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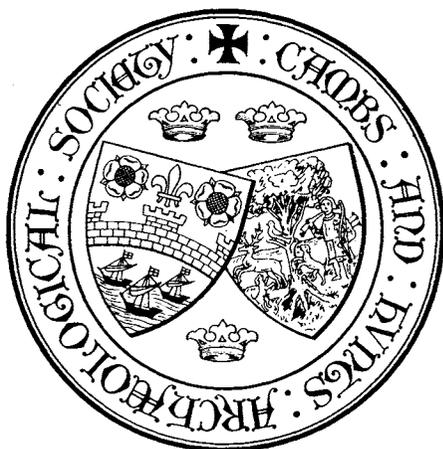


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A POACHING AFFRAY AT CASTLE CAMPS  
IN 1556

In the year 1556-7 Anne, Countess of Oxford, lodged a complaint against Sir Giles Alington, Knight, and his men for poaching. The case goes to swell the trials in the Court of the Star Chamber, and is interesting from the contradictory nature of the evidence; but, perhaps, the chief interest centres in the illustrious names of the plaintiff and defendant, who are recorded as disputing over stolen deer on their adjoining Cambridgeshire estates where they respectively resided, Sir Giles Alington at Horseheath Hall,<sup>1</sup> and Anne, Countess of Oxford at the Castle,<sup>2</sup> Camps, situated barely three miles south of the Hall.

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1. Colin Campbell gives a plan of a later Hall in his *Vitruvius Britannicus*, Vol. III., p. 91, Lond. 1717-25. It was rebuilt by Webb, a pupil of Inigo Jones about 1665 for William, second Lord Alington, and was demolished in 1777.

2. The greater part of the Castle—built on an earthwork of a defensive character—fell down in 1738. A print of the castle by S. and M. Buck, 1730, shows the brick tower which remained till 1779. A farm house now occupies the site.

The Countess had been a widow several years. She was a daughter of Thomas, second Duke of Norfolk, and his second wife Agnes, daughter of Hugh Tilney, esquire. She was early married to John, the young Earl of Oxford,<sup>1</sup> a boy of about fourteen years of age, son of Sir George Vere and Marjory Stafford. When thirteen years old he became the fourteenth Earl of Oxford, being heir to his Uncle John, the thirteenth Earl, who died without children in March, 1512. The marriage of these children was scarcely a happy fate for the Duke of Norfolk's daughter. The young Earl appears to have been a weakling, especially so in mind, and he was so small that he was called "Little John of Camps." His weakness evidently made him the prey of ill-disposed persons, from whom it may be supposed he earned such sobriquets as "John the wise," "the good," and "the rich." But, whatever his titles were, he was led into such extravagances that, for his own sake, as well as that of the Countess, it became absolutely necessary to limit his expenses by an order dated 16th February, 1524, made by "the Lord Chancellor, the Reverend Father in God, Thomas Wolsey, Cardinal of England, to limit John, Earl of Oxford, in the ordering of his expenses of household and other his affairs in his younger years as also for his demeanor towards the Countess his wife."<sup>2</sup> The Earl is herein declared to be unable to maintain a great household, he and the Countess are to live in the Duke of Norfolk's house "at such convenient price for their board as between the same duke and lady duchess his wife and the Earl of Oxford, by mediation of his friends can be accorded and agreed," their servants are to be chosen for them, the Earl is not to drink hot wines, or sit up late, or eat "unwholesome meats contrary to his complexion whereby he may be brought into Infirmity and Disease," he is to be moderate in the exercise of hunting, only to use it when advised by the "saddest and discreetest" of his servants, he is to forbare all riotous and wild company and excessive

1. G. A. Carthew's *Hundred of Launditch, Norfolk*, page 339.

2. Hargrave MSS., Brit. Mus., No. 227, fol. 237.

and superfluous apparel. Two years after this order was issued, the young Earl,<sup>1</sup> who was hereditary Lord High Chamberlain of England, died.

Fortunately Anne, Countess of Oxford, was a woman of high character, who did everything in her power to establish the Earl's rights. She is described by Roland Lee,<sup>2</sup> afterwards Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, as a woman of high wit and one who "leans to her friends." She addressed most touching letters of appeal to Wolsey, Cromwell and the Duke of Norfolk,<sup>3</sup> asking them to protect her husband, whilst her doing so, apparently met with disfavour from the late Earl's executors and the heir presumptive, the latter taking his revenge upon the Countess within a week after her husband's death by entering the park at Lavenham with fifty bowmen, killing seventeen deer, and on the following Tuesday he came with five hundred persons, one hundred of whom were bowmen, in array "like as they should have gone unto wars," and at that time they killed one hundred deer. The revenge did not end here, for on the 11th August, 1526, the Countess, in a letter to Wolsey, from Lavenham, says, "he has this day been at Camps accompanied by three hundred persons and there hath broken up my house and beaten my servants and taken away all my goods, and what he intends to do further I know not." Wolsey remonstrates upon such conduct, and the Justices of the Peace for the County were stirred up to use their power to establish order, but it is recorded that their efforts had little effect. However, the Countess did recover possession of her Castle at Camps, which was part of her dowry, and between the years 1530-4 appears to have been continually annoyed by persons who persisted in killing deer in her park there. Amongst these persons was Sir Alexander Irlam, parson of Otton Belchamp; he seems to have been a particularly dangerous person

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1. *Inquis. Post Mortem*, 18, Henry viij.

