Instruments and strings in The rates of the custome house bothe inwarde and outwarde the dyfference of measures and weyghts and other commodities very necessarye for all marchantes to know newly correctly and imprinted (1545)

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Clarycordes the payre	2s
Harpe strynges the boxe	10s
Leutes with caces the dossen	48s
Leute stringes called mynikins the groce	22d
Vials the pece	4s
Virginales the payre	3s 4d

In the year 1558 Philip and Mary issued a revised list to keep abreast of price rises, and now the gittern appears:

Claricordes the pair	6s 8d
Gitterons the dosen	53s 4d
Lewtes with cases voc cullen lutes the dosen	£3
Lewtes with cases voc venis lutes the dosen	£12
Lewte stringes voc mynikins the grosse	10s
Vialles the pece	6s 8d
Virginalles single the paire	16s 8d
Virginalles doble the paire	33s 4d



Renaissance guitar by Alexander Batov. Courtesy of the maker.

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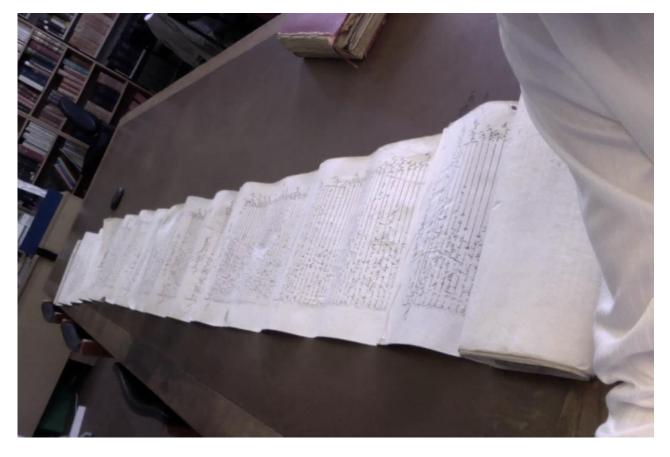
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Henry Howard (d. 1547), earl of Surrey, by Holbein

Of the death of Phillips (From Songes and Sonettes, written by the right honorable Lorde Henry Haward late Earle of Surrey, and other (1557 and subsequently), commonly known as Tottel's 'Miscellany', poem 179.

Bewaile with me all ye that haue profest,
Of musicke tharte by touche of coarde or winde:
Lay down your lutes and let your gitterns rest,
Phillips is dead whose like you can not finde.
Of musicke much exceadyng all the rest,
Muses therefore of force now must you wrest,
Your pleasant notes into an other sounde,
The string is broke, the lute is dispossest,
The hand is colde, the bodye in the grounde.
The lowring lute lamenteth now therfore,
Phillips her frende that can her touche no more.



From a book of accounts, kept by Petre's London steward John Keyme and now in the Essex County Record Office, recording a payment for a viol and some accessories on 11 June 1550, together with a gittern:

June Wednesday the xj day

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for a small vyall 13s 4d

for a gyttron 6s

for a canvas bagge to put the viall in 4s

for vyall strings 12d

for the frenchemans charges 4d