

SUMMARY: The document below is the copy on the patent rolls of the licence, dated 1 September 1584, by which Oxford was granted permission to alienate his manor of Earls Colne to Roger Harlakenden (d.1603). For another copy of the licence, see ERO D/DPr/158.

For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 13 October 1584 by which legal title to the manor of Earls Colne passed from Oxford to Roger Harlakenden, see TNA CP 25/2/132/1695/26/7ELIZIMICH, Item 1. For another copy of the fine, see ERO D/DPr/159.

For the recognizance in the amount of £1000 acknowledged by Oxford to Harlakenden on 16 November 1584 in connection with the sale of the manor of Earls Colne, see TNA C 54/1196, Part 23.

For a copy of the recovery of the manor of Earls Colne in the Court of Queen's Bench dated 19 May 1585 see ERO D/DPr/160. For the indenture dated 16 June 1592 by which John Drawater (d.1597) and John Holmes, with the consent of Israel Amyce, conveyed their interest in a 100-year lease of Oxford's former properties of Colne Priory and the manor and park of Earls Colne to Roger Harlakenden for £200, see ERO D/DPr/180.

The Queen to all to whom etc., greeting. Know that we, of our special grace and for six pounds thirteen shillings & four 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 his pleasure to our beloved Roger Harlakenden, esquire, the manor of Earls Colne alias Colne Comitis with the appurtenances and one hundred messuages, one hundred gardens, one hundred orchards, three hundred acres of land, one hundred acres of meadow, two hundred acres of pasture, two hundred acres of wood, one hundred acres of furze & heath & eighty shillings of rent with the appurtenances in Earls Colne alias Colne Comitis, White Colne, Wakes Colne, Colne Engaine, Halstead, Matteshall alias Markshall, Great Tey, Little Tey & Feering in our county of Essex which are held of us in chief, as it is said, to have & to hold to the same Roger and to his heirs & assigns forever of us, our heirs and 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, we do give special licence to the same Roger 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, messuages, lands, meadows, pastures, woods & rents and all & singular other the premises above expressed and specified with the appurtenances by the foresaid services, as is aforesaid;

Not willing that the foresaid Earl or his heirs, or the forenamed Roger 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 our said heirs or successors whatsoever, 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 September in the twenty-sixth year of her reign.

LM: D(?) licencia Alienando pro Rogero Harlakenden Armigero

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

2 solidis & quatuor denarijs solutis ffirmario nostro virtute litterarum nostrarum patentium concessimus & licenciam

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

4 damus Charissimo Consanguineo nostro Edwardo Comiti Oxonie quod ipse Manerium de Earles Colne

5 alias Colne Comitibus cum pertinentijs ac Centum mesuagia Centum gardina Centum pomaria trescentas

6 acras terre Centum acras prati ducentas acras pasture ducentas acras bosci Centum acras

7 iampnorum & bruere & octoginta solidatas redditus cum pertinentijs in Earles Colne alias Colne Comitibus

8 Whyte Colne ColneWake Colne Engayne Halstede Matteshall alias Markeshall Teye

9 magna Tey parua & ffearnyng in Comitatu nostro Essex Que de nobis tenentur in Capite vt dicitur

10 dare possit & concedere alienare aut cognoscere per finem vel per recuperacionem in Curia nostra coram

11 Iusticiarijs nostris de Banco seu aliquo alio modo quocumque ad libitum ipsius Comitibus Dilecto nobis

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12 Rogero Harlakenden Armigero habendum & tenendum eidem Rogero ac heredibus & Assignatis suis imperpetuum

13 de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et eidem Rogero

14 quod ipse predicta Manerium messuagia terras prata pasturas boscos & redditus ac cetera omnia & singula premissa

15 superius expressa & specificata cum pertinentijs a prefato Comite recipere possit & tenere sibi ac heredibus

16 & Assignatis suis de nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris per seruicia predicta sicut predictum est imperpetuum tenore

17 presentium similiter licenciam dedimus ac pro nobis heredibus & successoribus nostris predictis damus specialem

18 Nolentes quod predictus Comes vel heredes sui aut prefatus Rogerus vel heredes sui ratione

19 premissorum per nos heredes vel successores nostros aut per Iusticiarios Escaetores vicecomites Balliuos

20 aut alios Officiarios seu Ministros nostros aut dictorum heredum vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde

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

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

23 Septembris Anno regni sui vicesimo sexto