

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the licence, dated 1 March 1580, by which Oxford was authorized to alienate his manor of Wakes Colne to his servant, Israel Amyce, and to William Tyffyn. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 30 May 1580 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Wakes Colne to Israel Amyce and William Tyffyn, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1678/22ELIZITRIN, Item 26.

The manor of Wakes Colne had earlier been leased by the 16th Earl of Oxford to Israel Amyce's father, Roger Amyce. See the will of Roger Amyce (d.1573/4), TNA PROB 11/56, ff. 265-6.

Israel Amyce and William Tyffyn had a chamber together at the Middle Temple in 1567. See Hopwood, Charles Henry, ed., *Middle Temple Records* (London: Butterworth & Co., 1904), p. 161, available online For the will of William Tyffyn, dated 25 January 1618, see ERO D/ACW 8/59.

For the licence, dated 2 March 1584, authorizing Oxford to alienate his manor of Vaux to Israel Amyce, see TNA C 66/1248, mm. 22-3. On 20 April 1584, Israel Amyce was outlawed for debt, with serious consequences for Oxford since two bonds of Oxford's to Amyce totalling £7000 were forfeited to the Queen by the outlawry (see ERO D/DPr/161). It seems likely that one of these forfeited bonds was a bond granted by Oxford to Amyce in connection with the sale of the manor of Vaux (see TNA 30/34/14, No. 3). Oxford granted such bonds, usually for a sum twice the value of the land sold, to purchasers of his property in order to guarantee that he would indemnify them in case lands purchased from him were extended by the Queen in connection with his debt to the Court of Wards. Such bonds did not represent money actually owed by Oxford, but were merely guarantees in case the Queen extended against lands purchased from him. However if the lands were actually extended against, Oxford was liable for the total sum stated in the bond.

The inquisition post mortem taken after Oxford's death states that Oxford had also granted Amyce a 31-year lease of the profits of the office of Lord Great Chamberlain, and that that lease was likewise forfeited to the Queen at the time of Amyce's outlawry for debt (see TNA C 142/286/165). All the assets forfeited by Amyce were granted gratis by the Queen to John Drawater and John Holmes by letters patent under the Great Seal of England on 3 May 1591 (see TNA C 66/1385, mm 9-10).

LM: Grant(?) of licence to alienate for Israel Amyce, gentleman, & others

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know ye that we, of our especial grace and for four pounds eight shillings & eleven pence paid to our farmer, by virtue of our letters patent have granted & given licence, and for us, our heirs & successors, by how much is in us by these presents do grant & give licence to our dearest cousin Edward, Earl of Oxford,

that he might be able to give & grant, alienate or acknowledge by fine or by recovery in our court before our Justices of the Common Pleas or by any other manner whatsoever at the pleasure of the same Earl to our beloved Israel Amyce & William Tyffyn, gentlemen, to have & to hold to the same Israel & William and to the heirs & assigns of the same William forever of us, our heirs & successors, by the services therefore owed & of right customary the manor of Colne Wake alias Wakes Colne with the appurtenances and twenty messuages, ten tofts, one water-mill, one dovecot, twenty gardens, two hundred acres of land, thirty acres of meadow, two hundred acres of pasture, ten acres of wood & sixty shillings rent with the appurtenances in Colne Wake alias Wakes Colne, Colne Comitis alias Earls Colne, Great Tey, Little Tey, White Colne, Mount Bures, Fordham, Ponstisbright alias Chappel Parish in Colne Engaine alias Gayne Colne, and also view of frankpledge with the appurtenances in Colne Wake alias Wakes Colne, and also the advowson of the church of Colne Wake alias Wakes Colne in our county of Essex, which are held of us in chief, as it is said;

And by the tenor of these presents we have similarly given, and for us, our heirs & successors aforesaid, we do give special licence to the same Israel & William that they might be able to receive from the forenamed Earl, & hold forever to them and the heirs & assigns of the same William of us, our heirs & successors, the foresaid manor, messuages, lands, rents, view of frankpledge & advowson and other all & singular the premises above expressed & specified with the appurtenances by the services aforesaid, as is aforesaid;

Not willing that the foresaid Earl or his heirs, or the forenamed Israel & William or the heirs of the same William by reason of the premises might be troubled therefore, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed by us, our heirs or successors, or by our justices, escheators, sheriffs, bailiffs or other officers or ministers or [+those] of any our said heirs or successors, nor might be by any of them troubled, molested, interfered with, vexed in anything, or oppressed;

In [+testimony] of which thing etc. Witness the Queen at Westminster on the first day of March.

LM: D(?) licencie alienando pro Israele Amyce Generoso & alijs

1 Regina Omnibus ad quos &c Salutem Sciatis quod nos de gracia nostra speciali ac pro quatuor libris

2 octo solidis & vndecim denarijs solutis ffirmario nostro virtute litterarum nostrarum patentium concessimus

3 & licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est per presentes concedimus

4 & licenciam damus Charissimo Consanguineo nostro Edwardo Comiti Oxonie quod ipse Manerium de

5 Colnewake alias Wakes Colne cum pertinentijs Ac viginti mesuagia decem tofta vnum molendinum

6 aquaticum vnum Columbarium viginti gardina ducentas acras terre triginta acras prati ducentas

7 acras pasture decem acras bosci & sexaginta solidatas redditus cum pertinentijs in Colnewake alias

8 Wakes Colne Colne Comitibus alias Erles Colne Tayne magna Tayne parua White Colne

9 Bures ad Montem ffordham Ponsbright alias Chappell Parishe in Colne Enganye [sic] alias

10 gayne Colne Necnon visum franci plegij cum pertinentijs in Colne Wake alias Wakes Colne

11 Aceciam aduocationem Ecclesie de Colne Wake alias Wakes Colne in Comitatu nostro Essex Que

12 de nobis tenentur in Capite vt dicitur dare possit & concedere alienare aut cognoscere per

13 finem vel per recuperacionem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiarijs nostris de Banco seu aliquo alio modo

14 quocumque ad libitum ipsius Comitibus Dilectis nobis Israeli Amyce & Willelmo Tyffyn Generosis

15 habendum & tenendum eisdem Israeli & Willelmo ac heredibus & assignatis ipsius Willelmi imperpetuum de nobis

16 heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et eisdem Israeli &

17 Willelmo quod ipsi predicta Manerium mesuagia terras redditus visum franci plegij & aduocationem ac cetera omnia

18 & singula premissa superius expressa & specificata cum pertinentijs a prefato Comite recipere possint &

19 tenere sibi ac heredibus & assignatis ipsius Willelmi de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia predicta

20 sicut predictum est imperpetuum tenore presencium similiter lienciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus

21 nostris predictis damus specialem Nolentes quod predictus Comes vel heredes sui aut prefati Israell

22 & Willelmus vel heredes ipsius Willelmi ratione premissorum per nos heredes vel successores nostros aut per

23 Iusticiarios Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos aut alios Officiarios seu Ministros nostros aut

24 dictorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur impetantur vexentur in

25 aliquo seu grauentur nec eorum aliquis occasionetur molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo seu

26 grauetur In cuius rei &c Teste Regine apud Westmonasterium primo die Marcij