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Indenture dated 1/11/1665

Between Sir Robert Pye of Great Faringdon, Berks eldest son and heir apparent of Sir Robert Pye the elder, late of Great Faringdon on the first part, and John Heather of Great Faringdon, Cook, one of the servants of Sir Robert Pye party to these presents, and Margery his wife, another servant of Sir Robert Pye, on the other part. Sir Robert Pye in consideration of the true and faithful service which John Heather and Margaret have given, gives to them, 'All that his tenement or cottage commonly called or known by the name of Ringtaile with the appurtenances situate, lying and being in Fernham, Berks. And also all that pasture ground enclosure whereupon the cottage now stands containing 40 acres. And also all that meadow ground next adjoining to the cottage and pasture containing 16 acres. And also the meadow called Neates Tongue containing 8 acres and 3 yards adjoining, Also a parcel of ground called Fernhill containing 12 acres. All which are within the liberty of Fernham now in the occupation of Thomas Fettiplace Esq of Fernham.'

There is an added note at the bottom of the Indenture explaining that it is a gift for loyal service and that a token payment of 5 shillings per annum will apply.