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# Historical Background

## County of Devon

When Devon was made a part of Wessex in the tenth century, it had already been organized as a county not very different in configuration from that defined by its present boundaries. Geographically, the county is dominated by the bleak and inhospitable Dartmoor and Exmoor. In Saxon times, its inhabitants tended to concentrate in the valleys of the rivers leading down to the sea from these moors: the Dart, Exe, Otter, Plym, Taw, and Torridge. At the time of the Domesday survey, although Devon was the third largest county (after Yorkshire and Lincolnshire) and the fourth most populous (after Lincoln, Norfolk, and Suffolk), it had only four towns: Barnstaple, Exeter, Lydford, and Totnes.<sup>1</sup> Each of these had a castle built or renewed by Alfred the Great, and each had its own mint. Still, most of the county's inhabitants were farmers and miners scattered over the valleys of the moors.

But after the Norman invasion, a change took place. Within two centuries, Devon was virtually enclosed. The result was a general migration of landless peasants into towns.<sup>2</sup> Enclosure explains both the rapid formation of new towns and the availability of the cheap labour needed to make the wool industry boom. By 1238, the county had nineteen boroughs.<sup>3</sup> (None of these was yet on the open sea: for reasons of safety, the early ports had been built as far upstream as the small ocean-going vessels could safely navigate – Barnstaple, Bideford, Exeter, and Totnes.) At the same time as the formation of these towns, sheep were 'first introduced upon a big scale by the Cistercian monks of Buckfastleigh.'<sup>4</sup> By the end of the twelfth century, when the English government first took an interest in the wool industry, Devon was stocked with more sheep than any other county.<sup>5</sup> With an abundance of cheap labour and of the required running water, the woollen industry soon became the county's chief industry and remained so throughout the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Because deep-water ports were needed for the growing wool trade with the continent, towns were built at the mouths of Devon's important rivers: Dartmouth, Exmouth, Plymouth, Teignmouth. With the establishment of these new coastal towns, shipping, and later fishing, became increasingly important. It is the wool towns and the shipping towns that provide most of the records of early English drama in the county.

As the seaports grew, other benefits accrued to the county. There are not many deposits of tin in Europe, and the best and most abundant of them are in Devon and Cornwall. Because the Devon ports were ideally situated for trade with southwest France, Spain, and the Mediterranean, and because tin was in demand for pewter, bronze, and other products, Devon and Cornwall possessed a virtual monopoly on the production of tin for western Europe.<sup>6</sup> Perhaps more important was the wine trade. The growth of this business was closely connected with the acquisition of Aquitaine through the marriage of Henry II to Eleanor of Aquitaine in 1152. 'The ports of Plymouth and Dartmouth owe their very existence and early growth to the political and commercial relations established by this union.'<sup>7</sup> By 1500, only London and Hull exceeded the Devon ports in the importation of wine from southwest France.<sup>8</sup> As the seaports expanded for commercial purposes, they also became increasingly important militarily, both as bastions of defence and as ports of embarkation for foreign wars.

Thus throughout the Middle Ages and Renaissance, Devon experienced a relatively consistent growth in political, military, and economic significance. By the end of the sixteenth century, it had a population of some 227,000, most living in Exeter and thirty-eight market towns.<sup>9</sup> In the towns, wealthy merchants were both political and economic forces. In the county, the aristocracy had never controlled vast tracts of land, as it did in many counties under the feudal system. In the sixteenth century, after the Courtenays lost power, the only members of the aristocracy residing in Devon were the earls of Bath and Bedford; thus, most of the county was controlled by the resident gentry.<sup>10</sup> This combination of landed gentry in the county and wealthy merchants in the ports and wool towns moved Devon more rapidly than many counties out of feudalism into capitalism. That fact may account both for the numerous local entertainers and for the surprisingly large number of travelling groups willing to venture so far from London or their home bases.

## Boroughs

### BARNSTAPLE

One of the four borough towns in Devon at the time of the conquest, Barnstaple retained its importance throughout the period of this study. It was an important protected port, particularly for trade with Ireland, Scotland, and other English west-coast ports, and as a shortcut across the Bristol Channel to Pembroke and Milford-Haven. But Barnstaple was not merely a place for ships to come and go; it was a large market town, and it had a famous Michaelmas fair. It was also a centre of the wool industry. In fact, if the aulnager's accounts are to be trusted, at the end of the fourteenth century Barnstaple and its environs accounted for half the cloth sales in Devon.<sup>11</sup> Later, its population grew to about two thousand by 1560 and about four thousand by 1640.<sup>12</sup>



Judging by expenditures in the receivers' accounts, its chief times of festivity seem to have been Christmas, Corpus Christi, and Michaelmas. To this day, celebrations and parades are associated with the Michaelmas fair; in the Renaissance, bull-baiting seems to have been a major attraction at the fair. At Christmas a mummer's play or some other portable play was presented by local amateurs. The records are less specific about what took place at Corpus Christi. There seems to have been a procession at least in some years, and there are frequent expenses for setting up stalls or tables. On Midsummer Eve the mayor walked the boundaries accompanied by local musicians. And like all the towns for which there are records, Barnstaple had its share of church ales.

Although accounting procedures clearly changed from time to time and there are long periods even in the extant records when no payments to entertainers are recorded, still those records reveal, for instance, fifty-nine visits by acting companies between 1532–3 and 1636–7, including most of the important troupes of Shakespeare's time – Leicester's, Worcester's, the queen's, Strange's, even the king's men in 1604–5. Considering its distance from major population centres and that it was at the end of the highway rather than on the way to a larger town, the number of entertainers who came to Barnstaple is somewhat surprising and gratifying.

As was the case with numerous towns in the seventeenth century, dominated as they were by middle-class merchants, Barnstaple came under heavy puritan influence, perhaps especially because of the local power of the strongly puritan earls of Bedford.<sup>13</sup> After 1616–17, nearly all the payments to players were to guarantee that 'they should not play within the Towne.' It seems odd that players should continue to appear for another twenty years after they were no longer welcome, especially at a town so remote as Barnstaple. If they were consistently sent away, one wonders how they could possibly have existed on the payments made to prevent their playing – or for that matter, how they stayed in practice if they were almost never allowed to act.

Among the extant Barnstaple receivers' rolls, one series covers seventeen of the twenty-one years between 1461–2 and 1481–2. These few rolls, made at a time when entertainers were receiving gratuities (even refreshments after performances) and when those payments were being consistently recorded, contain 180 entries relevant to this collection, compared to only 156 entries from the other 103 years of extant accounts. That is five times the average for the other years. During the same twenty-one-year period, the Exeter accounts record only one bull-baiting and one bear-baiting – no minstrels, mimes, players, musicians, tumblers, or fools. Are we to assume that entertainers by the score were bypassing Exeter and going on out to Barnstaple? Surely this apparent concentration of entries from one brief period reflects not a short-lived renaissance of entertainment at Barnstaple under Edward IV, but rather, an idea of what the complete picture for the county might look like if all receivers' accounts were as detailed as these seventeen and if there had not been long periods at many towns when the civic fathers neglected to provide gratuities to entertainers.

## DARTMOUTH

At the time of the Domesday survey of 1086, the only port on the Dart River was Totnes. Three small villages, Clifton, Dartmouth, and Hardeness, on the south bank of the river's mouth, and a larger one, Kingswear, on the north bank, were under the control of the lord of Totnes.<sup>14</sup> Kingswear was the market town, but when the larger-decked ships came into use in the twelfth century Dartmouth's superior harbour soon made it more important than Kingswear or Totnes. In 1147, the great northern European fleet gathered at Dartmouth for the start of the Second Crusade, and in 1190 more than one hundred ships assembled there to begin the Third Crusade.<sup>15</sup> As early as 1200–1210 Dartmouth had been made the borough of Clifton-Dartmouth-Hardeness for more efficient management of its growing position as a port and trade centre.<sup>16</sup> Although it was outstripped by Plymouth, Dartmouth retained its significant position throughout the Middle Ages and Renaissance. A typical impressment of ships for troop transport to France in the fifteenth century took twenty from Dartmouth, ten from Plymouth, and three from Exeter.<sup>17</sup> As late as 1572, Dartmouth still had far more ships registered than did Plymouth,<sup>18</sup> although Plymouth's deeper moorage attracted more foreign vessels. Dartmouth's sheltered position also made it much better protected from foreign attack, especially after the erection of a stronger castle at the river's mouth in the late fifteenth century and the construction of a great chain that could be stretched from the castle across to the Kingswear side.<sup>19</sup>

Dartmouth has fortunately preserved an almost bewildering variety of its medieval and Renaissance records. Although few of these exist in unbroken series, sufficient evidence remains to show that Dartmouth had a tradition of local drama and other entertainments and that at least ten different companies of actors came to town, Queen Elizabeth's most often (four times). The records seem to suggest that the chief times of local festivity were Easter week (references to a Palm Sunday procession and an Easter sepulchre), St George's Day (23 April, references to gathering money and St George's sword and armour), and Corpus Christi Day (regular expenses for gunpowder and the firing of cannon).

An unusual revelation of the Dartmouth records is that they show no acting companies being sent away without playing until 1634–5, very late compared to Dartmouth's neighbours and indeed much of England. That fact seems to fit the general character of the town, which the records show to have been less puritanical than its sister port, Plymouth; Dartmouth remained a loyalist stronghold in the Civil War until forced by Fairfax to surrender. The court books of Dartmouth record more complaints, for instance, about illicit games – and more different kinds of illicit games – than any other town in Devon. Year after year the authorities recorded complaints that the citizens were using the churchyard as a ballpark and the archery grounds as a bowling green rather than for the target practice required by law of all male adults (there were not even any targets set up). There are also far more complaints about houses of ill repute than elsewhere. Dartmouth during the Renaissance, in short,



appears to have been rather like San Francisco after the gold rush, with concerned city fathers trying to maintain order but with a transient population and a great variety of entertainment for visitors. It is the kind of town for which one could wish to have a very complete and detailed collection of records pertaining to entertainment.

## EXETER

The residents of Totnes and Exeter will argue about which is the older town, but certainly Exeter has great antiquity. It was an important town and the southwest military bastion under Roman occupation; the Romans walled the town and built major roads connecting it to Bath and London. It was a royal city at least as early as AD 658, when it was the seat of the Damnonian king Geraint, and thereafter it was often inhabited by royalty: Alfred, Edward the elder, Athelstan, and Edgar.<sup>20</sup> Elfreda, countess of Devon, was the mother of Ethelred the Unready, whose queen, Emma, became the first 'Paramount Lady of Exeter,' a title held by English queens throughout the Middle Ages.<sup>21</sup> In 1068, when William the Conqueror finally persuaded the citizens of Exeter to capitulate, he built one of his strongest castles there – Rougemont – and rebuilt the Roman walls around the city. On the basis of information obtained from the Poll Tax of 1377, Exeter's population has been estimated at about 2340, hardly impressive by modern standards but enough to make it one of the more important provincial towns.<sup>22</sup> By the reign of Elizabeth it ranked probably fifth or sixth outside of London in wealth and population; the estimated population in 1638 is about 10,000, already spilling out of the walled ninety-three acres into suburbs along the roads from the four main gates.<sup>23</sup>

During the Middle Ages Exeter declined as a port chiefly for two reasons: the construction in 1282 of the countess of Devon's fish weir below the city forced the overland transport of goods from Topsham or Exmouth, and the steady rise in tonnage of new ships made the shallow waters of the Exe impossible for them to navigate.<sup>24</sup> But even as it was eclipsed as a major port, Exeter was becoming a prosperous market town. Although sheep raised on the moors produced wool of inferior quality, it was adequate for the manufacture of serge. Serge was in tremendous demand in France and Spain because it was much cheaper than the better woollens. Exeter, and later Tiverton, became the chief suppliers for this market.<sup>25</sup> Throughout the period of this study, Exeter 'was the social and cultural capital of a large province, a cathedral city, an industrial town, and a busy port.'<sup>26</sup>

Perhaps not surprisingly in light of its antiquity and early importance, Exeter has, outside of London, one of the largest and most nearly complete collections of civic records in England. The rolls of the weekly mayor's court, for instance, are continuous from 1263–4. The Chamber Act Books are extant from 1508 onward. The first receivers' account roll dates from 1304–5, and this series is nearly complete from 1339–40 on. Exeter is also fortunate to have most of the manuscripts of John Vowell alias

Hooker, uncle of Richard Hooker and one of the finest of Renaissance antiquarians. His 'Commonplace Book,' 'Description of the Citie of Excester,' and other writings serve not only as a basic history of the town but also as a customnal, recording such matters as the basic duties of the city waits.

One would expect to be able to put together from all of these records a very full picture of entertainments at Exeter, and indeed they have provided hundreds of entries for this volume. Unfortunately, accounting procedures changed from time to time, and the receivers' accounts are often not specific regarding gifts and gratuities, where one expects to find payments to entertainers. In the fourteenth century, such gifts were usually merely summarized; in the sixteenth century, they were itemized in separate paper books, and only a few of these have survived. Nevertheless, much important information can be gleaned from these documents. We know, for instance, that Exeter may have had one of the earliest Corpus Christi cycles, considered a tradition in 1413–14. It also records the earliest Robin Hood play I have thus far encountered, in 1427. It had city waits from the middle of the fourteenth century. And it hosted a wide variety of entertainment, from Henry v's leopard keeper, to a 'Tournament of Tottenham,' to the best acting companies of the Renaissance.

Exeter became the see of Devon and Cornwall in 1050, and as St Peter's was not a monastic cathedral, the Dissolution caused no disruption of its records. As a result, the cathedral and diocesan records at Exeter are almost overwhelming in their number and variety. Among the diocesan records at the Devon Record Office, for instance, are the extraordinarily rich episcopal registers from 1257; act books from 1513; deposition books beginning in 1508, complete after 1566; and incomplete sixteenth-century consistory court depositions and presentments. In St Peter's Cathedral library, along with the more famous Exeter Book and Domesday Book, there are, among many other records, cathedral statutes, 1100–1663; fabric rolls from 1279; stewards' accounts from 1296; refectory accounts from 1305; visitations from 1313; chapter act books beginning in 1382 although not a complete series; dean and chapter ordinary and extraordinary expenses from 1377; manorial ministers' and collectors' accounts from 1386; obit books from 1428; excrescence accounts from the same date; quotidian accounts beginning in 1479; *Liber Officiorum* of the dean and chapter's peculiars, 1521–1629; and vicars choral account books from 1586.<sup>27</sup>

Except for prohibitions and warnings in the bishops' registers, these many sources and others produce disappointingly few references to early drama. What seems clear is that the bishops were eager to suppress profane and scurrilous plays and that neither dean and chapter nor vicars choral were fundamentally interested in religious drama. The emphasis was always on processions, such as the annual procession in and around the cathedral on Corpus Christi Day, financed by the parish of Widdecombe-in-the-Moor with an oblation also from the Skinners' guild of Exeter, which was responsible for the play at Corpus Christi when one is noted in the civic records. (Widdecombe paid for the oil and wax, the Skinners gave gratuities to the canons in charge of the procession.) As early as 1397, the cathedral also presented something called the 'Prosa



*sancti Andree* after a procession to the altar of St Andrew, but the entries do not indicate that there was anything dramatic about the presentation.

