

SUMMARY: This document endorsed 'Certificate touching the payments of Alderman Skinner in Court [+of] Wards' is dated 20 June 1591. It states that the amounts to be paid by the purchasers of Oxford's lands towards repayment of Oxford's original debt of £3306 to the Court of Wards were set on 30 April 1587, and that in November a decree was made setting out a five year repayment schedule running from 2 February 1588 to 2 February 1592. The document deals specifically with the late payment and default made by Thomas Skinner, the resulting extents against the manors of Lavenham, Castle Camps, and Fulmer which Skinner had purchased from Oxford, and the amounts paid into the Court of Wards on Skinner's behalf as a result of those extents. The document states that Arthur Milles and Nicholas Mynne had been granted leases on Lavenham, and on Castle Camps and Fulmer, respectively, effective 25 March 1590, and when the amounts of 100 marks and £140 owing under these two leases were added to the £250 already paid into the Court of Wards on Skinner's behalf under the extents, Skinner's proportionate share of £400 in the total debt repayment scheme had been more than satisfied. As other documents indicate, this fact was used by Thomas Hampton as a fraudulent pretext for discharging Skinner from any further payments to the Court of Wards, despite the fact that Skinner's default on his payments had earlier caused Oxford to forfeit a bond in the amount of £20,000.

Ultimo Aprilis 29 E R [=April 30, 1587], the rate for the purchasers of the Earl's lands was made, wherein Skinner was rated at £400.

November, 29 E [=November 1587], the decree was made whereby the Earl's whole debt of £3306 18s 9 qua was appointed to be paid by the purchasers at 5 several feasts, viz.,

Candlemas 30 E R [=February 2, 1588] --	£306 18s(?) 9d ob(?) qua
Candlemas 31 E R [=February 2, 1589] --	£600
Candlemas 32 E R [=February 2, 1590] --	£800
Candlemas 33 E R [=February 2, 1591] --	£800
Candlemas 34 E R [=February 2, 1592] --	£800

£3306 18s 9d qua

Whereof:

Mr Skinner was appointed to contribute for his part at the said first feast-day £50, and by all likelihood (for Mr Hubbard saith he cannot tell the certainty), he was to pay the rest of his £400 ratably, viz., at every said feast-day of Candlemas following, £87 10s, which cometh to his sum of £400.

The Queen's Majesty hath had her payments made at every said feast-day past, or the term following, for Mr Skinner. He did not pay the first £50 to him appointed at Candlemas 30 E R [=February 2, 1588], but did pay at(?) 12 days following, viz., 14

February 30 E [=February 14, 1588], whereupon, & for default of payment at the said Candlemas following, by direction of Mr Hubbard the manor and park of Lavenham was extended at 100 marks [=£66 13s 4d] per annum, since which time there hath been paid into the Court for Skinner's lands as followeth, viz.,

17 April 30 E R [=April 17, 1588] per vic(?) Suffolk --	£33 6s 8d
6 May 31 E [=May 6, 1589] per Mr Skinner --	£66 13s 4d
20 October 31 E [=October 30, 1589] per vic(?) Suffolk --	£33 6s 8d
12 May 32 E [=May 12, 1590] per vic(?) Suffolk --	£33 6s 8d
29 April 33 E [=April 29, 1591] per vic(?) Suffolk --	£33 6s 8d

All which, with the £50 first paid by Mr Skinner, is £250

The manor and park of Lavenham was leased to Arthur Milles 13 April 32 E [=April 13, 1590] habendum from Lady day [=March 25, 1590] before at the yearly rent of 100 marks [=£66], so as there is owing by him for one whole year's rent due at Lady day last, 33 E R [=March 25, 1591],

100 marks [=£66 13s 4d].

The manor of Fulmer extended at £40 per annum, and the manor of Camps extended at £100 per annum, was leased to Nicholas Mynne 3 August 32 E R [=August 3, 1590] from Lady day before [=March 25, 1590] at the yearly rent of £140, so as there is owing by him one whole year's rent due at Lady day last, 33 E R [=March 25, 1591],

£140.

£456 6s 8d(?)

The principal parts of the decree in Court.

1. That the whole debt of £3306 18s 9d qua should be stalled to pay at th' aforesaid feast-days.
2. All the purchasers and farmers of the Earl's lands since the obligations knowledged should contribute to that payment.
3. That everyone should enter into bond, every man for his portion, for payment of the said debt at the said days.
4. If any purchaser or farmer should refuse to contribute, process of extent to be forthwith awarded against him until they have paid in this part so much of the debt as is or should be assessed upon them for their lands.

5. The purchasers which shall pay the portions assessed upon them shall be discharged of the rest of the Earl's debt.

6. If any of th' aforesaid payments in the decree mentioned be not duly paid, then the estallment to be void.

Endorsed on 26v: xx Iunij 1591 [=20 June 1591]. Certificate touching the payments of Alderman Skinner in Court [+of] Wards.