

SUMMARY: The document below is an account recording expenditures on Oxford's behalf from the beginning of his residency at Cecil House on 3 September 1562 until Christmas 1566, a period of 52 months. The total for the period ending on 28 September 1566 is £627 15s. An additional £56 4s expended during the three months from October to December 1566 brings the total to £683 19s. The average expenditure during the entire 52 months was thus approximately £13 per month, or £156 a year. By 1566 Oxford was a young courtier 16 years of age with the expectation that he would dress the part, and an annual expenditure of £156 for apparel, rapiers and daggers, was perhaps not unduly excessive. However the account appears to be in the same hand as accounts prepared for the first three quarters of 1570, and these later accounts include many items in addition to apparel such as board and wages for Oxford's servants, expenditures for books and paper, payments to physicians and apothecaries during illnesses etc. Thus, even though the document below is headed 'for the apparel, with rapiers and daggers, for my Lord of Oxenford his person', it is perhaps not unreasonable to conclude that the totals for each year included items in addition to apparel.

For the accounts for 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 the apparel, with rapiers and daggers, for my Lord of Oxenford his person, viz.,

1562 & 63	In the [-the] first year and 26 odd days beginning the third of September and ending the 28th of September An{n}o R{egni} R{egi}ne Elizabeth{e} vto	£154 5s 6d
1563 & 64	Item, in the second year beginning the 29th of September An{n}o vto and ending the 30th of September An{n}o R{egni} R{egi}ne Elizabethe vjto	£106 15s 11d
1564 & 65	Also in the third year beginning the last of September An{n}o vjto & ending the 29th of September An{n}o R{egni} R{egi}ne Elizabethe vijmo	£191 18d
1565 & 66	More, for the 5th [sic] year beginning the 30th of September An{n}o vijmo and ending the 28th of September An{n}o R{egni} R{egi}ne Elizabeth{e} viijvo	£175 12s 1d
	S{um}m{a} of these 4 years	£627 15s
1566	And as by one warrant ending at Christmas last	£ 56 4s

And in this present quarter ending the 22nd of March may come to

Endorsed: (in William Cecil's hand) 1566, A summary of the charges of the apparel of the Earl of Oxford