

Summary: This document dates from the early 1570s since it indicates that Oxford was still possessed of his mansion at London Stone, which he sold in 1573 to Sir Ambrose Nicholas (d.1578) (see TNA PROB 11/60 and TNA 30/34/14), and his manors in Cornwall, which he sold in 1575 to Sir John Arundel (d.1590) of Lanherne (see CRO AR/1/856). Two names in the document also help to date it. William Fleetwood is named in the document as Recorder of London, an appointment he received in 1571, and Thomas Wilbraham is named as Attorney of the Court of Wards, a position he held circa 1571-1573 (see Hurstfield p. 225). The document records the fees paid to the keepers, stewards, and other officers of Oxford's estates and to various legal officials, as well as the annuities which had been granted to various officers and servants by the 16th Earl. Most of these fees and annuities are also recorded in TNA C 142/136 12 and in TNA WARD 8/13. The total given for fees (£157 7s 1d) is out by 66s 8d, which suggests that the compiler of the document omitted to add one of the fees for that amount. The total for fees should be £160 13s 9d, and the total for fees and annuities should be £325 13s 9d. This latter total represents a considerable percentage of Oxford's income since Oxford's entire landed inheritance amounted to about £2000 of net rental income a year, an amount Oxford never received in any one year, either during his minority or after he came of age.

THE ORDINARY FEES AND ANNUITIES yearly going out of the living of the right honourable Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, besides all bailies' and collectors' fees as followeth, viz.,

Fees of keepers

The keeper of the new park at Hedingham	60s 10d
The keeper of the great park there	100s
The keeper of the castle park there	100s 10d
The constable of the castle there	£4 6s 8d
The keeper of Colne park	£6 20d
The constable of Camps Castle	40s
The keeper of the parks there	£4 11s 3d
The keeper of Tilbury park	60s
The keeper of Wivenhoe house	60s 10d
The keeper of Wivenhoe park	40s
The keeper of Chalkney wood	20s
The keeper of Stansted park	60s 10d
The keeper of Canfield park	60s 10d
The keeper of my Lord's house by London Stone	40s

Fees of stewards

The high steward of all my Lord's estates in Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Hertfordshire	£20
The steward of his Lordship's estates in Devonshire and Cornwall	£4
The steward of his Lordship's estates in Wiltshire	40s
The steward of his Lordship's estates in Cheshire	16s 8d
The steward of his Lordship's estates in Staffordshire	26s 8d
The steward of his Lordship's estates in Buckinghamshire	60s
The steward of his Lordship's estates in Northamptonshire	40s
The steward of Lavenham estates in Suffolk	40s
The steward of Weybourn courts in Norfolk	20s

Fees of other officers

The auditor of th' accounts of all my Lord's revenues	£20
The receiver-general of all his Lordship's revenues	£20
The surveyor-general of all his Lordship's lands	£20

Fees of counselors in the law

Mr Gerard, the Queen's attorney-general	66s 8d
Mr Bromley, her Majesty's solicitor	66s 8d
Mr Wilbraham, attorney of the Court of Wards	66s 8d
Mr Fleetwood, recorder of London	66s 8d
Mr Plowden	66s 8d
Mr Freeman	13s 4d

Summa of all the said fees £157 7s 1d

Annuities

Sir John Tyrrell, knight	£10
Doctor Atslowe	£20
Wystan Browne	£15 6s 8d

Henry Golding	£20	
William Brewster	£20	
Richard Kelton	£20	
John Turner	£10	
Thomas Fowle	£10	
George Tyrrell	£6 13s 4d	
William Brewster	£6 13s 4d	
John Ludham	£4	
Hamlet Fryer	100s	
Thomas Philips	£13 6s 8d	
Thomas Bridge	£4	
Summa of all the said annuities		£165
Summa totalis as well of the said fees as of the said annuities		£322 7s 1d