

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £1200 acknowledged by Oxford to Israel Amyce and William Tyffyn on 12 May 1580 in connection with Oxford's sale to them of the manor of Wakes Colne on 11 May 1580. For the copy on the patent rolls of the licence dated 1 March 1580 authorizing Oxford to alienate his manor of Wakes Colne to his servant, Israel Amyce, and to William Tyffyn, see TNA C 66/1197, m. 22. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 30 May 1580 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Wakes Colne to Amyce and Tyffyn, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1678/22ELIZITRIN, Item 26.

Israel Amyce and William Tyffyn had a chamber together at the Middle Temple in 1567. See Hopwood, Charles Henry, ed., *Middle Temple Records* (London: Butterworth & Co., 1904), p. 161, available online. For the will of William Tyffyn, dated 25 January 1618, see ERO D/ACW 8/59.

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

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Amyce & others

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Israel Amyce of Barking in the county of Essex, gentleman, & William Tyffyn of Gosfield in the county aforesaid, gentleman, one thousand & two hundred pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Israel Amyce & William Tyffyn or to one of them or their attorney, heirs or executors;

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

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the twelfth day of May in the twenty-second 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 de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, do well and truly observe, perform, fulfil, hold and keep all and singular the covenants, grants, articles and agreements contained and specified in one pair of indentures bearing date the eleventh day of May in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth made between the said Earl on thone party and the above-named Israel Amyce and William Tyffyn, gentlemen, on thother party which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs, executors and administrators are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept according to the purport, true meaning and effect of the said indentures, one covenant, grant, article and

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agreement for delivery of evidences, writings and muniments only excepted, that then etc.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Amyce & alias

1 Edwardus de Veere Comes Oxonie magnus Camararius [sic?] Anglie coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua

2 personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Israeli Amyce de Barkinge in Comitatu Essex Generoso & Willelmo Tyffyn

3 de Gosfeilde in Comitatu predicto Generoso Mille & ducentas libras bone & legalis monete Anglie Soluendas

4 eisdem Israeli Amyce & Willelmo Tyffyn aut eorum vni seu eorum certo attornato heredibus vel executoribus suis

5 Et nisi fecerit &c Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Maij Anno regni domine nostre

6 Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo secundo