

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £1200 acknowledged by Oxford to Sir Christopher Hatton (c.1540-1591) on 30 March 1580 in connection with the sale to Hatton of Oxford's manors and other properties in Cheshire, which included Ashton, Blacon, North Rode, Warmingham and Willaston and the gate of Westchester, most of which had been held by the Trussell family, and had come to the Earls of Oxford through the marriage of John de Vere (1482-1540), 15th Earl of Oxford, and Elizabeth Trussell.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Hatton, knight

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck & Lord of Badlesmere and Scales, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Christopher Hatton, knight, Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard of the said Lady Queen, Vice-Chamberlain of the same Lady Queen & one of the honourable Privy Council of the said Lady Queen, twelve hundred pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Christopher or his designated attorney, executors, administrators or assigns on the tenth day of April now next to come after the date of these presents;

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

Witness the Queen at Westminster on the thirtieth day of March in the twenty-second year of the reign of the said Lady, Queen Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Hatton Militem

1 Edwardus de Veer Comes Oxonie magnus Camerarius Anglie Vicecomes Bulbeck & dominus de Badlesmere et

2 Scales coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Christophero

3 Hatton Militi Capitaneo Valectorum Garde dicte domine Regine Vicecamerario eiusdem domine Regine & vni

4 prenobilis secretioris Concilij dicte domine Regine Duodecem Mille libras bone & legalis monete Anglie

5 soluendas eidem Christophero aut suo certo Attornato executoribus administratoribus vel assignatis suis decimo

6 die Aprilis iam proxime futuro post datum presencium Et nisi fecerit vult & concedit pro se heredibus executoribus

7 administratoribus & assignatis suis Quod predicta pecunie summa leuetur & recuperetur de omnibus bonis catallis

8 terris & tenementis ipsius Edwardi de Veer Comitis Oxonie vbicunque inuentis fuerint infra Regnum

9 Anglie Teste Regina apud Westmonasterium Tricesimo die Marcij Anno regni dicte domine Regine Elizabethhe dei gracia

10 Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo secundo