

## ELIZABETH I's REPLY AND AUTHORISATION (MODERN SPELLING)

**Elizabeth** by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith etc. To our trusted and well beloved Richard Molyneux Richard Bold of Bold and Edward Norris Esquire and to every of them greeting.

**Whereas** we are credibly informed that our Court house at West Derby in our County of Lancs is very ruinous and in great decay and that the same is like to fall down which in no wise we can spare as well for the usual keeping of our Courts within our Halmote of West Derby aforesaid as for the preservation of such of our records as do remain touching the same.

**We** therefore considering the premises and minding either the part repair of the same or the new making and building of a new sufficient place for that purpose and trusting in your wisdoms and discretions will and require you 3 or 2 of you at the least at time convenient by you to be limited and appointed to repair your selves to our said Court at West Derby in our said County of Lancs.

Then and there calling before you by virtue hereof all such persons and such expert artificers and workmen as you will think meet thoroughly to view and survey the state of our said Court house whether the same of necessity be pulled down or not.

And if it be so ruinous and decayed that the same cannot be repaired but be pulled down then our will and pleasure is that you consider what the charges will amount unto to rectify and new build the same again.

And also what number of Timber trees will suffice for the new building thereof.

And further to enquire of all and singular the premises and the circumstances thereof as well by which other perambulations examinations and by all other ways and means as to your wisdoms and discretions for our best service shall seem best by your writings enclosed under your seals with theirs ourselves to certify our Chancellor and Committee of Duchy of Lancs in our Duchy chamber at our Palace at Westminster of the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May next coming not failing hereof as we trust you.

Given at our said Palace under the seal of our said Duchy the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of our reign.

### WRITTEN OF THE BACK OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENT

Make a warrant for the allowance of the sum of forty pounds only for the redesigning and new building of the Court House herewithin mentioned within the said manor of West Derby.