2. *Miscellaneous Letters*, 2nd Series, Vol. xxi., fol. 429.

3. Miss Wood's *Letters of Royal and Illustrious Ladies and Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic*, Vol. III., Part 2.

to the Countess, he and others had endeavoured to poison her during the lifetime of the Earl.

Why Sir Giles Alington should have allowed his servants to raid this lady's park in 1556-7 is difficult to understand. For some reason unknown to us Sir Giles is said to have been in disfavour with the Countess.

Sir Giles was the son and heir of Sir Giles Alington, who died in 1522<sup>1</sup> of infection at Cambridge Castle when attending the Lenten Assizes there, and Mary, the daughter of Richard Gardener, esquire. At the time of his father's death Giles was twenty years and nine months old. His father in his will dated 2nd September, 1513,<sup>2</sup> empowers his executors "to sell Giles, his son and heir's marriage for as convenient sum of money as he may be sold for, so that he may be married without disparagement." But his father lived to arrange his heir's first marriage himself, and in 1515, when Giles was about sixteen years of age, he married him to Ursula, a daughter of Sir Robert Drury, Knight.<sup>3</sup> This lady, however, died in 1522, and Sir Giles then married Alice, daughter of John Middleton, esquire, and widow of John Elrington. She dying in 1563, Sir Giles then married Thomas Argall's widow, Margaret, the daughter of John Talkarne, esquire, and this lady survived him.

Sir Giles was an eminently useful man to his country, and the official positions he held were varied and interesting. According to the tenure of his Wymondly manor, Herts—which became an Alington possession by marriage with the Argentine heiress—he was cup-bearer to the Sovereign at the Coronation ceremony<sup>4</sup>; this office Sir Giles would first perform for Anne Boleyn. In 1537 Sir Giles was present at the christening of Prince Edward, the "most dearest" son of Henry VIII.<sup>5</sup> In 1524 we find him engaged on a Commission for assessing the King's subjects dwelling within the hundred of Chilford and Radford.<sup>6</sup> He attended the King against

1. *Inq. Post Mortem*, 13, H. viij., Hall's Chronicle, p. 632.

2. *P.C.C. Parch.*, fol. 14.

3. *Addit. MS.*, 5823, fol. 128, Brit. Mus.

4. *Letters and Papers, Henry viij.*, Vol. vj., p. 313.

5. *Ibid.*, Vol. 12, Part II., p. 320.

6. *Lay Subsidy*, 81/127, Cambs.

the northern rebels in 1536,<sup>1</sup> and was Sheriff for the Counties of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire<sup>2</sup> in 1530, 1545 and also in 1552; in which year he lent fifty pounds to the King,<sup>3</sup> who, after the pillage of the religious houses still did not scruple to "borrow" from private persons.

In 1550 Edward VI. granted Sir Giles a license to impark four hundred acres of land in the parishes of Horseheath, West Wickham and Balsham, Cambs. and Wethersfield, Suffolk.<sup>4</sup> This was an enlargement of the already existing park at Horseheath, licensed to William Alington, esquire, in 1448.<sup>5</sup> Both Horseheath and Castle Camps are now disparked. Formerly the park at Castle Camps extended towards Horseheath as far as Nosterfield Priory Farm,<sup>6</sup> which farm belonged to the Priory of Hatfield, Essex, at the time of its suppression. It had been tenanted by Thomas Croxton, who had been the means of subjecting the Countess to continual trouble from poachers. Possibly it was for this reason that the Countess obtained a lease of the Priory Farm in 1538, which was granted to her by Charles, Duke of Suffolk.<sup>7</sup> And this fact may have caused jealousy between Sir Giles and the Countess, for the farm laying in the parishes of Castle Camps, Shudy Camps and Horseheath, between the Horseheath and Camps parks, would have been a desirable possession for either of them.

Having said so much about the Countess and Sir Giles, we now come to the record of the trespass in question. The Countess of Oxford complains that Sir Giles Alington's men had poached and killed her deer in the Castle Camps park. Sir Giles denies any trespass. The Countess reiterates her charge, and evidence is taken. There are two sets of questions drawn up, one set to be administered to the defendants, and the other

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1. *Letters and Papers, Henry viij.*, Vol. xj., p. 261.

2. *Addit. MS.*, Brit. Mus., 5823, fol. 223.

3. *Ibid.*, fol. 225.

4. *Palmer's Index to Patent Rolls*, 4 Edw. vj.

5. *Addit. MS.* 5823, fol. 63.

6. *Miss Wood's Letters of Royal and Illustrious Ladies*, p. 112.

7. *Letters and Papers, Henry viij.*, Vol. XIII., Part II., p. 492.

set to the plaintiff's witnesses, the depositions of the former being taken first. The employment and condition of Sir Giles' witnesses was as follows.

