

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 Mabbe on 16 February 1581 in connection with indentures of the same date for the sale of the manor of Gibcrack. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 22 May 1581 by which clear title to the manor of Gibcrack passed from Oxford to John Mabbe the younger, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1683/23/4ELIZIMICH, Item 54. For the pardon dated 9 November 1581 granted to Oxford for alienating the manor of Gibcrack without licence, see TNA C 66/1206, m. 30.

John Mabbe the younger also purchased Oxford's manor of Little Yeldham. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 15 June 1584 by which clear title to the manor of Little Yeldham passed from Oxford to John Mabbe the younger, see TNA CP 25/2/132/1694/26ELIZITRIN, Item 26.

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

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Mabbe

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to John Mabbe the younger, citizen & goldsmith of London, two thousand marks of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same John or his designated attorney, executors or assigns;

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

Witness the forenamed Lady Queen at Westminster on the sixteenth day of February in the twenty-third year of the reign of our said 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 whereas the above-bounden Edward, Earl of Oxenford, hath by one indenture bearing the date of these presents bargained and sold unto the said John Mabbe and his heirs, amongst other things, the manor or lordship of Gibcrack alias Chipcracke in the county of Essex;

If the said Earl, his heirs, executors or administrators, shall and will discharge, acquit or otherwise, within three months after request thereof publicly and notoriously made at or in Hedingham Castle in the said county of Essex, sufficiently save and keep harmless as

well the said John Mabbe, his heirs, executors and assigns, as the premises by the said indenture bargained and sold of and from all titles, charges and encumbrances whatsoever had, made or done by the said Earl or by the right honourable John de Vere, late Earl of Oxenford, late father unto the said Earl, or by any other person or person by, from or under their or either of their means, assent 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 for and during the space of three years next ensuing the date hereof within convenient time after reasonable request make, do and knowledge or cause or suffer to be made, done and knowledged unto the said John Mabbe, his heirs or assigns, at the costs and charges in the law of the said John Mabbe, his heirs, executors or administrators, all such act and acts, device and devices in the law for the further and better assurance and conveyance of the premises in the said indenture mentioned to be bargained and sold unto the said John Mabbe, his heirs and assigns, by fine or feoffment with warranty only against the said now Earl and the said John de Vere, late Earl of Oxenford, their heirs and assigns, or otherwise with the like warranty as shall be reasonably devised by the said John Mabbe, his heirs or assigns or by his or their learned counsel in the law, so as the said Earl nor his heirs be not compelled for or about the making or doing of any act or thing touching the said further assurance to travel from the place where he or they shall be at the time of the said request;

If also the said Earl, his heirs, executors or administrators, shall and will discharge or within three months after request publicly made at Hedingham Castle aforesaid sufficiently save and keep harmless the said John Mabbe, his heirs and assigns, of and from all damages and losses which shall or may happen unto the said John Mabbe, his heirs or assigns, by reason of any demise or grant made by the said now Earl unto any person or persons of any more of the premises by the said indenture bargained and sold than of the park of Gibcrack and of the enclosed ground or grounds called or known by the name of Inhams, that then this present recognizance shall be void.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitum et Mabbe

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

2 debere Iohanni Mabbe Iuniori Ciui & Aurifabro London duas Mille Marcas bone & legalis monete Anglie

3 Soluendas eidem Iohanni aut suo certo attornato executoribus vel assignatis suis Et nisi fecerit vult & concedit pro se

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4 heredibus executoribus & administratoribus suis per presentes quod tunc dicta pecunie summa leuetur de bonis & catallis

5 terris tenementis & hereditamentis ipsius Comitis ad opus & vsum ipsius Iohannis heredum & assignatorum suorum imperpetuum vbicumque

6 inuentis fuerint infra Regnum Anglie Teste prefata domina Regina apud Westmonasterium decimo sexto die ffebruarij Anno regni

7 dicte domine nostre Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo tercio