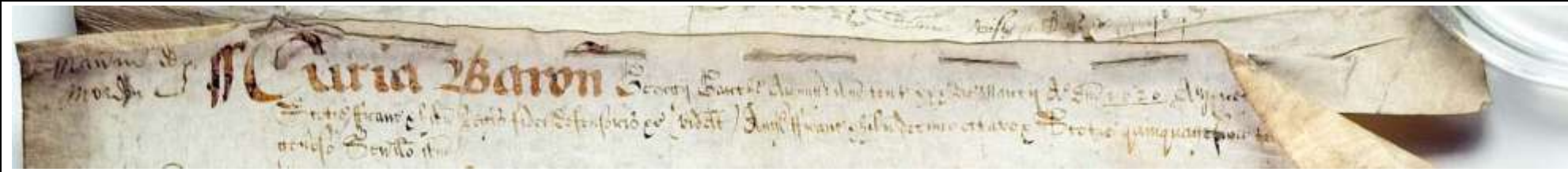
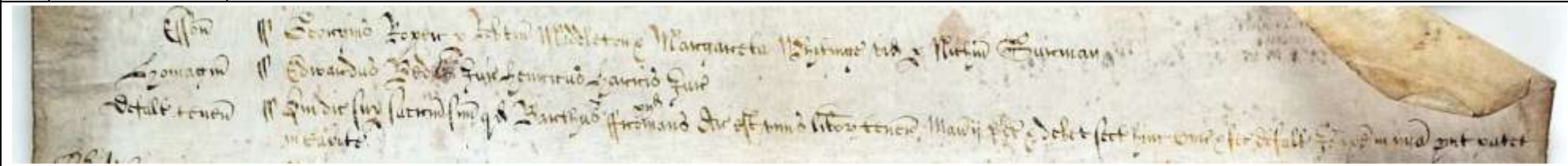
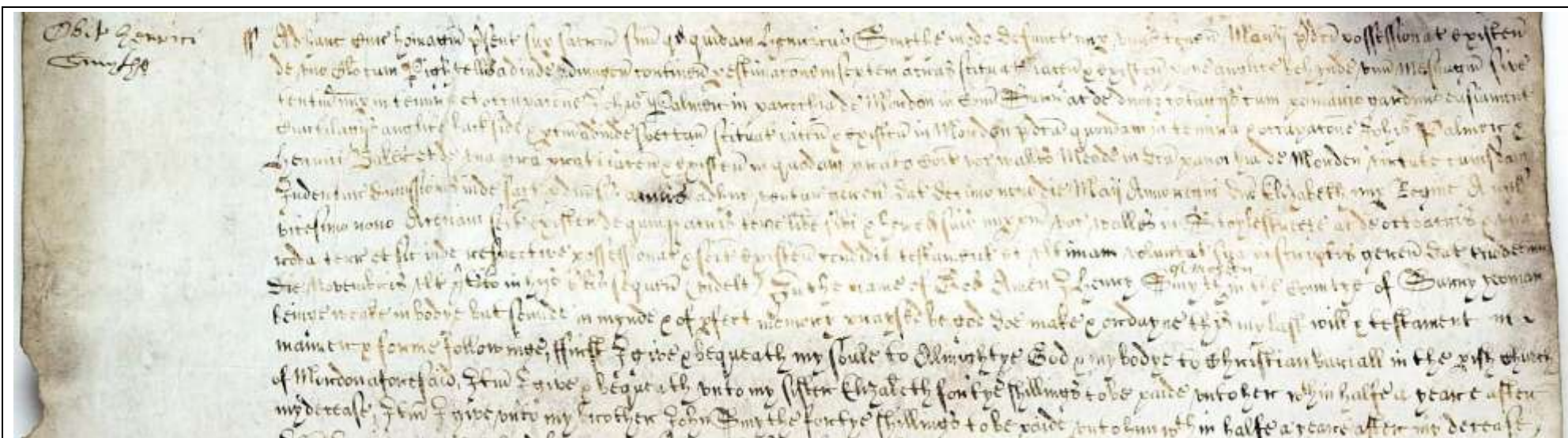


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Manor of Morden	Court Baron of George Garthe esq held at the same place 30 March AD 1620, [the regnal year of James I, by grace of God king of England,]^{††} Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc, namely of England, France and Ireland 18 and of Scotland 53, [in the presence of William Langhorne] gent, steward at the same place.
	
