

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls, dated 10 November 1602, of the Queen's pardon of alienation to Oxford for having purchased thirty messuages and other property in the parish of St Botolph's without Bishopsgate, from Richard Wolriche and his wife, Anne, in Trinity term, 1582. For the fine, dated 11 June 1582, by which clear title to these properties passed from Richard and Anne Wolriche to Oxford, see TNA CP 25/2/170/2949/24ELIZITRIN, No. 14.

The lands in question had been the property of Jasper Fisher (d. 28 February 1579). For a discussion of Oxford's interest in this property and the mansion of Fisher's Folly, see the will of Jasper Fisher, TNA PROB 11/61/541.

LM: Grant(?) of pardon of alienation for Edward, Earl of Oxford

The Queen etc. to all her bailiffs & faithful to whom etc., greeting. Whereas Edward, Earl of Oxford, our Great Chamberlain of England, lately, namely in the term of Holy Trinity in the twenty-fourth year of our reign [=1582] by fine levied in our court before Edmund Anderson, knight, & his fellows then our Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, purchased to himself & his heirs of Richard Wolriche & Anne, his wife, thirty messuages, twenty cottages, twenty tofts, thirty gardens, ten orchards and the moiety of one reservoir and the water-pipes of lead belonging to the same reservoir with the appurtenances in the parish of Saint Botolph's without Bishopsgate in our city of London, of which certain premises one alley called Toddes Alley and the tenements to the same alley belonging, being parcel of the premises, are held of us in chief, as it is said, to have & to hold to the same Earl & his heirs forever, which certain alienation was made without our royal licence therefore having been beforehand obtained;

Know ye therefore that we, of our especial grace and for four pounds paid to our farmers, by virtue of our letters patent do pardon & release not only the transgression in this respect made, but also the rents & profits of the foresaid premises held of us with the appurtenances, as previously mentioned, forfeited to us duly(?) to be rendered or paid in our Exchequer, inasmuch as the alienation aforesaid was made without our royal licence, as is beforesaid;

And further we have granted and for us, our heirs & successors, by how much is in us by these presents do grant [-&] to the forenamed Earl of Oxford that he might be able to have & hold the foresaid premises with the appurtenances, inter alia, held of us, as previously mentioned, to him and his heirs of us, our heirs & successors, by the services owed therefore, & of right customary, forever, without interference, molestation, vexation, hindrance or oppression of us or our heirs or successors or of any of our justices, escheators, sheriffs, bailiffs or ministers or [+those] of any our said heirs or successors by reason or pretext of the alienation aforesaid;

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

LM: D' p{er}don{e} alien{ando} p{ro} Ed{wa}r{d}o Comit{e} Oxon{ie}

1 Regina Om{n}ib{us} Balliuis & fidelib{us} suis ad quos &c Sal{u}t{e}m Cum Edwardus

2 Comes Oxon{ie} magnus Cam{er}ar{ius} noster Anglie nup{er} scil{ice}t in t{er}mino s{an}c{t}e

3 Trinitatis anno regni n{ost}ri vicesimo quarto p{er} finem in Cur{ia} n{ost}ra coram

4 Edmundo Anderson Milit{e} & socijs suis adtunc Iustic{iarijs} n{ost}ris de Banco

5 levat{em} acquisiu{erit}(?) sibi & hered{ibus} suis de Ric{hard}o Wolriche & Anna vx{or}e eius

6 triginta Mesuag{ia} viginti Cotag{ia} viginti toft{a} triginta gardin{a} decem

7 pomar{ia} ac medietat{em} vnus Castell{i} & Canaliu{m} plumbi eidem

8 Castell{o} spectan{tem} cum p{er}tin{entijs} in Paroch{ie} s{an}c{t}i Botholphi ext{ra}

9 Bishoppisgate in Ciuitate n{ost}ra London{ie} Quor{um}quidem p{re}miss{orum} vna

10 Allea vocat{a} Todd{es} Alley ac ten{ementa} eidem Allee spectan{tia} parcell{a}

11 p{re}missor{um} existen{tia} de nob{is} tenent{ur} in Capite vt dicit{ur} Habendum

12 & tenend{um} eidem Comiti & hered{ibus} suis imp{er}p{etuu}m Quequidem alienacio

13 f{a}c{t}a fuit licen{cia} n{ost}ra regia inde prius non obtenta Sciatis igit{ur} q{uo}d nos

14 de gr{aci}a n{ost}ra sp{eci}ali ac p{ro} quatuor libris solut{is} ffirmar{ijs} n{ost}ris virtute l{itte}rar{um} n{ost}rar{um}

15 patenc{ium} p{er}donam{us} & remittim{us} non solum t{ra}nsgress{i}onem in hac p{ar}te f{a}c{t}am

16 v{er}imeciam [sic?] reddit{us} & p{ro}ficua p{re}dict{orum} p{re}miss{orum} de nob{is} tent{orum} cum p{er}tin{entijs} vt p{re}fert{ur}

17 nob{is} forisfact{a} debit{e}(?) computand{a} siue solend{a} [sic?] in Sc{ac}c{ar}io n{ost}ro eo q{uo}d alienacio

18 p{re}d{i}c{t}a f{a}c{t}a fuit absq{ue} licen{cia} n{ost}ra Regia vt p{re}dicit{ur} Et vlt{er}ius concessim{us}

19 ac p{ro} nob{is} hered{ibus} & successorib{us} n{ost}ris quantum in nob{is} est p{er} p{re}sentis

20 concedim{us} & [sic] p{re}fat{o} Comiti q{uo}d ip{s}e p{re}d{i}c{t}a p{re}missa cum p{er}tin{entijs} int{er}

21 alia de nob{is} tent{a} vt p{re}fert{ur} h{ab}eat & teneat sibi ac hered{ibus} suis de nob{is}

22 hered{ibus} & succ{essoribus} n{ost}ris p{er} s{er}uicia inde debit{a} & de iure consuet{a} imp{er}p{etuu}m Absq{ue}

23 impetic{i}o{n}e molestac{i}o{n}e vexac{i}o{n}e impedimento siue g{ra}uamine n{ost}ri aut

24 hered{um} vel success{orum} n{ost}ror{um} aut aliquor{um} Iustic{i}ariorum} Escaet{orum} vic{ecomitum} Balliuor{um} seu

25 ministror{um} n{ost}ror{um} aut d{i}c{t}or{um} hered{um} vel successor{um} n{ost}ror{um} quor{um}cumq{ue} r{ati}one

26 aut p{re}textu Alienac{i}o{n}is p{re}d{i}c{t}e In cui{us} rei &c T{este} R{egine} apud West{monasteriu}m decimo

27 die Novembr{is}