

Articles <sup>agreed</sup> ~~made~~ agreed upon by the feoffees &  
 Twentie men of the gift of Colyton in Anno 1591

1. Firste it is agreed that Robert Weston Nicholas Honper  
 Francke Keede John Lane & John Mander & eache of  
 them shall at all & eache tyme & tymes hereafter wesen they  
 or either of them shall hereunto lawfully required by the  
 Twentie men of the gift of Colyton wese none be, or  
 not hereafter shall nominated constituted or appointed  
~~release all their or his right title & interest wof they  
 have or in a certain Lande & Tenement & all & eache  
 other thing & thing conteyned & specified in a certain feoffam  
 hereof unto them & others made wofse date is the sevententh  
 Daye of April in the fourthe & fyrst yerer of the reigne  
 of the late Kinge Phillippe & Quene Marie, and of all  
 Lande & tenement wofse they have or do stande seised of to  
 the use of the gift of Colyton, and also to sale and  
 deliver as they shall see cause all such assurance & estate  
 wofse reasonably devised or advised by the saide xx men  
 for the more pte of them or their leaved counsell concerning  
 the gift of Colyton or any pte thereof wofse any  
 advantage shall hereafter be made or hope of reward  
 & that wofin xx dayes nexte & immediatly after request  
 by the saide xx men or the more pte of them made unto  
 the saide feoffees or any of them.~~

2. Item that the saide Twentie men or the more of them together  
 wof the saide feoffees or <sup>part</sup> so manye of the saide feoffees  
 as wofse or lyte to be wofse shall wofse sendall dayes  
 in some open or convenient place wofse the gift of Colyton  
 of the same gift maye be, & wofse their advise  
 & counsell wofse made be, wofse conference wofse the  
 wofse or any pte of them, wofse they are to be desired  
 or letten and that no <sup>of</sup> wofse or any pte of them

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Before <sup>at the</sup> conference to be had as is aforesaid  
the Mayor & Minister or other clerks for the time  
being shall give warning in the church at the  
morning prayer as followeth: Neighbour this day  
after evening prayer, or such a day conference  
shall be had about the leasing of such a tenement  
or such a piece of ground in such a place where that  
lease to be let may.

3 Item that after such conference had as is before expressed  
the said feoffors & one of them shall seal & deliver  
as their deed all such sufficient lease & lease  
to them exhibited in sufficient writing & made in due  
form from time to time: And for every such deed by the said  
men or the more part of them shall lawfully be required  
within the space of ten days next & immediately after  
such request so unto them made: And of the price of the  
writing to be paid unto the Bayliff of the gift lands of the  
gift of Colyton to the use & behoof of the said gift  
by them or by them so refusing to seal & deliver the same  
price to be doubled for every day after until they be  
be contented to seal & deliver as is before expressed.

4 Item that the gift of a new bande of ground free  
lockes & keys shall be found & put in such convenient  
place as shall be thought moste fittest & necessary for  
the same, and therein shall be deposited & put the charters  
of the purchase of the manors of Colyton & Grafton  
with all feoffment deeds grants leases evidences (mynors)  
writings & other assurance touching all the gift lands  
there to be safe kept under the same lockes & keys to the  
use of the giftors of Colyton that none be or hereafter  
shall be for evermore of the said keys one shall remaine  
in the custody of one of the feoffors & the other two in the  
several custody of two of the said men as shall

thoughte moſte convenient by the ſaide <sup>ti</sup> men <sup>not</sup> norre  
or hereafter ſhalbe or the more parte of them

5 Item no leaſe ſhalbe made hereafter at anye tyme, &  
the ſmyſſed or of anye parte or part of the ſame tyme,  
the ſame leaſe be ſubſcrib'd the counterpaigne of <sup>not</sup>  
7 ſubſcrib'd ſhalbe ſomewhat putt in the ſaide ſchewer  
to remayne for ſure, and he that will have moſte to  
the advantage of the giſſe to be had.

