

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £3150 acknowledged by Oxford to Sir John Arundel (d.1590) of Lanherne on 13 July 1576 in connection with indentures for the sale of the manors of Roseworthy in Gwinear, Tregenna Wollas and Tregenna Wartha in St Ewe, Bejowan in St Columb Minor, Domellick in St Dennis, Tresithney in St Columb Major, and Tregorrick in St Austell, all in Cornwall.

On 20 January 1575 Oxford had conveyed these and other manors to Sir William Cordell, Master of the Rolls, Thomas Bromley, the Queen's Solicitor-General, and Edward Hubberd, Oxford's receiver-general, for £6000 by an indenture of bargain and sale (see SRO D615/D 45 (1)). It would appear that Cordell and Bromley represented the Queen's interests, since when Oxford sued his livery in 1572, he had been required to pledge all his lands as security for his debt to the Queen in the Court of Wards. Legal title to the manors passed from Oxford to the three trustees by a fine of 27 January and 18 April 1575 (see CRO AR/1/854). Oxford intended to use the proceeds of the sale to finance his trip to the continent. See Oxford's letter to Lord Burghley from Siena on 3 January 1576 (CP 9/1), in which he refers to:

that land of mine which in Cornwall I have appointed to be sold, according to that first order for mine expenses in this travel

Oxford left England in the first week of February 1575, two weeks after having conveyed the manors in question to his three trustees, and only a few days after the fine of 27 January and 18 April 1575. For his licence to travel, see TNA E 157/1, f. 1.

On the same day he entered into the recognizance below, i.e. on 13 July 1576, Oxford had received two separate payments of £1244 13s 4d each as the second and third payments due for the these manors (see CRO AR/1/859/1 and CRO AR1/859/2). The manors had been sold to Sir John Arundel by Oxford's three trustees, Cordell, Bromley and Hubberd, by an indenture of bargain and sale dated 20 December 1575 for the stated consideration of £3083 5s 8d (see CRO AR/1/856). In the condition to the recognizance below, the purchase price is stated to have been £3150.

On 20 June 1571, Sir John Arundel had been appointed chief steward of Oxford's manors in Cornwall and Devon (see CRO AR/22/38). For his will, see TNA PROB 11/76, f. 290.

For the copy of the recognizance in the Cornwall Record Office, see CRO AR/1/858. The recognizance below is also mentioned in TNA PROB 30/34/14, No. 3.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford & others and Arundel, knight

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck, Lord of Badlesmere & Scales, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her

Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to John Arundel of Lanherne in the county of Cornwall, knight, three thousand one hundred and fifty pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same John or his designated attorney, executors, administrators or assigns on the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next to come after the date of this recognizance;

And if he shall not have done [+so] etc.;

Witness the Queen at Westminster on the thirteenth day of July in the eighteenth year of the reign of our said Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc.

The condition of this recognizance is such that whereas the above-bound Edward, Earl of Oxford, before this time, as well by indenture enrolled in the Queen's Majesty's Court of Chancery as also by other good and sufficient conveyance and assurance in the law, hath given, granted, bargained and sold to Sir William Cordell, knight, Master of the Rolls of the said Court of Chancery, Thomas Bromley, esquire, Solicitor-General of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, and Edward Hubberd, esquire, receiver-general to the said Earl, and to their heirs and to th' only use of them and of their heirs, amongst divers other manors, lands and tenements, all that the manor of Roseworthy, the manor of Tregenna Wollas and Wartha, the manor of Bejowan, the manor of Domellick, the manor of Tresithney and the manor of Tregorrick set, lying and being in the county of Cornwall, with all their rights, members and appurtenances and all and singular messuages, mills, parks, orchards, gardens, barns, stables, edifices, buildings, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manors or to any of them belonging or in any wise appertaining or being accepted, reputed or taken as part, parcel or member of the same;

And where also sithence that time the said Sir William Cordell, knight, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd, esquires, in consideration of the sum of three thousand one hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of England by the above-named John Arundel, knight, paid and to be paid to the said Edward Hubberd to th' use of the said Earl, have likewise, by indenture bearing date the twentieth day of December last past [=20 December 1575] before the date above-written and enrolled in the said Court of Chancery, bargained and sold unto the said Sir John Arundel and his heirs and assigns forever to th' use and behoof of the said Sir John and his heirs all the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments aforesaid, excepting and out of the said bargain and sale forprising all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, profits, commodities and hereditaments which the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd had bargained and conveyed to Edward Arundel, esquire, brother to the said Sir John, and to th' heirs of the said Edward Arundel by indenture bearing date the sixteenth day of December in this present eighteenth year [=16 December 1575] of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is;

If now the said Sir John Arundel, his heirs and assigns, shall and may at all time and times from henceforth peaceably and quietly have, hold, occupy and enjoy to his and their proper use and behoof all and singular the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in the said county of Cornwall before in these presents mentioned to be bargained and sold unto the said Sir John Arundel and his heirs, except before mentioned to be excepted, without any lawful let, suit, vexation, contradiction, eviction or expulsion of the said Edward, Earl of Oxford, or of any other person or persons whatsoever coming in or lawfully claiming by, from or under the said Earl, other than such persons & their assigns as before the said bargain and sale made by the said Edward, now Earl of Oxford, to the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd of all and singular the premises had or have any good leases for term of years or lives not yet expired or ended or any grant by copy of court roll according to the custom of any of the said manors or any fee or annuity as bailiff, steward or woodward or other officer of any of the said manors, acquitted and discharged or otherwise saved and kept harmless to the said Sir John Arundel, his heirs and assigns, of and from all former grants, bargains, estates, recognizances, assurances, charges and other encumbrances and demands whatsoever heretofore had, made, done or procured by the said Earl or by any other person or persons by the assent, consent, means or procurement of the said Earl, the said assurance and conveyance heretofore made by the said Earl to the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd and all leases, demises and grants before mentioned and excepted and the rents and services from henceforth to be due for the same or any part thereof to the chief lord or lords of the fee or fee thereof only excepted and forprised, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else to stand in full strength and virtue.

LM: D' recognitio inter Comes Oxonie & alias et Arrundell Militem

1 Edwardus de Veere Comes Oxonie dominus magnus Camerarius Anglie Vicecomes Bulbeck dominus de Badlismere & Scales coram domina

2 Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Iohanni Arrundell de lanherne in Comitatu Cornubie Militi tres Mille

3 Centum & quinquaginta libras bone & legalis monete Anglie Soluendas eidem Iohanni aut suo certo Attornato executoribus administratoribus vel assignatis

4 suis in ffesto sancti Michaelis Archangeli proxime futuro post datum huius recognicionis Et nisi fecerit &c Teste Regina apud Westmonasterium terciodecimo die Iulij

5 Anno regni dicte domine nostre Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c decimo octauo