

THE MARKETS, FAIRS, AND MILLS OF MORPETH.

A DEED from the Baliffes and Burgesses of Morpeth under ther common seale acknowledging the Lordes right to certaine liberties ther and disclayminge ther pretended right to the same as also for grindinge ther corne at the Lordes Mills Anno 3^d Rex [*sic*] Jacobi.¹

Morpeth } To all Christian people to whom this present deed shall come
Burgus } We the Baliffes and Burgesses of the Towne and Burrough of Morpeth send greetinge in our Lord God everlastinge Know yee that wheras ther hath been controversie between the Right honorable the Lord William Howard lord of the Mannor and libertie of Morpeth aforesaid and us the said Baliffes and Burgesses concerninge the right and title of Court Leet and Court baron within Morpeth aforesaid and for and concerninge the Faires and Marketes ther, with certaine other liberties and priviledges claymed by us the said Baliffes and Burgesses in Morpeth aforesaid as by a Quo Warranto dependinge in his Majestie's Court of Kinges bench at Westminster and a plea in barre therunto pleaded in the name of us the said Baliffes and Burgesses remayninge of Record in the said Court doth appeare: Now for asmuch as we the said Baliffes and Burgesses are resolved by counsell that the said Courtes Leete and Court Baron faires and Marketes do of right appertaine unto the said Lord William Howard as Lord of the said Mannor of Morpeth and that we the said Baliffes and Burgesses have not or ought to have any use or exercise of in or concerninge the same but under the said Lord William Howard and his officeres and ministeres. Therfore we the said Baliffes and Burgesses do by thes presentes acknowledge and confesse the said right and title of the said Lord William Howard to the said premisses and disclaime any title therin in or to our selves And we the said Baliffes and Burgesses do covenant and grant to and with the said Lord William Howard That we the said Baliffes and Burgesses shall and will in the next tearme or in Trinity tearme next by our Attorney of Record in the said Court of Kinges Bench confesse the said accusation of quo warranto and disclaime of Record as well the said Courtes Faires and Marketes as well all and every the liberties ther by us claymed or pretended to belonge unto us by our said plea in barre to the said Quo Warranto. Except only that we the said Baliffes and Burgesses are and claime still to be a lawfull corporacion by the name aforesaid so as a judgment may be lawfully given and entered against us for and concerninge the said liberties (except before excepted) And

¹ Copy from Greenwich Hospital, among Mr. Fenwick's Radclyffe collections.

wher ther hath been likewise some controversie between the said Lord William Howard and some of the inhabitants of Morpeth aforesaid for not grindinge ther corne at the said Lord William Howardes milles ther accordinge to the custome We the said Baliffes and Burgesses do promise by thes presentes to and with the said Lord William Howard That yf hereafter any inhabitant of Morpeth aforesaid shall grind any corne from the said Lordes Mills contrary to the said custome without lawfull cause to be allowed in the said Lordes Court That they the said Bailiffes and Burgesses shall not nor will not joyne with maintaine or defend any such inhabitant in any accusation or suite betweene the Lord of the said Mannor or his farmor of the said Millnes and every such inhabitant for touching or concerninge the not grindinge at the said Lordes Millnes: But shall present at the said Lordes Court such as they shall know to offend therein. In witnes wherof we have heerunto sett our common seale the 9th day of Aprill in the third yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland and of his reigne of Scotland the thirtie and eight.

Witnesses heerof

RAPHE DELAVALLE Vicecom' Northumbr'—ROGER WIDDRINGTON
—ROB: BRANDLINGE—ANTHO: FELTON.

[Judgment was confessed accordingly.]