

SUMMARY: The document below is the recognizance in the amount of £1000, dated 16 March 1574, which Lord Burghley acknowledged to Oxford. The condition of the recognizance mentions that the recognizance was made in connection with indentures between Lord Burghley and Oxford dated 11 March 1574. The subject matter of these indentures is unknown.

LM: Recognizance between Lord Burghley and the Earl of Oxford

William Cecil, of the right honourable Order of the Garter, knight, Baron of Burghley & Lord High Treasurer of England, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to the right honourable Edward, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck & Lord of Badlesmere & Scales, one thousand pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Earl or his designated attorney, executors, administrators or assigns on the feast of Pentecost next to come after the date of these presents, and if he shall not have done [+so], the forenamed William, Baron of Burghley, wishes & grants for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators, that the said sum of money be levied & recovered of the manors, lands, tenements, goods & chattels of the foresaid Baron of Burghley, his heirs, executors & administrators, wheresoever they be found within the kingdom of England by these presents to the use & behoof of the foresaid Earl etc. Witness the said Lady the Queen at Westminster on the sixteenth day of March in the sixteenth year of the reign of 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-bouden Sir William Cecil, Baron of Burghley, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, do well and truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and singular the covenants, grants, articles and agreements comprised and specified in one pair of indentures bearing date the eleventh day of this present March made between the said William, Baron of Burghley, on thone party and the above-named Earl of Oxon' of thother party which on the part and behalf of the said Baron of Burghley, his heirs, executors and administrators, are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept according to the true intent, effect and meaning of the said indentures, that then this present recognizance shall be void and of none effect in law, or else to stand and be in full strength and virtue.

LM: Recognitio inter dominum Burghley et Comitem Oxonie

1 Willelmus Cecill prenobilis ordinis garterij Miles Baro de Burghley & dominus magnus Thesaurarius

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2 Anglie coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere

3 prenobili Edwardo Comiti Oxonie domino magno Camerario Anglie vicecomiti Bulbeck & domino de

4 Baddlesmere & Scales mille libras bone & legalis monete Anglie Soluendas eidem

5 Comiti aut suo recto attornato executoribus administratoribus vel assignatis suis in festo Pentecostes proxime

6 futuro post datum presencium Et nisi fecerit predictus Willelmus Baro de Burghley vult & concedit pro se heredibus

7 executoribus & administratoribus suis quod dicta pecunie summa leuetur & recuperetur de manerijs terris

8 tenementis bonis & cattallis predicti Baronis de Burghley heredum executorum & administratorum suorum

9 vbicumque fuerint inuenta [sic?] infra regnum Anglie per presentes Ad opus & vsum predicti Comitis &c Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium

10 sextodecimo die Marcij Anno regni dicte domine Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & hibernie Regine fidei

11 defensoris &c sextodecimo