

RUSHENDEN.

BY JOHN COPLAND.

I HAVE recently purchased Danley Farm in the parish of Minster in Sheppey from the Master, Brethren, and Sisters, acting as the Chapter of the Royal Hospital and Collegiate Church of St. Katherine.

The agreement for purchase provided that the title should be "the grant by John of Gaunt and others, dated 4th February 16th Richard 2nd (1392-3), of the Manor of Ryshynden and certain other lands in the Isle of Sheppey," and the only title I have is such Grant. I have inspected the original, and append a copy of same in extended Latin, and the translation.

The Royal Hospital of St. Katherine was one of the few that escaped suppression at the Reformation. Her Majesty the Queen is the Patron of the Hospital, and her consent had to be given to the sale.

I send the following as a curiosity in the matter of length and also shortness of title, for there have been no dealings other than leases by the Chapter of St. Katherine's with the property in the meantime.

GRANT BY JOHN OF GAUNT AND OTHERS, 4TH FEBRUARY
16TH RICHARD II. (1392-3).

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel
auditis Johannes Dux Aquitanie et
Lancastrie [Johannes] permissione di-
vina Episcopus Lincolnensis et Hen-
ricus eadem permissione Episcopus
Wygorniensis Salutem in domino sem-
piternam Cum Johannes Kent teneat
Manerium de Ryshynden [in] Insula
de Shepeye cum pertinentiis ac unum
mesuagium sexaginta acres terre du-
centas acres pasture centum et viginti
acras marisci salsi et tres solidatas et
octo denaratas redditus cum pertinentiis

To all who shall see or hear this
writing John Duke of Aquitaine and
Lancaster [John] by divine permission
Bishop of Lincoln and Henry by the
same permission Bishop of Worcester
greeting in the Lord everlasting
Whereas John Kent holds the manor
of Ryshynden in the Isle of Sheppey
with the appurtenances and one mes-
suage sixty acres of land 200 acres of
pasture 120 acres of salt marsh and
three shillings and eight pence of rent
with the appurtenances in the parish

in parochia de Mynstre ad vitam suam ex dimissione nostra ac Johannis de Ispre militis et Nicholai Carreu jam defunctorum que quidem manerium messuagium terram pasturam mariscum et redditum ac alia dominia terras et tenementa nos et alii nuper habuimus ex dono et feoffamento celebris memorie domini Edwardi nuper regis Anglie et Francie jam defuncti sicut per diversas cartas suas nobis inde confectas plenius poterit apparere. Noveritis nos per hoc presens scriptum nostrum concessisse quod manerium messuagium terra pastura mariscus et redditus predicta cum pertinentiis que post mortem predicti Johannis Kent ad nos et heredes nostros reverti deberent post mortem ejusdem Johannis Kent remaneant dilectis nobis in Christo Magistro et Fratribus ac Sororibus Hospitalis Sancte Katerine juxta Turrim Londoniensem Habendum et tenendum eisdem Magistro et Fratribus ac Sororibus ac successoribus suis ad inveniendum unum capellanum ultra numerum Fratrum et capellanorum in eodem Hospitali jam existentium divina pro anima predicti nuper Regis ac anima celebris memorie domine Philippe nuper Regine Anglie Consortis sue necnon pro bono statu excellentissimi in Christo principis et domini nostri domini Ricardi Regis Anglie et Francie moderni illustris ac serenissime domine nostre Regine Consortis sue ac pro bono statu nostro prefati Ducis dum vixerimus et pro animabus nostris cum ab hac luce migraverimus celebraturum ac etiam ad obitus predictorum nuper Regis et Regine ac obitum nostrum prefati Ducis post decessum nostrum in ecclesia Hospitalis predicti singulis annis imperpetuum celebrandos. Concessimus etiam et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris tenore presentium prefatis Magistro et Fratribus ac Sororibus quod ipsi et successores sui predicti predicta manerium messuagium terram pasturam mariscum et redditum cum pertinentiis post mortem predicti Johannis Kent ingredi possint Habendum et tenendum eisdem Magistro et Fratribus ac Sororibus et successoribus suis predictis ad inveniendum capellanum predictum divina pro statu et animabus predictis celebraturum ac ad obitus predictos in eadem ecclesia singulis annis in forma predicta celebrandos imperpetuum statuto de

of Minster for his life by the lease of us and Sir John de Ispre knight and Nicholas Carreu now deceased which said manor messuage land pasture marsh and rent and other lordships lands and tenements we and others lately had of the gift and feoffment of the Lord Edward of illustrious memory late King of England and France now deceased as by divers his charters made to us thereof may more fully appear. Know ye that we by this our present writing have granted that the manor messuage land pasture marsh and rents aforesaid with the appurtenances which after the death of the aforesaid John Kent ought to revert to us and our heirs may remain after the death of the same John Kent unto our beloved in Christ the Master and Brethren and Sisters of the Hospital of St. Katharine near the Tower of London. To have and to hold to the same Master and Brethren and Sisters and their successors to find a Chaplain beyond the number of Brethren and chaplains now being in the same Hospital to celebrate divine services for the soul of the aforesaid late King and the soul of the Lady Philippa of illustrious memory late Queen of England his Consort and also for the good estate of our most excellent Prince and Lord in Christ the Lord Richard the now illustrious King of England and France and of our Most serene Lady the Queen his Consort and for the good estate of us the aforesaid Duke whilst we are living and for our souls when we shall have departed from this life. And also to celebrate the obits of the aforesaid late King and Queen and the obit of us the aforesaid Duke after our decease every year for ever in the Church of the Hospital aforesaid. Also we have granted and given licence for us and our heirs by the tenour of these presents to the aforesaid Master and Brethren and Sisters that they and their successors may enter the aforesaid manor messuage land pasture marsh and rent with the appurtenances after the death of the aforesaid John Kent. To have and to hold to the same Master Brethren and Sisters and their successors aforesaid to find the chaplain aforesaid to celebrate divine services for the estate and souls aforesaid and to celebrate the obits aforesaid every year in the same church in form aforesaid for ever the statute for not

terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis ac alia quacunq̄ causa nos vel heredes nostros tangente non obstantibus Salvis semper et reservatis capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum servitia sibi inde debitis et consuetis In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus Hiis testibus Thoma Percy Johanne de Eynecourt Willielmo Par et Ricardo atte Lese militibus Magistro Willielmo de Asheton decano ecclesie collegiate Sancti Martini Magni Londoniensis Willielmo Symme de Horsham Willielmo Makenade et aliis Datum apud Castrum nostrum prefati Ducis de Hertford die [Martis] quarto die Februarii anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi sexto decimo.

putting lands and tenements in mortmain and any other cause whatsoever touching us or our heirs notwithstanding Saving always and reserved to the chief lords of those fees the services therefor to them due and accustomed In testimony whereof to this our present charter we have set our seals These being witnesses Thomas Percy John d'Eynecourt William Par and Richard Attelesse Knights Master William de Asheton Dean of the Collegiate Church of St. Martin the Great London William Symme of Horsham William Makenade and others Given at the Castle of Hertford of us the aforesaid Duke on [Tuesday] the 4th day of February in the 16th year of the reign of King Richard the 2nd.

Endorsed: A Grant of Rhyshenden by John Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster the Bishop of Lincoln and the Bishop of Worcester.