

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £1000 acknowledged by Oxford to Roger Harlakenden (d.1603) on 16 November 1584 in connection with indentures dated 15 September 1584 for the sale of the manor of Earls Colne. For the licence dated 1 September 1584 authorizing Oxford to alienate the manor of Earls Colne, see TNA C 66/1267, mm. 5-7. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 13 October 1584 by which clear title to the manor of Earls Colne passed from Oxford to Roger Harlakenden, see TNA CP 25/2/132/1695/26/7ELIZIMICH, Item 1. For further discussion of Roger Harlakenden's dealings with Oxford at this time, see BL Lansdowne 77/81, f. 198.

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

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Harlakenden

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Roger Harlakenden, esquire, one thousand pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Roger or his designated attorney or executors;

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

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the sixteenth day of November in the twenty-sixth 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 th' above-bounden Edward, Earl of Oxon, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, do well and truly perform, fulfil and keep all grants, articles, covenants and agreements which on his or their part are to be performed, fulfilled and kept contained in one pair of indentures of bargain and sale made between between the said Earl of the one party and the above-named Roger Harlakenden of the other party bearing date the fifteenth day of September in the six and twentieth year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth without fraud, covin or deceit, that then this present recognizance shall be void and of none effect, but otherwise stand in full force, strength and virtue.

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LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Herlakenden

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

2 debere Rogero Herlakenden Armigero Mille libras bone & legalis monete Anglie Soluendum eidem Rogero aut suo

3 certo Attornato vel executoribus suis Et nisi fecerit pro se heredibus executoribus & administratoribus suis concedit per presentes quod

4 tunc predicta pecunie summa leuetur & recuperetur de Manerijs Messuagijs terris tenementis & hereditamentis & catallis

5 ipsius Comitis heredum executorum & administratorum suorum vbicunque fuerint inuentis ad solum & proprium opus & vsum

6 dicti Rogeri executorum & administratorum suorum Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium sextodecimo die Nouembris

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