Exeter provides most of the earliest churchwardens' accounts in the county – in fact, some of the earliest in England. The accounts of St John at Bow begin in 1412, those of Holy Trinity in 1415, St Mary Steps in 1421, St Petrock in 1425, St Mary Arches in 1507, and St Mary Major in 1530. In a large borough, individual parish churches would have had no concern either with civic productions or with visiting entertainers, as they would, for instance, at St Andrew's, Ashburton. Consequently the Exeter churchwardens' accounts contain only a few scattered references to Robin Hood and St George presentations. We could certainly not know from them that by 1509 there were so many Robin Hood 'riots' in Exeter that the city council called a virtual halt to them; this we discover from the Chamber Act Books.

As at York, Coventry, and elsewhere, a potential source of additional dramatic references should be the records of craft guilds in Exeter. Although Exeter seems never to have had as many guilds as some of the larger towns, we do know from the mayors' court rolls and surviving guild records that there were several important ones: the Corpus Christi guild (Skinners); St John the Baptist (Tailors); Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (Tuckers, Weavers, and Shearmen); Holy Trinity (Cordwainers); Blessed Virgin and St Clement (Bakers); St Eligius (Smiths); Barbers; and the Cappers and Haberdashers. Extensive records remain only of the later guild of Weavers, Fullers, and Shearmen, and they are of no help to the history of drama. For the Tailors' guild, only a minute book, 1478–1600, has been preserved. It contains an inventory that mentions torches, streamers, and a banner, but nothing related to the Corpus Christi plays or other drama. For the beginning of the fifteenth century, when some of the guilds seem to have been involved in the production of a Corpus Christi cycle, no relevant records remain. At the close of the century, only the Skinners were responsible for a Corpus Christi play, and their records do not survive.

Although Exeter was not, like Plymouth, given to spontaneous 'triumphs' and celebrations, the records show that there was considerable regularly scheduled civic pageantry providing entertainment of one sort or another. Chief among these were:

May Day: parades and May or Robin Hood plays (15th–early 16th c)

Corpus Christi (sixty days after Easter): processions, plays (15th–early 16th c)

Nativity of St John the Baptist (Midsummer, 24 June): perambulation of the city boundaries, torchlight parade with music, annual muster (15th–17th c)

St Peter ad vincula, or Lammas (1 August): opening of the annual fair, with a parade of dignitaries and musicians (14th–17th c)

Election day (Monday after Michaelmas, 29 September): waits playing throughout the city (14th?–17th c)

Swearing in of new officers (Monday after Election day): parade to the guild-hall, music (13th?–17th c)

Law day (Tuesday after the swearing-in): new mayor's first court, accompanied by city waits (13th?–17th c)

Principal feast days (especially Christmas, Easter): procession of mayor and council to St Peter's Cathedral, preceded by sergeants, waits, and choirboys (16th–17th c)

There were also occasional royal entries and the like, but unlike many cities Exeter did not normally mount elaborate shows and pageants for these; a parade of dignitaries and musicians simply met the royal visitor at the city gate and presented him or her with the keys and a gift of money.

Like most major boroughs, Exeter was governed by the mayor and the council of twenty-four. These were almost exclusively wealthy merchants engaged in the wool industry or the wine trade and other shipping. As Exeter, after 1537, was considered a county as well as a city, it held its own quarter sessions distinct from those of the county justices of the peace, in addition to the weekly mayor's court and the mayor's tourn for minor offences.

The administration of Exeter Cathedral was somewhat more complicated. Although the bishop was nominally in charge, the cathedral was actually run by the dean and chapter, consisting of twenty-four canons. They made the ordinances and statutes and held the purse-strings. They were supposed to be in residence, but numerous complaints by various bishops over the centuries and ordinances passed by as few as five or six canons suggest that there was considerable absenteeism. In any event, the actual day-to-day operation of the cathedral was left to the canons' deputies, the vicars choral. We thus have two separate sets of records for the cathedral, those of the canons and those of the vicars choral.

## PLYMOUTH

Plymouth is famous in both history and legend, not only as the site of Drake's game of bowls and the first encounter with the Spanish Armada but also, as Geoffrey of Monmouth and Spenser remind us, as the place where Corineus slew the giant Gogmagog.<sup>28</sup> Before Sutton Prior and its suburbs were incorporated in 1439 as the borough of Plymouth (the first mayor served in 1441), the town itself exercised little political power, partly because it was a dependency of Plympton Priory and partly because it was not considered defensible against foreign attack. But the harbour itself became an important military and trading port shortly after Eleanor of Aquitaine became queen of England with Henry II's accession in 1154: for the next three centuries, the rich wine- and salt-producing area of Gascony was under English rule, and a busy trade of those products for English wool was soon begun.<sup>29</sup> As the closest deep-water port to Bordeaux, Plymouth profited greatly from this trade. Also, because of this proximity and its ability to harbour numerous large ships, Plymouth was a natural site from which to launch military expeditions to Spain, France, and Portugal. Edward the Black Prince sailed from Plymouth with three hundred ships in 1356 and returned



there with the French King John II prisoner.<sup>30</sup> In the fifteenth century, in addition to its military and trading importance, Plymouth became, with Dover, one of the two permanently licensed ports of embarkation for the lucrative trade of transporting pilgrims to the shrine of St James of Compostella. And, like Dartmouth and other Devon ports, Plymouth received enormous economic stimulus in the sixteenth century by the discovery of the Newfoundland fishing grounds. By 1595, two million fish were brought home to Plymouth in a single month, with Dutch and French ships waiting in harbour to buy them all.<sup>31</sup> Also by that time, Plymouth's population had grown to between eight and nine thousand, nearly as large as Exeter's.<sup>32</sup> In fact, to judge by the assessment of 1334, a century before Plymouth had even become a borough, it had already surpassed Barnstaple and Dartmouth in wealth and was not far behind Exeter.<sup>33</sup> The lay subsidy of 1523 reaffirms its position as the third wealthiest town in Devon.<sup>34</sup>

After the borough's incorporation, the civic government, too, rapidly achieved a position of wealth and power, particularly after the Dissolution, when half its income no longer had to be paid to the prior of Plympton in harbour duties. The receivers' accounts show that the corporation's usable income jumped from an average of about £30 at the beginning of the sixteenth century to over £300 by 1600. As elsewhere, the town was governed by a council of twenty-four, composed mainly of wealthy merchants, and a mayor. The mayor, elected yearly, was usually a merchant also, although Sir Francis Drake was once elected.

The earliest extant records useful for a study of entertainment in Plymouth begin in 1490-1, from which year there is an almost unbroken series of receivers' accounts. These records reveal a rich tradition of local drama and spectacle. The chief days of celebration apparently were May Day, when the yearly muster was held, an elaborate maypole erected, morris dancing and plays performed, and barrels of ale consumed; Corpus Christi Day, when a play was performed, pageants were constructed, a 'ship of Corpus Christi' was taken about the town, and all taverns were closed while an ale took place in St Andrew's churchyard; Midsummer, with less clearly specified celebrations; and the local holiday called Freedom Day, 21 September (St Matthew's Day), when the mayor walked the bounds of the freedom and apples, nuts, pears, and cakes were distributed to poor children. In the reign of Elizabeth, Coronation Day (17 November) was also an occasion of celebration, as was 'Deliverance Day' (Guy Fawkes day, 5 November) during the Jacobean period. Plymouth was also more likely than most towns in Devon to find additional causes to celebrate: the arrival of foreign dignitaries, a birth in the royal family, a military or naval victory, the return of Sir Francis Drake, or the bringing in of fresh water for the town.

The extant records tell us very little about the number and functions of Plymouth guilds. We know only that there was a Corpus Christi guild in charge of the Corpus Christi celebrations, and that the Tailors' guild was expected to build and maintain a pageant for the procession. Only a few St Andrew's churchwardens' accounts are extant. One of them, for 1498-9, tells us that a source of income was 'dancing money';



whether this was the morris dance of later years or something else is not clear. The first notice of civic waits occurs about the same time, in 1496–7.

From 1494–5 onward, the receivers' accounts show that professional and amateur entertainers from elsewhere came to Plymouth, first minstrels, then bearwards, trumpeters, Henry VIII's camelward, and that entrancing servant of the duke of Suffolk 'with the dancing bear and the dancing wife.' The first troupe of travelling actors recorded in Plymouth was the king's players in 1526–7. Thereafter, acting companies came in increasing numbers until the 1590s, usually the same companies that appeared at Exeter and Barnstaple. But after 1592–3, something – perhaps that same influence of the nearby and strongly puritan earls of Bedford that had outlawed dancing and bowling at Tavistock as early as 1573 – proved fatal to professional drama at Plymouth.<sup>35</sup> Only in 1598–9, when the queen's and Mountjoy's players appeared, and in 1618–19, when Princess Elizabeth's big troupe of twenty actors came with a warrant signed by the king, were players rewarded for performing. While most towns, under puritan influence, had begun sending players away by 1620, Plymouth's action is unusually early. The local May Day celebration did continue until 1613, but there is no mention of a maypole after 1579, nor of morris dancers after 1604. By the time of the Civil War, Plymouth, unlike the royalist stronghold Exeter, was solidly puritan and resisted a three-year siege by the troops of Charles I.<sup>36</sup> The records of Plymouth thus present a vivid picture of the sudden flourishing and, a hundred years later, the almost equally sudden demise of local and professional entertainment at a prospering but increasingly conservative city.

#### TOTNES

Totnes was another of the four towns in Devon fortified by Alfred; later it had a Norman motte-and-bailey castle, a priory, a thriving market, and a fair. At the time of the Domesday Book survey, Totnes was the third most important port after Exeter and Barnstaple. But with the advent of larger ships, because it was so far upstream it rapidly diminished in significance as a port. As early as 1334, 'it was already losing trade to Dartmouth,' and had been far outstripped by Plymouth.<sup>37</sup> Thereafter, Totnes was content to be a wool and market town.

But Totnes did not dwindle in this capacity. As a centre for the tin and cloth trades, it became increasingly wealthy until the seventeenth century. Its merchants simply used the port facilities at Dartmouth for exporting goods. In 1576–7, only fifteen Dartmouth men were engaged in overseas trade, and they were almost exclusively importers; by contrast there were forty-one Totnes traders using the port, and they were primarily exporters.<sup>38</sup> The lay subsidy of 1523–5 shows that Totnes ranked second only to Exeter in merchant wealth in Devon and as high as fifteenth among all provincial towns in England.<sup>39</sup> By the early seventeenth century it had three annual fairs and numerous markets, and its population had reached about 2500.<sup>40</sup>

Although Totnes was on one of the two main roads south from Exeter and must

have hosted numerous groups of entertainers because of its fairs and markets, its surviving records pertinent to the study of early drama are disappointingly scarce. Only enough remains to tell us that Totnes did indeed have a strong tradition of local drama and was a regular stopping place for travelling entertainers. No receivers' accounts exist before 1554–5 and only six between that date and 1584–5. But each of those six contains a number of contributions for this collection, including payments to the queen's players, Leicester's, Worcester's, and several other companies. There are seventeen receivers' accounts between 1605–6 and 1642–3, but these give no additional information, because the arrangements to dispense gratuities changed sometime after 1585. We learn from an incomplete series of mayor's accounts that this task had passed to the mayor, although the extant accounts are too late to include many entries. More important, in 1631–2 the mayor, Samuel Wise, records receipt of a fine from a group of players caught drinking after hours 'in a tipling house'; the significance of this entry is that if the players had not broken the law we would not know either from the mayor's account or the receivers' account that they had been in town at all. We cannot know how many other unnoticed troupes of players passed through Totnes, even in the few years when some gratuities are recorded. Similarly, we know much more about the local drama – plays acted by 'the boys of Totnes' – from their visiting performances at Dartmouth and Plymouth than we learn from any references to them at home.

## Parishes

Of some 430 parishes in Devon whose records were checked in this search, only forty-five have preserved – or had until recently – appropriate records early enough to provide entries relating to entertainment. Two of these, Ashcombe and Bigbury, have lost or misplaced their earliest churchwardens' accounts.<sup>41</sup> That leaves forty-three, or just ten per cent, on which to base generalizations about the nature and extent of parish drama. While this may not seem an impressive number, the surprising thing is that any relevant records have survived at all: from 1538, every parish was required to keep its register of births, deaths, and marriages, but no church could be expected to keep for centuries the annual accounts of receipts and petty expenses that give us our only clues to local drama. In any case, a modern pollster might be very well satisfied with that extant ten per cent, for it seems a truly representative cross-section of the county. It includes moorland and sea-coast parishes, urban and rural, rich and poor, congested and isolated, compact and far-flung.

Keeping in mind that not one of these parishes has complete and detailed accounts from early in the Middle Ages – none before 1392 – and continuing all the way through the Renaissance, we still learn from these fragments that sixty per cent show clear evidence of drama and other entertainment, a percentage that holds for both rural and urban parishes. In addition, almost every parish held church ales or other income-



producing events that could well have provided relevant entries had the records been more specific. All told, we know of thirty-six parishes that definitely held church ales. Some parishes had other means of raising money that at least suggest some kind of entertainment was provided: the 'gathering money of St George' at Dartmouth, the 'maidens' money' at Morebath, the 'dancing money' at Plymouth, and the 'young men's store' in many parishes.

