

SUMMARY: The document below is an order dated 26 June 1626 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 in the order below, 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 33/147, ff. 932-3; TNA C 33/149, f. 537; 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 19, p. 120, in which it is stated that June 26th fell on a Monday in 1626.

L{une} 26 Iun[i]j [=Monday, 26 June 1626]
 Sigismond Zinzan et Margareta
 vx{or} Mathewe Brend mil{es} Iana Brende
 et al{ij} defendants(?) & Iohn
 Bodley mil{es} defendant

[f. 936r] Upon the hearing of the matter this day in the presence of the counsel learned on both parts for and touching the matters here complained of;

Forasmuch as the scope of the plainants' bill is to have an account of the defendant for £1088 made upon the sale of land according to the trust in him reposed by the will of Nicholas Brend, and that the said defendant hath paid the several allowances limited by the said will, and hath already disbursed the said money so by him received, and hath releases for the same, as it appeared [f. 936v] upon the showing forth thereof, and for that upon the reading of the said will this Court doth not see how the said Sir Mathew Brend is anyways any way interested in this case, being the only prosecutor thereof, it is

therefore ordered that the matter of the said bill be clearly and absolutely dismissed out of this Court;

And in regard the suit is against divers of the plainants' several releases, it is ordered that the said plainants shall pay to the [+defendant?] £10 costs, and if it shall appear that this bill was exhibited with the privity and consent of the Lady Zinzan, who is mother to the said Sir Matthew Brend, then the said Sir Sigismund Zinzan is to bear a share in the payment of the said costs;

And whereas John Brend is made a party in this cause, and now discontinueth(?) the same, it is ordered that he shall receive no prejudice by this order, but whereas he hath a bill against the said defendant & the said Sir Mathew Brend, and that there is money brought into Court by the defendant in that suit, it is ordered that the said money shall still remain in Court until the matter upon his bill shall be heard, and the said John Brend is to proceed with effect. N(?) b(?)