

SUMMARY: By this deed of 12 July 1576 formally enrolled in Chancery two days later on 14 July 1576, Oxford revoked all uses into which he had formerly entered. Presumably included among them was the indenture of 30 January 1575 (see ERO D/DRg 2/25) which he had entered into just prior to leaving on his continental tour.

To all true Christian people to whom this present writing indented shall come or be seen, Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck, and Lord of Badlesmere and Scales, sendeth greeting in Our Lord God everlasting. Know ye that I, the said Earl, for divers great causes and considerations me especially moving, do by these presents signify, declare, publish, and verify to all persons that my very mind, intent, purpose, and determinate will is at this present and by these presents to establish and settle all my honours, lordships, castles, manors, lands, tenements, advowsons, rents, reversions, remainders, services, and other hereditaments whatsoever in me and mine heirs in fee simple to the intent that at all or any time or times hereafter I may freely at mine own free will and pleasure either by my last will and testament in writing or otherwise by any act or acts lawfully executed in my life give, will, dispose, or assign them or any part of them to any person or persons as to myself shall be thought meet, fit, and convenient and as the laws and statutes of this realm will permit and suffer me;

And therefore I do by these presents as much as in me is by any means alter, revoke, change, utterly undo, determine, and extinguish all and every use, uses, conditions, estates, and intents of all and every of my said honours, lordships, castles, manors, lands, tenements, advowsons, rents, reversions, remainders, services, and other hereditaments before this time limited, appointed, purposed, meant, or intended which I by any means may alter, revoke, change, undo, determine, or extinguish other than such uses as been in these presents expressed, declared, and set forth;

And I, the said Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, do further by these presents signify, declare, publish, and verify that I, the said Earl, and mine heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever which now do or hereafter shall in any wise stand and be seised of the premises or of any part thereof shall and will from the day of the date of these presents and at all times hereafter stand & be seised of and in all and singular the said honours, lordships, castles, manors, lands, tenements, advowsons, rents, reversions, remainders, services, and other hereditaments whatsoever to the only use & behoof of me, the said Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, and of mine heirs and assigns for evermore, any use, uses, limitations, conditions, estates, or other things heretofore done, meant, intended, or purposed to be done to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding;

In witness whereof I, the said Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, have hereunto set my seal the twelfth day of July in the eighteenth year [=1576] of the reign of our most gracious Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France, and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc.

Edward Oxford

Recognit coram me Iohannem Gybbon in cancellaria inrotulatum decimo quarto die mensis Iulij Anno regni supradicti decimo octavo

[Translation: Acknowledged before me, John Gibbon, in the Chancery enrolled on the fourteenth day of the month of July in the eighteenth year of the reign abovesaid.]