Rather than the system of two churchwardens in charge of income and expenses familiar to most of England, Devon parishes generally had a far more complex system, regardless of their size. Often there were the 'four men,' a sort of village council before which all other groups rendered their accounts. Reporting to the four men would be churchwardens, and coexistent but not necessarily responsible to the churchwardens would be the wardens of various 'stores.' For example, at Chagford during the 1480s, accounts were rendered by the Hoggeners, who collected customs from the four quarters of the village and from the alewardens; by wardens of the Blessed Virgin 'in capella,' in charge of expenses for the Mary chapel; by wardens of the Blessed Virgin 'in ecclesia,' who derived income from the church sheep and pasture rental and were responsible for lights in the church; by wardens of St Michael, the churchwardens proper who took care of the church fabric; and by wardens of the great guild of St Katherine, who rented cattle and sheep, collected from fraternity members, and paid the rector his salary. In 1513-14 the Hoggeners paid for the building of fourteen 'pageants'<sup>42</sup>; but in the following year the 'church receivers' paid for five more, so that the division of responsibilities is not always clear. By the 1530s, the Hoggeners had become the wardens of the High Cross, a guild of St Nicholas had replaced one of the two St Mary's guilds, and there were new guilds of St Eligius and St Anthony. After the Reformation, instead of being disbanded, these guilds simply changed their names to something less 'papist': Robin Hood and his Hoodsmen, for instance, and the alewardens, the young men's store, the maidens' store, the market wardens, and the St George wardens. The whole arrangement seems complicated, but it was a way of keeping the community involved in church and temporal affairs, and it was apparently the normal arrangement in Devon parishes outside of borough towns – that is, where the parish officials were also the temporal officials. In the 1530s, for instance, accounts were rendered by as many as ten different 'stores' in the tiny parish of Morebath.<sup>43</sup>

Another uncommon characteristic of Devon parishes was that there seemed to be no prejudice against appointing women as churchwardens. This was not the case elsewhere, at least not in the eastern counties: in all of Norfolk and Suffolk, for instance, there is not a single example of a woman's having served as churchwarden. But in Devon, although men still far outnumbered women as churchwardens, no one noted it as unusual when Agnes Francis was appointed churchwarden at Shobrooke, or Cecily Gybb at Clyst St George, or Joan Rumbelow or Margyt Borston or Margaret Taylor at Morebath.<sup>44</sup> Again we seem to have a conscious effort to involve the entire community in parish affairs – women, men, maidens, young men.

## Households and Monasteries

Household and monastic expense accounts useful to a study of entertainment in Devon are, unfortunately, almost nonexistent.

There are a few merchants' account books, mostly irrelevant to this study, and two diaries of some help, but accounts from such powerful families in Devon as those of Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Francis Drake, or the Lords Russell, Courtenay, and Dinham are almost nonexistent. From the Courtenay family there remain only fragmentary accounts for parts of four years: a roll of about 1395 when the earl of Devon still remained at Okehampton Castle; a book of expenses of Katherine, countess of Devon, for 1523–4; a book of expenses for January and February of 1519; and a book of expenses of Henry, marquess of Exeter for part of 1525.

Monastic accounts in Devon were, if anything, even less carefully preserved. Unlike some areas such as Yorkshire and Suffolk, where literally thousands of accounts rolls are extant, Devon seems to have lost virtually all of these at the Dissolution. Great masses of title deeds, wills, and court rolls were kept by the lords and the towns who benefited from the dispersion of monastic lands, but the records of daily expenses have not survived.<sup>45</sup> We are left with little clue to entertainment at such great religious houses as Torre Abbey, Tavistock Abbey, Buckfast Abbey, Plympton Priory, or the collegiate churches at Crediton and Ottery St Mary. Only one entry in this entire collection is of monastic origin.

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# Plays and Players

What the extant records tell us about professional drama in Devon is that it was both earlier and more widespread than the old histories of English drama would lead us to expect. In the twelfth century, members of the clergy were warned not to associate with the players – nor to imitate them. In 1339, Bishop Grandisson complained that actors were performing plays under the shelter of a structure overhanging a cemetery in Exeter. By the time civic officials were giving gratuities to players, we find that all the major touring companies were making regular visits to Devon and that there were also a number of local professional companies that seem not to have strayed much beyond the boundaries of Devon: the players of Master Cayne, the bishop of Exeter, Master Greenfield, Thomas Triplyn, and others. What we do not learn is anything about the repertory of all these companies: neither a single title of a play nor a description of a performance is included in the extant records.

One rather interesting connection between patronage and political power deserves to be pointed out. Without reference to history books, a researcher can tell from the patrons of the professional entertainers who was in power in government and who was out at any particular period in history. To give just one example, at Barnstaple during the reign of Edward IV, there are early payments to minstrels of the kingmaker, Warwick; these cease abruptly with his fall from favour, and instead there appear payments to minstrels of the queen (Lady Elizabeth Grey) and of her brother, Lord Rivers. The king's own entertainers, and those of his brothers Gloucester and Clarence, appear frequently, as do those of Edward's most powerful nobles, Norfolk and Buckingham. But of Lancastrian supporters, only the entertainers of the local duke of Exeter appear in the records. The same thing happened, of course, in Yorkshire, Suffolk, Kent, and elsewhere in England, but the change is particularly apparent in the Barnstaple records because of their detail and completeness during this period.

The nature and extent of amateur drama in Devon conform fairly closely to what researchers have found in other parts of England. There seems to have been more folk drama than religious drama, and it occurs earlier than is generally supposed. Even disregarding Bishop Grandisson's objections to scurrilous and profane plays or games, there is still clear reference to a May play as early as 1417 and to the first Robin Hood play in 1427. The most popular folk plays seem to have been Robin Hood plays,



though there is evidence of St George plays as well. Robin Hood is mentioned in the records of a surprising number of towns and villages: Ashburton, Barnstaple, Braunton, Chagford, Chudleigh, Colyton, Exeter, Farway, Honiton, and Woodbury. One must be careful, however, in concluding that all of these references are to actual drama: as the chief function of Robin Hood and Little John was to collect money for the parish church and often to serve as alewardens, some of their appearances may not have been dramatic in any real sense. The records are clear in a few cases, but not clear in most.

In religious drama, the emphasis seems to have been on nativity rather than resurrection plays; at least plays were performed at Christmas more often than at any other time. The clerks, doubtless assuming that anyone who cared to read their accounts would know what the plays were about, seldom bothered to note titles or subjects. Clearly, however, Corpus Christi plays were not common in the county. Plymouth notes players at Corpus Christi in only one year, 1516. Pageants were to be provided for the Corpus Christi guild annually, at least one of which ('the shipp') went about the town; but according to the Plymouth records, the highlight of the day was the church ale at St Andrew's, all wards being required to attend. Some kind of celebration also took place at Barnstaple on Corpus Christi Day, though the records give no clue to its nature. At Ashburton, in addition to the Christmas play and the Robin Hood play, there was a Corpus Christi play. It seems not to have been the same play every year: in 1538 there is an expense for Herod; in 1556, God and 'St Rosmont' appeared in it; and in 1559 Christ is mentioned. Finally, we learn that Exeter once had a Corpus Christi cycle drama, which in 1414 was disrupted by a recalcitrant skinner who was supposed to give the actors their parts but either refused to do so or else corrupted the scripts. There is no other mention of this cycle play, and there are no civic expenses for it. For several years toward the end of the fifteenth century, a single play was presented on Corpus Christi Day by the Skinners' guild. The town council did contribute toward the expenses of this play, but they made no regulations concerning it and give no clue to the method of presentation.

### Playing Places and Properties

For local actors, the first choice of location was always the parish church; playing sites other than the church are very seldom mentioned, although in one or two instances the churchyard may have been used. At Woodbury in 1574-5, for instance, twenty-five yards of canvas were purchased to make Robin Hood's house, a structure that presumably would be set up outside the church. And at Morebath, the churchyard was cleaned before 'revel Sunday' or 'St George's Tide,' when a St George play or other entertainment was provided. Christmas mummers, of course, could perform almost anywhere; in borough records they are most likely to be rewarded for performing at the mayor's house, and on one occasion in the street before his doorway.

Professional actors understandably preferred a site that could accommodate large audiences and where admission could be controlled – that is, after they had acted the

obligatory mayor's play at the mayor's house or wherever convenient. In towns large enough to have a guild-hall, that would be the first choice. (The guild-hall at Exeter, rebuilt in 1330 and still standing, was often the site of such performances.) If the guild-hall was not available or if the village had none, the church was the obvious alternative. It seems not to be generally recognized that the professional actors continued to perform in churches well into the Elizabethan age. This was true from Lincolnshire to Essex to Devon. Certainly as late as the 1560s, Leicester's and the queen's players were still acting in churches at Dartmouth and Tavistock, respectively. Although we do have Bishop Grandisson's complaint about the actors performing under an overhanging structure in a churchyard, which they had fitted up as a stage, nowhere is there any hint that they ever acted from board and barrel stages at street corners or on village greens. Nor, if we can judge by the records, did they ever act in inns or innyards, except occasionally for the 'mayor's play' at Barnstaple. In fact some negative evidence strongly suggests that they did not do so. An order by the Devon county justices of the peace on 19 April 1604 accuses innkeepers of almost every conceivable abuse – allowing gambling, whoring, swearing, riotous behaviour – but it does not mention plays despite the known antipathy of the justices to plays. That same order reminds constables throughout the county that no person who was a resident of the parish where an inn was located, or a resident of any parish adjoining, was allowed to frequent that inn. If actors had tried to perform at the inns, they would have drawn no local customers. The evidence suggests that they did not bother to try.

Although the expense accounts of a number of parishes show that costumes and hand properties were provided to local players when needed – painted cloaks, a fool's coat, beards, heads of hair, golden skins, a silver arrow for Robin Hood – it does not appear that either amateur or professional actors required much if anything in the way of staging. Aside from the canvas house for Robin Hood at Woodbury, only two entries out of the hundreds concerning drama in the county suggest that players used anything but the bare floor for a stage. At Dartmouth in 1567–8 there is an expense for 'caryng of bordes to the curche for the players,' and at Plymouth a single similar entry for 'bearing of Bordes' to the guild-hall along with 'other fourniture' for a play presented in 1580 by Worcester's men. There is one expense at Barnstaple for mending the ceiling of the guild-hall broken by the players, but whether that entry suggests elaborate staging or sheer carelessness is debatable. In any case, if the church was the normal playing place, actors would hardly need anything more elaborate than what was already available, the nave floor before the choir screen, for the normal choir screen of a medieval church would have provided an almost ideal stage façade. There would be the doorways to the north and south aisles or chapels for exits and entrances, and the larger centre entrance to the choir in case a bed or throne were needed, and there would be the rood loft in case an actor needed to appear 'above' or 'on the castle walls.' (The dismantling of rood lofts in the reign of Elizabeth would of course have hindered the latter possibility.) What is clear, at any rate, is that even at Ashburton, where there were many expenses for costumes, there were no expenses at all for



staging. And nowhere in the county is there any clue that religious drama was ever presented from pageant wagons. Plymouth had its 'shipp' of Corpus Christi that went about the town, but there is no hint that it was used in connection with a play.

### Gaps in the Records

Ironically, the closer a researcher comes to 'completeness' in a project such as this, the more apprehensive that person becomes that the mass of records collected will still not give a true picture of entertainment in the county. To what extent would the records of ten abbeys, two collegiate churches, and numerous priories have altered that picture? Would the conclusion then have been that religious drama in Devon consisted primarily of saints' plays and resurrection plays instead of nativity plays? Or can we be sure that the missing records of half the boroughs in the county would have paralleled those of Exeter and Barnstaple? Would survival of the churchwardens' accounts that are missing from ninety per cent of the parishes in Devon simply have increased the number of entries without altering the general impression given by the surviving ten per cent? We cannot know. We can only be aware that what is extant is one scene from a larger play and be very cautious about making generalizations.

In some ways more disturbing than these great gaps in the extant records is the knowledge that the records that do exist can be very misleading. Scribes in any age tend to make note of the unusual rather than the commonplace. If the queen's players come to town, that may be worth noting, but if everyone in the village saw the resurrection play last Easter, why bother to record the fact unless special expenses were involved? We cannot know what was left out of the records, but we have some clues that a very great deal was in fact omitted. For example, to judge by the Exeter receivers' accounts, one would conclude that the only Corpus Christi play presented was the one mounted by the Skinners in nine of the years between 1481 and 1497. If one troublemaker had not been summoned to the mayor's court in 1414, we would never know that Exeter once had a Corpus Christi cycle. We would only know that the Dominicans and the Franciscans had some vague connection with a Corpus Christi procession at that time. Similarly, when one reads the complaint of the churchwardens of Brixham in 1584 that they will have to find a new source of income now that 'the libertye of Brewynge of Chourcheale is taken awaye' and that in the same year the wardens of Shobrooke sold their brewing equipment, one might conclude that church ales disappeared forever. But court records show that Colbrooke, for instance, held church ales until 1636-7. It appears that almost every parish produced revenue by holding church ales and that the tradition of doing so was at least as old as 1444.

Some of these ales clearly provided the customers with drama and other entertainment; are we to conclude that the churches that do not mention such entertainment provided none? One would hardly think so. Even today at a church ale or village fest there are likely to be games and contests, singing and dancing, at the very least a Punch and Judy show or morris dancers with a hobby-horse. The fact that entertainments

were common is indicated not by the parish records, which keep very quiet about these forbidden practices, but by the constant complaints and prohibitions issued by the county justices of the peace. Their order of 1595 forbids 'Mynstralcy' and 'dauncynge' at the time of 'Maye games, playes, Church or *parishe* Ales.' From 1599 on, the justices frequently prohibited revels and May games and maypoles and drinkings. The curiosity is that we would not know of a single one of the entertainments to which they object, whether Rewe revel or Collumpton maypole, if they had not bothered to object. Unfortunately, many of the prohibitions do not name the specific villages but complain generally about 'manie great outrages' and 'the infinite number of Inconveniencs dailye ariseinge' from revels and church ales and other entertainments such as bear-baiting and bull-baiting. What they do tell us is that long after such references disappear from parish records the entertainments were still going on.

These are only a few examples of the kinds of information too often missing even from the extant records. There are many others. To cite another, we learn from a plea roll that as early as 1325 there were '*ystrionibus maribus et feminis*' in Exeter, but except for the dancing wife in 1531 none of these women entertainers ever appears in the records. They were present, but without that one gratuitous grammatically explicit phrase we would not know of their existence. Perhaps these scattered examples suggest why a researcher feels not only that the extant records are a small sample upon which to base generalizations but also that even those records we do have are not telling the whole truth. Did all professional entertainers except bearwards really disappear from Barnstaple between 1485 and 1525, or did a change in bookkeeping methods omit them from the receivers' accounts? Did the Skinners of Exeter give over their Corpus Christi play in 1497, or did the town council simply stop subsidizing it? These are frustrating questions and the answers merely guesses. It is to be hoped that these records of early drama in Devon will add considerably to our knowledge, but they can hardly give a complete or totally accurate picture.

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# The Documents

## Diocese of Exeter

### *Penitential of Bartholomew of Exeter*

London, British Library, Cotton Vitellius A xii; 1150–70; Latin; vellum; 185 leaves; 200mm × 150mm (175mm × 60mm), 2 cols; foliated in later ink; repaired and rebound in leather in 1869.

Bartholomew's Penitential comprises ff 136–84 of this manuscript, the remainder of which is a collection of early works chiefly on alchemy. The writing is clear, but the exterior margins are frayed, resulting in the loss of some chapter numbers and a few letters at the ends of lines. Some pages have footnotes in an early but different hand.

