby y[e]oman Reynold Dawson of the same towne & countie y[e]oman and
39 John Cowper of Alvaston in the said countie of Derby y[e]oman who by colo^r of havinge ther[e]of have wrongfully unlawfullie & w[i]thout title entail
40 into the said p[re]misses & by great violence & force have exerted & expulsed yo[u]^r orator of & from the possession of the said prem[i]sses And the issues
41 & profites ther[e]of comyng to ther[e] owne uses have unlawfullie received pce^{*}red & taken And have also by colo^r ther[e]of contrived & made dyvers provide &
42 secret estates to estrange p[er]sons unknowne to yo[u]^r said orator to thende ther[e]by to defraude yo[u]^r said orator of his lawfull title & trall thr[e]in contarie as
43 all snght equitie & goode couscence & to the great losse & handrannr of yo[u]^r said Orator & to the mani seste p[ar]cell of Dishenson of her ma[ges]^{tie} of x to the fr[e]hold
44 of the said customary & copyhold landes of Spendye remedie be not ther[e]in had & p[ro]vided by yo[u]^r hono^r Intender consideracon whereof & for as moch as there
45 said Mano[r]s where[e]of the said copiehold landes oyne p[ar]cell her ma[ges]^{tie} is ther[e]of lawfully seized in her Demeisne as of fee in the right of her highness[s] said
46 Duchie of Lancaster & that the same landes & tentes roeie at the tyme of the said Grannt myie of the said comiss[i]on conceled deteyned & wrongfully w[i]thholden & no
47 rent ther[e]fore answered or paid to her ma[ges]^{tie} for the same And for that that yo[u]^r said orator knoweth not the certen nomber or contentes of the said copies of Court Rolle
48 escriptes mynusceates & writinges aforessaid nor eny of them nor where[e]in they or any of them be conteyned by reason where[e]of to[u]^r said orator is w[i]thout all remedy for the

49 reoverie ther[e]of by the comon lawes of this Realme May it ther[e]fore please yo[u]r hono^r the premisses considered to grant unto yo[u]r said orator the Auenes mag[es]^{tie} pch of prevy Seale
50 to be detected prove to ye said John Babington Chsistofer Beamont Alice Beamont widow henry Scatergood John Scatergood henry Sadler R[o]b[er]t Dakyn will[ia]m Bradshaw James Dawson Regnold
51 Dawson & john cowper ^{the said bailiffes & bring fest} & Avery of them ther[e]by comendinge them & Avery of them at Aceten Deniether[e]in to be lymitted to be & p[er]sonally to appere before yo[u]r hono^r and her ma[ges]ties honorable
52 Co[ur]t of Duchie chamber then & ther[e] to answer the p[re]misses and further to sand said & abide suche reasonable order & direcon ther[e]in as to yo[u]r hono^r e the Councill of the same Court shall seme to stand
53 w[i]th right equitie & good conscience And yo[u]r said orator will daily praie unto god for yo[u]r hono^r longe to contynewe

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