Richard Chapman had been in his employ fifteen years and received four marks a year for his wage, he and William Jaggard were both servants of Sir Giles' household. Henry Basset had served Sir Giles five years, and was paid forty shillings a year. Henry Holt, who also received forty shillings a year, had not been with Sir Giles more than a year-and-a-half, he had previously been employed by the Countess in her park at Castle Camps, and consequently knew the deer standing there well. We are told Sir Giles had also tried to secure the services of William Whiteley, the Countess' keeper, who with Richard Mansfield and Edmund Bryket, a warrener, are witnesses for the Countess. Both these men are described as men of about thirty years of age.

William Whiteley the park-keeper, was watching the deer standings in Castle Camps park one moonlight night soon after Shrovetide 1556-7, when he saw several armed men round one of the standings in the park—one man had on a frieze coat, another a leathern jerken—their object was evident, but it was useless for the keeper to disclose himself single-handed, so he went for help, he got Edmund Bryket and Richard Mansfield, went back to the standings and found the poachers had disappeared. A brace of deer had been killed before the men were discovered, but with the aid of Bryket's hound, they followed the scent of the deer till they came out of Camps Park to within a quarter of a mile of Sir Giles Alington's house in the old park at Horseheath, and there they found the poachers in the act of paunching one of the deer. "You villians, will you follow us?" they cried in a rage, "Shoot at them, God's blood, come upon us now," "Down with them by God's hate." Then the poachers forming a line of battle, five of them with staves and bills in the front—Robert Chapman in his buff leathern jerken, and William Jaggard in his frieze coat amongst them—and the bow-men behind,

they shot four arrows at their pursuers. But the second arrow from the Castle Camps keeper's long bow struck one of the men in the front line in his breast. He was seen to stoop, and with both hands he drew the arrow out of his breast and retreated behind the bowmen. Sir Giles' men then shot so fast that William Whiteley and his men were obliged to beat a hasty retreat. In fact we almost think they ran away.

The following day the Camps men visited the site of the battle. Going by the same way in which they had followed the scent of the stolen deer the night before, they saw blood on every hedge and stile to Sir Giles' park. They saw the track of the horse that had carried the deer away, and arrows were found on the ground where the fight took place.

We must admit Sir Giles' men were adepts in supporting his case. They declare they have only heard a report of deer being killed in the Countess' park last midsummer, and that they know nothing of the raid which is recorded to have taken place in February, 1556-7. The Countess was so troubled by various gangs of deer stealers that it was unsafe for her to ride in her park, had several times during the last ten years sent complaints to Sir Giles about his men, and they say Sir Giles had at once told them that if they should trespass on this lady's grounds he would discharge them.

The Countess had another grievance, she had lost a brown black hound, and evidently had good reason to believe that it was at Horseheath Hall, but, needless to say, Sir Giles' servants declare they have never seen such a hound there.

The account of the proceedings is as follows, much of the original spelling is retained:—<sup>1</sup>

To the King and quenes majesties o<sup>r</sup> most Drad  
soveraigne Lord and Ladye.

In most humble wise shewith unto yo<sup>r</sup> most excellent  
majesties yo<sup>r</sup> suppliant and faithfull subjecte, Anne  
Countesse of Oxforde, late wife of John late Earle of  
Oxforde decessed, that whereas yo<sup>r</sup> said suppliant by

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1. *Star Chamber Proceedings*, Philip and Mary, 7/16.

good and sufficient conveyance in the lawe was and yet ys lawfully seised in hir demeasne as of free holde for terme of hir lyfe, of and in the mano<sup>r</sup> of Castell Camps in yo<sup>r</sup> Highnes Countie of Cambridge as parcell of hy<sup>r</sup> joynto<sup>r</sup>, the revercon and enheritance thereof to John now earle of Oxforde and to his heirs belonging so it is most graciouse soveraignes, that certen riotouse and evell Disposed persons whose names hereafter ensue, That is to say Robert Chapman, William Jagerd, William Holt and Henry Bassett servants to S<sup>r</sup> Giles Alyngton, Knight and diverse others whose names to yr<sup>r</sup> said suppliant are unknowen to the number of xi or xij persons or thereabouts as persons not dreading god nor yet yo<sup>r</sup> hignes lawes or statutes, in Riotouse maner arrayed, that is to say with swords, bucklers, staves, daggers, longbows and arrowes and other weapons Invasive and defensive, the xij day of ffebruary in the thirde and ffourth yeres of yo<sup>r</sup> maiesties Reignes, by the speciall abetment meanes consent procurement and comaundement of the foresaide Sir Giles Allington Knight at Castell campes aforesaide unlaufully and riotously did assemble themselves in the night tyme of the saide day, and then and there not only forcibly and riotously brake and entred into the parke of yo<sup>r</sup> said suppliant at Castell campes aforesaide parcel of the saide mano<sup>r</sup> of Castell campes, and with their bowes and arrowes and daggers unlawfully and riotously did kill the Dere of yo<sup>r</sup> saide suppliante in the parke aforesayde, but also maide violent assulte and did shote arrowes at the servante of your said suppliante having the charge and custody of the said parke, and at one or two others of the servantes of yo<sup>r</sup> said suppliant with the same keper being attendant putting them in much jeperry and danger of their lives. And yf yo<sup>r</sup> said suppliants servants or keper of the said parke shulde have levied any more aide of thother servants of yo<sup>r</sup> said suppliant to have resisted or apprehended the said Riotouse persons, there woulde have ensued greate bludshed and manslaughter, by reason whereof the said riotouse persons did eskape not being apprehended. And further so it is most graciouse soveraignes, that the said riotous persons and others their

