

Answers of Henry Ambler and Richard Shackleton, 1586

From the Public Record Office

Crown copyright: Public Record Office.

Exchequer: Kings Remembrancer: Bills & Answers, Eliz., York.

E 112/50, no 100 m3 Reproduced with permission.

(The first one or two words are illegible.)

.....defendants by protestacion sayen that the said Bill and the matters therein conteyned (as
fore saide as theye concerne these defendants or eyther of them) are verie untrue and withall
uncertaine and Insufficient in lawe to be answered unto, devised (as these defendants verilye
thinke) for vexacion and not upon any Juste or lawfull cause whereof theye humblye praye this
honorable Courte to have due consideracion. Nevertheless yf by order of the same Courte they, the
same defendants shalbe compelled to Answer to the said Insufficiente Bill Then and not
otherwise all advantage of exception to the Insufficiencye thereof nowe and hereafter to these

defendants saved her the said Henry Tumber the one of the said defendants forswornly as
doth in anywise touche or concerne him the same Henry for answers and playne declaracions of
a truth sayeth and Answereth as sole tenants of all that one tene of pasture lyinge in
Keggley nere the more syde, And for tittle to the same tene of pasture the same Henry
sayeth that one Henry Keggley Esquire deceased was in his lyffe tyme seysed of the said
tene as well of the waste of the lordship of Keggley in his demesne as of mee And soe
beinge seysed in the one and twentethe yeare of the Reigne of the late Kinge of famous memorie
Kinge Henry the Eighte did by deede readye to be shewed forth the enfeoffe one Elyce Hall of the
said tene to have and to holde to him the same Elyce & to his heires forever by force whereof he
the same Elyce was therewith seysed in his demesne as of mee And soe beinge seysed of lyke estate

therewin dyed seysed; after whose decease the same Tene descended and came unto Roberte Hall as
sonne and heire unto the same Elyce by force whereof the same Robte into the same Tene entred
and was therewof seysed in fee and he beinge therewof soe seysed by his laste wyll in writinge,
bearing date about the first yeare of the Quenes ma^{ties} reign that now is, devised the same Tene to
one Christopher Hall his youngest sonne and to his heires forever and dyed of lyke estate therewin
also seysed. After whose decease the said Christopher Hall by force of the said devyse into the
said Tene entred and graunt the same Tene to the said Henry Ambler and to his heires
forever by force whereof the said Henry into the said Tene entred & was & yett is lawfully (as
he thinketh) seysed therewof in his demesne as of fee and suchs writtings & evidences as doe
concerne the same Tene of pasture he the same Henry dothe for the mayntenance and prooffe of

his tittle in & to the same detayne and keepe as lawfull is for him to doe as he thinketh wth oute that
her ma^{tie} is lawfullye seysed in her demesne as of fee in right of her highnes Crowne or
otherwise of the same Tene of pasture or that the same Tene was lately geven or apoynted to
the fyndyng of two Towres in the Church of Keyghley in the Wyll specified in manner and
forme as in the same Wyll is naturally suggested & wth oute that also the Issues and profettes of the
same Tene or any p^{ts} thereof were wth in fowre yeares nexte before the makinge of the statute
made in the firste yeare of the Reigne of Kinge Edward the Sixte Employed to any such or
the lyke suspitious uses as in the Wyll are summarised And wth oute that the same Henry
Ambler hath wrongfully entred in to the same Tene or hath gotten any writings or Evidences
touchinge the p^{ts} stayninge to the Quenes ma^{tie}, or hath entred upon her highnes possession of

the same on the yffnes & profytes thereof by the space of ffourtye yeares hath wrongfully taken
received or receaved or hath converted the same to his owne prop use or hath contrived or
devised anye secrett estate upon the same Acres, And wthout that that anye thinge also in the
same Bill specified touching or concerning this defendante & herein not sufficiently answered
confessed or Avoyded are true. And as to anye other the mesnage Lande & tenement in the
Bill specified other then onely the said Acres of pasture, so the said Henry Ambler utterly
disclaymeth herein and in evvery pte thereof and sayeth that to his knowledge noe writtinge or
evidences touching the pmisses or anye pte thereof belonging to her Highe^{nes} did ever come to the
handes of this defendante neither did hee ever Intervened wth anye the profette of the same to
the knowledge or remembrance of this defendante all wiche matters so this defendante for his pte

