

The Copy of the
Charter of new duresford
in English given in
the Year 1573

Bartholomew

Wentworth

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To all Christian People to whom these
Presents shall come to be seen or heard Robert by divine
Permission Bishop of Winton sendeth greeting in our Lord
everlasting Whereas our Burrough and Town of New Alresford
in the County of Southampton at present is in great decay and
Poverty whereby the Markets and Fair and the use of Merchandise
and artificers in the same Town heretofore there used is now
discontinued and out of use in which things we are willing as
much as in us lieth to grant our Help and Remedy to the
Inhabitants of the said Town. —

Know ye therefore that I the aforesaid Bishop to have granted
and for us and our Successors for ever to have ordained that for the
future there may be and shall be for ever within our Town and
Burrough of New Alresford aforesaid one Bailiff and eight chief
Burgesses of the better and more ^{honest} inhabitants of our Town and
Burrough aforesaid in Form hereafter specified to be chosen and
instituted for the good Governanc and Ruling of the Burrough
and Town aforesaid and Inhabitants of the same and for the
Execution of this our Will and Grant in this behalf We do assign
nominate constitute and make and for us and our Successors do by
these presents assign nominate constitute and make our beloved in
Christ John Fleather one of the Inhabitants of the Town and
Burrough aforesaid to be the first and Chief Bailiff of the Town and
Burrough aforesaid Willing that the said John Fleather in the
Office of Bailiff of the said Town and Burrough shall be and
continue from the Date of these Presents untill the Feast Day of
Saint Michael the Archangel next coming and from that day
untill one other Burgess of the Burrough and Town aforesaid to that
Office shall be preferred and chosen according to our ordinances and
Provisions hereunder expressed and specified if the said John
Fleather shall so long live Also we assign nominate constitute
and make and for us and our Successors do assign nominate
ordain constitute and make by these presents our beloved in
Christ Roger Sock, Phillip Poore, Thomas Allen, Richard
Beard, Henry Hockley, Richard Chesnow, Sanceler Cook, and

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Henry Junour Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Burrough and Town aforesaid to be the first and chief ruling Burgesses and Counsel of the Burrough and Town aforesaid so to be continued in the said Office so long as they shall behave themselves well in the said Office, And further we will and for us and our Successors by these Presents grant to the aforesaid Burgesses of the Burrough and Town aforesaid and to their Successors that the aforesaid chief Burgesses and Counsel of the Burrough and Town aforesaid for the time being or the major Part of them from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter have and shall have Power and Authority yearly in the Month of August (viz) on Monday next before the Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle to chuse and nominate one of themselves who shall be Bailiff of the Burrough and Town aforesaid for one whole Year then next coming in manner and Form abovesaid and that after he shall be so preferred elected and nominated to be Bailiff of the Burrough and Town aforesaid before he shall be admitted into his Office he shall take his Corporal Oath in full Court at the turn or view of Frank Pledge of the said Lord Bishop and his Successors to be next holden within the Burrough aforesaid after his said election before the Steward of the said Lord Bishop and his Successors well and truly to execute the said Office. And that after he hath taken such Oath the Office of Bailiff of the Burrough and Town aforesaid shall hold and possess for one whole Year next following the Monday next after the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel after such Election. And further we will and for us and our Successors do by these presents grant to the aforesaid Bailiff and Burgesses of the Burrough and Town aforesaid and to their Successors that if it shall happen the Bailiff of the Burrough and Town aforesaid at any time within one Year after he shall be preferred and sworn as aforesaid to the Office of the Bailiwick of the Burrough and Town aforesaid shall die or be removed from his Place that then and so often it shall be lawful for the aforesaid chief Burgesses and Counsel of the Burrough and Town aforesaid for the time being or the major part of them to chuse and prefer one other of themselves to be Bailiff of the Burrough and Town aforesaid and that he so

elect and preferred shall and may have and exercise that Office during the Residue of the same year having taken his Corporal Bath in the Counsel House of the said Borough before the Bailiff of the said Lord Bishop and his Successors of his Bailiwick of Sutton or him that holds his place and the aforesaid eight Burgesses of the Borough or Town aforesaid or the major part of them within eight days after such Election and so often as the Case shall so happen Also we will and for us and our Successors do by these presents grant to the aforesaid Bailiff and Burgesses of the Borough and Town aforesaid and to their Successors and we do ordain that whensover it shall happen that any one or more of the aforesaid eight Burgesses or Counsel of the Borough or Town aforesaid for the Time being shall die or from his Place of Chief Burgess or Counsel to be removed that then and so often it shall and may be lawful for the Bailiff and other chief Burgesses or Counsel of the Borough and Town aforesaid as shall be then living or remaining or the major part of them one or more others of the honest and more better Inhabitants of the Borough and Town aforesaid in the Place or Places of the said Chief Burgess or Chief Burgesses so dead or removed to chuse swear and prefer and ~~that~~ he or they so elected and preferred shall first take his or their Corporal Baths before the Bailiff of the Borough and Town aforesaid before he or they shall be of the Number of the said eight Chief Burgesses and Counsel of the Borough and Town aforesaid and then shall have and enjoy the like and such Power Authority and Jurisdiction as the rest Chief Burgesses of the Borough and Town aforesaid ought to have and enjoy by virtue of these presents and this so often as the Case shall happen Also we will and for us and our Successors do by these presents grant to the aforesaid Bailiff and Burgesses of the Borough and Town aforesaid and to their Successors that they and their Successors may have use hold and enjoy and may and shall have hold use and enjoy for ever the Liberties Priviledges and Franchises herein granted and specified as well within the Borough and Town of New Alresford aforesaid within the whole Territoys and Precincts of the Parish of New Alresford aforesaid (viz) that the Bailiff and Chief Burgesses of the Borough and Town aforesaid and their Successors for ever have and shall have all that our whole Fair to

