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**His Indenture** Made the twentieth day of September in the second year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lord **JAMES** by the grace of God King of England France & Ireland the

Electors and of Scotland the sixth and for sixth, Defender of the Faith, or **Witness** Walter Yonge John Nychon Robert Caspwell gent John Rede Robert Burtholle John Butcher Hugh Newton Stephen Bunde Symon Dye & John Mearke speeched of the right lands of Colton in the Countie of Devon of thine etc. And Richard Mearke of Colford within the right of Colton aforesaid husbandman of thither etc **Witness** that the said Walter Yonge, John Nychon, Robert Caspwell, John Rede, Robert Burtholle, John Butcher, Hugh Newton, Stephen Bunde, Symon Dye & John Mearke speeched aforesaid with the consent & assent of William Westcote John Caspwell Robert Burtholle John Reding gent John Adam George Mearke John Burtholle Francis Bagwell William Dye William Mearke Walter Cape George Sampson John Westcote & Edward Lockwell women & the rest of the Twentie men of the foresaid right of Colton for & in satisfaction of the sum of ffifte pounds of good & lawful money of England into the speeched before named by the said Richard Mearke before then balme & delivie heretofore well & lawfully contented & paid wherof they the said speeched do acknowledge the receipt by the said

**W**illelmus de Colton & his heirs & assigns forever to have & to hold unto the said Richard Mearke his heirs & assigns forever one dwelling house & back house & garden an Orchard and a garden thereunto adjoining and one piece of ground adjoining to the said back house containing by estimation one acre or less with their & curie of their appurtenances & the rest of the Twentie men of the foresaid right of Colton in the said Countie of Devon and are bounden w<sup>th</sup> the land of Thomas Swale in the right of the land of Sir William Cole Knight in the north, the land of Stollitt in the east and the same high way or street there in the south. And also one tithing of land called the tithing before the said Richard Mearke by estimation two acres and one other tithing of land thereunto adjoining containing likewise by estimation two acres or less with their appurtenances. The rest two tithings last mentioned are also situate lying & being in the foresaid Borough of Colford within the right & Countie aforesaid. Betweene the lands of Stollitt in the east, the lands of the heirs of Blakallor in the south & west and the foresaid high way or street there in the north. And also one other tithing of land called the Meant tithing containing by estimation three acres or less with their appurtenances, lying & being in the tithing of Colford within the right & Countie aforesaid, betweene the lands of Sir William Cole Knight in the north, the land of John Willoughbie gent in the south & west, & a lane called Turland in the east. And a small meadow of ground before mentioned are now in the tenure manurance & occupation of Brigitt Owen widowe and of her assigns for many years yet ending & determinable upon the death of the foresaid Richard Mearke **except** and always reserved out of this demise & graunt unto the said speeched their heirs & assigns free libertie of ingress egress & regress into & upon & from the premises at all & any convenient time & times for the viewing & surveying of the same premises **To have and to hold** all the said tenement dwelling house back house garden orchard piece of ground & tithing of land before by these parties demised with their appurtenances and curie etc & well thereof **except** before excepted) unto the said Richard Mearke his heirs & assigns forever & during the term of ffifteen years and next thereafter full to be complete expired and ended w<sup>th</sup> Robert Mearke and Elizabeth Mearke his wife and daughter of the said Richard Mearke or either or any out of them shall happen so long to live. The same term to commence begin & take effect immediately from and after the said Richard Mearke's death or other lawful determination of the said Brigitt Owen & in the premises and not before.

**W**itnessing and paying then therefore yearly during the said term unto the said speeched their heirs & assigns the yearly rent of eight shillings of lawful money of England on the foure most usual feasts in the year that is to say the feast of St. Michael the Chaurchard the Birth of our Lord Christ the Annivarsarie of the blessed Maryne and the Nativite of St. John Baptist by even & equal portions. The first payment thereof to begin at such of the said feasts as shall next happen after the commencement of the said term. **And also** witnessing and paying unto the said speeched their heirs & assigns after the death of the said Richard Mearke his heirs & assigns or other lawful determination of the said Brigitt Owen & in the premises and not before. **And** witnessing and paying unto the said speeched their heirs & assigns the yearly rent of eight shillings of lawful money of England in the name of a heriot or tallage. **And** witnessing and paying & discharging yearly during the said term the Borough or Towne rent to be due & payable for & out of the foresaid premises lying within the Borough aforesaid and likewise the high rent assessed of the same premises within the said Borough, as also of the foresaid tithing of land lying within the tithing of Colford aforesaid to be due & payable to the chief lord & lords of the fee thereof. **And also** the said Richard Mearke his heirs & assigns & curie of them becom Tenant or Tenants in possession of the premises by fourt heretofore shall doo suite to all the Courts of Eschequer of the above named speeched their heirs & assigns w<sup>th</sup> shall be helden w<sup>th</sup> the right of Colton aforesaid as other their Tenants of the said right lands have don & ought to doo upon reasonable warning to him or them given. **And** the said Richard Mearke for himselfe his heirs & assigns & curie of them doth & shal becom Tenant or Tenants in possession of the premises by fourt heretofore shall doo suite to all the Courts of Eschequer of the above named speeched their heirs & assigns w<sup>th</sup> shall be helden w<sup>th</sup> the right of Colton aforesaid as other their Tenants of the said right lands have don & ought to doo upon reasonable warning to him or them given. **And** the said Richard Mearke his heirs & assigns & curie of them doth & shal becom Tenant or Tenants in possession of the premises by fourt heretofore shall doo suite to all the Courts of Eschequer of the above named speeched their heirs & assigns w<sup>th</sup> shall be helden w<sup>th</sup> the right of Colton aforesaid as other their Tenants of the said right lands have don & ought to doo upon reasonable warning to him or them given.

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Belovour Orchard Garden  
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in Collyford to Rich. Martin.

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