

SUMMARY: The document below is an account for Oxford's manor of Christian Malford from 29 September 1562 to 29 September 1563 made by Thomas Lee, deputy of Jerome Balborough, bailiff of Christian Malford, showing that the total receipt for the manor in that year, beyond reprises of £5 13s 8d for the fees of the bailiff and steward of the manor and the expenses of holding the manor courts, was £46 13s 5d. In the 16th Earl's inquisition post mortem (PRO C 142/136/12), the manor was stated to be worth £37 9s 3-3/4 d in net annual revenues, and in Part 35 of WARD 8/13 the sum of £10 19s 8d di qa was added to that figure for rent increases resulting from a survey by the feodary of Wiltshire, bringing the net yearly revenue for the manor of Christian Malford to £48 8s 11-3/4d di qa. However according to the account below, in the year 1562-3 the manor yielded only £46 13s 5d in net revenue. Moreover the expenses incurred in holding the manor courts exceeded the profits, as noted below.

Christian Malford in the county of Wiltshire, parcel of the possessions of the late Earl of Oxenford

Account of Thomas Lee, deputy of Jerome Balborough, gentleman, bailiff there, for one entire year ended at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel in the fifth year [=29 September 1563] of the reign of Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, Ireland, etc.

Receipt of the assize of the freehold [+tenants]

The same accountant has received(?) the account of 26s of the whole receipt of the assize of the freehold tenants there by year, to be paid at 2 terms of the year, viz., at the feasts of Easter & Michaelmas equally. Sum: 26s.

Receipt of the assize of the customary [+tenants]

The same of £44 15s 6d of the whole receipt of the assize of the customary tenants there by year, to be paid at the foresaid terms yearly. Sum: £44 15s 6d.

Farm of the demesne lands

The same of 53s 4d of the whole receipt of the assize of the demesne lands there by year thus to farm demised, to be paid at the same terms. Sum: 53s 4d.

Fixed rents

The same of 53s 4d of fixed rents to be paid yearly by the tenants of the manor at the same terms. Sum: 53s 4d.

Perquisites of the courts

The same of 18s 11d of perquisites of the courts held there in this year, with 12s 6d for a relief, 2s for pannage, & 4s 5d of other perquisites, as appears by the court roll thereof in this year. Sum: 18s 11d.

Total of the whole receipt of the charge in this 5th year of Queen Elizabeth: £52 7s 1d, of which

There is respited to him 60s for the fee of the bailiff there by year which he claims as it is assessed by letters patent;

And to him 40s for the fee of Griffin Curtis, gentleman, steward of the foresaid manor, which he claims as it is similarly assessed by virtue of letters patent etc.;

The same, to him 13s 8d, parcel of 36s for the expenses of 2 courts held there in this year, and not more, because the foresaid expenses surpass the profits of the courts, etc.;

The same, to him £23 13s 5d, paid to Jerome Balborough, bailiff of the foresaid manor on 22 May in the fifth year of Elizabeth, by the grace of God now our Queen, as by his bills thereof remaining more fully appears;

The same, there are owing beyond [+that] £23 which he has delivered to Robert Grove, feodary of the Lady Queen in the county of Wiltshire.

25 November 1563, the sum of £23 is paid to th' hands of the Master of the Wards by Robert Grove, feodary of Wiltshire.

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Account of the bailiff of Christian Malford in the county of Wiltshire, parcel of th' Earl of Oxford's proper lands, for one entire year ended at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, 1563.

Cristenmalford in Comitatu Wiltesciria parcella possessionum nuper Comitum Oxonie

Computus Thome Lee deputati Ieronimi Balborowe generosi Balliuo [sic?] ibidem pro vno Anno integro finito ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli Anno Regni Elizabethae dei gracia Regine Anglie ffrancie Hibernie &c Quinto

Receptus assise liberorum

Idem Computans recepit(?) Computum de xxvjs de toto recepto assise liberorum Tenencium ibidem per Annum Soluendum ad ijos Anni terminos viz ad festa Pasche & Michaelis equaliter Summa xxvjs

Receptus assise Custumariorum

Idem de xliiijli xvs vjd de toto recepto assise Custumariorum Tenencium ibidem per Annum soluendum ad terminos predictos Annuatim Summa xliiijli xvs vjd

firma terrarum dominicalium

Idem de liijs iiijd de toto recepto assise terrarum dominicalium ibidem per Annum sic ad firmam dimissarum Soluendum ad eosdem terminos Summa liijs iiijd

Certiredditus

Idem de liijs iiijd de certis redditibus soluendum annuatim per tenentes manerij ad eosdem terminos Summa liijs iiijd

perquisita Curiarum

Idem de xviijs xjd de perquisitis Curiarum ibidem hoc Anno tentarum cum xijs vjd pro releuio ijs pro pannagio & iijs vd de alijs perquisitis prout patet per Rotulum Curie inde hoc Anno Summa xviijs xjd

Summa Totalis oneris hoc Anno vto Elizabethae Regine liijli vijs jd de quibus

respectatur ei lxs pro feodo balliui ibidem per Annum que clamat per literas patentes ut assessatur

Et ei xls pro feodo Griffini Curties generosi Senescalli manerij predicti que clamat virtute literarum patentium ut similiter assessatur &c

Idem ei xiijs viijd parcella xxxvjs pro expencis ij curiarum ibidem hoc Anno tentarum et non plus de eo quod expencis predictis excellunt proficua Curiarum &c

Idem ei xxiiijli xiijs vd Solutum Ieronimo Balborough balliuo manerij predicti xxij Maij Anno Elizabethae dei gracia Regine nostre nunc Quinto ut per billas suas inde remanentes plenarius patet

Idem debentur vltra xxiiijli que liberauit Roberto Grove feodario domine Regine Comitatu Wiltesciria

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pro vno Anno integro finito ad festo sancti Michaelis archangeli 1563