

SUMMARY: This document appears to be identical to PRO C 43/10/340. For a summary, see that document.

Pleas before the Lady Queen in her Chancery at Westminster in the county of Middlesex of Michaelmas term in the thirty-second & thirty-third year [=1590] of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France, & Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc.

[LM: Skinner, querent, Earl of Oxford, defendant]

The Lady Queen has now sent her close writ directed to the sheriff of Essex in these words: Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France, & Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., to the Sheriff of Essex, greeting. Whereas on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September in the twenty-second year [=17 September 1580] of our reign Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, being by appearance before us in our Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Thomas Skinner, citizen and clothworker of London, two thousand marks of good & lawful money of England to be paid to the same Thomas or to his right attorney or his executors, as is known to us by inspection of the rolls of our Chancery aforesaid, and he has not yet paid them to him, as it is said, we enjoin you that you make known to the forenamed Earl that he be before us in our said Chancery three weeks from Michaelmas next [=20 October 1590], whithersoever he then might have been, to declare if he might have or know anything to say for himself wherefore the said money ought not to be levied of his lands and chattels & to be delivered to the forenamed Thomas according to the force, form, & effect of the foresaid recognizance. And you should produce in court there the names of them by which you have made him to know [+it], & this writ. Attested by me, myself, at Westminster the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July & in the thirty-second year [=8 July 1590] of the reign;

At which certain three weeks of Michaelmas the forenamed Thomas Skinner by Edward Cordell, his attorney, came before the said Lady Queen in the said court here, namely at Westminster aforesaid, and the said sheriff of Essex, namely Gabriel Poyntz, esquire, sent the foresaid writ, executed & returned, in the following form, viz., that by virtue of the foresaid writ to himself directed, by William Berry, Jerome Devenish, & Robert Usher, good & law-worthy men of the foresaid county, he made known to the forenamed Edward, Earl of Oxford, that he be before the Lady Queen in her Chancery aforesaid at the day & place previously mentioned to show wherefore the foresaid money ought not to be levied as by himself it was perceived;

Upon which the forenamed Thomas Skinner by his said attorney claimed judgment & execution to be adjudicated for himself against the same Earl of Oxford for the foresaid two thousand marks by virtue of the foresaid recognizance. And the same Earl of Oxford on the fourth day of the appointment of three weeks of Michaelmas aforesaid before the same Lady Queen now in the said Court here, namely at Westminster aforesaid, although

often and solemnly demanded, did not appear but makes [sic?] default, record of which default by the said court here shown therefore and the premises fully understood, by the same court here it is considered & adjudged that the forenamed Thomas Skinner would recover against the same Earl of Oxford the said two thousand marks by default and that the same Thomas might have execution against the forenamed Earl of Oxford. And the said Thomas elected to him execution against the same Earl of the foresaid two thousand marks by writs of the Lady Queen of etc.

Placita coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua apud Westmonasterium in Comitatu Middlesexie de Termino Sancti Michaelis Anno regni domine nostre Elizabethae dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c tricesimo secundo & tricesimo tercio

[LM: Skynner querens Comes Oxonie defensor]

1. Domina Regina nunc mandavit breve suum clausum vicecomiti Essex directo in hec verba Elizabetha dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regina fidei defensor &c Vicecomiti
2. Essex salutem Cum decimo septimo die Septembris Anno regni nostri vicesimo secundo Edwardus de Veer Comes Oxonie dominus magnus Camerarius Anglie coram
3. nobis in Cancellaria nostra personaliter constitutus recognovit se debere Thome Skynner Ciui & Clothworker Londonie duas mille marcas bone & legalis
4. monete Anglie Soluendum eidem Thome aut suo recto Attornato vel executoribus suis sicut per inspeccionem rotulorum Cancellarie nostre predicte nobis constat et eas ei
5. nondum soluit ut dicitur Tibi precipimus quod scire facis prefato Comiti quod sit coram nobis in dicta Cancellaria nostra a die sancti Michaelis proximo futuro in tres septimanas
6. vbicumque tunc fuerit ad ostendendum si quid pro se habeat vel dicere sciat quare dicta pecunia de terris & catallis suis leuari & prefato Thome liberari non
7. debeat iuxta vim formam & effectum Recognicionis predicte Et habeas ibi nomina eorum per quod ei scire feceris & hoc breve Teste me ipsa apud Westmonasterium viij die Iulij
8. Anno regni tricesimo secundo Ad quas quidem tres septimanas sancti Michaelis coram dicta domina Regina in dicta Curia hic scilicet apud Westmonasterium predicto venit

9. prefatum Thomas Skynner per Edwardum Cordell Attornatum suum ac dictus Vicecomes Essex scilicet Gabriel Poyntz Armiger mandavit breve predictum executum & retornatum

10. in forma sequente viz. quod virtute brevis predicti sibi directi per Willelmum Berry, Ieronimum Devenishe & Robertum Vsher probos & legales homines de Comitatu predicto sciri

11. fecit preminato Edwardo Comiti Oxonie quod esset coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua predicta ad diem & locum premencionatas ostendum quare pecunia

12. predicta leuari non debeat prout sibi percipiebatur Super quo prefatus Thomas Skynner per Attornatum suum predictum petivit iudicium & execucionem versus eundem Comitem

13. Oxonie de predictis duabus Mille Marcis virtute Recognicionis predicte sibi adiudicari Ac idem Comes Oxonie quarto die placiti de tribus septimanis sancti

14. Michaelis antedictis coram eadem domina Regina nunc in dicta Curia hic scilicet apud Westmonasterium predicto licet sepius ac solempniter exactum non comparavit sed defaultam

15. facit [sic?] Cuius defalte recordum per dictam Curiam hic visis [sic?] igitur premissis pleneque intellectis per eandem Curiam hic consideratum & adiudicatum est quod prefatus Thomas Skynner

16. recuperet versus eundem Comitem Oxonie dictas duas Mille Marcas per defaultam ac quod idem Thomas execucionem versus prefatum Comitem Oxonie habeat Dictusque

17. Thomas elegit ei execucionem versus eundem Comitem de predictis duabus Mille Marcis per brevia domina Regine de &c