Hidden treasures from the Chest: a brief history of finance at the University

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The earliest chest
An ‘academic pawnshop’
The Chest of the Five and the Painted Chest
Early accounts
The Chancellor orders an inquiry
‘Bloody Mary’ as a benefactor
Sir Thomas Bodley and the refounded library
Parchment to paper

At a Meeting of the Delegates for the Account of the University September 12, 1667.

It is ordered and agreed that from henceforth there shall be kept a distinct account of what money shall remain in the University Chest apart from the Accounts of the University and of the Colleges. And that for that purpose there shall be two Books provided, in both of which shall be entered the Accounts of the Chest, both of which Accounts shall be signed by the Claygip, The one of which Books shall be kept in the Chest as usually it hath been, the other shall be kept in the hands of the Vice-Chancellor for the time being to be produced before the Delegates upon his Accounts. That thereby it may appear unto them what sum or money remains in the Chest, and what sum or sum of money shall be brought in, or extracted out of the Chest from time to time.

Ben: Cooper Regis
Univitatis Oxon.

Expensa extraordinaria

Item to Ben. Cutler per bill —— 02 10 02
Item to Mr. Thistlethwaite for Stamp Paper used at Matriculations —— 06 07 06
Item to Thomson the Book-binder per bill —— 07 15 02
Item to Churchill Book-binder per bill —— 05 03 02

Summa — 18 16 02

Summa — 106 11 02
Two success stories – the OUP and the Ashmolean
Lord Nuffield
The 20th century and beyond
QUESTIONS?