6 Item that if anye of the ſaide <sup>ti</sup> men <sup>not</sup> norre or hereafter  
ſhalbe, ~~deceas'd~~ <sup>deceas'd</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>remov'd</sup> be no houſhold  
within the ſaid, or ſhall deceaſe to dye, that then another  
ſhalbe choſen & ſubſcrib'd & putt in the place of ſome  
to removinge or deſtroy'd, by ſwore of the <sup>ti</sup> men  
& ſwore feoffors as ſhalbe then above <sup>or the moſte parte of them</sup> within the ſpace of  
half a yere next & ſooner after ſwore removinge  
or deathe upon paine of five ſhillings to be pay'd to the  
Barlyſ or Barlyſſe of the ſaid Lande of Bolton for the  
tyme beinge to the day & he ſhall be of the ſame giſſe, by  
enye one of the ſame feoffors & <sup>ti</sup> men then beinge  
a lorde, or ſwore of the ſame feoffors, & others then  
ſwore of the ſaide <sup>ti</sup> men as ſhalbe able to prove by the  
teſtimonye of ſome honest & credible men that ſe  
or they were preſent & wede at the tyme & place appointed  
to doe his or their dutie in that behalf, & provided  
allwaies that mourning & waivinge be gevon by the byran  
7 myniſter or giſſe ſlack for the tyme beinge, as in the  
ſecond article is before expreſſed.

7 Item that whereſoever the ſaide feoffors ſhall come to the  
number of three & no more above that number  
then the ſame three feoffors & the ſaide <sup>ti</sup> men or the  
more parte of them ſhall nominate electo & appoint

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a competent number of new feoffees as shalbe thought  
goode by their discretion in that behalf w<sup>ch</sup> in the space  
of one Moneth next after they shall so come to the  
number of three feoffees upon payne of five shillinge  
of leafull mony of Englande to be payde to the Barlyfe or  
Barlyfe of the gift lande of Colyton for the tyme  
beinge to the use of the same gift, by charge of the same  
feoffees & the men w<sup>ch</sup> shall refuse so to do, or shall nott  
serve themselves w<sup>ch</sup> at the tyme & place appointed to do  
w<sup>ch</sup> shall appoynted in that behalf. And the same payne  
to be doubled for ev<sup>er</sup> maye until they or he refuse  
or detraactinge the tyme shall doe his or their dutie  
therein accordingly.

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Item it is <sup>indifferently</sup> ordered & agreed that ev<sup>er</sup> of the saide feoffees &  
the men shall upon lawfull notice or warninge give his  
or their diligent attendaunce & travell for the goode  
orderinge of all maner of matters & thinges touching &  
concerninge the foresaide lande tenement & the rent  
revenue & profit homage & growinge of the same upon  
payne of five shillinge of leafull mony of Englande to  
be payde to the Barlyfe or Barlyfe of the gift lande of Colyton  
for the tyme beinge to the use of the same gift, for ev<sup>er</sup>  
defaulte, w<sup>ch</sup> for the sicke or other urgent or grete cause so  
lettinge them or hym to doe his or their duties therein

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Item that no lease or grante be made of anye pt or part of  
the gift lande tenement & hereditamente to anye person or persons  
except for tyme of life or byod years or years. But only  
by the genall consent & agreement of the saide feoffees  
& the men or the more pt of them therein firste hadd  
& obtayned under their hande & <sup>at the</sup> seal in writinge  
But if it shall happen that anye of the saide feoffees &  
the men shall at anye tyme hereafter take upon them  
to make anye lease or lease grante or grante of or in

anye the pmissioe contrarye to the true meanynge & intent of  
this article, that then the saide pte or ptes so offendinge  
& enye of them shall forfeit & paye unto the barlyffe or  
Barlyffe or receyver of the gysse lande of Wolton for the  
tyme beinge the s<sup>m</sup> of fyve pounde of lawfull monye  
of Englande the whiche monye to be bestowed for the  
besowthe of the saide gysse accordinge to the discretioun  
of the weste of the saide feoffis & t<sup>i</sup> men by the condour  
of the moste pte of them.

