

MSS 2, Article 5, 01 recto: Draft of the Royal Patent for the Mastership of the Game of Bears, Bulls, and Mastiff Dogs (November 24, 1604)

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and advantages whatsoever to the said Office of Cheefe Master Overseer and Ruler of our beares Bulls and mastiffe dogges in any wisse belonginge in as large and ample manner as Sir William steward knight or before him Sir Iohn darrington knight deceased or as Raphe Bowes or any other at any tyme ever had, vsed, perceaved or enioyed in for or by reason of the same Office/ Giuinge by theise presentes for vs our heires and successors vnto the said Phillipe Henslowe and Edward Allen and to either of them loyntly and severallye and to the deputie or deputies of them or either of them duringe the naturalle lives of the said Phillipe Henslowe and Edward Allen and the life of the longer liver of them full power comission and authoritie not onlie to take vp & kepe for our service pastyme and sporte any mastife dogge or dogges and mastife Bitches Beares, bulls and other meete and convenient for our said service and pastymes or any of them beinge within this our Realme or other our dominions at and for such reasonable prices as our said servauntes or either of them, there deputie or deputies or the deputie or deputies of either of them can

agree with the Owner or owners of the Beares and bulls, but also to stave or cause to be stayed at their or either of their discrecons¹ \ all and every such Mastiffe dogges and Bitches as the said Phillip Henslow and Edward Allen or either of them, or their assignes or the assignes of either of them shall fortune at any tyme hereafter to take or fynde goinge passinge or conveyinge or to be conveyed in anywise into any partes of beyonde the Seas without our speciall warrant and commission for conveyinge of the same/ willinge and straightly charging and commaunding [all] that aswell all our officers ministers and subiectes and every of them from henceforth doe ayde from tyme to tyme assiste strengthen and helpe the said Phillip Henslowe and Edward Allen or either of them in exercisinge of the said Office and other the premisses As² also other our officers and ministers in anywise appertayninge to our saide games shall dilligently obey be attendinge and doe any thinge and thinges reasonable that the saide Phillip Henslow and Edward Allen loyntly, and either of them severally as masters and cheefe rulers of our said games shall comaunde for our better service therein And further we doe give and graunt full power and authoritie by these presentes to the said Phillip Henslow and Edwarde Allen and

¹ discrecons: *for discrecons; mark of abbreviation omitted.*

² As: *A possibly written over another letter.*

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to either of them to bayete or cause to be bayted our said Beares and others beinge of our saide games in all and every convenient place and places [convenient] at altymes meete at there and either of there discrecions And that no other offecer³or vnder officer belonginge or any manner of waies appertayninge to our said Beares and games for the tyme beinge nor any of them shall from henceforth baite or cause to be baited any of our saide Beares or others of our games aforesaide in any yarde or place or places without the speciall lycence and appointment of the said Phillipe Henslowe and Edward Allen or one of them, nor that any of them shall from henceforth take vp any Beare or beares or any other appertayninge to our saide games or for any service and *commoditie* without the like appointment of the said Phillipe Henslowe and Edward Allen or of one of them as is aforesaide any manner of graunt or lycence heretofore made or hereafter to be made to any of them for the same, to the Contrarie [t]hereof in any wise notwithstandinge And of our further grace certaine knowledge and meere mocion we doe by theise presentes for vs our heires and Successors give and graunt to the said Phillip Henslow and Edward Allen loyntly and severally the

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office and Roome of kepper of our Bandoggs Mastiffes and Mastiffe bitches, And the said Phillipe Henslow and Edwarde Allen [kepper] and either of them kepper and Ruler of our Mastiffes and Bandogges, and of the Mastiffes and Bandogges of of⁴ vs our heires and successors we do ordaine and make by theise presentes/ To haue holde occupie and enioye the saide Roome to the saide Phillipe Henslowe and Edwarde Allen loyntly and severallie aswell by them selves as by there sufficient deputie or deputies, or by the sufficient deputie or deputies of either of them duringe [dr] their lives and the longer liver of them/ Moreouer we do by theise presentes for vs out heires and successors give and graunt to the saide Phillipe Henslowe and⁵ Edwarde Allen for occupyinge and exercisinge of the saide office and keppinge of Twentie mastiffe Bitches the fee and wages of Tenn pence sterlinge by the daie, and for there deputie for exercisinge of the saide Rowme vnder them the fee and wages of fflower pence by the daie/ To haue and enioye the saide severall fees and either of them to the saide Phillip Henslow and Edwarde Allen And their assignes duringe their lives and the liffe of the longer liver of them/

⁴ of of: *dittography*.

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And the saide ffee to be had and yerelie [paide] receaved out of the Treasure of our Chamber and of our heires and Successors by the hands of *our* Treasurer of the saide Chamber for the tyme beinge Quarterly by even porcions, Together with all fees advantages profittes and Comodities therevnto belonginge in as large and ample manner as the said Sir Williame Stewarde or as before him the saide Sir Iohn dorrington knight deceased, or as the saide Raphe Bowes or any other person or persons heretofore haue had and [occupied] enjoyed in and for theexercisinge of the same. Althoughe expresse mention of the true yerely valew or any other valew or Certentie of the premisses or or⁶ any of them, or of any other guiftes or grauntes by vs or any of our progenitors made before this tyme to the aforesaid Phillip Henslow and Edwarde Allen in theise presentes is not made, Or any other statute acte ordinaunce provision

⁶ or or: *dittography*.

proclamacion or Restrainte to the Contrarie thereof before this tyme had made sett forthe
Ordayned or provided, Or any other thinge matter or cause whatsoever in any wise
notwithstandinge In witnes whereof we haue Caused theise our *lettres* to be made
Pattent{es}/ Witnes our selfe at Westminster the ffower and Twentith daie of November in the
yere of *our* Raigne of England ffraunce and Ireland the seconde And of Scotlande the Eight
and Thirteeth