

**Note:** As with most legal documents and certainly those of this period, punctuation is minimal or non-existent.

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**TO ALL PEOPLE to whom this present Writing of Award and Allottment shall come** We Edward Hanson the Elder of Hungerford in the County of Berks Gentleman Roger Geater of Kintbury in the said County and Simon Rawlins of Arington in the same County Yeoman send Greeting WEEREAS by a certain Deed poll or Articles of Agreement bearing date the Ninth Day of June which was in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty three duely Executed under the several hands and seals of the Right Honble William Lord Craven Baron of Hampstead Marshall, Richard Jones of Ramsbury Manor in the County of Wilts Esq. John Potenger late of Bingham Melcomb in the County of Dorsett Esq. deed. Francis Brickenden of Inkpen in the said County of Berks Feq. The Rector of the said parish and parish Church of Inkpen aforesaid, John Stratton of Balsome Park in the parish of Kintbury in the said County of Berks yeoman Vincent Rolfe of the parish of Shalborne in the said County of Berks yeoman William Hayes of Worting in the County of Southton malster Robert Dowsett of Wantage in the said County of Berks Esq. William Jones of Wantage Aforesaid Gentleman William Church of Grove in the said County of Berks Gentn. James Phillips of Wantage aforesd Cordwainer (which said Robert Dowsett William Jones, William Church and James Phillips were then Trustees of the Estate then late of Samuel Clement then deed lying in the said parish of Inkpen) Thomas Stockwell of Newbury in the said County of Berks Haberdasher of Hatts and Richard Hayes of Inkpen aforesaid yeoman (Guardians of William White then e Minor under the age of one and twenty years) William Vokins of Soley in the County of Wilts yeoman William Hamblyn of Down Husband in the said County of Southton Gentn. Thomas Norris of Inkpen aforesaid Carpenter the said Richard Hayes (in his own Right) John. Kember of Inkpen aforesaid yeoman William Griffin of Inkpen aforesaid Blacksmith Joseph Kember of Inkpen aforesaid Labourer William Norris the Elder of Inkpen aforesaid potter William Kember of Inkpen aforesaid yeoman Cartwright Pryor of Woodhay in the said County of Berks yeoman Richard Hidden of Inkpen aforesaid yeoman William Norris the Younger of Inkpen aforesaid Bricklayer Henry Hayes of Inkpen aforesaid yeoman Williams Dekins of Inkpen aforesaid yeoman John Flewell of Collinghorne Ducis in the said County of Wilts Shopkeeper Pancras Park of Collingborne Ducis aforesaid in the said County of Wilts Surgeon and Martha his wife Thomas Sharpie of Inkpen aforesaid yeoman Mary Clement of Inkpen aforesaid Widow, Ann Vokins of Inkpen aforesaid Widow Elizabeth Rutt of Inkpen aforesaid Spinster Henry Hidden of Lamborne in the said County of Berks yeoman Thomas Stratton of Inkpen afores'd Wheelwright William Taylor of Inkpen aforesaid yeoman and the then present Church— wardens of the parish of Inkpen aforesaid being then owners and Interested of and in diverse parts and parcels of Land lying dispeyed in the Common fields called or known by the names of East Field Middle Field Hook Field Myar Field and Clay Field in the parish of Inkpen in the said County of Berks RECITEING therein (amongst other things) that by long experience it was found that the Lands Lying in the Common Fields aforesaid did then yield little or no profit to the Owners or occupiers thereof and that the same were more and more worn out and Impoverished and that by reason of

the greatest Distance of the said Fields from the Habitations to which they belonged the Lands there could not then be soiled and Improved without far greater Charges than would be Answered by the Fruits and profits thereof whilst the same laid open Intermixed and not Inclosed AND ALSO therein Reciteing that by Ancient Custom and Courses used in the said Common Fields one third part thereof did always lye Fallow and untilled every year and such part of the said Fields so not Sown or Lying Fallow was usually fed with Sheep which were in danger and often were rotted by the moist and watery Condition of the Ground in the said Fields and by reason of the Intermixture and poor State of the Land there diverse Inconveniencys did from time to time arise and happen to the owners and occupiers thereof and that for remedy and redress whereof and for Incouraging an Improvement of the Lands to be made in the said Fields and for that a General Benefit and advantage would accrue and arise to the said parties to the said now reciting Deed poll who had Estates and