confederats and adherents and desperate persons, by the speciall meanes abettment and procurement of the said Sr Giles Allington at sundry tymes as well before as after the said xiii daye of february and in sundry places and by sundry unlawfull attempts wayes and meanes from tyme to tyme have demeaned themselves, and yet doo in suche unlawful despitefull riotouse and disordered maner, that not only the sayd keeper of yo<sup>r</sup> said suppliants parke aforesaide, but also the rest of hir family and yo<sup>r</sup> said suppliant hirselle in peacible and quiret maner riding or going in yo<sup>r</sup> highnes place, stonden daily in dreade jeoperdy and danger of their lives in contempte of yo<sup>r</sup> highnes lawes and statutes and to the most perillouse example of others to attempte the lyke yf condigne punyissement be not herein spedely provided. In consideracon wherof may it please yo<sup>r</sup> maisties to grante yo<sup>r</sup> gracious Writte of sub-pena to be directed to the said Robert Chapman, Wyllyum Holte and Wyllyam Jagarde and others the riotouse persons aforesaide, comanding them and every of them personally to appere before yo<sup>r</sup> highnes most honorable Counsell in yo<sup>r</sup> Corte of Starre Chamber at a certen day and under a certen payne therin to be lymyted, then and their to aunswer to the promysse. And therupon to abide suche furder order and direction concernynge the promysse as by yo<sup>r</sup> highnes said Counsell shalbe thought to stonde with right and equitye for due obedience to be had to yo<sup>r</sup> highnes laws and statutes and the sauffe preservacon of yo<sup>r</sup> highnes quiet subjects in your highnes peace, and yo<sup>r</sup> sayd suppliant shall daily praye to god for preservacon of your maisties.

The Aunswers of Gyles Allyngton Knight, Robert Chapman, Wyllyum Holte and Henry Bassett to the Byll of Complaynt of the Right Honorable Lady Anne Countysse of Oxforde.

The said defendunts sayen and every of them sayeth that the said byll of Complaynt ageynst theym yn this Honorable Court exhybyted ys uncertayne and insufficyent yn the Lawe to be aunswered unto. And the matters theryn conteyned untrewely devysed and sett fourth by the said Compt upon mere matyre and dyspleasure that

she bereth towards the said S<sup>r</sup> Giles one of the defendants, and the Resydewe of the said defendants beyng his servants, neverthesse for aunswere to the said insuffycient and untrew byll for and concerning all and every matter yn the same mentyoned touching theym or any of theym, they saiey and every of theym sayeth that as to any Royott, Rout, forcyble entre, manasse and all and every other actt and actts supposed by the said Complayunt to be comytted or don ageynst the King and Quenes Majesties, their Lawes, Crowne and Dignyte by the said defendant or any of theym that thei and every of them are therof not gyltie. All whiche matters the said defendants are Redy to Averde and prove as this honorable Court shall Award. And prayen and every of theym prayeth to be dysmysed out of this Honorable Court w<sup>t</sup> their Reasonable Costs and Charges by theym susteyned yn that Behalf.

The replicacon of the ladye Anne Countiese of Oxforde to thaunswers of Roberte Chapman and others Def. The said complayunte saith that hir said bill of complayunte is true certen and sufficient in the lawe and doth averre and maynteyne the same and all and every thinge and thinges therein conteyned to be good and true in maner and forme as they ben therin truly alledged.

Interrogatories to be mynstred on the parte of Anne Countesse of Oxforde parte agaynst Robert Chapman and others def.

1. Ffirst whether ye have herde aboute midsomer last past, or any other tyme, that dere in the parke of the Countesse of Oxforde commonly called the parke of Campes have been killed in the night tyme, and how often ye have herde it so saide.

2. Itm. whether ye know that at any tyme the servants of the sayd Countisse after such hunting have perswed the same with any dogges or hounds, and how often ye have knowen or have herde of such following.

3. Itm. whether the said servants of the said Countiss after such hunting have with their hounds persued the

same to the parke pale of S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngtons knight, or not, and how often ye have herde or knowen that.

4. Itm. whether after suche hunting ye have knowen the paunches or bludde of dere killyd have ben caste or shed nere the parke pale of the said S<sup>r</sup> Gyles.

5. Itm. whether ye have herde the saide S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton in his house or elsewhere speke of the hunting by night, that was used to be in the sayde parke of Campes aforesaide and what ye have herde hym say concernyng the same.

6. Itm. whether ye have herde the said S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton rebuke any of his servants for hunting in the said parke of Campes, or whether he hath saide nothing to them for the same.

7. Itm. whether ye be servants to the said S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton, and how long have ye bin his servants, and what yerely fee or wages ye have of hym.

8. Itm. whether ye have seen at the house of S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton a browne blacke hounde that was the saide Countiss of Oxfords, and how the same hounde came thether, and what became of the same hounde.

9. Itm. whether ye do know the standings of the said parke of Campes, and how many therbe of the same standings that ye knowe.

10. Itm. which of all the servnts of the said S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngtons do best know the same standings.

11. Itm. whether there were any hunting or killing of dere in the said parke of Campes the xiii day of ffebruary last past in the night tyme, and what tyme of the night the same hunting was, and how many were at the same hunting that ye knowe or have herde say and what dere they did kill.

