

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £200 acknowledged by Oxford to William Drury (c.1534-1589), Doctor of the Laws, on 10 December 1581 in connection with indentures of the same date for the sale of a yearly rent of £12 from the manors of Tendring Hall and Garnons.

The manor of Garnons had been part of the jointure of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding (d.1568), and the Act of Parliament of 22 January 1552 by which the 16th Earl's lands were restored to him after Somerset's fraud and extortion allocated a life estate in the manor of Tendring Hall to Oxford's uncle, Aubrey Vere (see TNA WARD 8/13 and HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35). For the will of Aubrey de Vere, dated 18 January 1580, see ERO D/AMR 3/281.

For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas by which clear title to a yearly rent of £12 issuing from the manors of Tendring Hall and Garnons passed from Oxford to William Drury, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1684/24ELIZIHIL, Item 6.

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

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford & Drury

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, le Viscount Bulbeck & Lord of Badlesmere & Scales, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to William Drury of the Arches, London, Doctor of the Laws, two hundred pounds of lawful money of England, to be paid to the said William Drury or his designated attorney, executors or administrators;

And if he shall not have done [+so], he wishes & grants by these presents that the said two hundred pounds be levied of the lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods & chattels of the foresaid Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, to the use & behoof of the foresaid William Drury, his heirs & executors forever, wheresoever they may be found within the kingdom of England;

Witness the Lady Queen at Westminster on the tenth day of December in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of the 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, now Earl of Oxenford, his heirs and assigns, shall from time to time without any fraud or covin well and truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and singular the covenants, grants, articles, clauses and agreements mentioned, specified and declared in a pair of indentures made between the said Earl and the said William bearing date of this present recognizance

which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs and assigns, are to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept;

And also if the said Earl, his heirs or assigns, shall not at any time hereafter by any way or mean revoke, retract, impair, disannul, make void or frustrate one letter of attorney by deed indented made by the said Earl unto the said William bearing date of this present recognizance, but shall and will without fraud or covin well and truly perform, observe, fulfil and keep all and every the covenants, grants articles and agreements contained, mentioned and expressed in the said letter of attorney which on his and their part and behalf is to be performed, fulfilled, observed and kept, that then this present recognizance shall be void and of none effect, or else it to remain and stand in full force, virtue and strength.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem & Drurye

1 Edwardus de Veer Comes Oxonie magnus dominus Camerarius Anglie le Vicount Bulbeck & dominus Badelysmer

2 & Scales coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Willelmo Drurye

3 de Archibus London legum doctori ducentas libras legalis monete Anglie Soluendas eidem Willelmo Drurye

4 aut suo certo attornato executoribus vel administratoribus suis Et nisi fecerit vult & concedit per presentes quod

5 dicte ducente libre leuentur de terris tenementis hereditamentis bonis & catallis predicti Edwardi de Veer Comitis

6 Oxonie ad opus & vsum predicti Willelmi Drurye heredum & executorum suorum imperpetuum vbicumque inuentis fuerint infra

7 Regnum Anglie Teste domina Regina apud Westmonasterium decimo die Decembris Anno regni domine Elizabethhe dei

8 gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo quarto