

Hereafter ensueth the last Will and Testament of me Sir Nichas Bacon

Item Lord Leger of the greate scale of England made the 2nd of September a thousand five hundred seventy seven, in the mynethly yere of the reigne of our Souverayne Leger Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England ffraunce and Ireland defendo of the Realme & Countrey the disposition of all my manors Lands tenements and hereditaments within the Realme of England as followeth / **Item** Whereas I haue before this time cause to be made for termes of five years next after my decesse of the manors of Redgrave Wortham, Finkinhall, and Hyndtley in the countey of Suff with their appurtenances to the performante of this my last will with divers remanders over, as by an Indenture dated the second of October anno primo Regne Elizabeth, more at Large appeareth / **And** whereas also I haue caused to be made of the one moieties of the manors of Bungate and of the hundredth of Blakburne, and of the tenth otes and rasons and the aduersion of Bungate in the said countey of Elizabeth anno / **And** a like assurance and conveyaunce of other moieties of the said manor of Bungate in the same forme, and to the like uses and intent in all paynes, as by an other Indenture dated Deince Aprilis anno quinto decimo Regne Elizabeth more plaineably appeareth / **And** whereas also I haue caused to be made for termes of five years next after my decesse of the manors of Mettingham, Elketshall and the appurtenance the parsonage of Mettingham, and of the Lands late purchased of the Duke of Norfolk, the doweryson of the baronage of Mettingham in the said countey of Suff to the performante of my said will, with divers remanders over, as by an Indenture dated Vicesimo May anno Regni Elizabeth anno / **And** whereas also I haue caused to be made for termes of five years next after my decesse to the performante of my will of the manor of Bramflete in the said countey of Suff with divers remanders over, as by an Indenture dated the twentieth of May anno Regni Regne Elizabeth anno / **And** whereas also I haue caused to be made conveyaunce and assurance that is to saye of the manors of Sothamby, Westwick, Burston, Ryderdale, Bulstrode, Peage, Apshury, the mill at Chelvint, the parsonage of Redborne, the doweryson of the churched of Redborne, and Saint Michael, and of divers other Quilles, next the towne of Saint Albans, in the countey of Hertford, by one Indenture dated quinto Decembri anno sexto decimo Elizabeth Regne, and of the manors of Minthebury, Abbottsbury and Leth in the said countey of Hertford, as by an Indenture dated the last daye of November anno quarto decimo Elizabeth Regne appeareth / **And** of the manor of Mark and certain other Lands and hereditaments in the countey of Essex by one Indenture dated the twentieth of November anno Elizabeth Regne septimo / **And** of the tenement called Copshall and Rose in the said countey of Essex, by one other Indenture dated septimo Aprilis anno Elizabeth Regne decimo and by an other Indenture dated octavo Octobris anno tertio decimo Elizabeth Regne / **And** of certain tenements called Messingers, drudges and handlasses, in the said countey of Essex by a feoffament dated septimo Aprilis anno decimo Elizabeth Regne / **And** also of all other quilles and tenements with their appurtenances lying in the parishes and hamlets of Sagham, Hornethurh, and Harting in the said countey of Essex whiche I haue purchased of sondry persons. All whiche said last mentioned Lands tenements and hereditaments in the said countey of Essex My meaning is / **And** I will and devise that the same shall be remane and goe in all paynes as the manor of Mark is appointed to remane / **And** also whereas I haue caused estates and conveyaunce to be made of the rent of thirtie pounds yearlye issyng out of Choder in the countey of Regne / **And** of the manors of Wyverton and Walsham (exepte the parsonage of Walsham) / **First** by an Indenture dated the said second of October anno Elizabeth Regne primo / **And** after by one Indenture dated tertio Octobris anno Elizabeth Regne tertio / **And** of the manor of Cynchhouse and parsonage of Walsham by one Indenture dated the said third of October anno Elizabeth Regne tertio / **And** of the manors of Ingham and Cynwiche and of Maynside in