

SUMMARY: The document below is a list prepared by Michael Lok (c.1532-1620x22) in mid-1578 of moneys received by him as treasurer of the Company for the Discovery of Cathay from those who had invested in the third Frobisher voyage to the Canadian Arctic in 1578. The list was prepared by Lok shortly after the ships had set sail from Harwich on 31 May 1578 but before their return at the end of September, as Lok's heading for the list indicates that he still expects that 100 men under Edward Fenton (d.1603) will remain at Baffin Island. However the settlement project was abandoned, and Fenton and the men returned with the rest of the fleet in September.

Oxford's name does not appear on the list below, confirming that the list was prepared not long after 31 May 1578. Oxford invested heavily (and eventually lost heavily) in the Frobisher voyages. He subscribed £1000 with the Company, secured by a bond, and also privately purchased half of Michael Lok's investment in the three voyages. For Oxford's letter dated 21 May 1578 offering to invest £1000 in Frobisher's third voyage, to be secured by a bond due on 29 September 1578, see TNA SP 12/149/42, f. 108v. For Oxford's purchase of half Michael Lok's investment, see TNA SP 12/126/34, ff. 65-6, in which Lok states that his total investment in the three Frobisher voyages was £4270, of which Oxford became partner with him for £2000.

Dame Elizabeth (nee Castelyn) Martyn (d.1583), listed as an investor in the document below, was the widow of Sir Roger Martyn (d.1573), Lord Mayor of London, and the stepmother of Humphrey Martin, the addressee of the *Langham Letter* which describes the Earl of Leicester's lavish entertainment for Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth Castle in July 1575. Elizabeth Martyn's brother, Edward Castelyn, was Michael Lok's deputy in connection with the Company's affairs after the ships had returned from the 1578 voyage and the ultimately worthless ore from the 1577 and 1578 voyages was being refined at Dartford (see TNA SP 12/131/20, ff. 72-91). For the will of Sir Roger Martyn, Lord Mayor of London, see TNA PROB 11/56, ff. 2-4. For the will of Dame Elizabeth Martyn in which she mentions her brother, Edward Castelyn, see TNA PROB 11/65, ff. 288-9.

Edward Castelyn appears to have had a long association with the Lok family. See *The Second Voyage to Guinea set out by Sir George Barne, Sir John Yorke, Thomas Lok, Anthony Hickman and Edward Castelyn in the year 1554, the Captain Whereof was Mr John Lok* at <http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/h/hakluyt/voyages/v11/chapter31.html>.

A number of Michael Lok's children and stepchildren are listed as investors. In 1576 or 1577 Lok has married as his second wife, Margery (d. c.1583), the widow of Cesare Adelmare and mother of Julius Caesar Adelmare, later Judge of the High Court of Admiralty.

For the Frobisher voyages generally, see:

Inuit and Englishmen; The Nunavut Voyages of Martin Frobisher, at http://www.museevirtuel-virtualmuseum.ca/Search.do?ex=on&R=VE_403&lang=en.

The transcript below was prepared from McDermott, James, ed., *The Third Voyage of Martin Frobisher to Baffin Island 1578* (London: Hakluyt Society, 2001), pp. 55-7.

Year 1578

The receipt of money by me, Michael Lok, mercer, Treasurer of the Company for
Discovery of Cathay etc. by the Northwest parts

Received of the venturers for their stock & venture outwards in the third voyage for the discovery of Cathay etc. by the Northwest parts made anno 1578 by conduct of Martin Frobisher, esquire, begun in the month of May 1578.

Received of them, as well for the furniture of the ship Ayde & other ships freighted to return home this year, as also for furniture of the 3 ships, to say, the Judith, the Michael and the Gabriel, with 100 men appointed to remain & dwell there in that country this year under charge of Edward Fenton, their Captain, I say received of them as followeth:

Received of the Queen's Majesty	£1350
Received of the Lord High Treasurer	£ 135
of the Lord High Admiral	£ 135
of the Lord Chamberlain, Earl of Sussex	£ 135
of the Earl of Warwick	£ 135
of the Earl of Leicester	£ 202 10s
of the Lord of Hunsdon	£ 67 10s
of Sir Francis Knollys, Treasurer etc.	£ 67 10s
of Sir Francis Walsingham, Secretary	£ 270
of Mr Doctor Wilson, Secretary	£ 67 10s

£2555

of the Earl of Pembroke	£ 202 10s
of the Countess of Pembroke	£ 33 15s
of the Countess of Warwick	£ 67 10s
of the Countess of Sussex	£ 67 10s
of Mr Philip Sidney	£ 67 10s
of Sir Henry Wallop, knight	£ 67 10s
of Sir Thomas Gresham, knight	£ 270
of Sir Lionel Duckett, knight	£ 67 10s
of Sir John Brocket, knight	£ 67 10s
of Mr William Pelham	£ 67 10s
of Mr Thomas Randolph	£ 67 10s
of Mr Edward Dyer	£ 33 15s
of John Somers	£ 67 10s
of Simon Boyer	£ 33 15s

of John Dee	£ 33 15s
of Anthony Jenkinson	£ 67 10s
of Martin Frobisher, Captain	£ 135
of Edmund Hogan, mercer	£ 135
of Richard Young, Customer	£ 67 10s
of Thomas Allen, skinner	£ 67 10s
of Matthew Field, mercer	£ 67 10s
of Christopher Hoddesdon, mercer	£ 67 10s

Sum this side	£4455
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of William Painter	£ 67 10s
of Jeffrey Turville	£ 67 10s
of William Burrowe	£ 67 10s
of Thomas Owen, gentleman	£ 33 15s
of Richard Bowlande	£ 67 10s
of William Bond, haberdasher	£ 135
of Robert Kindersley	£ 67 10s
of Anne Frances, widow	£ 101 5s
of Matthew Kindersley	£ 33 15s
of William Harington	£ 33 15s
of William Dowgle	£ 33 15s
of Anthony Marler, mercer	£ 33 15s
of William Ormeshaw	£ 33 15s
of Zachary Lok	£ 33 15s
of Eleazer Lok	£ 33 15s
of Gerson Lok	£ 33 15s
of Benjamin Lok	£ 33 15s
of Matthew Lok	£ 33 15s
of Henry Lok	£ 33 15s
of Michael Lok, junior	£ 33 15s
of Julio [=Julius] Caesar Adelmare	£ 33 15s
of Thomas Caesar Adelmare	£ 33 15s
of Charles Caesar Adelmare	£ 33 15s
of Henry Caesar Adelmare	£ 33 15s
of William Caesar Adelmare	£ 33 15s
of Elizabeth Caesar Adelmare	£ 33 15s
of Dame Elizabeth Martyn	£ 33 15s
of Michael Lok, mercer, and the remainder of the second voyage, being £1750	£2232 10s

£3915

£4455

Sum of all the stock of the venturers	£8370
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