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 period 31 March to 12 July 1570 which had been omitted from an earlier warrant for the second quarter of that year. 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 and second quarters of 1570, see TNA SP 15/19/34, ff. 83-4 and TNA SP 15/19/35, ff. 85-6.

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

Further payments made for Edward, Earl of Rutland, the Queen's Majesty's ward, for which none allowance was demanded by my last warrant given at Oatlands the 27th of June, due from March last to the 12th of July An{n}o R{egni} R{egi}ne Elizabethe xijmo, viz.

LM: xijmo Julij

To John Nelson, jerkin-maker, for one Spanish leather jerkin, as by his bill, 20s

To George Hill, saddler, for one velvet foot-cloth with all the furniture, for pasterns, girths and other necessaries for my Lord's horses, £12 9s 6d

For keeping and shoeing of my Lord's horses for 18 days from the 24th of June to the 12th of July, £4 2s

For my Lord's board and diet, with fuel and candle, for one week of this time, £3

To my Lord's laundress for the said 18 days, 3s

And for 3 of my Lord's men's board-wages for 5 weeks and 4 days, part of the last quarter of the year and of the rest unto the 12th of July at 12d the piece per diem, comes to, $\pounds 5\ 17s$

 $S\{u\}m\{ma\}$ totall{is} £26 11s 6d

RM: verte

Mr Receiver, I pray you to cause the parcels herebefore expressed amounting to the sum of twenty and six pounds eleven shillings and six 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 hereunder, shall be your sufficient warrant in that behalf. Given at Oatlands the 12th of July $A\{n\}$ no $R\{egi\}$ 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 twenty and six pounds

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eleven shillings and six pence the 13th of July $A\{n\}$ no $R\{egni\}$ $R\{egi\}$ 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