

SUMMARY: The document below is the quitclaim of 20 June 1576 by which Oxford released all his interest in the manors of Roseworthy in Gwinear, Tregenna Wollas and Tregenna Wartha in St Ewe, Bejowan in St Columb Minor, Domellick in St Dennis, Tresithney in St Columb Major, and Tregorrick in St Austell, all in Cornwall. The manors had been sold to Sir John Arundel (d.1590) of Lanherne by Oxford's three trustees, Sir William Cordell, Master of the Rolls, Thomas Bromley, the Queen's Solicitor-General, and Edward Hubberd, Oxford's receiver-general, by an indenture of bargain and sale dated 20 December 1575 for the stated consideration of £3083 5s 8d (see AR/1/856). The consideration was payable in three instalments, two of which were not due until 1 November 1576 and 1 November 1577. However two separate receipts for £1244 13s 4d apiece issued to Sir John Arundel on 13 July 1576 indicate that he paid the two remaining payments on that date (see AR1/859/1 and AR1/859/2), and the quitclaim below appears to have been made in anticipation of those two payments. On 20 June 1571, Sir John Arundel had been appointed surveyor of Oxford's lands in Cornwall and Devon. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/76, f. 290. On 20 January 1575 Oxford had conveyed these and other manors to Cordell, Bromley and Hubberd for £6000 by an indenture of bargain and sale (see SRO D615/D 45 (1)). Although nominally Oxford's trustees, it would appear that Cordell and Bromley represented the Queen's interests, since when Oxford sued his livery in 1572, he had been required to pledge all his lands as security for his debt to the Queen in the Court of Wards. Legal title to the manors passed from Oxford to the three trustees by a fine of 27 January and 18 April 1575 (see AR/1/854). Oxford intended to use the proceeds of the sale to finance his trip to the continent. He left England in the first week of February 1575, two weeks after having conveyed the manors in question to his three trustees, and only a few days after the fine of 27 January and 18 April 1575.

The quitclaim is signed by Oxford, and sealed with his seal. At the top of the document are a few notes in a modern hand.

To all faithful Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck, Lord of Badlesmere and Scales, greeting in the everlasting Lord;

Know that I, the forenamed Edward, Earl of Oxford, for divers good causes and considerations me especially moving, have discharged, released and for me and my heirs forever wholly quitclaimed to John Arundel of Lanherne in the county of Cornwall, knight, being in his full and peaceful possession and seisin, all my right, title, claim, interest and demand whatsoever which I had, have or in any way in future shall be able to have of and in all those manors or lordships of Roseworthy, Tregenna Wollas and Tregenna Wartha, Domellick, Tresithney, Bejowan and Tregorrick with all their rights, members and appurtenances in the said county of Cornwall, and of and in all and singular the messuages, tofts, mills, dovecots, gardens, lands, tenements, meadows, grazing lands, pastures, woods, underwoods, wastes, moors, rents, reversions, services and other the

hereditaments whatsoever to the foresaid manors or lordships or to any of them appertaining or in any way belonging, or reputed, accepted, had, demised, leased or occupied as parts, parcels or members of them or any of them, excepted, however, all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, profits, commodities and hereditaments which William Cordell, knight, Master of the Rolls of the Court of Chancery of the Lady Queen, Thomas Bromley, esquire, Solicitor-General of the said Lady Queen, and Edward Hubberd, receiver-general of me, the forenamed Earl of Oxford, sold and bargained to Edward Arundel, esquire, brother of the foresaid John Arundel, knight, and to the heirs of the forenamed Edward, by indenture bearing date the sixteenth day of December of this present eighteenth year of the said now Lady Queen;

To have and to hold all and singular the foresaid manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments and all other the premises (except before excepted) to the said John Arundel, his heirs and assigns, forever, and to the sole use and behoof of the foresaid John Arundel, his heirs and assigns, forever, viz.,

On condition that neither I, the forenamed Earl nor my heirs shall hereafter be able to sell, exact or have any right, title, claim, interest or demand of and in the foresaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements and other the premises with the appurtenances or in any parcel thereof (except before excepted), but we and any of us be excluded entirely from all action, right, title, claim, interest and demand by these presents;

And I, the forenamed Edward, Earl of Oxford, and my heirs, shall truly warrant, acquit and forever by these presents defend all and singular the foresaid manors, messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and all and singular other the premises with the appurtenances (except before excepted) to the forenamed John Arundel, knight, and his heirs against me, the forenamed Earl, and my heirs;

In testimony of which I, the forenamed Edward, Earl of Oxford, to this my present writing have affixed my seal on the twentieth day of June in the eighteenth year [=20 June 1576] of the reign of the said our Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc.

