

SUMMARY: The document below is a recognizance in the amount of £3000 acknowledged by Oxford to Sir James Harington (c.1511-1592) of Exton Hall, Rutland, on 24 August 1579 in connection with Oxford's sale to Harington of the manor of Elmsthorpe on 18 August 1579.

The recognizance below is also mentioned in TNA PRO 30/34/14.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford & Harington, knight

Edward, Earl of Oxford, Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck & Lord of Badlesmere & Scales, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to James Harington of Exton in the county of Rutland, knight, three thousand pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same James Harington, his executors & administrators or his designated attorney;

And if he shall not have done [+so], the foresaid Earl wishes & grants for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators by these presents that the foresaid sum of money be levied & recovered of his lands, tenements, possessions, hereditaments, goods & chattels or of the heirs, executors & administrators of the said Earl to whose hands soever they shall have come to the use & behoof of the said James Harington, his heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, wheresoever they may be found within the kingdom of England by these presents;

Witness the Queen at Westminster on the 24th day of August in the twenty-first year of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France & Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc.

The condition of this recognizance is such that if the above-bound Edward, Earl of Oxford, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter forever well and truly observe, perform, fulfil, keep and accomplish all and singular covenants, grants, articles and agreements contained and specified in one pair of indentures bearing date the eighteenth day of this present August made between the said Earl of thone party and the said Sir James Harington of thother party which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns or any of them are to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept according to the true intent and meaning of the said indentures, saving and excepting the covenant for the delivery of the evidences, deeds, charters, surveys, terriers, rentals, accounts, court rolls, counterpanes of leases, escripts, writings and muniments, that then this present recognizance to be utterly void and of none effect, or else to remain in the full strength, power and virtue.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem & Harington Militem

1 Edwardus Comes Oxonie magnus Camerarius Anglie Vicecomes Bulbeck & dominus de Badlesmere &

2 Scales coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Iacobo

3 Harington de Exton in Comitatu Rutlandie Militi tres mille libras bone & legalis monete Anglie

4 soluendas eidem Iacobo Harington executoribus & administratoribus suis aut suo certo Attornato

5 Et nisi fecerit predictus Comes vult & concedit pro se heredibus executoribus & administratoribus suis per

6 presentes quod predicta pecuniarum summa leuetur & recuperetur de terris tenementis possessionibus hereditamentis

7 bonis & catallis suis vel de heredibus executoribus & administratoribus dicti Comitis ad quorumcunque

8 manus deuenerint ad opus & vsum dicti Iacobi Harington heredum executorum administratorum & assignatorum

9 suorum vbicunque fuerint inuentis infra regnum Anglie per presentes Teste Regina apud Westmonasterium xxiiij die

10 Augusti Anno regni domine Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris

11 &c vicesimo primo