

Dated, *4<sup>th</sup>* October 1889.

JOHN PENNINGTON THOMASSON, Esquire,

TO

The MAYOR, ALDERMEN and BURGESSES of the Borough of  
Bolton, Lancashire

## Conveyance

OF

*"Mere Hall," and Lands, to be used as a Public  
Museum and Park.*

ABBOTT & HOLT BEEVER,  
36, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

FOR

B. G. MINNELL,  
Town Clerk.  
Bolton.



*10/-*  
**This Indenture** made the *fourth* <sup>*ALL*</sup>

day of *October* one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine  
BETWEEN JOHN PENNINGTON THOMASSON of Woodside Heaton  
near Bolton in the County of Lancaster Esquire of the one part and THE  
MAYOR ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES of the Borough of Bolton  
aforesaid (hereinafter called the said Corporation) of the other part  
WHEREAS the said John Pennington Thomasson being seized for an estate  
in fee simple free from incumbrances of the messuage hereditaments and  
premises hereinafter described and intended to be hereby conveyed and  
being desirous of promoting the welfare and prosperity of the said Borough of  
Bolton and the inhabitants thereof has offered the said messuage heredita-  
ments and premises as a gift to the said Corporation to be held by the said  
Corporation for ever as and for a public park or recreation ground and museum  
or other purposes of an educational or recreative character upon the trusts and  
subject to the conditions intended to be imposed or effected by these presents  
AND WHEREAS under or by virtue of the Bolton Improvement Acts 1864  
to 1882 or some or one of them the said Corporation has power to accept the  
said gift and to bind itself to carry into effect the greater part of the said  
trusts and conditions imposed by the terms of the said offer AND WHEREAS  
the said Corporation having on the Sixth day of March one thousand eight  
hundred and eighty-nine by a resolution in Council duly accepted the said  
gift upon the said terms and conditions have applied for a Provisional Order  
of the Local Government Board for an amendment of the said Bolton  
Improvement Acts or some or one of them so as to enable the said Corpora-  
tion to carry into effect the whole of the said terms and conditions upon or  
subject to which the said offer was made as aforesaid and for other purposes  
relating thereto or connected therewith AND WHEREAS the said John  
Pennington Thomasson being satisfied that the necessary powers for the  
purposes aforesaid will be duly obtained by the said Corporation has agreed at  
the request of the said Corporation and notwithstanding its present inability  
to give full effect to the said trusts and conditions consented to rely upon  
such covenants of the said Corporation as are hereinafter contained and to  
execute to the said Corporation such Conveyance as is intended to be hereby  
effected AND WHEREAS the said Corporation is possessed of a piece of  
land being the surplus of a larger piece of land acquired by the said Corpora-  
tion for making a new street adjacent to the said hereditaments and premises  
hereinafter described and intended to be hereby conveyed which said piece of  
land is coloured round pink in the plan attached to these presents and is more  
particularly described in the first Schedule hereunder written AND  
WHEREAS the said Corporation has since accepting the said offer of the



said John Pennington Thomasson and by reason and in consequence of such acceptance contracted with the owners thereof for the purchase for the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds of the plot of land hereditaments and premises specified in the Second Schedule hereunder written which said plot of land hereditaments and premises are also adjacent to the messuage land and premises hereinafter described and intended to be hereby conveyed and convenient to be held therewith and are coloured round yellow on the said plan attached to these presents AND WHEREAS the said John Pennington Thomasson has agreed to provide said purchase money of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds upon condition of the said Corporation entering into such covenants relating to the said last-mentioned plot of land hereditaments and premises as are hereinafter contained NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that for effectuating his said desire and in pursuance of the said agreements and in consideration of the premises he the said John Pennington Thomasson doth hereby convey unto the said Corporation and its successors and assigns ALL THAT plot piece or parcel of land (part of an estate known as the Mere Hall Estate) situate in Little Bolton in the County of Lancaster and containing by admeasurement twenty-three thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight superficial square yards or thereabouts be the same more or less Together with the dwelling-house outbuildings and premises erected on part of the said land and known as " Mere Hall " and all other the erections and buildings standing and being thereon or on some part thereof which said land and premises are more particularly delineated and described in the said plan drawn on these presents and thereon coloured round blue (except nevertheless out of this Conveyance all mines of coal and other mines and minerals lying within or under the said plots or parcels of land and premises and all powers liberties and authorities for working getting and disposing of the same) TO HOLD the same unto and to the use of the said Corporation its successors and assigns IN TRUST nevertheless to use and permit to be used the said hereditaments and premises (other than the said messuage and premises known as " Mere Hall " and except so much of the said land as is coloured brown on the said plan and is to form parts of intended streets) as and for a public park and recreation ground and to use and permit to be used the said messuage and premises known as " Mere Hall " as and for a public museum for the preservation exhibition and study of a collection or collections of paintings and other objects of art and vertu or of objects of natural history or physiology or mechanical or philosophical inventions instruments models or designs and all other the objects and effects usually customarily and appropriately contained in a museum together with any libraries reading rooms laboratories and other offices and premises used or to be used in connection therewith and whereby the spread of education may be furthered and the diffusion of knowledge increased or for any other purposes of an educational or recreative character With power to the said Corporation

its successors and assigns to make from time to time such bye-laws for the due regulation and management of the said park museum and premises for the more effectually carrying out the objects intended to be effected by these presents as the said Corporation its successors and assigns shall consider necessary or expedient AND THIS INDENTURE ALSO WITNESSETH that in further pursuance of the said Agreement and for the considerations aforesaid the said Corporation doth hereby so far as it legally can, and may covenant and agree with the said John Pennington Thomasson as follows namely—

