

The Will of George Talbot, 4th Earl of Shrewsbury. A.D. 1468=1538.

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HE son of John Talbot, third Earl of Shrewsbury, by Katherine, fifth daughter of Humphry Stafford, first Duke of Buckingham, George Talbot succeeded to the earldom in 1473, when five years of age. He was made K.C.B. 18th April, 1475, when seven years of age; and K.G. 27th April, 1488, when twenty years of age. In 1520 he was present at the Field of the Cloth of Gold. He signed the articles against Wolsey in 1530, and entertained the Cardinal at Sheffield Castle on his way to London after his arrest. He died, aged 70 years, at South Wingfield Manor, Co. Derby, 26th July, 1538, and was buried at Sheffield. His will was proved 13th January, 1538-9.

The Earl married first Anne, daughter of William Hastings, first Baron Hastings, by whom he had eleven children. His second son, Francis Talbot, became fifth earl. He married, secondly, about 1512, Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Richard Walden, of Erith, Co. Kent. By her he had issue one daughter, Anne, who married (1) Peter Compton, who was a ward of the Earl of Shrewsbury, and ancestor of the present Marquis of Northampton; and (2) William Herbert, first Earl of Pembroke, of the second creation.

THE WILL.

“ In the Name of God, Amen, in the yere of our Lorde God a thowsande fyve hundred thirtie and seyn, and in the twenty and nyne yere of the Reigne of our soveraign Lorde kinge Henry theight and the xxjth day of the moneth of August, I George Erle of Shrowesbury, Lorde Stewarde of the kinge, our soveraign lorde kinge Henry theight, moste honorable housholde, being in good helth bothe in body and mynde at the making of this my present last will, touching and concerning the buriall of my body and disposicion of all my goodes and Cattals to be doon had and executed after my death and decease out of this present life, ordeyne and declare the same in manner and fourme hereafter ensueying and by me declared; ffirst I bequeth my soule unto Allmyghtie God, our ladie Sainte Mary, and to all tholly company of hevyn, and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe Churche of Sheffield by my late Wife, dame Anne where she now lieth. And myne executours to cause my body thither to be brought and entiered as shortly as they canne w^tout tarrying past twoo daies and w^tout ceremonies but dirige over evyn, iij masses and a sermonde on the morow, and poore foolkes to have xxv blacke gownes to bere xxv torches at my buriall, and not to be gevyn paste **C** blacke gownes to my servauntes beside gownes to be gevyn to my Wife, and hir gentilwomen. Item I wille a tombe to be made over my body of marble w^t three ymags, one of me in my mantell of gartars and thother of my Wife in hir robes and hir armes on my right hande. And the thirde to be of my Wife that now is, on my lefte hande w^t hir mantell and armes, the tombe to be made of marble well garnyshed and thexpences, costes and charges of the premisses to be borne by myn executours or administrators of thissues, Rentes and profutes of the Mannour lands and tenements where of I declare my Will for payment of my dettes and other causes, or ells the same to be made of my goodes un^{de}bequethed. Also I will that ymmediately after my deceac myne executour or executours in as convenient spede as he or they canne aft^r knowledge comen unto him or them of my

