

SUMMARY: The notes below in Lord Burghley's hand are found on the top portion of Oxford's letter of 30 June 1591. They indicate that the £1257 fine levied by the Court of Wards for livery when the Queen granted Oxford licence to enter upon his lands by her letters patent of 30 May 1572 (see TNA C 66/1090, mbs. 29-30) was secured by 13 bonds amounting to a total of £1666. Similarly, Oxford's debt of £48 for mean rates was secured by a single bond in the amount of £80, while the £1800 fine for his wardship was secured by 9 bonds amounting to a total of £2700. (In fact according to CP 25/105, Oxford fine for wardship was actually £2000; Lord Burghley's figure of £1800 indicates that one payment of £200 had been made on that debt.) In addition, Oxford was also required to enter into a £4000 penal bond to guarantee performance of the covenants pertaining to his livery, and a £3000 penal bond to guarantee performance of the covenants pertaining to his wardship. Since Oxford failed to repay his original debt of £3306 to the Court of Wards in accordance with the payment schedule, he forfeited 24 bonds totalling £4446 as well as an additional £7000 in penal bonds, that is, Oxford forfeited bonds worth a total of £11,446 to the Court of Wards. This forfeiture of £11,446 worth of bonds was in respect of an original debt of £ 3306, which also had to be repaid in addition to the £11,446 forfeiture, bring Oxford's total debt to the Court of Wards to £14,752. Again, note that Lord Burghley's figure of £3106 for the original debt indicates that Oxford had made one £200 payment. However, Burghley's allowance for this £200 is to some extent contradicted by other contemporary documents.

13 obligations forfeit – £1666 – debt £1257 17s(?)

1 obligation forfeit -- £80 -- debt £48 19s

9 obligations forfeit -- £2700 – debt £1800

for covenants upon his livery £4000

for covenants upon his wardship £3000

total forfeit £11,446 13s 4d

due debt £3106 18s 9d