

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 20 January 1580 by which clear title to the manor of Mountnessing in Essex passed from Oxford to Sir John Petre for £480. Proclamation of the fine was made sixteen times, beginning on 6 February 1580 and ending on 28 November 1580. Sir John Petre was the son of Sir William Petre, Secretary of State to four monarchs, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I.

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-second [=20 January 1580], before James Dyer, Robert Monson, Thomas Meade & Francis Wyndham, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between John Petre, knight, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Mountnessing alias Ging Mountney with the appurtenances, and of one hundred messuages, twenty cottages, ten tofts, one hundred gardens, one hundred orchards, one thousand acres of arable land, two hundred acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, one hundred acres of wood, ninety acres of furze & heath, twenty pounds rent, free warren & free fishery with the appurtenances in Mountnessing alias Ging Mountney, Hutton, Great Burstead & Buttsbury;

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

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid John & his heirs the foresaid manor, tenements, rents, warren & fishery with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs forever;

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

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

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

The third proclamation on the tenth 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 ninth day of May in Easter term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

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

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

The tenth proclamation on the seventeenth day of June in the same term;

The eleventh proclamation on the twentieth day of June in the same term;

The twelfth proclamation on the twenty-second day of June in the same term.

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

The fourteenth proclamation on the twenty-third 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

2 Hillarij Anno regnorum Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei

3 defensoris &c A conquesto vicesimo secundo Coram Iacobo Dyer Roberto Mounson Thoma

4 Meade & ffrancisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus

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5 Inter Iohannem Petre Militem querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie Magnum Camerarium

6 Anglie deforciantem de Manerio de Mounteneysing alias Gyng Mountney cum pertinentijs Ac de

7 centum Mesuagijs viginti cotagijs decem toftis Centum Gardinis Centum

8 pomarijs Mille acris terre ducentis acris prati centum acris pasture centum acris

9 bosci nonaginta acris Iampnorum & bruere viginti libratis redditus libera Warrenna

10 & libera piscaria cum pertinentijs in Mountneysing alias Gyng Mountney Hutton greate

11 Bursteade & Buttsbery Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem

12 Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium tenementa redditus Warrennam &

13 piscarium cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Iohannis Vt illa que Idem Iohannes habet de

14 dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto

15 Iohanni & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus

16 suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Iohanni & heredibus suis predicta Manerium tenementa redditus

17 Warrennam & piscariam cum pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem & heredes suos

18 Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & concordia

19 Idem Iohannes dedit predicto Comiti quadringentas & octoginta libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam Statuti

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Prima proclamatio facta fuit sexto die february termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

secunda proclamatio octavo die february eodem termino

tercia proclamatio decimo die february eodem termino

quarta proclamatio duodecimo die february eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit nono die Maij termino Pasche Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio undecimo die Maij eodem termino

septima proclamatio terdecimo die Maij eodem termino

octava proclamatio sextodecimo die Maij eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit quinto decimo die Iunij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio decimo septimo die Iunij eodem termino

undecima proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

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