

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 29 June 1579 by which clear title to the manors of Wennington and Kennington in Essex passed from Robert Vere to William Aylofffe for £680. According to the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's indenture of 2 June 1562, Oxford's uncle, Robert Vere, held only a life estate in these manors, with reversion to Oxford and his heirs (see C 54/626 and WARD 8/13). It is not clear from the fine how Oxford's reversionary interest was dealt with, but it would appear that an agreement was reached between Oxford and his uncle for the disposal of these lands. See also CP 25/2/131/1675/21/22ELIZITRIN, Item 10, for a fine which deals with Oxford's interest in 40 acres of salt-marsh pertaining to the same lands. Robert Vere died in 1598; for his will, see PROB 11/91, f. 279.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the quindene of Trinity 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 [=29 June 1579], before James Dyer, Robert Monson, Thomas Meade & Francis Wyndham, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between William Aylofffe, one of the justices of the Lady Queen assigned for the pleas to be holden before herself, the Lady Queen [-one of the justices of the Queen's Bench], querent, and Robert Vere, esquire, deforciant, of the manors of Wennington and Kennington with the appurtenances, and of six messuages, six gardens, two hundred acres of arable land, twenty acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, twenty acres of wood, one hundred acres of fresh marsh, two hundred acres of salt-marsh, one hundred shillings of rent, & several fishery with the appurtenances in Wennington, Aveley alias Alvethley, & Rainham;

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

And besides the same Robert has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid William & his heirs the foresaid manors, tenements, rents & fishery with the appurtenances against the foresaid Robert & his heirs forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same William has given to the foresaid Robert six hundred & eighty pounds sterling.

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the second day of July in Trinity term in the twenty-first year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The ninth proclamation was made on the sixth day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

The tenth proclamation on the eighth day of February in the same term;

The eleventh proclamation on the tenth day of February in the same term;

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

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the ninth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the eleventh day of May in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the thirteenth day of May in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the sixteenth day of May in the same term.

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1 Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium A die sancte Trinitatis in

2 quindecim dies Anno regnorum Elizabethhe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris

3 &c A conquesto vicesimo primo coram Iacobo Dyer Roberto Mounson Thoma Meade & ffrancisco

4 Wyndam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Willelmum Ayloff vnum Iusticiariorum

5 domine Regine ad placita coram ipsa domina Regina tenenda assignatum querentem et Robertum Veer Armigerum

6 deforciantem de Manerijs de Wennyngton & Kennyngton cum pertinentijs Ac de sex mesuagijs sex gardinis

7 ducentis acris terre viginti acris prati centum acris pasture viginti acris bosci centum acris marisci

8 frisci ducentis acris marisci salsi centum solidatis redditus & separali piscaria cum pertinentijs in

9 Wennyngton Alveley alias Alvethley & Raynham Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter

10 eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Robertus recognovit predicta Maneria tenementa redditus & piscariam cum

11 pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Willelmi Vt illa que idem Willelmus habet de dono predicti Roberti Et illa remisit &

12 quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Willelmo & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Robertus

13 concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Willelmo & heredibus suis predicta Maneria tenementa

14 redditus & piscariam cum pertinentijs contra predictum Robertum & heredes suos Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognitione

15 remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & concordia Idem Willelmus dedit predicto Roberto sexcentas

16 & octoginta libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit secundo die Iulij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo primo Regine infrascripte

Secunda proclamatio quarto die Iulij eodem termino

tercia proclamatio sexto die Iulij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio octauo die Iulij eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris Termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio vicesimo quarto die Novembris eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

octava proclamatio vicesimo octauo die Novembris eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit sexto die ffebruarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio octauo die ffebruarij eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio decimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio duodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit nono die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio vndecimo die Maij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio terciodecimo die Maij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio sextodecimo die Maij eodem termino

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