

SUMMARY: The document below is a Privy Seal warrant dated 23 November 1592 authorizing payment from the Exchequer to the Queen's goldsmiths, Sir Richard Martyn (1533/4-1617) and Hugh Keale, and others for plate purchased by the Queen for gifts on New Year's Day 1591-2 at a cost of £1541 5s 9d, for £62 9s 10d for repairing of the Queen's plate between 10 March 1591 and 1 April 1592, for various items of plate purchased by the Queen to bestow as gifts, and other expenses of the royal household. Among the items of plate is the Queen's gift of a gilt bowl to Oxford at his marriage to his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham:

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one gilt bowl with a cover poising threescore five ounces three quarters and a half at like price the ounce, sum in money £24 3s 1d, by us given to the Earl of Oxford at his marriage to Mrs Elizabeth Trentham.

LM: Sir Richard Martyn, knight, and Hugh Keale, her Majesty's goldsmiths, with others within-named

Elizabeth etc., To the Treasurer and Chamberlains of our Exchequer, greeting. And will and command you that of such our money and treasure as is or shall come to your hands and custody, immediately upon the sight hereof you do content and pay or cause to be contented and paid to these persons whose names hereafter ensue, as well for all such jewels and plate of them bought and taken to our use, and also for new making, mending, gilding and repairing of our broken plate and silver vessel with gold and silver put to the same, and other things in manner and form following, viz.,

First, to Sir Richard Martyn, knight, alderman of London and one of our goldsmiths, for two thousand ten ounces, a(?) half and half a quarter of gilt plate at 7s 8d the ounce, sum in money is £770 14s 9-1/2d;

Item, to Hugh Keale, one other of our goldsmiths, for two thousand and ten ounces half a(?) quarter of like gilt plate at like price the ounce, sum in money £770 10s 11-1/2d, which two sums of gilt plate amount to the sum of four thousand twenty ounces and one quarter, and in money £1541 5s 9d, [+and?] was by us taken of our goldsmiths and given away in New Year's gifts on New Year's Day last past;

Item, to the said Hugh Keale for three gilt bowls with a cover poising fourscore and four ounces quarter, and one pair of gilt pots poising threescore and eighteen ounces a half and half a quarter, sum of ounces a hundred threescore two ounces three quarters and a half at 7s 8d the ounce, sum in money £62 8s 8-1/2d, by us given at the christening of Mr Robert [sic for William?] Cecil, Sir Robert Cecil, knight, his child;

Item, to the said Hugh Keale for three gilt bowls with a cover poising fourscore four ounces three quarters and a half, and one pair of gilt pots poising fourscore two ounces three quarters, sum of ounces one hundred threescore seven ounces half and half a

quarter, at like price the ounce, sum in money £64 5s 1-1/2d, by us given at the christening of the Earl of Kildare his child;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one bowl with a cover of silver gilt poising twenty-six ounces and a half at 7s 8d the ounce, sum in money £9 14s 8d, by us given at the christening of the Lord Wentworth his child;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one gilt bowl with a cover poising threescore five ounces three quarters and a half at like price the ounce, sum in money £24 3s 1d, by us given to the Earl of Oxford at his marriage to Mrs Elizabeth Trentham;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one chain of gold poising eleven ounces, being in goodness 22 carats, at fifty-five shillings the ounce, sum in money £30 5s, and for fashion of every ounce 3s 4d, sum is 36s 8d, sum of the gold and fashion is £32 20d, given by us to Mr Gilly Merrick;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one bowl with a cover of silver gilt poising fifty-eight ounces half a quarter at 7s 4d the ounce, sum in money is £21 6s 3d, by us given at the christening of Sir Horatio Palavicino, knight, his child;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one basin and ewer gilt poising one hundred three ounces and a half, one pair of gilt pots poising two hundred twenty ounces and a half, and one nest of three gilt bowls with a cover poising fourscore three ounces and a half, sum of ounces is three hundred fourscore nineteen ounces three quarters, sum in money at like price £146 11s 6d, by us given to the Count Wittenberg;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one pair of Hancepots gilt poising one hundred forty-six ounces and a half, and one gilt bowl with a cover poising forty-three ounces and a half, sum one hundred fourscore and ten ounces, sum in money at like price the ounce is £69 13s 4d, by us given to Duke Philip, son to the said Count;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one pair of gilt pots poising threescore and ten ounces half a quarter, and gilt bowls with a cover poising forty-four ounces one quarter and a half, sum one hundred fourteen ounces and a half, sum in money at like price £41 19s 8d, by us given to Monsieur Durant, secretary to the late Duke Casimir;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one basin and ewer gilt poising fifty-five ounces half and half a quarter, and one gilt bowl with a cover poising thirty ounces, sum is fourscore and five ounces half and half a quarter, sum in money at like price £31 7s 6d, by us given at the marriage of Mr Baptist his daughter;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for one gilt bowl with a cover poising fifty-four ounces, sum in money at like price £19 16s, by us given at the marriage of Sir Thomas West his son to Sir Henry Cock [=Cooke] his daughter;