The document amounts to a precedent book, a collection from church fathers and councils of activities that should or should not be observed. It has nothing directly to do with the diocese of Exeter; but as Bartholomew was bishop of Exeter the book doubtless influenced his administration of the diocese. His Registrum Commune, unfortunately, is not extant to verify this presumption.

### *Register of Bishop John de Grandisson*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Chanter 3; 1331–60; Latin; parchment; i + 221 + ii; 305mm × 225mm; foliated by the scribe j to CCxxj; 19th c. binding in board and half-calf.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Chanter 4; 1333–60; Latin; parchment; 242 + v; 305mm × 225mm; foliated by the scribe j to CCxliij; 19th c. binding in board and half-calf.

These two volumes are in many ways the most interesting of the Exeter bishops' registers. They contain numerous calls for public processions, which do not appear in the present collection, and record the constant efforts by Bishop Grandisson to



reform the clergy and to prevent insolencies by boy-bishops and choristers. Chanter 3 has the controversial references to 'the theatre of our city of Exeter,' which we have here given the safer translation, 'a public place' – though Grandisson does seem to have a particular public place in mind. Chanter 4 (f 136v) contains a curious account of a Robert Hode, who after his ordination lapsed into apostasy, left the priory of Plympton, and for a long time 'exitisset in seculo dampnabiliter vagabundus'; when he at length repented his evil ways and applied for readmission to the monastery, the prior told him firmly, 'In nullo modo.'

*Register of Bishop Thomas Brantyngham*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Chanter 7; 1370–94; Latin; parchment; 298 leaves; 320mm × 225mm; modern foliation; parts of margins of ff 1–24 lost when MS rebound, some mould; 19th c. binding in board and half-calf.

The first 154 folios once comprised a separate institutions book. Then follow fifty-six numbered folios, three unnumbered folios, eighteen numbered slips of accounts and receipts, and sixty-seven more numbered folios.

There are no direct references to drama in this volume, though there are many calls for processions. Chanter 7 is partly a continuation of Brantyngham's Register from Chanter 6, largely dating from 1385–94. The register reflects the troubled times, with references to the plague, to Wycliffites, and to the Peasant Revolt (in 1388, there are excommunications of the peasants who violently amputated the genitalia of John Pypard, a priest from Plymouth, and of Henry de Synford, a monk of Totnes). Wars against France, Spain, Scotland, and the anti-pope are also mentioned.

*Register of Bishop Edmund Lacy*

Exeter, Devon Record Office; Chanter 11; 1420–55; Latin; parchment; 340mm × 250mm; 581 leaves; foliated j to CCCCLxxxv by scribe, continued in modern ink from 496 to 581, these last pages consisting of wills and ordinations and probably originally bound separately; 19th c. binding in board and half-calf.

In addition to the two entries transcribed here, Bishop Lacy's Register contains many mandates for good crops, success of the English in war, against 'turbid tempests and vehement inundations,' for the success of Cardinal Beaufort at a peace conference, and the like. There is also an order that the parishioners of Plympton have their palms blessed by the prior rather than by their chaplain for their Palm Sunday procession.

*Statutes of Bishop Peter Quinel*

Exeter, Cathedral Library, D & C Exeter MS 3549A; 15th c. copy of Bishop Quinel's statutes

of 1287; Latin; parchment and paper; ii + 116 + ii; 170mm × 245mm (100mm × 173mm); 1<sup>7</sup>, 2–7<sup>8</sup>, 8<sup>4</sup>; catchwords; modern pencil foliation; frequent blue initial letters surrounded by red penwork, rubricated section headings and some slight rubrication of text; 16th c. (?) binding of dark brown leather on wood.

Although the original manuscript is no longer extant, thirteen manuscript copies of Bishop Quinel's statutes survive from the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. None of these MSS was suitable to be used as a base text. D & C 3549A is described here because it is not described by the editor of the standard edition of these statutes. For a full discussion of the statutes and their MSS, see endnote on pp 437–9 to this entry.

## Boroughs and Parishes

### ASHBURTON

#### *St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 2141A PW1; 1479–1580; Latin and English; paper; 241 leaves; 278mm × 210mm; modern pencil foliation (f 156 repeated); leaves in fair condition but unfortunately amended with non-transparent paper tape; bound in board and leather.

Accounts at the church of St Andrew were rendered on 6 May. They were transcribed and published in 1979 by Alison Hanham; those in Latin were translated and entries were often summarized. Between 1479 and 1549, there are frequent expenses for the repair of pageants or tabernacles; these would at first seem to be entries relevant to this study, but the context makes clear that these were fixed shrines inside the church. In 1523–4, for instance, a new tabernacle was built 'over the altar of St John.' In 1549–50, these pageants or tabernacles were taken down, along with the images of saints, and burnt.

### BARNSTAPLE

#### *Receivers' Accounts*

Barnstaple, North Devon Athenaeum, Book 3972; 1389–1649; Latin and English; vellum, parchment, and paper; 242 documents comprising 308 leaves; dimensions of leaves irregular (length varies from 300mm to 740mm; width varies from 200mm to 400mm); numbered by document 1–242 (two are numbered 189 and one between 89 and 90 not numbered); 19th c. board and leather cover, title: *Receivers' Accounts*, 1386–1643.

This is a collection of original documents put together at the expense of J.O. Halliwell-Phillips when he examined the Barnstaple records in the late nineteenth cen-

ture. Included are surviving accounts of the receivers, bailiffs, bailiffs of Richmond's lands, wardens of the long bridge, collectors of rents, one chamberlain's account, four St Peter's churchwardens' accounts, three from the wardens of St George's guild and one from St Nicholas' guild. Of all these, only the 103 receivers' accounts contain entries pertinent to this study.

Halliwell-Phillipps clearly intended to include all the early civic accounts in this one volume, but he missed twenty-six receivers' accounts. Seventeen (numbers 2003–19) are from the reign of Edward IV. Fifteen of these are single membranes, varying in width from 220mm to 385mm and in length from 610mm to 840mm. Number 2005, for 1463–4, contains two membranes, 255mm × 580mm and 255mm × 240mm. Number 2014, for 1475–6, likewise has two membranes, 280mm × 560mm and 280mm × 120mm. All of these rolls are in Latin.

In addition to these seventeen, Halliwell-Phillipps omitted a single roll for 1607–8, number 2525; parchment, English; 360mm × 650mm. Finally, there are eight damaged and/or fragmentary paper accounts, numbers 2517–24. The first four are for 1554–5, 1555–6, 1556–7, and 1558–9. Numbers 2521 and 2522 are rough drafts of the extant receiver's account for 1640–1. Numbers 2523 and 2524 are undated fragments for either 1562–3 or 1563–4. These fragments are all in English, on paper 300mm × 400mm.

All of the Barnstaple receivers' accounts run from Michaelmas to Michaelmas.

### *Philip Wyot's Journal*

Toronto, Records of Early English Drama, English MS 1; transcription, begun 22 April 1800, of extracts, relating to the years 1586–1608, from the journal of Philip Wyot, town clerk of Barnstaple (and from other MSS relating to Barnstaple); English; paper; 64 leaves (41–64 blank); booklets of varying length bound together; modern pencil foliation (to f 42; f 1 also unnumbered); no decoration; original (?) tan board binding with paper spine, no title, but 'Henry Gribble, Barnstaple | 22 April 1800' on flyleaf; 'Extracts from an old Manuscript in the | Possession of William Palmer of Barnstaple Clerk | wrote by Philip Wyot Townclerke of Barnstaple | beginning at the year 1586 to 1608 | It I find Philip Wyot Stild Townclerk in 1558' on f 2). Transcription by Henry Gribble.

J.R. Chanter in his 'Introductory Note' to Philip Wyot's Diary (*Sketches of the Literary History of Barnstaple*, pp 89–90) states that in 1810 there were two or three copies in abridged form of the lost original. The copy that Chanter used in his 1866 edition was 'the only perfect one now in existence, though there are several imperfect and partial ones.' The REED MS of the diary is not the one Chanter used. It probably is one of the other versions that Chanter alludes to in his introduction.



## BIDEFORD

*Decree in Chancery*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, R 2379 A/Z 2; late 18th c.; English; paper; 6 leaves; 372mm × 227mm; contemporary pagination (1–11); bound with 5 other booklets in 18th c. board binding with gold title on red spine: CHARTERS | &c | BIDEFORD.

This is a copy of a copy apparently made on 8 July 1656 of a Chancery decree made during Trinity term 1608. It is in a collection containing copies of various charters and other documents pertaining to the borough of Bideford. While the date of the decree is 1608, there is no indication in the complaint of the dates on which the feoffees of the long bridge squandered town money by attending stage plays. Although the copy was made fifty years later, there is no reason to doubt the authenticity of the document.

## BRAUNTON

*St Brannock's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1677A/PW1a; 1554–1611; English; paper; 135 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; modern foliation; heavily but carefully repaired; leather binding.

The book is a collection of originally separate leaves. It begins with the accounts of the wardens of 'the store of St Brannock,' apparently the churchwardens, 1555–1611; then it begins again in 1554 with the accounts for the store of St John and St George and continues until 1599, when the two sets of wardens were combined. The collection concludes with a series of constables' accounts for 1591–9, a few miscellaneous accounts of vicars and collectors for the Marshalsea, and finally a few later seventeenth-century fragments of parish register. In general, the guild of St John and St George was responsible for the vicar's salary and church lights, and the wardens of St Brannock's for the church fabric and civic affairs, but there is some cross-over even in the early accounts. By 1570, there is hardly a discernible distinction. Each guild held two church ales a year, St Brannock's at Christmas and Midsummer, and St John and St George's at Easter and Whitsun. The latter guild was in charge of the Robin Hood play, while St Brannock's wardens appear to have paid visiting players. The early accounts show clearly that there was a tabernacle or shrine to St George in the church.

*Visitations Book*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1677A/PW5, formerly Phillipps ms 15755; 1608–28; paper;

72 leaves; 150mm × 200mm; modern pencil pagination 1–144 (pp 62–110 blank); fair condition; 19th c. leather binding.

The book consists almost entirely of presentments occasioned by the rural dean's visitations.

#### CHAGFORD

##### *St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1429A/PW3; 1530–8; Latin; paper; 33 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; first 29 leaves paginated 156–213 in pencil, last 4 unnumbered; separate sheets gathered and bound in 19th c.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1429A/PW4; 1538–46; Latin and English; paper; 34 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; numbered in pencil but not consistently by page or by folio for the first 17 leaves, the last 17 foliated only, so that the 34 leaves are given numbers 1–48; separate sheets gathered and bound in 19th c.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1429A add/PW1; 1551–62; English; paper; ii + 32 + i; 308mm × 210mm; some pages foliated in pencil but not in the order of the binding, others unnumbered; heavily repaired with many fragmentary leaves; repaired and rebound c 1900.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1429A add/PW2; 1563–71; English; paper; 26 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; incomplete and inconsistent foliation in pencil; heavily repaired with some fragmentary leaves; separate sheets gathered and bound in 19th c.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1429A add/PW3; 1572–99; English; paper; 71 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; a few folios numbered in pencil but not in correct sequence; heavily repaired; sheets gathered and bound in 19th c.

There is one earlier volume in this series, 1429A/PW1, 1480–97, but it contains nothing relevant. In the seven volumes, in addition to the accounts of the churchwardens of St Michael's, there are accounts of the guilds of St Mary 'in capella,' St Mary 'in ecclesia,' St Katherine, St Nicholas, St Eligius, St Anthony, St George, the high cross, the holders, the four men, the Hoggeners, the hoodsmen, the maidens, the young men, the receivers of charitable gifts, the custodians of market and shambles, the market wardens, and the alewardens. There were not, however, eighteen different guilds or stores; the names and functions simply changed over the years, and numerous reorganizations occurred, so that it would be extremely difficult to form a consistent picture of the various sources of income for the church. There seem not to have been more than six guilds or stores at any one time.

## CHUDLEIGH

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, East Devon Record Office; Chudleigh PW1; 1561–1677; English and Latin; paper; 812 leaves; 290mm × 210mm; paginated in pencil 1–802, 5 unnumbered leaves at the end; bound in 1847 in board and leather, with brass clasps.

This contains chiefly accounts of the four men (the civic and parish officers), but there are also accounts of the market men, Our Lady store, the lightstore, the wardens of the high store, the young men (or Hoggeners), and of Robin Hood and Little John. After 1629, accountings are rendered only by the churchwardens. In the sixteenth century, the main sources of income were the usual church ales and the Robin Hood play, which in 1561 contained nine actors, including Robin Hood, Little John, and the inevitable Vice. This record provides one more indication in a growing list that the presence of a vice figure is no evidence of morality influence.

In the seventeenth century, the Chudleigh account book contains yearly payments of 20s to Mr Wolcome for 'the sporting place.' This is occasionally called the bowling green, but it seems also to have been the site of the football games and perhaps of other entertainments as well. Why the church should have to rent it from Mr Wolcome is not explained. In 1613 a fine of 15s was paid because the football players spoiled the grass.

Unlike other towns, Chudleigh had no set date for rendering accounts. May and July occur most often, but any month except April and November was likely to be chosen; consequently, some accounts are for as little as nine months, others for as many as eighteen.

## COLYTON

*Bishop's Audience Court Depositions*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Chanter 858; 1572–5; English and Latin; paper; 160 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; modern foliation in pencil; half-calf binding.

The book is in good condition, but it is written in a hasty hand, apparently by the court recorder at the time the depositions were made; consequently, some readings are uncertain, especially in the heavily abbreviated Latin introductions to and dispositions of the cases. The cases themselves are those that fell under ecclesiastical rather than civil court jurisdiction, from the parishes in Devon and Cornwall that were among the bishop's peculiars. Fourteen other such deposition books exist, from 1508 to 1640, but they contain no entries relevant to this study.



## CREDITON

*Warden's Account for the Corporation of Crediton*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1660 A/41; 1581–2; English; parchment; 5 membranes sewn end to end, written on one side only, 1–5; roll 3000mm × 340mm.

Crediton, a cathedral town before the see was moved to Exeter, was always an important town. By the mid-sixteenth century its budget was nearly as large as that of Exeter. Because it lay on the main road between Exeter and Barnstaple, both of which hosted a great many professional entertainers, it is incredible that those travelling professionals did not also stop at Crediton. Yet despite its wealth and lavish spending habits (the schoolmaster, eg, received an annual stipend of forty marks, five times the average in the county), there is no evidence in the extant records that actors were rewarded, or even came to town. Possibly, as at Exeter in the sixteenth century, the chief civic officer (the headwarden) gave gratuities to players from his very considerable expense account of £60, so that payments to them do not appear in the account rolls. Whatever the reason, the virtually complete series of account rolls (parchment books after 1604) from 1551 to 1642 contains almost nothing of interest to this study. For the period before 1642, account rolls are missing only for the years 1561–2, 1600–1, 1609–11, 1614–15, 1622–3, and 1629–30. Crediton seems one clear instance in which the absence of references to entertainers in the records does not imply their absence from the town.

