

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 first 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 made on behalf of the Earl of Rutland for the second quarter of 1570, see TNA SP 15/19/35, ff. 85-6 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.

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For comparable warrants authorizing payment for expenditures made on behalf of the Queen's ward, Edward Manners (1549-1587), 3rd Earl of Rutland, for 1570 see TNA SP 15/19/34, ff. 83-4, TNA SP 15/19/35, ff. 85-6 and TNA SP 15/19/46, f. 87.

For comparable warrants authorizing payment for expenditures made on behalf of the Queen's ward, Edward (1556-1625), Lord Zouche, for 1570 see TNA SP 15/19/41, ff. 94-5 and TNA SP 15/19/42, f. 96.

LM: At Hampton Court, 1569 [=1570]

Payments made for the behoof of Edward, Earl of Rutland, the Queen's Majesty's ward, for one quarter of the year beginning the first of January 1569 and ending the 25th of March 1570, being 12 weeks, viz.

To William Chelseham, mercer, for 11 yards of velvet, 8 yards of satin, 3 ells of taffeta, and one ell of sarcenet, as by his bill, £18 14s 4d

To Peter Flory for making of a cloak of velvet and of a grosgrain gown, with part of the furniture, and the like of one satin doublet, and for 2 fine canvas doublets, as per bill, £6 6s 3d

To John Martin, hosier, for making and part of the furniture of one pair of velvet hose, for one other pair of chamois leather, and for a pair of boot-hose, as per bill, in all, £11 10s 5d

To Roger Bullock for 8 shirts, one dozen of cambric handkerchiefs, and 1 dozen pair of stocks(?), as by his bill it particularly appeareth, £12 6s

To William Wood, cutler, for one rapier and dagger, with other trimming of his weapon, as by his bill, 26s

To Philip Gunter for mats, and matting my Lord's chamber, as per bill, 24s 8d

To George Hill, saddler, for one Spanish leather saddle with gilt buckles and studs and all the furniture, and other repairing of my Lord's saddles for his men, as by his bill it particularly appeareth, £3 17s 2d

To William Seres, stationer, for *The Course of Civil Law* and other books, as by his bill it appeareth, 31s 4d

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To Roger Wood, my Lord's man, & Thomas Scriven, my Lord's page, for their board-wages for 38 days of this quarter of the year at 12d per diem the piece, 76s

To Simon Patier for necessaries for my Lord, for carriages of my Lord's stuff and bedding, for wood and coal, and for his board-wages for 80 days of this quarter of the year, as by his bill it particularly appeareth, £4 19s 3d

And for my Lord's servants' wages & liveries, for rewards, and for the charges of his horses, as by the particulars it hath to me appeared, in all coming to, £22 15s 6d

Item, for the board and diet of my Lord with his servants & tutors for 4 weeks of this quarter, at 60s the week is, £12

Sm total<sup>is</sup> £100 5s 11d

Mr Receiver, I pray you to cause the parcels herebefore expressed amounting to the sum of one hundred pound and five shillings and eleven pence to be paid to 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 hereunder, shall be your sufficient warrant in that behalf. Given at Hampton Court the 9th of April A{n}no 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 abovesaid of one hundred pounds five shillings and eleven pence the 10th of April A{n}no R{egni} R{egi}ne Elizabethe xijmo, p{er} me J{ohannem} H{art}, Chester Herald.

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