

SUMMARY: The document below is the recognizance for £3150 entered into on 13 July 1576 by Oxford to Sir John Arundel (d.1590) of Lanherne for peaceable enjoyment of Oxford's manors of Roseworthy in Gwinear, Tregenna Wollas and Tregenna Wartha in St Ewe, Bejowan in St Columb Minor, Domellick in St Dennis, Tresithney in St Columb Major, and Tregorrick in St Austell, all in Cornwall. On the same day Oxford had received two separate payments of £1244 13s 4d each as the second and third payments due for the these manors (see AR/1/859/1 and AR1/859/2). The manors had been sold to Sir John Arundel by Oxford's three trustees, Sir William Cordell, Master of the Rolls, Thomas Bromley, the Queen's Solicitor-General, and Edward Hubberd, Oxford's receiver-general, by an indenture of bargain and sale dated 20 December 1575 for the stated consideration of £3083 5s 8d (see AR/1/856). The purchase price is closely approximated in the round figure of £3150 in the recognizance. On 20 June 1571, Sir John Arundel had been appointed surveyor of Oxford's lands in Cornwall and Devon. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/76, f. 290. As recited in the recognizance, on 20 January 1575 Oxford had conveyed these and other manors to Cordell, Bromley and Hubberd for £6000 by an indenture of bargain and sale (see SRO D615/D 45 (1)). It would appear that Cordell and Bromley represented the Queen's interests, since when Oxford sued his livery in 1572, he had been required to pledge all his lands as security for his debt to the Queen in the Court of Wards. Legal title to the manors passed from Oxford to the three trustees by a fine of 27 January and 18 April 1575 (see AR/1/854). Oxford intended to use the proceeds of the sale to finance his trip to the continent. He left England in the first week of February 1575, two weeks after having conveyed the manors in question to his three trustees, and only a few days after the fine of 27 January and 18 April 1575.

This recognizance is one of many which Oxford entered into in connection with the sales of his lands. A schedule drawn up circa 1587 shows that Oxford entered into and acknowledged in the Court of Chancery recognizances and statutes amounting to £150,000, almost all of them connected to his debt to the Queen in the Court of Wards (see TNA 30/34/14, item 3). The recognizance below appears in TNA 30/34/14 as follows:

18 Elizabeth, 13 July, part 19, the same Earl acknowledged etc. to John Arundel, knight, £3150

There are notes on both the front and back of the document in a modern hand.

Edwardus DeVeere Comes Oxonie Dominus magnus Camerarius Anglie vicecomitis Bulbecke Domino de Badlismere et Scales coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Iohanni Arundel de llanherne in Comitatu Cornubia militi Tria Millia Centum et quinquaginta Libras bone et legalis monete Anglie Soluendas eidem Iohanni Arundel militi aut suo recto attornato heredibus executoribus vel assignatis suis in ffesto sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo futuro post datum huius Recognicionis Et nisi fecerit &c Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium

decimo tercio die Iulij Anno regni dicte domine nostre Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie
ffrancie et Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c Decimo octauo

[=Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck, Lord of Badlesmere and Scales, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to John Arundel of Lanherne in the county of Cornwall, knight, three thousand one hundred and fifty pounds of good and lawful money of England, to be paid to the same John Arundel, knight, or his designated attorney, his heirs, executors or assigns, on the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next to come after the date of this recognizance, and if he shall not have done etc. Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the thirteenth day of July in the eighteenth year [=13 July 1576] of the reign of our said Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc.]

The condition of this recognizance is such that, whereas the above-bound Edward, Earl of Oxford, before this time, as well by indenture enrolled in the Queen's Majesty's Court of Chancery as also by other good and sufficient conveyance and assurance in the law, hath given, granted, bargained and sold to Sir William Cordell, knight, Master of the Rolls of the said Court of Chancery, Thomas Bromley, esquire, Solicitor-General of the said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, & Edward Hubberd, esquire, receiver-general to the said Earl, and to their heirs and to th' only use of them and of their heirs, amongst divers other manors, lands & tenements all that the manor of Roseworthy, the manor of Tregenna Wollas and Wartha, the manor of Bejowan, the manor of Dommellick, the manor of Tresithney, and the manor of Tregorrick, set, lying and being in the country of Cornwall, with all the rights, members and appurtenances, and all & singular messuages, mills, parks, orchards, gardens, barns, stables, edifices, buildings, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manors or to any of them belonging, or in any wise appertaining or being accepted, reputed or taken as part, parcel or member of the same;

And where also sithence that time the said Sir William Cordell, knight, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd, esquires, in consideration of the sum of three thousand one hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of England by the above-named John Arundel, knight, paid and to be paid to the said Edward Hubberd to the use of the said Earl, have likewise by indenture bearing date the 20th day of December last past before the date above-written, and enrolled in the said Court of Chancery, bargained and sold unto the said Sir John Arundel and his heirs and assigns forever, to the use and behoof of the said Sir John and his heirs, all the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments aforesaid, excepting and out of the said bargain and sale foreprising all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, profits, commodities and hereditaments which the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd had bargained and conveyed to Edward Arundel, esquire, brother to the said Sir John, and to the heirs of the said Edward Arundel, by indenture bearing date the 16th day

of December in this present 18th year [=16 December 1575] of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is;

That now the said Sir John Arundel, his heirs and assigns, shall and may at all time and times from henceforth peaceably and quietly have, hold, occupy and enjoy to his and their proper use and behoof all and singular the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in the said county of Cornwall before in these presents mentioned to be bargained and sold unto the said Sir John Arundel and his heirs, except before mentioned to be excepted, without any lawful let, suit, vexation, contradiction, objection or expulsion of the said Edward, Earl of Oxford, or of any other person or persons whatsoever coming in or lawfully claiming by, from or under the said Earl, other than such persons and their assigns as, before the said bargain and sale made by the said Edward, now Earl of Oxford, to the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd of all and singular the premises, had or have any good leases for term of years or lives not yet expired or ended, or any grant by copy of court roll according to the custom of any the said manors, or any fee or annuity as bailiff, steward or woodward or other officer of any the said manors, acquitted and discharged or otherwise saved and kept harmless to the said Sir John Arundel, his heirs and assigns, of and from all former grants, bargains, estates, recognizances, assurances, charges and other encumbrances and demands whatsoever heretofore had, made, done or procured by the said Earl or by any other person or persons by the assent, consent, means or procurement of the said Earl, the said assurance and conveyance heretofore made by the said Earl to the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd and all leases, demises and grants before mentioned and excepted, and the rents and services from henceforth to be due for the same or any part thereof to the chief lord or lords of the fee or fees thereof only excepted and foreprised, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else to stand in full strength and virtue.

Irrotulata Concordata cum originali Et
Examinata per Willelmum Ballarde

Enrolled. Agreed with the original, and examined by me, William Ballard.

On back:

Irrotulata indorso Clausarum Cancellarie infrascripte domine Regine decimo quinto die
Iulij Anno infrascripto

Per W Ballard et Iohannem Wythers deputates Clericis Irrotulamentorum

Examinata

Comitem Oxonie et Arrundell militem

Enrolled on the dorse of the Close [+Rolls] of the Chancery of the within-written Lady Queen on the fifteenth day of July in the year within-written.

By W Ballard and John Wythers, Deputies to the Clerks of the Enrolments.

Examined

Earl of Oxford and Arundel, knight.