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Confirmation of entitlement from Chief Baron of the Exchequer (William Nottingham),
in the name of King Edward IV
England (London) 24 April 1482

700 x 953mm large oblong folio, 51 lines in Latin on parchment. Ruled in pencil with visible pricking on left and right edges. Elaborate first line, with high flourished ascenders and initial letter E (of "Edwardus") decorated with strapwork and Yorkist roses. Records confirmation of a decision made by the Barons of the Exchequer against Edward IV, regarding entitlement to a tanner's stall in the Parish of St. Mary le Bow in London, citing a series of decisions in the rolls of Henry VI. Signed at line 51 by a chancery scribe ("Fforde"). Remnants of original Exchequer seal still attached to parchment tongue. Generally in good condition, with some small holes and wear at fold lines that minimally affect text; parchment has been repaired on bottom left side (at fold), but with no apparent loss of text. Additions in Latin and English describe content: at the left margin between lines 20 and 21 ("liberum burgage") and on the dorse side (see below), both in an early modern hand (mid-sixteenth-century?). Additional material related to content and provenance is housed with the document.

Partial Transcription (initial protocols at lines 1-7 and eschatocol at lines 45-51):

[1] Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie (et) Francie (et) Dominus Hibernie **Omnibus** ad quod p(re)sentes l(itte)re peruen(er)int sal(u)t(e)m Sciatis q(uo)d Inspeccimus quoddam Recordum coram Baronibus de S(ca)cc(ar)io n(ost)ro h(ab)itum [2] in memorandis de anno regni n(ost)ri vicesimo primo videl(ici)t int(er) Recorda de T(er)mi(n)o s(an)c(t)i Mich(ael)is Rot(u)lo xix^{mo} ex p(ar)te Remem(brationis) Thes(aurarii) in hec v(er)ba. **Comp(er)tum** est in Originali de Anno Sexto Henrici nup(er) de f(ac)to (et) non de iure Regis Anglie quarti Rot(u)lo xlvii^{mo} q(uo)d id(e)m nup(er) Rex p(er) l(itte)ras suas patentes datas xx^{mo} [3] die Martii (et) Inrotulari in Origin(al)i de eod(e)m Anno de gratia sua sp(eci)ali (et) pro bono (et) gratuit(e) seruiicio quod dil(e)c(t)us seruiens suus Petrus Walber sibi impendebat (et) ad tunc inpenderet concessit ei quandam Seldam vocatam Tanner Selde in p(er)ochia beate Marie de Arcub(us) in Ciuitate eiusd(e)m d(omi)ni Regis [4] london(um) continentem octo vlnas in latitudine in fronte septem vlnas (et) d(imid)i in la rier poignon (et) triginta (et) tres vlnas in longitudine. Que quidem Selda ad ip(su)m nup(er) Regem p(er)tinebat tanquam sua escaeta (et) forisfact(e) **Eo** q(uo)d ead(e)m Selda data fuit Co(m)itati artificii Tannator(um) Ciuitatis p(re)dicte tanq(u)a[m] [5] ad manu(m) mortuam licencia Regia sup(er) hoc non optenta prout eid(e)m nup(er) Regi informabat(ur) **H(ab)end** p(re)d(i)c(t)o Petro Seldam p(re)d(i)c(t)am durante vita sua vsq(ue) ad valorem viginti librar(um) p(er) annu(m) Ita q(uo)d de sup(er)plusagio si quod fu(er)it eid(e)m nup(er) Regi annuatim ad S(ca)cc(ariu)m suu(m) respondeat(ur) vt est iustum p(ro)ut in eisd(e)m [6] l(itte)ris plenius continent(ur) **Et** quia p(re)d(i)c(t)us petrus Walber mortuus est prout Curie hic c(er)titudinalit(e) informat(ur) p(er) cuius mortem Selda p(re)d(i)c(t)a cum p(ar)t(e)m ad d(ominu)m Regem nunc reu(er)ti deberet q(uo)d q(ua) diu(er)si Seldam p(re)d(i)c(t)am cum p(ar)t(e)m post mortem p(re)d(i)c(t)i Petri intressi fuerint (et) exitus (et) p(ro)ficua inde A tempore mortis: [7] p(re)d(i)c(t)a Petri hucusq(ue) prouenciencia p(er)ceperunt (et) h(ab)uerunt licencia Regia inde non optenta in contemptum d(omi)ni Regis dampnu(m) non

modicu(m) (et) grauamen. **Et** d(omin)us Rex nunc hui(us) dampnu(m) p(er)tanere (et) de hui(us) exit(e) (et) p(ro)ficuis responderi volens vt est iustu(m)

