

SUMMARY: This indenture describes the sale by Sir William Cordell, Master of the Rolls, Thomas Bromley, the Queen's Solicitor-General, and Edward Hubberd, Oxford's receiver-general, of certain parcels of land in Staffordshire to Thomas Hill of Haughton in that county for the sum of £5 on 10 February 1575. The indenture states that Cordell, Bromley and Hubberd had purchased the lands in question from Oxford on condition that they 'bargain, alien and sell the same to the benefit and behoof of the said Earl', presumably a reference to the agreement Oxford had signed with Cordell, Bromley and Hubberd on 20 January 1575 (see SRO D615/ D45(1)). It thus appears that Cordell, Bromley and Hubberd were acting as trustees for Oxford in this sale to Thomas Hill, Oxford having left on his continental tour only a few days earlier.

This indenture made the tenth day of February in the seventeenth year [=1575] of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc., between the right worshipful Sir William Cordell, knight, Master of the Rolls, Thomas Bromley, esquire, Solicitor-General to the Queen's Majesty, and Edward Hubberd, esquire, receiver-general to the right honourable now Earl of Oxenford of the one party, and Thomas Hill of Haughton in the county of Staffordshire, husbandman, of the other party;

Witnesseth that the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds of current English money to the said Edward Hubberd in hand paid to the use and behoof of the right honourable Edward, now Earl of Oxenford, have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain and sell unto the said Thomas Hill and his heirs and assigns forever two perches of meadow lying in a small common meadow called or known by the name of Manxaddocke in Bednall alias Bedenhall in the said county of Staffordshire, also ten butts of arable land containing by estimation one acre, be it more or less, set, lying and being in the common fields of Bednall alias Bedenhall aforesaid, that is to say, in Netherfield, Ridgefield and Kesall(?) field, and also one other small parcel of meadow called a dole containing by estimation 1 rood set, lying and being in a common mead called or known by the name of Harde Meadow, otherwise Stock(?) in Bednall alias Bedenhall aforesaid, and further half a dole of meadow containing by estimation twenty perches(?), be it more or less, set, lying and being in a common meadow called or known by the name of Mawledam in Acton Trussell and Bednall alias Bedenhall in the said county of Staffordshire now or late in the tenure or occupation of one Richard Booker or his assignee or assigns, with the reversion and reversions, remainder or remainders, rents, services and hereditaments of the premises before bargained with their appurtenances whatsoever together with common of pastures [ ] and commons of the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas Bromley and Edward Hubberd in Bednall alias Bedenhall and Acton Trussell or elsewhere [ ] in the said county of Stafford for all manner of beasts and cattle which shall be levant, couchant and kept upon the premises and in as ample and full manner? as the said Richard Booker or his assignee or assigns have had, used or enjoyed, all which promises with their appurtenances the said Sir William Cordell, Thomas

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Bromley and Edward Hubberd lately purchased to them and to their heirs of the said now Earl of Oxenford upon [ ] bargain, alien and sell the same to the benefit and behoof of the said Earl;

To have and to hold the said parcels of land and meadow, commons [ ] remainders and hereditaments and every part and parcel thereof before bargained or granted with their appurtenances to the said Thomas Hill [ ] to proper [ ] and behoof of the said Thomas Hill, his heirs and assigns, forever. In witness whereof every of the parties [ ] these indentures interchangeably have put their hands and seals [ ] the day and year first above written(?).

Cordell  
Bromley  
Edward Hubbert