

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 30 May 1580 by which clear title to the manor of Bumpstead Hall in Essex passed from Oxford to William Stubbing for an annuity of £30 payable to Oxford and his heirs. The manors of Bumpstead Countesmead and Great Bumpstead had been among Oxford's manors granted by the Queen to Leicester on 22 October 1563 for the term of Oxford's minority. For the licence dated 12 May 1580 authorizing Oxford to alienate the manor of Bumpstead, see TNA C 66/1197, m. 5. For the recognizance in the amount of £1200 which Oxford acknowledged to Stubbing on 19 May 1580 in connection with this sale, see TNA C 54/1095, Part 25. For the recognizance in the amount of £200 acknowledged by Stubbing to Oxford in connection with payment of the annuity of £30, see TNA PROB C 54/1094, Part 24(?).

The William Stubbing who purchased the manor of Bumpstead Hall appears to have been the William Stubbing who had been a tenant of the 16th Earl, and also appears to have been the William Stubbing, yeoman, of Helions Bumpstead whose will, dated 5 January 1603, was probated on 28 January 1604 (see TNA PROB 11/103, f. 23).

For William Stubbing's part in Roger Harlakenden's fraud against Oxford in the purchase of Colne Priory, see TNA C 22/406/21 and TNA C 2/Eliz/O3/32.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of Holy Trinity in the year of the reigns of Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, [-France] & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. from the Conquest the twenty-second [=30 May 1580] before James Dyer, Thomas Meade & Francis Wyndham, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between William Stubbing, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Bumpstead Hall with the appurtenances, and of twenty messuages, twenty gardens, one thousand acres of arable land, one hundred acres of meadow, five hundred acres of pasture, forty acres of wood and six pounds rent with the appurtenances in Helions Bumpstead alias Earls Bumpstead, Steeple Bumpstead & Hempstead;

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

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

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same William has granted to the foresaid Earl a certain annuity or yearly rent of thirty pounds of lawful money of England issuing of & in the foresaid manor, tenements & rents with the appurtenances, and he has granted the same to him in the same court, to have & perceive the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of thirty pounds to the same Earl & his heirs at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin to be paid yearly by equal portions, and if it should happen the foresaid annuity or yearly rent of thirty pounds or any parcel thereof to be in arrears in part or in whole after any feast of the foresaid feasts, as is mentioned previously, to be owing or unpaid, that then it shall be well allowed to the foresaid Earl & his heirs into the foresaid manor, tenements & rents with the appurtenance & into any parcel thereof to enter & distrain, and the distrains thus there taken & had licitly to take away, carry off & drive out, and detain in his possession until of the foresaid annuity or yearly rent thirty pounds with the arrearages of the same, if any shall have been, shall be fully satisfied & paid.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2 ffrancie [sic] & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo secundo coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade & ffrancisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs & alijs

3 domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Willelmum Stubbinge querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie Magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de Manerio de

4 Bumpsted Hall cum pertinentijs ac de viginti Mesuagijs viginti gardinis Mille acris terre Centum acris prati quingentis acris pasture

5 quadraginta acris bosci & sex libratis redditus cum pertinentijs in Bumpsted Helyon alias Bumpsted Comitum Bumpsted ad Turrim &

6 Hempsted Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium tenementa & redditus cum

7 pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Willelmi Vt illa que Idem Willelmus habet de dono predicti Comitum Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto

8 Willelmo & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea Idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Willelmo & heredibus suis predicta Manerium tenementa

9 & redditus cum pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem & heredes suos Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quieteclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia Idem

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11 predictis Manerio tenementis & redditibus cum pertinentijs Et illam ei reddidit in eadem Curia habendum & percipiendum predictam Annuitatem siue Annualementum

12 triginta librarum eidem Comiti & heredibus suis Ad festa sancti Michaelis Archangelis & Annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis per equales porciones Annuatim

13 solvendum Et si contingat predictam Annuetatem [sic] siue Annualementum redditum triginta librarum aut Aliquam inde parcellam A retro fore

14 in parte vel in toto post aliquod festum festorum predictorum quovt prefertur solui debeat non solutam quod tunc bene licebit predicto Comiti

15 & heredibus suis in predictam Manerium tenementa & redditum cum pertinentijs & in quamlibet inde parcellam intrare & distringere districcionesque sic ibidem

16 captas & habitas licite abducere asportare & effugare ac penes se retinere quovsque de predicta annuitate siue Annuali redditu

17 triginta librarum cum arreragijs eiusdem si que fuerint plenarie fuerit [sic?] satisfactis & persolutis

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Secundum formam statuti

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

Secunda proclamatio decimo septimo die Iunij eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

Quarta proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

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

sexta proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

octava proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit septimo die ffebruarij Termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

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Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit primo die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

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quintadecima proclamatio sexto die Maij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio octauo die Maij eodem termino

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