

SUMMARY: The document below is the acquittance enrolled on the Close Rolls on 9 January 1565 by which Robert Burbage acquitted Sir William Cecil of all claims he might ever have had or made against Cecil up to the date of the acquittance. Although it is not so stated, the acquittance was made in connection with Burbage's sale to Cecil of the manor of Theobalds alias Tongs, on which Cecil later built his mansion of Theobalds.

For background to the acquittance below, see the indenture between Burbage, Cecil and others dated 11 December 1563, TNA C 54/662, mm. 8-11.

For the will of Robert Burbage, see TNA PROB 11/57/448.

For the pedigree of Burbage of Hayes Park Hall in Armytage, George John, ed., *Middlesex Pedigrees as Collected by Richard Mundy*, (London: Harleian Society, 1914), Vol. LXV, p. 80 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/middlesexpedigre65mund#page/80/mode/2up>.

LM: D(?) acquietanc{ia} int{er} Burbage & Cecill Milit{em}

This bill made the eight day of January in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith etc.;

Witnesseth that I, Robert Burbage of Hayes Park Hall in the parish of Hayes in the county of Middlesex, esquire, have remised, released and utterly for me, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever have made quitclaim unto Sir William Cecil, knight, Principal Secretary of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen that now is, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever all and all manner of actions, suits, plaints, debts, duties and demands whatsoever which against the said Sir William Cecil, knight, I, the said Robert, had, have or by any means in time to come may have from the beginning of the world until the day of the date hereof for any cause or matter whatsoever;

In witness whereof I have set to my seal and subscribed my name the day and year first above-written.

Et memorand{um} q{uo}d nono die Ianuar{ij} Anno d{ic}t{e} d{omi}ne Regine sup{ra}script{o} p{re}fatus Rob{er}tus Burbage coram eadem d{omi}na Regina in Cancellar{ia} sua p{er}sonalit{er} constitut{us} recognouit acquietanciam sup{ra}d{ic}t{am} ac om{n}ia & singula in eadem content{a} & sp{ec}ificat{a} in forma sup{ra}d{ic}t{a}

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[=And be it remembered that on the ninth day of January in the year of the said Lady the Queen the forenamed Robert Burbage, personally present before the said Lady the Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged the acquittance abovesaid and all & singular in it contained & specified in form abovesaid.]