

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the licence, dated 1 February 1592, by which Oxford and his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612), were authorized to alienate lands in West Wickham and the rectory of Wickham to Edmund Stubbing. For the fine by which Oxford transferred clear title to these properties to Edmund Stubbing, see CP 25/2/131/1678/34ELIZIEASTER, Item 9.

Oxford had earlier sold his manor of Bumpstead to Edmund Stubbing's father, William Stubbing (d.1603). For the licence dated 12 May 1580 authorizing Oxford to alienate his manor of Bumpstead to William Stubbing, see TNA C 66/1197, m. 5. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 30 May 1580 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Bumpstead to William Stubbing for an annuity of £30 to Oxford and his heirs, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1678/22ELIZITRIN, Item 28.

Edmund Stubbing's purchase of the rectory of Wickham is mentioned in the judgment of the Court of Chancery in Oxford's lawsuit against Roger Harlakenden for fraud in the sale of Colne Priory (see TNA C 78/104, mm. 27-8), and it appears from this judgment and other documents that Roger Harlakenden played a key role in Edmund Stubbing's purchase of the lands and rectory in Wickham (see also TNA C 2/ELIZ/O3/32 and TNA C 22/406/21).

For the will of William Stubbing, dated 5 January 1603 and proved 28 January 1604, see TNA PROB 11/103, f. 23.

LM: Grant(?) of licence to alienate for Edmund Stubbing

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know that we, of our special grace and for forty shillings paid to our farmers, by virtue of our letters patent have granted & given licence, and for us, our heirs & successors, by how much is in us by these presents do grant & give licence to our dearest cousin Edward, Earl of Oxford, & Elizabeth, his wife, that they might be able to give & grant, alienate or acknowledge by fine or by recovery in our court before our Justices of the Common Pleas or by any other manner whatsoever at the pleasure of the same Earl & Elizabeth to our beloved Edmund Stubbing one messuage, one dovecot, one garden, one hundred acres of land, ten acres of meadow, twenty acres of pasture, ten acres of woods & common of pasture for all beasts with the appurtenances in West Wickham, and the rectory of West Wickham with the appurtenances, and also the tithes of grain, saffron & hay and all other tithes, oblations & obventions whatsoever growing, issuing or renewing in West Wickham in our county of Cambridge, which are held of us in chief, as it is said, to have & to hold to the same Edmund and his heirs & assigns forever of us, our heirs and successors, by the services owed therefore, & of right customary;

And by the tenor of these presents we have similarly given, and for us, our heirs & successors, we do give special licence to the same Edmund that he might be able to receive

from the forenamed Earl & Elizabeth, & hold forever to himself and his heirs & assigns of us, our heirs & successors, the foresaid messuage, lands & tenements and all & singular other the premises above expressed & specified with the appurtenances by the services aforesaid, as is aforesaid;

Not willing that the foresaid Earl & Elizabeth or their heirs, or the forenamed Edmund or his heirs by reason of the premises might be troubled therefore, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed by us, our heirs or successors, or by our justices, escheators, sheriffs, bailiffs or other officers or ministers or [+those] of our said heirs or successors whatsoever, nor might be by any of them troubled, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed;

In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the first day of February.

LM: D' licencie alienando pro Edmundo Stubbing

1 Regina Omnibus ad quos &c Salutem Sciatis quod nos de gracia nostra speciali ac pro quadraginta solidis solutis

2 ffirmarijs nostris virtute litterarum nostrarum patentium concessimus & licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris

3 quantum in nobis est per presentes concedimus & licenciam damus Charissimo Consanguineo nostro Edwardo

4 Comiti Oxonie & Elizabethæ vxori eius quod ipsi vnum mesuagium vnum Columbarium vnum gardinum Centum acras

5 terre decem acras prati viginti acras pasture decem acras bosci & Communiam pasture pro omnibus auerijs cum

6 pertinentijs in West Wyckham ac Rectoriam de WestWickham cum pertinentijs necnon decimas granorum

7 croci & feni ac omnes alias decimas oblaciones & obuenciones quascumque crescentes prouenientes seu

8 renouantes in West Wickham in Comitatu nostro Cantabrigie Que de nobis tenentur in Capite vt dicitur

9 dare possint & concedere alienare aut cognoscere per finem vel per recuperacionem in Curia nostra coram

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10 Iusticiarijs nostris de Banco seu aliquo alio modo quocumque ad libitum ipsorum Comitis & Elizabethhe

11 dilecto nobis Edmundo Stubbing habendum & tenendum eidem Edmundo ac heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum

12 de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et eidem Edmundo

13 quod ipse predicta mesuagium terras & tenementa ac cetera omnia & singula premissa superius expressa & specificata

14 cum pertinentijs a prefatis Comite & Elizabetha recipere possit & tenere sibi ac heredibus & assignatis suis

15 de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia predicta sicut predictum est imperpetuum tenore presencium similiter

16 lienciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis damus specialem Nolentes quod predicti

17 Comes & Elizabetha vel heredes sui aut prefatus Edmundus vel heredes sui ratione premissorum per nos

18 heredes vel successores nostros aut per Iusticiarios Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos aut alios Officiarios

19 seu Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur

20 impetantur vexentur in aliquo seu grauentur nec eorum aliquis occasionetur molestetur impetatur vexetur

21 in aliquo seu grauetur In cuius rei &c Teste Regine apud Westmonasterium primo die february