

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the Close Rolls of a recognizance in the amount of £400 acknowledged by Oxford to John Baet on 16 December 1581 in connection with indentures of the same date concerning a sale of property by Oxford to Baet. The property has not yet been identified.

The recognizance below is also mentioned in TNA PRO 30/34/14, No. 3.

LM: Recognizance between the Earl of Oxford & Baet

The right honourable Edward, Earl of Oxford, Viscount Bulbeck and Lord Scales & Badlesmere, having appeared personally before the Lady Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to John Baet, citizen & cloth-worker of London, four hundred pounds of lawful money of England, to be paid to the same John Baet or his designated attorney, executors, administrators or assigns on the feast of Easter next to come after the witnessing(?) of the present recognizance;

And if he shall not have done [+so], he has granted for himself, his heirs, executors & administrators that the foresaid sum of money be levied & recovered of all & singular the manors, messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods & chattels of the same Earl, his heirs, executors & administrators, to the use & behoof of the same John Baet, his heirs, executors & assigns, wheresoever they may be found within the kingdom of England;

Witness the said Lady Queen at Westminster on the sixteenth day of December in the twenty-fourth 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-bound the right honourable Edward, Earl of Oxford, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and every of them, for his and their part and behalf in all things do well and truly observe, perform, fulfil, accomplish and keep all and singular the covenants, grants, articles and agreements contained and specified in one indenture bearing date the day and year above-written made between the said Earl on thone party and th' above-named John Baet on thother party which on the part and behalf of the said Earl, his heirs, executors or administrators or any of them are or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled, accomplished or kept according to the true meaning of the said indenture, that then this present recognizance to be void and of none effect, or else it to stand in full strength and virtue.

LM: Recognitio inter Oxonie Comitem et Baet

1 Prenobilis Edwardus Comes Oxonie Vicecomes Bulbeck ac dominus Scales & Badlesmere coram domina

2 Regina in Cancellaria sua personaliter constitutus recognouit se debere Johanni Baet Ciui & Clothworker London

3 Quadringentas libras legalis monete Anglie Soluendas eidem Iohanni Baet aut suo certo attornato executoribus

4 administratoribus vel assignatis suis in ffesto Pasche proxime futuro post Teste presentis Recognicionis Et nisi fecerit

5 concessit pro se heredibus executoribus & administratoribus suis quod predicta pecunie summa leuetur & recuperetur de omnibus

6 & singulis Manerijs mesuagijs terris tenementis hereditamentis bonis & catallis ipsius Comitis heredum executorum &

7 administratorum suorum ad opus & vsum ipsius Iohannis Baet heredum executorum & assignatorum suorum vbicumque fuerint

8 inuentis infra Regnum Anglie Teste dicta domina Regina apud Westmonasterium sextodecimo die Decembris Anno regni

9 domine nostre Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c vicesimo quarto