

## THE MANUSCRIPT

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A feffment to these persons of the manor of Hagnaby

Robert Wyngfeld of Helpston

Thomas Cave of Stanford

Brown of Tolthorp

Jhon Harington of Wytham

Jhon Wyngfeld of Tyckencot

Adam Claypoole of Maxey

To these uses hereafter followyng that with the [*r struck through*] revenews therof ther shall be maynteined xij poore men in a houss situated in the parish of St Martyn in Stanford Baron in the County of Northampton, at the southwest end of Stanford bridg which howss shall be called Burghleys Charite [*These xij struck through*] accordyng to such ordonances as Wm. Baron Burghley L. Tresoror of England and Knyght of the Garter shall in wrytyng subscribed with his hand and sealed with his seale limitt and apoynt.

## Ordonances

The first iiij of the xij shall be named <& chosen> allweiss by me Wm. L. Burghl[*ey*] duryng my liff, and after by myn heyre male that shall be ownor of my houss of Burghley and the formost of them shall have the government of all the other xj and shall have dooble allowance of wag[*es*] to any of the other, and shall be called the forman of the houss.

The next iiij shall be named by the vicar of St Martyns the eldest churchwarden & the constable of the [*parish struck through*] sayd parish < the ballyve of the manor of Stanford Baron> and the keper of the Inn called the Georg in Stanford Baron or by the gretar part therof.

The last iiij shall be named by [*letter struck through*] hym that shall be alderman of the borogh of Stanford and by the recorder, and stuard and balyve of the manor of Staunford.

And the vicar of St Martyns shall kepe a register <in wrytyng> of the names and fornams of all the sayd poore men which shall be kept in the vestry within the chancell of St Martyns chyrch.

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and the same shall be wrytten in ordre begyning with the first iiij. and so followyng the second the second iiij and lastly the last iiij, which book shall be joyned [*and struck through*] with the hand' of the ballyve of the manor of Stamford Baron and by the stuard of the manor.

Item whan any of these xij shall dye <the place of> such as shall <dye being> of the nombre of the first iiij, shall be supplied by the L. of Burghley for the tyme being,

and so the place of any <of> the second foore dyeng, shall be supplied by the aforsayd pers[on]s that ar arthorised to name the second classis of iiiij, and the lyke shall be observed, by the alderman of Stamford and the others joyned with hym, for the supplyeng of such [as shall *struck through*] places as shall from tyme be voyd of the last iiiij.

Item if the partyes before named, shall not <[be *struck through*]> supply the voyd places within 28 dayes aft' the same shall be voyd, the same shall be supplied by any 4 others of them that ar authorized to [*single letter?*] nominat any of the sayd xij, and in default of such nomination the heyres of the howss of Burghley shall supply the same, and in defalt therof any here male of the L. Burghley shall supply the same.

Item in nomination of the sayd poore men these circumstances shall be observed or els non otherwise named shall be allowed.

First [they *struck through*] <every on so to be named> shall be allowed by the vicar of St Martyns to be of honest Christian profession, and hable and well disposed, to say the Lo. Prayer, the Crede, and [to sat.. *struck through*] the Ten Commandments.

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Item non shall be therto admitted without the dispensation of the Lord' of Burghley, but such as have bene born in the countyes of Northampton Lyncoln or Rutland, or that have dwelt for the space of vij yers within the space of vij myles of the borogh of Stamford

I[*tem*] neth[er] shall any be therto allowed that is under xxx yers of age, or that hath any certenty of lyvyng above the vallew of xll s. [*sic*] by the yere, or that is known to be diseased of any leprosy or of the pock' called the French pock' nor of any lunacy or to be a comen drunkard quarrellor or infamous for adultery theft or such [by *struck through*] sort.

Item the sayd pore men shall [have rooms for lodgin at and yet if they be workmen in any place so distant as *struck through*] in as neare as may be chosen <such as> [to be decayed *struck through*] have bene workmen or masons, carpyntors or other artisans of handy craft' or laborers <in any work' or in husbandy or servant[s]'\> that ar by sycknes [or *struck through*] age or other impediment unhable to gett ther <[wag[*struck through*] lyvyng by ther handy work, or by dayly price as befor tyme they have done. And if after they shall be chosen to the places, any of them shall fall into such infirmytes of infectiOSS diseases, or to be iustly infamed of such notable vyces as above is in the next form[er] article, mentioned they shall be displaced by them by whose authorite they war placed, and ther allowance to cess within xiiiij dayes after ther displacyng ayenst which tyme ther places shall be supplied by such as have [not *struck through*] displaced them.

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Hospitall at Stamford

The Project thereof; of the Lo. Threasurers owne writing.

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xj pore men the on to have a wiff and he to be in place as the m[aste]r of the x and if ther not on havynge a wiff with out children that some vision to be allowed.

The principall man that shall be rulor if he have a wiff, he shall for hym self and his wiff, have iij s. iiij d. a wk.

*[Margin]* iij s. iiij d. per j a[nnum]

but if [th *struck through*] he have no wiff, than to have for hym ij s. vj d. [and *struck through*].

*[Margin]* ij s. vj d. per j a[nnum] / per [*letters struck through*]

and the wydow to have xij d a weke

*[Margin]* x to have ij s

Every of the x[?] to have ij s a wek

*[Margin]* Price of a frese gown

*[Item the principall to have struck through]*

*[Margin]* a blew gown every 2 yer'

All the x to have uppon every All Hallow Even j frese gown of gray collar.

And every second yere on Ester Even, a long gown of blew cloth.

