

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

|   |           |
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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| Summa of all the said fees | £157 7s 1d |
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## Annuities

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

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| 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 |