

To the right worshipfull Sir Richard Sacevyle knyght, Chauncellor of the kynges corte of th'augmentations and revenues of his gracehis crowne and to the general Surveiors of the same corte

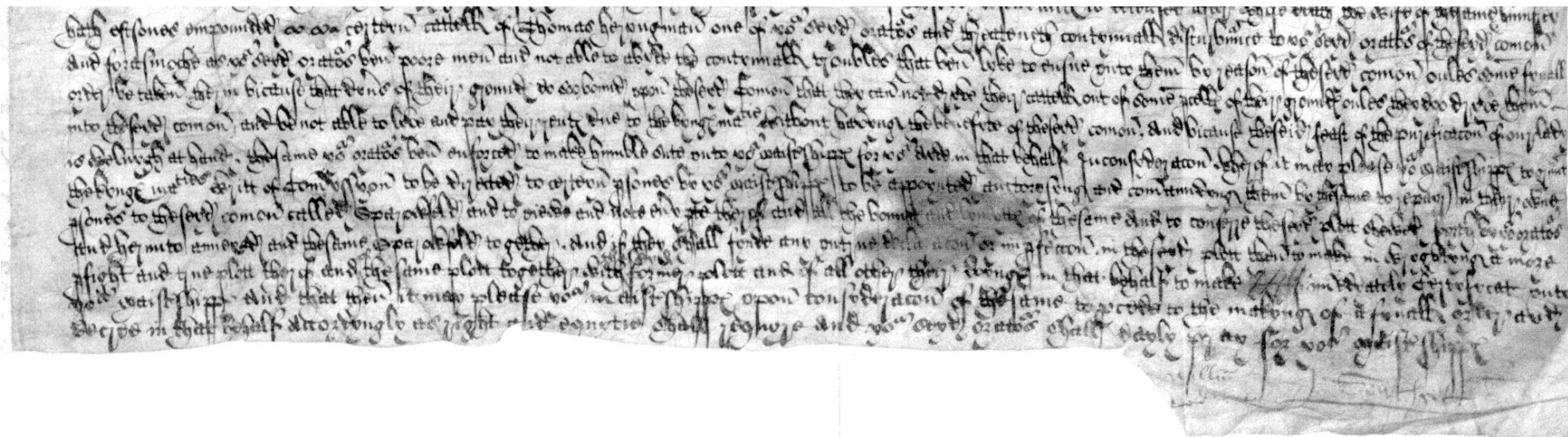
humbly sheweth unto your maistershippe your dayly orators, John Welche, Thomas Heryngman, William Mathew, Richard Milles, ^{John Sherfeld, Nicholas Goryng, Henry Heryngman} and other the kynges majesties tenants and fermors of his gracehis manor of Morden in the Countie of Sury, that where sute and variaunce dependeth before

your maistershippe in the courte aforesaid bitwene your said orators, compleynantes, and Humfrey Wade gentilman and other the kynges tenantes and fermors of the manore of Est Cheygham and West Cheygham, defendants, concernyng the interest and title of havynge comon and entercomynge within one comon or wast ground called Sparowefeld within the seid Countie, which sute and matter in variaunce hath bene heretofore duely publysshed and herd by your maistershippe, upon the hearyng wherof forasmoch as it appered dougtfull unto your maistershippe ^{howe farre your seyde orators ought to have comon in the said Sparowefeld and also} ¹

whether one plott sett fourth in wrightyng to your maistershippe by your seid orators at the hearyng therof concernyng the verey scytuacon of the seid ground and the ^{boundes and} lymyttes of the same ^{where your seyde orators claymed the seyde comon[?]} were true in every parte therof or not, your maistershippe then declared your pleasures to be that the seid Sparowefeld, on this syde the feast of the Purificacon of Our Lady next comyng, shuld be viewed and certenly in all partes therof considered by certeyn personnes by your maistershippes therunto to be assigned, and the seid plott upon the seyde viewe to be by them made more perfight if in any parte therof it were unperfight or untruly made, and that in the meanetyme your seid orators shuld quyety enjoye their seid comon. So it is that sithen² the hearyng of the seid matter the seyde Humfrey Wade, one of the seid defendants, is deceased, after whose death the wife of the same Humfrey ...