12. Itm. whether the said S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton did know of his servants being there at the same hunting before they went, or not, or how longe after the hunting was it before he knewe of their being there.

13. Itm. how many of the servnts of the said S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton were at the same hunting that ye know or have herde say, and what be their names. And whether they or any of them be yet the servants of the same S<sup>r</sup> Gyles.

14. Itm. whether the said dere were carried away upon staves, upon men's backs or on horseback, and who did carry the same dere, and whether they were carryed as ye know or have herde.

15. Itm. who first moved youe to be at the same hunting and whether the keper of the said Countisse parke of Campes aforesaid did shute arrowes oute of the longe bowe at the said hunters or not, that ye know or have herde saye.

16. Itm. whether the said hunters having espied the keper of the said Countisse did sever themselves, so that ffive of them with staves and billes went towards the said keper and his fellowes, and the rest of the hunters being bowmen behinde for reskewe of the saide ffive with their bowes and arrowes as nede shulde require.

17. Itm. at what place of the said parke of Campes, the said hunters did enter in, and what weapons they hadde, and whether Robert Chapman then had a buffe leather jerkyn, and whether one of the said ffive that went formost towards the keper had a buffe jerkyn or not.

18. Itm. whether William Jagerd then had a fryes cote or jerkyn and whether one of the same ffive formost had a fries cote or jerkyn and how nigh the same ffive formost came to the keper of the said Countesse parke aforesaide or any of his fellowes.

19. Itm. whether the said keper did shute at the same ffive formost, and with his arrow did strike one of the same ffive formost men upon the body or not, and in what parte of the body he strake hym as ye knowe or have herde, and where he is become that was so hurte.

20. Itm. whether the saide keper and his fellowes at length did fly and ronne away or not.

21. Itm. whether the next morninge after the said keper and his fellowes with a hounde did followe the said hunting into the parke pale of the said S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton, and whether there were any bluddy arrow shot out of a longe bowe founde or not.

22. Itm. whether ye know or have herde that the said keper of the said Countesse parke aforesaide was required to geve over his service of the said Countesse for that he

shulde have no preferment but his bare wages at thands of the saide Countesse, and at length shuld be driven to sett downe like a—— or els be slayne, yf he did not watch the standings, for the standings were well known.

23. Itm. whether ye gave unto the said keper this monycon and toulde hym that they were lusty ladds that were there a hunting, or who gave unto the said keper the same monycon as they have herde saye.

Ex. xiiij<sup>to</sup> Maii annis iii<sup>o</sup> Sup' Interr' ex parte Anne  
et iiij<sup>to</sup> Phil et Marie. Comitess Oxon.

Robert Chapman servant to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton, Knight, sworne.

To the ffirst he saith he hath not herde of any dre kylled in the night tyme in the parke at Campes at midsomer last past by any person other then the Countes and her servants and familie.

To the ii and iii he saith he hath not, knowing that the same countes servants have pursued w<sup>th</sup> they<sup>r</sup> hounds after any huntyng to the parke pale of S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton.

To the iiij he saith he hath knowen of S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton's dere to lye dede, and paunchs and blode, his dre to cast and lye nere to his parke pale ther and none of the Countes dre to his knowledge.

To the v and vj he saith that upon occasion that the Countes hath sundry tymes w<sup>th</sup>in these x yeres sent worde to the same S<sup>r</sup> Gyles that his servants have troubled her in huntyng on her grounds, the same S<sup>r</sup> Gyles hath thereupon straytely charged his servants not to come w<sup>th</sup>in hir parke or other hir grounds, upon payne of losing theyr service, and this he hath herde him sondry tymes saye to his servants as he saith.

To the vij he saith he is and hathe byn servant to the same S<sup>r</sup> Gyles by the space of xv yeres and takethe foure markes wages by yere.

To the viij he saith he never saw suche browne blacke hounde of the Countes at the same S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton's house.

To the ix he saithe he knoweth not the standyngs in the parke of Campes nor how many ther be.

To the x he saithe that oone Holte now servant to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton, and late servant to the said Countes doeth best know the standings of the same parke.

To the xj, xij and xiiij he denyeth that he or any other of the same S<sup>r</sup> Gyles' servants to his knowledge were huntyng in the same parke at Campes at the tyme articulated. And saith the contents of all ther Inter. be untrew to his knowledge.

To the xiiij and xv he denyeth any such huntyng or kyllyng of dre by this deponent, or that he knoweth of any other persone that so have huntyd or kyllyd the Countes dre.

To the xvj he saith he knoweth not any parte of the contents of this Int<sup>r</sup>, and denyeth the same to be trewe for his partye.

To the xvij he denyeth any suche huntyng for hir party nor had any buffe leather jerkyn by the space of these xij yeres as he saith.

To the xviii, xix, and xx he saith he knowth not of any parte of thes Intr. And denyeth the same to be trewe for his partye, or for any other to his knowledge.

To the xxi, xxij and xxiiij he denyth that he gave any suche monycon to the same Comp<sup>ts</sup> keper or spake to him any the words mencyoned in thes Inter. nor knoweth of any other person that so dyd. And other wise of the contents of this Inter. he saith he knoweth not.

