

THE MANOR OF EWOOD AND THE IRON- WORKS THERE IN 1575.

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SO very little reference has been made in the pages of these *Collections* to the old iron industry of Surrey, that the following survey of the manor, in which was situated one of the most important ironworks of the county, if not of the whole Wealden district, should have an especial interest. The industry certainly was never so extensive in Surrey as it was in the two neighbouring counties of Sussex and Kent, and, for reasons chiefly perhaps to be connected with the difficulties of carriage in the remote parts of the Weald, was probably centuries later in its origin. Nevertheless, the number of Surrey ironworks in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was considerable, as our member, Mr. Malden, has shown in his admirable short history of the county; and the mills of Christopher Darrell, in the parish of Newdigate, had the distinction of being specially mentioned in a public Act of Parliament.

According to Manning and Bray, Ewood or Iwood Park was the property of the Earls of Warren and Surrey, and descended from them to Richard Fitz Alan, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, who was in possession of it in 38 Edward III (1365). In that year, by deed dated at Reigate, he granted to William de Newdegate a croft of land in Newdigate in exchange for two and a-half acres, one rood, fifteen perches, which the Earl had of the said William, and had inclosed in his park of Iwode.¹

¹ *History of Surrey*, II, 174.

The grandson of this Earl was Thomas Fitz Alan, Earl of Arundel, who died without issue in 1415, when his property came to his four sisters as co-heirs. One of them, Joan, married William de Beauchamp, Lord Abergavenny; and their son Richard, who succeeded to the barony and was afterwards created Earl of Worcester, left an only child, Elizabeth, who married Sir Edward Nevill. Sir Edward was afterwards summoned to Parliament as Lord Abergavenny. On his death, in 16 Edward IV (1476), it was found that he held, amongst other lands in Surrey, the manor of Padyngdon Pembroke, together with the park of Iwode with the appurtenances, which same manor, together with the aforesaid park of Iwode, was held of the King in chief by service of the fourth part of one knight's fee, and was worth annually about 66s. 8d.¹

In their finding, the jury would thus seem to have regarded Ewood Park as an appendage of the manor of Paddington Pembroke. But there seem to be no earlier inquisitions taken on the deaths of the Earls of Warren and Surrey and on those of their successors the Earls of Arundel, in which Ewood is mentioned, and it may be regarded at least as doubtful whether it ever had been held by military service of the crown. Moreover, the manor of Paddington Pembroke had, as is implied by the name so given it in distinction to the other manor of Paddington in Abinger, or Paddington-Bray, descended from the Earls of Pembroke. In the inquisition taken in 1390 on the death of John de Hastings, the last Earl of Pembroke of that creation, it is mentioned together with the manor of Westcote as being held of the Duke of Lancaster and of the honor of L'Aigle (Aquila).² The father of this Earl had, by licence from the crown, effected a settlement, in the event of the failure of his own issue, of all his possessions, with the exception of the town and castle of Pembroke, upon William de Beauchamp, his

¹ Inquis. post mortem, 16 Edw. IV, No. 66.

² Inq. p. m., 14 Rich. II, No. 147.

first cousin on his mother's side.¹ As the last Earl died a minor and without issue, William de Beauchamp successfully claimed the estates from Reginald de Grey de Ruthyn, the Earl's next of kin.² He became afterwards Lord Abergavenny, and married, as stated above, Joan, one of the co-heirs of the Earl of Arundel. Upon the death of Joan, in 1435, it was found that she had been enfeoffed, jointly with her husband and his heirs, of the manor of Paddington, with reversion to Edward Nevill, then Lord Abergavenny, and Elizabeth his wife, as in right of the same Elizabeth, and that the manor was held in chief of the King by knight service.³ In all the inquisitions to this date there is no mention of Ewood in connection with the manor of Paddington Pembroke.

Ewood Park remained in the possession of the Nevills, Lords Abergavenny, until 1553, when, by deed dated March 24th of that year, Henry Nevill, Lord Abergavenny, conveyed to George and Christopher Darrell, for the sum of two hundred pounds, all his messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, woods, underwoods, waters and rough ground, commonly called Iwood, otherwise the Park of Iwood, in the parish of Newdigate, and also all the buildings, ironworks, and offices within the same, with all ways, waters, commodities and easements thereto belonging, and also the view of frankpledge of all inhabitants and resiants.⁴

George and Christopher Darrell were brothers, who seem to have been engaged at this time in developing the iron industry in this part of the county. They were London men; in subsequent deeds George is described as of Gray's Inn, and Christopher, as we see in the commission to the survey before us, was a citizen and

¹ Dugdale, *Baronage*, I, 577, 578.

