SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 13 and 30 May 1580 by which clear title to the manor of Great Canfield in Essex passed from Oxford to John Wiseman for 400 marks. Licence to alienate was granted to Oxford on 1 March 1580 (see C 66/1194, mm. 15-16). Great Canfield had been among the manors assigned to the executors of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl for a term of 21 years to provide for payment of his debts and performance of his will. It would not have been available for sale by Oxford before the 21-year term elapsed in 1583 unless the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's debts and legacies had already been fully paid. It seems likely that the John Wiseman, esquire, who purchased the manor of Great Canfield from Oxford was related to the John Wiseman, gentleman, whom the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had made bailiff of the manor for life by a deed of 25 October 1560, and to the John Wiseman and Thomas Wiseman, his son, whom the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl had made his auditors for life by his deed of 10 December 1540 (see C 142/136/12).

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the morrow of the Ascension of the Lord in the year of the reigns of Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. from the Conquest the twenty-second [=13 May 1580], before James Dyer, Thomas Meade, & Francis Wyndham, justices, and afterwards on the morrow of Trinity in the abovesaid year of the same Queen Elizabeth [=30 May 1580] there granted & recorded before the same justices & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between John Wiseman, esquire, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, Great Chamberlain of England, deforciant, of the manor of Great Canfield with the appurtenances, and of one hundred messuages, twenty cottages, twenty tofts, two mills, one dovecot, one hundred gardens, one thousand & five hundred acres of arable land, two hundred and sixty acres of meadow, one thousand acres of pasture, one hundred acres of wood, one hundred acres of furze & heath & one hundred shillings rent with the appurtenances in Great Canfield, Little Canfield, Much Dunmow, Hatfield Broad Oak, High Roding, Aythorpe Roding, Easton, Broxted & Takeley, and of free warren in Great Canfield, and also of view of frankpledge with the appurtenances in Great Canfield;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid manor, tenements, rents, warren & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances to be the right of himself, John, as those which the same John has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid John & his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid John & his heirs the foresaid manor, tenements, rents, warren & view of frankpledge with the appurtenances against the foresaid Earl & his heirs and against the heirs of John, late Earl of Oxenford, father of the foresaid Earl, forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same John has given to the foresaid Earl four hundred marks of money.

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According to the form of the statute the first proclamation was made on the fifteenth day of June in Trinity term in the twenty-second year of the within-written Queen;

The second proclamation on the seventeenth day of June in the same term;

The third proclamation on the twentieth day of June in the same term;

The fourth proclamation on the twenty-second day of June in the same term.

The fifth proclamation was made on the twenty-first day of November in Michaelmas term in the twenty-third year of the within-written Queen;

The sixth proclamation on the twenty-third day of November in the same term;

The seventh proclamation on the twenty-sixth day of November in the same term;

The eighth proclamation on the twenty-eighth day of November in the same term.

The ninth proclamation was made on the seventh day of February in Hilary term in the twenty-third year of the within-written Queen;

The tenth proclamation on the ninth day of February in the same term;

The eleventh proclamation on the eleventh day of February in the same term;

The twelfth proclamation on the thirteenth day of February in the same term.

The thirteenth proclamation was made on the first day of May in Easter term in the twenty-third year of the within-written Queen;

The fourteenth proclamation on the third day of May in the same term;

The fifteenth proclamation on the sixth day of May in the same term;

The sixteenth proclamation on the eighth day of May in the same term.

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1 Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Crastino Ascensionis domini Anno

2 regnorum Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris & A conquesto vicesimo secundo

3 coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade & ffrancisco Wyndam Iusticiarijs Et postea in Crastino sancte

4 Trinitatis Anno regnorum eiusdem Regine Elizabethe supradicto ibidem concessa & recordata coram

5 eisdem Iusticiarijs & alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Iohannem Wyseman Armigerum

6 querentem et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie Magnum Camerarium Anglie deforciantem de Manerio de magna

7 Canfeild cum pertinentijs ac de centum mesuagijs viginti cotagijs viginti toftis duobus molendinis

8 vno columbario Centum gardinis Mille & quingentis acris terre ducentis & sexaginta acris prati

9 Mille acris pasture centum acris bosci centum acris iampnorum & bruere & centum solidatis

10 redditus cum pertinentijs in Magna Canfeild parua Canfeild Muche Dunmowe Hatfeild Brodock

11 High Rodinge Eythrop Rodinge Eyston Brocksted & Takeley Ac de libera Warrenna in Magna

12 Canfeild Aceciam de visu ffranci plegij cum pertinentijs in Magna Canfeild Vnde Placitum conuencionis

13 summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod predictus Comes recognovit predicta Manerium tenementa redditus

14 Warrennam & visum ffranci plegij cum pertinentijs esse Ius ipsius Iohannis Vt illa que idem Iohannes habet

15 de dono predicti Comitis Et illa remisit & quieteclamavit de se & heredibus suis predicto Iohanni & heredibus

16 suis Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Iohanni

17 & heredibus suis predicta Manerium tenementa redditus Warrennam & visum ffranci plegij cum pertinentijs contra predictum

18 Comitem & heredes suos Ac contra heredes Johannis nuper Comitis Oxonie patris predicti Comitis

19 Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine & concordia idem Iohannes dedit

20 predicto Comiti quadringentas Marcas Argenti

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Secundum formam statuti

Prima proclamatio facta fuit quintodecimo die Iunij termino sancte Trinitatis Anno vicesimo secundo Regine infrascripte

Secunda proclamatio decimo septimo die Iunij eodem termino

Tercia proclamatio vicesimo die Iunij eodem termino

quarta proclamatio vicesimo secundo die Iunij eodem termino

Quinta proclamatio facta fuit vicesimo primo die Novembris termino sancti Michaelis Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

sexta proclamatio vicesimo tercio die Novembris eodem termino

septima proclamatio vicesimo sexto die Novembris eodem termino

octaua proclamatio vicesimo octauo die Novembris eodem termino

Nona proclamatio facta fuit septimo die ffebruarij Termino sancti Hillarij Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

decima proclamatio nono die ffebruarij eodem termino

vndecima proclamatio vndecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

duodecima proclamatio terciodecimo die ffebruarij eodem termino

Terciadecima proclamatio facta fuit primo die Maij Termino Pasche Anno vicesimo tercio Regine infrascripte

quartadecima proclamatio tercio die Maij eodem termino

quintadecima proclamatio sexto die Maij eodem termino

sextadecima proclamatio octauo die Maij eodem termino

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