

SUMMARY: The document below is a copy of the writ of privy seal dormant dated 2 August 1603 by which King James confirmed the earlier writ of privy seal dormant dated 26 June 1586 by which the Queen granted Oxford an annuity of £1000, retroactive to 25 March 1586 and payable quarterly. The earlier writ stated that the annuity was to continue during the Queen's pleasure, or until she should in some manner otherwise provide for Oxford's financial necessity, an event which never occurred. The annuity thus continued to be paid until her death, and was renewed in identical terms by King James by the writ below. Notes in the left margin summarize its terms. It is signed by Thomas Packer, deputy to Hugh Alington, Clerk of the Privy Seal.

According to Ward, the original writ is lost. See Ward, B.M., *The Seventeenth Earl of Oxford 1550-1604*, (London: John Murray, 1928), pp. 257, 355-6.

LM: The Earl of Oxford
£1000 per annum
Quarterly
During pleasure or until he be otherwise provided for
Secundo Augusti anno primo regni Regis Iacobi 1603

James etc. To the Treasurer and Chamberlains of our Exchequer, greeting.

We will and command you out of our treasure being and remaining from time to time within the Receipt of our Exchequer to deliver and pay, or cause to be delivered and paid, unto our right trusty and well-beloved cousin, the Earl of Oxford, and his assigns sufficiently authorized by him the sum of one thousand pounds of good and lawful money of England, the same to be yearly delivered and paid unto our said cousin at four times of the year by even portions, the first payment to begin at the feast of St John Baptist last past before the date hereof, and so to be continued unto him during our pleasure, or until such time as he shall be by us otherwise provided for to be in some manner relieved, at what time our pleasure is that this payment of one thousand pounds yearly to our said cousin in manner above specified shall cease;

And for the same or any part thereof our further will and commandment is that neither the said Earl nor his assigns nor his or their executors nor any of them shall by way of account, imprest, or any other way whatsoever be charged towards us, our heirs or successors, and these our letters shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf;

Given under our Privy Seal at our manor of Nonsuch the second day of August in the first year of our reign of England, France and Ireland and of Scotland the seven and thirtieth [=2 August 1603]. Ex {aminatur} Thomas Packer deputy [+of] Hugh Alington.