

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 20 January 1582 by which clear title to a yearly rent of £12 from the manors of Tendring Hall and Garnons passed from Oxford to William Drury for £240. The manor of Garnons had been part of the jointure of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding (d.1568), and the Act of Parliament of 22 January 1552 by which the 16th Earl's lands were restored to him after Somerset's fraud and extortion allocated a life estate in the manor of Tendring Hall to Oxford's uncle, Aubrey de Vere (see TNA WARD 8/13 and HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35). For the will of Aubrey de Vere, dated 18 January 1580, see ERO D/AMR 3/281. For the recognizance in the amount of £200 which Oxford acknowledged to William Drury on 10 December 1581 in connection with this transaction, see TNA C 54/1145, Part 25.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster on the octave of Saint Hilary 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-fourth [=20 January 1582], before James Dyer, Thomas Meade, Francis Wyndham & William Peryam, justices, & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between William Drury, Doctor of the Laws, querent, and Edward, Earl of Oxford, deforciant, of a yearly rent of twelve pounds issuing from the manors of Tendring Hall & Garnons with the appurtenances;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl acknowledged the foresaid rent to be the right of himself, William, as that which the same William has of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quit-claimed it from himself and his heirs to the foresaid William and his heirs forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid William & his heirs the foresaid rent against the foresaid Earl & his heirs forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quit-claim, warrant, fine & agreement the same William has given to the foresaid Earl two hundred & forty pounds sterling.

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1 Hec est finalis Concordia facta in Curia Domine Regine apud Westmonasterium in Octabis sancti Hillarij Anno

2 regnorum Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c A Conquesto vicesimo quarto

3 coram Iacobo Dyer Thoma Meade ffrancisco Wyndam & Willelmo Peryam Iusticiarijs
& alijs domine Regine

4 fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Willelmum Drury Legum Doctorem querentem et
Edwardum Comitem Oxonie

5 deforciantem de Annuali reddito duodecim librarum exeunte de Manerijs de
Tenderynghall & Garnons cum pertinentijs

6 Vnde Placitum conuencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia Scilicet quod
predictus Comes recognovit predictum

7 redditum esse ius ipsius Willelmi Vt illum quem Idem Willelmi habet de dono predicti
Comitis Et illum remisit & quieteclamavit

8 de se & heredibus suis predicto Willelmo & heredibus suis Imperpetuum Et preterea
Idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis

9 quod ipsi Warantizabunt predicto Willelmo & heredibus suis predictum redditum
contra predictum Comitem & heredes

10 suos Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quietaclamacione Waranto fine
& concordia Idem Willelmus dedit

11 predicto Comiti ducentas & quadraginta libras sterlingorum

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