

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of the recognizance in the amount of £2500 acknowledged by Nicholas Brend (d. 12 October 1601) to Sir Mathew Browne (d.1603) and John Collett on 8 October 1601 in connection with an indenture dated 7 October 1601 for the payment of Nicholas Brend's debts. For the indenture, which mentions Richard Burbage and William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon, gentlemen, as Brend's lessees, see TNA C 54/1722, mm. 5-7. See also Brend's further indenture of 10 October 1601, TNA C 54/1682, mm. 10-11; his will, TNA PROB 11/98/348; the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/271/151; the indenture of 11 November 1608 by which Collett sold his interest to Bodley, TNA C54/1947, mm. 5-6; and the final order by which ownership of the Globe playhouse and other properties was restored to his son, Sir Matthew Brend (1600-1659), TNA WARD 9/94, ff. 31-3.

Nicholas Brend of West Molesey in the county of Surrey, esquire, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Mathew Browne of the Castle of West Betchworth in the said county of Surrey, knight, & John Collett, citizen & Merchant Taylor of London, two thousand & five hundred pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Mathew Browne & John Collett or either of them, or either of their designated attorney, executors or administrators;

And if he shall not have done [+so], the forenamed Nicholas wills & grants for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators by these presents that then the said sum of two thousand & five hundred pounds be levied & recovered of the manors, messuages, lands, tenements & hereditaments, goods, chattels & possessions of the same Nicholas Brend, his heirs, executors & administrators, wheresoever they are or shall be found, to the sole & proper use & behoof of the forenamed Mathew Browne & John Collett, their executors, administrators & assigns, forever;

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the eighth day of October in the forty-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., 1601.

The condition of this recognizance is such that if th' above-bounden Nicholas Brend, his heirs, executors and administrators and every of them, do well, justly and truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and every the covenants, grants, articles, conditions and agreements which on his and their or any of their parts and behalves are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept mentioned, contained and specified in one indenture of bargain and sale or deed indented bearing date the seventh day of this present month of October and year above-written made between the said Nicholas Brend on thone party and the above-named Sir Mathew Browne and John Collett on thother

party, and that in and by all things according to the tenor, purport and true meaning of the same indenture or deed indented, that then this present recognizance shall be utterly void and of none effect, or else it to stand and abide in full force, strength and virtue.  
Ex{aminatur}

LM: Brend et Browne mil{es} & al{ij}

1 Nicholaus Brend de West Mowlsey in Com{itatu} Surr{ie} Armig{er} coram d{omi}na Regina

2 in Cancellar{ia} sua p{er}sonalit{er} constitut{us} recognouit se debere Matheo Browne

3 de Castro de West Betchworth in d{i}c{t}o Com{itatu} Surr{ie} militi & Ioh{ann}i Collett Ciui &

4 m{er}cator{i} Sciss{ori} London duas mille & quingentas libras bone & legalis monete

5 Anglie soluend{as} eisdem Matheo Browne & Ioh{ann}i Collett aut eor{um} alteri siue eor{um}

6 c{er}to attorn{ato} executor{ibus} vel administrator{ibus} suis Et nisi fec{er}it tunc p{re}fat{us} Nich{ola}us

7 Brend vult & concedit p{ro} se hered{ibus} executor{ibus} & administrator{ibus} suis q{uo}d tunc

8 d{i}c{t}a sum{m}a duar{um} mille & quingent{arum} librar{um} leuet{ur} & recup{er}et{ur} de Man{er}ijs

9 mesuag{ijs} terr{is} ten{ementis} & hereditamen{tis} bonis cattall{is} & possess{ionibus} ip{s}ius Nicholai

10 Brend hered{um} executor{um} & administrator{um} suor{um} ad solum & p{ro}priu{m} opus & vsum

11 p{re}fat{orum} Mathei Browne & Ioh{ann}is Collett executor{um} administrator{um} & assign{atorum} suor{um}

12 imp{er}p{etuu}m vbicunq{ue} sint vel fu{er}int invent{is} p{er} p{re}sentes Teste d{i}c{t}a d{omi}na Regina

13 apud Westm{onasterium} octauo die Octobris Anno regni d{omi}ne n{ost}re Elizabeth{e} dei gr{aci}a

14 Angl{ie} ffranc{ie} & hib{er}nie Regine fidei defensor{is} &c quadragesimo  
t{er}cio 1601