

**Transcription of the Bill of Complaint filed in the Lawsuit
of Bedford v. Bedford, Newbury, Berkshire [Undated]**

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**[Court of Chancery: Six Clerks Office: Early Proceedings,
Richard II to Philip and Mary]**

DORSE

coram d[omi]no R[ege] in Canc[ellaria] sua in
before the lord King in his Chancery, on
crastino A[n]i[m]ar[um] p[ro]x[imo] futur[o]
the morrow of [All] Souls next to come

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1. To the reu[er]ent ffader in god William Archebusshp of Caunt[er]bury
2. Prymate and Chaunceler of Englonde
3. Shewith vnto your good Lordshipp your Oratour William Bedford . that
Whereas oon Richard Bedford ffader to your seid Oratour whos heire he is
was seased of and in a mese & gardeyn w[i]^{t[h]} the
4. apportenaunce set and lying in Newebury in the Countie of Berk[shire] in his
demeasne as of fee . and so beyng seased thereof dyed seased . After whos
deth the right and title of the
5. p[re]misses discended and of right ought to discend to your seid Oratour as
son and heire to the seid Richard . So hit is gracious lord that certeyn
evidencis chartours and
6. munymētis concernyng the p[re]mysses heu comen to thandis [i.e. have
come into the hands] and possession of oon Rob[er]t Bedford and of Thomas
Bedford . by the hauyng of which evidencis
7. the seid Rob[er]t p[re]tendith title to the seid mease . And thoughe your seid
Oratour hath dyu[er]s and many tymes requyred the seid Rob[er]t and
Thomas to delyuer

8. to hym the seid evidencis chartours and munymentis . Yet they and eu[er]yth of them that to do allwaies haue refused and yet do . for reseruacion whereof
9. your seid Oratour hath no remedye by the comen lawe [i.e. common law] because he knowith not the nombre ne [i.e. nor] c[er]teynte of the same evidenc[is] chartours and munymentis or whereu[er] they
10. be conteyned . Pleas hit therefore your lordshipp the p[re]misses considered to graunt seu[er]all writt[es] of subpena to be delyu[er]ed to the same Rob[er]t and Thomas ~~comand~~
11. comaundyng them by the same to appere before the Kyng in his Chaunc[er]y at a certeyn day and vppon a peyn by your grace to be lymytted there to aunswer
12. to the p[re]mysses accordyng to reason and conscience . And this at the reu[er]ence of god and in the way of charite . /

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13. Thomas Snell de London Marchaunt

14. a pleg[iis] de p[ro]s[e]quendo]

by/from pledges to prosecute

15. Ric[hard]us Drumar de London Bruer

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1. [?]
2. Welles
3. Thys is the replicacion of Will[ia]m Bedford
4. to thaunswer of Thom[a]s Bedford
5. The seid Will[ia]m seith in eu[er]y thyng as he in his seid bill of compleynte hath seid . And that the seid
6. Rob[er]t hath in his possession dyu[er]s evidenc[es] chartours & munyment[es] conc[er]nyng a tent[er] in Northbrokestrete
7. whereof Richard Bedford fader to the seid Will[ia]m died seased in his de^{m[esn]e} as of fee . As in the seid bill
8. of the seid Will[ia]m ys allegged . All which mat[er]s the seid Will[ia]m ys redi to p[ro]ve as this Court will
9. award and p[ra]ieth as he hath p[ra]yed in hys seid bill