*[Margin]* xj badg' of silver

Every on to have badg of my consyance[?] to be styched to ther left soldor, to be of silver with my collors for which the principall shall be answerable, to be delyvered from man to man the same to be <renewed by the L. Burghley as he shall><so[?] cause>

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Every of these poore men shall resort to Commen Prayers [go *struck through*] <[every seven day *struck through*] ...[?]> to St Martyns chyrch and shall sitt or knele together <*[Margin]* in some place apoynted by the chirch warden> and so shall they do uppon Wednesday <...[?]> and Frydayes, [and if any *struck through*] <at Morning Prayers>/ and shall be absent without just cause <every next daye[?]> by the ruls to be notefyed to

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parish clerk and to be allowed by the vicar or minister too every such default not excusable the af[oresaid?] parish clerk shall have ij d. out of the <[*word inserted and struck through*]> wekes wag[es] allowable to the poore man that shall mak default.

Item every Sunday aft[er] Evensong ther shall be paid in the chyrch, to every of the sayd poore ther wage for the weke past, savyng to the parish clerk his duze as above a[?] expred which he shall also receive at the same tyme.

Item all these poore men that shall [be unmaryd and *struck through*] < be unmaryd > shall lodg every nyght in the comen houss; [several letters? *struck through*] & / [if they *struck through*] <such as> shall be marryed they [shall *struck through*] <may> lyve with ther wyves out of the comen houss, so the same be within St Martyns parish, or within the borogh of Stamford.

but yet they shall be bound [once *struck through*] < on nyght > in a month to lodg with ther fellow in the comen houss.

Item [ther f *struck through*] none of them shall go abroad in ther gowns, out of St Martyn parish or <out of> the borogh of Stamford and the libertyes therof.

[*Margin*] [mark or letter?]/ xx [?]

Item the vicar or minister shall uppon the first Sondag of every quarter of the yere assemble them togither in the chirch <afor Evening Prayer> and severyng them a sonder shall instruct them to saye the prayer and the Crede and such as will not in convenient tyme <[... *struck through*] lern> and be hable to saye the same, he shall be avoyded[?] from his rome and the vicar or minister shall have vl <sup>s</sup> for his labor every such Sondag and the parish clerk vj d. for attendyng on the vicar.

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Item they shall every first Sondag of every quarter go to Burghley and ther shall dyne at on table togith[er] in the hall, wher they shall have ij mease of meal[?] every mease of ij dishes, or with porradg and boyled meat [and[?] the other rost[?]] For the charges wherof he that shall dwell at Burghley as myn heyre, or he <that> shall <kepe the houss> in the obsence of myn heyre shall be allowed for every man that shall dyne ther vj d. to be paid out of the revenew belongyng to the poore.

[*Margin*] <[... <sup>s</sup> *struck through*] vj s. per annum 24 s.>

[*Whole paragraph cancelled by diagonal strokes:*

Item ther shall be none chosen to this company but ether a man that hath bene brought as a laborer or a husbandman or a maymed soldier and to be such as have bene born in Stamford bough or Stamford Baron, or in Worthorp or Tynwell or that hath dwelt ther vij yers before.

Item non of them shall be under the age of xxx]

Item if at any tyme he [or she *struck through*] that shall be myn heyre of my howss at Theobald[s] in Herforshyre shall come to Burghley or Stamford, the sayd poore men shall present themselves dutyfully <to hym> and shall offer any service they can do to hym [or her *struck through*] in memory of ther founder Wm. L. Burghley auncestor to the sayd owner of Theobald[s].

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Item if any dout or question shall hereafter arise uppon the words or meaning of these former articles or ordonances the resolution and determination therof shall be made and in wrytyng delyvered to the vicar of St Martyns by the Bishop of Peterborgh, or by the Deane and on prebendary of the chyrch of Peterboroo, wherunt[o] all partyes

shall yeld and obey.

Item as these poore xij men shall at the first have ther severall romes allowed to them, so shall they duryng ther lyves or ther contynuaunce in ther places contynue ther lodgyng and every on[?] as [they *struck through*] <he> shall succede to the voyd places so shall he succede in the lodgyng without any chang.

Item all the xj [?] shall at ther entryes openly promiss to be obedient to the m[*aste*]r of the housse in all thyng[*es*] that he shall advise them for observation of the orders to them by these orders prescribed, and if any of them shall wilfully refuse to observe the same, he shall complayn therof to the L. Burghley, or in his absence to the vicar or the ballyve of the mannor, who shall ether remove such wilfull person [or *struck through*] from the place, wherunto they who did first name hym shall apoynt an other.

Item [*y struck through*] if the Mr be a maryed man he may have his wiff with in the housse but no other woman shall lodg ther.

[*Written at right angles along right margin*] 22 Dec 1595. A rate for xj almosmen in Stamford.

#### Notes on the transcript:

<> indicated interlineated words and letters

[] indicates deletions (romans) and editorial matter (italics)

... Illegible letters or words

The plural is frequently represented by a simple flourish at the end of words and may indicate either 's' or 'es'. 'er' is frequently suspended

#### Content

The draft differs in many minor ways from the printed ordinance dated 20 August 1597, which latter in general adds flesh to the bones of the draft. The draft is wider in scope, setting out details of the proposed trustees, as well as of the rules which were to be observed. More particular changes appear, as follows:

##### 1595 draft

##### 1597 print

Funding:

From income of Hagnaby manor, Lincs Annuity from income of Cliffe Park, Northants

Beneficiaries:

Twelve poor men, including the foreman, otherwise the master

Thirteen poor men, including the warden

First four to be chosen by Lord Burghley

First five to be chosen by Lord Burghley

Additional class of persons to nominate second four poor, namely "dwellers in the Nunnery"

Book (register) to be kept in St Martin's vestry

Duplicate register to be kept by the alderman with the town records

Allowances for married men

Provision for married men but without  
financial allowances

Prohibition against cards, dice, etc.