

SUMMARY: The document below is the recognizance enrolled on the Close Rolls on 19 December 1563 by which Sir William Cecil acknowledged himself bound in £1500 to perform the provisions of an indenture dated 11 December 1563.

The condition of the recognizance provided that the recognizance would be void if Sir William Cecil paid £1228 10s for the manor of Theobalds alias Tongs in two payments at the west door of Saint Paul's, the first instalment of £300 on 18 January 1564, and the second instalment of £928 10s on 1 November 1564.

For further background to the recognizance below, see the indenture of 11 December 1563, TNA C 54/662, mm. 8-11. For another recognizance in connection with the same indenture, see TNA C 54/653, No. 73.

The condition having been performed, Sir William Cecil and Robert Burbage attended personally at the Court of Chancery on 13 November 1564 to have the recognizance cancelled, as attested by their signatures in the left margin.

For the will of Robert Burbage, see TNA PROB 11/57/448.

For the pedigree of Burbage of Hayes Park Hall in Armytage, George John, ed., *Middlesex Pedigrees as Collected by Richard Mundy*, (London: Harleian Society, 1914), Vol. LXV, p. 80 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/middlesexpedigre65mund#page/80/mode/2up>.

LM: Recog{nitio} int{er} Will{elmu}m Cecill Mil{item} et Rob{er}tum Burbage Armig{er}um

LM: [Signatures of William Cecil and Robert Burbage]

LM: vac{ata} ista rec{ognitio} cu{m} irr{otulamento} & condic{i}o{n}e
 eiusdem p{ro} eo q{uo}d xiiij die
 Nouembr{is} A{nn}o r{egni} d{omi}ne n{ost}re
 Elizabeth{e} R{egine} sexto
 sup{ra}scr{iptus} Rob{er}tus Burbage
 ven{it} coram d{ic}t{a} d{omi}na R{egina}
 in Can{cellaria} sua p{er}sonalit{er} &
 fatebat{ur} se fore plenar{ie}
 satisfact{um} & p{er}solut{um} de
 om{n}ib{us} pecuniar{um} sum{m}is
 tam in rec{ognitione} q{uam} condic{i}o{n}e
 eiusdem content{is} &
 specificat{is} I{de}o ista rec{ognitio} cu{m}

ir{rotulamento} eiusdem ad requis{itionem}
p{re}d{i}c{t}i Rob{er}ti cancellat{ur}

[=This recognizance vacated, with the enrolment & condition of the same, for that on the 13 day of November in the sixth year of the reign of our Lady Queen Elizabeth the above-written Robert Burbage came personally before the said Lady the Queen in her Chancery & confessed himself to be fully satisfied & paid of all sums of money in both the recognizance and condition of the same contained & specified; therefore this recognizance with the enrolment of the same at the request of the foresaid Robert is cancelled.]

1 Will{elmu}s Cicill Miles Principalis Secretarius d{omi}ne Regine coram ip{s}a Domina Regina in Cancellar{ia} sua p{er}sonalit{er}

2 constitutus recognouit se debere Rob{er}to Burbage Armig{er}o Mille & quingentas libras bone & legalis monete

3 Angl{ie} Soluend{as} eidem Rob{er}to aut suo c{er}to attorn{ato} seu executorib{us} suis in festo Natalis d{omi}ni p{ro}x{imo} futur{o} Et nisi

4 fec{er}it vult & concedit p{ro} se & hered{ibus} suis q{uo}d d{i}c{t}a pecunia leuet{ur} de t{er}ris bonis & catallis suis ad opus & vsum

5 ip{s}ius Rob{er}ti seu executor{um} suor{um} vbicumq{ue} inuent{is} fu{er}int infra Regnu{m} Angl{ie} T{este} d{i}c{t}a d{omi}na Regina apud West{monasteriu}m xix

6 die Decembr{is} Anno regni sui sexto

[=William Cecil, knight, Principal Secretary to the Lady the Queen, having appeared personally before the Lady the Queen in her Chancery, acknowledged himself to owe to Robert Burbage, esquire, one thousand five hundred pounds of good & lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Robert or his designated attorney or executors at the feast of the Birth of Our Lord next to come;

And if he shall not have done [+so] he wills & grants for himself & his heirs that the said money be levied of his lands, goods & chattels, wherever they may be found within the kingdom of England, to the behoof & use of the said Robert or his executors;

Witness the said Lady the Queen at Westminster on the 19 day of December in the sixth year of her reign.]

The condition of this recognizance is such that where the above-named Robert Burbage by indenture bearing date the eleventh day of this present month of December made

between the said Robert Burbage on thone party and the above-bounden Sir William Cecil, knight, and Gilbert Gerard, esquire, Attorney-General unto our said Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth that now is, and Roger Alford of Hitcham in the county of Buckingham, gentleman, on thother party, did bargain and sell unto the said Gilbert Gerard and Roger Alford one annuity or yearly rent of four score and three pounds going out of the manor of Theobalds otherwise called Tongs and other lands and tenements in the counties of Hertford and Middlesex, in consideration whereof the said Sir William Cecil did by one clause contained in the same indenture covenant to pay unto the said Robert Burbage the sum of twelve hundred twenty-eight pounds and ten shillings of good and lawful money of England in manner and form following, that is to say, at and in the eighteenth day of January then next coming after the date of the same indenture at the great and middle west door of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul within the city of London between the hours of eight of the clock in the forenoon and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day three hundred pounds, and at and in the first day of November then next following and which then should be in the year of Our Lord God one thousand five hundred threescore and four at the said place and between the like hours of the same day nine hundred twenty-eight pounds and ten shillings in full contentation and payment of the said sum of twelve hundred twenty-eight pounds and ten shillings, as by the same indenture amongst other things more plainly doth appear;

If the said Sir William Cecil, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Robert Burbage, his executors or assigns, the said sum of twelve hundred twenty-eight pounds and ten shillings mentioned in the said indenture and in manner and form aforesaid, that is to say, at and in the said eighteenth day of January next coming at the great and middle west door of the cathedral Church of Saint Paul within the city of London between the hours of eight of the clock in the forenoon and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day the said sum of three hundred pounds, and at and in the said first day of November then next following at the said place and between the like hours of the same day the said sum of nine hundred twenty-eight pounds and ten shillings in full contentation & payment of the said sum of twelve hundred twenty-eight pounds & ten shillings without any further delay;

That then this recognizance to be void & of none effect, or else to stand & abide in all his full strength, power & virtue.