

SUMMARY: The document below is an order dated 24 May 1625 in a lawsuit brought in the Court of Chancery by the family of Nicholas Brend (d. 12 October 1601), who had leased the land on which the Globe playhouse was built to William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon and other members of the Lord Chamberlain's Men on 21 February 1599, against Sir John Bodley, landlord of the Globe from 1601-1622, claiming that Bodley had unduly enriched himself as a trustee appointed under the will of Nicholas Brend. For Bodley's role in the financial affairs of Nicholas Brend and as landlord of the Globe after Brend's death, see TNA C 54/1682, mm. 10-11.

The Brends' bill of complaint and Sir John Bodley's answer have not survived. For the Brends' replication, see TNA C 2/ChasI/Z1/6. For the interrogatories, see TNA C 24/496/114, m. 9. For the depositions given in response to the interrogatories by William Fellows, Mary Strelley, George Archer and Mercy Brend Frobisher, see TNA C 24/496/114, ff. 1-8.

After a full hearing on 26 June 1626, the case was dismissed with costs against the Brends, the Court having determined that Sir Matthew Brend had no standing since the properties concerned were not part of his inheritance.

For other orders in the case, see TNA C 33/149, f. 537; TNA C 33/149, f. 936; TNA C 33/151, f. 485; and TNA C 33/151, f. 528.

For the year in which the order was made, see Cheney, C.R. ed., *Handbook of Dates for Students of English History*, (London: Offices of the Royal Historical Society, 1961), Table 27, p. 136, in which it is stated that May 24th fell on a Tuesday in 1625.

Martis 24o die Maij [=Tuesday, 24 May 1625]

Sigismundu {m} Zinzan mil {item}

Matheu {m} Brend mil {item}

Jana {m} Brend et al {ias} &

Joh {ann} em Bodley mil {item}

Def {enden} tem (?)

[f. 932v] Forasmuch as this court was thereupon today informed by Mr Winsord [=Windsor?], being of the defendant's counsel, that the defendant was heretofore trusted by the will of Nicholas Brend, deceased, with the sum of £400 to be paid to the plainant, Jane Brend, his daughter, at her age of 21 years or day of marriage, which should first happen, and the said Jane, coming to full age, accepted of 4 several bonds of the defendant for the payment of the said £400 at certain days limited in the conditions thereof, which bonds [f. 933r] were left in the custody of one Arthur Iuxor [=Juxon?], a scrivener of London, who upon examination had in the cause hath confessed the having of the said 4 bonds;

Now inasmuch as the defendant hath paid all the money due upon the said bonds and hath several acquittances for the same from the said Jane Brend, it was therefore prayed that the said Iuxon, who still detaineth the said bonds, may be ordered to deliver them up to the defendant to be cancelled;

It is hereupon ordered that the said Iuxon, upon notice to him and to the said Jane Brend, shall on Saturday next bring the said 4 bonds into this Court to th' end the same may be delivered up to the defendant to be cancelled, unless good cause be then showed to the contrary.