## DARTMOUTH

*Borough Court Books*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, SM 1986; 1577–92; Latin and English; paper; 567 leaves; 415mm × 285mm; pencil foliation; tooled leather binding, clasps missing.

There is a series of these borough court books from 1484 to 1649 (SM 1981–SM 1989). Although only two contain entries relevant to this study, they also have many grand jury presentments regarding the playing of unlawful games, a number of which are not listed in the *OED*. Many complain about the playing of various ball games in the churchyard (including stool-ball, the ancestor of cricket), which resulted in numerous broken windows and fines to the players.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, SM 1987; 1601–12; Latin and English; paper; 657 leaves; 415mm × 285mm; pencil foliation; tooled soft leather binding backed with a fragment of an Italian play, *Prima Giornata* or *Giornata Prima*, the fragment containing a dialogue between two characters, Pip and Nan. The flyleaf is part of an illuminated plainsong service book.

*St Saviour's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61218; 1494–5; English and Latin; parchment; 1 mb; 400mm × 310mm, receipts and expenses in 2 columns.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61333; 1533–4; English; parchment; 2 mbs; 550mm × 260mm (each); written mbs 1–2, 2d–1d.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61341; 1540–1; English; parchment; 3 mbs; 700mm × 325mm; written mbs 1–3, 3d–1d.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61342B; 1541–2; English; parchment; 2 mbs; 600mm × 270mm; written mbs 1–2, 2d–1d.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61391; 1551–2; English; paper; 7 leaves (1 blank leaf cut away); 320mm × 200mm; 1 gathering; unnumbered.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61391A; 1552–3; English; paper; 5 leaves stitched together at top; 420mm × 300mm.

These are the first pertinent documents from a series of several thousand individual items within the time period of this study. The documents examined include accounts of the churchwarden (the church was dedicated as Holy Trinity but popularly called St Saviour's), the chantry warden, the warden of the high store and Blessed Virgin Mary, the warden of the high altar, the mayor, the receiver, the warden of the rents, as well as scattered expenses for the upkeep of the castle, collections for the fleet, fines, minutes of the common council, watch and ward expenses, and other assorted bills and expense accounts. These individual documents are indexed and shelved chronologically without regard for type or class; they are of such a disparate nature as to defy any general description. Some are single sheets of parchment, others paper booklets, of no standard size or shape.

The relationship of various officials at Dartmouth is not completely clear. As there are no receivers' accounts before 1544 and no churchwardens' accounts after 1554, and as accounts from both officers do not exist for any single year, it seems likely that the two offices are the same and that the title gradually changed. The office of collector of the rents, however, is distinct: separate accounts of receiver and collector do exist for various years, even though the kinds of payments they make are similar. One cannot predict, for instance, whether the receiver or the collector of rents will reward a visiting company of actors. And in a few years, it is the mayor who rewards them.

Other entries in the 1494–5 churchwardens' account show that there was a procession on Easter as well as an Easter sepulchre; whether or not these were related to the play is not indicated. The churchwardens' account for 1497–8 (DD 61237), while

it suggests no play, contains this curious entry: 'Item paid for makyng of the crossys to set in the treys in ye church yerd – j d.' Other accounts list among receipts the 'St George gathering money,' entries that suggest that St George's sword and armour were not mere fixtures in the church.

Churchwardens' accounts were rendered usually at Michaelmas, like the mayors' and receivers' accounts.

### *Mayors' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61322; 1528–30; English; paper; 4 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; leaves unnumbered; no binding.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61330; 1531–3; English; paper; single sheet; 425mm × 310mm; damaged and incomplete.

DD 61331 is a rough draft of the above but more complete; it consists of three paper leaves, 360mm × 275mm, sewn together at the top. The entries relevant to this study are not significantly different.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 62560; 1633–4; English; paper; 6 leaves (last blank); 400mm × 145mm; 1 gathering; unfoliated; unbound.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 62604; 1634–5; English; paper; 6 leaves (last blank); 335mm × 235mm; 1 gathering; unfoliated; unbound.

### *Receivers' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, SM 2002; 1509–73; Latin and English; paper; 190 leaves; 280mm × 200mm; foliated 1–100 in modern pencil, remaining 90 leaves blank and unnumbered, except that f [189v] contains various memoranda of 1536–7 and f [190v] contains a memorandum of 1511; 16th c. tooled leather binding.

Although the book is titled 'Mayors' and Receivers' Accounts,' it begins and ends as a memorandum and quietus book, including memoranda of debts owing to the town, discharges for mayors, receivers, water bailiffs, and the collector of the rents, summaries of expenses for castle and harbour repairs, and the like. One fourteen-year period, however, between 1555 and 1569, has itemized expenses for the collector of the rents (ff 47–93v). His expenses are of the same kind, but not identical to, those of the receiver that survive as individual items. As both officials made payments for both church and town, whatever their distinctions, there clearly was considerable overlapping of responsibilities; it appears that after 1579–80 only the office of receiver survived, as no later collectors' accounts exist.



Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61448; 1569–70; English; paper; 6 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; 1 gathering; unfoliated; unbound.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61460; 1573–4; English; paper; 10 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; 1 gathering; unfoliated; unbound.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61503A; 1579–80; English; paper; 8 leaves (1st and last 3 blank); 300mm × 200mm; 1 gathering; unfoliated; unbound.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61583; 1591–2; English; paper; 8 leaves; 310mm × 204mm; 1 gathering; unfoliated; unbound.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61619; 1598–9; English; paper; 12 leaves (last 5 blank); 300mm × 200mm; 1 gathering; unfoliated; unbound.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 61763; 1608–9; English; paper; 10 leaves (last 4 blank); 310mm × 200mm; 1 gathering; unfoliated; unbound.

### *Judgments against the Dartmouth Maypole*

A DIVINE TRAGEDIE | LATELY ACTED, | OR, | A Collection of sundrie memorable ex- | amples of Gods judgements upon Sabbath-breakers, | and other like Libertines, in their unlawfull Sports, hap- | ning within the Realme of *England*, in the compasse one- | ly of few years last past, since the Book was published, worthy | to be known and considered of all men, especially such, | who are guilty of the sin or Arch- | patrons thereof. | By that worthy Divine Mr. *Henry Burton*. | [within a rectangular block, an oval portrait of the author with 'Ætatis Suae 63' at left] | Printed in the yeer 1641. Colophon on F 4v, p 38: LONDON: | Printed for *John Wright junior*, and for *Tho. Bates*, and | are to be sold at their shops in the Old Baylie. | 1642. Quarto; A<sup>4</sup>–F<sup>4</sup>; Roman and italic; A<sup>1</sup> (title page), unsigned, A4, B4, C4, D4, E4, F4, unsigned; ornamental rectangular block begins 'To the Reader,' ornamental rectangular block begins 'Examples of Gods Iudgements'; ornamental capitals, A<sup>2</sup> and B<sup>2</sup>. Wing: B6161.

### EXETER

### *Mayor's Court Rolls*

The city of Exeter possesses a most remarkable and virtually complete series of mayor's court rolls from 1282 onwards. As these rolls deal mainly with civil law – suits for debt, assault and battery, and the like – they do not normally come within the province of the present study, even when the person charged with debt or selling unsealed beer is a minstrel or a luter. There are, however, a number of entries that are pertinent, mainly appointments of city waits but also the earliest mention of the Corpus Christi play in Exeter, in 1414.

The rolls consist of records of the mayor's court, each recorded usually on a separate membrane and the whole collection for one year, Michaelmas to Michaelmas, stitched together at the top. The number of membranes for any one year varies from thirty-six to ninety-six, but the norm is fifty-two, one for each week's court. These vary in size from 210mm to 310mm in width, and 470mm to 840mm in length; the average is 250mm × 600mm.

As the entire series before 1642 contains some twenty thousand parchment membranes of tiny writing, front and dorse, in heavily abbreviated Latin, it was not possible, for this study, to read every word of every roll. The early rolls were spot-checked, and from the reign of Richard II onwards they were carefully read until 1508, when the Chamber Act Books begin and relevant entries were transferred from the court rolls to the act books. While no one, so far as is known, has read the entire series, various portions of it have been read by different scholars for various purposes, so that the likelihood of any important entry having been missed is slim.

### *Receivers' Account Rolls*

This remarkable series of account rolls begins with an isolated roll for 1304–5 and then from 1339–40 continues in almost unbroken sequence right through 1642; perhaps two dozen rolls are missing from the three centuries. The parchment rolls vary in length from one to seven membranes sewn end to end, and the membranes themselves vary too widely in size to permit meaningful generalizations. All are in Latin.

Of the paper books that survive, there are isolated books for 1523–4, (Box 213, Book 1), 1556–7 (Box 214, Book 5), 1557–8 (Box 214, Book 10), and 1562–3 (Box 214, Book 11); from 1573–4, there is a series of fifty-three books for all but twelve years through 1637–8. Most of these latter are sewn to the vellum account rolls. The books are in English, vary from forty-two to four leaves, the average being eight, in one gathering and usually with a paper cover; 300mm × 200mm.

While the series as a whole contains a mine of information about entertainment in Exeter, it is also disappointing in many ways. The early rolls tend to summarize gifts into a composite total, and, with the exception of the early decades, those of the fifteenth century seldom mention payments to visiting entertainers. The explanation for the missing payments may lie in the practice of the receivers in the sixteenth century, when such payments were itemized on separate paper books and only rarely on the parchment rolls. None of these paper books exists for years earlier than 1523, however, and there is none for many of the years thereafter. Consequently, there are long periods in the records when the only relevant entries concern the city waits; only the rare periods such as the 1430s give us some notion of the number of entertainers who came to Exeter.

*City Council Chamber Act Books*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/B1/1, Act Book 1; 1508–38; English; paper; 199 leaves; 200mm × 285mm; foliated in ink 1–195 in modern hand, last 4 leaves fragmentary and unnumbered; plain parchment cover.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/B1/2, Act Book 2; 1509–60; English and Latin; paper; ii + 206; 200mm × 285mm; foliated 1–196 in ink in later hand, ff 1–204 also paginated 1–408, including an index of 7 leaves by Richard Izacke, last 2 leaves blank and unnumbered; plain parchment cover.

The flyleaf contains a few isolated notes, one dated 1559; the second unnumbered leaf is an inventory, dated 10 October 1537, of the ornaments of St George Chapel delivered up by Mr Lake, the mayor's chaplain. From there, the book begins with chamber acts of 5 October, 9 Henry VIII; but ff 5–15 are blank and at f 16 is a redaction, or custumnal, of acts passed since 1 Henry VIII. At f 25v the scribe has got back to the present, and the entry on that page is for 22 December, 9 Henry VIII. From that point on the entries are more or less chronological to 1 June 1560.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/B1/3, Act Book 3; 1560–81; English; paper; 252 leaves; 200mm × 300mm; paginated in ink by contemporary hand 1–492, with 6 blank unnumbered leaves at the end; vellum cover.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/B1/5, Act Book 5; 1588–1601; English; paper; iii + 286 + iii; 200mm × 300mm; foliated in ink 1–286, numbered in pencil 1a–1d, 1–573 with the 3 blank leaves at end not numbered; vellum cover.

The Act Book itself stops at f 277v; an index by Izacke fills ff 279–86.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/B1/6, Act Book 6; 1601–11; English; paper; 239 leaves; 200mm × 300mm; foliated 1–231, with an additional gathering of 8 leaves containing Izacke's index to the volume; vellum-covered paper binding.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/B1/7, Act Book 7; 1611–34; English; paper; 436 + xii; 200mm × 300mm; foliated in ink 1–436, final gathering of 12 leaves containing Izacke's index not numbered, also paginated in modern pencil 1–895, the last page blank and unnumbered; vellum cover.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/B1/8, Act Book 8; 1634–47; English; paper; 219 leaves; 200mm × 300mm; paginated in pencil 1–453, last 15 leaves containing Izacke's index unnumbered; vellum cover.



*Freemen's Book*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, Book 55; 1265–1696; Latin and English; paper; 300mm × 410mm; 238 leaves; foliated 1–238; board and leather binding.

The original title of the book is 'Repertorium testamentorum finium & *omnium Aliorum memorandorum in Rotulis Ciuitatis Exonie inuentorum*.' Intended at first to be a court memorandum book, it begins in 11 Richard II with memoranda dating back to 1265 but breaks off at f 37v with 11 Richard II. It begins again on f 38v with 32 Henry VI and is continued with various legal notices and chartularies until 1696. But long lists of freemen of the city take up more than half of the book, and it is from these lists that the entries pertinent to this study are taken.

*Exeter Cathedral Inventory*

Exeter, Cathedral Library and Archives, D & C 3671; 1327; Latin; parchment, with paper flyleaves; iv + 24 + iv; modern pagination (part 18th c.); 345mm × 240mm; single booklet; no decoration; some staining, pp 15, 18, long original split, p 3; 18th c. board binding covered with marbled pink paper, leather spine.

*Exeter Cathedral Chapter Act Books*

Exeter, Cathedral Library, D & C 3550; 1382–1439; Latin; paper; 300mm × 230mm; 146 leaves; foliated j to Clxiiij in pencil, 3 leaves unnumbered; heavily repaired; board and leather binding.

Exeter, Cathedral Library, D & C 3551; 1521–35; Latin; paper; 275mm × 180mm; 325 + v; 16th or 17th c. Arabic foliation 1–325, with an unnumbered index of 5 leaves; 19th c. half-calf binding.

These 'act books' seem to be books of notes taken at meetings of the cathedral dean and chapter. They consist primarily of memoranda of decisions made by the chapter, warnings to clerics about absenteeism or misbehaviour, and so on. The entries are in many hands, even during a single year.

*Exeter Cathedral Dean and Chapter Account Book*

Exeter, Cathedral Library, D & C 3779; 1485–1567; Latin and English; paper; 300mm × 215mm; 240 leaves; foliated in later ink; board and leather binding.

This was probably a rough paper account book, kept for later entries onto rolls; in any case it is not neat and tidy and does not seem intended as a final copy. It contains

accounts of pensions from 1485 to 1595, followed by ordinary expenses and various memoranda from 1485 to 1567. Only expenses are listed, without receipts. Accounts are from Michaelmas to Michaelmas. In 1485–6, 1488–9, and 1490–1 there are payments to 'Custodi br'; one is tempted to read the abbreviation 'vr' and expand to 'vrsorum,' thus producing payments to a bearward, but the initial letter seems clearly *b*, not *v*.