Wyllyum Holte servant to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton, Knighte, sworne.

To the ffirst he saith he hath not hirde of any the Comp<sup>ts</sup> dre to be kylled in the nyghte tyme aboute mydsomer last past, but only by the reporte of the same Comp<sup>ts</sup> keper.

To the second iii and iiij he saithe he hathe not, nor herde that the Comp<sup>ts</sup> servants have persued w<sup>th</sup> theyr hounds after any suche huntyng to Mr. Alyngton's parke pale, nor of any dre, or pauches, or blode of dre shed, or cast nere the same S<sup>r</sup> Giles pke pale.

To the v and vj he denyeth that he hath hirde Mr. Alyngton spoke of any such huntyng by nyghte, or rebuke any his servants for any suche huntyng.

To the vij he saith he hathe byn servant to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton by the space of oone yere and a halfe and somewhat more, and taketh XL<sup>s</sup> wages by yere.

To the viij he saith he hath not seen at any tyme the same complant<sup>s</sup> browne blacke hounde at S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngtons House.

To the ix and x he saith he knoweth well all the stondyngs in the pke of Campes by the meanes he was servunt to the Comp<sup>ts</sup>, and hath sondry tymes whiles he was hir servunt watched the same.

To the xi, xij, xiiij, xiiij and xv he denyeth that he was at any such huntyng and kyllyng of dre mencyoned in this Interr, nor knoweth of any other persons that so wer nor can depose anything of the Contents of this Interr, and denyeth the same to be trew for his partye.

To the xvj, xvij, xviiij, xix and xx he denyeth ther Interr to be trew for his partye in any parte thereof, nor can depose therof as he saithe.

To the xxj, xxij and xxiii he saith he knoweth not of the contents of the Interr. and denyeth the same to be trew for his partye in any parte thereof.

Henry basset servant to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton, Knighte, sworne.

To the ffirst he saith he herd yt comonly spoken aboute mydsom<sup>er</sup> last that the Compt had certen dre kylled in hir parke at Campes in the nyghte tyme.

To the second and iii he saithe he hath not herde of any such persuyng w<sup>th</sup> dogges or hounds after such huntyng to Mr. Alyngtons parke pale or allswher.

To the iiii, v and vj he cannot depose nor knoweth of the contents of this Intr.

To the vij he saith he is and hathe byn servant to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton by the space of these v yeres and taketh XL<sup>s</sup> by yere for his wages.

To the viij he saith he knoweth not of the contents of this Intr.

To the ix and x he saith he knoweth none of the stondyngs in the Comp<sup>ts</sup> parke, and supposeth that Wyllam Holte now servant to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton and late servnt to the Compt doth well know the same stondyngs.

To the xj, xii, xijj, xiiij and xv he denyeth that he hath at any tyme he was in huntynge in the Comp<sup>ts</sup> parke, and saith he knoweth not of the Contents of this Intr.

To the xvj, xvij, xvijj, xix and xx he saith he knoweth nothing of the Contents of this Intr. And denyeth the same to be trew for his partye.

To the xxj he saith he knoweth not of the contents of this Intr.

To the xxij and xxiiij he denyeth this Intr. to be true for his partye or for any other to his knowledge.

Interrogatoryes to be mynstryd on the behalfe of the Right Honorable Ladye Anne Countes of Oxforde for the examynation of certen wytnesses for the profe of a Riot Comyted by one Robert Chapman and others.

1. ffyrste whether this Deponente doethe knowe the sayd Ladye Anne Countes of Oxforde late wife of John Erle of Oxforde decceesyde, or not.

2. Itm. whether this deponente doethe knowe the saide Countisse to be lawfullye possessyd and seased in hir demeane as of freehold, for term of hir Lyfe of and in the mano<sup>r</sup> of Castle campes w<sup>in</sup> the Countye of Cambrydge as parcell of the joynture or not.

3. Itm. whether thys deponente doethe knowe the parte sett lying and being w<sup>in</sup> the towne fylds and parishe of Castle Campes afore saide or not, or whether the saide Countes be therof Lawfully seasyd in her demeane as of freeholde as parcell of the saide mano<sup>r</sup> of Castle Campes or not.

4. Itm. whether this deponent doethe knowe one Roberte Chapman, Wylliam Jagarde, Wylliam Holte and Henry Basset servantes or reteigners to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton Knyghte or not.

5. Itm. whether this deponent doethe knowe of any ryott or unlawfull assemble made or supposyd to be made by the forenamyd Roberte Chapman, Wylliam Jagarde, Wylliam Holte and Henry Basset and their confederats aboute the xiiij daye of ffebruary in the third and fourthe yeres of the Kynge and Quenes mat<sup>s</sup> most prosperous reignes, or at any other tyme or tymes before or sythence

or not, And if he doo then at what place, what tyme and by what persons the same ryott, rowte or unlawfull assemble was made and comyttyd, and w<sup>t</sup> what Armoure and weapons defensyble ye saide ryottous persons and every of them were furnysshyd and appoyntyd at the same tyme.

6. Itm. whether this deponente doethe knowe of any ryotouse and unlawfull enter made into the parke of Castell campos aforesaid in the nyghte tyme by the aforenamyd Robert Chapman, W. J., W. H., H. B. and others their complices or not.

