

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £1200 acknowledged by Oxford to William Stubbing on 19 May 1580 in connection with indentures dated 14 May 1580 for the sale of the manor of Bumpstead. For the licence dated 12 May 1580 authorizing Oxford to alienate his manor of Bumpstead to Stubbing, see TNA C 66/1197, m. 5. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 30 May 1580 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Bumpstead to Stubbing for an annuity of £30 payable to Oxford and his heirs, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1678/22ELIZITRIN, Item 28. For the recognizance in the amount of £200 acknowledged by Stubbing to Oxford on 21 June 1580 in connection with an annuity of £30 payable by Stubbing to Oxford as consideration for the sale of the manor of Bumpstead, see TNA C 54/1094, Part 24(?).

The William Stubbing who purchased the manor of Bumpstead appears to have been the William Stubbing who was a tenant of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl, and also appears to have been the William Stubbing, yeoman, of Helions Bumpstead whose will, dated 5 January 1603, was probated on 28 January 1604 (see TNA PROB 11/103, f. 23).

For William Stubbing's part in Roger Harlakenden's fraud against Oxford in the purchase of Colne Priory, see TNA C 22/406/21 and TNA C 2/Eliz/O3/32.

The recognizance below is also mentioned in TNA PROB 30/34/14, No. 3.

#### LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Stubbing

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, in his own person having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to William Stubbing of Helions Bumpstead in the county of Essex, yeoman, one thousand two hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England, to be paid to the same William or his designated attorney, executors or assigns;

And if he shall not have done [+so], he wishes & grants for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators by these presents that then the foresaid one thousand two hundred pounds be levied of the goods and chattels, lands, tenements and hereditaments of the same Earl to the use and behoof of the same William, his heirs and assigns, forever, wheresoever they may be found within the kingdom of England;

Witness the forenamed Lady Queen at Westminster on the nineteenth 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. 1580.

The condition of this recognizance is such that whereas the above-bounden Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, by his indenture bearing date the fourteenth of May in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lady hath granted, bargained and sold unto the above-named William Stubbing and to his heirs forever all that the manor of Bumpstead Hall, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereunto belonging in the county of Essex, and all the messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods and underwoods to the said manor belonging or appertaining situate, lying and being in the towns of Helions Bumpstead, Bumpstead at the Tower and Hempstead and elsewhere within the said county of Essex, and all the lands called Gilbons fee and five acres of meadow called Hurswen meadow alias Hurlfield meadow in Bumpstead at Tower [=Steeple Bumpstead] aforesaid in the county aforesaid, and also all and singular moors, mines, waters, ponds, fishings, profits, commodities and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manor belonging or appertaining or accepted, reputed or taken as parcel of the same manor or occupied, used or letten to and with the said manor as parcel or belonging to the same, as by the said indenture more at large it doth and may appear;

If the said Earl, his heirs, executors and administrators, shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter clearly acquit and discharge or otherwise within six months after request thereof to be publicly and notoriously made at or in the Castle of (blank) in the said county of Essex sufficiently save harmless as well the said William Stubbing, his heirs and assigns, as also the said manor and all and singular other the premises by the said-recited indenture bargained and sold of and from all former bargains, sales, titles, charges and encumbrances whatsoever made or done by the said Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, or by the right honourable John de Vere, his father, late Earl of Oxenford, or by either of them or by their or either of their assents, means or procurement, except as in the said-recited indenture is excepted;

If also the said Earl and his heirs shall and will at all times hereafter and from time to time during the space of three years next ensuing the date hereof within six days after reasonable request thereof made make, do and acknowledge at the costs and charges in the law of the said William Stubbing, his heirs or assigns, all and every such further act and acts, thing and things, device and devices in the law for the further and better conveying and assuring of the said manor and premises in and by the said-recited indenture mentioned to be bargained and sold unto the said William and to his heirs as shall be reasonably devised by the said William Stubbing, his heirs or assigns, or by his or their counsel learned in the law, so as the said Earl nor his heirs be not compelled for the making or doing of the said acts or things touching the said further assurance to travel from the place where he or they at the time of the said request shall be, and so as the said further assurance do not comprise any other or further warranty than against the said now Earl and his heirs and against the right honourable John de Vere, late Earl of Oxenford, deceased, father unto the said now Earl, and his heirs, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full strength and virtue.

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LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Stubbinge

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2 Willelmo Stubbinge de Bumpstead Hellyon in Comitatu Essex yoman mille ducentas libras bone et legalis monete Anglie Soluendas eidem

3 Willelmo aut suo certo attornato executoribus vel assignatis suis et nisi fecerit vult & concedit pro se heredibus executoribus et administratoribus suis per

4 presentes quod tunc predicte mille ducente libre leuentur de bonis et Cattallis terris tenementis et hereditamentis ipsius Comitis ad opus et vsum ipsius

5 Willelmi heredum & assignatorum suorum imperpetuum vbicunque inuentis fuerint infra regnum Anglie Teste prefata domina Regina apud Westmonasterium decimo nono

6 die Maij Anno Regni domine nostre Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo secundo 1580