

SUMMARY: The document below dated 16 May 1588 is a lease for two years from Oxford to the Queen of the manor of Aveley, without any rent to be paid by the Queen. The document states that the lease has been made in satisfaction of a debt of £200 owed by Oxford to the Queen. For interrogatories administered to one Wilfred Luty on behalf of the Queen in her lawsuit against Richard Payne concerning Aveley, see TNA E/133/6/907. For the indenture of 24 March 1590 by which Oxford and John Herdson granted to the Queen a one hundredth part interest for the term of three years in lands in Aveley, see TNA E 210/10742. For reference by Oxford to his lease of Aveley in his letter to Lord Burghley written on 5 August 1590 (see BL Lansdowne 63/71, ff. 181-2):

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come, Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, Viscount Bulbeck, Lord of Badlesmere and Scales, and Lord Great Chamberlain of England, sendeth greeting in our Lord God everlasting;

Know ye me, the said Earl, towards the satisfaction and contentation of the sum of two hundred pounds which I, the said Earl, do owe & am indebted unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France, & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc., have demised, granted and to farm letten and by these presents do demise, grant and to farm let unto our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty all that the manor of Aveley with th' appurtenances in the county of Essex, and all and singular the lands, tenements and hereditaments appertaining or belonging within the said county of Essex;

To have and to hold the said manor, lands, tenements and other the premises with their and every of their appurtenances unto our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty from the feast of th' Annunciation of our Blessed Lady St. Mary the Virgin last past [=25 March 1588] before the date of these presents for & during the term of two years from thence next following fully to be complete and ended without any rent or other thing therefore to be yielded or paid;

In witness whereof I, the said Earl, have to these presents set my seal and subscribed my name the sixteenth day of May in the year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty the thirtieth [=16 May 1588].

captum & cognitum die & anno suprascriptis coram Roberto Clarke [=Taken & acknowledged on the day & year abovewritten before Robert Clarke]

Irrotulatum in Memorandis Scaccarij de Anno tricesimo Regine Elizabeth videlicet inter Commissiones literas patentes & scripta recognita de Termino Pasche ex parte Rememeratoris dicte domine Regine

[=Enrolled in the memoranda of the Exchequer in the thirtieth year of Queen Elizabeth, namely among the commissions, letters patent & writings acknowledged of Easter Term on the part of the Remembrancer of the said Lady Queen]

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