

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £200 acknowledged by William Stubbing to Oxford on 21 June 1580 in connection with the annuity of £30 payable by Stubbing to Oxford as consideration for the sale of the manor of Bumpstead.

For the licence dated 12 May 1580 authorizing Oxford to alienate his manor of Bumpstead to Stubbing, see TNA C 66/1197, m. 5. For the recognizance in the amount of £1200 acknowledge by Oxford to Stubbing on 19 May 1580 in connection with the sale, see TNA C 54/1095, Part 25. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 30 May 1580 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Bumpstead to Stubbing for an annuity of £30 payable to Oxford and his heirs, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1678/22ELIZITRIN, Item 28.

The William Stubbing who purchased the manor of Bumpstead appears to have been the William Stubbing who was a tenant of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl, and also appears to have been the William Stubbing, yeoman, of Helions Bumpstead whose will, dated 5 January 1603, was probated on 28 January 1604 (see TNA PROB 11/103, f. 23).

For William Stubbing's part in Roger Harlakenden's fraud against Oxford in the purchase of Colne Priory, see TNA C 22/406/21 and TNA C 2/Eliz/O3/32.

#### LM: Recognizance between Stubbing and the Earl of Oxford

William Stubbing of Helions Bumpstead in the county of Essex, yeoman, in his own person having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Edward, Earl of Oxford, two hundred pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Earl or his designated attorney, executors or assigns;

And if he shall not have done [+so], he wishes & grants for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators by these presents that then the foresaid two hundred pounds be levied of the goods and chattels, lands, tenements & hereditaments of the same William to the use and behoof of the same Earl, his heirs and assigns, forever, wheresoever they may be found within the kingdom of England;

Witness the forenamed Lady Queen at Westminster on the twenty-first day of June 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 whereas the said Earl hath by one fine levied at Westminster in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our said Sovereign

Lady the Queen's Majesty before her Majesty's Justices of the Common Pleas granted unto the above-bounden William Stubbing and to his heirs the manor of Bumpstead Hall with th' appurtenances in the county of Essex, in and by which fine the said William Stubbing hath granted unto the said Earl and to his heirs one annuity or yearly rent of thirty pounds to be issuing and going out of the said manor of Bumpstead payable yearly at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and the Annunciation of Our Lady the Virgin Mary by even portions, as by the same more at large appeareth;

If the said William Stubbing, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall during the space of thirty and one years next ensuing the date hereof well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Earl, his heirs, executors and assigns the said yearly rent of thirty pounds and every part thereof at or in the now mansion house of the said William Stubbing situate and being in Bumpstead aforesaid at such days and feasts as the same in and by the said fine is appointed and limited to be paid or within ten weeks after the same or any part thereof shall become due;

If also the said William Stubbing, his heirs and assigns, shall and will hereafter from time to time during the space of five years next ensuing the date hereof within ten days after reasonable request make, do and knowledge or cause or suffer to be made, done and knowledged at the costs and charges in the law of the said Earl, his heirs, executors or assigns, all such act and acts, devise and devices in the law for the further and better assuring and conveying of the said annuity or yearly rent of thirty pounds unto the said Earl, his heirs or assigns, out of the said manor of Bumpstead as by the said Earl, his heirs or assigns or by his or their learned counsel in the law shall be reasonably devised, so as the said William Stubbing nor his heirs nor assigns be not compelled to travel for or about the making or doing of the said acts or things above fifty miles from the place where he or they shall be at the time of the said request, that then this recognizance shall be void and of none effect, or else to remain and abide in full strength and virtue.

LM: *Recognitio inter Stubbinge et Oxonie Comitum*

1 Willelmus Stubbinge de Bumpsted Hellion in Comitatu Essex yoman in propria persona sua coram domina Regina in Cancellaria sua

2 personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Edwardo Comiti Oxonie ducentas libras bone et legalis Monete Anglie soluendas

3 eidem Comiti aut suo certo attornato executoribus vel assignatis suis Et nisi fecerit vult & concedit pro se heredibus executoribus

4 & administratoribus suis per presentes quod tunc predictae ducente libre leuentur de bonis & cattallis terris tenementis & hereditamentis ipsius

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5 Willelmi ad opus et vsum ipsius Comitis heredum & assignatorum suorum  
imperpetuum vbicumque inuentis fuerint infra regnum Anglie Teste

6 prefata domina Regina apud Westmonasterium vicesimo primo die Iunij Anno Regni  
domine nostre Elizabethae dei gracia Anglie ffrancie

7 & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo secundo