

SUMMARY: This warrant of 8 April 1603 to Lord Treasurer Buckhurst from the Great Council which came into being immediately after King James' accession authorizes the payment of £150 to Thomas Milles to facilitate postal service between Berwick and London while King James makes his journey to England. It is signed by Oxford and 25 other members of the Great Council.

AFTER OUR RIGHT hearty commendations to your good Lordship, whereas it is most necessary in this time of urgent occasion to use the service of the postmasters established between Berwick and London for the often and speedy conveyance of packets to and fro for the special service of our Sovereign Lord, the King's Majesty that order be taken to assist the said postmasters of the several stages with convenient supplies of fresh horses as there shall fall out occasion of necessity by the wide adjoining parts of the country, and also for the better conveying of his Majesty's train from Berwick hither to appoint new stages in such other places by the way where his Majesty shall reserve to take his journey, to direct and undertake the which services choice is made of Thomas Milles, esquire, paymaster of all the posts, and Rowland White, gentleman, postmaster of his Majesty's court, to them we think it fit that allowance be made of the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds by way of imprest as well for their expense in the said journey, as also to make any necessary disbursements for the service aforesaid. These are therefore to pray and require your Lordship by virtue of the warrant and authority given us by his Majesty by his late letters of the 28th and 31st of March last to give direction in all things necessary for his Majesty's service, to take order that the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be paid out of his Majesty's receipt of Exchequer unto the said Thomas Milles by way of imprest for the services above mentioned. And so we wish your Lordship very heartily well to fare. From the King's palace of Whitehall the 8th of April 1603.

Your good Lordship's very loving friends,

Jo. Cant.

Tho. Egerton C.S.

T. Buckhurst

E. Oxenford

Nottingham

Northumberland(?)

Derby(?)

Ro. Sussex

Pembroke

E. Worcester

Rutland

T. Howard

Ric. London

Hunsdon(?)

Tho. La Warre
Zouche?
Fortescue(?)
William Sandys
Hen. Windsor
G. Chandos
Fran. Norris
W. Knollys
Ed. Wotton
Ro. Cecil
Shrewsbury(?)
J. Popham

V. Skinner made the order(?) T.B.

L. Treas.