

SUMMARY: The document below is a warrant authorizing payment for expenditures made on behalf of the Queen's ward, Edward Manners (1549-1587), 3rd Earl of Rutland, for the second quarter of 1570. The warrant affords a basis for comparison with similar warrants authorizing payment for expenditures made on Oxford's behalf in 1570. For warrants authorizing payment for expenditures for the Earl of Rutland for the first quarter of 1570 and for expenditures for the second quarter which had been omitted from the warrant below, see TNA SP 15/19/34, ff. 83-4 and TNA SP 15/19/36, f. 87.

This and similar documents indicate that the procedure followed was that an account of bills received from various merchants as well as moneys paid out by John Hart (c.1501-1574), Chester Herald, was drawn up. The account was then signed by Sir William Cecil, Master of the Court of Wards, who forwarded it to Sir William Damsell (c.1520-1582), Receiver-General of the Court of Wards. Damsell paid Hart, who acknowledged receipt, and used the funds to pay the outstanding bills.

For further information on Damsell, see Bindoff, S.T., *The House of Commons 1509-1558*, Vol. II (London: Secker & Warburg, 1982), pp. 9-10.

For John Hart, Chester Herald, see the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, available online:

Hart, John (c.1501–1574), herald and phonetician, . . . may have spent some time at the University of Cambridge, since he had intellectual or personal links with three Cambridge scholars, two of whom, Sir Thomas Smith (d. 1577) and Sir John Cheke (d. 1557), were (like Hart) active in promoting spelling reform; a third, Sir William Cecil (d. 1598), was described by Hart as his 'specially good master'. As a powerful figure in government circles, Hart's 'master' was in a good position to act as his patron, and he became by the 1550s a diplomatic courier, then in the 1560s an official of the court of wards and liveries and a herald pursuivant. He was finally promoted in 1567 to the highly prestigious rank of Chester herald at the College of Arms in London.

*Hart wrote three treatises on spelling reform; the first (1551) was not published at the time; the second, *An Orthografie* (1569), was a more sophisticated version of this manuscript; and the third, *A Methode* (1570), instructs learners in the use of the 'phonetic' alphabet which Hart devised. A fourth work intended to provide a simpler alphabet was not completed. Hart proposed to reform English spelling because it was both inconsistent and irregular. . . . Hart died in London on 16 July 1574.*

For warrants authorizing payment for expenditures for Oxford for the first three quarters of 1570, see TNA SP 15/19/38, ff. 89-90, TNA SP 15/19/39, ff. 91-2 and TNA SP 15/19/40, f. 93.

For an account summarizing expenditures for Oxford from the beginning of his residency at Cecil House on 3 September 1562 until Christmas 1566, see TNA SP 12/42/38, ff. 91-2.

LM: 1570

Payments made for the behoof of Edward, Earl of Rutland, the Queen's Majesty's ward, for one quarter of the year of 13 weeks beginning the 26th of March and ending the 24th of June Anno Regne Elizabethæ xijmo

To William Roe, mercer, for velvet, satin & taffeta for a Dutch cloak, a doublet and 2 pair of upper parts of hose, and for lining, as by his bill, £15 18s

To Peter Flory, my Lord's tailor, for making and part of the furniture of a Dutch cloak of satin guarded with velvet, of a doublet of carnation satin, a jerkin, and for one satin doublet black, and one other of fine canvas, particularly appearing by his bill, £7 16s 2d

To John Martin, hosier, for one pair of leather hose laid over thick with silver lace, for one other pair of murrey velvet laid on very thick with silver lace, with 2 pair of silk netherstocks and all the furniture, as by his bill it particularly appeareth, £15 6s 6d

To Richard Grandish, capper, for 2 taffeta hats, the one with a gold band, for 2 velvet caps with feathers, and for silk lace and riband, as by his bill, £3 18s 8d

To Thomas Worsevpp, shoemaker, for 9 pair of Spanish leather shoes, one pair of winter boots, and one pair of waxed boots, as by his bill it particularly appeareth, 36s 8d

For 22 ells of fine Holland for 2 pair of sheets and 2 pillow-beres, all for my Lord bought by Byllott, his man, as by his bill signed by my Lord appeareth, £4 16s 4d

RM: verte

For a canopy of silk(?) for my Lord's bed, £7

And for a quilt of silk for the same bed, £8

To Lancelot Burton, apothecary, for one purgation with [], for syrups and 6 sweet bags, as by his bill, £4 11s 4d

To William Seres, stationer, for one Geneva Bible, for law-books, and for paper & wax, as by his bill, 36s 10d

To Roger Wood, my Lord's yeoman, and Thomas Scriven, his page, & to Simon Patier, his Frenchman, for necessaries & charges for my Lord, as by their bill, 61s

To Chester Herald for so much by him disbursed for my Lord's servants' wages for this quarter, and for keeping and shoeing of my Lord's horses the same time, as by 2 several bills it hath to me appeared, £23 3s 8d

And for my Lord's board and diet, with his tutors and servants, for 9 weeks of this quarter of year, with fuel and candle, at 60s the week, comes to, £27

S^um^{ma} totall^{is} £124 5s 2d

Mr Receiver, I pray you to cause the parcels herebefore expressed amounting to the sum of one hundred twenty and four pound five shillings and two pence to be paid unto this bearer, John Hart, Chester Herald, that he may make payment thereof whereas it is due, and this bill by me subscribed, together with his acknowledging of the receipt thereof hereafter, shall be your sufficient warrant in that behalf. Given at Oatlands the 27th of June Aⁿno R^{egni} R^{egi}ne Elizabethe xijmo. Your loving friend, W. Cecil.

Endorsed: Received of Sir William Damsell, knight, Receiver-General of the Court of Wards and Liveries, by virtue of this warrant the sum herebefore named of one hundred twenty and four pounds five shillings and two pence the 13th of July Aⁿno R^{egni} R^{egi}ne Elizabethe xijmo, p^{er} me Joh^{ann}em Hart, Chester Herald.

Endorsed: To my loving friend, Sir William Damsell, knight, Receiver-General of the Court of Wards & Liveries