Interest in any Lands lying in the said Common Fields by the Contiguous Lying together and Inclosure of Such parts and portions of the said Common Fields as by a New Division and Allottment to be made Should or might to them the said parties to the same Deed poll severally and respectively belong or Appertain or to that or the like Effect IT IS (amongst other things) WITNESSED that it is thereby Covenanted Concluded and Condescended unto and fully agreed upon by and between ail and every of them the said parties whose hands and seals were thereunto Subscribed and Sett the said owners of the said Lands who had then any right of or in any the Lands lying in the said Common Fields and that each and every of them did for himself and herself and his and her own part respectively and for his and her Several Heirs Excrs and Adrs. Severally Covenant Grant Conclude and Agree to and with each and every other of them the said parties whose Hands and Seals were thereunto Subscribed and Sett and to and with his her and their Several Weirs Exors and Adminrs. in 4 manner and form or to the Effect as in the several Articles or Items \ therein Following are mentioned (that is to say) That every of the said Common Fields as soon as conveniently might he divided and Inclosed by meets Bounds and Fences so that the said Common Fields or any or either of them should then no Longer he Enjoyed in Common AND That for the better proceeding in and dividing the said Fields and more Effectually making and perfecting the said intended Inclosure and Final Ending and Determining of all Differences that might happen to arise concerning the said Division and Inclosure and that annual Justice might be done to all therein concerned in respect of the placer to the Allotted and that the Quantities and Qualities of the Lands and the proportioning making and keeping the Bounds Fences and Ways and of everything else so far forth as things of that nature were then capable of heine Ordered Directed and Determined to the Satisfaction of all persons and parties in the said Deed poll concerned they and each and every of them did Conclude and agree that we the said Edward Hanson the #lder Roger Geater and Simon Rawlins Should be the then present Referees and that it Should and might be Lawfull for us by Vertue of the said now reciting Deed poll to take to our Assistance Edward Golding of Chilton in the said County of Wilts Gentn and Gabriel Curl of Rungerford aforesd Gentn (or in the Case of their or either of their decease or refusing to Act Some other person or persons Skilled in Surveying and Measuring as we should Hliect) to fairly Survey Measure and Compute the whole Number of Acres or Quantity of Land in all the said Fields and to survey measure and Compute to the whole number of Acres and Quantity of Land less than oan Acre helonging to each and every

of them the said parties to the said now reciting Deed poll in the said Common Fields (Except Seven Acres and an half (more or less) lying in a piece and called the Furlongs in the said Myar Field then belonging to John Potenger Esquire) and to Ascertain in the same particularly in Writing unto the said Referrees or the Major part of them and that as soon as conveniently might be After Such Survey and Measurement made and taken as aforesaid that also should and might and might be Lawfull for us the said Referrees by vertue of the said now reciting Deed poll to Survey and Measure also and to Divide the same Common Fields and that by Writing or Writings of Award and Allottment or Awards and Allottments under our Hands and Seals to Lay out Divide Award and Allott to each and every of the s'd. parties to the said Deed poll their Heirs Exors and Adminrs their respective Shares and proporcons of Land of and in the said Severall Common Fields in the parish of Inkpen aforesaid in as few pieces or parcels as Conveniently might be and to Limit and Appoint the place and places where each of the same parties respective Lotts of Shares should lye and be as near and convenient to their and each of their respective Farms or other Houses in Inkpen aforesaid as conveniently might be and proporconably according to the Quantities and Qualities of the Lands thereby each and every of them the said parties respectively then held and enjoyed AND ALSO that in and by Such Award and Allottment or Awards and Allottments to Lay out Allott and Appoint all Common ponds and ways private ways and passages in the said Fields as we the said Referrees Should think necessary and Convenient to Lead into every particular Inclosure therein which ponds and ways private ways and passages were to and