

SUMMARY: The documents below is Alderman Henry Billingsley's 'Certificate for the custom of oils, wools & fruits brought into the Port of London in 3 years ending 9 May 1592', an itemized list of the customs fees paid to the Queen from the following oils, wools and fruits imported into England during the years 1589-1592:

Seville oil the pipe
Sweet oil the butt
Sweet oil the barrel
Train oil [=oil extracted from the carcasses of sea animals] the pipe
Linseed oil the barrel

Spanish hatting wool
Spanish clothing wool
Cotton wool
Estridge wool [=wool imported from Eastern European countries]
Lamb's wool
Polonia wool

Great raisins
Raisins of the sun
Currants
Prunes
Figs

The document is endorsed 'Earl of Oxford's suit to her Majesty to bring into the realm oils, wools, fruits'. For the background to Oxford's 1592 suit for licence to import oils, fruits and wools, see BL Lansdowne 108/14, ff. 25-6. For a copy of Oxford's suit addressed directly to the Queen, see BL Lansdowne 71/10, f. 18.

For Lord Burghley's letter dated 14 July 1592 to Alderman Billingsley requesting the information provided in this certificate, see BL Lansdowne 71/12, ff. 22-3.

For Henry Billingsley (d. 22 November 1606), Lord Mayor of London, see the Wikipedia article at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Billingsley.

As noted in the article, Billingsley was the first to translate Euclid's *Elements* into English in 1570.