7. Itm. whether this deponente doethe knowe and perfightly remember any spoyler or dystrectyon of ye Deare and game w<sup>in</sup> the parke of Castell Campos aforewrytten made and comyttyd by the said ryottouse persons, or by any their adherents at the tyme of their said unlawfull and forceable enter, or at any other tyme or tymes sythence or before or not.

8. Itm. whether this deponente doethe remember what maner of ingyngnes and instruments ye said ryottouse persons and every of them dyd use to Chase Kyll and destroye the deare and game of ye sayde Countes w<sup>in</sup> hyr sayde parke of Castel Campos or not.

9. Itm. whether this deponente doeth knowe that the sayde ryottors or any of them have vyolently assaltyd the keepers of y<sup>t</sup> parke aforesayde, or any others their assystaunts servaunts unto y<sup>t</sup> sayde Countyes, and w<sup>t</sup> bowes and arrowes and other unlawfull weapons, them pursuyd and assayled to the no smalle perell and daunger of their Lyves or not.

10. Itm. whether this deponente werr at any tyme presente in his owne persone when the sayde ryottouse unlawfully assemble, and mysdemenure of the sayde ryotouse persons was practysed and put in urt, and whether this Deponente werr accompanied w<sup>t</sup> any other then hymselfe at ye same time or no.

11. Itm. whether this deponente doethe not knowe or verryly suppose that the saide S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Allynngton Knighte is and hathe byn thonly ayder abbetor maynteynor and supporter of the saide ryottouse and

dysorderyd persons in all their mysbehavyo<sup>r</sup> and dysorder, and that the same is groundyd onlye uppon malyce borne towards the said Countes by the saide S<sup>r</sup> Gyles, and for none other cawse or matter or not.

12. Itm. whether this Deponent dyd ever here or knowe that the saide S<sup>r</sup> Gyles havynge Intellygence of the mysdemeanure before remembyrd, perpetratyd and done by his sayde servantes dyd eyther Rebuke or dysallowe them or any of them for the same, or made any maner of serche or enqueryd eny things towchinge the reformacyon therof or not.

Examtu. xvij Maii annis      Testm fact sup Interr ex parte  
iii<sup>o</sup> et iiiij<sup>to</sup> Phil. et Marie.      Anne Comitisse Oxon m'strat.

Thomas Whitelegge servante to the righte honorable Ladye Anne Countes of Oxon, sworne.

To the i<sup>st</sup> and ii<sup>d</sup> and iii<sup>d</sup> he saithe that trewe yt is that the same Ladye Anne Countis of Oxford is possessed and seasyd for terms of hir lyfe in the manor of Castell campos, and of the parke of Castell campos therunto adjoyning.

To the iiiij<sup>th</sup> he saith he knoweth well the servantes of S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton named in this inter.

To the v, vj, vij, viij, ix and x he saith that a lytell before shrovetyd last past this deponent being keper of the same parke of castell campos sawe thir in the same parke aboute ix of the clocke in the evening an assemble of xi psons about the stondyngs of the same parke, and had thir some oꝝ them bouws and bylls, and some staves and thyr daggrs also, and saith that of the same persons this deponente knew no mon but Robert Chapman and Richard Maunfeld, this deponente felouw being then thir w<sup>th</sup> this deponent knew oone other of them called Wyllam Jaggard, they bothe being servants of theausehold w<sup>h</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton. And saith the same persons had ther kyllled a brace of dere in the same parke before this deponente had espied them for this deponente folowyed the track thereof and found in the mydwaye from the same parke to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton's house the same persons pawching the same dere, who upon the sight of this deponente and the

forenamed Richard Maunsfeld and Edmond Bryket thir deponente felouws dyd then crye to them saying "youe vyllaynes wyll youe followe us," "God's Bloode shote at them" and therew<sup>th</sup> shott at this deponent and his company iiij arrowes whichn they afterward on the next morrown founde on the grounde ther. And this deponent shott agyn and strake oone of them on the brest, whome he perceyved to stoupe therw<sup>th</sup> and to laye his hande on the arrow, and so w<sup>th</sup> drue himself backe and saithe y<sup>t</sup> was then a very bright mooneshyne night that he might well aborne the same. And so then he saith that they shott fast, that they caused this deponent and his company to flye homeward, and on the nexte morowe he saith he folowyd the snte agayne w<sup>th</sup>in oone quart<sup>r</sup> of a mile of the house of S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton wher they found the blode, and the track of the horse that carryd awaye the same. And saith that sondry other tymes before and sythens then the same assemble, the dere of thesaide parke have byn kylled and spoyled ther. And this deponente folowyng the snte thereof hathe founde the same allwayes towards S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton's homestead toward the towne of horeshull and he hathe found crosboun arrowes in the same parke whiche have byn shotton at the dere thir.

To the xi he saith that he supposeth that S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton is the ayder and mayntends of his servantes in theyr suche huntynge of my Lady's parke of caumps, because they use yt so comonly, and after as he saith, and saithe that aboute half a year past and somewhat more oone Wyllm Holt servante to S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton lyeng at Lynton at — willed and exhorted this deponente to leve my ladye of Oxford's servic, saying yt was but a thankless office he had thir, and that yf he contyneuyd in hit, he wold be slayne, and farder advised this deponente not to watch the stondyngs in the saide parke for they wur better knowen then this deponente dyd know them, and so byd this deponente to take hule to hisselfe.