² See Inq. p. m., 2 Hen. IV, No. 54, of Philippa, widow of the last Earl of Hastings, and Feet of Fines, Div. Cos., File 59, Nos. 16 and 17 (*Calendar of Surrey Fines*, p. 224). The proceedings relative to the claims of the co-feoffees of the Earl of Pembroke on behalf of William de Beauchamp against Reginald de Grey will be found in P. R. O., Placita in Cancellaria, Nos. 270 and 271.

³ Inq. p. m., 14 Hen. VI, No. 35.

⁴ Close Roll, 7 Edw. VI, p. 1, No. 2.

merchant-tailor of London. Two years before this date they had acquired the remainder of a lease, and afterwards, with the consent of the owner, Henry Lechford, esquire, had extended it to the full term of fifty years, of eight acres of land in Leigh, known as Burgett and Grove Lands, on which also were ironworks. Moreover, some time before June 18th, 1554, they had purchased a half-acre of ground in the same parish, lying at the east end of Ewood Park.¹

On this latter date the brothers leased to John Stapley, of Framfield, co. Sussex, esquire, and Gregory Newman, citizen and grocer of London, for the term of ninety-nine years, Ewood Park and the adjoining half-acre of land in Leigh, at a yearly rental of £66 : 13s. 4d., and also transferred to the same the remainder of their lease of Lechford's lands, at the same rent which they themselves had agreed to pay, namely, 6s. 8d. an acre.

On July 4th, 1554, the Darrells disposed of the whole of the remainder of their interest in all these lands, including the above yearly rents and the view of frankpledge in Ewood. George sold his moiety to Antony Pelham, of Buxted, co. Sussex, esquire, for the sum of £666 : 13s. 4d., and Christopher sold his for the like sum to Thomas Collett, who is described as the son and heir-apparent of Humphrey Collett, a citizen and bowyer of London.² Thomas Collett we find afterwards became, like Christopher Darrell, a merchant-tailor of the same city, and is so described when on December 13th, 1567, he conveyed the whole of his share of these estates to John Heathe of King's Lynn, co. Norfolk, esquire.³

On May 22nd, 1574, John Heathe, now of Kepyner, co. Durham, reconveyed this share to Christopher Darrell jointly with Thomas Browne, of West Betchworth,⁴ and on the last day of the same year Christopher

¹ These transactions of the brothers Darrell, together with the lease to Stapley and Newman, are recited in the subsequent deeds referred to below.

² Close Roll, 1 & 2 Philip and Mary, p. 4, Nos. 21 and 22.

³ Close Roll, 10 Eliz., p. 21.

⁴ Close Roll, 16 Eliz., p. 9.

Darrell repurchased the moiety, which his brother had sold twenty years before, from Herbert Pelham, son and heir of Antony Pelham.¹ Thus, as we may see, was the ownership of Ewood Park determined in 1575, the date of our survey.

Turning to the survey, two points call for special notice here.

In the first place, we may note the references here and there to the fact that the estate had been replenished with wood, and see how the policy which was singled out for special remark six years later in the well-known Act of 23 Elizabeth, c. 5, had already been adopted. This Act, the second of the three of Elizabeth's reign, which sought to limit the great destruction of timber which the rapid growth of the Wealden ironworks was bringing about, ends with the special proviso that nothing contained in it should extend "to any woods or underwoods growing in and upon any lands of Christopher Darrell, gentleman, in the parish of Newdigate within the weald of Surrey; which woods of the said Christopher have heretofore been and be by him preserved and coppiced for the use of his ironworks in those parts."

The second point to be noticed in the survey is that at the date when it was taken Christopher Darrell was not his own ironmaster, although reference is made to his late tenure and occupation of the works. In the well-known list made in February 157 $\frac{3}{4}$, of the owners and farmers of the Wealden ironworks, he appears as having the forge and furnace in Ewood as well as a forge in Frant (Sussex).² On April 4 of the same year we have his signature to the bond, into which all owners and masters of ironworks were required to enter before the Privy Council, that they would cast no iron ordnance without the Queen's special licence, nor would sell the same to foreigners.³ As the first of the two deeds which were again to make him one of the owners

¹ Close Roll, 17 Eliz., p. 13.

