

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £500 acknowledged by Oxford to Edward Atslove (d.1594) on 15 August 1579 in connection with indentures of the same date. For another recognizance in the amount of £400 acknowledged by Oxford to Edward Atslove (d.1594) on 15 August 1579, see TNA C 54/1065, Part 19.

On 2 November 1573 Atslove had married Oxford's cousin-german, Frances Wingfield (d. 1605), at Stoke Newington. In 1584 Atslove purchased the manor of Downham from Oxford in the name of his son Henry (see TNA CP 25/2/132/1696/27ELIZIHIL, Item 29). For further details concerning the relationship between Oxford and Atslove, see TNA C 2/ELIZ/A2/56; TNA C 2/Eliz/A6/36; and the entry for Atslove in the online edition of *The Dictionary of National Biography*.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford & Atslove

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Viscount Bulbeck, Lord Scales & Badlesmere and Lord Great Chamberlain of England, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery acknowledged himself to owe to Edward Atslove of London, esquire, Doctor of Physic, five hundred pounds of lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Edward Atslove, his executors, administrators or assigns on the feast of the Birth of the Lord next to come after the date of these presents;

And if he shall not have done [+so], the foresaid Earl wishes & grants for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators that the said sum of money be levied of his lands & tenements, goods & chattels, wheresoever they may be found within the kingdom of England to the use & behoof of the same Edward Atslove, his executors, administrators & assigns;

Witness the Queen at Westminster on the fifteenth day of August in the twenty-first year of the reign of our 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 if the above-bounden the right honourable Edward, Earl of Oxenford, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, do well and truly accomplish, observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and singular the covenants, grants, articles, conditions and agreements comprised and specified in a certain pair of indentures bearing date the day and year above-written made between the said right honourable Edward, Earl of Oxenford, of thone party and the above-named Edward Atslove of thother party which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs executors, administrators and assigns and every of them are and ought to be observed, performed and kept according to the tenor, purport and true meaning of the same

indentures, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else it to stand, remain and abide in full strength and virtue.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem & Atslowe

1 Edwardus de Veer Comes Oxonie Vicecomes bulbeck dominus Scales & Badlesmere ac dominus magnus Camerarius

2 Anglie coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Edwardo Atslowe

3 de London Armigero in medicinis doctori quingentas libras legalis monete Anglie Soluendas eidem

4 Edwardo Atslowe executoribus administratoribus vel assignatis suis in festo Natalis domini proxime futuro

5 post datum presencium Et nisi fecerit vult & concedit predictus Comes pro se heredibus executoribus & administratoribus

6 suis quod dicta pecunie summa leuetur de terris & tenementis bonis & catallis suis vbicunque inuentis fuerint infra

7 Regnum Anglie ad opus & vsum ipsius Edwardi Atslowe executorum administratorum & assignatorum suorum Teste Regina apud

8 Westmonasterium quintodecimo die Augusti Anno regni domine nostre Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine

9 fidei defensoris &c vicesimo primo