

II.

Charles Palmer's release of the Whitehouse, Witnesham, and lands connected therewith, to William Smythies of the Parish of St. Giles Without, Cripplegate, London, Clerk. Dated 24th Sept. 1698.

"To all Christian People to whom this present writing shall come Charles Palmer of Witnesham in the County of Suffolk [son of James Palmer late of Witnesham aforesaid gent . . .] sendeth greeting. KNOW YEE that (I)* the said Charles Palmer for and in consideration of the sume (of) five pounds of lawful money (to me) in hand paid by William Smythies of the parish of St Giles Without Cripplegate London Clerk the receipt (of which) I doe hereby acknowledge and (of) every part thereof acquitt and discharge the said William Smythies his heirs executors and administrators for (ever) by these presents HAVE gran(ted) (re)leased and for ever quitclaime and by these presents doe grant remise release and for ever quitclaime unto the said William Smythies in his full peace(ful) (po)ssession and seizin thereof being and to the heirs and assignes of the said William Smythies for ever ALL the Estate Right Title Interest Use property C(la)yme and Demand whatsoever which I the said Charles Palmer now have or which for my heirs and assignes or which for my heirs at any time hereafter may might or ought to have of in or to the house called the Whitehouse and to all the Barnes Stables Dove houses Gardens Orchards and other Outhouses thereunto belonging Situate lyeing and being in Wittnesham aforesaid and to all the Lands thereunto belonging now or late in the occupation of Robert Wade . . ."

Here follows a detail of the lands amounting to fifty-one acres. The rest of the document merely contains the usual verbose provisions for securing to William Smythies, his heirs, etc., the property known as the Whitehouse and lands, and "for ever debarring" Charles Palmer, his heirs, etc., from any rights therein. The document is signed "Charles Palmer" and sealed with a seal bearing the lugubrious sign of a skull and crossbones.—R. H. R. S.

III.

The Whitehouse and lands, Witnesham, handed over on certain terms to Edward Leeds and William Bree by Palmer Smythies for the benefit of Thamar Smythies his mother, and Susan, William, Humphry, Ann, George, Thomas, and Charles Smythies his children by Susan his late wife, formerly Susan Puplet. Dated 2nd January 1732.

"This Indenture made the second day of January in the sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith ye anno dñi one thousand seven hundred and thirty two Between Palmer Smythies of Colchester in the County of Essex Clerk of the one part and Edward Leeds of Ipswich in the County of Suffolk Clerk and William Bree of Marks Tey in the County of Essex Clerk of the other part witnesseth that the said Palmer Smythies for and in consideration of the great affection and love which he beareth unto Thamar Smythies widow mother of the s^d Palmer Smythies and Susan, William, Humphry, Ann, George, Thomas and Charles Smythies children of the s^d Palmer Smythies by Susan his late wife heretofore Susan Puplet and for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings a piece of lawful money of Great Britain by the said Edward Leeds and William Bree to the s^d Palmer Smythies in hand paid at or before the ensealing and Delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he does hereby acknowledge and for divers other good considerations him thereunto moving He the s^d Palmer Smythies hath granted remised released aliened ensealled and confirmed and doth by these

* This deed is eaten away or obliterated in places. Where the words missing seem obvious they have been inserted between round brackets to make the sense more clear.—R. H. R. S.