Edward Oxeford

Acknowledged before me, John Gybon, Master in Chancery; on the thirteenth day of the month of July in the eighteenth year of the reign abovesaid.

1 Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens Scriptum peruenerit Edwardus deVeere Comes Oxonie dominus Magnus Camerarius Anglie vicecomes

2 Bulbeck dominus de Badlismere et Scales salutem in domino sempiternam NOUERITIS me prefatum Edwardum Comitem Oxonie pro diuersis bonis causis et consideracionibus me specialiter moventibus

3 Relaxasse remisisse et omnino pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quiet clamasse Iohanni Arrundell de Lanherne in Comitatu Cornubie militi in sua plena et pacifica possessione et seisina existenti, Totum

4 ius meum titulum clameum interesse et demandam quecumque que habui, habeo seu quovismodo infuturum habere potero de et in omnibus illis Manerijs siue dominijs de Rosworry Tregennowe wolas et Tregennow

5 wurth Demyllyock Tresythney Bosvien et Tregarreck cum suis iuribus membris et pertinentijs uniuersis in dicto Comitatu Cornubie ac de et in omnibus et singulis mesuagijs toftis molendinis Columbarijs

6 gardinis terris tenementis pratis pascuis, pasturis boscis subboscis vastis moris Redditibus reuercionibus seruicijs et ceteris hereditamentis quibuscumque predictis Manerijs siue dominijs siue eorum alicui vel

7 aliquibus pertinentibus siue aliquo modo spectantibus aut reputatis acceptis habitis dimissis locatis siue occupatis ut partes parcelas siue membra eorum aut alicuius eorum Exceptis tamen omnibus et singulis mesuagijs

8 terris tenementis Redditibus Reuercionibus seruicijs proficuis commoditatibus et hereditamentis que Willelmus Cordell miles magister Rotulorum Curie Cancellarie domine Regine Thomas

9 Bromeley Armiger Solicitor dicte domine Regine generalis, et Edwardus Hubbarte Receptor generalis mei prefati Comitatus Oxonie vendiderunt et barganzauerunt Edwardo

10 Arundell Armigero fratri predicti Iohannis Arrundell militis et heredibus prefati Edwardi per Indenturam gerentem datum decimo sexto die Decembris hoc presenti anno Decimo octauo

11 dicti domine Regine nunc, HABENDUM ET TENENDUM omnia et singula predicta Maneria terras tenementa redditus Reuerciones seruicia et hereditamenta ac cetera omnia premissa (excepta preexcepta)

12 eidem Iohanni Arrundell heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum, et ad solum opus et vsum predicti Iohannis Arrundell heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum ITA viz quod nec ego prefatus Comes

13 nec heres mei aliquod ius titulum clameum interesse siue demandam de et in predictis Manerijs mesuagijs terris tenementis et ceteris premissis cum pertinentijs aut in aliqua inde parcella

14 (exceptis preexceptis) imposterum vindicare exigere siue habere potero vel poterimus Sed ab omne accione iure titulo clameo interesse et demanda penitus simus exclusi et

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15 quilibet nostrum sit exclusus imperpetuum per presentes ET EGO VERO prefatus Edwardus Comes Oxonie et heres mei omnia et singula predicta Maneria mesuagia terras tenementa

16 hereditamenta et cetera omnia et singula premissa cum pertinentijs (excepta preexcepta) prefato Iohanni Arrundell militi et heredibus suis contra me prefatum Comitem et heredes meos

17 warrantizabimus acquietabimus et imperpetuum per presentes defendemus, IN CUIUS REI testimonium ego prefatus Edwardus Comes Oxonie huic presenti Scripto meo

18 Sigillum meum apposui dato vicesimo die Iunij Anno Regni dicte domine nostre Elizabethae dei gratia Anglie ffrancie et Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c decimo Octavo

Recognitum coram me Iohannem Gybon in cancellaria magistro decimo tertio die Mensis Iulij Anno regni supradicti decimo octavo