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10 Item it is ordered & agreed that the receyver w<sup>ch</sup>  
& s<sup>m</sup> of monye of the saide lande & t<sup>i</sup> & o<sup>r</sup> the  
pmissioe wh<sup>ch</sup> hereafter shall come happen or growe by  
reason of the same, shall be converted to the use & intent  
& purpose of the saide t<sup>i</sup> men and s<sup>m</sup> of the saide  
feoffis as shall then a lyve or the more pte of the  
same feoffis & t<sup>i</sup> men shall thinke moste expedient  
meete & condour for the benefitt & besowthe of the  
gysse of Wolton aforesaide & provided alwaies that  
if anye of the saide feoffis & t<sup>i</sup> men contrarye to the  
true meanynge & intent of this article shall obstinately  
wylfully or unadvisedly take upon them to convert  
& bestowe the saide monye to anye use or uses wh<sup>ch</sup> shalbe  
the condour of the more pte of the saide feoffis & t<sup>i</sup>  
men firste hadd & obtayned (excepte some small s<sup>m</sup>  
of thre shillinge & four pence or there aboute) that  
then s<sup>m</sup> of them or ptes so offendinge & enye of them  
shall forfeit & paye unto the barlyffe or barlyffe or  
receyver of the gysse lande of the gysse of Wolton for  
the tyme beinge double the valere of such monye as  
by them & enye of them shall be converted & bestowed  
the whiche monye so forfeited to be bestowed for the use and  
besowthe of the saide gysse accordinge to the discretioun of the  
the weste of the saide feoffis & t<sup>i</sup> men by the condour of  
the moste pte of them.

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Item it is <sup>understand</sup> ordered & agreed that from tyme to tyme the saide  
feoffes & xx<sup>ti</sup> men or the more pte of them wch the shall  
theire goods maye take order in all othe matters & busyness  
of the pisse and wchon neede shall require set rates &  
taxes wpon othe pisseioners wchoute fained malice  
fear or freindschipe of anye man of person or persons

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Item to the intent that all fraude & distour of the saide  
feoffes wch maye happen hereafter, maye be the better  
avoided, it is ordered & agreed that none of the saide  
feoffes shall holde occupie or enjoye <sup>by</sup> anye lease or grante  
to be made hereafter anye of the saide land tenement  
or hereditament or of othe the pmisses wchout or wchoun  
they are enfranchysed ~~by the pmisses~~ And that none of the  
saide feoffes doo nor by force, pcuryellie or apertly directly  
or indirectly the consente of anye of his followe  
feoffes or anye of the xx<sup>ti</sup> men, that so the wiche, gite  
or wchouten maye holde occupie or enjoye anye lease or  
grante of the pmisses or of anye pte of the same and  
none of the saide feoffes & xx<sup>ti</sup> men shall give theire  
concent to anye lease or grante to be made or  
granted hereafter, but that all lease or grante  
of the pmisses or of anye pte or pte thereof hereafter  
to be made or granted shall be as it maye be most  
beneficiall & profitable to the comon welle of this pisse  
of Wolton for evermore.

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Item that none shall at anye tyme or tyme hereafter  
be admittid to be one of the feoffes or twentie men  
of this pisse of Wolton. But shal willingly  
subscribe to the articles contayned in this booke, and  
firmely comysse to observe & reforme fullfill & kepe the  
same to the uttermoste of their powers.

14 Item that one or two Baylioffe shalbe yereley elected &  
5 chosen by swere of the fooffiob as shalbe above & by the  
+ the more of the same fooffiob & the more  
or shall contynue the saide office longer tyme of  
shalbe thoughte good & expedient by the same fooffiob &  
the more of the same of them, & that the saide Baylioffe  
so elected & chosen shall stande bounde in a sufficient  
+ some of monye to bringe in & geve a writt in the true  
+ daumpte of all & singlour the reverenss rente profite  
casualties & some of monye wch shall come to theire  
hande by reason of theire saide office & of wch they shall  
stande charged wppon theire daumpte.

