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**1773 Church Rebuilding Faculty Transcription
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1st January 1773

Before the Revd. Edward Taylor Surrogate
in the presence of

A Businefs of Granting a Faculty or Lysence for pulling down the present Parish Church of Lighthorne in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester and for ? or rebuilding on the same Ground an entire new Parish Church and Chancel of the size and dimensions to be described by a plan to be annexed to the Citation with ? to be fixed under seal and to be publickly read in the Parish Church of Lighthorne ? by the Right Geo. John Lord Willoughby De Broke the proprietor of several Houses with considerable Quantities of Land thereto belonging situate – standing and being in the said parish of Lighthorne in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester: the Revd. William Green Rector of the said parish of Lighthorne ? the Church-Wardens of the said Parish in special and all others in general, having a pretending to have any Title or Right in said Premises.

On ? day ? ? ? ? for the said Lord Willoughby the Rector and the several proprietors of the Parish of Lighthorne afd. and ? ? a Faculty for them and **allegded that the present Parish Church of Lighthorne is a very ancient Building now in a Ruinous and Dilapidated State and Condition, that the Chancel belonging to the same is much out of proportion to the size of the said Church and highly – incommodious with Respect to the seating of the Parishioners, that the afs. Lord Willoughby the principal proprietor thereof, the Rector of the said Parish for the time being and all the other Owners and proprietors of the said Houses and Lands situate as afd. in the said parish of Lighthorne, and ?, and have mutually agreed upon taking down the said Old Church and Chancel belonging to the same, and to erect an entire new Church and Chancel,** th Expenses or Charges attending and necefsarily consequent upon taking down and rebuilding of same, shall and will be defrayed in the following manner. To wit the new Chancel to be erected, in a convenient manner, at the proper Costs and Expense of the Rector of the said parish for the time being, - the Nave or Body of the said Church with all expenses whatsoever by any means attending the said pulling down and rebuilding the ? ? in a decent manner at the charges and expenses of the said Lord Willoughby in proportion to the value of his Estates and Houses in the said parish - The other proprietors of Houses and Lands in the said parish severally to pay their equal share in proportion pursuant to their Contacts or Agreements for and towards such

laudable purposes and according to the said plans to be annexed to the said ? with instruction to be ? ? in this Businefs under Seal and to be openly and publicly read in full in the said Parish Church during Divine Service, wherefore the said ? ? and the Judge at his petition ? the Church Wardens of the said Parish in special and ? in general, to be cited to shew ? if they have a ? why a License or Faculty for pulling down the said present Church and Chancel of Lighthorne, and also for rebuilding a new Church and Chancel of the size and Dimentions described by the said Plan, ought ? in ? form of Law to be granted to the said Lord Willoughby, the Rector of the parish for the time being and the several proprietors of the Houses and Lands situate within the said parish of Lighthorne as afd. and likewise for applying and making use of such of the materials of the present Church and Chancel as are fit for that purpose, towards the Erecting and Building the said new intended Church and Chancel with ? and ?

Edward Taylor Surrogate