

SUMMARY: The document below is a warrant authorizing payment for expenditures made on behalf of the Queen's ward, Edward (1556-1625), Lord Zouche, for the period 8 April to 30 June 1570. The warrant affords a basis for comparison with similar warrants authorizing payment for expenditures made on Oxford's behalf in 1570. For a warrant authorizing payment for expenditures for Lord Zouche for the period 25 June to 30 September 1570, see TNA SP 15/19/42, f. 96.

This and similar documents indicate that the procedure followed was that an account of bills received from various merchants as well as moneys paid out by John Hart (c.1501-1574), Chester Herald, was drawn up. The account was then signed by Sir William Cecil, Master of the Court of Wards, who forwarded it to Sir William Damsell (c.1520-1582), Receiver-General of the Court of Wards. Damsell paid Hart, who acknowledged receipt, and used the funds to pay the outstanding bills.

For further information on Damsell, see Bindoff, S.T., *The House of Commons 1509-1558*, Vol. II (London: Secker & Warburg, 1982), pp. 9-10.

For John Hart, Chester Herald, see the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, available online:

Hart, John (c.1501–1574), herald and phonetician, . . . may have spent some time at the University of Cambridge, since he had intellectual or personal links with three Cambridge scholars, two of whom, Sir Thomas Smith (d. 1577) and Sir John Cheke (d. 1557), were (like Hart) active in promoting spelling reform; a third, Sir William Cecil (d. 1598), was described by Hart as his 'specially good master'. As a powerful figure in government circles, Hart's 'master' was in a good position to act as his patron, and he became by the 1550s a diplomatic courier, then in the 1560s an official of the court of wards and liveries and a herald pursuivant. He was finally promoted in 1567 to the highly prestigious rank of Chester herald at the College of Arms in London.

*Hart wrote three treatises on spelling reform; the first (1551) was not published at the time; the second, *An Orthografie* (1569), was a more sophisticated version of this manuscript; and the third, *A Methode* (1570), instructs learners in the use of the 'phonetic' alphabet which Hart devised. A fourth work intended to provide a simpler alphabet was not completed. Hart proposed to reform English spelling because it was both inconsistent and irregular. . . . Hart died in London on 16 July 1574.*

For warrants authorizing payment for expenditures for Oxford for the first three quarters of 1570, see TNA SP 15/19/38, ff. 89-90, TNA SP 15/19/39, ff. 91-2 and TNA SP 15/19/40, f. 93.

For an account summarizing expenditures for Oxford from the beginning of his residency at Cecil House on 3 September 1562 until Christmas 1566, see TNA SP 12/42/38, ff. 91-2.

LM: 1570

Payments made for the behoof of Edward, Lord Zouche, the Queen's Majesty's ward, from his coming to the governance of the Master of the Wards at his house in the parish of Cheshunt in Hertfordshire the 8th of April Anno Regino Elizabethae xijmo to the last of June next following, viz.

For my Lord's board and diet at Theobalds for 3 weeks ending the last of April with his tutor and servant, at 20s the week comes to, 60s

To Philip Gunter, upholster, for one featherbed with covering and bolster and a canopy with other furniture, and for a livery bell, and blankets and coverlet for my Lord's man, for a cloth sack and carriage of all from London to Cambridge, as by the particular bill it appeareth, £13 6d

To Derrick Horne, tailor, for one nightgown of double grosgrain furred through with coneys, and for a cape and coat of frizado, & one leather jerkin, as by the bill it particularly appeareth, £8 11s

To Thomas Audley for 4 pair of sheets for my Lord and his man, £3 5s 10d

For a bow, shafts and furniture for my Lord, 8s, and for 40s in money for my Lord to have in his purse, as per bill, coming to, 48s

To John Foxe, hosier, for one pair of hose for my Lord, as by his bill appeareth, 39s 6d

To William Wood, cutler, for the new-gilding of my Lord's rapier and dagger, with new scabbards and girdle of velvet etc., as per bill, 27s 4d

To William Seres for paper and books, 7s 10d

For my Lord's riding charges with 6 horses from Theobalds to Cambridge and their return, and for my Lord's man's livery, as by the particular bill, £4 3s 2d

For my Lord's commons at Cambridge for 8 weeks and 4 days of this quarter of the year, with other necessaries and charges there, £4 14s 5d

And for my Lord's man's commons the same time, 14s 9d, and for his wages for the same quarter of the year, 33s

S^um^{ma} totall^{is} £44 12s 4d

Mr Receiver, I pray you to cause the parcels herebefore expressed amounting to the sum of forty-four [pounds] twelve shillings 4d to be paid unto this bearer, John Hart, Chester Herald, that he may make payment thereof whereas it is due, and this bill by me subscribed, together with his acknowledging of the receipt thereof hereunder, shall be your sufficient warrant in that behalf. Given at Oatlands the 15th of July A{n}no R{egni} R{egis}ne Elizabethe xijmo. Your loving friend, W. Cecil.

Endorsed: Received of Sir William Damsell, knight, Receiver-General of the Court of Wards and Liveries, by virtue of this warrant the sum abovesaid of forty-four pounds twelve shillings and four pence the 19th of July A{n}no sup{ra}dict{o} 1570, p{er} me Joh{annem} Hart, Chester Herald.

Endorsed: To my loving friend, Sir William Damsell, knight, Receiver-General of the Court of Wards & Liveries