15 Item that the Baylioff or Baylioffe shall stande bounde as  
afore is mencioned to bringe in theire daumpte allwaies the  
nexte Sondaye after Myrcollmas daye or wthin one  
moneth the nexte followinge, & then to make & levell  
theire daumpte before so many of the saide fooffiob & the  
men wch shalbe appointed as liste to be ofente, and that  
wpon newe Bayliob are to be appointed, to be chosen  
allwaies the nexte Sondaye after Myrcollmas daye.

16 Item that the daumpte of the saide Baylioff after they have  
+ attempted & levellid the reverenss rente profite some of  
monye & casualties due, & by reason of the same, be  
+ forthwith shewly broughte & putt into the foresaide  
+ offer there to remaine to be taken of any occasion bee  
touchinge the same.

17 Item that this Booke of articles & swere other bookes as shalbe  
made hereafter by the saide the more & fooffiob wch now be  
or hereafter shalbe or by the more of them shalbe open  
+ readd before the gisshours or as many as liste to be  
ofente, at such convenient tyme or tymes as by the said

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xxi men & feoffes livinge or by the more pte of them  
shalbe thought meet & expedient, And then of they  
think it good newe articles to be made & holde to be  
abolished or reformed at the tyme & occasion shall serve,  
& as by the said xxii men & feoffes or the more pte of  
them shalbe thought moste expedient meet & convenient  
so that none be made to the derogation of the comon wealthe  
of this kyngdome in that behalf. Or else the same to be  
vide administrated fructuato & of none effects.

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Item that all & enye of the said Barlioffe w<sup>ch</sup> none be, or  
hereafter shalbe, shall owe ande half yere in w<sup>ch</sup> they  
be barlioffe. where all & singler the said land Tenent  
& other the pmisses to the intent to knowe w<sup>ch</sup> for anye  
waste unque or derage be done in or w<sup>ch</sup> upon anye of  
them, And if anye be founde to signifye the same the  
nexte Sundaye followinge to some mane of the said feoffe  
& xxii men as they conveniently maye speake w<sup>ch</sup> all  
that spedie remedye maye be had.

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Item that if anye of the foresaide xxii men w<sup>ch</sup> none are  
nominated elected & apointed or w<sup>ch</sup> at anye tyme hereafter  
shalbe nominated elected & apointed, shall at anye tyme  
serve them selfes to deale contrarye to the truste in them  
reposed, or to be insufficient obstinate or w<sup>ch</sup>fully entyned  
to serve there owne affections, And w<sup>ch</sup> not be contractable  
nor yelde thair condente to surge good orders at from tyme  
to tyme shalbe thought moste meet & convenient for the  
benefitt & beynse of the kyngdome of Englon aforesaide  
dundinge to the good livinge of the more pte of the reste  
of the said xxii men & feoffes. That then it shall  
& maye be lawfull to & for the reste of the said xxii men  
& feoffes, by the condent of the more of thair voices,  
to dysmyse exclude & put oute of thair societie & compaignie



the saide pte or ptes so beinge founde to be obstinate  
or insufficient And in this & their places and  
steed to nominate electe & appointe, some other honest  
& sufficient pson or persons, accordinge to their directions  
to supply the place or places of them and enye  
of them dysmysed and Excluded.