death do geve or cause to be gevyn too one thowsande preestis every of them vjd to say Placebo, Dirige and Masse for my soule, and all christen soules, and that myn executour or executours doo cause xxv markes in monney in penny doole, to be distributed and gevin the day of my buriall to suche poore people as shalbe therat to pray for my soule. Also I bequeth to every of the Curates of Sowthe Wynfelde and Sheffeld for tithes and oblacionnes forgotten and to praie for my soule fyve poundes, and the Vicare of Criche xl^s. And if they can prove any more to be due I wille that myne executour or executours doo content it. Also I bequeth to every of the prishe Churches of South Wainfeld and Sheffelde a Vestymnt to be made of my apparrell suche as by myne executour or executours or the mooste parte of them shalbe thought convenient. Also I bequeth to the Charterhouses of Beauvale, Shene and London every one of them xl^s. and to the houses of ffreers of Nottingham and Derby every of them xx^s to saie a solempne dirige and masse for my soule, and all Christean soules. Also I geve and bequeth unto the prior of Worsop one suyte of Riche Clothe of gold, that is to say a Coope, a Vestment, Deacon and Subdeacon w^t offeris, and all things belonging unto the same heretofore by me bought, and the same to be made and shortly fynished at my propre costes, and delivered unto the said priour and Covent there to pray for my soule. Also I give and bequeth unto the Church of Sheffelde one peace of grene Clothe of golde which remayneth hole. And thereof I wille that myne executours shall make a Coope, a Vestymnt, Deacon and Subdeacon, and to bye offeres for the same to the value of twenty poundes, and to see the same sute made and paid for and gevyn to the Church of Sheffelde. Also I geve and bequeth to my right entierly welbeloved Dame Elizabeth my Wife these parcells following of plate overgilte, that is to saie, oone great Crosse, w^t our Lady and Sainte John Evangeliste. Item a litle Crucifix of cremoze wourke w^t reliques in it. Item an ymage of our Lady and hir sonne in hir armes. Item twoo Challices at hir choise. Item twoo paiers of potts w^t flatte talbots uppon the cover. Item twoo paiers of potts w^t

standing talbotts upon the cover. Item vj pounsed botls w^t a cover and a standing talbott. Item vj plaine gobletts w^t two covers. Item vj standing cuppes w^t covers suche as she will chuse amonge all my standing cuppes. Item a Laver w^t the roose and pomegarnet. Item fower cupps of assay suche as she will chuse out of vij. Item a salte of Mother of perle. Item a paier of saltes and a cover with the rose upon the toppe. Item the small saltes that I am servid w^t at the bourde. Item a paier of new Saltes for the hall. It. a sponne w^t a marke of G and T. Item xij spones w^t Savifferone¹ graven upon the knoppes. Item a sponne for Orenge w^t a talbott upon thende of it. Item a paier of coverd basonnes w^t my armes in the myddist. Item a basonne and an ewer w^t a talbott in the myddist. Item twoo ale cruses w^t strauberries in the toppes. Item three candilstickes for supper lightes. Item a Crute² for rennysh wyne w^t a cover. Item an ale cupp w^t a cover that my ladie doth drinke ou. It. a cupp called my ladies night capp w^t a cover. Also I give and bequethe to my saide Wife these parcells following of silver and parcell gilte, that is to saie one paier of pottes with lying talbottes upon the covers. Item one quarte pott. Item vj bolles w^t a roose a ringe upon the cover. Item a plate for fishe. Item a spice plate of Spannishe worke. Item three litle Candilsticks. Item a basonne for my ladie to wasshe hir face. Item a litle Candilstickie for a fise. Item twoo basonnes w^t covers at her choice out of fyve. Item a greate standing basonne for strawburies or possetts. Also I geve and beqth to my said Wife these parcells of silver following not gilte, that is to saie one pott for ale w^t a talbott upon the cover. Item vj new ale crusies³ all white new made. Item twoo pinte pottes w^t covers. Item one dosenne spones w^t knoppes. Item iij paier of flagauns, one paier every of them, a gallaunde, the secounde paier every of them a large quarte, the third paire every of them a pinte. Item viij new candilsticks. Item iiij

¹ Possibly intended for scifferon, part of the ancient caparisonment of a horse; probably heraldic.

² Probably intended for cruce, a drinking cup.

