Richard Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominions and Territories thereto belonging To Thomas Applethey William Draper Esq. send Greeting Know yee that wee have given and by these presents doe

Sheriff of our County of Oxford

give unto you power and authority to give and take the oath of William Draper Esq. for the true and faithfull execution of the said Office and that according to the forme of a certaine Schedule annexed to these presents And therefore wee require you diligently and faithfully on the fidelity and loyalty you beare to the Commonwealth of England that you minister

Sheriff our Lord

the appointed Sheriffe of the said County of Oxford

Sheriff

unto him the said William Draper Esq. the said oath hereby authorized and appointed to be taken And that you forthwith cause the same to be entered into the high Court of Chancery distinctly and clearly without delay whereof you and every of you are not to faile as you will answer the contrary at your perill And that you cause publique notice hereof to be given in the Market Townes within the said County of Oxford and that this our Commission continue in force for the space of one whole yeare from the date hereof unless sooner revoked by us by sending the same into the high Court of Chancery aforesaid Given at Whitehall the 3d day of September 1654

South Windar

You shall sweare that the Master and Scholars of the University of Oxford and their Servants from Murder and Violence you shall

defend and keepe by all your strength and power and the goods of the said University as much as in you is you shall keepe and that you

shall aide your Counsell time to time to the Chancellor and Scholars of the said University for to punish the disturbers and breakers of the peace and

execute the priviledges and Statutes of the said University at all times when it shall be needfull And also you shall put your helpe with all your strength

to defend the priviledges liberties and customes of the said University And that you shall performe all such Oath of the Undersheriffe and

other the Ministers of the said County of Oxford as soone as you shall be att the said University and in the Courts of any that

shall be thereunto sworne by the said University To the utmost power The Commonwealth of England wills And that ye said Ministers

be by you aided and assisted So God you help and the holy Evangelists /

You shall sweare that you shall be true and faithfull to the Commonwealth of

England and that you shall well and truely execute the Office of Sheriffe

of the County of Oxford according to the best of

your skill and knowledge And all things as you shall answer

that office so help you God /