

SUMMARY: The document below is a memorandum drawn up for the Lord Treasurer, Thomas Sackville (c.1536-1608), 1st Baron Buckhurst, concerning Oxford's suit to recover for the Queen the lands which had escheated to her on the attainder of Sir Charles Danvers, beheaded on Tower Hill 18 March 1601.

For Thomas Harris, serjeant-at-law, see:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/harris-thomas-i-1547-1610>.

For the serjeants-at-law Sir John Hele (1541/2-1608), and Sir Lawrence Tranfield (c.1551-1625), see the entries in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, available online.

For the lawyer Richard Digges (d.1634), see:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/digges-richard-1634>.

For background concerning Oxford's involvement in the Danvers escheat case, see CP 181/99 and documents mentioned there.

The resolution for my Lord of Oxford's proceedings

[f. 225] First, it was resolved that the parties now brought up should be examined upon interrogatories, and their examinations seen and viewed, and if by them sufficient light be gotten for the land or for the evidences, then some order to be moved to be taken by my Lord Treasurer for the bringing in of the evidences and writings.

Secondly, that a bill be exhibited presently into the Court of Exchequer Chamber against all those that pretend any interest in the land, or that are suspected to have any of the evidences.

Thirdly, that a commission be awarded to certain commissioners to inquire what lands, tenements, goods or chattels Sir Charles Danvers was seised or possessed of respectively at the time of his attainder or at the time of the treason committed.

(in another hand) John Hodgkinson, Richard Atwood, clerk, Richard Danvers & Jeffrey Bathe to be detained for embezzling of goods to the value of £1000 & for conveying of evidences, besides many other misdemeanours, to be proved by witnesses already delivered unto your Honour in articles, with a note of the witnesses' names to every article against them.

Also we humbly pray that their examinations may be seen & perused before they 4 be discharged.

(in Lord Buckhurst's hand) The Queen's learned counsel are to consider & set down what course is best for her Majesty. 30 June 1601. Thomas Buckhurst.

Endorsed: The opinion of Mr Serjeants Harris, Mr Hele, Mr Tanfield and Mr Digges what proceedings are best for Danvers' escheat for entitling the Queen's Majesty

Endorsed: Also a note for the detaining of Richard Danvers, Richard Atwood, clerk, Jeffrey Bathe & John Hodgkinson for sundry abuses by them committed for the right honourable the Lord Treasurer of England his remembrance