Barnehamb and certain quilles of Lands there by one Indenture bearing date vicesimo May anno Elizabeth Regne octavo / **And** of the manor of Stiffey with the appurtenances in the said countey of Norfolk by one Indenture bearing date the tenth of February anno tertio decimo Regne Elizabeth / **And** of certain other quilles in Stiffey asforesaid by Indenture date decimo septimo Februario anno sexto decimo Elizabeth Regne / **All** whiche said last mentioned Lands tenements and hereditaments in Stiffey my meaning is / **And** I will and devise that the same shall goe remane and be in all paynes as the said manor of Stiffey is limited and appointed to goe remane and be / **And** of the manor of Stiffey in the said countey of Norfolk by Indenture dated vicesimo octavo die Martij anno decimo nono Elizabeth Regne / **And** of the marshes and marshy groundes lying in Walschye in the countey of Lent, and in Eastham in the countey of Essex by Indenture dated the first daye of June in the twentieth yere of the Quenes maiestie And of the tenement of Northlode and of all my Lands and hereditaments lying in Lyd in the said countey of Lent by Indenture bearing date vicesimo septimo die May, anno Regni Regne Elizabeth vicesimo / **And** of my Lands tenements and hereditaments in Channery lane by a feoffament bearing date decimo sexto May anno septimo Elizabeth Regne / **And** of my Lands tenements and hereditaments in fletcher lane by Indenture of feoffament bearing date decimo die Junij anno sexto Elizabeth Regne / **KNOW** ye that I by this my present will doe testifie and declare that I doe by this my present will make and appoint to be made by this my Will of any Landes or hereditaments or that bese putt in trust by me with any of the said Lands manors or hereditaments assured or ment to be assynd according to the tenor of the said assurance and this my will or any of them to doe all manner of arte and acte thinge and things necessary or convenient to be done for a further assurance to be made according to the true meaning of the said assurance and of this my last will / **And** thereto I will and command myne heire and besides I doe cheifly desire and require all other person that be party to the said assurance or to any of them or to any assurance made or ment to be made by this my Will of any Landes or hereditaments or that bese putt in trust by me with any of the said Lands manors or hereditaments assured or ment to be assynd according to the tenor of the said assurance and this my will or any of them to doe all manner of arte and acte thinge and things necessary or convenient to be done for a further assurance to be made according to the true meaning of the said assurance and every of them and of this my will whensover they shalbe theraboute required by any person that is to haue any interest by depon meanyng or intention of any of the said assurances or will / **And** further I will to Edward my third sonne all the proffitts of the said manor of Bramflete and the whole interest in the same during the termes of five years that bese appoynted to the performante of this my will to haue to his proper use / **Item** I will that my sonne Nichola do give to Robert Blakman my nephewe yearlye during his lyfe sixtyn shillings thirtene shillings fourteene pence Whiche I will shalbe going oute of all my Leases that come to my said sonnes hands, And oute of the manor of Messe, and also oute of my houses and tenements in Silversgate whiche art to remane to myne eldest sonne / **Item** I will to him more forty shillings yearlye during his lyfe oute of the said lande I bought in Stiffey and oute of my Leases there / **I AM** to Nichola my deest sonne all the rents revenues and proffitts that shall growe and rise of all the said manors of Redgrave, Finkinhall, Hyndtley, Wortham, and of the said manor of Bungate, the hundredth of Blakburne the tenth otes and of the said manors of Mettingham, Elketshall, Sheapencadone, and of the said Lands purchased of the said Duke during the said termes of the said five years after my debts paid, my legacie in all paynes performed and my financke discharged / **Of** this my will I make myne exectors those persons that I haue appoynted in my last testament to be mine exectors / **In Wytness** of all the premisses I haue here unto sett my seal and subscribed my hand to tyme payne hereof, the daye and year first above written N. Bacon

