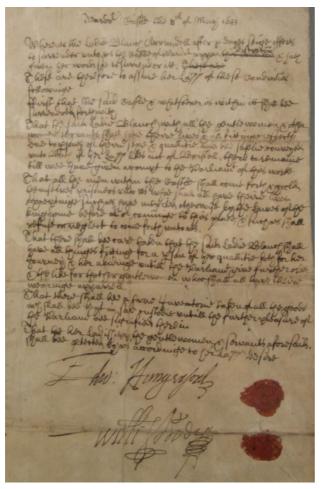
Siege Surrender Terms - Old Wardour Castle 1643



Transcription

Wardour Castle, the 8th of May, 1643 Whereas the Lady Blanche Arundell, after five days' siege offered to surrender to us the castle of Wardour, upon disposition, and hath given us her word to surrender it, these are, therefore, to assure her Ladyship of these conditions following. That the said castle and whatsoever is within it shall be surrendered forthwith.

That the said Lady Blanche, with all the gentlewomen and other women servants shall have their lives and all fitting respect due to persons of their sex and quality; and be safely conveyed unto Bath, if her Ladyship likes not to Bristol; there to remain till we have given account to the Parliament of her work.

That all men within the castle shall come forth and yield themselves prisoners unto us who shall all have their lives, excepting such as have merited otherwise by the laws of the kingdom before their coming to this place, and such as shall refuse or neglect to come forth unto us.

That there shall be care taken that the said Lady Blanche shall have all things fitting for a person of her quality, both for her journey and for her abiding until the Parliament give further order; and the like for the other gentlewomen, who shall have their wearing apparel. That there shall be a true inventory taken of all the goods, which shall be put in safe custody until the further pleasure of Parliament be signified therein. That her Ladyship, the gentlewomen and servants aforesaid, shall be protected by us according to her Ladyship's desires.

(signed) Edward Hungerford, W. Strode