

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the licence, dated 12 May 1580, authorizing Oxford to alienate his manor of Bumpstead Hall to William Stubbing. The manors of Bumpstead Countesmead and Great Bumpstead had been among Oxford's manors granted by the Queen to Leicester on 22 October 1563 for the term of Oxford's minority.

For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 30 May 1580 by which clear title to the manor of Bumpstead Hall passed from Oxford to William Stubbing for an annuity of £30 to Oxford and his heirs, see TNA CP 25/2/131/1678/22ELIZITRIN, Item 28. For the recognizance in the amount of £1200 which Oxford acknowledge to William Stubbing on 19 May 1580 in connection with this transaction, see TNA C 54/1095, Part 25. For the recognizance in the amount of £200 acknowledged by Stubbing to Oxford on 21 June 1580 in connection with an annuity of £30 payable by Stubbing to Oxford as consideration for the sale of the manor of Bumpstead, see TNA C 54/1094, Part 24(?).

The William Stubbing who purchased the manor of Bumpstead appears to have been the William Stubbing who was a tenant of the 16th 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: Grant(?) of licence to alienate for William Stubbing

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know ye that we, of our especial grace and for ten pounds & ten shillings 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 William Stubbing the manor of Bumpstead Hall with its rights, members & appurtenances and all & singular messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods to the same manor appertaining, situate, lying & being in the towns of Bumpstead Helion, Steeple Bumpstead & Hempstead or elsewhere in the said county of Essex, and all the lands called Gybbons Fee & five acres of meadow called Harswen mead alias Harlesfeld mead in Steeple Bumpstead aforesaid, and all moors, minerr'(?), waters, stanks, fishings, commons, courts, leets, perquisites of courts, franchises, liberties, views of frankpledge, wards, marriages, heriots, reliefs, rents, reversions, services & hereditaments whatsoever to the foresaid manor appertaining or accepted, reputed or known as part, parcel or member of the same, which are held of us in chief, as it is said, to have & to hold to the same William and his heirs &

assigns forever of us, our heirs & successors, by the services owed therefore, & of right customary;

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 William that he might be able to receive from the forenamed Earl, & hold forever to him and his heirs & assigns of us, our heirs & successors, the foresaid manor, lands, tenements & hereditaments 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 William or his heirs 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 twelfth day of May.

LM: D(?) licencie alienando pro Willelmo Stubbynge

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

2 decem solidis solutis ffirmario nostro virtute litterarum nostrarum patencium concessimus & licenciam dedimus

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

4 Carissimo Consanguineo nostro Edwardo Comiti Oxonie quod ipse Manerium de Bumpsted Hall cum

5 suis iuribus membris & pertinentijs ac omnia & singula mesuagia terras tenementa prata pasturas pascuas boscos

6 subboscos eidem Manerio pertinentia scituata iacentia & existentia in villis de Bumpsted Hellyon Bumpsted

7 ad Turrim & Hempsted aut alibi in dicto Comitatu Essex ac omnia terras vocatas Gybbons fee &

8 quinque acras prati vocatas Harswen meade alias Harlesfeld meade in Bumpsted & [sic?] Turrim

9 predicto Ac omnes moras minner' [sic?] aquas stagna piscatorias communias Curias letas perquisita Curiarum

10 ffranchias libertates vicus [sic?] ffranci plegij Warda maritagia herrietta releuia redditus reuersiones seruicia

11 & hereditamenta quecumque predicto Manerio pertinentia aut accepta reputata seu cognita vt pars

12 parcella vel membrum eiusdem Que de nobis tenentur in Capite vt dicitur dare possit &

13 concedere alienare aut cognoscere per finem vel per recuperacionem in Curia nostra coram Iusticiarijs

14 nostris de Banco seu aliquo alio modo quocumque ad libitum ipsius Comitis dilecto nobis

15 Willelmo Stubbinge habendum & tenendum eidem Willelmo ac heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum de nobis heredibus

16 & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et eidem Willelmo quod ipse predicta

17 Manerium terras tenementa & hereditamenta ac cetera omnia & singula premissa superius expressa &

18 sipecificata [sic] cum pertinentijs a prefato Comite recipere possit & tenere sibi ac heredibus & assignatis suis

19 de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia predicta sicut predictum est imperpetuum tenore presencium

20 similiter lienciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis damus specialem

21 Nolentes quod predictus Comes vel heredes sui aut prefatus Willelmus vel heredes sui ratione premissorum

22 per nos heredes vel successores nostros aut per Iusticiarios Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos aut

23 alios officarios seu Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde

24 occasionentur molestentur impetantur vexentur in aliquo seu grauentur nec eorum aliquis occasionetur

25 molestetur impetatur vexetur in aliquo seu grauetur In cuius rei &c Teste Regine apud Westmonasterium

26 xij die Maij