

**Transcription of the Bill of Complaint filed in the Lawsuit
of Bedford v. Perkins, Dorchester, Oxfordshire [Undated]**

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1. 63 To the Righte honorable S^{[i]r} Nicholas Bacon Knighte Lorde
I end
2. Keper of the greate Seale of Englande
3. In moste humble wyse Complaynyng Shewethe to yo[ur] Lordshippe yo[ur] dayly Oratoure Richarde Bedforde, That whereas one John Bedforde his ffather
4. deceased was Lawfully seysed in his demesne as of ffee of and in one tenemente and twentie Accres of Lande therevnto belonginge w[i]th thapp[ur]t[en]aunc[es]
5. in Dorchester in the Countie of Oxon [i.e. Oxfordshire, ff.] And he so beinge thereof seysed did lawfully conveye the p[re]misses vnto yo[ur] Orator and his heyres or theyres of
6. his bodie Lawfully begotten by good and suffycient conveyance in the lawe, but whether the same was dyrectly conveyed to him or to others this
7. vse yo[ur] Orator knowethe not, So yt is as it maye please yo[ur] Lordshippe that of late Diu[er]se the Dedes Evidenc[es] Writing[es] escript[es] & munyment[es]
8. touchinge and concernynge the p[re]misses, and of righte belonginge to yo[ur] saide Orator be causally Com[m]en to thand[es] custodie and possessyon
9. of one Will[ia]m Perkins who by coloure only of havinge then [the(?)] p[re]misses hathe enterred into the same vpon the possessione of yo[ur] Oratoure
10. wrongefully and hathe ever since Receaved and taken the Rentes issues and p[ro]fyttes thereof to his owne vse, and hath not onely ffelled the
11. woodes therevpon, but also wasted the [hedges(?) – indecipherably faint] and mownd[es] And will not suffer yo[ur] saide Orator to enter into the p[re]misses and enioy

12. the same, nor yet make Recompence to yo[ur] saide Oratour for the Rent[es] issues and p[ro]fiittes so by the saide Will[ia]m Perkins wrongfully receved
13. and damages by him done, nor yet deliver his saide dedes Evidences Charters munyment[es] and Writinges to him yo[ur] saide Oratoure
14. althoughe by him he hathe at diu[er]se and sondrie tymes bene therevnto requestede and desyrede by Reason, whereof yo[ur] sayede orato[ur] is
15. theare wythowt Remedye by the order of the Com[m]on Lawes of this Realme [f]or Recou[er]ye of the sayde p[re]misses or damag[es] by
16. hym Susteynede, or for Recou[er]ye of the saide Dedes Wryting[es] Ch[art]res and mynument[es] for that yo[ur] sayede Orato[ur] knowethe not
17. the certene Dates nor [co]ntent[es] of the same nor wherin they be cont[e]ynede whether in bagg or Boxe Sealede or Chest
18. lockede or otherwyse nor yet the certente of the sayede Conveyaunce Yt maye therefore please yo[ur] goode Lordshipp
19. the p[re]misses te[nd]erlye consyderede to graunte to yo[ur] sayede Ora[tour] the Quenes Ma[jes]t[ys] most graciouslye Wrytt of
20. Subpena [to be] dyrectyde to the sayede Will[ia]m Perkyns Com[ma]undinge hym by the same p[er]sonallye to appeare before
21. yo[ur] good Lordshipp in the Quenes Ma[jes]t[ys] high Cow[r]te of Chauncerye then and there to aunswer to the p[re]misses
22. and ffurther to stande and abyde suche order and dyrection therin as by yo[ur] goode Lordshipp shall be thowght goode
23. And [yo[ur]] sayede orato[ur] shall daylie prayse vnto allmightie god for the p[ro]sperowse p[re]s[er]vacyion of yo[ur] Lorshipp w[i]th
24. the encrease [of honour] longe to endure
25. J Anderson s[ubscriptus] (?)
J Anderson subscribed(?)