² State Papers Domestic Eliz. xcv, 20.

³ Ibid., 76.

of Ewood was not executed until the latter end of the following month, Christopher Darrell must evidently, at some time previous to this, have obtained a lease of the ironmills and worked them as tenant. In what manner this lease had been obtained, and whether the earlier one to Stapley and Newman had been previously surrendered or otherwise determined, I have been unable to discover.

Robert Reynoldes, who appears in the survey as the master of these works and the occupier as well of the mansion house of Ewood, is no doubt to be identified with the Robert Raynoldes of East Grinstead, co. Sussex, yeoman, who took his bond as an ironmaster on February 26, 1573.¹ In one of the lists he is said to have a furnace in Millplace and a forge at Brambletyme (Brambletye in East Grinstead).² In a list of those who appeared before the Council, under the above date, February 26, appears "(Sussex) Robert Raynolds one furnace in Milplace: farmer to Mills for the furnace: and to one Mr. Picasse for the forge."³ At this time, and indeed to a considerably later period, the greater number of the Surrey ironworks were worked by Sussex men.

What were the actual reasons which made the Exchequer authorities desirous to learn Darrell's precise interest in the manor of Ewood at this time do not appear, but from the above account of its previous history it may be readily imagined that the rather frequent changes of ownership in the few preceding years, and Darrell's own different connections with the estate as owner, tenant, and again owner, had made the question a somewhat involved one. In the survey as here printed the spelling and contractions of the original have been followed, but a translation is given of the Latin of the original commission.

¹ S. P. D. Eliz. xcv, 24.

² Ibid., 61.

³ Ibid., 79.

EXCHEQUER, KING'S REMEMBRANCER, SPECIAL COMMISSIONS,
No. 2242.

ELIZABETH by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland etc. To our well-beloved Thomas Browne esquire John Cowper esquire and Thomas Taylor our surveyor of all and singular our Honors Castles Lordships Manors lauds tenements possessions and hereditaments in our County of Surrey Greeting Know ye that we fully confident of your faithful and provident circumspection in transacting our affairs have assigned you and by these presents do give you full power and authority to survey the manor and park of Iwood with all its appurtenances situate lying and being in the parish of Nudygate alias Nydygate in our said county of Surrey by the oath of good and lawful men of the county aforesaid or by other ways means and modes which you shall better know or by which you shall be able and severally and particularly to make extent how much that is to say severally and particularly they are worth clearly by the year in all issues beyond reprises as in houses gardens parks waters ponds fishponds fishings mills mines services rents arable lands meadows feedings pastures trees woods underwoods and other profits whatsoever to the manor and park aforesaid pertaining and belonging And also to enquire and examine fully the truth by all ways means and modes which you shall know or by which you shall be able as to what right estate title and interest a certain Christopher Darrell of London Merchant Taylor has of and in the same premises and of all other articles and circumstances in any manner soever concerning the premises And so we command you that on a day or days which you shall provide for this purpose you the aforesaid personally go to the manor and park aforesaid and diligently apply yourselves about the premises and that you do and perform all and singular these things with effect in form aforesaid So that you may have that extent distinctly and openly taken and made and all the rest done by you in the premises before the Barons of our Exchequer at Westminster on the morrow of the Ascension of Our Lord next to come under your seals and the seals of those by whom it shall have been done together with this our commission We have commanded moreover our Sheriff of the said County of Surrey that at the day and place or days and places which you shall provide for this purpose he cause to come before you so many and such good and lawful men of his bailiwick by which the truth of the matter of and in the premises shall be better known and enquired We give also to all and singular our sheriffs mayors bailiffs ministers and trusty subjects whatsoever by the tenor of these presents firmly in command that they shall in all things and throughout all things apply themselves help advise and assist you as is fitting in performing and doing the premises In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent Witness Sir Edward

Saunders knight at Westminster on the twelfth day of February in the seventeenth year of our reign By the roll of Memoranda of Hilary of the same year of this Queen in the roll of Commissions and Letters Patent.

And by the Barons
Tho. Fanshawe.

Fanshawe.

[Endorsed.]

The execution of this commission appears in a certain schedule annexed to this.

