

SUMMARY: The document below is the fine of 27 January and 18 April 1575 by which clear legal title to the manors of Roseworthy in Gwinear, Tregenna Wollas and Tregenna Wartha in St Ewe, Bejowan in St Columb Minor, Domellick in St Dennis, Tresithney in St Columb Major, and Tregorrick in St Austell, all in Cornwall, passed from Oxford to the three trustees named in the fine, Sir William Cordell, Master of the Rolls, Thomas Bromley, the Queen's Solicitor-General, and Oxford's receiver-general, Edward Hubberd. On 20 January 1575 Oxford had conveyed these and other manors to Cordell, Bromley and Hubberd for £6000 by an indenture of bargain and sale (see SRO D615/D 45 (1)). It would appear that Cordell and Bromley, although nominally Oxford's trustees, represented the Queen's interests, since when Oxford sued his livery in 1572, he had been required to pledge all his lands as security for his debt to the Queen in the Court of Wards. The purchase price of £1200 in the fine appears to be fictitious. A fine was a fictitious lawsuit designed to convey clear title, and for reasons of privacy the purchase price stated in it was often a fictitious one as well. In AR/1/856, the stated consideration for which the three trustees conveyed the manors named in the fine to Sir John Arundel (d.1590) of Lanherne on 20 December 1575 is £3083 6s 8d. Oxford intended to use the proceeds of the sale to finance his trip to the continent. He left England in the first week of February 1575, two weeks after having conveyed the manors in question to his three trustees, and only a few days after the fine of 27 January and 18 April 1575.

The fine appears in duplicate in the original document. There are notes in a modern hand on both front and back identifying the parties and the manors conveyed.

This is the final agreement made in the court of the Lady Queen at Westminster fifteen days after the feast of St. 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 seventeenth [=27 January 1575], before James Dyer, Richard Harper, Roger Manwood & Robert Monson, justices, and afterwards fifteen days after Easter in the year of the reigns of the same Queen Elizabeth abovesaid [=18 April 1575] there granted & recorded before the same justices & others faithful to the Lady Queen then there present, between William Cordell, knight, Master of the Rolls of the Court of Chancery of the Lady Queen, Thomas Bromley, esquire, Solicitor-General of the Lady Queen, & Edward Hubberd, gentleman, querents, and Edward, Earl of Oxenford, deforciant, of the manors of Roseworthy, Tregenna Wollas, Bejowan, Domellick, Tregenna Wartha, Tresithney alias Tesithwey, & Tregorrick with the appurtenances, and of one hundred & sixty messuages, one hundred cottages, six mills, eight dovecots, two hundred gardens, two hundred orchards, two thousand acres of land, six hundred acres of meadow, two thousand acres of pasture, four hundred acres of wood, five hundred acres of furze & heath, & fifteen pounds of rent with the appurtenances in Roseworthy, Tregenna Wollas, Bejowan, Domellick, Tregenna Wartha, Tresithney, Tregorrick and Kestle;

Whereof a plea of covenant was summoned between them in the same court, namely that the foresaid Earl has acknowledged the foresaid manors, tenements and rents with the

appurtenances to be the right of the said William, as those which the said William, Thomas, and Edward Hubberd have of the gift of the foresaid Earl, and he has remised & quitclaimed them from himself & his heirs to the foresaid William, Thomas, and Edward Hubberd and the heirs of the said William forever;

And besides the same Earl has granted for himself & his heirs that they will warrant to the foresaid William, Thomas & Edward Hubberd & the heirs of the said William the foresaid manors, tenements and rents with the appurtenances against all men forever;

And for this acknowledgement, remission, quitclaim, warrant, fine & agreement the same William, Thomas & Edward Hubberd have given to the foresaid Earl one thousand & two hundred pounds sterling.

On dorse:

Delivered by proclamation according to the form of the statute.

Cornwall. Fine between William Cordell, knight, Master of the Rolls of the Court of Chancery of the Lady Queen, & others.

1 Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia domine Regine Apud Westmonasterium a die sancti Hillarij in quindecim dies Anno regnorum Elizabethe dei gratia Anglie ffrancie & Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris

2 &c A conquesto decimo septimo coram Iacobo Dyer Ricardo Harpur Rogero Manwood & Roberto Mounson Iusticiarijs Et Postea A die Pasche in quindecim dies Anno regnorum eiusdem

3 Regine Elizabethe supradicto ibidem concessa & recordata coram eisdem Iusticiarijs & Alijs domine Regine fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Willelmum Cordell Militem Magistrum Rotulorum

4 Curie Cancellarie domine Regine Thomam Bromley Armigerum Solicitorem domine Regine Generalem & Edwardum Hubbert Generosum querentes et Edwardum Comitem Oxonie deforciantem

5 de Manerijs de Roseworye Tregennowe Wollas Bosvyn Dymyliock Tregennowe Wartha Tresithney alias Tresithwey & Tregoryck cum pertinentijs Ac de Centum &

6 sexaginta Mesuagijs Centum Cotagijs sex Molendinis octo Columbarijs ducentis Gardinis ducentis Pomarijs duobus Millibus Acrarum terre sexcentis acris Prati duobus

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10 heredibus suis predictis Willelmo Thome & Edwardo Hubbert & heredibus ipsius Willelmi Imperpetuum Et preterea idem Comes concessit pro se & heredibus suis quod ipsi Warantizabunt predictis Willelmo

11 Thome & Edwardo Hubbert & heredibus ipsius Willelmi predicta Maneria tenementa & redditus cum pertinentijs contra omnes homines Imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quieteclamacione Waranto fine

12 & concordia ijdem Willelmus Thomas & Edwardus Hubbert dederunt predicto Comiti Mille & ducentas libras sterlingorum

On dorse

Deliberatur per proclamationem Secundum formam Statuti

Cornub ff Inter Willelmum Cordell Militem Magistrum Rotulorum Curie Cancellarie domine Regine & Alios