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by held at New Alresford yearly on the Feast of the ascension of our Lord
and all that our Fair at Alresford aforesaid likewise yearly to be held on
the feast Day of St. John the Baptist and all that our free market
heretofore there of old held or to be held every week (viz) on Thursday as
of Old the same hath been accustomed to be held in the town aforesaid
without any Diminution and all Mallage, Piekage, Controlling, and
correction of Weights and Measures of what kind soever and all other
Profits and Commodities of the same and the Court ~~and~~ Courts of
Tye powder to the said Fairs and Markets of right belonging and
appertaining together with all Profits and Perquisites of the same
and the Goods and Chattels of Felons, Fugitives and Thieves taken
wounded and strayed which shall happen within the Town and
Borough aforesaid and the assize and ~~assizing~~ assaying of Bread Beer and
Wine so that they ought to take the Bread at the House of the
Baker and that Bread to weigh and prove and to taste the Beer
through the whole Town and correcting of Bread and Beer unless
where the Baker ought to be condemned to the Pillory or the ~~Block~~
to the Tumbrel or Pillory which we reserve to us and
our successors And all Tolls or Tolls which any manner of Way
may happen within the ~~Town~~ Precincts aforesaid Also the shedding of Blood
together with Amercements and Pains of the same Also of all and
singular the Premises And also quiet Claim of all suits of Court besides at
two hundred or view of frank Pledge called Lawday to be held at New
Alresford aforesaid for us and our successors yearly and to be answered
the Chief Royalties with delay And that the aforesaid Burghesses and
Free Tenants of the Town and Borough aforesaid their Heirs and
Successors ought to do their proper Service at the Court Baron
to be held from three Weeks to three weeks within the Borough
and Town aforesaid before the Bailiff of the Borough
and town aforesaid for the time being ~~as our~~ Bailiff was wont
or accustomed to do and for the good Peace amongst the inhabitants
of the Borough and Town aforesaid to be observed and kept for
future times for ever we will and grant for us and our successors
by these presents That the aforesaid Bailiff and eight Burghesses and
their Successors within the said Borough and Town shall have and
enjoy Authority and free Power at the Court aforesaid within the
Borough aforesaid to be held by the assent and consent of the Stewart of

of that Court and the major Number of the honest and more better
Inhabitants of the Town aforesaid to make ordinances and constitutions
amongst the wificers and other the Inhabitants of the Burrough and
Town not contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom of England
for the common Good of the ^{said} Burrough and for prescribing and laying
Fines and Forfeitures and them to levy by way of distress or other ways
to be had, respect being had that they prescribe nor do any thing contrary
to the Laws and Customs of this Kingdom of England And also that
the said Burgesses and their successors may have all profits and
Requisites of the Court Baron aforesaid And that the foresaid
Bailiff and his successors by himself or his sufficient deputy ought to make
attachments and all summons Distresses and Executions which shall
happen or hereafter ought to happen within the Burrough and Town
aforesaid excepting those which concern the Bailiff of our Liberty And
also excepting and always reserving to us and our successors

the Things lewyed by Tines and Oues and Sands and
Tenements whatsoever of Felons and Fugitives condemned in outlawry
and put in exigent and the escheats of all their Sands and
Tenements whatsoever, Mails, nathages and Reliefs if any be
and except these Sands and Tenements in Alresford aforesaid which
Thomas Wood holds of us by Indenture for Term of Years and all
Royalties as well in Sands as in Waters within the Precincts and
Territories aforesaid And all these Things aforesaid as it is aforesaid
(except before excepted) We will and for us and our successors as much
as in us lieth do grant by these presents to the aforesaid Bailiff and
Burgesses of the Burrough and Town aforesaid To have hold use
and enjoy to the aforesaid Bailiff ^{and their successors} Burgesses without any let or
Contradiction of any of our Ministers whatsoever for ever To be
held of us and our successors in Fee Farm remaining therefore
yearly to us and our successors the ^{ancient} ~~present~~ Rent of Fifteen Pounds
fifteen shillings six pence and one Farthing of good and lawful
Money of England at the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel
at our Exchequer at Woolsey of old ave and payable unto us
of the Burrough and Town aforesaid And for Tichage and
Stallage of the Fairs and Markets aforesaid yearly to us and our
successors twelve shillings at the Feast aforesaid by the Hands
of

of the Bailiff of the Burrough and Town aforesaid to be paid at
our Exchequer aforesaid AND moreover we will and for us
and our Successors do grant to the aforesaid Bailiff and Burgesses
of the Town aforesaid and to their Successors - That the aforesaid
Bailiff and his Successors shall be our collector of all our Rents Due
and to be due to us and our Successors within the Burrough and
Town aforesaid And that they may have and exercise the office
of Prepositor or Chief within the Burrough and Town aforesaid -
AND further we ordain and constitute him the said
John Heather Chief Bailiff and his Successors Bailiffs of the
Burrough and Town aforesaid to be our Prepositors, Chiefs or
Reeves within the Burrough and Town aforesaid at all times
hereafter for ever Nevertheless so long as they from time to time
do make a ^{full and} lawful account to us and our Successors at our
Exchequer at Woolsey aforesaid of all Rents and other Profits
Yearly upon that ~~Account~~ well and truly do pay In
Testimony whereof to this present writing we have put
our seals Dated the tenth day of December in the Year
of the Reign of our Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of
God of England France and Ireland Queen Defender of
the Faith &c the fifteenth and in the Year of our
Consecration the twelveth. #

confirmed by Dean and Chapter
This Grant was given in 1573