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SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 October 1587 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the 'honour, manor and castle of Hedingham' to the Queen in accordance with the terms of his deed of 3 July 1587 (see TNA E 211/35). Proclamation of the fine was made sixteen times, beginning on 21 November 1587 and ending on 26 June 1588.

For a discussion of Oxford's deed of 3 July 1587 and the background to the fine below, see TNA E 211/35.

For the grant dated 18 November 1587 by which the Queen regranted Castle Hedingham, together with her reversionary interest, to Oxford and the heirs of his body by his first wife, Anne Cecil, see TNA C 66/1318, mm. 14-15.

For the differences in the description of the property in the fine below and in the fine dated 25 November 1591 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the honour and castle of Hedingham and the manors of Hedingham, Shetleford and Parkes to Lord Burghley and his heirs, see TNA CP 25/2/1723/33/34ELIZIMICH, Item 74.

The reason for the difference in the description of the property in the two fines is unclear.

For a summary of the complicated transactions between Oxford and the Queen involving Castle Hedingham, see TNA CP 25/2/135/1725/34ELIZIEASTER, Item 44.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Michaelmas 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-ninth [=6 October 1587], before Edmund Anderson, Francis Wyndham, William Peryam & Francis Rodes, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between the same Lady Queen, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of the honour, manor and castle of Hedingham with the appurtenances, and of three hundred messuages, one hundred tofts, twenty mills, three hundred gardens, two hundred orchards, three thousand acres of land, one thousand acres of meadow, two thousand acres of pasture, one thousand acres of wood, three hundred acres of furze & heath, two hundred acres of moor, one hundred acres of marsh, & forty pounds' rent with the appurtenances in Hedingham, Castle Hedingham, Sible Hedingham, Great Maplestead, Little Yeldham, Grayes, Prayors alias Bower Hall, Gosfield, Shetleford, Stambourne, Nether Yeldham, Toppesfield, Parkes, Gestingthorpe & Over Yeldham;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between the same Lady Queen & the foresaid Earl in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid honour, manor, castle, tenements and rents with the appurtenances to be the right of the same Lady Queen as those which the same Lady Queen has of the gift of the foresaid

Earl, and has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid Lady Queen, her heirs & successors, forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid Lady Queen, her heirs and successors, the foresaid honour, manor, castle, tenements & rents with the appurtenances against all men forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same Lady Queen has given to the foresaid Earl five 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 thirtieth 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 thirtieth 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 thirteenth day of May in Easter term of the thirtieth year of the within-written Queen;

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

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

The twelfth proclamation on the twentieth day of May in the same term.

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the twentieth day of June in Trinity term in the thirtieth year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the twenty-second day of June in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the twenty-fifth day of June in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the twenty-sixth day of June in the same term.

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium in Octabis sancti Michaelis Anno regnorum Elizabethae dei

2 gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto Vicesimo Nono coram Edmundo Anderson ffrancisco

3 Wyndam Willelmo Peryam & ffrancisco Rodes Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter ipsam

4 Dominam Reginam querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie deforciantem de Honore Manerio et Castro de Hedingham cum

5 pertinentijs ac de trescentis mesuagijs Centum toftis Viginti molendinis trescentis gardinis ducentis pomarijs

6 tribus Millibus acrarum terre Mille acris prati duobus Millibus acrarum pasture Mille acris bosci trescentis

7 acris iamprorum & bruere ducentis acris more Centum acris marisci & quadraginta libratis redditus cum

8 pertinentijs in Hedingham Hedingham at Castle Hedingham Sibley Maplested magna yeldham parua Grayes

9 Pryors alias Bowers Hall Gosfild Shettilford Stanburne Nether yeldham Toppesfeld Parkes

10 Gestingthorpe & Over yeldham Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter ipsam Dominam Reginam & predictum Comitem in eadem Curia Scilicet quod

11 predictus Comes recognovit predicta Honorem Manerium Castrum tenementa et redditus cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Domine

12 Regine Vt illa que eadem Domina Regina habet de dono predicti Comitum Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de

13 se & heredibus suis predictae Domine Regine heredibus & successoribus suis Imperpetuum et preterea idem Comes concessit

14 pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictae Domine Regine heredibus & successoribus suis predicta Honorem Manerium

15 Castrum tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs contra omnes homines Imperpetuum et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione

16 Waranto fine & Concordia eadem Domina Regina dedit predicto Comiti quingentas libras sterlingorum

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Secundum formam statuti

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

secunda proclamatio vicesimo tertio die Novembris eodem termino

tertia proclamatio vicesimo quinto die Novembris eodem termino

quarta proclamatio vicesimo octavo die Novembris eodem termino

quinta proclamatio facta fuit sexto die februarij termino sancti Hillarij Anno tricesimo Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio octavo die februarij eodem termino

septima proclamatio decimo die februarij eodem termino

octava proclamatio duodecimo die februarij eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit tercio decimo die Maij termino Pasche Anno tricesimo Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio quintodecimo die Maij eodem termino

undecima proclamatio decimo septimo die Maij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio vicesimo die Maij eodem termino

terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo die Junij termino sancti Trinitatis Anno tricesimo Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Junij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio vicesimo quinto die Junij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Junij eodem termino

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