

SUMMARY: In this letter to Sir William Cecil dated 10 February 1565, Stephen Bagot, feodary of Staffordshire, says that he has received £28 10s 4d from Thomas Morton, the bailiff of Oxford's manor of Acton Trussell. In the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl's inquisition post mortem (PRO C 142/136/12), the net yearly rental value of the manor of Acton Trussell is stated to be £28 10s 8d. In Part 39 of WARD 8/13 it is valued at £28 10s 4d, together with an increase of rents of 74s 6d as a result of a survey by the feodary, bringing the total net yearly rental value to £32 4s 10d. The amount collected in this instance for the year 1563-4 appears not to include the rent increases which resulted from the feodary's survey. The letter also includes a copy of an acquittance issued to Thomas Morton, the bailiff of Acton Trussell, by Oxford's auditor, Thomas Wiseman.

My humble duty considered, receiving your Honour's letters the 12 of January concerning the receipt of certain rents of the manor of Acton Trussell of the young Earl of Oxford's lands within the county of Stafford, according to your Honour's commandment I have been at the said lands and spoken with the said bailie that hath the receipt thereof, and have received of him the sum of £28 10s 4d, and have received a quittance for one-half year's rent, the which was paid to the said Earl's officers as will appear by the said quittance, the which quittance I have sent to your Honour by this bearer. Thus committing your Honour unto the blessed tuition of God the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1564 [=10 February 1565].

This sum of £28 10s 4d received the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 1564.

Your Honour's to command,

Copy of th' acquittance

Acton trussell  
in Comitatu Staffordie  
parcella terrarum  
Comitis Oxonie

Auditus Computo Thome Moreton generosi	}	
ballivi ibidem pro vno anno integro	}	
finito ad festum sancti michaelis archangeli Anno	}	
regni domine Regine Elizabethe quarto	}	quietus
Omnibusque in eodem computo oneratisque allocatisque	}	
allocandis Idem computans a computo suo	}	
predicto recessit	}	

per me Thomam wiseman Auditorem

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[TRANSLATION: Acton Trussell in the county of Stafford, parcel of the lands of the Earl of Oxenford. Audit for the account of Thomas Morton, gentleman, bailiff there, for one entire year ended at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel in the fourth year of the reign of the Lady Queen Elizabeth. For all things in the same account charged, allowed, and to be allowed, the same accountant hath gone quit from his foresaid account. By me, Thomas Wiseman, auditor]

Stephanum Bagott