

SUMMARY: This schedule, which appears to date from 1587, is one of a group of documents among the papers of Sir John Popham, Queen Elizabeth's attorney-general, which relate to the scheme put forward in 1586 by which the purchasers of Oxford's lands were to repay Oxford's debt to the Queen in the Court of Wards. The schedule indicates that the interconnected web of obligations by which Oxford had guaranteed purchasers of his lands that he would indemnify them if the Queen extended against the lands for Oxford's debt to her in the Court of Wards amounted, by 1586/7, to the staggering sum of almost £150,000. Penal bonds of this nature required a triggering event before they took effect, but once such a triggering event occurred, the whole interconnected web of penal bonds could fall due. It is known that such triggering events took place in the mid- to late-1580s. Oxford's financial situation by 1586/7 was thus disastrous. It is important to bear in mind that Oxford received no money in exchange for entering into such penal bonds, although of course he received the purchase price of the lands in question. They were merely bonds by which Oxford guaranteed that he would indemnify the purchasers of his lands if they suffered financial loss by reason of their dealings with him, the most likely event which would precipitate such financial loss being extents against the lands in question by the Queen for Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards.

Included among these penal bonds are the two statutes of £6000 apiece mentioned in TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48 which Oxford had given to John, Lord Darcy (d.1581), and Sir William Waldegrave in 1572 as a guarantee of indemnification to them when they first guaranteed his original debt to the Court of Wards. Also included is the penal bond for £7000 which Oxford entered into in connection with his sale of one of his most valuable properties, Castle Camps, to Thomas Skinner on 16 September 1580 (see TNA C 54/1176 for further details of this sale, and BL Lansdowne 68/11, ff. 22-3, 28 for Skinner's later fraud against Oxford in connection with these bonds), as well as the penal bond entered into in connection with the sale of his mansion at London Stone to Sir Ambrose Nicholas circa 1573 (see also TNA PROB 11/60). A comparison of the names of the persons to whom Oxford acknowledged recognizances in the schedule below indicates that almost all were purchasers of his lands (see the various fines listed under TNA CP 25/2 and the recognizances themselves under TNA C 54 on this website). It is known that Oxford had entered into still other penal bonds in addition to the ones listed in the schedule below since the heading of the first set of obligations states that these are recognizances enrolled in Chancery for which no vacats had been entered, indicating that there were other bonds which had already been discharged. An example of one such recognizance which had been cancelled, and which is therefore not recorded in the schedule below, is Oxford's recognizance to his three trustees, Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd, to whom he sold manors in Staffordshire, Wiltshire and Cornwall by an indenture of bargain and sale on 20 January 1575 (see SRO D615/D 45(1)).

Recognizances acknowledged and enrolled in her Majesty's High Court of Chancery by the right honourable Edward, Earl of (blank), whereof there is no vacats nor satisfactions acknowledged

15 Elizabeth [=1573]	
part 27, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Ambrose Nicholas	£2000
16 Elizabeth [=1574]	
16 March, part 21, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Lord Burghley	£4000
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Lord Burghley	£1000
30 June, part 23, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Edward Aylofffe	£400
part 25, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thomas Barfoot and others	£1100
18 Elizabeth [=1576]	
14 July, part 18, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to William Cordell knight, Thomas Bromley, esquire, and Edward Hubberd, gentleman	£1950
14 July, part 19, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Danvers, knight	£2800
13 July, part 19, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Arundel, knight	£3150
20 Elizabeth [=1577/8]	
part 20, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Christopher Yelverton	£2000
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Roger Townshend and others	£2000
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Roger Townshend	£2000
5 August, part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Pepys	£2000
21 Elizabeth [=1579]	
15 August part 19, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Atslowe	£500
17 August the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thomas Ashfield	£1500
17 August the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thomas Duncombe	£800
24 August the same Earl acknowledged etc. to James Harrington, knight	£3000
part 21, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Edward Hubberd	£5000
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Wood	£500
part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Craddock and others	2000 marks
22 Elizabeth [=1580]	
11 March, part 23 the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Edward Hubbard	£800
15 March, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Richard Stonley	£1600
5 March, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Robert Petre	£250
27 March, part 25, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to George Knightley	£1000
30 March, part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Christopher Hatton knight	£12000

10 April, part 23, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to George Golding	£1000 & £300
12 April, part 23, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Byrd	£1000
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Israel Amyce and others	£1200
17 April, part 25, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to George Golding	£1000
17 April, part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Hugh Beeston	£666 13s 4d
9 May, part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Shugburgh	£800
12 May, part 25, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Edward Clere, knight	£2000
19 May, part 25, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to William Stubbing	£1200
8 June, part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Philip Tilney	£1800
16 September, part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thomas Skinner	£7000
17 September, part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thomas Skinner	2000 marks
23 Elizabeth [=1580/1]	
28 November, part 22, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thompson and Kelton	£500
last of January, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Waterhouse	£1000
16 February, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Mabbe	2000 marks
19 March, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Humphrey Drywood and others	£500
3 July, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Noke	£1000
24 Elizabeth [=1581/2]	
part 23, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Richard Shepham	£1200
part 25, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Drury, Doctor of Laws	£200
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Byatt(?)	£400
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Lewin, Doctor of Laws	£800
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to William Brewster and others	£1200
part 26, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thomas Gent	£666 13s 4d
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thomas Barfoot	£1000
25 Elizabeth [=1582/3]	
part 23, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Gardiner	£800
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Southall	£2000
part 25, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to (blank) Spring, knight	£2000
26 Elizabeth	
part 23, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Harlakenden	£1000 & £1000
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Nicholas Bleake	£400
the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Henry Atslowe	£3000

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the same Earl acknowledged etc. to William Bigg	£3000
27 Elizabeth [=1584/5] part 24, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Turner, widow	£3000
Total	£98583 6s 8d

A note of the statutes acknowledged by the said Earl until 29 Elizabeth [=1586/7]

13 Elizabeth [=1571] 6 July, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Lord Darcy	£6000
13 Elizabeth, 6 July, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to William Waldegrave, knight	£6000
25 Elizabeth [=1583] 18 June, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Richard Peacock and Rowland Martin, leather-sellers of London	£10000
26 Elizabeth [=1584] 19 December, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Thomas Skinner	£10000
26 Elizabeth, 27 March, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Israel Amyce	£4000
26 Elizabeth, 7 March [sic for 7 May?], the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Townshend, knight	£7000
26 Elizabeth, 23 May, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Honywood	£3000
28 Elizabeth [=1586] 5 July, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to the Earl of Leicester	£4000
28 Elizabeth, 5 July, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to Israel Amyce	£1000
Total	£51000

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Recognizances acknowledged and enrolled in her Majesty's High Court of Chancery by the right honourable Edward, Earl of (blank), whereof there is no vacats nor satisfactions acknowledged

15 Eliz{abethe} p{ar}s 27

idem Comes R{ecognovit} &c	Ambrosio Nicholas	2000li
16 Eliz{abethe}		
16 Marcij p{ar}s 21		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	D{omi}no Burghley	4000li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	D{omi}no Burghley	1000li
30 Iunij p{ar}s 23		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Edwardo Aylyffe	400li
p{ar}s 25		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Thome Barfoote et al{ijs}	1100li
18 Eliz{abethe} 14 Iulij p{ar}s 18		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Will{el}mo Cordell Milit{i}	
	Thome Bromley ar{migero}	
	et Edwardo Hubbard gen{e}r{oso}	1950li
14 Iulij p{ar}s 19		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Davers Milit{i}	2800li
13 Iulij p{ar}s 19		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Arrundell Milit{i}	3150li
20 Eliz{abethe}		
p{ar}s 20		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Christofero Yelverton	2000li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Rogero Townesende et al{ijs}	2000li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Rogero Townesende	2000li
5 Augustij p{ar}s 22		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Peppes	2000li
21 Eliz{abethe}		
15 Augustij p{ar}s 19		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Atslowe	500li
17 Augustij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Thome Ashefelde	1500li
17 Augustij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Thome Duncombe	800li
24 Augustij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Iacobo Harryngton Milit{i}	3000li
p{ar}s 21		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Edwardo Hubbard	5000li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Woode	500li

p{ar}s 22 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Craddocke et al{ijs}	2000 Marc{e}
22 Eliz{abethe}		
11 Marcij p{ar}s 23 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Edwardo Hubbard	800li
15 Marcij idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ric{hard}o Stoneley	1600li
5 Marcij idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Rob{er}to Petre	250li
27 Marcij p{ar}s 25 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Georgio Knighteley	1000li
30 Marcij p{ar}s 22 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	xpofero Hatton Milit{i}	12000li
10 Aprilis p{ar}s 23 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Georgio Goldynge	1000li & 300li
12 Aprilis p{ar}s 23 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Byrde	1000li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Israeli Amyce et al{ijs}	1200li
17 Aprilis p{ar}s 25 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Georgio Goldynge	1000li
17 Aprilis p{ar}s 22 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Hugoni Beeston	666li 13s 4d
9 Maij p{ar}s 22 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Shugburghe	£800
12 Maij p{ar}s 25 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Edwardo Clere Milit{i}	2000li
19 Maij p{ar}s 25 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Will{el}mo Stubbyng	1200li
8 Iulij p{ar}s 22 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Philippo Tylney	1800li
16 Septembris p{ar}s 22 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Thome Skynner	7000li
17 Septembris idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Thome Skynner	2000 Marc{e}
23 Eliz{abethe}		
28 Novembris p{ar}s 22 idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Tompson et Kelton	500li
vltimo Ianuarij idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Waterhouse	1000li
16 februarij idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Mabbe	2000 Marc{e}

19 Marcij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Humfr{ed}o Drywoode et al{ijs}	500li
3 Iulij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Noke	1000li
24 Eliz{abethe}		
p{ar}s 23		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ric{hard}o Shepham	1200li
p{ar}s 25		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Drewry Leg{u}m Doctor{i}	200li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Baet	400li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Lewyn Leg{u}m Doctor{i}	800li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Will{el}mo Brewster et al{ijs}	1200li
p{ar}s 26		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Thome Gent	666li 13s 4d
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Thome Barfoote	1000li
25 Eliz{abethe}		
p{ar}s 23		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Gardyner	800li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ioh{ann}i Southwell	2000li
p{ar}s 25		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	(blank) Spring Milit{i}	2000li
26 Eliz{abethe} p{ar}s 23		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Harlakenden	1000li & 1000li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Nich{ola}o Bleake	400li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Henrico Atteslowe	3000li
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Will{el}mo Bygge	3000li
27 Eliz{abethe} p{ar}s 24		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Turnor vidue	3000li
	Sum{m}a	98583li 6s 8d

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13 Eliz{abethe}		
6 Iulij idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	D{omi}no Darcy	6000li
13 Eliz{abethe} 6 Iulij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Will{el}mo Walgrave Milit{i}	6000li
25 Eliz{abethe}		
18 Iunij idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Ric{hard}o Peacoke et Roulando Martyn, Lathersellers London	10000li
26 Eliz{abethe}		
19 Decembris		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Thome Skynner	10000li
26 Eliz{abethe} 27 Marcij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Israeli Amyce	4000li
26 Eliz{abethe} 7 Marcij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Townesende Milit{i}	7000li
26 Eliz{abethe} 23 Maij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Honywoode	3000li
28 Eliz{abethe}		
5 Iulij idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Comit{i} Lecestrie	4000li
28 Eliz{abethe} 5 Iulij		
idem Comes r{ecognovit} &c	Israeli Amyce	1000li
	Sum{m}a	51000li