

## NOTE OF TWO OLD LEASES OF LEICESTER CASTLE,

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19th June, 1686. This is an original lease in law Latin from King James II. as Duke of Lancaster, to Henry Dison (described as of Leicester Castle in the County of Leicester gentleman), the following being a free translation :—

This Indenture made between the most excellent prince and Sovereign Lord James II. by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith of the one part and Henry Dison of the Castle at Leicester in the County of Leicester Gentleman of the other part.

(1682) IT IS WITNESSED that our dearest Brother Charles II. King of England of blessed memory deceased by Indenture under the seal of his Duchy of Lancaster dated 13th. March in the 34th. year of his reign had granted made over and firmly demised to the said Henry Dison a certain gate called the Southgate of his Castle at Leicester in the County of Leicester and a certain house adjoining the said gate called the Southgate of the Castle at Leicester aforesaid partly built and repaired by a certain William Fowkes at his own care and expense, and a certain piece of land called a "Garden Plott" containing by estimation half an acre more or less such house adjoins and abuts on a certain small stream called the *Sore* in the western part and all buildings and structures situate within the walls of the said Castle being in the tenure or occupation of one Edward Lake Gentleman or his assigns To have and to hold the said gate called the Southgate of the Castle at Leicester aforesaid and the said house and piece of land called a garden plot and all and singular the structures and edifices and other premises to the said Henry Dison his executors administrators and assigns from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel then last past before the date of the said Indenture unto the final end and for the term of thirty and one years thence next ensuing and fully to be completed Yielding and paying yearly to the then aforesaid Lord King his heirs and successors forty shillings

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of lawful English Money on the feasts of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and of St. Michael the Archangel by equal yearly portions to be paid for and during ten years of the said term next ensuing after the said feast of St. Michael the Archangel then last past and immediately after the expiration of the aforesaid term of ten years Yielding and paying annually to the then aforesaid Lord King his heirs and successors £6 on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel by equal portions yearly to be paid for and during the residue of the said term of 30 and one years by the said Indenture granted And the last before mentioned Lord King by the said Indenture granted and demised to the said Henry Dison and his Assigns the office of Constable or Warden of the said Castle of Leicester in the said County of Leicester and the office of Janitor of the said Castle belonging to his said Duchy of Lancaster in the said County of Leicester To have hold keep occupy and exercise the said Office and its appurtenances to the said Henry Dison and his Assigns by himself or by his sufficient Deputy or Deputies from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel then last past before the date of the said Indenture until the final end and for the term of thirty and one years then next following and fully to be completed *with* — *gifts and fees of 3 pounds and 8 pence per annum and with all other gifts fees profits usages emoluments and advantages of the said office and used therewith from ancient times and according to form and law owed and of rightful usage belonging or proved To have and annually to receive during the term by the aforesaid Indenture granted as aforesaid the gift of £3 and 8 pence into his own hands and in his own hands to be retained or into the hands of the particular holder of the before demised hereditaments and his successors for the time being of the issuing profit and revenue of the said Lord the King from his Duchy of Lancaster in the County aforesaid — and — or — at the feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel annually to be received by equal portions.*

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14th. December 1705. Confirmation by Queen Anne, as Duchess of Lancaster of a like lease by William III. dated 14th April 1696, to the said Henry Dison.