is readye to aver and prove as this honourable Courte shall Awards and thereupon demandeth
Judgement & prayeth that he maye be frome here dysmissed with his reasonable costes in that behalfe
most uninstelye susteyned, And so the said Richard Shackleton misnamed in the Bill and called
by the name of Godfrey Shaffleton the other defendants, for Answer and playne declaracion
of a truth to suche and so muche of the matter in the same Bill summarised as hereafter
follows sayeth That as to all & everye the messuage Landes & tenement in the Bill
specified, (other than & except onely one pcell of meadowe in Keigley aforesaid nowe enclosed at
Kockbrigg and in the said Bill specified) so the said Richard Shackleton utterlye disclaimeyth
to have anye thinge in the same or any pte thereof and as to anye entyre Intrusion deteyninge
of writtinge or evidences contrivinge of secrett estates or takinge of the proffete of or to the

same or to anye pte thereof (except the said pcell of meadows above excepted) see this
defendants is thereof not guiltye in manner and forme as by the Bill is summarised And to the
said pcell demanded in the said Bill as meadows whereas in truth the same ys Arable
Lande the same Richards sayeth that the same pcell att Stockbrigg and containeth aboute halfe a
foode of grounde and is and tyme out of mynde of man faithfull ben (as this defendants hath
crediblye heard and for him selfe beleeveth to be true) pte and pcell of the demesne of the
mannor of Keyghley of wh^{ch} mannor one Henry Keyghley esquire deceased was in his lyffe tyme
seised in fee or fee taylor & soe seised dyed thereof of like estate seised after whose decease the
said mannor descended and came, as of righte it ought to descende and come to one Anne Keyghley
& Katherin Keyghley as daughters and Coheire to the said Henry, By force whereof the

same Anne & Katherine or some others for them in thire names or to thire use into the same manno^e (whereof the lande now in the tenure of this defendante are *procell*) entered & were therewith seysed in thire demesne as of some estate of inheritance And soe seysed the same Anne toke to husband William Cavendish Esquire and the said Katherine toke to husband one *mi* Thomas Worsley And he the said Richard Charlton as fermor and occupier att wyll of to the said William Cavendish and Anne his wyffe and of one Robert Chamock whose hath the estate of the same Thomas Worsley and Katherine to their moytie of the said manno^e (as it is said and reported) the same *procell* att Rockbrigg and amonge other *procell* of his ferme beinge *pts* of the manno^e of Keyghley hath and dothe enjoye as well and lawfull is for him to doe as he taketh bytt wth oute whiche said William Cavendish and Anne his wyffe & wth out the said Robert

Charnocke (as this defendants thinketh) this defend^t oughte not to be put to Answer wth out that her
ma^{tie} was or is seysed of the said p^{ar}cell of lande or meadowe att Rockbrigg and or that the same
or anye other the Landes now in the tenure of the said Richards (weare to the knowledge of this
defend^t) ever given or appointed to keepe a lampe burninge in the Church of Keygley in manne^r
and forme as in the Will is specified & wth out that the Issues or profits of any lande in the
tenure of the said Richard to the knowledge of this defend^t were given Employed or bestowed to
any the suspitions uses in the Will surmysed & wth out that the same Richard hath not detayne
anye evydence or writtinge touchinge the Issues payninge to her highnes And wth out that that
anye thinge els in the same Will specified touchinge this defend^t and herein not sufficientlye
answered confessed and avoyded traversed or denyed ys true All w^{ch} matters this defend^t is

readye fo^r his pte to aver and prove as this honorable Courte shall Awards and thereupon
demandeth Judgement and prayeth he maye be frome hence dismissed with his reasonable costes in
this behalfe susteyned.