The Certificat of Thomas Browne & John Cowper esquyours & Thomas Taillor S^rveyor of the Quenes Maiesties Landes in the County of Surrey Comysshioners apoynted by vertue of a Comysshion owt of the Courte of Theschequior dated the xijth daye of February in the xvijth yere of the said Qwenes Highnes to them directed for the S^rvey of the Mannor and Pke of Iwood in the said County of Surrey wth thapp^rten^{ance} scituate lieng & being in the pisshe of Nudygate otherwise Nydgate in the same County and for valuyng thereof se^dally & p^rti^clerly & otherwise dealing according to the teno^r of the said Comysshion made the tenth daye of Maye in the xvijth yere of the said Quenes Highnes as ensueth

That is to saye

First we the said Comysshioners doe certifie that there ben diuers mesuage teñtes howses & buildinge and lande therewth occupied & also certen Ironworkes a Furnesse a Forge a Hammer wth diuers instrumente tooles appendaunte & necessities to the same woorkes incydent & apperteynyng wth a great ponde & water to fue the said Woorkes & also certen waste grounde & voide rome abowt^e the said Worke necessary for the stoyage thereof and iiij cotage wth garden plott^e conuenient for the workemen of the said Woorkes to enhabytt in And also diuers other lande teñte meadowes pastures feadinge woodes underwoode busshy & rough ground pondes waters & watercourses And one myll for malte & wheate in the tenures of se^dall psons All inclosed together and cōmonly knowen & called by the name & names of Iwood otherwise the Pke of Iwood in the said pisshe of Nudygate

otherwise Nydgate in the forsaid County of Surrey w^{ch} wee haue s^rveyed & valued p^rti^clerly as ensueth

That is to saye

Certen ground wth a capitall mansion howse a Ironmyll Furnesse Forge & Ham^ml & diuers teⁿte edificē buildingē landē meadowes pastures woodē woodground ponde^s waters watercourses & hereditam^tē wthin the same alltogether inclosed and cōmonly called Iwood otherwise the Pke of Iwood in the pisse of Nudygate ats Nidgate in the said Countye of Surrey.

Viž.

The mansion howse yron millē & diū^s landē teⁿte medowes pastures feadingē & wood groundē in the seuerall tenures of diuers psons at will.

Viž.

Robert Reynoldes holdeth and occupieth the Capitall Mansion Howse & dwelling place in Iwood ats the Pke of Iwood aforesaid wth the stables stawles heyloftes & other edificē hereunto the said mansion howse together wth a litle co^rte & certen grounde inclosed rownd abowth the same mansion wth an Orchard and garden therein cōt in thole by estima^con iiij acres And also a Brewhowse wth diuers brewing vesselles thereunto belonging scituate west of the said mansion howse and adioyning to the yron woorkes there late in the tenure & occupieng of X^pofer Darrell worthe to be letten by yere—vj^{li} And also one mesuage or teⁿte there called The Old Lodge wth certen litle pightellē & a garden plotte & other edificē adioyning together wth diuers landes arrable pasture & feadingē meadowe & certen woodground conteyning by e^st in thole cix ac^r viž of arrable pasture & feading ^{xx}iiijxij ac^r of meadowe xij ac^r & of woodground v ac^r worthe by yere—xiiij^{li} x^s Also one close of pasture russhy and meadowe grounde sometyme seuered into iiij pcellē lieng on the west pte of a coppice there called the Hogg Pke late in the tenure of Stephen Henn conteyning by estima^con l^{ti} acres worthe by yere—cxvj^s viij^d And also iiij pcellē of lande pasture feading & woodgrounde seuerally inclosed there called and knowen by the name & names of Powncellette^{xxx ac^r} rome, Whelers Rayles, Stephens rome, & the Cowerome, wth ij litle plottes of meadowe adioyning to the said Cowerome cōt in thole by e^st C ac^r worthe by yere—xj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d So in thole worthe by yere

xxxviij^{li}.

