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Dividing and Inclosing the Open and Common Fields, Common Meadows, Common Grounds, and Waste Ground, within Wardington, Williamscott otherwise Willscot, and Coton otherwise Cotes, in the County of Oxford

WHEREAS there are certain open and common Fields, Meadows, and waste Ground, lying and being within *Wardington, Williamscott otherwise Willscot, and Coton otherwise Cotes*, in the County of *Oxford*, which are computed to consist of One hundred and Eight Yardlands, or thereabouts, and to contain, in the Whole, about Three thousand Acres :

And whereas the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Oxford*, in Right of his Bishopric, is seized, to him and his Successors, of the Perpetual Advowson, Right of Patronage, and Presentation, of, in, and to, the Vicarage of the Parish Church of *Cropredy*, in the said County of *Oxford*; and the Church or Chapel of *Wardington* aforesaid is Part of, or belonging to, the Vicarage of *Cropredy* aforesaid :

And whereas the said Right Reverend Lord Bishop of *Oxford*, in Right of his Bishoprick, or the Lessees of the said Bishop, or their Under-Lessees or Under-Tenants, are seized of and intitled unto all the Tythes of Corn, Grain, Grasse, and Hay, and other Great Tythes whatsoever, arising, renewing, or payable, for or in respect of the said common Fields, common Meadows, common Grounds, and waste Ground, lying within *Wardington, Williamscott otherwise Willscot, and Coton otherwise Cotes* aforesaid :

And whereas *John Hopkins* Clerk, is Vicar of the said Parish Church of *Cropredy*, and, in Right of his said Vicarage, is intitled to several Pieces or Parcels of Arable Land, Meadow and Pasture Ground, being Glebe Land, lying in the said Fields and Grounds ; and also to all the Vicarial or Small Tythes arising, renewing, increasing, or happening, within *Wardington, Williamscott otherwise Willscot, and Coton otherwise Cotes*, or to some Modus or Moduses, or Composition, in lieu thereof ; and also to Two Yardlands of Meadowing in the Fallow Meadow there, and to several Commons in the said Fields :

And whereas *Constance Denton Widow, James West and Charles Fox, Esquires, William Taylor, Edmund French, Thomas Chamberlain, William Wyatt, and Charles Watkins, Gentleman, Edward Harriott Clerk, John Hirons the elder, John Langley, Richard Hunfris, William Bull, John Blakemore, Thomas Arnold, and Thomas Gardner the younger* ; the Trustees for repairing the Parish Church and Clock of *Cropredy* aforesaid, and for ringing the Curfew and Day-bell there, and divers other Persons, and seised of and in all the remaining Part of the Lands and Grounds lying in the said open and common Fields, common Meadows, common Grounds, and waste Ground, within *Wardington, Williamscott otherwise Willscott, and Coton otherwise Cotes*, aforesaid :

And whereas the several Lands and Grounds of the said Owners and Proprietors in the said open and common Fields do lie intermixed, and are, for the most Part, inconveniently situated, and in their present Situation yield but little Profit to the respective Owners and Proprietors thereof :

And whereas the said several Owners and Proprietors of Lands and Grounds, in the said open and common Fields of *Wardington, Williamscott otherwise Willscott, and Coton otherwise Cotes* aforesaid, are desirous that the said common Fields, common Meadows, open Grounds, and waste Ground, may be divided and inclosed, and that specifick Parts and Shares thereof may be assigned to each Proprietor, according to their respective Properties and Interests therein, in such Manner, and subject to such Rules, Directions, and Provisoos, as are herein after-mentioned :

But although the said Division and Inclosure will tend greatly to the Advantage of the said Parties concerned, and be an Improvement of their several and respective Properties in the said open and common Fields; **Yet** the same cannot be effectually established without the Aid and Authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your most Excellent M A J E S T Y,

That it may be **Enacted** ; **And be it Enacted**, by the K I N G's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual