

SUMMARY: The document below dated 24 May 1563 is the certificate of John Purvey, feodary of Hertfordshire, issued in response to a commission requiring him to conduct a survey of all the lands owned in that county by John de Vere, 16th Earl of Oxford, prior to his death on 3 August 1562. Many of the details in the survey are confirmed in Parts 26-28 of TNA WARD 8/13. Similar surveys were ordered in all counties in which the 16th Earl owned lands, but only this one and the feodary Edward Glascock's survey of all the lands owned by the 16th Earl in Essex (ERO D/DU 65/72) have survived. The family background of Sir Robert Chester (d.1566) mentioned in the certificate can be found in Grosart, Alexander B., ed., *Robert Chester's Loves Martyr*, London, 1878, pp. v-x.

The certificate of John Purvey, esquire, feodary of the county of Hertford, to the commission and articles thereunto annexed to him directed for the survey of the manors, lands, and tenements, parcel of the possessions and inheritance of John, late Earl of Oxford, deceased, within the said county, made the 24th day of May anno regni Domine nunc Elizabethhe Regine Quinto [=24 May 1563] viz.

Hormead

	{ Redditibus et ffirmis tam Scitus Manerij predicti in terris }	
Valor	{ dominicalibus quam Liberos et Customariorum }	
in	{ Tenentium ibidem modo in tenura Alexandri Heiward }	xxxijli
	{ pro termino annorum ex concessione Iohannis nuper }	
	{ Comitibus Oxonie per annum }	

[TRANSLATION: Value in rents and farms, so of the site of the foresaid manor in the demesne lands as of the free and customary tenants there, now in the tenure of Alexander Hayward for term of years of the grant of John, late Earl of Oxford, by year: £32]

Memorandum. That the said value is certain and good and will not decay, & that the same cannot be better rented for that [+it] is in lease for term of 19-1/2 years yet to come.

Memorandum. That the lands abovesaid are all the lands [+in] that place, and none omitted that I can learn or understand [+of].

There were no part nor parcel of lands in this place in the occupation of the said late Earl.

Also there are no fees nor annuities going out of the said manor that I could have knowledge of but one annuity of £13 6s 8d claimed by (blank).

Also one parcel of the demesnes of the said manor containing 2 acres of arable land lying in a field called Upper Manfield on the west part of Canons Green, parcel of the said

manor, one Thomas Brond[‘s], which holdeth from the said manor and claimeth the same as parcel of his inheritance without title or right, as the farmer of the said manor can well prove, and affirmed upon this survey.

Also the perquisites of courts are but small for that the farmer hath all casualties and profits, whose several values exceedeth not 6s 8d, by several covenants in his lease.

Newsells

	{ Redditibus et ffirmiss manerij predicti in terris	}	
Valor	{ Dominicalibus ibidem modo in tenura Stephani Paine	}	xvijli
in	{ per Indenturam pro termino (blank) annorum per	}	
	{ concessionem Iohannis nuper Comitis Oxonie	}	
Reprise	{ Redditu resolutu annuatim exeunte extra	}	
in	{ Manerium predictum per annum	}	iiijs

Et Remanet clare xvjli xvjs

[TRANSLATION: Value in rents and farms of the foresaid manor in the demesne lands there, now in the tenure of Stephen Payne by indenture for term of (blank) years by the grant of John, late Earl of Oxenford: £17

Reprises in a rent resolute yearly issuing out of the foresaid manor, by year: 4s

And there remains clear: £16 16s]

Memorandum that the said rent is certain and good and will not decay.

And that the same cannot be better rented for that it is in lease for sixteen years yet to come.

And that the lands abovesaid are all the lands in that place, and none omitted that I can learn or understand of.

There were no part nor parcel of lands in this place in th’ occupation of the said late Earl.

Also there are no fees nor annuities going out of the said manor that I could have knowledge of.

Barkway cum Scales park

	{ Redditibus et ffirmis tam liberorum quam }		
	{ customariorum Tenentium in Barkeway parcella }		
	{ manerij de Newcelles prout patet Rentale }	xixli ijs}	
	{ inde factum per Homagium Iuratorum super hunc }		
	{ Superuisum per annum }		
Valor	{ }		xxixli ijs
in	{ Redditibus et Seruicijs pro Scales parke Dimissis }		
	{ ad ffeodi firmam Roberto Chester militi et }		
	{ heredibus suis imperpetuum ex concessione }	xli	
	{ predicti Iohannis nuper Comitibus oxonie per }		
	{ annum }		

Reprise	{ Ffeodo propositi siue Collectoris redditibus }	
in	{ per annum }	xxvjs viijd

Et Remanet clare xxvijli xvs iiijd

[TRANSLATION: Value in rents and farms, so of the free as of the customary tenants in Barkway, parcel of the manor of Newsells, as appears by the rent-book thereof made by the homage of jurors upon this survey, by year £19 2s

Rents and services for Scales park demised to fee farm to Robert Chester, knight, and his heirs forever of the grant of the foresaid John, late Earl of Oxenford, by year, £10

£29 2s

Reprises in the fee of the reeve or collector of rents, by year 25s 8d

And there remains clear £27 15s 4d]

Memorandum. That the said rent is uncertain and cannot be levied according to the said value for that Sir William Petre, knight, withholdeth a rent of 19s by year going out of his manor of Walter Andrews, and also another rent of 15d by year for a tenement late (blank) Pinner's which he claimeth to be parcel of his manor of (blank), and therefore denieth payment thereof.

Also Sir Robert Chester, knight, denieth payment as well of a rent of 8d by year going out of his manor of Hadleys which he saith was for a suit fine, and since the said manor came to the late King Henry the 8th as parcel of Rotherham College in Yorkshire and thereby the said rent was extinct, as also the yearly rent of 22d per annum detained by the said Sir Robert Chester for certain lands sometimes William Leeds', late of Royston, deceased, now in th' hands of the said Sir Robert, which he denieth for that the certain

parcel of the same lands is unknown, [+yet] the same rent hath been always paid by the said William Leeds until his death, which was 14 or 15 years past, as I was informed [+by] Thomas Sterne, then bailiff of the said manor.

Memorandum. That the lands abovesaid are all the lands in that place, and none omitted that I can learn or understand of.

There were no part nor parcel of lands in this place in th' occupation of the said late Earl.

John Purvey