

SUMMARY: The document below is a memorandum dating from June 1601 or later prepared for the Earl of Oxford itemizing the lands which had escheated to the Crown on the attainder of Sir Charles Danvers. Included among them are lands referred to in a letter dating from January 1602 from Oxford to Sir Robert Cecil, CP 181/99:

*Again I know and well perceive how that this escheat of Danvers shall be made a great matter to cross my good hap and to obscure the rest of the lands which descend from the mother on [the] Latimer side to her Majesty, which is as clear her Majesty's as this.*

It appears from this comment by Oxford that only Sir Charles Danvers' lands in Wiltshire and Gloucestershire had been included in the original valuation of lands which had escheated to the Queen, and it was not realized until later that 'two manors of great value in Leicestershire & in the county of Northampton' as well as lands in Yorkshire (see below) had been put in trust for Sir Charles Danvers by his mother, and that these would come to him after her death, and would therefore revert to the Crown at that time by reason of his attainder.

For Oxford's sale of the manor of Christian Malford to Sir John Danvers through trustees in about 1575, see TNA C 54/1000, Part 19.

For Sir Richard Pecksall (d.1571) and Sir Pecksall Brocas, see:

<http://www.westminster-abbey.org/our-history/people/richard-pecksall>.

For background concerning Oxford's involvement in the Danvers escheat case see CP 181/99 and documents mentioned there.

A note what manors, lands & tenements were late in the possession of Sir Charles Danvers, attainted of high treason

The manors of Dauntsey & Marden in the county of Wiltshire, parcel of the possessions & inheritance of Sir Charles descending from Sir John Danvers, deceased.

Also the manor of Christian Malford purchased by Sir John Danvers of the now Earl of Oxenford within the said county of Wiltshire.

The inheritance of a farm called Bremnam in Wiltshire.

The monastery, site and demesnes of Bradenstoke leased to Sir John Danvers for 50 years by Sir Richard Pecksall, of which number of years some 34 years are run up & expired, so that there remains of the said term of 50 years about 16 years. The inheritance of this site & demesnes is in one Pecksall Brocas, esquire, saving a 12 part which was purchased by Sir John Danvers in the manor of Bradenstoke & Clackke.

Also a house in Cirencester & a manor, all burgages of small value situate in the town, together with a farm called Okeley, which farm is in lease to Sir Henry Poole, knight, for many years yet to come, & but a small rent reserved, together with a franchise of seven hundreds situate in the county of Gloucester, being matters of command & royalties but small profit.

A lease

Out of all these lands the Lady Danvers reserved upon the lease by her made to her son, Charles, for 50 years, if she so long lived, £400 per annum.

The annual value of these lands & lease over and above the £400 yearly rent reserved cometh to (the demesnes being racked) £300 and not much above.

The ancient rents of assize of all these lands above recited doth not amount above £20 per annum.

The said Sir Charles Danvers was also interested in fee simple in two manors of great value in Leicestershire & in the county of Northampton, besides the lands conveyed by the said Lady Danvers, his mother, being one of the 4 daughters & coheirs of the late Lord Latimer, who joined in a fine with her late husband & passed all her lands unto certain feoffees to the use of her son, Charles, the reversion whereof must after her decease by the said late attainder come unto her Majesty, which lands are of far greater value than the lands above-mentioned in the said counties of Wiltshire & Gloucestershire.

The ancient rents of the said 2 manors in the counties of Leicester & Northampton with Danby house & forest & divers manors in the county of York & elsewhere cometh to above £300 per annum at the least, so that th' escheat to the Queen's Majesty will be of a greater value than those lands in Wiltshire & Gloucester, notwithstanding they are in reversion, the rent of £400 yearly considered issuing out to the Lady Danvers & now Lady Carey during her life.

Endorsed: A note of Sir Charles Danvers' lands in Wiltshire & Gloucestershire

Endorsed: Also a note of Sir Charles' lands in the counties of York, Leicester, Northampton, etc.

Endorsed: Notes for the Earl of Oxford