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Dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 1880

No. 59

The Most honorable William  
Marquis of Northampton.—

To  
The Mayor Aldermen and  
Burgesses of the Borough of  
Northampton.

(Counterpart)

Deed of Gift  
of Geological Collection

Q.S.

Wm. Hoosmith  
Town Clerk  
Northampton



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# This Deed "B"

made the 20th day of

August One thousand eight hundred and

eighty **Between** The Most Honorable William Marquis  
of Northampton hereinafter styled the Marquis of the one part and  
The Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of  
Northampton hereinafter styled the Corporation of the other part

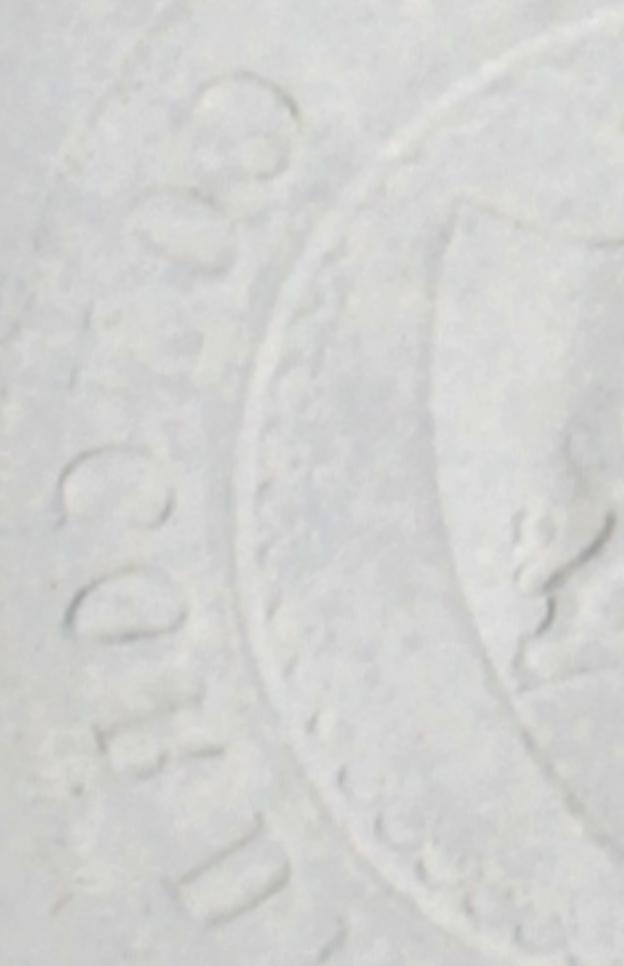
**Witnesseth** that the Marquis Doth give and grant to the Corporation  
a Geological collection lately removed from castle Ashby consisting of a great  
number of specimens English and Foreign ranging from the most recent geological  
period back to nearly the most ancient containing many exceptionally fine illustrative  
and instructive specimens several having been figured some typical and more  
than one unique contained in numerous nests of drawers upright glass cases or  
horizontal and cabinets now placed in the Northampton Museum also a collection  
of Egyptian Antiquities including four framed specimens of Wall painting and  
papyrus and other objects.

## Summary

Eleven nests of drawers containing two hundred and ninety five drawers many of  
them doubled by having interior trays. — Four Upright Glass bases containing thirty  
four shelves. — Three cabinets. — The specimens are now arranged as under:

In the Museum Fifteen bases and three cabinets the bases belonging to the Museum  
the three cabinets late belonging to the said Marquis also seventeen separate cabinets  
containing specimens not yet exhibited the cabinets late belonging to the said Marquis  
Two cabinets of Minerals in Drawers. — Loose and Large Fossils occupying space  
equal to about ten shelves of the Upright Glass cases. — Four Large Mounted specimens  
for Halls. — One Figured Star Fish *Hellaster Comptoni* Mounted in Mahogany  
base. **Upon** condition that the following covenant is observed viz: **The**  
corporation covenant with the Marquis his heirs and assigns at all times  
for ever hereafter to exhibit the same collection freely to the Public at all proper and

John Leffey  
Esq: M.A.



reasonable times according to the usages laws or customs of the Northampton Museum  
and with proper and appropriate conveniences for inspection and with due precautions  
guards and securities for the care and safety thereof and so that the said collection  
under due regulations may be accessible for the purpose of study and at no time to  
dispose of any part of the collections and will be liable pecuniarily for the loss of any  
specimen if such loss arises from nonobservance of proper and usual precautions in  
the care of the same and that once at least in every year the Museum Committee or  
their Officers shall examine the collection and report whether the same remains  
intact In default whereof at any time the said collection shall revert and be  
restored to the Marquis his heirs or assigns in as good condition as it was received  
or be disposed of as he or they may direct And in default of such restoration the  
Marquis his heirs or assigns shall be at liberty peaceably to enter the museum or any  
place or places where the said collection may be And to take away and remove the  
same without hindrance from the corporation and at their charge and expense  
**Marquis** whereof the said Marquis has hereunto set his hand and seal  
and the said corporation have hereunto caused their common seal to be affixed  
and put the day and year first written

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
by the person named the  
Most Honorable William  
Marquis of Northampton  
in the presence of

Gwscriven Castle Ashby  
Northamptonshire

The Common Seal of the Mayor Aldermen  
and Burgesses of Northampton was  
hereunto put and affixed pursuant to  
an order of Council in the presence

Northampton



W<sup>th</sup> Rush Clerk to Mr W<sup>m</sup> Groomsmith  
Town Clerk Northampton