

SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 1 April 1595 from Oxford to Lord Burghley advising of the names of the merchants associated with him in the offer to increase the Queen's revenue from tin from approximately £3000 a year to £10,000 a year, and requesting Lord Burghley to choose those among them whom he thinks most sufficient.

My very good Lord, as I promised your Lordship to send a resolute answer, so now being fully furnished for the same I beseech your Lordship that you will persevere in your favour towards me. And for the matter, thus I do advertise your Lordship, that I will make up the custom which already her Majesty hath (that is, as I perceive, 3000 and odd pounds), 10 thousand, & for her assurance to put in such merchants as (among these here named and some others which I shall hereafter nominate) your Lordship shall choose and think most sufficient.

Thus most earnestly desiring your Lordship's favour, I do crave her Majesty's resolution for that I knowing the same may haste the assurance the sooner, for some of these I must send for which are in the country, but ready, whensoever I shall give them word, to be here within 9 or 10 days.

Your Lordship's to command,

Edward Oxeford

The names of the parties.

Roberts

Taylor

Soames

Smythe of Exeter

Stapers

Catcher

Moody

Glover, and all those which are the usual merchants for the tin and that are customers to the tanners, whereby there needeth no loss of coinage by clearing the same, for these be the same that have already paid for their tin & to whom the tanners are indebted. Wherefore the sooner I may know her Majesty's good pleasure by your Lordship's favour, the sooner I shall be able to give assurance, which is necessary lest her Majesty leese this coinage which is next to come, the best in all the year.

Endorsed: To the right honourable & his very good Lord, the Lord Treasurer of England

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