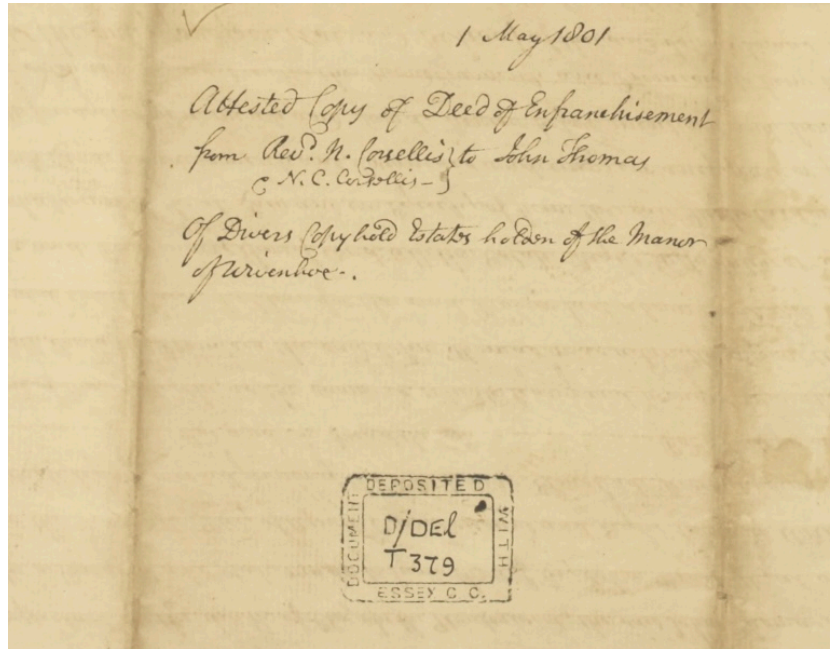


1 May 1801

Attested Copy of Deeds of Enfranchisement from Revd. N. Corsellis and N. C. Corsellis to John Thomas Of Divers (sic) Copyhold Estates holden of the Manor of Wivenhoe

[page one] This Indenture made the first day of May. In the forty first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth And in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and one



Between the Reverend Nicholas Corsellis of Wivenhoe in the County of Essex Clerk Lord of the Manor of Wivenhoe and

Nicholas Caesar Corsellis Esquire eldest son of and Heir of the said Nicholas Corsellis of the one part and John Thomas of Wivenhoe aforesaid Farmer of the other part

Whereas the Manor of Wivenhoe aforesaid together with divers (sic) Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments thereto appertaining were in and by certain Indentures of Lease and Release bearing the date the Twenty third and Twenty fourth days of February which was in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One and made between the said Nicholas Corsellis and Nicholas Caesar Corsellis and other Parties therein named settled and assured unto and to the use of the said Nicholas Corsellis and his Assigns for and during the term of his natural life and (subject as therein)

To the use of such Person or Persons and for such Estates and Interests as the said Nicholas Corsellis and the said Nicholas Caesar Corsellis should at any time or times during their joint Lives by any Deed or Deeds to be sealed and delivered by them in the presence of Two or more credible Witnesses direct or appoint

Under which said Indentures the said Nicholas Corsellis is now actually seised of and beneficially intituled (sic) to the Rents Issues and Profits of the said Manor and Estates during the term of his Natural life as aforesaid

And whereas in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Thirty Eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty for redemption of the Land Tax all Persons so seised of or beneficially intituled (sic) as aforesaid are empowered and enabled

(with such consent and approbation and under the Provisoes (sic) restrictions and Regulations as is therein expressed where the same shall from the Circumstances of the Case be necessary) to enfranchise any Copyhold or Customary Estates belonging to or holden of such Manor and to apply the Money arising thereby in the redeeming or purchasing the Land Tax charged on such Manor and on any Messuages Lands Tenements or Hereditaments subject to the same restrictions

And whereas the said Nicholas Corsellis with the consent and approbation of the said Nicholas Caesar Corsellis hath contracted and agreed with the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of the said Act for the Exoneration of the said Manor and Estate of Wivenhoe of and from the Land Tax charged thereon and in order to effect the same hath proposed to raise part of the Money by Enfranchisement of Copyhold Estates belonging to or holden of the said Manor to which the said Nicholas Caesar Corsellis hath also consented and agreed

And whereas the said John Thomas now stands seised to him and his Heirs of an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple by Copy of Court Roll at the Will of the Lord according to the Custom of the said Manor of Wivenhoe of and in the Messuages or Tenements Lands Hereditaments and Premises herein after particularly described

