

AMBASSADORS' EXPENSES IN 1611.

Mr. W. D. Cooper has given us a very elaborate Pedigree of the Lewknor Family,¹ by which it will be seen (p. 97) that Thomas Lewknor, who leased the Bishop's estate in Selsey in 1578 (20th of Elizabeth), and was M.P. for Midhurst, 1586 and 1588 (28th and 30th of Elizabeth), had a son, Sir Lewis Lewknor, Knight, who was also of Selsey, and M.P. for Midhurst in 1597 (39th of Elizabeth), and who was appointed, November 11th, 1605 (2nd of James 1st), Master of Ceremonies to Ambassadors to this country. The following is a copy of an autograph account of expenses incurred by him in that capacity. It is headed—

“Lewes Lewkenor, Knight, humbly desyreth allowance of money laid out in his ma^{ties} service since the 24th of Apryl, 1611” (8th James I.).

The Venetian Ambassador, Foscarini, is mentioned in “Calendar of State Papers” for 1611 (pp. 149, 167, and 170). The Venetian State papers have not yet reached this year, and the name does not appear in the Index to the *Relazioni degli Ambasciadori Venete*. This paper illustrates Mr. W. B. Rye's “England as seen by Foreigners,” published in 1865 (pp. 143-5), and, in an interesting way, the Visit of a German Prince Otho, of Hesse, and supplies the name, Zacharias Reuel, of the Brandenburg ambassador (p. 145).

The copy of this account has been kindly sent by Mr. F. C. Brooke, of Ufford, Suffolk. It is as follows:—

AMBASS. OF VENICE.

For hyre of vj. caroches on Saturday, 23 of Apryl ^l being St ^e Georges day	li. s.
from London to Grauesende to meete Sr ^e Foscarini, Ambassado ^r from Venice, who came all the Way by Lande	5 10
For Returne of the said caroches y ^e day following w th y ^e said Amb. to London	5 10
For y ^e charge of hymself and company thes 2 days.	4 0

¹ Suss. Arch. Coll., vol. iii., p. 89.

For those vj. caroches to bring hym to his fyrst audyence to y ^e k. ma ^{ty}	5 10
For those caroches to bring hym to his ma ^{ty}	5 10
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Somma	26 0
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LANTGRAUE.

Otto, y ^e yong prince of Hesse, came to London on Sunday, 23 of Juyn, his Ma ^{ty} being then at Greenwich: his audience appointed hym y ^e Saterday following, but was upon the way diswarned. For the hyre of vj. caroches attending y ^t day	5 10
For the said vj. caroches y ^e next day, to Towerwharfe, and there attending his retourne from his audyence	5 10
Wensday following he was invyted by his ma ^{ty} to Tybals, where he was defraied by his ma ^{ty} : he contynued tyll Saterday. For y ^e attendance of 6 coches thes 4 daies	22
For y ^e post horses, w th a gujde for them to hunt on thes 4 dayes at 33 ^s . a day	6 12
Fryday y ^e 12 th of July, he had 4 coches, w th 4 horse apiece, to Audlende & to Cambrydge, returned y ^e tuesday following; for the hyre of thes coches, 5 days at 20 ^s . a piece	20
Wensday, y ^e 17 th of July, he went to Oxford, and by his ma ^{ties} dyrection, the Saterday following, to Wyndsore, where he stayed hunting w th they ^r ma ^{tyes} tyll Wensday, 24 th of July, from thence he was invyted by the prince, & feasted at Rych- mond, came thence to London the fryday following, for the hyre of 3 coches, w th 4 horse a piece, at xx ^s . a coche, by y ^e day	30
For the charges of hym, y ^e said Sr Lewes Lewkeno ^r and his servants, for thes and other his attendances vppo ⁿ the said Lantgraue	20

BRANDENBURG.

For the hyre of 3 caroches, taken vp to bring Zacharias Reuel, Ambass., to y ^e marquis of Brande'berg, to his audience at Wyndsore, on Saterday, 20 th of July: Hee had his audience on Sunday, and came thence on Monday, 22 July	9
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Somma totalis	144 12

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