
SUMMARY: The document below is an extract from the Acts of the Privy Council stating that on 10 April 1549 the Treasurer of the Augmentations, Sir John Williams, had a warrant for £29 ‘of the sale money’ to be paid to the 16th Earl of Oxford and Thomas Almall. There are many similar warrants of the period which make reference to ‘the sale money’. According to a note on p. 206 of the Acts of the Privy Council, the phrase refers to ‘money obtained by the sale of Chantry lands’.

In the 16th Earl’s will dated 21 December 1552, Thomas Almot (or Almote) is included in a list of ‘gentlemen waiting upon the said Earl’, and is granted an annuity of £6 13s 4d (see BL MS Stowe Charter 633—4). Almot also appears as an executor in the will, dated 12 May 1542, of John Holland, one of the household chaplains to the 16th Earl, where he is referred to as ‘my friend Thomas Almot, gentleman, servant to my said good Lord’ (see TNA PROB 11/29/150). See also the will of Thomas Almot, dated 10 March 1559 and proved 2 June 1559, TNA PROB 11/42B/235, in which he refers to himself as ‘Thomas Almote of Creeting All Saints, Suffolk, gentleman’, and requests burial at St Swithin’s, London, the church next to the London residence of the Earls of Oxford by London Stone. The will was signed and sealed by Almot ‘in the presence of the right honourable th’ Earl of Oxford, my singular good Lord and master’.

The excerpt below is taken from Dasent, John Roche, ed., *Acts of the Privy Council of England*, New Series, 32 vols., (1890-1964) at Vol. II, p. 275.

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The same Treasurer had warrant for £29 to th’ Earl of Oxford and Thomas Almall [sic?], of the sale money.