

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £1000 acknowledged by Oxford to Thomas Noke on 3 July 1579 in connection with indentures dated 15 June 1579 for the sale of the manor of Shottesbrook. For the licence dated 1 May 1579 authorizing Oxford to alienate the manor of Shottesbrook, see TNA C 66/1179, m. 25.

See also:

'Parishes: Shottesbrook', A History of the County of Berkshire: Volume 3 (1923), pp. 164-171. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=43198>

*John de Vere was succeeded in 1540 by his son John, sixteenth earl, who in 1544 conveyed the manor to his brother Robert de Vere for life, and dying in 1562 left a son and heir Edward, who was dealing with the manor in 1574. In 1578–9 he sold the manor to Thomas Noke, son of 'Father Noke,' who died at Reading seised of it in 1583, and was followed by his son Thomas.*

For a suit in Chancery brought by Oxford's uncle, Robert de Vere (d.1598), against Oxford's former receiver-general, Edward Hubberd (d.1602), see TNA C 3/251/104. In the suit, Robert de Vere alleged that Edward Hubberd, whose sister, Joan Hubberd, Robert de Vere had married as his second wife, had defrauded him of his life estates in Shottesbrook and other manors.

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

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Noke

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 Thomas Noke of Shottesbrook in the county of Berkshire, gentleman, one thousand pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Thomas or his designated attorney, executors or administrators;

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

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the third day of July in the twenty-first 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 if the above-bounden Edward, Earl of Oxenford, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, do well and

truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and singular the articles, covenants, grants and agreements especified, contained and declared in one pair of indentures of bargain and sale made between the said Earl of thone part and th' above-named Thomas Noke on thother part bearing date the fifteenth day of June in the one and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs, executors and administrators are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled and keep according to th' intent, true meaning and effect of the said indentures of bargain and sale, except only one covenant in the same indentures contained whereby the said Earl hath covenanted to deliver unto the said Thomas Noke or his heirs certain evidences, deeds, charters, escripts and other writings before a day certain, as by the same indentures more plainly appeareth, that then this recognizance shall be void and of none effect, or else shall stand in his full strength, force and virtue.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitum et Noke

1 Edwardus de Veer Comes Oxonie magnus Camerarius Anglie coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua

2 personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Thome Noke de Shotesbroke in Comitatu Berkerie Generoso

3 Mille libras bone & legalis monete Anglie Soluendas eidem Thome aut suo certo attornato executoribus

4 vel administratoribus suis Et nisi fecerit &c Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium tercio die Iulij Anno

5 regni dicte domine nostre Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo primo