

SUMMARY: The document below is a statement of charges incurred in connection with the first voyage by Martin Frobisher (1535?-1594) to Baffin Island. Among the charges is an expenditure for the copying of the licence by which Michael Lok (c.1532–1620x22) and Frobisher obtained the Muscovy Company's rights to 'exploit all discoveries to the north-west'. See McDermott, James, ed., *The Third Voyage of Martin Frobisher to Baffin Island 1578* (London: Hakluyt Society, 2001), p. 2.

Oxford invested £2520 in the Frobisher voyages in 1578, losing his entire investment when the alleged 'gold' ore brought back from Baffin Island proved to be worthless. For documents concerning Oxford's investment in the Frobisher voyages, see TNA SP 12/149/42, ff. 98-108.

The 'Mr Charke' mentioned in the document may be William Charke (d. 1617), a religious controversialist later in the reign.

The 'Mr Wolley' mentioned in the document was Sir John Wolley (d.1596), the Queen's Latin secretary, and later Oxford's trustee (see TNA C 54/1393, mm. 22-3). For the will of Sir John Wolley, see TNA PROB 11/87, ff. 156-7.

Paid for charge of merchandize and other business as followeth for the said first voyage
outwards

Paid to Thomas Nicholls, the Clerk of the Company of Russia, for writing the privilege granted from the said Company unto Michael Lok & Martin Frobisher for the discovery of Cathay etc. by the north-west parts, £1

Paid to Mr Whorlstone for a counsellors' fee for drawing a plate [=plat?] of a new privilege, £1

Paid to Mr Charke for translating out of Latin into Greek the Queen's Majesty's letter of favour directed to all princes in the behalf of Martin Frobisher on his voyage of discovery, 10s

Paid to Mr Wolley for penning & making in Latin the Queen's Majesty's letter of favour in the behalf of Martin Frobisher for his first voyage of discovery directed to all princes, paid to him and his man, £2

Paid to Conradus for limning the said 2 letters of favour, and to a painter for colouring the Queen's Majesty's pictures therein, £1 18s 4d

For parchment skins for those letters, & boxes to put them in, 4s 8d

For charges of a man which carried those letters from London to Lee after the ships were departed, 12s 4d

For the Broad Seal of England to those 2 letters, & silk laces, £1 15s

Paid to J. Broke, scrivener, for making divers bills & writings for men's stocks, £1 18s 8d

Sum{ma} £10 19s