1. The said Corporation its successors and assigns shall and will for ever hereafter hold the said piece of land colored round pink on the said plan and more particularly specified in the First Schedule hereunder written and also the said piece of land colored round yellow in the same plan and specified in the said Second Schedule hereunder written (when the purchase thereof shall have been completed and if the said John Pennington Thomasson shall provide the said purchase money of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds as aforesaid and except as to each of the said two pieces of land so much thereof respectively as is colored brown on the said plan and is to form parts of intended streets) as part and parcel respectively of the said hereditaments and premises expressed to be hereby conveyed and upon the trusts and subject to the conditions intended to be hereby imposed on the said Corporation their successors and assigns in relation thereto or such and so many thereof as are applicable and will with all convenient speed do all things necessary and expedient for adding and uniting such parcels of land respectively to the said hereditaments and premises hereinbefore expressed to be hereby conveyed and so that the same may be used and enjoyed therewith and as part or parcel thereof

2. The said Corporation its successors and assigns shall and will with all convenient speed and at its own expense level turf plant lay out fence and do all other things necessary for converting the said hereditaments and premises hereinbefore expressed to be hereby conveyed (other than the said messuage and premises known as Mere Hall and except the parts thereof colored brown on the said plan) and also the said hereditaments and premises specified in the said First and Second Schedules respectively (except the parts colored brown on the said plan) into a public park and recreation ground and shall at like expense make any structural or other alterations or additions requisite or necessary for converting " Mere Hall " aforesaid into a public museum library or other institution for educational or recreative purposes and shall and will at like expense for ever hereafter keep and maintain in a suitable and proper manner the said several hereditaments and premises and every part thereof (except as aforesaid) as and for a public park museum or library or for other purposes of an educational or recreative character and will not sell or part with the same or any part thereof and in particular shall and will keep in good order

and maintain the bowling green now existing and forming part of the said hereditaments and premises hereinbefore expressed to be hereby conveyed and if necessary shall build at their own expense a retaining wall for the support thereof or instead of maintaining such now existing bowling green shall at their own expense provide keep in good order and maintain another bowling green of suitable dimensions on the said land so to be converted into a park and recreation ground as aforesaid

3. The said Corporation its successors or assigns shall in respect of the forming paving sewerage and flagging such of the streets and roads and paths as adjoin the said several hereditaments and premises assume all the liabilities and obligations to which the said John Pennington Thomasson or the persons or person deriving title under him is or are now or but for the execution of these presents would be or become subject and will indemnify him or them therefrom or from all claims in respect thereof

4. The said Corporation its successors or assigns shall use all due diligence and their best endeavours to obtain either by Provisional Order of the Local Government Board duly confirmed by Parliament or by Act of Parliament or otherwise all powers requisite for duly carrying into effect the trusts stipulations and conditions intended to be hereby imposed upon the said Corporation its successors and assigns and not already vested in the said Corporation and when and so soon as such additional powers shall have been obtained shall forthwith proceed to carry into effect the provisions intended to be effected by these presents and shall be bound by the covenants hereinbefore contained in like manner in all respects as if such additional powers had been obtained prior to the execution of these presents IN WITNESS whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written *John Pennington Thomasson has hereunto set his hand and seal and the Corporation have hereunto caused their Common Seal to be affixed the day and year first above written.*

The FIRST SCHEDULE hereinbefore referred to.

ALL THAT plot of land situate in the Borough of Bolton aforesaid adjoining on the westerly and southerly sides thereof to Mere Hall Street on the northerly side thereof in part to an intended new street running in a northerly direction from Mere Hall Street and in other parts by the plot of land described in the Second Schedule hereto and on the easterly side thereof in part by the said last-mentioned plots of land and in other part by the centre of an intended new street and which said plot of land described in this Schedule contains *within of one hundred and fifteen* superficial square yards or thereabouts and is edged pink in the plan attached to these presents

The SECOND SCHEDULE hereinbefore referred to.

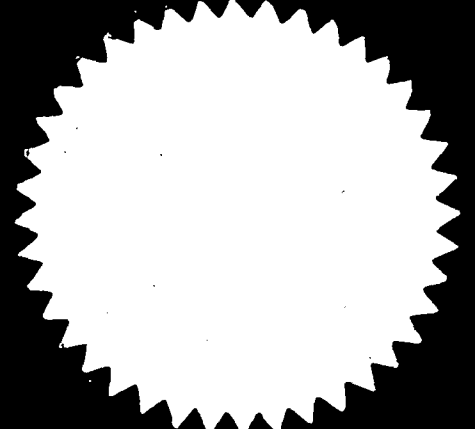
ALL THAT plot of land adjoining to parts of the northerly and easterly sides of the land described in the First Schedule hereto and containing

*Two thousand and four hundred* superficial square yards or thereabouts and which is delineated in the said plan attached to these presents and there edged yellow

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED  
by the said John —  
*Pennington Thomasson*  
in the presence of—

*Robert Winder*  
Solicitor, Bolton.

The Common Seal of the  
Mayor Aldermen and  
Burgesses of the Borough  
of Bolton in the County  
of Lancashire affixed by  
authority of the Council  
of the said Borough  
by  
*W. H. M. C.*  
Town Clerk



Plan Referred To —