To the last he saith he cannot depose.

Richard Maunsfeld servante to the ladye of Oxford compl<sup>t</sup>, of thage of xxx yeres sworne.

To the ffirst, second and third he saith he knew that the said Count' is seasyd and possessed of the same manor of Campes w<sup>th</sup> the parke of Campes therunto adjoining for term of hir life.

To the iiij he saith he knoweth Wyllm Jaggard but he doth not perfythy know the other iii persons named in that Intr.

To the v<sup>th</sup> and vj<sup>th</sup> he saith that between Candelas and Shravetyde last past, the crten daye he remembreth not, this deponente being in the same parke about x of the clock in the nighte being a bright moneshine night, w<sup>t</sup> Thomas Whitelegge the — keeper ther and Edmund Brycket, in walkyng the same parke dyd ther w<sup>th</sup> a hounde folowe the snthe of the kyllyng of dre, and so contynewed from the place of the fall of the same dre w<sup>h</sup> in the parke, untyll they came w<sup>h</sup>oute the same parke about a thre bow shotts of toward the house of S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton, and ther found the nomber of about xj psons, w<sup>h</sup> the bodye of the same dre, of the whiche persons he saithe that William Jaggarde whom this deponente knew perfectly well dyd then incontinently fall in a rage swering gods blode and saithe to the knaves "come upon us nowe, shote at them, downe w<sup>th</sup> them by God's hate," And so ther w<sup>th</sup> they shott at this deponent and his company, and the same keper shott at them agyne, and to this deponente, dyd — stryke oone of them, and so this deponente and his said company wer fayne throughe theyr much shotyng to flye homewarde agyne. And saith he might ther decerne theyr weapons, some w<sup>th</sup> bylls some w<sup>th</sup> bowes and W. J. had thir a graynd staffe, and more of the contents of ther Intr he cod depose.

To the vij he saith ther hath byn of late muche spoyle and destruction of dre in the nighte tyme w<sup>h</sup>in the same parke of Campes, but by what persons he knoweth not.

To the viij he saith the same persons had ther w<sup>th</sup> them theyr daggers and long bowes, to kylle the dre ther.

To the ix and x he saith as he hath predysposed to the v<sup>th</sup> Intr before.

To the xj and xij he saith he canot depose of the contents of this Intr.

Edmonde Brycket servnte to the compt' and warener of her warren of thaye of xxx yers above, sworne.

To the ffirst, second and iij<sup>rd</sup> he saith as is p<sup>r</sup>dposed by the p<sup>r</sup>examiners.

To the iiij<sup>th</sup> he saith he knoweth not the same S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton named in this Intr.

To the v and vj he saith that at or nere about the tyme articulated and aboute ix of the clocke in the nighte tyme, this deponente being p<sup>r</sup>sent in the same parke at Campes w<sup>th</sup> the keper and Richard Maunsfeld the p<sup>r</sup>exam in walking the same parke and folowyng w<sup>th</sup> a hounde the scent of a dre killyd, and so saith that they foloyd styll on tyll they came owte of the parke about a quarter of a myle in the straye waye to M<sup>r</sup> Alyngton's house, and ther came upon the place wher the number of about x psons wer assemblyd aboute the body of dre kylled, whiche persons this deponente knew not. And when they drew very nere the same assemble, oone of them fell into greate aotnes and sayde "do they folowe us, down w<sup>th</sup> them, by god's bludd kyll them," and so they shott at this deponente and his company, and the same keper shott at them agyne, and at the second shott he saith the same keper strake oone of the persons so assemblyd on the brest, whom this deponente Percyved to set both his hands on the arrowe to drawe yt furth of his brest, and so went backe behinde his felowes. And saith the same persons contyneunyed so in their shotyng that this deponente and his company was fayne to fly, and to departe home agyne. And saith he saw ther emongst them same persons bows, bylles and staves. And on the next morrow he saithe that this deponente and the same keper went to the place where the same assembled persons had so pauchid the dre, and thir found the hulle of a prycket,<sup>1</sup> and a staffe w<sup>th</sup> iiij or v of theyr arowes, and oone broken arrowe, wher w<sup>th</sup> the same keper saide he so strake oone of the same persons, and so they persued, and found upon every hedge and style towards S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton's parke of the blode of the same dre.

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1. A buck in his second year.

To the vij he saith thir hathe byn muche spoyle and distruction of dre in the night tyme w<sup>thin</sup> the same parke of Campes, and this deponente and his felowes hathe allways persued the same and found therof directly towards the parke gate of S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Alyngton and the town of horshall.

To the viij he saith they have found that the same spoyle of dre hath byn made as well w<sup>th</sup> daggers as w<sup>th</sup> long bowes and crossebowes.

To the ix and x he saith as he hath predeysposyd to the v<sup>th</sup> Intr.

To the xi and xii he supposeth that S<sup>r</sup> Giles Alyngton hath byn the maynten<sup>r</sup> and supportor of the same hunters, and he never knew or herde that ever he rebuked or blamed any his servantes for the same.

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