The same Robert Reynoldes also holdeth the Iron mylle & woorkes a Furnesse a Forge & Hammer & all the buildinge & edifices of the same called and knowen by the name or names of the Forge and Furnesse of Iwood otherwise Iwood Pke wth diuers tooles instrumentes ymplemente & necessities incydent & belonging to the same workes and also one great ponde cont^y by estimaçon iiij x ac^r & all streames waters watercourses & waterworkes thereunto belonging & apperteyning also one cole howse there and some cotage & howses wth garden plott^e & y^des necessary & meete for the woorkemen to inhabytt in, together wth the waste & void^e ground^e abowt^e the forsaid workes cont^y by es^t vj ac^r nedefull to laye the cole myne sowes synders & other stoyage of the same work^e and wth diuers wayes easiament^e & passage heretofore there used & occupied for carriage to and fro in, by, & through^e the forsaid land^e ground^e & woodes of Iwood ats Iwood Pke in suche like manner & sorte as X^{po}fer Darrell abovenamed late the occupier thereof had used & occupied worth (hauing tymb^r lome sande earth & other stuffe nedefull for repaying the p^rmisses to be taken in & upon the said land^e ground^e & woodes of Iwood) by yere

xlii.

The forsaid Robert Reynoldes likewise holdeth One water myll there wth ij paire of stones for wheat & malte therein and wth a ponde & the watercourses thereunto belonging and halfe an acre of land^e & pasture lieng on thest pte thereof wth all wayes and passage to the same myll incydent late in the tenure of Richard Hadlowe worth by yere

xli.

Thomas Bonecke holdeth twoo closes of meadowe & pasture grounde replenished wth diuers frute trees cont^y by estimaçon xij ac^r abutting upon the land^e of Richard Lecheford called Shellwood on the northe pte and upon a dike there called the Myldike on the southe pte worthe by yere

xli^s.

Will^am Taylor holdeth One little close of meadowe & pasture replenished thinly wth frutetrees & j ponde therein lieng and adioyning to certen ympaled ground^e wherein ben di^us pond^e & stewes cont^y by estimaçon iij roodes worth by yere

iiij^s.

Nathan Witehande holdeth diuers pcell^e of roughe woodground & pasture seßally inclosed lieng together betwene certain land^e there called Hennsold Hill on the south pte & the land^e belonging to the teñte before spⁱfied called The Olde Lodge on the north pte cont^y by estimaçon xl ac^r to the said Nathan late graunted & worth by yere

iiij^{li}.

Wilm Nettlingh^am holdeth a teñte wth a stable ⁊ ij garden plottes Also twoo closes of meadowe ⁊ pasture conť by estimaçon vj acres Certen woodground inclosed ⁊ replenisshed wth okē ⁊ beches of e yeres growth ⁊ more conť by est xxxiiij^{ti} acres (the said olde trees refued) and certen pasture ground inclosed replenisshed thinly wth wood conť by estimaçon x acř in thole l acř worth by yere

v^{li}.

Mighell Rodam holdeth a teñte ij garden plottes ⁊ one Orchard also certen coppice wood inclosed called Lodgehill conteyning by est xliij acř and iij pcellē low russhy ⁊ meadow groundē conť by estimaçon iiij acř Also one lytle coppice conť by est ij acres in thole l acř worthe by yere

iiij^{li} x^s.

John Marshe holdeth certen coppice wood inclosed conť by estimaçon xl acř and xx^{ti} acres of pasture inclosed replenisshed thinly wth woodē in thole lx acř worthe by yere

v^{li} vj^s viij^d.

Will^am Samford holdeth certen woodground inclosed wth diūs pcellē and plottē of pasture therein conť by est xxx acres and certen roughe ground pasture ⁊ meadowe inclosed conť by est iiij acř worth together by yere

lxxvij^s.

John Ismongar holdeth a teñte wth a stable ⁊ ij garden plottes ij closes of meadowe ⁊ pasture conť by est x acř ⁊ one coppice conť by est vj acř wo^rth by yere

lij^s.exiiij^{li} viij^s viij^d.

Diūs landē meadowes pastures and wood groundē in the occupieng of Xpōfer Darrell an owñ of iij pte of the said groundē called Iwood

viž.