And whereas the said Nicholas Corsellis for the purpose aforesaid hath contracted and agreed with the said John Thomas to enfranchise the said Messuages or Tenements Lands Hereditaments and Premises at and for the price or sum of Two hundred and fifteen pounds

Now this Indenture witnesseth that in pursuance of the said Agreement and for and in Consideration of the Sum of Two hundred and Fifteen Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain by and with the privity consent and approbation of the said Nicholas Caesar Corsellis to the said Nicholas Corsellis in hand well and truly paid by the said John Thomas at or before the Sealing and delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof he the said Nicholas Corsellis doth hereby acknowledge and of and from the same doth acquit release and discharge the said John Thomas his Heirs Executors and Administrators and every one of them for ever by these Presents

He the said Nicholas Corsellis Hath granted bargained sold aliened released and confirmed and by these Presents Doth Grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said John Thomas and his Heirs All those Parcels of Land and Wood containing by estimation Twenty five Acres more or less Customary and Heriotable called Beacons lying nearing Whitmore Heath and holden of the said Manor of Wivenhoe by Copy of Court Roll heretofore in the Tenure or Occupation of Thomas Sidney and now or late of the said John Thomas or his Assigns (To which Premises the said John Thomas was admitted to hold to him and his Heirs out of Court by the Lord's own hands on the Eighteenth day of January [page two] One thousand seven hundred and seventy three upon the Surrender of William Rayner Charles Tiffin and Mary his Wife)

And also All that Messuage or Tenement Customary and Heriotable called Bacons and three Acres of Land thereto belonging near Whitmore Heath

And also five Acres and three Roods of Land Customary called Bramblefield with the Appurtenances all which said last mentioned Premises are situate in Wivenhoe aforesaid and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll and to which the said John Thomas was admitted to hold to him and his Heirs at a Court holden for the said Manor the sixth day of April One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four

And also that Tenement formerly divided into several Tenements Parcel of Old Hall with the Appurtenances thereto belonging situate and being in Wivenhoe aforesaid and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll (To which Premises the said John Thomas was admitted to hold to him and his Heirs upon the Lords Grant at a Court holden for the said Manor the Twenty Sixth Day of March One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight)

And also all that Messuage or Tenement being part of the Estate called the Undersett to the Cross Keys Tavern otherwise Rogers and Saxabies abutting East upon a Messuage heretofore of Mary Barker formerly in the occupation of Samuel Cole and afterwards Benjamin Mower and West upon the Messuage heretofore of Thomas Clarke as the same is situate and being in Wivenhoe aforesaid and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll (To which Premises the said John Thomas was admitted to hold to him and his Heirs upon the Surrender of Redhead Barnabas Barker at a Court holden for the said Manor the Twenty Seventh day of April One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One)

And also all that piece or parcel of Ground whereof a Bath and other Buildings are now standing and being consisting in length from North to South Seventy Six feet and in breadth from East to West at the South end there Twenty? [obscured by Seal] feet or thereabouts being heretofore part and parcel of the Premises formerly called the Woolpack and since or now called by the Name or Sign of the Ship at Launch as the same is situate and being in Wivenhoe aforesaid and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll (To which premises the said John Thomas was admitted to hold to himself and his Heirs at a General Court Baron holden for the said Manor the Eleventh day of April One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Two upon the Surrender of John Bawtree and Jane his Wife)

And also all that Customary Tenement with the Appurtenances called Cold Hall situate in Wivenhoe aforesaid and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll (To the reversion of which Premises expectant on the death or marriage of Ann Clarke of Wivenhoe aforesaid Widow the said John Thomas was admitted to hold to him and his Heirs at a General Court Baron holden for the said Manor the Twenty third day of April One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Four upon the Surrender of William Clarke)

And also all that Piece or Parcel of Ground containing in length next the Lane leading from West Street to the Quay fourteen Yards and in depth sixteen Yards being heretofore part and parcel of the Estate called the Woolpack situate and

being in Wivenhoe aforesaid and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll (To which said Premises the said John Thomas was admitted to hold to him and his Heirs at the last above mentioned General Court Baron holden for the said Manor upon the surrender of John Bawtree and Jane his Wife)

And also all that Messuage or Tenement and Premises with the Appurtenances adjoining the last described Piece or Parcel of Ground situate and being in Wivenhoe aforesaid and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll heretofore the Estate of Robert Durrell (To which Premises the said John Thomas was admitted upon the Lords Grant to hold to him and his Heirs at the General Court Baron holden for the said Manor last above mentioned)

