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SUMMARY: By this document dated 17 September 1580 Oxford appointed William Daniel, Richard Branthwayte, Edward Hubberd, Israel Amyce, George Golding and John Mynors to positions of trust in the conduct of certain of his financial affairs. It would appear that these six officers constituted Oxford's council at the time. George Golding was Oxford's maternal uncle, and had been appointed as Oxford's auditor on 14 January 1572. Israel Amyce was in service with Oxford for many years. Edward Hubberd was a lawyer, and had been Oxford's receiver-general since 1575. John Mynors may have been the 'Mynors' who is elsewhere referred to as Oxford's attorney. Richard Branthwayte (d.1594) was also a lawyer; for his will, see PROB 11/84, ff. 336-8.

BE IT KNOWN UNTO ALL men by these presents that I, Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Viscount Bulbeck & Lord of Badlesmere & Scales, have appointed & authorized and by these presents do appoint & authorize William Daniel, Richard Branthwayte, Edward Hubberd, Israel Amyce, George Golding, John Mynors or any five, four, or three of them whereof I will that the said William Daniel or Richard Branthwayte be one, to make sale of such my woods & timber as from time to time hereafter they shall think meet to be sold to & for my use, and also to demise & grant for the term of one and twenty years or under, dispose of, and take such order for my grounds, parks, provisions, possessions and revenues as by their good discretions and according to the trust reposed in them herein shall be thought most behoveful, commodious, & beneficial for me, and to treat of, deal in, take order, determine & compound for all other causes & matters whatsoever that shall concern my debts, suits or other service, and lastly to call before them any farmer, tenant, officer or servant of mine for their better information & proceeding in the premises, and these shall be to them & every of them a sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf, in witness whereof I, the said Earl, have hereunto put my seal the seventeenth day of September in the two & twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, & Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., Anno Domini 1580.

Edward Oxenford