should be Allowed out of the whole Fields According to every ones proporcon of Lands there AND ALSO that in and by such Award and Allottment or Awards and Allottments to Allott and Appoint to each and every of them the said parties to the said Deed poll their Heirs Exors and Admrs. each and every of their Mounds and Bounds which should be of Hedges Ditches or other Sufficient Mounds and Fences and the making and keeping thereof AND that each and every of them the said parties to the said Deed poll did also for himself and herself and his and her own part respectively and for his and her Several Heirs Exors and Admrs. Severally Covenant Grant Conclude and Agree to and with each and every other of them the same parties and to and with his her and their Several Heirs Exors and Adminrs that the costs and Charges of Articleing Surveying Measuring Laying out Allotting Dividing Awarding and Incloseing of the said Several Common Fields Should from time to time be born Sustained paid and Discharged by all of them the said parties to the said Deed poll rateably and proporconably according to the Quantitys and Qualitys of their respective Lands and according to any reasonable Allottment to be made by us the said Referrees for that purpose AND that each and every of them the said parties to the said Deed poll Should and would after such Award and Allottment or Awards and Allottments Should be made and duly Executed by us the said Referees as aforesaid Consent and Agree to the Same and Accept of their respective Lotts and Shares and inclose and keep the Same and Repair Such said ponds, Ways and passages at the time and times and in Such manner as in and by the said Award and Allottment or Awards and Allottments Should be Allotted Directed and Appointed AND that the said piece of Arable Land belonging to the said John Potenger called the Furlongs containing Seven Acres and an half {more or less) as aforesaid Should not be lyable to be Exchanged or Allotted by us the said Referrees or by the Said now reciting Deed poll But Should be held and enjoyed by the said John Potenger his Heirs and

Assigns in Severally from and after the Award or Allottment or Awards and Allottments made by Vertue of the said now reciting Deed. poll Freed Released and Discharged of and from all Common and right of Common of all the said parties to this Same Deed poll their Heirs Exors Adminrs and Assigns and that all the Lands which should respectively be appointed to the respective parties to the said now reciting Deed poll by Vertue thereof should he by them also respectively and by their respective Heirs and Assigns held and Enjoyed in Severalty Freed Discharged and Acquitted also of and from all and all manner of Common and Right of Common of the other respective parties thereto their Heirs and Assigns and all persons claiming under them any or either of them and Should be by them their Heirs Exors Adminrs or Assigns respectively held and enjoyed and they should respectively Stand and be Seized thereof to Such and the Same Uses and Trusts and for Such and the Same Estates and Subject to Such and the Same Limitations Wills Remainders Debts and Incumbrances as he she and they respectively should and would have stood seized of and in the Lands they then respectively held and enjoyed in the said Fields and from and after the determination of the said particular Estates should be held and enjoyed in like manner by the respective parties or persons who were Entituled to the Revercons or Remainders thereof IN WHICH said recited Deed poll are contained other Covenants and Agreements between the said parties thereto in relation to our Determining Differences that should arise between the same parties concerning the said Division Allottment or Inclosure or this our Award or anything thereunto relating and also for Inrollment of the said recited Deed poll and this our Award or Allottment and also a Covenant from the said Thomas Stockwell and Richard Hayes in the said Deed poll named that the said William White then a minor under the age of one and twenty years should and would at his attaining the said Age of one and twenty years Accept of the proporcon of Land to be Allotted him in the said Fields in pursuance of the said recited Deed poll upon the Terms and. Conditions in this our Award and Allottment to be menconed or if the said William White should die before his attaining such age of one and twenty years that then the Heir or Heirs at Law of the said William White should imediately after the death of the said William White in like manner accept of the proporcon of Land so to be Allotted. to the said William White