³ Goblets.

candilsticks w^t double sowketts. Item a posnett. Item a ladill. Item a paier of disshes for buttur of silver. Item a tosting yron w^t wyers. Item twoo parces w^t twoo covers. Item a litle salt for my chamber. Item a chafing shrande fr ynderon. Item vj plaine gobletts w^t twoo covers. Item twoo silver dishes that my Wife did give me. Also I geve and bequethe unto my said Wife the peaces of hangings of tapestry following—ffirst the hole hanging of Helun and Brem. Item the hole hanging of Moises.¹ Item the hole hanging of Shepperdes. Item the hole hanging that was made for my Galery, and my chamber w^tin it at Coldeharbarow. Item the hole hanging of Morions.² Also, I will that my said Wife shalhave thone halfe of all such hanginges of Saies,³ as I have equally in goodness to be divided. Item I will that my said Wife shalhave my trussing⁴ bedds of Cloth of golde, and blacke velvitt, and the counterpoint⁵ therunto belonging. Also one of my trussing beddis of scarlett w^t the counterpointe therto belonging. Item a trussing bed of crymson velvit, and tawny tyncell and curtaines of chaungeable sarcenett and cushinnes of tawny tyncell thoneside and thother side yellow satyn. Item I wolle that my said Wife shalhave a trussing bedd of yellow like clothe of golde with my best quylte for the same. Item I will that my said Wife shalhave the best trussing bed that was made of olde bawdekyn⁶ at Wyndefelde. Also I bequeth to my said Wife one sparver of blacke velvit and crymsen tyncell of viij thredis and curtaines for the same, and one of the best counterpointes of verdours for the same. Item twoo new sparvers⁷ of redd and greene of beyonde the seesay. Item one new sparver of redd and yellow of the beyonde the seesay. Also I bequeth to my said Wife one paier of aulter Cloathes of crymson velvit and cloth of golde of tysue, the crymsen velvit embrothered with strawburies.

¹ A set of tapestry of "Moses" was woven at Arras, 1491, by Jean Villars.

² The Moors. "They of Tyre, with the Morians. Lo, there was he boin."
See Psalm lxxxvii.

³ Or say a delicate serge or woollen cloth.

⁴ A travelling bed.

⁵ A counterpane.

⁶ Silk interwoven with threads of gold.

⁷ A bed canopy sometimes used for the bed itself.

Item one vestment of clothe of golde of tyssue w^t all things belonging to the same. Also I give and bequeth to my said Wife the one halfe of my sheetis, naprie, and other linnen store whatsoever it be, equally and after the goodness to be divided. And in likewise thonehalfe of all my fetherbeddes, mattresses, bowlsters, pillowes, counterpoints, coverings of beddes, fusteans, blannketts, and coverletts to be equally divided. Also I give and bequeth that my said Wife shalhave thone half of all my stufte belonging to my kechyn in all places whatsover it be, brasse peawter or other to be equally divided as is aforesaid. Also I wille that my said Wife shalhave all suche horses geldings and kyne without interruption as be called, reputed, or taken for hir owne. Also I geve and bequeth unto my said Wife an yron bounde wayne xiiij draught oxen, wherof twoo were gevyn hir by Thomas Eyton, and other xij of the best she canne gett, be chosen for hir of myne owne. Also I bequeth unto my said Wife thone halfe of all my fatte cattell bothe oxen and sheepe. Also I bequeth unto my said Wife all my stocke of sheepe at Stonny Myddilton. Also I give and bequeth unto my said Wife all my stocke of sheepe at Herdwick. Also I geve and bequeth unto my said Wife after my deceas my ferme at Worteley which I have of Thomas Worteley during my termes. And where the Kinges highnes by his lres patentes bearing date the xviiij day of May in the xxjth yere of his mooste gracious Reign hath graunted unto me the said Erle the Wardeshipp custodie and marriage of Petir Compton Esquier sonne and heire of Sir William Compton, knight, deceased, then being the kinges Warde by reasonne of the noneage of the said Petir, and also the custodie of the awaurds of Maystoke, greate Wolforde, little Wilforde, and Longe Compton in the Countie of Warr: And also of divers other landes tenementis and hereditaments wⁱⁿ the fore-said mannours and also in the Townes of Netherpillerton, Kynton Dorsett, Shuckborough and Herbere during the noneage of the said Petir, whiche Petir Compton is now married to the Ladye Anne Talbott, daughter of me the said Erle, I will that if it shall fortune me to deceas before the said Petir

