

SUMMARY: The document below is a summary of the revenues received in the Court of Wards in the year 1566-67 from the lands of three deceased noblemen whose heirs were royal wards, as well as revenues which had been received in 1553 from the estate of Edward, Duke of Somerset, executed for treason, whose sons likewise became royal wards. In each case the exhibition allowed for maintenance of the royal ward is deducted from the total revenues received. The deductions suggest that the typical exhibition allowed by the Crown at this time for a royal ward who was the son of an earl was circa £400 per annum (the exhibition allowed in this year for the Earl of Southampton was only £200, but it seems likely that the exhibition was for only a partial year since the 2nd Earl of Southampton came of age in 1566). According to the document below, the total revenue received by the Crown from the lands and possessions of the 16th Earl of Oxford in 1566-67 was £1065 8s 5-3/4d. £441 7s 11d was deducted for Oxford's exhibition in that year, as well as £254 13s 4d for the payment of fees and annuities granted by the 16th Earl. The revenues retained by the Crown thus amounted to £369 7s 2-3/4d. According to PRO WARD 8/13, the Queen granted her right to the third part of Oxford's inheritance to the Earl of Leicester during Oxford's minority, although this fact is not mentioned in the document below. This raises some unanswered questions, since according to WARD 8/13 the net revenue to be received yearly from Leicester was £680 18s 2-3/4d and the revenue to be received from the lands set aside for Oxford's maintenance during his minority was £643 5s 1-1/4d, yielding a total of £1323 15s 4d. However, according to the document below, the revenue actually received by the Court of Wards in 1566-67 was only £1065 8s 5-3/4d, producing a shortfall of £258 6s 10-1/4d in this one year alone. If this was typical, the total loss of income over the nine years of Oxford's wardship was considerable.

Curia wardorum & Liberacionum [=Court of Wards & Liveries]

The revenue answered into the Queen's Majesty's Court of Wards and Liveries for the lands and possessions late of:

Thomas, Earl of Southampton

The revenue of the possessions of the said late Earl answered unto the Queen's Majesty in the 9th year [=1566-67] of her Highness' reign, as by th' accounts thereof appeareth: £412 18s 9-1/2d

Whereof:

Allowed for exhibition the same year: £200

And so remaineth clear: **£212 18s 9-1/2d**

John de Vere, Earl of Oxford

The revenue of the said possessions of the said Earl answered unto the Queen's Majesty in the 9th year [=1566-67] of her Highness' reign etc.: £1065 8s 5-3/4d

Whereof:

Allowed for exhibition the same year: £441 7s 11d

And for annuities, fees, and tenths paid by warrant and decree: £254 13s 4d

£696 15d

And so remaineth clear: **£369 7s 2-3/4d**

Henry, Earl of Rutland

The revenue of the possessions of the said Earl answered unto the Queen's Majesty in the 9th year [=1566-67] of her Highness' reign etc.: £482 17s 8d

Whereof:

Allowed for exhibition the same year: £412 19s 2d

And so remaineth clear: **£69 18s 6d**

Edward, Duke of Somerset

The revenue of the said possessions answered unto our late Sovereign Lady Queen Mary in the first year [=1553] of her Highness' reign: £1398 9s 6d di qua

Allowed and paid unto William, Marquess of Winton [=Winchester] for th' exhibition of the heir and two other sons of the said Duke, with £100 for the charges, expenses & diet of them and their schoolmasters and servants for one quarter of a year ended at Christmas anno regni Edwardi vjti sexto [=1553], £100 for like charges and expenses for the said heir and his two brethren for one quarter of a year ended at th' Annunciation of Our Lady anno regni predicto septimo [=25 March 1553], and £25 for the charges of the youngest son of the said Duke for one quarter of a year ended at the feast of Saint John Baptist dicto anno vijmo [=24 June 1553], and £100 for like charges and expenses of the said heir and his two brethren and others aforesaid for one quarter of a year ended at Michaelmas anno primo Marie Regine [=29 September 1553], in th' whole: £325

And so remaineth clear: **£1073 9s 6d di qua**

William Tooke Auditor