To all true Cristenn People <ill><c. 4 words></ill> this present wrytinge shall see or her~ wee sende grettyng in oure lorde eueraltynges Jn als+moche os itt is merytorye and Medefull for euery true Crysten~ Man@ will disposeth for+to certyfie & recorde the trute in euery mater and specialye in suche materes As may by possibilite grove vnto a grett inconvenient yff thay be con tynnede ouer+lange wee Therr~for Thomas Lascy esquier~ John~ Sayvell gentilman@ William Wylkynson@ the son~ of Robert Wilkynsonn John~ Wylbe yoman@ John~ littister sen~ yoman~ william Daughtty yoman@ John littester Juni~ yoman~ John~ Barstowe off Brounysehirste yoman~ John~ Barstowe of halyfax drapour Thomas littester the son~ of John@ littester Robert Barstowe of halyfax drapoure . Berynges wittines And Certifiyng vtto youre worshipfull Audiaunce Thatt where os a Rumour and A grounthyng hathe been@ hade Emonge diuerse People of this sayd parachyn@ of halyfax that ther~ sulde haue been@ oone Charter of the landes of william Otes in Shippedeyn@ by the strenghtt of whiche Charter all the landes off william Ottes in Shippedeyn@ suld haue standeth in taiall all made by the Antecessours of william Ottes Aforsaid the whiche Charter hathe been@ soo laborethe As itt is gyffen@ into the kepynge of true honeste and credeable Men@ and A copye of the same hathe been~ shewethe vtto hus for writtyn@ for to bee vnderstandethe by oure discrecciours & A-vise whedder~ hitt wer~ true lawfull or hitt wer~ falsely forgyd by some curseth & vnhappy Creators Jn the whiche Chartertee wee fynde that the forsaide landes Ar taileth vtto oone Thomas Ottis yett leyynge for fawte of here3 lawfullye commynge~ of other~ persons contenyd in the Chartter wharfore wee haue laborethe the forsaid
Thomas, to com~ afor hus afor writtyn@ the xvijth daie of Apriell the xvij yer~ of the Reigne of kyng Edward the furthe
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& vpon@ the sam~ he hathe vttur his age afor hus byfor writtyn@ thatt is to say yat hee shal+be of age lyv yer~ att
whitesondonaye nextt commyng~ the Chartter specyfiyng hitt selfe for to be made At the fest of Petur and Paule xj yer~ of
reigne of kyng henr~ the Furthe Jn so+muche As wee aforwrittyn@ Thomas lascy John~ Saivell william John~
William John~ John~ Thomas And Robert vnderstandyng by oure3 discreccouns by the dat~ of this
chartter & the Age of the forsaid
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Reigne of euery kyng~ Reignynge vpon@ hus sithen@ thatt tym~ lelly And truely A-Countethe that hit wase ful sely& wikkydly
forged agaynes the lawe
the date of Chartter beynge off the Age of ij yer~ & more Afor the forsaide Thomas Ottes was
borounede of his Mother~ into
this warld for the whiche Ar~ impossible to stand to-gedire the saide Thomas Ottes & wee
aforwrrytyn@ mervellynge grettely
that ther~ suld be soo Curseth A creatto ur or creaturis in this warld that suche false Evidenns forgys
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yefor wee Aboven wryttyyn@ Exerttes euery Man~ or woman@ hauevyng~ petye & m?<?nde of
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of All myscheffe3 & inconuenientes y4 may be possibilite happyn@ by suche A cursed & vnhappy
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word><ill>four<?!> Euidens w'oute A lawfull prove Apone
the same Into the wittynes heroff wee Afor wrettyn@ Thomas lascy John~ Sayvell william
wilkynson@ John~ wylby John
littester son~ william <gap> dughtty John~ littester John~ Barstowe & John~ Barstowe Thomas
littester And Robert B<ill><end of word not visible, ?arstowe></ill>
to this oure presentt destimoniall <ill><1 word></ill> hathe sette our Seallys writyn@ Att <ill><2 letters in crease></ill>lyfax