Compton shall accomplishe and com unto his full age of xxj yeres. That then the said Ladie Elizabeth my Wife shalhave as well thorder, rule and governaunce of the said Petir and Ladie Anne his Wife, as also the custodie of the said mannours, landes and tenements during the noneage of the said Petir Compton shall take and peretyne the Rentis, issues, Revenues and profuts yerely, commyng and rysing of the premisses for the finding and keaping of the said Petir Compton and Ladie Anne untill the saide Petir Compton shall accomplishe the aforesaide age of xxj yeres. Also I wille that my said Wife shalhave to hir owne use w^tout interrupcion all manner of Jewells, ryngs, owches, chaines, broches, gurdills, stones and peerles, which she now hathe as specially as and they were enterrd in a booke by particuler parcells. Also I wille and bequeth unto my said Wife fower casketts covered w^t yron w^t all Jewells in the same, and also all monney conteyned in the same Casketts whiche monney is expressed in a bill signed w^t my haande of whiche Casketts twoo of them be bigger and twoo smaller and all remayning in hir custody, all whiche iiij casketts Jewells and monney I have gevin and by this my present will freely bequeth unto hir, over and beside the premisses before in this my last wille and testament to hir bequethed. Also I geve and bequeth unto my said Wife a peace of white bawdekin conteyning xij yerds, and a halfe of all my carpetts. Also I geve unto my said Wife xij Cusshines of Verdours which I laste bought of Thomas ffarrainte of London upholster wherof vj be of a larger sorte and other vj of a smaller. Also I wille and charge myn executours to deliver unto my said Wife all suche stuffe as is to hir bequethed ymmediately after my deceas as shortely as convenyently may be, and further I will that none of myne Executours or Admynstratours shall at enny tyme vex, trouble, or molest my said Wife for any manner of monney or Reconnyng by her at any tyme before my deathe made or paide, nor for any legacie, before rehersid to her made, but that she shalbe of the same and of every parcell therof clerely acquitted and discharged for all manner clayme, chalenge

or demaunde thereof or of any parcell thereof to be had and made by mine Executours or Administratours or by any of them. Also I geve unto my sonne ffraunces Lorde Talbott these parcells following of silver over gilte that is to say, ffirst a Crosse of silver and gilte having the passion of ymages aboute it. Item one Image of Sainte George on horsback. Item one Image of Sainte Christofer. Item one ymage of Sainte Dorotheie. Item ymage of Sainte Barbara. Item one paiar of Censers. Item one Challice. Item one paiar of Cruetts. Item one sacryng bell. Item one paiar of greate pottes pounced¹ w^t Talbotts and shamferons.² Item one paiar of greate flatt fflagganns w^t talbotts upon the sides of them. Item one paiar of potts wrethed. Item a paiar of playne potts. Item vj bolls and a covr plaine w^t Talbotts and shamefrons upon them. Item vj gobletts and twoo covers w^t Talbotts and shamferons uppon them. Item one paiar of litle salts w^t golde w^t amyties.³ uppon the covers. Item one paiar of saltes of parrishe⁴ wourke w^t talbotts and myne armes in the garter uppon the cover. Item an olde salte with a cover and a knoppe upon the cover of the kinges gifte. Item vj spones plaine gilte w^tout knoppes. Item one standing cupp of course golde w^t a cover w^t a saffier uppon the topp. Item three standing cuppes of the kinges new yeres gifte w^t covers. Item a paiar of great basonnes w^t myne armes and my Lady my graudemother's in the bottom, which myne Uncle Maister Gilbert Talbott did bequethe unto me. Also I give and bequeth unto my said sonne these pcells following of silver and parcell gilte, that is to saie ffirste vj bolls w^t a cover and manchions⁵ in the bottom. Item iij Candilstickes for supper lightes wrethid. Also I give and bequethe unto my said sonne these parcells following of silver and not gilte, that is to saie, ffirste one paiar of potts w^t flatte talbottes upon

¹ Cut.

² Chamfrains—a term used in heraldry signifying armour for the horse's head.

³ Probably Amethysts.

⁴ Paris work—a kind of jewellery.

