

SUMMARY: This document below is the indenture made 6 July 1585 between Leicester and Oxford's servant, Israel Amyce, by which Leicester released Amyce from any obligation for a statute Staple in the amount of £8000 provided that Amyce saved Leicester and the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse (which Oxford had sold to Leicester by indenture dated 9 June 1585) harmless from any statutes, recognizances or bonds which Amyce had made to Thomas Skinner (d.1596).

For other documents concerning this transaction between Oxford, Leicester, Amyce and Skinner, see:

*TNA PROB 11/56, ff. 265-6*

Last will and testament, dated 4 June 1573, of Roger Amyce, father of Oxford's servant, Israel Amyce, mentioning a deed poll by which the manor of Cranbrook, later purchased by Oxford, had been conveyed to Israel Amyce and his wife Martha

*TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 23*

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 2 May 1580 by which Leicester transferred clear title to the manors of Wanstead and Stonehall in Essex to Thomas Skinner for £40, a transaction related to Leicester's later purchase of the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse from Oxford on 9 June 1585

*TNA CP 25/2/131/1686/24ELIZITRIN, Item 41*

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 11 June 1582 by which Thomas Skinner and his wife, Blanche, transferred clear title to the manors of Wanstead and Stonehall to Leicester for £80, a transaction related to Leicester's purchase of Cranbrook and Rayhouse from Oxford on 9 June 1585

*TNA C 66/1233, m. 20*

Licence dated 2 September 1583 authorizing Oxford to alienate his manors of Tilbury-juxta-Clare, Northtofts and Skaths to his servant, Israel Amyce

*TNA CP 25/2/132/1691/25/26ELIZIMICH, Item 39*

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 October 1583 by which Thomas Skinner and his wife, Blanche, transferred clear title to the manors of Wanstead and Stonehall to Leicester for £80, a transaction related to Leicester's purchase of Cranbrook and Rayhouse from Oxford on 9 June 1585

*TNA C 66/1248, mm. 23-4*

Licence dated 2 March 1584 authorizing Oxford's servant Israel Amyce and his wife Martha to alienate their manor of Rayhouse to Oxford

*TNA CP 25/2/132/1693/26ELIZIEASTER, Item 39*

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 May 1584 by which Israel Amyce and his wife, Martha, transferred clear title to the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse in Essex to Oxford for £300

*TNA CP 25/2/132/1693/26ELIZIEASTER, Item 43*

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 6 May 1584 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Vaux in Essex to Israel Amyce for £300

*TNA CP 25/2/132/1693/26ELIZIEASTER, Item 46*

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 May 1584 by which Thomas Skinner and his wife Blanche transferred clear title to Wanstead and Stonehall in Essex to Leicester for £80, a transaction related to Leicester's later purchase of Cranbrook and Rayhouse from Oxford on 9 June 1585

*Evelyn MS 258b*

Entry of 16 June 1585 in an account book of Robert, Earl of Leicester, for £50 in part payment for the manor of Cranbrook which Leicester had purchased from Oxford on 9 June 1585

*TNA CP 25/2/133/1699/27/28ELIZIHIL, Item 37*

Fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 28 June 1585 and 6 October 1585 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse to Leicester

*TNA C 66/1278, m. 5*

Pardon of alienation, dated 3 February 1586, to Leicester for his purchase from Oxford and Israel Amyce of the manor of Rayhouse by indenture dated 9 June 1585 without prior licence from the Queen

*TNA C 66/1281, m. 38*

Pardon of alienation, dated 4 May 1586, to Leicester for his purchase from Oxford of the manors of Cranbrook and Rayhouse without prior licence from the Queen

*TNA PROB 11/73*

Extract from Leicester's will dated 1 August 1587 mentioning thirteen parcels of land formerly belonging to the manor of Cranbrook which Leicester had purchased from Oxford in 1585

This indenture made the sixth day of July in the seven and twentieth year [=6 July 1585] of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, etc., between the right honourable Robert, Earl of Leicester, Baron of Denbigh, of both the most noble Orders of the Garter and Saint Michael knight, Master of her Majesty's Horse, and one of her Highness' most honourable Privy Council of thone party, and Israel Amyce of Barking in the county of Essex, esquire, on the other party;

Witnesseth that whereas the said Israel Amyce by one writing obligatory or recognizance in the nature of a statute Staple bearing date the fifth day of July last past before the date

hereof taken and knowledged before Sir Edmund Anderson, knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, at Westminster standeth bounden to the said Earl in the sum of eight thousand pounds of lawful English money, as by the same writing obligatory or recognizance more plainly doth and may appear;

Nevertheless the said Earl is contented and pleased and doth covenant & grant for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators and every of them to & with the said Israel Amyce, his heirs, executors & administrators & every of them by these presents that if the said Israel Amyce, his heirs, executors, administrators & assigns or any of them at all time & times & from time to time forever hereafter at his and their own proper costs and charges do and shall acquit & discharge or otherwise at all time & times and from time to time forever hereafter save & keep harmless as well the said Earl, his heirs and assigns, as also the manors of Cranbrook & Rayhouse in the county of Essex and all other manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments whatsoever they be in the same county of Essex mentioned to be bargained, sold, granted, conveyed or assured by the right honourable Edward, Earl of Oxenford, to the said Earl of Leicester in or by one indenture tripartite bearing date the ninth day of June last past before the date hereof made between the said Earl of Oxenford on the first part, the said Earl of Leicester on the second part, and the said Israel Amyce on the third part of and from all statutes, writings obligatory in the nature of statutes of the Staple, recognizances and bonds heretofore knowledged or made by the said Israel Amyce to Thomas Skinner of London, cloth-worker, & of and from all executions, extents, damages, losses and costs which shall or may rise, grow or happen to the said Earl of Leicester, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns or any of them by reason of the same writings obligatory, recognizances, bonds or statutes or any of them, that then the said writing obligary [sic?] or recognizance of eight thousand pounds to be void and of none effect, or else to stand, remain and be in full strength and virtue;

In witness whereof the parties abovesaid to these present indentures interchangeably have put their seals given the day and year first above-written.

Endorsed: The defeasance of the statute Staple saving my Lord of Leicester harmless from all bonds by me entered into unto Mr Skinner.

R. Leicester