The fornamed Xpōfer Darrell holdeth to his owne proper use diuers pcellē of landē meadowes pastures coppice ⁊ woodgroundē seſually inclosed as followeth, viž. One coppice wood called Hogg Pke conť by est xl acř worth by yere—lxvj^s viij^d And one close of busshy ⁊ pasture groundē pcell of the landē called the Westende ⁊ abutting upon the landē of Richard Squier of Grimstede yoman conť by est xxvij acř worthe by yere lxvij^s vj^d Also a coppice wood inclosed called the Westend Coppice lieng on the west pte of the grete broke runnyng throughe Iwood groundē conť by est xx acř worth by yere—xxxiiij^s iiij^d And certen highe ground seſually inclosed replenisshed

wth woodes & pasture called Hennsold Hill cont by est c ac^r worthe by yere—vi^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d And also certen pasture & russhy lowe meadowe grounde called Mysbrooke Lagg cont by est ix ac^r seūally inclosed and thereunto adioyning A cōpyce wood called Highwood cont by est xxxv ac^r replenissed here & there wth diūs plottē of pasture together inclosed And certen roughe & busshy ground likewise inclosed cont by est vj ac^r In thole cont l ac^r worth by yere—c^s Also certen low russhy & meadow grounde called Edwardē Lagg cont by est iij ac^r together wth certen woodground replenissed wth muche playne ground therein abowtē the said Edwardē Lagg cont by est l ac^r alltogether inclosed worth by yere—iii^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d And also a certen pece of land inclosed wth pale & therein certen pondē & stewes for fische cont by est j ac^r dī together wth a seūall coppice adioyning thereunto cont by est ij ac^r worthe by yere—x^s In thole by yere

xxv^{li} iiij^s ij^d.

Sm^a totall of all the premisses

— cxxxix^{li} xij^s x^d.

Whereof

A Quytrent payable
yerely owt of the βmisses

Rep^s that is to saye

Payde to John Stydolffe esquier owt of all and singler the said landē and woode called Iwood for the purchase of halfe an acre of lande occupied wth the foresaid myll for malte & wheate (as by evidens thereof redy to be shewed & by us the said Cōmyssioners allredy seen appereth) yerely

v^s.

And so Remayneth clere—cxxxix^{li} vij^s x^d.

M^d that the βmysses ben senerally & pticlerly valued as before appereth not respecting the nomb of acres thereof onely but in pte considering the qualitie, nature, & goodnes of the soyle, & in pte respecting the kynde, growthe, & goodnes of the woodes & likewise considering the cōmoditye & benefytt that may arise of the said Ironworkes and myll allowing tymē hedgebote firebote ploughbote cartbote & gatebote for the Farmors & Tenauntē nedefull occupieng from tyme to tyme.

Item the proffitt & comoditie that by o^r consideraçon wilbe made and aryse and encrease of the fisshing and sewyng of the forsaid greate ponde & of fyve other ponde wthin the þmisses being so stored (as wee ben enformed by the said Xpöfer Darrell they ben) & ptely by o^r owne judgem^te wee understande will amount to euery thirde yere the charge borne—xl^{li}.

Item the owners of the þmisses clayme view of Frankepledge of thinhit^unt^e wthin the þmisses Also they clayme wayfe straye felons goodes & other ryalties as to a Mannor.

And also wee the foresaid Comysshioners doe further certefye for & concernyng the right title & interest of the premyssees as ensueth That is to saye That the forsaid Thomas Browne one of the said Comysshioners and the said Xpöfer Darrell in the Comysshion hereunto annexed spified ben joyntly seased in theire demesne as of fee of an estate of enherytaunce to them & theire heires for eũ of and in the moytye and halfe pte & porçon of all & singler the þmysses wth theire appurtenaⁿce as by an Indenture of bergayne & salle thereof made by one John Heathe of Kepiar in the County of Durham esquior dated the xxijth of Maye in the xvijth yere of the forsaid Quenes Ma^{tie} that now is and by other assurauns concernyng the same dothe & may appere And that the same Xpöfer Darrell is seased in his demesne as of fee of an estate of enherytaunce to him & his heires for eũ of and in the other moytie & halfe pte of all & singler the þmisses wth theire app^ten^ance as by an Indenture of bergayne & sale thereof made to him by Herbart Pelham of Hellinglee in the County of Sussex esquior bearing date the last daye of Decemb^r in the xvijth yere of the said Quenes Highnes wth other assurauns therefore redy to be shewed also dothe & may appere In witnes whereof hereunto wee the said Comysshioners have putt our handes & seales the daye & yere abouesaid.

[Signed]

THOMAS BROWNE. p JOH^m COWP. THO: TAYLLOR.

[Endorsed.]

Libat^r p manus infranõiati Thome Taylor
xix^o die Maii anno xvij^o Regine Eliž.