### *Exeter Cathedral Vicars Choral Accounts*

Exeter, Cathedral Library, D & C Vicars Choral Book III; 1610–33; English; paper; 308mm × 205mm; 24 leaves; unfoliated; parchment cover marked 'An Account Book from 1610 to 1633.'

This is the second of three Vicars Choral account books, the first, vc II, dating from 1586–1607, and the third, vc IV from 1627–45; there are no relevant entries in the other two books. The accounts run from 21 September, the feast of St Matthew, rather than from Michaelmas to Michaelmas.

### *Trinity Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1718A add/PW2; 1415–85; Latin; parchment; 59 mbs; size varies from 275mm to 310mm wide × 305mm to 520mm long; irregular bundle stitched together at top; unnumbered and not in chronological order; in fair condition but unrepaired.

These are mainly churchwardens' accounts containing nothing pertinent to this study. Membranes 4–9, however, are accounts of the guild of St George between 1477 and 1485, and these do contain some entries of interest. Although it was located at Holy Trinity, the fraternity apparently had members from other Exeter parishes. It had an annual feast on St George's Day, sold beer at church ales, seems to have had a procession, and owned vestments of St George but nothing that is clearly play gear. Later accounts (PW3, 1510–46) show that the guild was a major source of income for the church, but nothing is recorded except annual receipts from the guild. These later accounts also record receipts from an annual 'colleccione puellarum vocata le pryce Maydens' but give no hint of what that celebration entailed. A final collection of accounts (PW4, 1547–56) contains nothing relevant.

### *St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, DD 36765–DD 36772; 1412–1598; Latin and English; parchment; number of mbs variable; length varies from 210mm to 570mm; width from 120mm to 330mm; mbs stitched into rolls:

- DD 36765: 10 mbs, 1412–22  
 DD 36766: 32 mbs, 1425–59  
 DD 36767: 18 mbs, 1461–83  
 DD 36768: 15 mbs, 1485–1508  
 DD 36769: 30 mbs, 1508–44  
 DD 36770: 5 mbs, 1547–52  
 DD 36771: 2 mbs, 1553–4 and 1555–6

Many of the entries in these accounts are fascinating but do not certainly belong in this collection: the Easter sepulchre in 4 Henry VI, a movable 'trabs' with stars in 23 Henry VI, numerous church ales with entertainment not specified, mysterious income from the fraternity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the city of Exeter (Weavers), etc. What is clear is that St John's Bow had a long history of dramatic or semi-dramatic activity that the records printed here do not reflect.

The accounting year was All Saints to All Saints, except in 1457–8, when it was Michaelmas to Michaelmas.

### *Account Roll of Henry VII*

London, Public Record Office, E101/414/16; 1497; English; paper; 136 leaves; 138mm × 210mm; modern foliation; good condition; vellum binding (probably contemporary), leather strengthening at spine, original leather closure lost, now enclosed in modern box.

### *Bill of Complaint of John Yeo against Thomas Wyncott*

London, Public Record Office, C1/1284/11; 1547–51; English; parchment; single sheet; 180mm × 305mm (160mm × 265mm); good condition; mounted and bound in with other documents in modern red cloth binding.

### *Thomas Wyncott's Answer to the Complaint of John Yeo*

London, Public Record Office, C1/1284/12; 1547–51; English; parchment; single sheet; 239mm × 407mm (200mm × 373mm); good condition; mounted and bound in with other documents in modern red cloth binding.

### *Duties of Civic Officers of Exeter*

[ornamental block] | A Pamphlet of the | Offices, and duties of euerie parti- | *cular sworne*  
*Officer, of the Citie* | of Excester: | *Collected by* Iohn Vowell *alias* Hoker, | Gentleman &  
 Chamberlaine | *of the same.* | Numb. 30. | Who so euer sweareth an oth to bind him | selfe,  
 he shall not breake his promise. | [ornamental block] | Imprinted at London by | *Henrie*  
*Denham.* | 1584. No colophon; 2° [ $\pi^1$ , A<sup>2</sup>–I<sup>2</sup>]; Roman, gothic, some italic; ornamental



rectangular blocks B2, I2; Entered in the Stationers' Register 20 December 1583: Henrye Denham Licenced vnto him vnder th[e h]andes of bothe the wardens, *A pamphlet of the offices and duties of euery particuler sworne officer of the Cittie of Excester, and above a Catalog[ue] therevnto annexed of the Bisshops of Excester with the discripcon of the antiquytie and firste foundacon of the Cathedrall churche of ye same..vj<sup>d</sup>/*; STC: 24889

### *John Hooker's Commonplace Book*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, Book 51; 1590; English; paper; 371 leaves; 275mm × 415mm; foliated 1–364, with 7 blank unnumbered leaves at the end; bound in board and leather cover.

Called 'The Common-place Book of John Vowell *alias* Hoker, Chamberlain of the City of Exeter,' this is really a customnal or Domesday book with a history of the city appended. Hooker, 1525–1601, was Richard Hooker's uncle and foster-father. He first became chamberlain of the city in 1555, and this book was doubtless compiled over a period of many years. Hooker himself used it when he wrote his *magnum opus*, *The Description of the Citie of Excester*, which has been plundered by every subsequent historian of the city. The history continues through 1589, and the final page lists the mayor and bailiffs for 1590.

### *Description of the Citie of Excester*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, Book 52; c 1590; English; paper; 540 leaves; 270mm × 390mm; foliated 1–524 by Hooker, 18 leaves at end unnumbered; board and leather binding.

This is John Hooker's great history of Exeter. It seems to have been completed in 1597; of the eighteen unnumbered leaves at the end, all but two are blank, and these contain the names of freemen admitted to the city between 1597 and 1600. The book is in Hooker's hand and is not illuminated but contains rubrics throughout.

### *Mayor's Letter to Sir Thomas Lake*

London, Public Record Office, SP 14/97/140; 1618; English; paper; single sheet; 310mm × 210mm (185mm × 150mm); good condition; bound and foliated with other documents (f 307) in red cloth with leather spine and corners.

### *Ancient Letters*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/X1/Letter Book 60 D; 1624; English; paper; 290mm × 205mm; numbered 267 in modern hand.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Exeter City Archives, G1/X1/Letter Book 60 E; 1634; English; paper; 235mm × 200mm; numbered 365 with stamp counter.

The first of these 'ancient letters' is a copy made by the town clerk, Samuel Izaack, of a letter from Sir Henry Herbert, Master of the Revels. The letter is reprinted, with omission of some difficult passages, in the Historical Manuscripts Commission Report on Exeter, together with a note (p 172), 'An abstract of this taken from Stuart Moore's *Calendar* is printed in J.T. Murray, i, 362; ii, 272, altering the date to 1623.' Why Murray changed the correct date is not clear. The second letter is simply a recommendation from the mayor of Wells to the mayor of Exeter on behalf of Henry Loxton, who became one of the waits of Exeter.

### *John Hayne's Diary*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, ms 36; 1631–43; English; paper; x + 147 + x; 178mm × 143mm, 2 cols (ruled into 6 vertical cols); 20th c. foliation superseding contemporary (inaccurate) foliation; fair condition (some pages loose); repaired and rebound c 1920 in dark brown leather, with gold decoration on spine and gold embossed title: MS | HOUSEHOLD | EXPENSES | &c || JOHN HAYNE | EXETER | 1631–1643.

### *Sermon before Sir Robert Foster, Justice of Assize*

THE ZEALOUS | MAGISTRATE. | Set forth in | A Sermon, Preached in *Exeter*, before | the Right Honourable Sir *Robert Foster*, his | Majesties *Justice of Assize* for the | *Western Circuit*. | [rule] | By THOMAS TRESCOT, Master of Arts, and | Rector of the Church of INVVARDELEIGH | in DETTON. | [rule] | *Contende intrare per angustam portam, nec quid multi agunt | attende; sed quid agendum, ipsatibi Naturae Lex, ipsa Ratio, | ipse Deus ostendet: Neque enim aut minor erit gloria tua, si | faelix eris cum paucis, aut levior Poena, si miser es cum multis.* | Ioh. Picus Mirand. in Epist. Nepoti suo. | [rule] | It is this 10<sup>th</sup>. day of *October* 1642. (by the Committee of | the House of Commons concerning Printing) Ordered, that this | Book, intituled, *The Zealous Magistrate*, &c. be printed. | *John White*. | [rule] | LONDON, | Printed for *Daniel Frere*, and are to be sold at his Shop | at the Signe of the *Red Bull* in little Britaine. 1642. No colophon; 4<sup>o</sup>[ $\pi^1$ , A<sup>4</sup>–D<sup>4</sup>, E<sup>2</sup>]; rectangular ornamental blocks, A1, A3, B1. Wing: T.2126.

### FARWAY

### *St Michael's Churchwardens' Book*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 67A PW1; 1564–1678; English; paper; 45 leaves; 200mm × 300mm; foliated 1–25 (19 of the last 20 leaves blank); paper covers.

The booklet is in fragile condition. The faded ink of the earliest entries was

'amended' in 1631 by Thomas Wood, whose tracing over in darker ink has made some entries almost illegible. The entries are mostly summaries of accounts or simple quit-tances of churchwardens and wardens of the poor, with occasional memoranda of elections and of extraordinary expenses. The chief source of income seems to have been the annual Whitsun ale, but these summaries provide no details about entertainment. The summary accounts cease in 1591; the remainder of the notes are concerned with the succession to the wardenship.

## HONITON

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1639A PW1; 1570–1651; English; paper; 168 leaves; 180mm × 275mm; foliated in modern pencil; many fragmentary leaves, ink badly faded and often illegible; repaired and bound in calf.

Listed as 'churchwardens' accounts, 1517–1651,' in fact the earliest entry is 1570. As the wardens' expenses consistently exceed their income before the introduction of rates in the 1590s, there were clearly other sources of parish income not reflected in these accounts. The sidemen's accounts of secular expenses are not extant but may have contained the sources of additional income. Accounts are from the feast of St Andrew, 30 November.

## KILMINGTON

*St Giles' Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 3047A PW2; 1609–37; English; paper; i + 33 + v; 320mm × 208mm; pencil pagination (for repair); repaired and rebound c 1980.

## MOREBATH

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 2983A PW1; 1526–1635; English; paper; 205 leaves; 205mm × 310mm; foliated in pencil 1–205, also paginated in a different hand 1–410; 19th c. calf binding.

Listed as accounts from 1520–1635, the accounts in fact run from 1526–1596, with a single sidemen's account for 1635. They are in fair condition but are not bound in chronological order, the first being for 1570 and the last for 1566. The accounts include returns of the churchwardens as well as those of the wardens of stores or guilds, as



many as ten in 1534. At one time or another, there are accounts for the wardens of the young men, alms light, Our Lady, St George, Jesus, St Sidwell, St Soday, the four men, St Antony, the maidens, the high store, the three men, the five men, the sheepwardens, the grooming wardens, and the alewardens. The great guild seems to have been the guild of St George; most of the entries included here are from that guild's accounts. Morebath was somewhat unusual in that the churchwardens were frequently women. It was also unusual in that it had no fixed accounting date; accounts were rendered in July more often than in any other month, but the date could vary from February to November.

#### OKEHAMPTON

##### *Journal of John Rattenbury, Town Clerk*

*Some Account of the Barony and Town of Okehampton: Its Antiquities and Institutions. Including the Journals kept by Messrs. Rattenbury and Shebbeare, Gents. and Burgesses from the 21 James I., to the Death of William III; with Notes Genealogical, Descriptive, and Explanatory.* W.H.K. Wright (ed) (Tiverton, 1889).

#### PLYMOUTH

##### *Receivers' Accounts*

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, W 130; 1490–1561; English; paper; 271 leaves; 225mm × 300mm; foliated in 16th c. hand 1–272 (f 48 accidentally repeated as f 47, so that numbering is off thereafter by 1; ff 250, 251 missing), the whole renumbered 1–271 in pencil; repaired and in good condition; parchment cover.

This is the earliest book of receivers' accounts; it begins in 1490–1, continues to 1549–50, and ends with a lone account for 1560–1 and a partial account for 1500–1. As the transcriptions show, the book is rich in information about entertainment in Plymouth, often including details such as playing places not provided by accounts from other boroughs.

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, W 131; 1560–9; English; paper; 67 leaves; 220mm × 320mm; 1 gathering, stitched at f 34; first 50 leaves foliated in modern pencil, last 18 blank; unrepaired, in very good condition, though unprotected first leaf suffers from discoloration; no cover.

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, W 132; 1569–1658; English; paper; 304 leaves; 300mm × 430mm; foliated 1–302 in 17th c. hand, (f 303 unnumbered, f 304 numbered 282); fine 19th c. board and leather covers, with gold lettering: 'Borough of Plymouth Receivers' Accounts, 1570–1658.'

Although this is called the Widey court book, its first 302 folios are receivers' accounts; the final leaf contains a list of citizens who contributed to gifts for James I in 1615 and Charles I in 1631. The accounts do, however, give considerable information about local entertainment, particularly on May Day.

### *Black Book*

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, W 46; 1535–1707; English and Latin; paper; 360 leaves; 240mm × 380mm; 8 leaves at the beginning unnumbered, remainder foliated 1–352; original board and leather binding.

R.N. Worth, *Calendar of the Plymouth Municipal Records*, describes the Black Book: 'This is a large folio containing 360 leaves of thick paper, bound in oaken boards covered with leather. Commonly known, from the dark colour of its binding, as "The Black Book," it is called in the old records the "town ligger," entry being made in 1535–6 that for it and for writing therein all that was in the old ledger twenty shillings were paid. The earliest dated contemporary entry is for 1540; and the original intention evidently was to make the book a record of all matters of importance relating to the civic life.' It begins with a list of mayors since the reincorporation of the borough from Sutton Prior to Plymouth, the first in 1441; from 1500 to 1540, beside each mayor's name, is a brief history of England for that year in the style of the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*. Clearly, the entries made in 1540 are of ordinances of much earlier date, as there was no guild of Corpus Christi in 1540. After 1540, the entries continue sporadically until 1707, most of those during the Commonwealth period having been obliterated at some later date.

### *St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, W 129; 1483–1583; Latin and English; paper; 167 leaves; 210mm × 310mm; no foliation; repaired and in good condition; cased in thick leather wrapper.

The flyleaf inscription reads: 'Iste liber deliberatus fuit Thome Tresawell maiori ville ac burgi de Plymouth xxj die Octobris anno regni regis Edwardi iiiij<sup>ti</sup> xxij per Thomam Tregarthen maiorem burgi predicti Anno precedente viz. Anno xxj Eiusdem domini Regis.' There are some St Andrew's churchwardens' accounts and a few mayors' accounts at the beginning, particularly those that relate to the building of an aisle and the steeple of the church. Folios 6–20 and 24–84 are blank; the remainder of the volume contains accounts of the collectors of the tonnage and of assize rents from 1514 to 1583.

