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W. NORTON
PRINTER TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,
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[The Original Ordination and Charter are printed in an Appendix, with Translations of each, for convenience of Reference.]

STATEMENT, &c.

By deed bearing date 4th September, 17 Henry VI. (1439), preserved amongst the documents of the Chamber of Exeter, Sir Philip Courtenay, Knight, Sir William Bonville, Knight, and William Filham, late Archdeacon of Cornwall, demised, granted, and confirmed to William Wynard all those lands, tenements, rents, services, and reversions, with the appurtenances, which they, with Roger Bolter, late Precentor of the Cathedral Church of Exeter, deceased, and John Cobbethorne, Dean of the same Church, jointly held to them and their heirs for ever, of the gift, grant, confirmation, and release of the said William Wynard, and of the grant, demise, confirmation, and release of Sir Robert Shotesbroke, Knight, and others, and of the remise, release, and quit claim of Sir John Speke, Knight, and others, in the city of Exon, in the suburbs of the said city, and in Magdalen Street, without the south gate of the same city, in Topsham, in the parish of Topsham, in Duryard, Crediton, within the parish of Crediton, Sidmouth, Sidcombe, and within the hundreds of Crediton, East Budleigh, and West Budleigh, in the

county of Devon; and also demised, granted, and confirmed to the said William Wynard, all those messuages, lands, tenements, rents, services, and reversions, with the appurtenances, which they, together with the said Precentor and Dean, jointly held to them, their heirs and assigns, for ever, of the gift, grant, and confirmation of the said William Wynard, in South Petherton, in the county of Somerset, to hold to the said William Wynard for life, so as he, with the issues, rents, and profits of all the said premises, should, during his life, find one fit chaplain to celebrate divine service daily, and twelve infirm poor people, within a certain house, called God's House, then lately built by the said William Wynard, to the praise of the Most High and Undivided Trinity, without the south gate of the city of Exon, and should support and maintain or cause to be duly supported and maintained all other burthens of the said house yearly, during his life, according to his Ordinance in that behalf made in writing and to the said deed annexed; and they also granted that if it should happen that the said William Wynard should die, or that he or any of his assigns, or any other person, by his assent, should break the said Ordinance, or not observe the same in all respects, that then and from thenceforth the estate of the said William Wynard in all the said lands and tenements, with the appurtenances, and in every part thereof, should cease and be at an end, and that

all the aforesaid lands and tenements, with the appurtenances, should, by those presents, wholly and immediately remain to John Bluett, to have and to hold to him for the term of his life, to find one fit chaplain and twelve poor people in manner and form aforesaid, and to maintain and fulfil all other burthens of the said house called God's House, according to the said Ordinance annexed to sustain; and if he the said John Bluett should die, or if he, or any of his assignes, or any other, by the assent of the said John Bluett, should break or not perform the said Ordinance, that then and from thenceforth the whole estate of the said John Bluett in the said lands and tenements, with the appurtenances, and in every part thereof, should cease and for ever be determined, and that all the said lands and tenements, &c., should remain to John Wynard, son of the aforesaid William Wynard, to hold to him and the heirs of his body issuing, upon the same conditions, with remainders over to twelve other persons in succession in tail, upon the same conditions, and an ultimate remainder to King Henry VI., and his heirs, kings of England, for ever, to perform fully the said works of piety, by their escheator in the county of Devon, according to their good pleasure, and as should be agreeable to their royal will, the said escheator duly rendering yearly a faithful account of all his receipts and payments in the king's exchequer.

By the Ordinance annexed to the said deed, bearing

date at its commencement 20th January, 14 Henry VI. (1436), William Wynard, for the increase of God's worship, and for the relief of the wants of infirm poor people who were unable to support themselves, appointed and ordained that in the house without the south gate of the city of Exeter, newly founded and erected at his cost, called God's House, there should be a perpetual chaplain of good and honest conversation, and competent in morals and learning, to be called William Wynard's priest, and constantly (except as after mentioned) personally to reside in the place assigned to him in the said house, and to remain in a certain chapel, parcel of the said house, called Trinity Chapel, which house and chapel, with the garden and close there, the said chaplain and his successors should repair and sustain at the costs of the said William Wynard during his life, and afterwards at the costs of those who should have the lands and tenements in the deed thereunto annexed specified; and by the said Ordinance he appointed that the said chaplain should altogether abstain from any secular cares, ministrations, offices, and public employments, and from any other stipends or salaries, and from all other causes of business, and from all taverns and places whatsoever which might give occasion for his leaving or wandering from the house, or whereby his absence might arise or follow, and especially that they used no suspected places, that being altogether separated from such they might the better apply themselves to the performance of

divine services and offices without hindrance. The said William Wynard by the said Ordinance then gave directions for the services to be performed by the said chaplain daily in the said chapel; provided for the removal of any chaplain convicted of any notable crime, and for the appointment of his successor; required the chaplain to take his oath to observe and cause to be observed all the articles in the said Ordinance touching the said chaplain, to keep the books, vestments, and ornaments of the chapel safely, and so to re-deliver them upon his retirement, use and wear excepted; to keep peace among the poor people, and settle differences between them. And the said Ordinance provided for the maintenance of the said chaplain as follows:—

“ And forasmuch as it is elsewhere written that he
“ who does not work neither let him eat, and on
“ the other hand he that serves at the altar ought
“ to live of the altar, therefore I the aforesaid
“ William Wynard will and determine by these
“ presents that the said chaplain who so as afore-
“ said shall perform and celebrate the divine ser-
“ vices and offices in the said chapel, shall yearly
“ receive eight marks of lawful money of England,
“ at the four principal terms of the year, by equal
“ portions, of the rents, issues, and profits of the
“ said lands and tenements, by the hands of him
“ who shall be seized thereof.” Also that the said
chaplain should provide, at his own expense, a loaf
of bread and lights sufficient for the performance of