
SUMMARY: The document below is an order dating from 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, 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 33/149, f. 936; and TNA C 33/151, f. 528.

According to the National Archives online catalogue, TNA C 33/151 is the Order Book for 1626.

Matthew Brend, mil{es} &
John Bodly, mil{es}, defendant

Grant(?) made oath(?) for serving a subpoena on the plainant for costs, who hath not paid. Ideo Att vic{ecomite} Surr{ie} cro pur