[45, from middle of page] **Datus** est dies prefatis Will(el)mo Welbek (et) Johanne vxori eius Rob(er)to Bifeld (et) Will(el)mo Bifeld usq(ue) Octabis sancti hillari ad audiend(um) (et) faciend(um) quod (et) c(etera). **Ad** quem diem vener(unt) [46] hic predicti Will(el)m(us) Welbek (et) Johanna vxor eius Rob(er)tus Bifeld (et) Will(el)m(u)s Bifeld p(er) dictum attornatum suum (et) petunt Iudicium suum in premissis. **Et** sup(er) hoc quia facto Scrutinio pro domino Rege in premissis si quod h(ab)eat(ur) Recordum p(er) quod liquere potest q(uo)d dicto tempore confeccionis dictar(um) l(itte)rar(um) patencium dictus Henricus [47] quartus fuit seisisus aut intitulus de aut in Selda p(re)di(c)ta aut aliquid h(ab)uit in eadem Selda tempore confeccionis l(itte)rar(um) patentiu(m) p(re)dictar(um) antea seu postea. **Et** Will(el)m(u)s huddeffeld qui pro d(omi)no Rege sequit(ur) presens hic in Curia (et) p(er) Barones inde allocutus cognouit \inclinis d(ic)ti d(omi)ni Regis a possessione(m) [[**]]a Selde p(re)d(ic)te Ammoneant(ur) Et q(uo)d/ q(uo)d non h(ab)et(ur) aliquod huiusmodi Recordum p(er) quod liquere potest [48] quod predictus henricus quartus fuit intitulus seu aliquid h(ab)uit in Selda p(re)dicta sine aliqua inde p(er)cella prout in dictis l(itte)ris patentib(us) supponit(ur). **Consideratum** est p(er) eosd(e)m Barones quod p(re)dicti Will(el)m(us) Welbek (et) Johanna vxor eius Rob(er)tus Byfeld (et) Will(el)m(u)s Bifeld Ad possessionem suam p(re)d(ic)te Selde cum p(er)tinenciis [49] restituant(ur). **Et** q(uo)d tam ip(s)i qu(a)m omnes vicecomites \†vice cum exc(ellis) (et) p(ro)fic(io)† inde de quib(us) d(omi)no Regi nondum est satisf(ac)tum p(er)ceptu(m)/ Ac nu(per) vicecomites (et) illi qui ex nunc erunt vicecomites co(mitatu)m londonar(um) (et) Midd' de exitib(us) (et) proficius eiusd(e)m Selde. Ac om(n)ib(us) comptis proinde d(omi)no Regi reddendis tam p(ro) tempore preterito q(ua)m futuro erga d(omin)um Regem exonerent(ur). **Nos** autem tenorem Recordi (et) [50] processus predictor(um) ad requisicionem p(re)dictor(um) Will(elm)i Welbek (et) Johanne uxoris eius Rob(er)ti Bifeld (et) Will(elm)i Bifeld sub Sigillo dicti S(ca)cc(ar)ii n(ost)ri duximus exemplificand(um) p(er) p(re)sentes. **In cuius** rei testimoni(u)m has l(itte)ras n(ost)ras fieri fecimus patentes. **Teste** Will(el)m(o) Notyngham milite apud Westmonasterium xxiiii^{to} die Aprilis Anno [51] regni n(ost)ri vicesimo secundo. **P(er)** Rotulum memorandor(um) de Anno vicesimo primo Regis nunc Edwardi quarti Mich(ael)is Recorda Rot(u)lo xix^{no}

Fforde [scribal signature, at the far right corner of line 51, boxed in]

[English description on dorse, aided by UV light]

An Inquisiscon taken of 12 good
[[and) lahfull men]] in the tyme of kyng
Edwarde the 4th (and) founde †tolls†
held in the †core† ffast in fre borgage
(and) not In capitis as þe Land(es) of þ(a)t citi.

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