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SUMMARY: The document below is the Pipe Office entry recording payment, authorized by a Privy Council warrant dated 15 March 1595, to William Kempe, William Shakespeare (1564-1616) and Richard Burbage (1568-1619), servants to the Lord Chamberlain, for two comedies or interludes performed at court before the Queen on St. Stephen's Day [=26 December], and Innocents' Day [=28 December] 1594.

For a facsimile of the Pipe Office entry, see the Shakespeare Documented website at:

<http://www.shakespearedocumented.org/exhibition/document/exchequer-pipe-office-declared-accounts-listing-shakespeare-leading-player-lord>

For another facsimile of the Pipe Office entry, see also Schoenbaum, Samuel, *William Shakespeare: A Documentary Life*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1975), p. 136.

For the Audit Office entry (which preceded the Pipe Office entry), see AO 1/386/33. The existence of the Audit Office entry for the payment to Kempe, Shakespeare and Burbage appears to have been unknown until Akrigg drew attention to it in his life of Southampton. See Akrigg, G.P.V., *Shakespeare and the Earl of Southampton*, (Cambridge University Press: Harvard University Press, 1968), p. 50.

To William Kempe, William Shakespeare & Richard Burbage, servants to the Lord Chamberlain, upon the Council's warrant dated at Whitehall xvto Martij 1594 [=15th March 1595] for two several comedies or interludes showed by them before her Majesty in Christmas time last past, viz., upon St. Stephen's Day & Innocents' Day, £13 6s 8d, and by way of her Majesty's reward, £6 13s 4d, in all £20.