

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £300 acknowledged by Oxford to George Golding on 23 March 1580 in connection with indentures dated 4 March 1580. For the licence dated 1 March 1580 authorizing Oxford to alienate the manors of Waltons and Netherhall, see TNA C 66/1194, m. 16. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 18 April 1580 by which clear title to the manors of Waltons and Netherhall passed from Oxford to George Golding and his wife, Mary, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1677/22ELIZIEASTER, Item 36. For two other recognizances, one in the amount of £1000 dated 10 April 1580 and one in the amount of 1000 marks dated 17 April 1580 acknowledged by Oxford to George Golding in connection with the sale of these manors, see TNA C 54/1093, Part 23 and TNA C 54/1095, Part 25. For a second fine involving the same manors on 22 May 1581, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1682/23ELIZITRIN, Item 31).

George Golding was Oxford's maternal uncle, the half-brother of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding (d.1568). He was appointed as Oxford's auditor on 14 January 1572, and a few months after this sale he was one of six officers appointed on 17 September 1580 to Oxford's council (see ERO D/DRg 2/27). Waltons had been among Oxford's manors granted by the Queen to Leicester on 22 October 1563 for the term of Oxford's minority, and the manor of Netherhall had been part of the jointure of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford and Golding

Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, Lord 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 George Golding of London, gentleman, the sum of three hundred pounds of lawful money of England, to be paid to the same George or his designated attorney or executors on the feast of Easter next to come after the date of this recognizance;

And if he shall not have done [+so], he wishes & grants for himself, his heirs & executors by these presents that the foresaid sum of money be levied & recovered of his goods, chattels, lands, tenements & hereditaments to the sole & proper use & behoof of the foresaid George, his heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, wheresoever they may be found;

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the twenty-third day of March in the twenty-second year of the reign of our 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-bounden the right honourable Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and

every of them, do well and truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and every the covenants, grants, articles and agreements which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns or any of them are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled or kept mentioned and specified in one pair of indentures bearing date the fourth day of this present month of March made between the said Earl of thone party and the above-named George Golding and Mary, his wife, of thother party according to the purport, effect and true meaning of the same indentures, except one covenant in the same indentures specified touching the delivery of deeds, charters, letters patent, exemplifications, rentals, terriers, court rolls, evidences, writings, counterpanes of leases and muniments, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else to stand and abide in full force, effect and strength.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitum et Goldingum

1 Edwardus de Veer Comes Oxonie dominus magnus Camerarius Anglie Vicecomes Bulbecke dominus de Badlesmere & Scales

2 coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Georgio Golding de London

3 Generoso summam trescentarum librarum legalis monete Anglie Soluendarum eidem Georgio aut suo certo attorney vel

4 executoribus suis in festo Pasche proximo futuro post datum huius Recognitionis Et nisi fecerit vult & concedit pro se

5 heredibus & executoribus suis per presentes quod predicta pecunie summa leuetur & recuperetur de bonis catallis terris tenementis

6 & hereditamentis suis ad solum & proprium opus & vsum predicti Georgij heredum executorum administratorum & assignatorum

7 suorum vbicumque inuentis fuerint Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium vicesimo tercio die Marcij Anno

8 regni domine nostre Elizabethae dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo secundo