⁵ Probably heraldic for a manchion or manche. His wife was a Hastings, which family bore "or a maunchie gul" as their Arms.

them. Item vj spones plaine w^tout knoppes. Item vj goblettes w^t two covers pounced w^t marteletts. Item one payer of fflaggauns of a pottell a pece. Item a shaving pott. Item a shaving basonne. Item two bassones and two ewers. Also I geve and bequeth unto my said sonne my hangings of Vice and Virtue. Item the hangings of Alexaander. Item the hangings of the pr, nr,¹ w^t other iiij peaces that hange w^tin the greate chamber at Wyndefeld w^t the said pr, nr. Item the peaces of hangings that belongeth unto the galery at Wyndefeld and to tholde chamber there. Item the hole hangings of manchons w^t all peaces of the same sorte that hangeth the parlour of Chelsay. Item the hangings of toure tapestry that hangeth the greate chamber at Chelsay. Also I geve unto my said sonne these hangings for beddes following, ffirste one cellour, a testour and a counterpointe of redde and whyte bawdekyn for a trussing bed paned² w^t curtaines of white and Redd sarcenett to the same and three cushinnes of the same bawdekyn twoo of them square and one longe. Item a Celer³ and testour and a counterpointe of redde and greene velvit fygyry paned w^t curtaines of redd and grene, and iij cuschins twoo of them square and one longe of the same velvit. Item one Celler a testour and a counterpointe of blue and yellow damaske and curtaines of blue and yellowe sarcenet and three cuschinnes twoo square and one longe. Item one sparver of grene velvit, and cloth of golde w^t curtaines of redde and greene. Item one sparver⁴ of crymson velvit and blacke tyncell. Item a trussing bedde of scarlett a counterpointe and curtaines to the same belonging. Item one trussing bedd of redde and yellowe say, and curtaines to them belonging. Item one trussing bedd of yellow and grene say and curtaynes to them belonging. Also I geve and bequeth unto my said sonne xij fethurbeddes w^t bolsters and vj counterpoints of verders. Item xvj mattresses w^t bolsters and coverletts. Item vj paier of fusteanes. Item iiij paier

¹ These are probably private marks for household purposes.

² Panelled.

³ Canopy.

⁴ The canopy over a bed, sometimes used for the bed itself.

of sheetes of three breadis.¹ Item vj paier of shetis of two breads and a halfe. Item xvij paier of sheetis of twoo breadis. Item vj pillowes. Also I give and bequeth unto my said sonne all my stocke of sheepe at Herdwik.² Item I geve unto my said sonne one yron bounde wayne and xij draught oxen of the next sorte after my Wife be servid w^t yooks and teemys to the same belonging. Also I give and bequeth unto my said sonne all the Residew of all my kechin stuffe after my Wife have taken out her halfe. Provyded allwaie that my said Wife shalhave all the choice of all my stuffe to hir bequethed or any other be delivered. Also I give and bequeth unto my Lady of Northumberland my daughter one chaine of golde w^t white and redde enamell. Item one standyng cupp of silver and gilte w^t a cover of the Kynges newe yers gifte and also one cupp of assay.³ Also I geve and bequeth unto my Lady Dacre my daughter one cupp w^t a cover of the kynges new yeres gifte. Also I give and bequeth unto my daughter Anne Talbott, all the hoole hanging that I bought of Thomas ffarraunte of London upholster conteynyng vij peaces of beestis and flowers. Item I geve unto my said daughter one trussing bedd which she lieth in, w^t all manner of thinges belonging to the same and also one of my best quyktes of turkey silke to lay upon the same. Also I give and bequeth unto my said daughter over and beside the bedd bequethed unto hir afore three fetherbeddes w^t bolsters iij counterpointes of verdours. Item twoo paier of fusteanes. Item iij mattresses w^t bolsters, coverlitts and blannketts to them belonging. Item I geve to my said daughter iiij paier of sheetis of three breads and an halfe. Item iiij paier of sheetis of twoo breads. Also I give and bequeth unto my said daughter twoo standing cuppes, silver and gilte of the kinges new yeres gifte. Item one basonne and an ewer parcell gilt of the sorte that I am daiely servid with. Also I geve unto my said Daughter one paier of litle potts gilte w^t Talbotts upon the cover. Also I geve unto

¹ Breadths.