*Hawkins' Departure from Plymouth*

THE | OBSERVATIONS | OF | S<sup>IR</sup> RICHARD HAVV- | KINS KNIGHT, IN HIS |  
 VOIAGE INTO THE | *South Sea*. | Anno Domini 1593. | [rule] | *Per varios Casus, Artem*  
*Experientia fecit, | Exemplo monstrante viam.*—Manil. li.I. | [McKerrow 414] | LONDON  
 | Printed by I.D. for IOHN IAGGARD, and are to be | sold at his shop at the Hand and  
 Starre in Fleete-streete, | *neere the Temple Gate*. 1622. No colophon; 4° [ $\pi^4$ , A<sup>4</sup>—Y<sup>4</sup>]; rectan-  
 gular ornamental blocks A1, Y2; Entered in the Stationers' Register 24 July 1622: Master John  
 Jaggard. Entred for his Copie vnder the handes of Master WILSON, and Master Gilmyn, A  
 booke called, *The Discipline of the Sea historie, In the obseruacons which Sir RICHARD*  
*HAUKINS made, in his south sea voyage. Anno Domini. 1593...vj<sup>d</sup>*; stc: 12962.

*Receipt for Fees to the King's Retinue*

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, W 359/62; 1625; English; paper; single sheet folded once into 2 leaves but written only on 1r; 275mm × 400mm.

This list of fees paid on the king's visit 15 September 1625 is identical to the list surviving from Totnes on the preceding day. Both bills were made out by Peter Newton, but at Plymouth Thomas Kynnaston received the fees, whereas John Wilson had received them at Totnes.

*Waits' Petition to the Mayor*

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, W 359/53; undated, c 1639; English; paper; single sheet; 300mm × 380mm.

This petition from the waits for cloaks and better wages is undated but may well belong to 1638–9, the first year since 1603 that cloaks were purchased for them. The waits claimed that their office was instituted by Sir Francis Drake, though in fact the borough had waits as early as 1496–7.

*Draft Order concerning the Town Drummer*

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, W 361/60; undated, 17th c.; English; paper; single sheet; 210mm × 250mm.

This seventeenth-century draft order is undated and unsigned. As it refers to 'theise perilous tymes of danger,' it could date from the Civil War; a plague year, however, seems more likely in that the drummer is discharged from watch and ward. The two serious plagues in Plymouth occurred in 1625 and 1636, and either date seems possible for this handwriting.



## PLYMSTOCK

*All Saints' Churchwardens' Accounts*

Plymouth, West Devon Record Office, 694/52; 1554–1700; English; paper; 654 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; modern pagination, 1–1327 (pp 3, 4 both numbered 3 and remaining pagination consequently off by 1 page); 19th c. calf and board binding, combining six originally separate books: 1–168, 169–305, 306–537, 538–819, 820–1201, 1202–1327.

Receipts have not always been bound with the payments for the same year. The book contains accounts of both the wardens and the overseers of the poor; the wardens' accounts run from 1554–83 and 1631–41, only the earlier ones containing entries relevant to this study. At least until the wardens' accounts break off at 1583, the chief yearly source of income was a Whitsun ale, but the records do not make clear that dramatic or musical entertainment was provided. In two years, 1562–3 and 1563–4, the church also received considerable winter income from a source identified only as 'the store of saynt Erasmus'; this may have been some sort of Christmas festivity, but the record gives no clue.

## SHOBROOKE

*St Thomas a Becket's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office; 1048A/PW1–PW78; 1562–1620; English; paper; mostly single sheets folded once to make 4 sides; size varies from 165mm × 220mm to 200mm × 320mm.

The accounts indicate that the chief sources of church income were church ales and a summer celebration, but they give very little information about the entertainment provided. These festivities ceased in 1581 with the renewal of the prohibition of unlawful games; in 1584–5 the ale-brewing equipment and the summer pole were sold; church ales were revived in 1588–9, but in 1595–6 they were given up and the parish went into the business of raising sheep for its income. The extant accounts thus give only a glimpse of a dying tradition.

## SOUTH TAWTON

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 2915A/PW1; 1524–1613; Latin and English; 112 leaves; 200mm × 300mm; foliated in pencil; repaired and bound, although few leaves are entire.

Even the earliest of these accounts reveal nothing about local entertainment. The

churchwardens record receipts from the alewardens as well as from the guilds of St George, St Mary, St John, St Katherine, and Jesus and Mary, but as those guild accounts are not extant, any references to fund-raising entertainments are also lost.

#### TAVISTOCK

##### *St Mary's Abbey Plea Roll*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, Bedford Papers W 1258 Add 1/3; 1325; Latin; parchment; 3 mbs; 275mm × 600mm; written continuously (1–3); stitched in incomplete roll, with membranes missing at both ends as indicated by stitch marks.

This fragment of a plea roll, among the Bedford papers deposited at the DRO, records part of the case of succession as abbot of Tavistock between abbot-elect Robert Busse and John Courtenay. The depositions were rendered 15 November 1325. A summary of the case is given by H.P.R. Finberg in 'The Tragi-Comedy of Abbot Bonus,' W.G. Hoskins and H.P.R. Finberg, *Devonshire Studies* (London, 1952), 198–211. Briefly, Busse was elected, but John Courtenay, the disappointed candidate, together with two other monks, John Fromund and Richard Montori, contested the election and submitted thirty-one accusations against Busse ranging from bastardy to incontinence and assault. Despite the charges, Busse's election was upheld. The reference to male and female 'histriones' is in the twenty-fifth paragraph of charges.

##### *St Eustace's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 482A/PW1–PW48; 1392–1640; Latin and English; parchment; 48 mbs; size varies from 100mm × 135mm to 570mm × 900mm; poor condition, many fragmentary and only partially legible.

This series of rolls scattered over 250 years includes churchwardens' accounts, bills, receipts, poorwardens' and constables' accounts, lightwardens' and torchwardens' accounts, and one fragment from the store of Jesus. The only pertinent entries are from the reign of Elizabeth, but these are interesting in that they show churchwardens giving gratuities to professional acting companies.

#### TOTNES

##### *Borough Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1579A/7/1; 1605–43; English; paper; 32 loose accounts of varying size; no foliation.

This bundle of accounts includes thirty-two mayors', receivers', and St Mary's churchwardens' accounts, as well as accounts of the Magdalene almshouse, flesh shambles, deputy portreeve, poorwardens, bridgewardens, quayage, and shipmoney. The three containing relevant entries are all mayors' accounts. The first (2 leaves, 200mm × 150mm) is dated 26 February 1628, but as it is a supplemental account of Philip Holditch, who was mayor in 1623–4, it was probably submitted late but reflects the earlier date. The second (2 leaves, 200mm × 300mm) is the account of Samuel Wise for 1631–2; and the last (4 leaves, 200mm × 320mm) is that of Lawrence Adams for 1633–4.

### *Receivers' Account Rolls*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1579A/7/3; 1554–5; English; parchment; 2 mbs; 250mm × 790mm and 250mm × 240mm; written 1, 2, 1d, 2d; unnumbered.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1579A/7/4; 1560–1; English; paper; 2 leaves; 210mm × 320mm; paginated 1–4 in later ink.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1579A/7/5; 1569–70; Latin; paper; roll of 2 mbs; 320mm × 380mm; written 1, 2, 2d; unnumbered.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1579A/7/6; 1573–4; Latin; paper; roll of 3 mbs; 300mm × 385mm; written continuously; unnumbered.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1579A/7/7; 1575–6; Latin; paper; roll of 2 mbs; 320mm × 400mm; written continuously; unnumbered.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1579A/7/8; 1584–5; English; paper; incomplete book of 3 leaves; 225mm × 350mm; unnumbered.

Unfortunately these are the only six receivers' accounts of expenses remaining from the sixteenth century. They cannot reveal much, but they do show more hospitality toward travelling professionals than was the case at Plymouth.

### *Fees to the King's Retinue*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 1579A/18/4; 1625; English; paper; single sheet, 275mm × 400mm, folded once.

This is the bill and receipt of payment for fees paid to the king's officers when the royal entourage passed through town on 14 September 1625. The borough gave the king a gift of £200 and arranged an oration, but provided no entertainment (Mayor's account, DRO: 1579A/7/47).



## WINKLEIGH

*All Saints' Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 2989A/PW20; 1568–9; English; paper; 2 leaves sewn together at the top; 100mm × 400mm.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, 2989A/PW21; 1576–7; English; paper; roll of 3 leaves; 100mm × 400mm.

Between 1520 and 1640 there are thirty-six extant accounts, loose and often fragmentary, mainly of the four men or chief wardens, though there are a few early accounts of the stores of St George, St Katherine, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and All Saints. St George's guild was responsible for church ales, but there is no indication of entertainment connected with them. At least one wardens' account mentions expenses for mending the tennis court. The accounting year was from All Saints.

## WOLBOROUGH

*St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, East Devon Record Office, Wolborough PF9; 1580; English; paper; roll of 4 leaves; 320mm × 360mm.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, East Devon Record Office, Wolborough PF16; 1600; English; paper; 4 sheets stitched together at top; 310mm × 375mm.

Thirty accounts between 1554 and 1631 are extant. The church derived considerable income in the sixteenth century from ales and collection of the 'Seedge mony.' The use of the 'Seedge mony' is clear enough – to pay the clerk's wages – but the method of collecting is never explained. It was turned over to the four men by the alewardens at six-month intervals. Similarly, while there are frequent repairs to the bull chain, it is not clear that bull-baiting was a source of income. In 1600, some sort of stage seems to have been erected in the street, but its use is obscured by the fact that the account is badly mouldered and partly illegible. Accounts were rendered in late December.

## WOODBURY

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, East Devon Record Office, Woodbury PW1; 1537–1792;

English; paper; 410 leaves; 190mm × 250mm; paginated in pencil 1–820; rebound in leather in 19th c.

The accounts are in good condition, not having needed repairs; some are slightly clipped, however, to fit the new format, and notes and amounts in the external margin are sometimes partially excised. The accounts are carefully written and virtually every hand easily legible. This was the clean copy, as there are yearly expenses both for writing into the 'paper book' and for copying into this book. Accounts are complete from 1537–8 onward except for 1568–9, 1608–9, and 1610–11. The notes of items stolen in the 1545–6 inventory were made later, as the theft occurred during the 1547–8 accounting year. Accounts were usually rendered on Michaelmas.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, East Devon Record Office, Woodbury PX1; 1536–1708; Latin and English; paper; 66 leaves; 195mm × 280mm; foliated in later hand 1–66; bound in leather.

This is a composite book bound in considerable disorder. It begins with alewardens' accounts for 1535–6 to 1537–8, skips to 1570–1, continues (with gaps) to 1599, goes to overseers' notes on rates and apprentices from 1631 and 1663–89, returns to alewardens' accounts from 1555 (with gaps) to 1565, then alewardens' accounts from 1541 (with gaps) to 1555 and one for 1585–6, a rate for 1636, and ends with overseers' notes between 1598 and 1708. Alewardens' accounts were rendered at Michaelmas.

## Monasteries

### COWICK PRIORY

#### *Compotus of St Andrew Priory*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, W 1258/G4/ 53/1–5; undated, ('tempus Ed iv'); Latin; parchment; 2 mbs; 620mm × 265mm, 340mm × 260mm.

This is one of a series of compotus rolls, nearly complete between 2/3 Edward iv and 26/7 Henry viii, with one summary roll surviving for 3/4 Henry iv. Altogether there are sixty-one rolls in the series, which is part of the Bedford papers relating to Devon and Cornwall now on deposit at the DRO. These are compoti of the manor of Cowick Priory, sent as obedientiary rolls to Tavistock Abbey, not cellarers' or priors' accounts for the priory itself. Consequently, except for the one stray boy-bishop entry, one does not expect, or find, references to entertainment at the monastery. The one reference is in a roll that is illegible at the top, where its date would be. Judging by names that appear in this and other rolls, its date should be in the latter half of the reign of Edward iv. There are two years in that period for which there is no corresponding roll, 1473–4 and 1475–6; such names as William Huddefield, John Denys

de Orlegh, and John at Wille could have occurred at either of those dates, and this roll almost surely belongs to one of the two years.

There is another series of obediendiary accounts sent to Tavistock Abbey from Plymstock between 1392 and 1522, but the seventeen extant rolls contain nothing relevant to this study.

## Households

### CHAMPERNOUN OF MODBURY

#### *Richard Champernoun's Letter to Sir Robert Cecil*

Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, Library of the Marquess of Salisbury, Cecil Papers 31/48; 26 March 1595; English; paper; single sheet; 295mm × 200mm; foliated (as f 48) and bound with other letters in brown leather-covered boards c 1830.

#### *Richard Champernoun's Letter to Sir Robert Cecil*

Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, Cecil Papers 73/24; 15 August 1595; English; paper; single sheet; 285mm × 210mm; foliated (as f 24) at time of first binding (c 1830) and rebound in vellum and blue cloth on boards c 1925. Addressed on verso in Champernoun's hand: 'To the ryght honorable syr robert Cecyll knyght of hyr maiestyes most honorable pryvy Counsayll at the Court gyve theys.' Endorsed in the hand of Cecil's secretary: '25 Aug 1595 Mr Champernowne to my Master.'

#### *Richard Champernoun's Letter to Sir Robert Cecil*

Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, Library of the Marquess of Salisbury, Cecil Papers 35/100; October 1595; English; paper; single sheet; 300mm × 190mm; foliated (as f 100) and bound with other documents in brown leather-covered boards c 1830. Addressed on dorse in Champernoun's hand, 'To the ryght honorable syr Robert cecyll knyght one of hyr maiestyes most honorable pryvy Counsayll at the Court.' Endorsed in the hand of Cecil's secretary, 'octobre 1595 Mr. Champernon to my Mr.'

### COURTENAY

#### *Livery Roll*

London, British Library, Add. Roll 64320; 1384–5; Latin and French; parchment; single membrane; 710mm × 320mm; right edge damaged and repaired, fair condition.



*Household Accounts*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, CR 500; c 1390; Latin; parchment; 2 mbs; mb 1: 600mm × 254mm, mb 2: 358mm × 257mm; mb 1 attached at bottom to top of mb 2 to form one continuous sheet.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, CR 488; c 1390; Latin; parchment; 1 mb; 475mm × 263mm; torn where formerly attached at top.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, CR 1466; c 1395; Anglo-Norman, English, and Latin; parchment; 9 mbs; 4920mm × 230mm; incomplete.