We enore putum Nos William Drury Legum doctor curie prerogative Cant magis custos sue commissarii sufficienter et sime constitutus Notum facimus vocare Qd vicesimo quarto die mensis Februario anno Domini MDL nigra ruesum et computatorem certi & Augustinum milium quingentenosim sexagesimum octavo, qnd Landos totam nobis ac per nos et ante sua probatum approbat et inserviat suu testamentum prenobis et certi vixit et nichil sibi signilli Anglie super deputi super scriptum hunc dico vixit et mortuus sic tempore bona sua sive credita in diversis diocesis sive jurisdictionibus suis extensis ipsius testamenti approbat et inserviat administratoresq; eius et singularem bonorum iuris et creditorum dicti defuncti commissio. Nemo tamen talis sive rationis administratores hinc audito finaliter libetato sive dimissio ab eadem ad ecclesiam & Cath et metropolitam dxi Cant et nos commissarium antedictum solum et insolido et non ad aliun inferorem Indemnotate dimicantur pertinet Comissarii sunt administratores eius et singularem bonorum iuris et creditorum dicti defuncti et prefatis suis testamentis qualitercumque concernent. duo Nicho Baron milisti et Nathaniell Baron Armingo filii naturalibus et fuis dicti defuncti excoutoribus in hunc testamento nominatis, primi de bene et fideliter & administrando eadu, At de pleno et fidei Indentario omnibz singularem bonorum iuris et creditorum hinc confidem. Et illud in turiam prerogative & Cant secundo die post festum memoriorum anni dominij proximi future exhibendum Neron de pleno et vero tempore talibus sive rationibus in ea parte reddend ad sancta dei Engelia in debita uero forma fuit. Sit die mensis Aprilis anno et loco predictis.

Sir Argall:



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In the name of God, Amen. The thre and twentieth day of December, in the

year of our Lord god thousand five hundredth seadentie and eighte. And in the daye of the reigne of our Souerayne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England ffranck and Ireland defendour of the fauour & ffranchise of the greate seal of England being of whiche minde and memorye Ie make this my present testament in maner and forme followinge, revolting all former wills and testaments made by me before the date hereof. **First** I comitt my soule into the handes of Almighty god whoe of his infinite mercye redemeit me. And nowe as my Undoubted hope is by the same mercifull redemption will glorifye it and save it. My desire is to be buried at Warwiche whiche my toun is. **And** I give no blakly to the riche that haue no neede. Therefore I giveth to the poore that haue neede five hundredth markes to be distributed accroding as by a fidele substributio[n] with my hundreth deathe appere. I will natrally stowme my godes to be given to my householde folkes both at London and Gorhambury. And to all my children there husbandes and my selfe. **Item** I giveth to my deare and wellbeloved wiffe one thousand five hundredth ouncts of my plate, wares of thone halfe gilt and the other halfe pessell gilt and white to be chosen by her, vnto of all my plate, expte suche partell as I giveth away by speciaill name. I giveth her also all my Lymen, wavy hanging, roches, letters and all other my householde stuffe and householde stoor remayning at London, expte my ready money, plate and armes and expte suche evidencie perteyning to any Land or hereditament to be assignd to any of my children by my former wiffe, and certeine thinges as remayne in my studie, and suche thinges as I giveth away by speciaill wordes Requiring my wiffes consideracion of the same promisyon and stoor, to kepe so many of my householde together at her chargid during a moneth next after my deathe as will tarye so longe, for the better doing whicheof. I giveth her in ready money a hundredth poundes. I giveth also suche Jewells and godsmithes worke (expte plate) as remayne with her. I will also to my said wiffe all my horses and geldings and also all my interest in all my stoor of sheepe whiche at Ingham or Tyngworth or within any of my sheepe runnes thereto, to possesse and useduring her lyfe vpon condicione that within one yere next after my deathe and before her mariage against the breme bounde to my executors in