² The Earl had already left this stock of sheep to his wife.

³ For testing the wine, to guard against poison.

my sonne George Talbott one standing cupp of silver and gilte of the kyngs new yeres gifte. Also I geve unto my sonne Thomas Dacre one standing cupp silver and gilte of the kinges new yeres gifte. Also I give unto my daughter¹ Anne Talbott, daughter unto my sonne ffraunces Lorde Talbott one standing cupp silver and gilte of the kinges new yeres gifte. Also I geve and bequeth unto my Wifes Woman Elizabeth poell threescore aungell nobles to be paid unto hir by myne executours w^{tin} vj weeks after my deceas for hir diligent service doon unto me. Also I geve and bequeth unto Maister Doctour Talbott one standing cupp w^t a cover. Also I give and bequeth unto Maister Holmes one standing cupp w^t a cover of the kinges new yeres gifte. Also I geve and bequeth unto my sonne ffrauncis Lorde Talbott my tawny velvit gowne furred w^t sables. Item I geve unto my said sonne my blacke saten gowne furred w^t sables. Also I geve and bequeth unto my brother in lawe Maister William Hastings one standing cupp w^t a cover of the kinges new yeres gifte. And where there is a lease made unto me for certaine yeres by deade of the Mannour or lordeshipp of Wirkesopp w^t thappurtenens in the Countie of Nottingham, and of and in diverse others meswages landes, Tenements, and hereditaments w^t their appertenaunces in Wirksoppe, Tylney, and Stirrop w^{tin} the said Countie of Nottingham, and of and in the mannour or lordeshipp Donnington w^t thappurtenances in the Countie of Yorke, and of and in all singular meswages, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes w^t their appurtenaunces in Donnington in the said Countie of Yorke. And of and in the Mannor of Blakemere w^t thappurtenaunces in the Countie of Salopp, and of and in all and singular meswages, landes, Tenementes and hereditaments w^t their appurtenaunces in Whitechurche, blakemere, Tylstock, Asshe maior, Asshe pra, Doddington, Bushal, Altington, Newwoodhouse, Holdewodhouse, Holyhirste, and Cheyn in the saide Countie of Salopp. And also of and in the Mannour or lordeshipp of Marbury w^t thappurtenaunces in the Countie of Chester, and of and in

¹ Granddaughter. See also vol. xxx., pp. 290-1, of this *Journal*.

all and singulier meswages, landes, tenements, and hereditaments w^t their appurtenaunces in Marbury in the said Countie of Chester as by a deade bearing date the xx daie of August, in the xxixth yere of the reigne of our sovereign lorde kinge Henry theight more plainly it may appere. I will that myn executours or administratours or the executours or administratours of the survivo^r of them shall w^t the issues Rentes and profuts of the said mannour and Lordeshipp of Wyrksopp, and of other the said mannours, measer, landes tenements and other the premisses expressed in the said Deade for terme of yeres consent and paye all my dettis to our sovereign lorde the kinge for the custodie, wardeshipp and marrage of Petir Compton Esquier and for detts to Thomas Wortlay, as also all other my dettis, legacies and funeralls, and perfourme this my last will and testament, as in making of my tombe and otherwise. And also content and pay all suche dettis that anny psonne or psonnes is or shalbe bounden or been suertie, or dettour for me or for any of my cawses to anny personne or psonnes. And also I wille that of thissues, Rentis and profutes of the said mannour and other the premisses expressed in the said Lease there shalbe three preestis founden for the space of twenty yers next after my deceas, whereof twoo of them during the said yeres shall daily pray, singe and saie dyvine service in the parrishe Church of Sheffielde at thaulter where my late Wife lady Anne is buried. And thother preest to singe pray and say during the said yeres at the Chapell of our blessed Lady of the bridge at Sheffielde aforesaid, and every of the said three prestes and their successours to have viij marks yerelie during the said yeres to and for their stipende and wages of the Rentes, issues, and profutes of the aforesaid mannours and other the premisses expressed in the said Lease. And I wille that whiche of the said twoo preestis before appointed to say dyvyne service in the parrishe Church of Sheffielde shall say first masse dailie at the said aulter, I will shall every day during the said yeris before the first lavatory of the same masse say De profundis for my Lorde my ffather soule my ladie my

