

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 22 May 1581 by which clear title to the manor of Gibcrack in Essex passed from Oxford to John Mabbe the younger for £400. For the recognizance in the amount of 2000 marks which Oxford acknowledged to Mabbe on 16 February 1581 in connection with this sale, see TNA C 54/1118, Part 22. For the pardon of alienation dated 9 November 1581 granted to Oxford for alienating the manor of Gibcrack to Mabbe without licence, see TNA C 66/1206, m. 30.

John Mabbe later purchased the manor of Little Yeldham from Oxford. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 15 June 1584 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Little Yeldham to Mabbe, see TNA CP 25/2/132/1694/26ELIZITRIN, Item 26.

There were other connections between Oxford and the Mabbe family. In his 1552 will, the 16th Earl of Oxford had granted an annuity to a John Mabbe who was at the time a yeoman in his household (see BL MS Stowe Charter 633-4). The schedule annexed to Oxford's indenture of 30 January 1575 includes a debt in the amount of £95 6s 8d to one Mabbe (see ERO D/Drg2/25), presumably the London goldsmith John Mabbe the elder (c.1515-1582), father of the 'John Mabbe the younger' who purchased the manors of Gibcrack and Little Yeldham from Oxford in 1581 and 1584. John Mabbe the younger and his wife Martha (nee Denham) were the parents of James Mabbe (1572-1642?), who wrote commendatory verses signed 'I.M.' for the First Folio of Shakespeare's plays. From the online *Dictionary of National Biography* entry for the translator James Mabbe:

Mabbe [Mab], James (1571/2–1642?), translator, was born in Surrey, in the diocese of Winchester, the son of John Mabbe and Martha, daughter of William Denham of London. His grandfather, also named John Mabbe, was a well-known member of the Goldsmiths' Company who served as chamberlain of London in 1577.

For the wills of John Mabbe (c.1515-1582), goldsmith, and Chamberlain of London, see TNA PROB 11/65, ff. 6-7 and TNA PROB 11/71, ff. 70-1).

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow 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-third [=22 May 1581] before James Dyer, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Peryam, justices, and afterwards one month after Michaelmas in the abovesaid year of the reigns of the same Queen Elizabeth there granted & recorded before the same justices & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between John Mabbe the younger, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Gibcrack alias Jepcrack alias Chipcrack with the appurtenances and twenty messuages, twenty gardens, five hundred aces of land, four hundred acres of meadow,

one hundred acres of wood, five hundred acres of furze & heath, and also view of frankpledge with the appurtenances in Purleigh, Danbury & Sandyn alias Sandon;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid manor, tenements & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances to be the right of the same John as those which the same John has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and 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 & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs and against the heirs of John, late Earl of Oxford, deceased, father of the same Earl, forever;

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

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the twenty-first day of November in Michaelmas term in the twenty-fourth year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The twelfth proclamation on the twenty-eighth day of May in the same term;

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the twenty-seventh day of June in Trinity term in the twenty-fourth year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the thirtieth day of June in the same term;

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

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

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Crastino sancte Trinitatis Anno regnorum Elizabethae dei

2 gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A conquesto vicesimo tercio coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade

3 ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs et postea a die sancti Michaelis in vnum mensem Anno regnorum eiusdem

4 Regine Elizabethae supradicto ibidem concessa & recordata coram eisdem Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc

5 ibi presentibus Inter Iohannem Mabb Iuniorem querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie magnum camerarium Anglie deforciantem de

6 Manerio de Gibcrake alias Jepcracke alias Chipcracke cum pertinentijs ac de viginti mesuagijs viginti gardinis

7 quingentis acris terre quadringentis acris prati Centum acris bosci quingentis acris iamprorum & bruere necnon de visu franci

8 plegij cum pertinentijs in Purley Danburye & Sandyn alias Sandon Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in

9 eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium tenementa & visum franci plegij cum pertinentijs esse ius ipsius

10 Iohannis Vt illa que idem Iohannes habet de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quietaclamavit de se & heredibus suis

11 predicto Iohanni & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto

12 Iohanni & heredibus suis predicta Manerium tenementa & visum franci plegij cum pertinentijs contra predictum Comitem & heredes suos

13 ac contra heredes Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie defuncti patris ipsius Comitis Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione

14 remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & Concordia idem Iohannes dedit predicto Comiti quadringentas libras

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo quarto Regine infrascripte

Secunda proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio vicesimo quinto die Novembris eodem termino

Quarta proclamatio vicesimo octauo die Novembris eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit sexto die ffebruarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo quarto Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio octauo die ffebruarij eodem termino

septima proclamatio decimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

octava proclamatio duodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo quarto Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Maij eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Maij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo octauo die Maij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo septimo die Iunij termino sancte Trinitatis
Anno vicesimo quarto Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio tricesimo die Iunij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio secundo die Iulij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio quarto die Iulij eodem termino

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