

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 20 January 1579 by which clear title to lands in Bowers Gifford in Essex passed from Oxford to Hugh Beeston and Geoffrey Crome for £180. Proclamation of the fine was made sixteen times, beginning on 5 February 1579 and ending on 28 November 1579. For the recognizance in the amount of £666 13s 4d which Oxford acknowledged to Hugh Beeston on 17 April 1580, presumably in connection with this transaction, see TNA 30/34/14. For Hugh Beeston's involvement with the Queen's grant of Edward Jones' lands to Oxford see C 66/1291, mbs 5-7).

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Hilary in the year of the reigns of Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. from the Conquest the twenty-first [=20 January 1579], before James Dyer, Roger Manwood, Robert Monson & Thomas Meade, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Hugh Beeston, gentleman, & Geoffrey Crome, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, deforciant, of forty acres of arable land, forty acres of meadow, forty acres of pasture & one hundred & twenty acres of salt-marsh with the appurtenances in Bowers Gifford;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid tenements with the appurtenances to be the right of himself, Hugh, as those which the same Hugh & Geoffrey have of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid Hugh & Geoffrey & the heirs of himself, Hugh, forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Hugh & Geoffrey & the heirs of himself, Hugh, the foresaid tenements with the appurtenances against all men forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Hugh & Geoffrey have given to the foresaid Earl one hundred & eighty pounds sterling.

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the fifth day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-first year of the within-written Queen;

The second proclamation on the seventh day of February in the same term;

The third proclamation on the ninth day of February in the same term;

The fourth proclamation on the twelfth day of February in the same term.

The fifth proclamation was made on the twenty-fifth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-first year of the within-written Queen;

The sixth proclamation on the twenty-seventh day of May in the same term;

The seventh proclamation on the thirtieth day of May in the same term;

The eighth proclamation on the first day of June in the same term.

The ninth proclamation was made on the second day of July in Trinity term in the twenty-first year of the within-written Queen;

The tenth proclamation on the fourth day of July in the same term;

The eleventh proclamation on the sixth day of July in the same term;

The twelfth proclamation on the eighth day of July in the same term.

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the twenty-first day of November in Michaelmas term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the twenty-fourth day of November in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the twenty-sixth day of November in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the twenty-eighth day of November in the same term.

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium in Octabis sancti Hillarij

2 Anno regnorum Elizabethhe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto

3 vicesimo primo coram Iacobo Dyer Rogero Manwood Roberto Mounson & Thoma

4 Meade Iusticiarijs & Alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Hugonem Beiston

5 Generosum & Galfridum Crome querentes et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie deforciantem de

6 quadraginta acris terre quadraginta acris prati quadraginta acris pasture & Centum

7 & viginti acris marisci salsi cum pertinentijs in Bower Gyfford Vnde Placitum

8 conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit

9 predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs esse ius ipsius Hugonis Vt illa que ijdem Hugo & Galfridus

10 habent de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis

11 predictis Hugoni & Galfrido & heredibus ipsius Hugonis Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes

12 concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Hugoni & Galfrido & heredibus

13 ipsius Hugonis predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs contra omnes homines Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione

14 remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia ijdem Hugo & Galfridus dederunt

15 predicto Comiti Centum & Octoginta libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit quinto die ffebruarij Termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo primo Regine infrascripte

secunda proclamatio septimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio nono die ffebruarij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio duodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

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Quinta proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo quinto die Maij Termino pasche Anno vicesimo primo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio vicesimo septimo die Maij eodem termino

septima proclamatio tricesimo die Maij eodem termino

octava proclamatio primo die Iunij eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit secundo die Iulij Termino sancti Trinitatis Anno vicesimo primo Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio quarto die Iulij eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio sexto die Iulij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio octavo die Iulij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Nouembris termino sancti Michaelis anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio vicesimo quarto die Nouembris eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Nouembris eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Nouembris eodem termino

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