Mothers soule, my soule, the soule of my late wife dame Anne, the soule of my said Wife dame Elizabeth after hir departure out of this worlde, my childrens soules, myn auncetours soules, the soules of marster Richarde Shirbourne and Sir Richard Rolston preestis, and all Christian soules. And fferther I wille that of the Rentis, issues and profutes of the said mannours and other the premisses expressed in the said lease, that during the terme of twenty yeres next after my deceas there be three obites kept in the parrishe Church of Sheffeld, and one annyversary yerely during the same yeris solely to be kept and doon in the same parrishe Church of Sheffelde for the soules of me, and of my said Wife, my auncestours, my Children soules, and all Christen soules. The said annyversary to be kept yerely during the said terme after the daie of my deceas, the daie that it shall fortune me to decease uppon, if the said daie fall not upon a principall feest or Sunday. And if it so happen to doo then the said annyversary to be kept on the morrowe then next following the saide principall feest or Sunday. And I will that of the same issues, Rentis and profutes, fortie shillings of monney shalbe geven and bestowde at the saide annyversary yerelie during the saide yeris to preestis, clerkis, and for other necessary things aboute the same. And also at the said annyversary yerelie during the said yeris xxv^s of monney to be gevin or send in almes by penny doles to lame or beddren¹ people mooste specially being in the said lordeshipp of Sheffelde. And moreover I will that of thissues, Rentis, revenues and profuts of the said mannour and other the premisses expressed in the said lease for yeres, I wille there shalbe yerely during the said termes of twenty yeres next after my deceas three obites kept for my soule and the soules aboverehercid at Sheffelde aforesaid, the first of the same three obits to be wⁱⁿ or aboute a quarter of a yere next after the day of my deceas. And the seconde of the same obits to be wⁱⁿ or aboute a quarter of a yere next after the saide ffirst obite. And the thirde of the said obits to be wⁱⁿ or aboute a quarter next

¹ Bed-ridden.

after the said seconnde obite. And that order of annyversaries to be observid and kept during the said terme of xx yeris next after my deceas. Also I wille that at every of the same obitts xx^s of monney shalbe bestowed and gevyn to preestis, clerkis, and for other necessaries, and also at every of the said obites viij^s iiij^d by penny doole to be gevyn or sent to suche poore people as is before named. And also I wille that iiij tapurs of waxe every one of them being of the hole weight of fyve poundes or more shall burne daily during the said terme of twenty yeris at high masse, mattyns and evynsong, and evry principall feast and evry Sondaye, and at all tymes of the service of the said obites and annyversaries, and that one of the said tapurs doo burne during the time of the antyme of our ladie in the said parrishe Church of Sheffelde and the said iiij tapurs to be renewed make new, every of them to the quantitie of fyve poundes of wax at every of the saide obbites and annyversary, and as often as need shall requier during the said terme of twenty yeris. And further I will that all the costis and charges of the saide tapurs, and all wages and salary of the said preestis and all the charges and expences of the said obitts and annyversaries, and all other charges and expences in and aboute the same, and every parcell therof in manner and fourme as is the forerehersid shalbe taken perceyned and had by myne executours or adminastratours or thexutours of the survivour of them, and be boren and sustayned of thissues, Rentis and profutes of the said mannours and other the premisses expressed in the saide Lease for yeris, And further I wille that as often tymes as it shall fortune anny of the said ij preestis or their successours doo decease or departe from the said service for anny cause That then and so often tymes myn heire for the tyme being shall provide give and putt in another convenyent and able preeste into the Rome of him that so shall deceas or departe for thintent aforerehersid. So that my saide heire doo provide and geve the same wthin fortie daies next after suche Rome or Romes shalbe voide. And if my said heire so doo not Then and so often tymes