Item, to the said Sir Richard Martyn for new making, mending, gilding and repairing of our broken plate of gold, silver gilt, parcel gilt and white occupied in our Privy Chamber in sundry offices of our household and at divers tables there kept and so broken, with gold and silver put to the same, as more at large appeareth entered in a book kept in the office of our jewels and plate by our officers there, wherein the same parcels are particularly entered and delivered to the said Sir Richard Martyn by our said officers, and also by him returned to them again mended, gilded and repaired from time to time returned into our said Privy Chamber offices of our household and tables, as is aforesaid, from the tenth day of March in the 33rd year [=10 March 1591] of our reign unto the first day of April in the 34th year [=1 April 1592] of this our reign, amounting to the sum of £62 9s 10d;

Item, to the said Hugh Keale for like new making, mending, gilding and repairing of our broken plate in manner and form aforesaid, as appeareth in the said ordinary book by the like space, amounting to the sum of £61 5s 4d;

Item, to Thomas Green, our coffer maker, for one great standard of wood bound with iron with locks and keys and lined with linen cloth, for mending of old standards, and sundry new cases for our said jewels and plate, as more particularly appeareth by his bill of particulars(?) remaining in our said office with our officers there, the sum of seven pounds mine shillings;

Item, to Gilbert Pouleston, our locksmith, for mending the locks of sundry old standards with new hasps, handles and keys and other ironwork delivered into our said office, as more particularly appeareth by his bill of particulars remaining in our said office amounting to the sum of 36s 10d;

Item, to James Bulke, clockmaker, for mending of sundry clocks setting in of sundry pieces of ringplate within the Tower of London for one year past, 30s;

Item, to Nathaniel Mathew, cutler, for making of certain blades of our bread(?) and carvingknives, the shoulders damasked with gold and silver, the sum of 26s 8d;

Item, to Henry Collyer, cutler, for making clean of cases with knives occupied at feasts and banquets for the space of one whole year, 26s 8d;

Item, to the beadles of the goldsmiths in reward of their pains taken in searching amongst the goldsmiths for plate stolen out of our household for one whole year past, 26s 8d;

Item, to the officers of our jewels and plate for provision of sundry necessities for the safe(?) trussing and carriage of our vessel and other plate from time to time, as lining [=linen?] cloth, hay and other things convenient, as also for wood, coals, vellum, books, paper, parchment, ink, wax, counters and other things necessary, the sum of £10;

LM: £2213 4s 4d

Summa totalis of this whole warrant amounteth to the sum of £2213 4s 4d, whereof to the said Sir Richard Martyn £1229 18s 4-1/2d, and to the said Hugh Keale £958 10s 1-1/2d, and to the rest as particularly is above expressed;

And these our letters shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalf;

Given under our Privy Seal at our honour of Hampton Court the 23rd day of November in the 35th year of our reign.

William Packer