

Queen Elizabeth; but upon those gentlemen attending at the Chapter House to inspect this document, which throughout had been 'set up as an original, they ascertained that it was not an original. They discovered that this document was not signed, sealed, nor authenticated in any way, but merely consisted of several leaves of parchment folded together and fastened within covers, and that several of the most important parts appeared altered and new leaves interpolated after the book had been originally made up. Our solicitors instituted most rigid enquiries, in which they were assisted by an eminent antiquary, in order to ascertain whether any document similar to the one in the Chapter House at Westminster had ever been executed, but the result of the enquiry clearly proved that such document had never been executed by Queen Elizabeth, or any other sovereign.

"If Queen Elizabeth had executed a Declaration of Trust, the original ought to have been in the possession of the Dean and Canons, but they, by their answer, entirely repudiated the existence of any such document, as also the authenticity of the document in the Chapter House at Westminster.

"If this document had been genuine and free from interpolations, our solicitors informed us that they believed, as the law then stood, we should have no chance of success, but feeling thoroughly satisfied that the same was not genuine, and that in the absence of it we had a perfect case, they begged the solicitors of the Attorney-General to cause it to be struck out of the Information; but, after a long correspondence, our solicitors' requests were disregarded, and the book was continued in the information as a genuine document, against our wish and in opposition to the repudiation of the Dean and Canons themselves.

"Prior to the case going into court, a consultation took place between the Attorney-General and our counsel, and the result of such consultation led us to believe that the Attorney-General would frame his case as though the book was not genuine; but, on the hearing, to our surprise, the book was put forth as a genuine document, and it was upon the interpolated parts of it, before referred to, that the learned judge gave a decision unfavorable to us. Upon all the documents in the case, with the exception of this book, the Master of the Rolls was entirely in our favor, as his judgment