¹ This insertion is difficult to read

² i.e. since

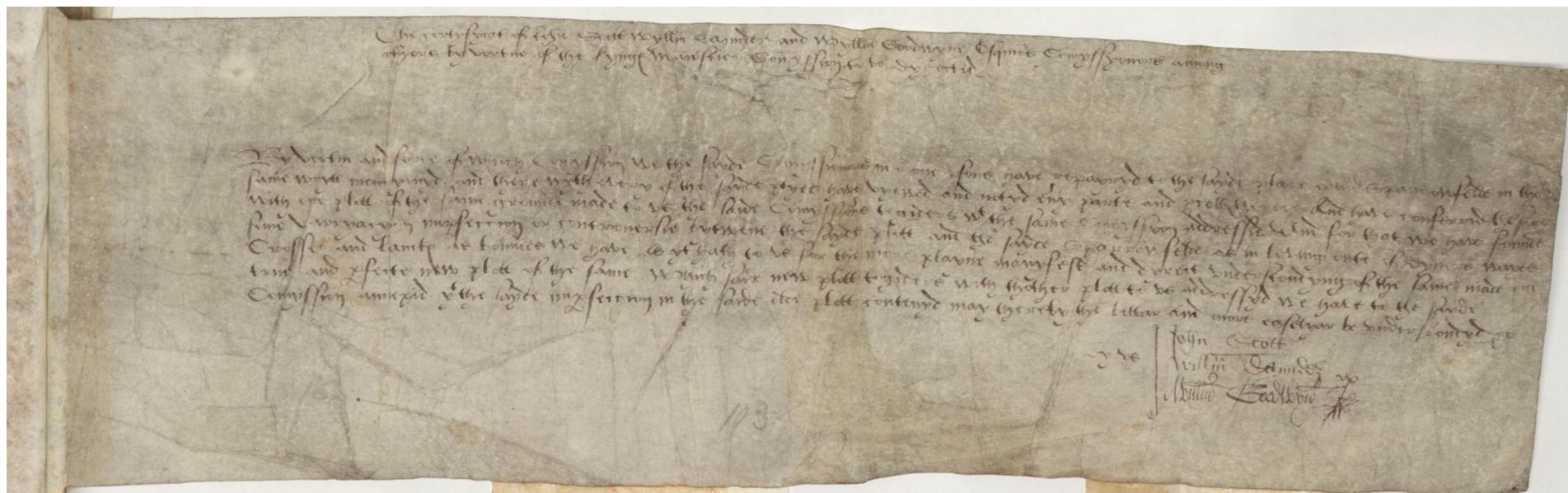


... hath eftsones³ empounded certeyn cattell of Thomas Heryngman, one of your seyde orators, and thretteneth contynuall disturbance to your seyde orators of the seyde comon, and forasmoche as your seyde orators bene poore men and not able to abyde the contynuall troubles that bene lyke to ensue unto them by reason of the seyde comon onles some fynall order be taken therin, because that dyvers of their ground do soe bound upon the seyde comon that they can not dryve their cattell out of some parcells of their groundes onles they doo dryve them into the seyde comon, and be not able to lyve and pay their rentes due to the kynges majestie without havynge the benefyt of the seyde comon, and because the seid feast of the Purificacon of Our Lady is welyngh at hand, the same your orators bene enforced to make humble sute unto your maistershippes for your ayde in that behalf. In consideracon wherof it may please your maistershippes to grant the kynges majesties writt of Comyssyon to be directed to certeyn persones by your maistershippes to be appoynted, authorysyng and comandyng them by the same to repayr in their owne persones to the seyde comon called Sparowfeld and to make and note every parte therof and all the boundes and lymyttes of the same and to conferre the seyde plott shewed forth by your orators and herunto annexed and the same Sparowfeld together, and if they shall fynde any untrue declaracon or imperfeccon in the seyde plott then to make in wryghtyng a more perfight and true plott therof, and the same plott together with^{the seyde} former plott⁴ and of all other their doynge in that behalf to make imedyately certyfycat unto your maistershippes, and that then it may please your maistershippes, upon consyderacon of the same, to procede to the makynge of a fynall order and decide in that behalf accordyngly as right and equitye shall requyre, and your seyde orators shall dayly pray for your maistershippes.⁵

³ i.e. soon after

⁴ The 'plots' or plans of the area mentioned in these documents, originally TNA E 315/122 ff 96 and 97, are now TNA MPB 1/25/1 and MPB 1/25/2. Both are oriented to the west. The first is 42 cm x 46 cm, the second 39 cm x 46 cm. They are coloured, but the significance of the colours used is not yet clear. Monochrome tracings of the two plotts, made in the 1950s, are included by courtesy of John Pile.

⁵ For a summary of this case, see *The Home Counties Magazine* Vol I (1899) ed. W J Hardy FSA, 284-5. Not all the documents quoted in that article have been identified.



