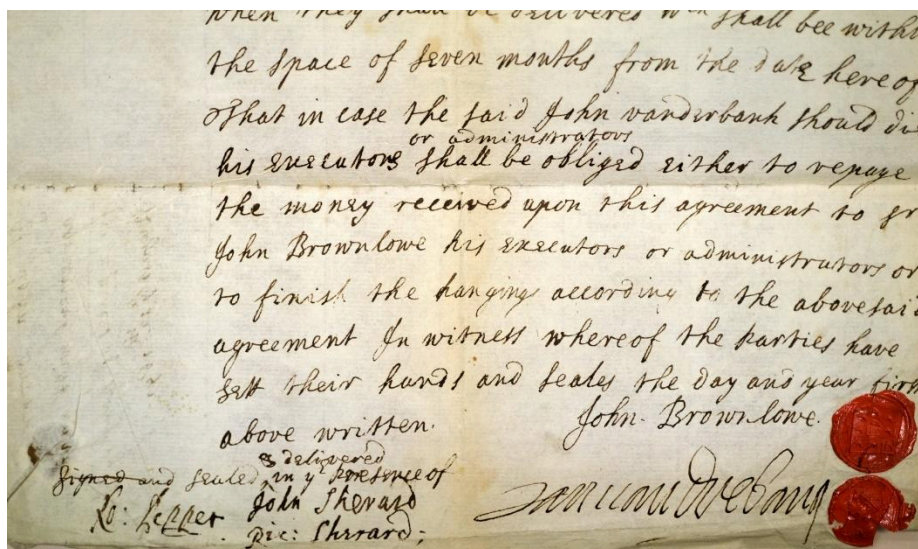


S^r John Brownlowes agreement with Mr Vanderbank for 2 pieces of hanging dated August y^e 12th 1692



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It is agreed
between S^r John
Brownlowe of
Belton in the
County of Lincoln
and John
Vanderbank of
Great Queen
Streete in the
parish of St. Giles
Middlesex Tapestry

maker as followeth.

That he the said John Vanderbank shall make two pieces of Tapestry hangings according to the demensions to be given by the said S^r John Brownlowe and the said hangings are to be of Indian figures¹ according to the pattern of the Queens [Mary] w^{ch} are at Kensington and to be finished as well in every kind or else the said S^r John Brownlowe shall not bee obliged to have theme but what money he shall have received on that account to be repaid to S^r John Brownlowe or his executors but if the hanging aforesaid be finished and made according to the paid pattern the said S^r John Brownlowe is to pay unto the John Vanderbank 50 shillings per Dutch ell Square² to be paid as followeth that is to say fifeteen pounds³ monthly for six months and the rest when they shall be delivered w^{ch} shall be within the space of seven months from the date hereof. That in case the said John Vanderbank should die his executors or administrators shall be obliged either to repaye the money received upon this agreement to S^r John Brownlowe his executors or administrators or to finish the hangings according to the above said agreement In witness whereof the parties have sett their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed and sealed delivered in y^e presence of

John Brownlowe

Ro: Pepper⁴

Jan von Drebank⁵

John Sherard⁶

Ric: Sherard⁷

¹ Some from *Atlas Japannensis* by Arnoldus Montanus *English'd...* By John Ogilby 1670, search Google Books

² The Dutch or Flemish ell was the distance from the armpit to the tip of the fingers. It varied 22 to 28 inches

³ £2,641 per month 2023 CPI estimate, i.e. cost ~£16,000

⁴ Dr Robert Pepper (1636-1700), Chancellor of Norwich Diocese, married to Alice's maternal aunt, Elinor Drewe

⁵ 'Jan' and other features in his autograph reveals Vanderbank's Flemish origin & his anglicised name

⁶ Sir John Sherard (1662-1724), Alice's brother

⁷ Alice's younger brother, Sir Richard Sherard (circa 1665-1730)