

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of 1000 marks acknowledged by Oxford to George Golding on 17 April 1580 in connection with indentures dated 14 April 1580 between Oxford and Richard Brooke of Brentwood, gentleman, and Oxford's servant, Nicholas Lambert. These indentures preceded a fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 April 1580 by which Oxford transferred clear title to lands in sixteen villages in the area of Maldon in Essex to Richard Brooke and Nicholas Lambert (see TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 28). Details of the lands included in this sale are found in ERO D/DHn/T59:

Jackletts Farm, Fambridge Farm, Waltons manor house and land, Scotts Farm, Burnt House Farm, Lanes Farm, all in Purleigh; Salesfrith Farm, East Hanningfield; Parslowes Manor Farm, Imbers Farm, Fawknors Hall and Bowers Farm, all in Good Easter; Beeleigh Mills, Maldon, sold by Edward de Veer, Earl of Oxford to Richard Brooke and Nicholas Lambert and later sold by Sir Henry Mildmay to William Waterson

Golding had earlier purchased the manors of Waltons and Netherhall from Oxford. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 April 1580 (the same date as the fine to Brooke and Lambert) by which clear title to the manors of Waltons and Netherhall passed from Oxford to George Golding and his wife, Mary, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 36.

A second fine from Oxford to Golding of the same manors of Waltons and Netherhall, but which included additional property, was levied on 22 May 1581 (see TNA CP 25/2/131/1682/23ELIZITRIN, Item 31). With a few exceptions, the additional property included in the second fine from Oxford to Golding appears to consist of the property sold by Oxford to Brooke and Lambert by the indentures of 14 April and the fine of 18 April mentioned above. It thus appears that Brooke and Lambert transferred their interest in this additional property to Golding, after which the additional property was included in the second fine from Oxford to Golding on 22 May 1581. If so, this would provide a rationale for the condition of the recognizance below in which Oxford is required, for Golding's benefit, to perform the covenants in his indentures of 14 April 1580 with Brooke and Lambert.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Golding

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 George Golding of London, gentleman, the sum of one thousand marks of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same George or his designated attorney or executors on the feast of Pentecost next to come after the date of this recognizance;

And if he shall not have done [+so], he wishes & grants for himself, his heirs & executors by these presents that the foresaid sum of money be levied & recovered of his goods, chattels, lands, tenements & hereditaments to the sole & proper use & behoof of the foresaid George, his heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, wheresoever they may be found;

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the seventeenth day of April 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. 1580

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above-bounden the right honourable Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, do well and truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and every the covenants, grants, articles and agreements which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns or any of them are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled or kept mentioned and specified in one pair of indentures bearing date the fourteenth day of this present month of April made between the said Earl of thone party and Richard Brooke of Brentwood in the county of Essex, gentleman, and Nicholas Lambert, servant to the said Earl, of thother party according to the purport, effect and true meaning of the same indentures, except one covenant in the same indentures specified touching the delivery of deeds, charters, writings, copies and evidences, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else to stand and abide in full force, effect and strength.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Goldinge

1 Edwardus de Veer Comes Oxonie dominus magnus Camerarius Anglie vicecomes Bulbecke dominus de Badlesmere & Scales coram domina

2 Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Georgio Goldinge de London Generoso summam Mille

3 Marcarum bone & legalis Monete Anglie soluendarum eidem Georgio aut suo certo attornato vel executoribus suis in festo Penticostes proxime

4 futuro post datum huius Recognicionis Et nisi fecerit vult & concedit pro se heredibus & executoribus suis per presentes Quod predicta pecunie summa

5 leuetur & recuperetur de bonis catallis terris tenementis & hereditamentis suis ad solum & proprium opus & vsum predicti Georgij heredum executorum

6 administratorum & assignatorum suorum vbicunque inuentis fuerint Teste dicta domina
Regina apud Westmonasterium decimo septimo die Aprilis Anno regni domine

7 nostre Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c
vicesimo secundo 1580