
SUMMARY: The document below is a copy of 1592 Oxford's suit for licence to import oils, fruits and wools. This copy is addressed directly to the Queen.

For background to the suit, which was not granted, see BL Lansdowne 108/14, ff. 25-6. For a letter dated 14 July 1592 from Lord Burghley to Alderman Henry Billingsley requesting information as to the customs fees charged for oils, wools and fruits in recent years, see BL Lansdowne 71/12, ff. 22-3.

For the 'certificate for the custom of oils, wools & fruits brought into the Port of London in 3 years ending 9 May 1592' provided by Alderman Billingsley in response to Lord Burghley's letter, see BL Lansdowne 71/11, ff. 19-21.

My humble suit unto your Majesty is to have licence to bring into your realm these three commodities following, I giving your Majesty a yearly increase of £450 more than your usual custom, as followeth:

Oils	£200	
Wools	£200	yearly £450
Fruits	£ 50	

Reasons to move your Majesty to grant me the same

When the cause concerning Waltham Forest was put to arbitrament, in consideration that I should stay, your Majesty promised to give me some good thing.

Your Majesty promised to pass me assurance of Skinner's lands, but having drawn my books, your Majesty refused the signing of them, so that I was put to a great charge thereby, and my suit overthrown also, to my great hindrance.

Also my great charges in giving attendance in your Highness' service.