

SUMMARY: The document below is a warrant authorizing payment for expenditures made on behalf of the Queen's ward, Edward (1556-1625), Lord Zouche, for the period 25 June to 30 September 1570. The warrant affords a basis for comparison with similar warrants authorizing payment for expenditures made on Oxford's behalf in 1570. For a warrant authorizing payment for expenditures for Lord Zouche for the period 8 April to 30 June 1570, see TNA SP 15/19/41, ff. 94-5.

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: At Cecil House, 1570

Payments made for the behoof of Edward, Lord Zouche, for one quarter of year of 13 weeks beginning the 25th of June and ending the last of September Anno Regni Regine Elizabethæ xijmo, viz.

To Miles Exelby, tailor, for making and lace, with other furniture, of one blue watered camelet nightgown, and for 2 fine canvas doublets, as by his bill it particularly appeareth, 59s 2d

To John Baugh, skinner, for furring of the same gown, as by his bill, 30s 10d

To Chester Herald for so much by him disbursed for stuff for one pair of hose, for a hat, a double cloth of canvas, for the camlet of the long gown, and for 4 shirts, as by his bill it particularly appeareth, £7 10s 9d

To Humphrey Toye, stationer, for Tully's works in folio, for a Geneva Bible, and Caesar's *Commentaries*, 50s

And to Doctor Whitgift, Master of Trinity College, for my Lord's commons, for shoes, making of part of his apparel and mending of it, with other necessaries and charges, and for my Lord's man's commons, with his wages and livery, as by the particular bill, £7 6s 4d

Summa totalis £21 17s 1d

Mr Receiver, I pray you to cause the parcels herebefore expressed amounting to the sum of twenty and one pounds seventeen shillings and one pence to be paid unto this bearer, 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 hereafter, shall be your sufficient warrant in that behalf. Given at my house in Strand the 9th of November Anno Regni Regine Elizabethæ 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 with-written of twenty and one pounds seventeen shillings and one pence the 15th of November Anno Regni Regine Elizabethæ xijmo, per me Johannem Hart Chester Herald.

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