the sume of two hundredth poundes that at the tyme of her deathe she shall leane to suche person or persons as ouer her then to possesse the same manner a stork of sheepe going vpon the same maner and within I will that the stork letter with Stifley goe as the Lander is there appoynted to goe and remayne. **And** I will that the one huse of all the householde stuffe that shall remayne at Gorhambury at the tyme of my deathe (expte to haue the use of) To whome also I giveth all my greyne, stoor of householde remayning there at Redbore or Wundridge, and all my other godes and rattals remayning there (expte my plate and money and other thinges before givene or expte) **Item** I will that all that my Lease of Aldenham and all copychold landes or tenementes lying in the parochie of Saint Mirkess or Saint Stephens myne Saint Albans or lyng to any Landes of Westwiche, Gorhambury or Weare shall remayne and goe accroding as my huse of Gorhambury is appoynted to goe and remayne. **Item** I giveth to my said wiffe all my interest in York huse. In consideracion of whiche Legacys, and in consideracion of suche assurancie of maners Landes and tenementes as I haue assynd vnto my said wiffe and for all loves that haue bene betweene vs. I desyre her to see to the well bringynge upp of my two sonnes Anthony and ffraunce that are nowe yonge orphans withoute a father. **And further** I will and bequeath to the said Anthony my sonne all that my Lease and tyme of yeres and all my interest and demaunde whiche I haue of or in all those tenementes knowne or talled by the name or names of Battiford, Bighteysfle, Brighteysfle, Brighteysfle woodes and Burtheathelinge lying in the parochie of Saint Stephens in the countie of Hertford. And also all that yearly rent of twenty six pounds thirtene shillings four pence due and payable for the said woodes. And also all my righte tytle and possession whiche I haue of and in any Landes, tenementes and hereditamentes assynd to me the said S^r Nicholas for the true payement of the said rent of twenty six pounds thirtene shillings four pence. And also all that my Lease and tyme of yeres and all my tytle interest and demaunde whiche I haue of or in the ffreine of Wynter park lying in the parochie of Harrowe in the tenuitie of Mill. And also of and in all my other Landes tenementes and hereditamentes lying in the said parochie of Harrowe. **To haue and to hold** to the said Anthony the said woodes lying within the said parochie of St Stephen, and all the said ffreine called Wynter park, and all the said Landes and hereditamentes in Harrowe for me during so many yeres as it shall happen the said Anthony to lyve. **And** if it shall fortun the said Anthony to dyte before the full end and expiracion or determinacion of the said Leases and termes during there severall lives all the said woodes and ffreine and other the premises before bequeathed to the said Anthony for so many yeres as the said eldest sonne of the said Anthony for the tyme being or the heires males of the bodes of the said eldest sonne shall severallly and successively fortune to lyve. **And** if it fortun the said Anthony and his said eldest sonne and the heires males of the said eldest sonne and euy of them to dyte withoute issue male of their bodes. And of the bodes of euy of them before the full end and determinacion of the said Leases and termes of yeres therem contenched. Then my Will and full meaning is further that fframys my sonne shall haue hode uppypce and euy the said woodes afterne and other the premises before bequeathed to the said Anthony, to hym the said ffraunce his executors and assynd for ever. **Item** I giveth also to my daft sonne and hym all my ffreines in Wittenhall and Langeforne and of the Landes and tenementes in Elstethall and of my huse in Elstethall, and of my ffreine of Dullingham. **And further** I will to my said heire my tent and pavillion remayning at Gorhambury, and all my apparell armor and weapon remayning either at Redgate or at my huse in London, and all my householde stuffe stoor and other godes remayning at Redgate and all thinges remayning in my studie at London expte suche as be given a waye by speciaill wordes. **Item** I giveth to Robert Blakman my serfene all my interest in the Lease of the meadowes and groundes at Hame. **And** to Nathaniell