

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £5000 acknowledged by Oxford to his receiver-general, Edward Hubberd (d.1602), on 2 March 1579. The recognizance is struck through, and cancelled by a vacat in the left margin dated 22 October 1579. The document has the signatures of Edward Hubberd and (it would appear), William Cordell, Master of the Rolls. The condition of the recognizance states that Oxford owed £2500 to Thomas Skinner (d.1596), and that at Oxford's request his servants Edward Hubberd, Thomas Gent (d.1593) William Booth, and Hugh Beeston (c.1547-1626) became bound to Skinner in the amount of £4000 as security for Oxford's debt of £2500, which was to be repaid to Skinner in two instalments of £1250, the first due on 8 June 1579 and the second on 22 October 1579. The cancellation of the recognizance indicates that the £2500 was repaid at the specified dates.

For the indenture which states that a year later, on 16 September 1580, Oxford sold the manors of Castle Camps and Fowlmere to Skinner for £5000, see TNA C 54/1176. Oxford purchased the London mansion of Fisher's Folly about this time, and it may be that Oxford's sale of Castle Camps and Fowlmere to Skinner was related to his purchase of Fisher's Folly.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Hubberd

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck and Lord of Scales & Badlesmere, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Edward Hubberd of Birchanger in the county of Essex, esquire, five thousand pounds of lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Edward Hubberd or his designated attorney, executors or assigns on the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin next to come after the date of this recognizance;

And if he shall not have done [+so], he wishes & grants for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators by these presents that the said sum of money be levied of the manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods & chattels of the same Earl of Oxford to the use & behoof of the forenamed Edward Hubberd, his heirs, executors & administrators, wheresoever they may be found;

Witness the Queen at Westminster on the second day of March in the twenty-first year of the reign of our said Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc.

The condition of this recognizance is such that whereas the above-named Edward Hubberd, at the special instance and request and for the only debt of the above-bounden

Earl of Oxford, by one escript obligatory bearing the date above-written standeth bounden jointly and severally with Thomas Gent of Bumpstead in the county of Essex, esquire, William Booth of London, gentleman, and Hugh Beeston of Lincoln's Inn in the county of Middlesex, gentleman, unto Thomas Skinner, citizen and cloth-worker of London, in the sum of four thousand pounds of lawful money of England, with condition thereupon endorsed for the sure payment to the said Thomas Skinner, his executors, administrators or assigns of the sum of two thousand and five hundred pounds of like money at the now dwelling-house of the said Thomas Skinner set and being in West Cheap in London in manner and form following, that is to say, on the eighth day of June next coming after the date above-written one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, and on the two and twentieth day of October then next ensuing other one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds in full payment of the said sum of two thousand and five hundred pounds, as by the same escript obligatory with condition more plainly at large doth and may appear;

If the said Earl, his heirs, executors and administrators or any of them, do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Thomas Skinner, his executors, administrators or assigns the said sum of two thousand and five hundred pounds of lawful money of England in such order, manner and form as the same is limited and appointed to be paid in the condition of the said escript obligatory for the discharge of the same escript obligatory and several sums of money therein contained and every parcel thereof and also for the discharge of the said Edward Hubberd, his heirs, executors and administrators and every of them in that behalf, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else it to stand in full strength and virtue.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Hubberd

1 Edwardus de Veer Comes Oxonie magnus Camerarius Anglie Vicecomes Bulbeck ac dominus de Skale & Badlesmere

2 coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Edwardo Hubberte de Byrchanger

3 in Comitatu Essex Armigero quinque mille libras legalis monete Anglie soluendas eidem Edwardo Hubbert aut suo certo Attornato

4 executoribus vel assignatis suis in festo Annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis proxime futuro past datum huius recognicionis Et nisi

5 fecerit vult & concedit pro se heredibus executoribus & administratoribus suis per presentes quod dicta summa pecunie leuetur de Manerijs

6 terris tenementis hereditamentis bonis & catallis ipsius Comitit Oxonie ad opus & vsum prefati Edwardi Hubbert heredum executorum &

7 administratorum suorum vbicunque fuerint inuentis Teste Regina apud Westmonasterium secundo die Marcij Anno regni dicte domine nostre Elizabethe dei

8 gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo primo

LM: Vacata ista Recognicio vnacum condicione eiusdem pro eo quod xxijo die Octobris Anno infrascripto domine Regine vicesimo secundo infranominatus Edwardus Huberd Armiger coram dicta domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus fatebatur se de omnibus & singulis pecuniarum summis in Recognicione predicta contentis & specificata [sic?] plenarie fore satisfactus & persolutus Ideo ad requisicionem prefati Edwardi Huberd cancellatur & omnino dampnatur

[=This recognizance vacated, together with the condition of the same, because on the 22nd day of October in the within-written twenty-second year of the Lady Queen the within-named Edward Hubberd, esquire, having appeared personally before the said Lady Queen in her Chancery, confessed himself to be completely satisfied & paid of all & singular the sums of money contained & specified in the recognizance aforesaid; therefore at the request of the forenamed Edward Hubberd it was cancelled & entirely annulled.]