

# Westminster Abbey Muniments 1850

Composition between William (Warham) Archbishop of Canterbury as lord of the Manor and Township of West Chayham, Co. Surrey, and John (Islip) Abbat and the Convent of Westminster as lord and owner of the lordship of Morden, Co. Surrey, concerning the communing pasturing, grazing and feeding of the "Rother" beasts of the tenants of the lordship of Morden, and for felling the furze and bushes for firewood and bushes for hedging on Sparfeld Common.

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Dat. 1 December 22 Henry VIII (AD 1530)

This indenture of composition made the fyrste day of december the xxii<sup>th</sup> yere of the reign of our sovereign lord kyng Henry the VIII<sup>th</sup> betwene the most reverend father in God, Wylliam lorde Archebysshoppe of Canterbury and primate of all England, lorde of the manor and townshippe of West Chayh<sup>m</sup> in the countie of Surrey and that our y<sup>e</sup> and John by the grace and sufferance of God, abbot of the monastery Seynt Peter of West[m<sup>in</sup>ster] in the countie of Midd and the convent of the same monastery, lordes and awners of the lordshippe of Morden in the countie of Surrey and that other p<sup>ar</sup>tie, Witnessith that where as certeyn varyaunces, stryves, dyscordes and debates have lately byn moved and styred betwene the ten<sup>antes</sup> of the said lordeshippe lorde Archebysshoppe of hys said lordshipp and townshippe of Westchayh<sup>m</sup> and the ten<sup>antes</sup> of the said Abbot and convent of their saide lordshippe of Morden of, for and conc<sup>er</sup>nyng the communynge, pasturyng, grasing, and fedynge of the Rother bestis called catell of the said ten<sup>antes</sup> of the said lordshippe of Morden and for the fellynge of furcys and bussches for fyrewood and bussches for their heggeyng and other necessaryes in and upon the comen of Sparfeld conteynyng by Estimacyon CCvi<sup>xx</sup> acres of lond abuttinge upon the p<sup>ar</sup>yssh of Morden on the Est p<sup>ar</sup>te and agenst the londs of the p<sup>ior</sup> of Marton called Ewell, on the northe p<sup>ar</sup>te and upon Westcheyham and the southe p<sup>ar</sup>te and upon the Estcheyh<sup>m</sup> belongynge to the prior of Chryste Church of the west part in the p<sup>ar</sup>ysshes of Cheyh<sup>m</sup> and Morden in the said county of Surrey for thappesynge and quyetnes of the saide ten<sup>antes</sup> of bothe the saide lordshippes and in avoydyng manslaughter & further trouble in the lawe and other dyv<sup>er</sup>s inconveniencys lykely to falle it ys nowe coven<sup>anty</sup>d accordyd couladyd condiscendyd and fully agreyd bitwene the saide lord Archebysshoppe and the saide Abbot and convent and their successours by thys indenture of composition in maner and fo<sup>r</sup>me followynge that is to wete the saide lorde Archebysshoppe for hym hys successo<sup>rs</sup> and ten<sup>antes</sup> of hys saide lordeshippe or townshippe of West Chayh<sup>m</sup> coven<sup>anty</sup>th and grauntyth to and wyth the saide Abbot and convent and their successo<sup>rs</sup>, by theis presentes that it shalbe lefull and lawfull to the saide Abbot and convent and their successo<sup>rs</sup> ther ten<sup>antes</sup> and fermours of their said lorshippe of Morden for the tyme beyng at their libtel and pleasur at all tymes from hensforward

for and at their righte and accustome to put into the saide comen of Sparfeld lx Rother Beastes, ten horses,  
 mares or coltes a hundredth shepe and xxx<sup>ii</sup> hogges or pygges there to go abyde pasture foode grace  
 and contynewe vppon the same comen withoute any lett gaignesayinge or interuption of the said  
 lord Archebysshoppe or hys Successor or of any of them or of their Tenantes of the lordshippe or  
 townshippe of West Cheyhm or of any of them or of any other p<sup>er</sup>son or p<sup>er</sup>sons by or for them or  
 any of theim in any maner of wyse And also the said Abbott and Conent for them and their  
 Successor and tenantes of the saide lordshippe of Mordon coven<sup>an</sup>tyth and grauntyth to and w<sup>ith</sup>  
 the said lorde Archebysshoppe and hys Successor by thes p<sup>re</sup>sentes that yf the said Abbott and conent  
 and ther Successor and tenantes of the saide lordshippe of Mordon or any of theim do put or  
 cause to be putt vpon the saide comen of Sparfeld or any Rother Beaste there to fede pasture  
 year and contynewe then yit conteyned in this agreement That then it shalbe lefull and  
 lawfull to the said bayly and tenantes of the said lorde Archebysshoppe of hys lordshippe of

Cheyhm or any of them to take and dryve away all suche Rother Beaste horsse mares

colte shepe or hogges or any of theim as shalbe found grasynge or pasturyng vpon the

saide comen of Sparfeld and above the nombre afore rehersyd to the pound of the saide  
 lordshippe of Cheyhm or Croydon and ther to remayne tyll the said tenantes of Mordon or any of  
 them so puttyng in to the saide comen more catell in nombre or eny other catell otherwyse then ys  
 before expressyd and agreyd there shalbe allowed to hym or theim by the steward of the saide  
 lordshippe of Mordon shall pay to the said lorde Archebysshoppe and hys Successor after the rate

colt ii<sup>d</sup> for every xii shepe i<sup>d</sup> and for every iiij hogges i<sup>d</sup> for every tyme so offlended

of any bestes i<sup>d</sup> for every horsse mare or at the pleasure of the said lorde or hys offycers accordyng  
 to the hurttes and trespase thereof. In Wytnesse &c.