my sonne foreedes the kyngdom of his huse at Stifley two hundredth poundes. And besides all my Leases of the Landes in Stifley and my stork of stoor vpon them. **Item** I giveth to the Master and fellowes of Bennett Colledge in Cambridge to the kyngdom of a hundreth thre t vee hundredth poundes. **And** I giveth to every of my feendes and to my serfene and servantes persons as be named in a pagyne hereafter followinge substributed with my hande, all suche thinges and sonnes of money as lene in the same appoynted. **Provyde** allways that if come my said wiffe do not make or take vnto her within one yere next after my deathe and before she be maried againe to euy of my sonnes Nicholas Nathaniell, Edward Anthony and ffraunce, a sufficient release in lawe of all her righte tytle interest and demandes of dower of and in all the maners Landes tenementes and hereditamentes whiche by reason of my saynthe is arthen shalbe dowlable and delincient or tansfe to be delincient to every of my said sonnes one suche release within the said yere and before she be maried. Then I will all my Legacys gift and bequest to her made shalbe wode. **And** then I will the same together with the rest of my godes debt and rattals after my debts paid funerallly discharged and Legacys performed to my eldest sonne Nicholas. **Item** I will that the hundredth pounde stork remayning with the Mayor of Sancte Albans and his bretherens handes for the settynge of the yere of worte be vntained in their handes so longe as they performe the tocomis agreed vpon betweene them and me, otherwyse that my wiffe or heire to Gorhambury retayne and kepe the same. **And** of this my Will I make my executors S^r Nicholas Bacon knyghte, and Nathaniell Baron. **And** overseer my Lode or Threasures my brother warre to whom I giveth a standinge tresp with a tresp garnished with threfull yea fiftie three or three quarters. **And** to my Ladie Buntleghhe my sister in Lawe a deepe box with a tresp having my reguylance yea of d^r to Anthony my Jewell that I weare. **And** to my daughter Baron my daft sonnes wiffe my next in my studie made by Allect and my little boy with rings. **And** to Mrs Butt my Vnge with the best trupes. **In witness** whereof I haue substributed even pagyne of this my Will with myne owne hande and setto my scale the daye and yere first aboue written. N. Baron

First to the poore of Drygate and Botefdale and to be kepte in the schoole house therell to be employed by the governour and assistant of the schoole to the use of the poore as neede shall require twenty poundes **Item** likewise to the use of the poore of Lyndcote thre poundes six shillings eighte pence **Item** likewise to the poore of Vikinghall the weathir thre poundes six shillings eighte pence **Item** likewise to the poore of Wortham forty shillings **Item** likewise to the poore of Bungate forty shillings **Item** likewise to the poore of Melles forty shilling **Item** likewise to the poore of Ashfield forty shillings **Item** likewise to the poore of Walsam forty shillings **Item** likewise to the poore of Wykstan forty shillings **Item** likewise to the poore of Ingham thre poundes six shillings eighte pence **Item** likewise to the poore of Cymwothe thre poundes six shillings eighte pence **Item** likewise to the poore of Mettingham forty shillings **Item** likewise to the poore of Bury tene ponde **Item** likewise to the poore of Somer Murchach next Saint Albones tene ponde **Item** likewise to the rest of the poore of the towne of Saint Albones fifteen pounds **Item** likewise to the poore of Saint Martens neare Charing tene pounds **Item** likewise to the hospitall within Newgate forty pounds **Item** likewise to the hospitall in Southwarke forty pounds **Item** to the hospitall in Smithfeld forty pounds **Item** likewise to the prisoners of Newgate four pounds **Item** likewise to the prisoners of Sudgate four pounds **Item** likewise to the prisoners in the Countrey boute four pounds **Item** likewise to the prisoners in Bury gayle four pounds **Item** *In Llyvrym of the vny* **THE** rest of the faire hundred and fourty three thousand two hundred and twelve pounds six shillings eighte pone **Item** will be given to the use of the poore by the direction of my executors **Item** to the prisoners at Saint Albones four pounds