the prior of Worsopp for the tyme being to provide and give the same to an able preest for the same intent. So that the said Prior provide, and give the same wⁱⁿ xxviiij daies nexte after suche defaulte of my said heir. And if the said priour doo not provid and geve the same to an able preest wⁱⁿ the space of xxviiij daies to him lymyte, for the said intent Then and so often tymes thabbott of Welbecke for the tyme being to provide and geve the same to a sufficiaunt and able preest for the saide intent so that he provide and geve the same wⁱⁿ the space of xx daies next after ensueing the tyme to him appointeth and this order to be kept and observed at all tymes during the said yers as oftentymes as anny Rome of anny of the said preist shall fortune to fall voide by death or otherwise. Also I wille that every one of my housholde servnts being in wags w^t me at the tyme of my deceas shalhave their wages due at the tyme of my deceas oon hole quarter of a yeris wages ymmediately after the same to be paid by myne executours or admynystratours or the executour or admynystratour of the survivos of them of thissues Rents and profuts of th'aforesaid mannours and other the premisses conteynèd in the afforesaid lease for yeris. And further I wille that after my deceas proclamacion be made that yf I have doon anny wronge or be indetted to anny personne or personnes that canne prove the same That then myne executours or admynystratours or the executours or admynystratours of the survivor of them shall content satisfie or pay the said wronges and dett of thissues, Rentis and profutes of the said mannours and other the premysses conteyned in the said lease of yers. And I wille that after this my wille and legacies be perfourmed That then myn executours shall have the Residew of my goodes and Cattalls not by me willed or bequethid to dispoase or ordre at his or their owne will. And I will that myne Executours or Admynystratours or the Executours or Admynystratours of the survivor of them shall distribute and deale in almes unto poore people wⁱⁿ the lordeshipp of Sheffelde wⁱⁿ the Countie of Yorke twenty pounds in fower yeres next ensuyng

the day of my deþting out of this worlde in manner and fourme following that is to saie every weke in lente during the space of the said iiij yeris on the Saturday sixtene shillings eight pence amonge aged, decrepute fooke or blynde people, that is to saie to every one of them iiij^d. Item I will and charge my son ffraunces that if my daughter the Countesse of Northumberlande have not by assingement, recovery or otherwise promosion to landes tenements or annuall rents oute of the late Inheritaunce of her late husbände Henry late Erle of Northumberland deceased as wille extende to fynde hir an honourable lyvyng That then my said sonne ffraunces and his heires shall geve and finde unto the said Countes of Northumberland, meate, drincke, apparell, and other fynding during hir life naturall or unto suche tyme as she shalhave som landys, tenements, rentis or annuyties whiche shalbe to hir an honorable lyving and fynding. And further I wille that all other wills and testamentis here before this present will by me made spoken or declared shalbe utterly voide and of none effect but only this my present laste wille and testament by me now made. And for the perfourmaunce and execucion of this my last wille and testament, I constitute ordeign and make my entirely beloved sonne ffraunces Talbott knight, lorde Talbott my soole executour. In witness of all the premisses I have subscribed this my last wille and testament w^t myn owne hande. There being Witnes Edmonnde Molyneux, Anthony Nevell, William Holme preest, Thurstone Woodcock. Item to my Wife one aulter cloth of tawny velvit, and cloth of golde, and the vestiment belonging to the same.

“ SHROWESBURY.”

This will was made in the year 1537, by which time the lesser monasteries were being dissolved, and their inmates scattered in the wide world, and their properties and belongings squandered amongst the courtiers. In 1539 the greater monasteries shared the same fate, and the gifts of this will to Welbeck Abbey and Worksop Priory were sold for secular purposes, for bed-covers and such-like uses. The gifts to Sheffield Parish Church were seized for the King's use in the reign of King Edward VI., when all chantry endowments and many charities for the poor were also seized.