

SUMMARY: The document below is a recognizance in the amount of £4000 acknowledged by Oxford to his father-in-law, Lord Burghley, on 16 March 1574. For the indenture of the same date made between Oxford and Lord Burghley containing the articles of defeasance under which this recognizance would become void, see TNA C 146/7935. As indicated in that indenture, Oxford's recognizance for £4000 was a penal bond guaranteeing that he would perform covenants in an earlier indenture made between Oxford and Lord Burghley on 11 March 1574. The latter indenture appears to have involved Anne Cecil's jointure or maintenance, and is also no longer extant.

Oxford's recognizance in the amount of £4000 is also mentioned in TNA PRO 30/34/14, No. 3.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Lord Burghley

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck & Lord of Badlesmere & Scales, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery acknowledged himself to owe to the right honourable William Cecil, of the right honourable Order of the Garter, knight, Baron of Burghley & Lord Treasurer of England, four thousand pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same William, Baron of Burghley, or his designated attorney, executors, administrators or assigns, on the feast of Pentecost next after the date of these presents;

And if he shall not have done [+so], then the foresaid Earl of Oxford, wishes & grants for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators that the said sum of money be levied & recovered of the manors, lands, tenements, goods & chattels of the foresaid Earl, his heirs, executors & administrators wheresoever they may be found within the kingdom of England by these presents to the use & behoof of the foresaid William, etc.;

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

LM: Recognitio inter Comitem Oxonie et dominum Burghley

1 Edwardus de Vere Comes Oxonie dominus magnus Camerarius Anglie vicecomes Bulbecke & dominus

2 de Baddlesmere & Scales coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus

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3 recognouit se debere prenobili Willelmo Cecill prenobilis ordinis Garterij Militi Baroni de

4 Burghley & domino Thesaurario Anglie quatuor Mille libras bone & legalis monete Anglie

5 soluendas eidem Willelmo Baroni de Burghley aut suo certo attornato executoribus administratoribus vel

6 assignatis suis in ffesto Pentecostes proxime post datum presencium Et nisi fecerit predictus Comes Oxonie

7 vult & concedit pro se heredibus executoribus & administratoribus suis quod dicta pecunie summa

8 leuetur & recuperetur de Manerijs terris tenementis bonis & catallis predicti Comitum heredum executorum

9 & administratorum suorum vbicumque fuerint inuentis infra regnum Anglie per presentes Ad opus & vsum predicti Willelmi &c Teste dicta domina

10 Regina apud Westmonasterium decimosexto die Marcij Anno regni dicte domine Elizabethae dei gracia

11 Anglie ffrancie & hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c sextodecimo