Essoins	George Roper by Robert Middleton and Margaret Whitinge widow by Nicholas Surman.
Homage	Edward Bedle sworn, Henry Harris sworn.
Tenant defaulting	Who say upon their oath that Bartholomew Fromans esq ^{12d} is a free tenant of the manor aforesaid and owes suit at this court and has defaulted. Therefore he is in mercy just as it appears in the heading.

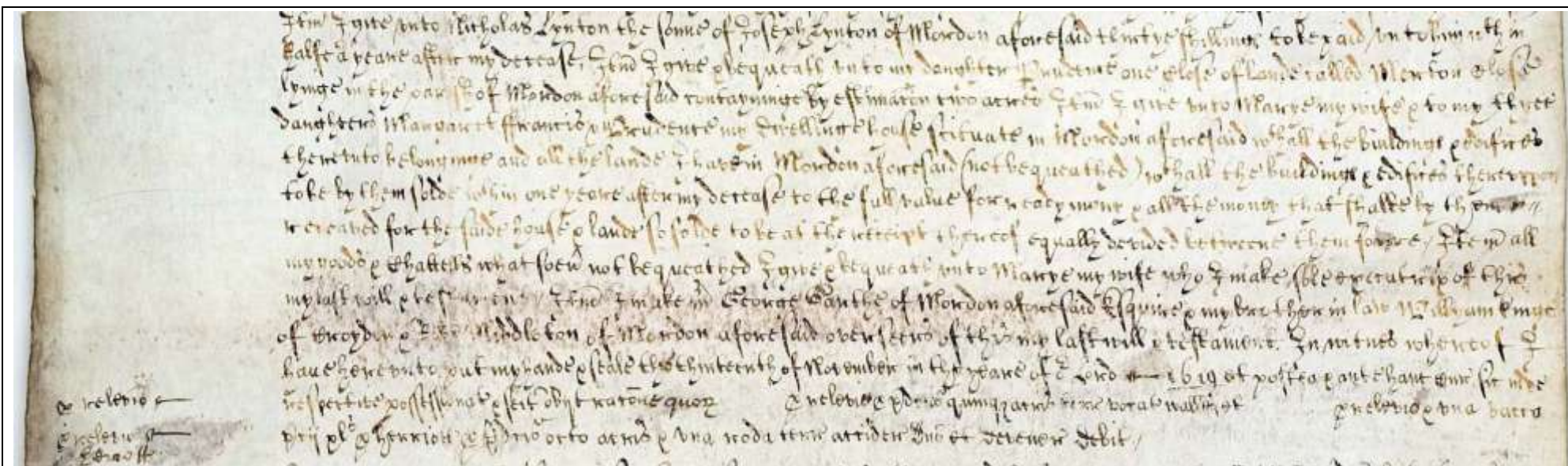
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**Death of
Henry
Smythe**

