

# Thomas, Duke of

*Paphos, Earl of Kinsey, Baron of Hosker, Duke of Limassol;  
To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.*

*Whereas one John Smith has proved to be a good egg,*

*Let all know that I, of my especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, do by these presents advance, create and prefer my right trusty and entirely beloved cousin **John Smith** to the state, degree, style, dignity, title and honour of **Earl of Somewhere** and Viscount Smith, and for myself, my heirs and successors, do appoint, give and grant unto him the said name, state, degree, style, dignity, title and honour of Earl of Somewhere, and by these presents do dignify, invest and ennoble him by girding him with a sword and putting a cap of honour and a coronet of gold on his head, to have and to hold the said name, degree, style, dignity, title and honour of Earl of Somewhere unto him and his heirs whatsoever, or, on the failure of such an heir to present himself to me, my heirs and successors, within one year of his inheritance, to whomsoever I, my heirs and successors, shall choose, and his heirs in like fashion, so that the title may have perpetual succession;*

*Willing and by these presents granting, for myself, my heirs and successors, that he and his heirs aforesaid, and every one of them successively, may enjoy and use all the rights, privileges, pre-eminences, immunities and advantages to the degree of an earl, duly and of right belonging, which earls of my Duchy of Paphos have heretofore used and enjoyed, or as they do at present use and enjoy.*

*In witness whereof, I have caused these my letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of the Duchy of Paphos to be hereunto affixed, on this the third day of Primilis in the first year of my regency in the Kingdom of Cyprus.*