as aforesaid. or to that or the like Effect as in and by the said in part recited Deed poll or Articles of Agreement relacon being thereunto had. may more fully and at large appear AND WHEREAS we the said Edward Hanson Roger Geater and Simon Rawlins the said Referrees have taken to our Assistance the said Edward Golding and Richard Andrews of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucester (the said Gabriel Curle refusing to Act therein) and the said Edward Golding and Richard Andrews have measured and computed the whole Number of Acres or Contents of the Lands that at the time of the Date of the said recited Deed poll belonged to every and each of the said parties to the same Deed poll lying in the said Five Common Fields in the parish of Inkpen aforesaid and in each and every of them and we the said Referees have Surveyed and well considered of the Quantities Qualities and Goodness of each and every of the same parties Lands and Common in the said Five Common Fields NOW KNOW YE that we the said Edward Hanson Roger Geater and Simon Rawlins the said Referrees Nominated and Appointed in and by the said recited Deed poll or Articles of Agreement in pursuance of the power in us reposed in and by the same Deed poll or Articles of Agreement HAVE Divided Laid out Allotted and proporconed and by these

presents DO Divide Lay out Allott and proporcon to each and every of them the said parties to the said recited Deed poll or Articles of Agreement respectively (or to the respective Heirs Exors Adminrs or Assigns of Such of them the same parties that since the Executing of the said recited Deed poll and before the publishing of this our Award and Allottment have happened. to dye or convey) their severall Lotts Shares and proportions of the said Five Common Fields in the parish of Inkpen aforesaid called. East Field, Middle Field, Hook Field Myar Field and Clay Field aforesaid according to the true intent and meaning of the said recited Deed poll or Articles of Agreement as followeth (that is to say) TO THE SAID WILLIAM LORD CRAVEN in Lieu of all. his Freeland lying in the said Common Fields and in each and every of them three Lotts or pieces of Land lying in the said Fields called Hook Field and Middle Field one Lott or piece whereof lyeth in both the said Fields called Hook Field and Middle Field and containeth One Hundred and Fifteen Acres one Rood and Nine poles Bounded on the East partly by Lotts of the said Vincent Rolfe and Pancras Park and Martha his wife hereinafter described and partly by a Ground called the Upper Grange on the west by two Lotts of the said William Hayes and one Lott of the said Richard Hayes hereinafter also described on the North by a Lane and Drove way called Sheep hillway hereinafter described leading from Inkpen Church Eastwards to the North West Corner of the Lower Grange and on the South by the Greenhill or the Downs He the said William Lord Craven to make and keep the Mounds on the Fast Side thereof against the said Vincent Rolfes hereinafter Second. described Lott and on the North End of the same Lott of the said. Vincent Roife as far as the North East Corner of the said Vincent Rolfe's said second Lott and on both sides of a Way hereinafter also described from the Crossways unto the said North East Corner of the said Vincent Rolfe's said second Lott And also at the North End of the said Lord Cravens | said Lott against the said way leading from Inkpen Church to the North West Corner of the Lower Grange and also on the West Side and at the South End of the said Park and his wifes said Lott And also on the Westside thereof against the second Lott of the said William Hayes and the said Lott of the said Richard Hayes and also against the South Corner of the said William Hayes first Lott and also against the said Greenhill or Down at the South End thereof one other Lott or piece whereof lyeth in the said Field called Hook Field and containeth Eleven Acres and Ten poles Bounded on the East by the second Lott of the said Francis Brickenden hereinafter also described and encompast on the West North and South by Inwoods Coppice and Rivers Ground He the said William Lord Craven to make and keep all the mounds on the East Side thereof against the said Francis Brickenden said second Lott and the remaining Lott or piece whereof lyeth also in the said Hook Field and containeth Four Acres two Roods and fifteen poles Bounded on the East by the old Common Road or Drove Way leading from the most Westerly Corner of Barley Orchard to Inwoods Gate on the west by Mansditch on the North by a Copyhold Lott of the said Henry Hidden hereinafter also .....