

SUMMARY: The document below consists of notes in Lord Burghley's hand at the bottom left of Oxford's letter to Burghley dated 30 June 1591.

The notes indicate that the £1257 fine in the Court of Wards when Oxford sued his livery in order to get his lands back when he reached the age of majority 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. However, Burghley's allowance for this £200 is to some extent contradicted by other contemporary documents.

In addition, Oxford was also required to enter into a £4000 penal bond to guarantee performance of the covenants pertaining to the suing of 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.

It should be noted that Lord Burghley's figure of £3100 18s for the addition of the three debt figures is in error; it should be £3105 18s.

13 obligations for his livery -- the debt was £1257 18s(?) -- penalty £1666
 1 obligation for rates within age -- the debt £48 -- penalty £80
 9 obligations for his wardship -- debt £1800 -- penalty £2700

Total £3100 18s(?)
 Total penalty £4445
 excess £1344 2s(?)

Forfeit of covenants

Upon the livery £4000 }
 } £7000
 Upon his wardship £3000 }