



Inquisition

Steeple Langford

Thomas Mompesson, esquire.

Inquisition taken at the City of New Sarum, 18th August, 16 Charles I [1640], before John Sevyor, gent., escheator, after the death of Thomas Mompesson, esq., by the oath of John Windover, gent, William Munday, Edward Fawkner, Andrew Pewde, Richard Hill, John Gilbert, Thomas Senior, William Sackler, Richard Sherfield, John Barrowe, James Edmondos, George Ackrey, John Payne, John Note, and William Hayter, gentlemen, who say that

Thomas Mompesson was seised of all that capital messuage and farm of Gombledon ; one cottage and one acre of land, in the possession of Thomas Tutt, to the said capital messuage belonging, situate in Gombledon, within the parish of Idmaston ; also in fee-tail, to wit, to him and his heirs male by Katherine, his wife, lately deceased, of the manor, capital messuage or farm of Battington alias Bathampton, and in divers lands, tenements, etc., in Battington Magna, Battington Parva alias Bathampton, and Steeple Langford, now in the tenure of Robert Clarke and William Hollett, to the said manor belonging, the remainder thereof being to the right heirs of the said Thomas Mompesson for ever.

So seised, the said Thomas, having issue male, by indenture dated 20th September, 14 Charles I [1638], made between himself of the one part, and Edward Nicholas, William Eyre, Edward Tooker, esq., and Thomas Mompesson, son and heir-apparent of the said Thomas named in the writ, of the other part, in consideration of 10s. to him in hand paid, demised to the said Edward, William, and Edward the said premises in Gombledon and Idmaston for 80 years, in trust nevertheless that such term should be disposed and converted to such uses as the said Thomas, by his will or otherwise, should appoint. And by the same indenture the said Thomas agreed, for the love he bore to the said Thomas, his son, that he and his heirs should be siesed of the said premises in Battington Magna and Parva and Steeple Langford, and also of the capital messuage of Gombledon and all the premises in Idmaston, as follows, to wit, as to the said premises in Battington Magna and Parva and Steeple Langford, to the use of Giles Mompesson, knt., brother of the said Thomas named in the writ, for his life and his heirs male ; for default, to the use of John Mompesson, clerk, another brother of the said Thomas, for his life ; and after his deceased, to the use of John Mompesson, son and heir-apparent of the said John, and his heirs male ; and for default, the remainder thereof to the right heirs of the said Thomas Mompesson, the father, for ever. As to the said premises in Gombledon and Idmaston, first, for a confirmation of the said demise of 60 years made to the said Edward Nicholas, William Eyre, and Edward Tooker ; and afterwards to the use of the said Thomas Mompesson, the father, for his life ; after his decease, to the use of Thomas Mompesson, the son, and his heirs male ; for default, to the use of the said Giles Mompesson for his natural life ; after his decease, to the use of his heirs male ; and for default, to the use successively of the said John Mompesson the father, John Mompesson the son, and the right heirs of the said Thomas Mompesson the father, for ever.

Thomas Mompesson, the father, made his will at the City of New Sarum, 22nd September, 14 Charles I [1638], and thereby declared as follows: - *Whereas, I have made a lease to Edward Nicholas, of Westminster, in co. Middlesex, esq., William Eyre, of Lincoln's Inn, in co. Middlesex, esq., and Edward Tooker, of Maddington, in co. Wilts, esq., of all my lands in Gombledon and Idmaston which I lately*

purchased of Robert Read, of East Choldrington, in co. Southampton, gent., for 60 years to the uses of my last will : now I will that the said Edward, William, and Edward shall out of the said lease pay my debts, and shall also buy the wardship and marriage of the said Thomas, my son, and sue forth the livery of my said son ; and when this has been done, I desire my said lessees to settle and convey the said lease and all other my leases and leasehold land so that the same may wholly remain to my said son after his age of 21 ; if he die before that time, then to the heirs of his body ; but if he die without heirs, then the same to remain to such person as shall have the next immediate reversion thereof. If my said son and his heirs do not sufficiently confirm after their respective ages of 21 all the leases I have heretofore made of lands and tenements in Winterslowe, my said lease of 60 years shall not be so settled on them, but shall remain in the hands of the said trustees for the security of the persons whom such leases were made. I make my said trustees and kinsmen my executors in trust for my said son.

The said premises in Bathampton Magna and Parva and Steeple Langford are held of the Bishop of Rochester, by fealty, and the yearly rent of 6d. or one pair of gilt spurs, price 6d., and are worth per ann., clear, £10. The premises in Gombledon and Idmaston are held of the King in chief, by knight's service, to wit, by the 40th part of a knight's fee, and are worth per ann., clear, £4.

Thomas Mompesson died at London, 15th May last past ; Thomas Mompesson is his son and next heir by the said Katherine, and was aged 10 years on the 4th January last past.

Inq. p.m., 16 Charles I, pt. 1, No. 74. "Abstracts of Wiltshire Inquisitions Post Mortem," 1901, edited by George S. Fry & Edw. Alex Fry.