At this court the homage present upon their oath that a certain Henry Smyth now deceased, formerly one of the tenants of the manor aforesaid, being in possession of one close with pightle adjoining thereto containing by estimation seven acres situate, lying and being behind [pone], in English ‘behynde’, one messuage or tenement late in the tenure and occupation of John Palmer in the parish of Morden in the county of Surrey, and of two cottages with orchard, garden, easement, curtilage, in English ‘backside’, and pertinents thereto belonging, situate, lying and being in Morden aforesaid formerly in the tenure and occupation of John Palmer and Henry Baker, and of one acre of meadow lying and being in a certain meadow commonly called Walles Meade in the said parish of Morden by virtue of a certain indenture of lease in respect thereof made for various years still to come bearing [gerend] the date 19 May 29 Elizabeth I, the late queen [1587].^{**} And also being seised of five acres of land freely to himself and his heirs next to a meadow called Walles in Stoylestreete and of eight acres and one rood of land and thus in respect thereof possessing and being seised rendered [rendidit] his last will and testament in writing bearing [gerend] the date 13 November last past [1619] in these words following, namely – [written in English] ‘In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Smyth ^{of Morden} in the County of Surry yeoman beinge weake in bodye but sounde in mynde and of perfect memory prayed be god doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge, first I give and bequeath my soule to Almightye God and my bodye to Christian burial in the parish church of Morden aforesaid. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth fortye shillings to be paide unto her within halfe a year after my decease. *Item* I give unto my brother John Smythe fortye shillings to be paide unto him within halfe a year after my decease. ...

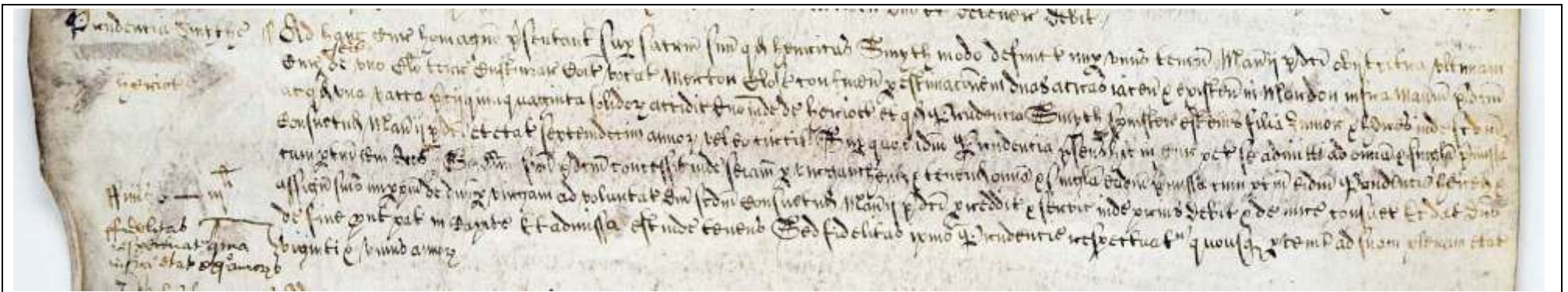
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**For relief
For relief and
heriot**

