

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 18 April 1580 by which clear title to lands in Gibcrack, Purleigh, and Sandon in Essex passed from Oxford to Robert Petre for £40. Proclamation of the fine was made sixteen times, beginning on 9 May 1580 and ending on 13 February 1581. For the recognizance in the amount of £250 which Oxford acknowledged to Robert Petre on 5 March 1580, presumably in connection with this transaction, see TNA 30/34/14. The Robert Petre who purchased lands from Oxford would appear to have been Robert Petre, Auditor of the Exchequer, brother of Sir William Petre (1505?-1572), Secretary of State to Henry VIII, Edward I, Mary I and Elizabeth I.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the quindene of Easter 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 [=18 April 1580], before James Dyer, Thomas Meade & Francis Wyndham, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between Robert Petre, esquire, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of one hundred acres of wood with the appurtenances in Gibcrack, Purleigh and Sandon;

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, Robert, as those which the same Robert has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid Robert & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Robert & his heirs the foresaid tenements with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs and against the heirs of John, late Earl of Oxenford, deceased, father of the same Earl, forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Robert has given to the foresaid Earl forty pounds sterling.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The tenth proclamation on the twenty-third day of November in the same term;

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

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

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the seventh day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-third year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

The sixteenth proclamation on the thirteenth day of February in the same term.

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium A die

2 Pasche in quindecim dies Anno regnorum Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie

3 & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo secundo coram Iacobo

4 Dyer Thoma Meade & ffrancisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs & alijs domine

5 Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Robertum Petre Armigerum querentem

6 et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie Magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de

7 Centum acris bosci cum pertinentijs in Iepcrake Purley & Sandon Vnde

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

9 Comes recognovit predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Roberti Vt illa

10 que Idem Robertus habet de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit &

11 quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Roberto & heredibus suis Imperpetuum

12 Et preterea Idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt

13 predicto Roberto & heredibus suis predicta tenementa cum pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem

14 & heredes suos ac contra heredes Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie defuncti

15 patris ipsius Comitis Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione

16 quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia Idem Robertus dedit predicto

17 Comiti quadraginta libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit Nono die Maij termino Pasche Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

Secunda proclamatio vndecimo die Maij eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio terciodecimo die Maij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio sextodecimo die Maij eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit quintodecimo die Iunij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio decimo septimo die Iunij eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

octava proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

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

decima proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit septimo die ffebruarij termino sancti Hillarij anno
vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio nono die ffebruarij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vndecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio terciodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

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