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Item finally that wee the feoffiours & ptes men of the pisse  
of Bolton aforesaide, for the tyme beinge, whose names  
are here under subscribed do by this presente under  
testimonye of our hands Ratifye confirme & allowe  
all & enye the articles sentence & agrementes wherof  
specified & contayned in this booke, and enye of the  
said feoffiours & ptes men do also by this presente firmly &  
constantly comyette to observe performe fullfill & keepe the  
same, accordinge to the true intente & meaninge thereof,  
to the uttermoste of enye of our powers & habilitiours,  
and that wee will not at anye tyme hereafter yelde  
our condente nor do anye acte or thinge to the contrarye  
But wherof date or thinge what anye tyme  
hereafter shall happen to be comytted or done by any  
of the said feoffiours & ptes men in any respects, to the  
true meaninge & intent of the said articles, we the  
said feoffiours & ptes men, do by this presente firmly protest  
& denounce the same to be utterly void frustrate &  
of none effecte, In witness whereof And in full  
confirmation of the pmissiours we the said feoffiours and  
ptes men & enye of us, have hereunto putt our  
sonall hande & firmes given the  
1591 And in the thre & sixtith yere of the reigne

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of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of  
God Queen of Englande France & Irelande  
Defender of the faith etc.

my speciall favour

the wille of John manning

the sign of  Ananias

John Young  
Thomas Hewet  
John Ham  
~~John Ham~~

Edward Clarke  
John Ropyngton

John Strobydd

Thomas How

George Strobydd

Francis Caspwell

Walter mace

walter weyton

walter seage

John macy

the wille of Roger Long

the wille of John Norton of  
Lynne

the wille of John Buckland

the wille of William Long

John Ropyngton

the wille of William Ropyngton

the wille of John Somers

George mace

Here followeth the names of all the Rye  
places in Duder as they ought to be  
Ryted for the same.

- 1 John Manwoode for Peamoyne
- 2 Willm Bude for Wotlesoyne
- 3 Thomas Tylon for Nymforde
- 4 John Morais for frekeoyne
- 5 Francke Bede in Torone
- 6 John Watclon in Stoforde
- 7 Ellen Bansewill in Torone
- 8 Cristiam Horp for Tredenes Stoford
- 9 John Nenton for Slade in Stoforde
- 10 Willm Hamlyn in Torone
- 11 Walter Wapentoz in Torone
- 12 Raffe Sturley in Wattecombe
- 13 Robte Weston for Hoatzen in Woodlands
- 14 Symon Ropyngton for Hapoyne
- 15 John Wolstombe for frekeoyne
- 16 John Bucklande for Taryoyne
- 17 Rifaude Tapes for Nymforde
- 18 George Marge in Bolton Torone
- 19 Symon Ropyngton in Stoforde
- 20 Wyfolas Horp in Stoforde
- 21 John Nenton for Wylloyne
- 22 Robte Bude in Torone
- 23 Thomas Bagwill in Torone
- 24 Edwarde Swabe for Horob barne
- 25 Roger Boll for Borneoyne
- 26 John Storley in Wattecombe
- 27 John Storley in Wattecombe
- 28 Willm Weston for Borneoyne
- 29 Walter Bardon in Torone
- 30 Willm Camore in Stoforde

Sept 17 of 1600 now assembled at the Synode  
the evening before by the Starke in the Synode on Sunday  
laste the 17 of the Starke & the next day the 18 of the  
the same murther was for matter concerning the Synode

Mr. Barthelemew  
Mr. Benjamin  
Mr. Blas Bladder  
Mr. John Bond  
Mr. George Chubb  
Mr. John Ham  
Ephraim Smith  
Edward Clarke  
Gregory Sampson  
Wm. Bunknoll  
Jno. Merton of Exeter  
Jno. Bunknoll  
Jno. Mary  
Walter Coppe  
George Mary  
Wm. Joy  
Wm. Coppell  
Jno. Pippington  
Jno. Moll  
John Hoop  
Symon Day  
Jno. Bunknoll  
Gordon Bunknoll  
Walter Young

Absent

Mr. Jno. Merton  
~~Wm. Bunknoll~~ Sampson  
Jno. Merton  
Wm. Bunknoll  
Joseph Sampson  
Hugh Merton  
John Merton