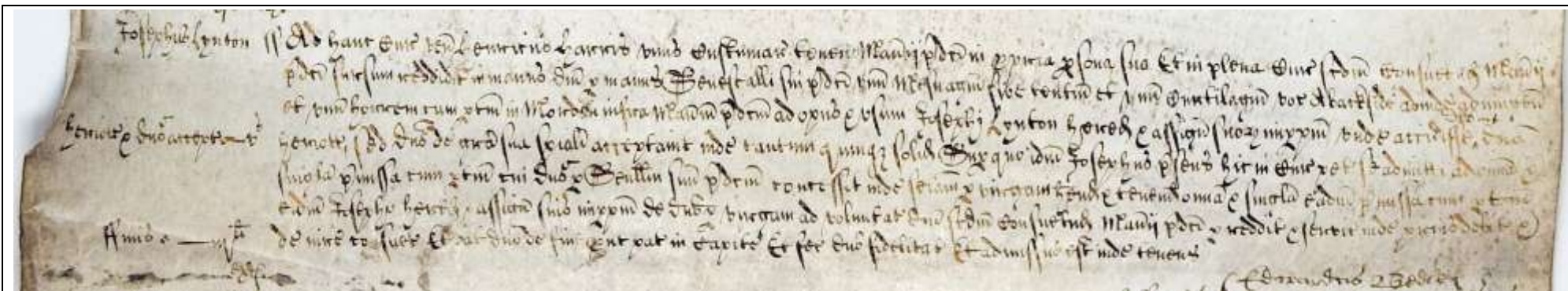
... *Item* I give unto Nicholas Lynton the sonne of Joseph Lynton of Mordon aforesaid thirtye shillings to be paide unto him within halfe a yeare after my decease, *Item* I give and bequeath unto my daughter Prudence one close of lande called Merton Close lyinge in the parish of Mordon aforesaid contayninge by estimacon two acres. *Item* I give unto Marye my wife and to my three daughters Margaret Francis and Prudence my dwellinge house scituat in Mordon aforesaid with all the buildings and edifices thereunto belonginge and all the land I have in Mordon aforesaid (not bequeathed) with all the buildings and edifices thereupon to be by them solde within one yeare after my decease to the full value for ready mony and all the money that shalbe by them received for the saide house and lande so solde to be at the receipt thereof equally devided between them foure. *Item* all my goods and chattels whatsoever not bequeathed I give and bequeath unto Marye my wife who I make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. *Item* I make Mr George Garthe of Mordon aforesaid esquire and my brother in law Willyam Kinge of Croyden and Robert Middleton of Mordon aforesaid overseers of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hande and seale this thirteenth of November in the yeare of our Lord 1619^{§§} and afterwards and before this court, thus possessed and seised thereof, he died by reason of which [blank] for relief for the aforesaid five acres of land called Walles and [blank] for relief and one cow worth 40s for heriot for the aforesaid eight acres and one rood of land falls due to the lord and becomes due.

^{§§} The original will survives at London Metropolitan Archives DW/PA/5/1619/108 and is copied into the register DW/PA/7/10 f.80.



**Prudence
Smyth
Heriot
Fine £3
Fealty
respited
because below
the age of 21
years**

At this court the homage present upon their oath that Henry Smyth, now deceased, formerly a tenant of the manor aforesaid, died since the last court ^{seised} of one close of customary land commonly called Merton Close containing by estimation two acres lying and being in Morden within the manor aforesaid and that one cow worth 50 shillings falls due to the lord in respect thereof for heriot and that Prudence Smyth spinster is his youngest daughter and heir thereof according to the customs of the manor aforesaid and aged seventeen years or thereabouts. Upon which the same Prudence being present here in court seeks her admittance to all and singular the premises, with its pertinents, to whom the lord by his steward aforesaid grants seisin thereof by the rod, to have and to hold all and singular the same premises with pertinents to the same Prudence, her heirs and assigns forever of the lord by the rod at the lord's will according to the custom of the manor aforesaid for the rent and services in respect thereof previously due and of right accustomed, and she gives the lord for fine just as appears in the heading. And she is admitted tenant thereof. But fealty of the same Prudence is respited until she reaches her full age of twenty-one years.



<p>Joseph Lynton Heriot accepted by the lord – 5s Fine £3 ex..... ***</p>	<p>At this court comes Henry Harris, one of the customary tenants of the manor aforesaid in his proper person and in open court according to the custom of the manor aforesaid, surrenders into the lord's hand by the hand of his steward aforesaid one messuage or tenement and one curtilage called a backside adjoining the same and one barn with pertinents in Morden within the manor aforesaid to the use of Joseph Lynton, his heirs and assigns forever, whereby heriot falls ^{due} to the lord, but the lord of his special grace accepts in respect thereof only five shillings. Upon which the same Joseph being present in court seeks his admittance to all and singular the premises, to whom the lord by his steward aforesaid grants seisin thereof by the rod, to have and to hold all and singular the same premises with pertinents to the same Joseph, his heirs and assigns forever, of the lord by the rod at the lord's will according to the custom of the manor aforesaid for the rent and services in respect thereof previously due and of right accustomed, and he gives the lord for fine just as appears in the heading. And he does the lord fealty. And he is admitted tenant thereof.</p>
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<p>Affeerers</p>	<p>Edward Bedle, Henry Harris – sworn.</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">by me Langhorne steward</p>

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