The certyfcat of John Scott, Wyll[ia]m Saunder and Wyll[ia]m Goodwyne Esquiores, Com[m]yssonores among others by vertue of the Kynge's Maiesties Com[m]ysson to us dyrectid⁶

By vertue and force of which Com[m]ysson we the sayde Com[m]yssoners in our p[er]sons have repayryd to the sayde place called Sparrowfelde in the same wrytt mencyonyd and there wyth every of the sayde p[ar]tyes have vyewed and notyd ev[er]y parte and p[ar]cell thereof And have conferrid⁷ the place with one plott of the same grounde made, to us the saide Com[m]ysson[er]s togiders w[ith] the same Com[m]ysson addressid And for that we have founde some varryacyon imp[er]feccion or controversie bytwene the sayde plott and the said Sparrowfelde as in leving oute of dyverse wayes Crosses and lamts⁸ as boundes We have as yt hath to us for the more playne manyfest and dyrect understanding of the same made one true and p[er]fecte new plott of the same Which saide new plott togeders with th'other plott to us addressyd we have to the sayde Com[m]ysson annexed y⁹ the sayde imp[er]feccion in the saide olde plott contenyd may thereby the better and more easelyar be understandyd &c

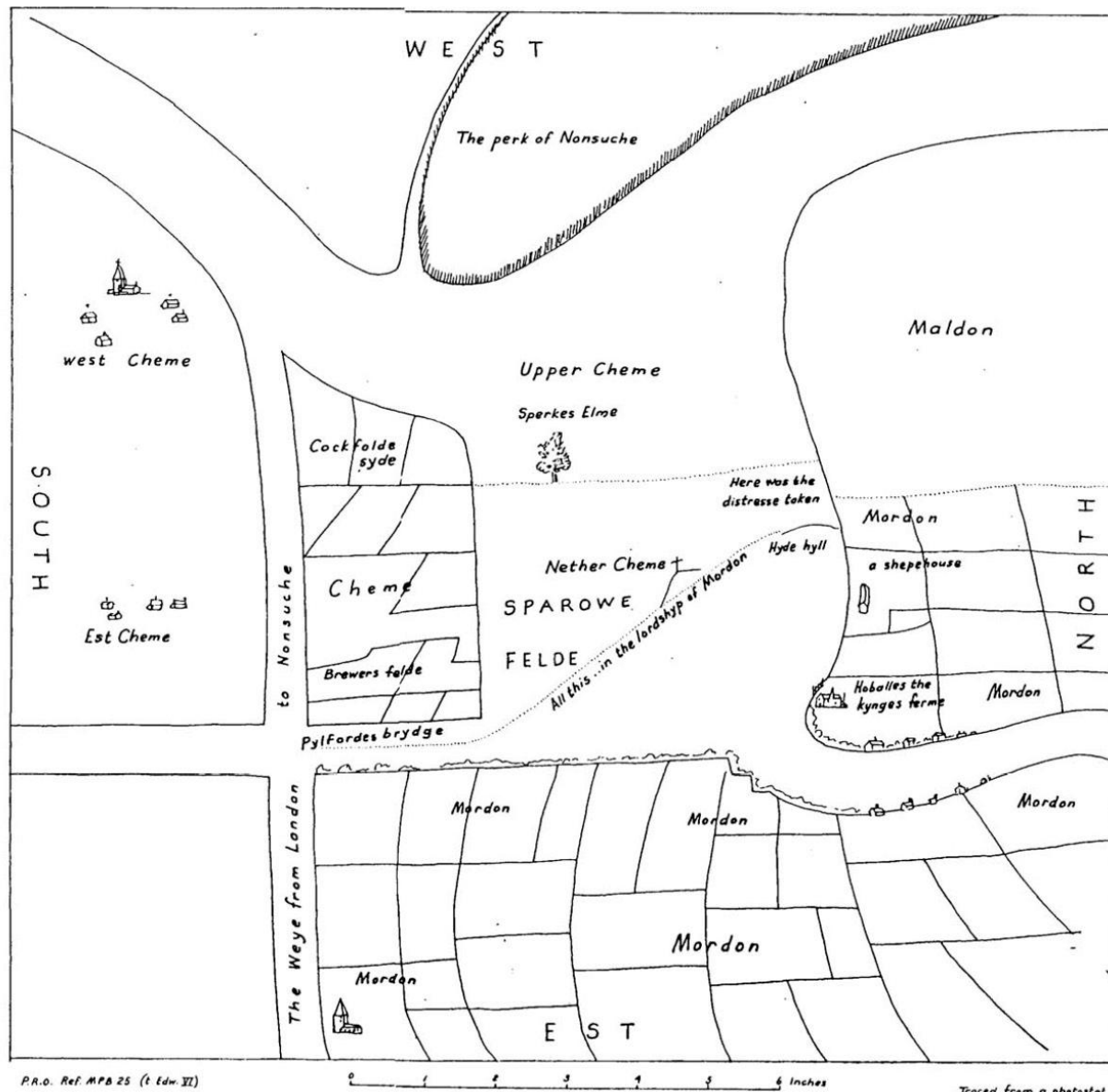
by us { John Scott
 { Will[ia]m Saunders
 { Will[iam] Goodwyne

⁶ The royal writ commissioning this investigation is appended to the bottom of this document (m 94b), but it is too worn to decipher, and so was not filmed.

⁷ i.e. compared

⁸ i.e. limits

⁹ i.e. that



Tracing of TNA MPB 1/25/2 Second 'plott' of Sparrowfield: dispute before Court of Augmentations between tenants of Morden and Cheam 1553