And also all those Two Pieces or Parcels of Land or Ground heretofore part of the Waste of this Manor situate lying and being upon Whitmore Heath the One Piece abutting upon the Copyhold Land of the said John Thomas herein before described on the West upon a Chaseway leading to a Farm belonging to Mr Simons on the South and upon the Road leading from Elmstead towards Ardleigh on the East And the other Piece abutting upon the aforesaid Road leading to Ardleigh on the West, upon the free Lands of Charles Gray Round Esquire on the North, and upon the Waste Lands belonging to the Lord of the said Manor now inclosed (sic) on the East and North containing by admeasurement (page three) five Acres One Rood and Fourteen Perches (To which Premises the said John Thomas was admitted upon the Grant of the Lord of the said Manor to hold to him and his Heirs at a General Court Baron held the Thirteenth day of October One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven)

And also all that Tenement and certain Lands with the Appurtenances near the Highway leading towards Elmstead being a Moiety of Lands and Tenements called Bennetts as the same is situate and being in Wivenhoe aforesaid and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll (To the Reversion of which Premises expectant on the death of Elizabeth Underwood, the said John Thomas was admitted to hold to him and his Heirs under a Bargain and Sale made to him thereof by John Brackett at a General Court Baron holden for the said Manor the Sixteenth Day of April One thousand and Eight hundred)

And also all that piece or Parcel of Land heretofore Waste lying in or adjoining the Road near Elmstead Brook leading from Elmstead to Colchester containing in length [gap] Rod and breadth [gap] Rod abutting on the Estate of Elizabeth Underwood last described and of Mary Blythe, as the same is situated lying and being in Wivenhoe and holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll (To which Premises the said John Thomas was admitted upon the Lords Grant to him and his Heirs at the General Court Baron holden for the said Manor last above mentioned)

And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof And all the Estate Right Title Interest Freehold and Inheritance Claim and demand whatsoever both at Law and in Equity of him the said Nicholas Corsellis of in and to the said Messuages or Tenements Lands Hereditaments and Premises and every or any part of parcel thereof

To have and to hold the said Messuages or Tenements and Lands herein before mentioned and hereby or intentioned to be hereby granted bargained sold and released with the Hereditaments and Premises to him the said John Thomas his Heirs and Assigns To the only proper Use and behoof of the said John Thomas his Heirs and Assigns for ever freely clearly and absolutely enfranchised acquitted and discharged by these Presents from henceforth for ever of and from all and all manner of Yearly and other Payments Rents Quit Rents Chief Rents Customary or Copyhold Rents Fines Heriots Fealty Suit of Court and all other usual or customary or copyhold Payments Duties Services or Customs Whatsoever which by or according to the Custom of the said Manor of Wivenhoe the said Messuages or Tenements Land Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted bargained sold and released or any of them is or are or have or hath or ought otherwise to be subject or liable to or charged with or which otherwise ought to be paid done or performed for or in respect of the same or any part thereof as Copyhold holden of or as parcel of the said Manor

And this Indenture further Witnesseth that for the Consideration aforesaid and in further pursuance of the said recited Agreement and of Five Shillings as pieces of lawful Money of Great Britain to each of them the said Nicholas Corsellis and Nicholas Caesar Corsellis in hand paid by the said John Thomas at or before the Sealing and delivery hereof the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged

They the said Nicholas Corsellis and Nicholas Caesar Corsellis Have directed and appointed and by these Presents Do (in pursuance and exercise of all and every the powers and authorities to them given and reserved in them vested or otherwise enabling them thereto) Direct and appoint that the Freehold and Inheritance of all and singular the said Messuages or Tenements Land Hereditaments and Premises herein before particularly mentioned and described and intended to be hereby bargained sold released and enfranchised shall from time to time and at all times henceforth remain continue and be

To the use of the said John Thomas his Heirs and Assigns forever absolutely freed and discharged as aforesaid and also of and from all and all manner of Incumbrances whatsoever

In Witness whereof the said Parties to these Presents their Hands and Seals have hereunto interchangeably set the day and year first above written

(LS) *N. Corsellis*

(LS) *Nicholas Caesar Corsellis*

Sealed and delivered by the within named Nicholas Corsellis (the Parchment being without Stamp pursuant to the within recited Acts) in the presence of us

Benjamin Ham
Benjamin Strutt

Sealed and delivered by the within named Nicholas Caesar Corsellis in the presence of us

John Solomon
J. T. Simmons of Rochester

Received the day and year first within written of and from the within named John Thomas the Sum Two hundred and fifteen Pounds being the Consideration Money within expressed to be paid by him to me

£215 *N. Corsellis*

[Each Page Examined with the Original Deed the 22nd day of March 1811 and Is a True Copy thereof]

E. Murdoch Junr}
F. ? Keeling}
Clerks to Mr Sparling of Colchester

Witness:
Benjamin Ham
Benjamin Strutt