

SUMMARY: The document below is a certificate dated 1 July 1595 prepared for Lord Burghley, perhaps by the Clerk of the Court of Wards, stating that by 2 February 1594 the purchasers of Oxford's lands had repaid all but £800 of Oxford's original debt of £3306 18s 9-1/4d to the Court of Wards.

However £11,446 in bonds which Oxford had forfeited to the Court of Wards because he had not repaid the original debt on time was still owing to the Queen in the Court of Wards, and the certificate goes on to state that on 23 July 1590 Lord Burghley had issued warrants authorizing extents on behalf of the Queen against lands owned by some of the purchasers for repayment of this other part of Oxford's debt, namely two forfeited penal bonds in the amount of £3000 and £4000. The amounts, if any, paid by the named purchasers under these additional extents are not given in the certificate.

The certificate states that Thomas Hampton was entrusted with the execution of four of the eight additional extents, but appears to have done little, since the certificate states that these extents were either taken out by him but not returned, or returned unexecuted.

These latter extents may have been related in some way to the Skinner fraud, since Thomas Skinner's is the first name on the list of purchasers whose lands had been extended against.

For the fraud by Thomas Skinner (d.1596) which caused Oxford to forfeit bonds in the amount of £20,000, and for Thomas Hampton's part in that fraud, see BL Lansdowne 68/11, ff. 22-3, 28.

The Earl of Oxford his whole due debt to her Highness which was rated upon the purchasers, £3306 18s 9-1/4d.

The same rate hath been duly paid to her Highness at the feasts limited in the decree or in the next terms following, so as there now remaineth of the whole due debt payable at Candlemas [=2 February] 1594 but £800, whereof part is paid already.

The said Earl further became bound to her Highness in two several bonds, the one of 3000 for performing of covenants contained in the indenture of his wardship, the other of 4000 for performing of covenants contained in the indenture of his livery, concerning which bonds your Lordship gave warrant 23 July 1590 to extend these manors following, viz.:

Extent returned Michaelis 32 Elizabethhe Regine [=29 September 1590]:
Lavenham, Camps, Fulmer
Mr Skinner

Th' extent delivered to Hampton, but by him returned unexecuted:

Wivenhoe, Bentley, Battleswick, New-Year's Farm
Mr Townshend

Extent returned Michaelis 32 Elizabeth Regine [=September 29, 1590]:
Lavington Lands in Yeldham & Sible Hedingham
Mr Glascock

Extent returned Michaelis 32 Elizabeth Regine [=29 September 1590]:
Tilbury, Northtofts, Skaths
Israel Amyce

The extent stayed:
Stansted Mountfitchet, Burnells, Bury Lodge, Bentfield Bury
Mr Hubberd

Returned by Hampton unexecuted:
Bumpstead alias Bumpstead Helion
Mr Stubbing

Taken out by Hampton, but not returned:
Over Geldham, Nether Geldham, Little Geldham alias Yeldham
John Mabbe

Th' extent taken out by Hampton, but not returned:
Yeldham Hall, Browne's Barn, Poole Farm, Boveley Farm & Bennett's Lands
Robert Plombe

Endorsed: 1o Iulij 1595, certificate of the Earl of Oxford his debts and th' extents
awarded p{er} cl{er}ic{um} wardor{um} [=by the Clerk of the Wards]