

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of 2000 marks acknowledged by Oxford to John Cradocke, William Mawson and Thomas Martyn on 21 December 1578 in connection with a sale by Oxford to them on 20 December 1578.

The recognizance below is also mentioned in TNA PRO 30/34/14.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Cradocke

Edward, Earl of Oxford, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to John Cradocke, William Mawson & Thomas Martyn two thousand marks of lawful money of England, to be paid to the same John Cradocke, William Mawson & Thomas Martyn or their attorneys, heirs, executors 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], he wishes & grants that the foresaid sum of money be levied & recovered of the goods & chattels, lands & tenements of the same Edward, his heirs, executors & administrators, to the use & behoof of the said John Cradocke, William Mawson & Thomas Martyn, their heirs, executors & assigns, wheresoever they may be found;

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the twenty-first day of December 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 Edward, Earl of Oxenford, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, do at all times hereafter well and truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and singular the covenants, grants and agreements comprised in a certain pair of indentures bearing date the twentieth day of this present month of December made between the said Earl of Oxon of thone party and John Cradocke, William Mawson and Thomas Martyn of the other party which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them are to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept, except only one covenant therein contained made for the delivery of certain evidences, deeds, charters, surveys, terriers, rentals, accounts, court rolls, counterpanes of leases, escripts, writings and other muniments together with the copies of other writings and evidences, that then this recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else to stand and be in full strength and effect.

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LM: Recognitio inter Comitem Oxonie et Cradocke

1 Edwardus Comes Oxonie coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se

2 debere Iohanni Cradocke Willelmo Mawson & Thome Martyn duas Mille Marcas legalis monete Anglie

3 Soluendas eisdem Iohanni Cradocke Willelmo Mawson & Thome Martyn aut suis attornatis heredibus executoribus

4 vel assignatis suis in ffesto Natalis domini proxime futuro post datum presencium Et nisi fecerit vult & concedit quod predicta summa

5 pecunie leuetur & recuperetur de bonis & catallis terris & tenementis ipsius Edwardi heredum executorum &

6 administratorum suorum ad opus & vsum dictorum Iohannis Cradocke Willelmi Mawson & Thome Martyn

7 heredum executorum & assignatorum suorum vbicumque inuentis fuerint Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium

8 vicesimo primo die Decembris Anno regni domine nostre Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine

9 fidei defensoris &c vicesimo primo