CR 1466 is incomplete at the top; it begins *in medias res*, with stitching and thread remaining at the top of the first membrane. As the beginning of the roll is missing, there is no date; but references to the children of Edward Courtenay, earl of Devon, fix the date about the middle of the 1390s. The sections from which the two relevant entries are transcribed relate to expenses for a trip to London, one occurring at Frome-Selwood, Somerset on the journey, and the other at London.

London, Public Record Office, E 36/218; 1519; English; paper; i + 40; 300mm × 180mm approximately; modern pencil pagination; incomplete, damaged, and badly faded; no binding.

London, Public Record Office, E 36/223; 1523–4; English; paper; 138 leaves; 280mm × 200mm approximately; modern pencil foliation; incomplete, damaged, and badly faded, repaired with gauze; half-calf 19th c. binding.

London, Public Record Office, E 36/225; 1525; English; paper; 122 leaves; 300mm × 200mm; original pencil foliation later replaced by ink pagination; heavy marginal damage but text mainly intact and legible; half-calf binding.

The last three accounts are badly deteriorated household books from the reign of Henry VIII, doubtless confiscated along with other papers at the earl's attainder. E 36/218 is a fragmentary book of expenses for January and February of 1519, when the earl was at court and in London. There is an eighteenth-century copy of this manuscript among the Courtenay of Powderham papers now housed at the Devon Record Office (Courtenay 1508m/ London/ Account book 23). PRO: E 36/ 223 is a fragmentary household book of Catherine, countess of Devon for 1523–4. E 36/ 225 is also a fragmentary book for a portion of the expenses in 1525 of Henry, marquess of Exeter. Although the outside margins are badly damaged, this book is much more legible than the other two.

One other Courtenay account book is extant, that of Lady Elizabeth Amerideth, guardian of Sir William Courtenay, 1638–48 (PRO: Courtenay 1508m/ Devon/ Accounts v 29), but its only relevant entry, a payment to 'Sir Wm Walers Trumpetter,'

occurs in the spring of 1645, beyond the scope of this volume.

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##### *Remembrance of Sir Richard Edgcumbe*

*Danmonii Orientales Illustres: or, The Worthies of Devon. A Work, wherein the Lives and Fortunes of the Most Famous Divines, Statesmen, Swordsmen, Physicians, Writers, and Other Eminent Persons, Natives of that Most Noble Province, from before the Norman Conquest, down to the Present Age, are Memorized, in an Alphabetical Order, out of the Most Approved Authors, both in Print and Manuscript....*  
John Prince (Exeter, 1701).

#### County of Devon

##### *Quarter Sessions Order Books*

Exeter, Devon Record Office, QS 1/1; 1592–1600; English; paper; 184 leaves; 295mm × 200mm; modern pagination; parchment cover.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, QS 1/4; 1614–18; English; paper; 186 leaves; 295mm × 195mm; no pagination; parchment cover.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, QS 1/5; 1618–25; English; paper; 327 leaves; 295mm × 195mm; paginated in modern ink 1–653 (pp 325 and 326 both numbered 325, numbering thereafter off by one page); parchment cover.

Exeter, Devon Record Office, QS 1/6; 1625–33; English; paper; 224 leaves; 295mm × 195mm; paginated in modern ink; parchment cover.

Unfortunately, the quarter sessions books of the Devon county justices of the peace do not begin until 1592. They are remarkably lucid and informative, and one could wish for the existence of such books at an earlier period, when religious and other amateur drama was being suppressed.

##### *Orders for Suppression of Church Ales and Revels*

London, Public Record Office, SP 16/255/39; 10 January 1599; English; paper; single sheet; 276mm × 170mm (127mm × 158mm); foliated for binding as f 107, numbered 39.1 on reverse; good condition; bound with other documents in grey board with blue cloth spine and corners, red labels.

London, Public Record Office, SP 16/255/39 i–iv; 24 July 1615; English; paper; single sheet;

277mm × 170mm (190mm × 130mm); foliated for binding as f 108, numbered 39 III on reverse; good condition; bound as above.

*Draft Inquiry, Somerset Justices of the Peace*

Taunton, Somerset Record Office, Trevelyan Papers, DD/WO 57/11; undated (early 17th c.); English; paper; single sheet; 157mm × 198mm.



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# Editorial Procedures

The material in this edition is arranged by place, type of document, and chronology. Entries pertaining to the diocese of Exeter in general have been placed first, in chronological order. (Any references to specific places will be cross-referenced under location in the index.) Parishes and boroughs follow in alphabetical order, the entries for each place being chronological. Within boroughs, when entries from a particular year are from more than one source, the following order of document classification will be observed: court rolls/books; mayors' accounts; receivers' accounts; cathedral accounts (in the case of Exeter); parish accounts; and miscellaneous documents.

Following boroughs and parishes will be transcriptions from monasteries, private households, and the Devon County Quarter Sessions Books. (Any references to specific places will be cross-referenced under location in the index.) The few undated entries as well as entries from household accounts referring to payments made outside of Devon will be placed in appendixes. The editorial headings give dates in as much detail as possible, document identification, and folio or page numbers.

An attempt has been made in the edited text to approximate the format of the original manuscripts. As far as possible, headings and marginalia appear in the positions they occupy in the manuscripts, although the routine marginalia identifying types of payments have been standardized in editorial subheadings throughout. Original paragraphing has been preserved, but not original lineation.

The texts themselves are not emended, except in the case of Bishop Quinel's 'Statutes of Exeter,' where a collation of thirteen extant manuscripts was required to derive an error-free text. Original spelling, capitalization, and punctuation have been preserved throughout, but gratuitous marks such as line-fillers have been ignored. 'I' and 'J' have been uniformly rendered as 'I'; 'Xp' is expanded as 'Chr,' as in 'Christi.' The few entries taken from printed sources preserve the spelling and punctuation of those sources but do not follow the early printers' habit of italicizing numerous words and phrases. The varying forms 'vv' and 'VV,' used occasionally by early printers, are standardized to 'w,' 'W.'

Most scribal abbreviations have been expanded, with the letters supplied printed in italics. When it was not possible to tell from the context whether the scribe intended a singular or a plural ending, the word has not been expanded and the abbreviation

sign has been indicated uniformly by an apostrophe, as in 'Et de iiij d datis minstrall'. Abbreviations for amounts of money ('li,' 's,' 'd,' and 'ob') as well as for other common words ('Mr,' '&c') have not been expanded. Shortened forms of personal names have been expanded to their full forms. Superior letters have been silently lowered to the line, except when they are used with numerals and confusion might result, as in 'Henrici viij<sup>to</sup>' or 'xx<sup>tie</sup>'. The Latin genitive singular of 'Exon' has been uniformly expanded as 'Exoniensis,' as it is not possible to tell when a scribe may have intended 'Exonie' instead.

## Dating

Because the vast majority of the documents used for this collection follow the fiscal year from Michaelmas, 29 September, to 28 September of the next year, and also because it is not usually possible to tell in which month a payment to players was made, the usual accounting year dating from Michaelmas to Michaelmas has been employed here. The entries thus will normally be given a split date, such as 1525–6; when the exact account date is known, it will be given in the subheading for that entry. The reader should be reminded that the dates between 1 January and 25 March will be given as they occur in the entries according to the contemporary calendar, which did not change the year until 25 March, Lady Day. Thus under an entry listed in the heading 1525–6, if the entry gives a date of 14 February 1525, that year would be 1526 by our modern calendar. Dates for entries taken from documents using a different fiscal year than Michaelmas to Michaelmas will be duly noted in editorial subheadings. Dates of the feast days mentioned in numerous entries are listed in Appendix 5.

## Principles of Selection

Every effort has been made in this edition to include all unambiguous references to drama and music as well as to entertainments such as bear-baiting and morris dancing. When an entry obviously refers to entertainment but does not specify the precise nature of the entertainment, that entry has also been included. Thus there are references to the 'revels' at Ashburton, Chulmleigh, Morebath, Rewe, and Shobrooke. On the assumption that, as at Plymouth, they involved singing and dancing and perhaps drama, the maypole and summer 'rode' celebrations at Chagford, Chudleigh, Collympton, Hennock, and Shobrooke are included as well as the May games of Colyton and Plymouth. Because the annual 'carving of Gogmagog'<sup>46</sup> on Plymouth Hoe seems to be associated with the May games, that too has been noted – although it may have been no more 'dramatic' than a carved white horse in Somerset.

Unless there is clear evidence of dramatic or musical entertainment, church ales have been excluded from this collection. There is a strong temptation to assume that at least the Whitsun wardens at Dean Prior and the wardens of the guild of St Erasmus at Plymstock provided entertainment at their ales, but in the absence of any evidence

the entries have been deleted. For the information of those who feel that a church ale automatically would include some form of entertainment, a list of the Devon parishes known to have held church ales follows. The dates indicate the first and last (or only) mention of an ale in the extant records.

Ashburton (1487–1622)	Kilminster (1556)
Barnstaple (1526–59)	Kingsbridge (1557–81)
Braunton (1554)	Modbury (1542–7)
Brixham (1584)	Monkhampton (1542)
Broad Clyst (1522)	Morebath (1529–80)
Chagford (1480–1571)	Plymouth (1499–1536)
Chudleigh (1561–94)	Plymstock (1554–83)
Chulmleigh (1541–77)	Rewe (1620)
Colbrooke (1637)	Shobrooke (1562–94)
Collumpton (1608)	Sidbury (1621)
Dartington (1483–1616)	South Tawton (1524–71)
Dean Prior (1566–9)	Stoke Gabriel (1611–21)
Exeter Holy Trinity (1483–1547)	Torbryan (1560)
Exeter St John's Bow (1444)	Washfield (1568–82)
Exeter St Mary Steps (1554)	Winkleigh (1519–33)
Farway (1564–7)	Wolborough (1554–1600)
Harberton (1607)	Woodbury (1541–1606)
Honiton (1570–81)	Woodland (1560–3)

While church drama has been included in this collection, processions and ceremonies within the church, as well as expenses for singing, organ playing, bell-ringing, and the like are excluded. As there is no reference to drama, expenses for building or repairing the Easter sepulchres at Dartmouth, St John's Bow, Morebath, and Woodbury have been deleted. The same is true of pageants and tabernacles when they were not clearly taken outside the church for celebrations primarily popular rather than ecclesiastical. Ashburton, for instance, had tabernacles of Holy Trinity, St Andrew, St Christopher, St George, St John, St Mary, and St Thomas, but there is no hint that they were ever taken outside the church or used for any of Ashburton's many dramatic performances. Chagford may have held the record for these structures with nineteen pageants and a tabernacle of St Eligius. Other such tabernacles were at Braunton; St Petrock's, Exeter; Kilminster; and Woodbury. The yearly Corpus Christi celebration and procession at Exeter Cathedral are also excluded, as they took place in and around the cathedral; other processions, purchases of musical instruments, and such items as payments to choristers similarly are excluded. While references to boy-bishops and abbots of misrule throughout the county will be found in this collection, the cathedral's boy-bishop service will not: it is a straightforward



religious service promulgated by Bishop Grandisson to prevent the horseplay common elsewhere.<sup>47</sup>

Ceremonial practices such as the annual walking of the boundaries or mayors' feasts are not included unless there is clear evidence of music or other entertainment; guild feasts and the mayor of Exeter's annual procession to the cathedral likewise are excluded, even though the latter includes a payment to the choirboys in the procession. (That procession, incidentally, is still an annual feature of Exeter's civic pageantry.) The same exclusion pertains to royal entries into Exeter: while such entries often produced magnificent shows and pageants elsewhere, there is no evidence that similar spectacles occurred at Exeter.<sup>48</sup> Except for the visit of Henry IV in 1402, when he and his queen were entertained by waits and minstrels, the royal visitor would merely be met at the gate by appropriately dressed civic and ecclesiastical dignitaries, welcomed, and escorted to his or her lodging. The only entertainment provided was food, drink, a gift of money, and perhaps a tour of the city, as in the instance of Richard III's inspection of the castle and his shock at hearing it called Rougemont, a scene later made famous by Shakespeare.

Court cases involving individual entertainers are transcribed only if the case relates to the performance of their art, however peripherally. Such cases as the 1471 Exeter mayor's court decision that 'Master John Fool, 'a juggler, was guilty of assault and battery on a Spaniard have been deleted, but that of a harper who lost his harp is included. Because they give evidence of travelling players in the county, one instance of an acting troupe caught drinking after hours and another involving the murder of an actor also are retained.

Bull-baitings are included, but routine annual costs for repair of bull chains, ropes, stakes, and the like are not unless the entry actually refers to a bull-baiting. Likewise, expenses for shooting of guns or for drums or drumsticks for Midsummer musters are omitted, although drummers at celebrations such as May Day are included.

After some deliberation, it was decided not to print references to sports, games, and contests. A study of games in Devon, both legal and illicit, is fascinating in itself but beyond the scope of this project. It is also the source of extended controversy over which of the literally hundreds of possible entries ought to qualify. Would the endless church-organized fox, badger, and wildcat hunts qualify as sports, for instance, or the proposed musket-shooting contest between Dartmouth and Totnes in 1616? One also must sacrifice, however, somewhat more interesting entries such as those pointing to the possibility of an early church-sponsored football league. Certainly one is surprised to discover the churchwardens buying footballs at Halberton and at Coldridge or paying to repair the lawn on the bowling green at Chudleigh ruined at the football match. The early references to tennis courts at Dartington, Dartmouth, and Winkleigh also are omitted here, as well as the bowling greens at Chudleigh, Dartmouth, Exeter, Halberton, Plymouth, and Sheepstor. The number of presentments for unlawful games is almost startling, as are those for breaking windows while

playing cricket in the churchyard during the time of divine service. Among the unlawful games for which presentments were made are the following, some of which are unidentified by the *OED*:<sup>49</sup>

alias (or ales)	nine holes
boiling	shuffleboard
bowling alleys	skystgrote
carding	stool ball (early cricket)
coillyng	tables
coyting	taxillos (dice)
globes	trappe
keylles	tutte
klasshe	

Finally, this collection cannot include the myriad entries that made interesting the days on end when no references to dramatic performances appeared in the records, entries that brought to life and humanized the people of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. It was the sidelights of history, some amusing, some pathetic, that painted a picture of Devon that cannot be conveyed in this collection of dramatic records. There was the beautiful Dartmouth 'Magnificat,' inserted without contextual gloss into a 1484 court book. There was the raped woman with no legal recourse except to sue the rapist for money to help support her illegitimate child, or the ineffective deposition of Alicia Braninger that Sir Walter Raleigh was the father of her illegitimate child. There was the touching enthusiasm of Exeter civic leaders as they offered the newly imported orange marmalade to the countess of Devon, and the troubles resulting from the Prayer Book Rebellion, and the desperate attempts by churchwardens to conform to their rulers' religious views by tearing down and rebuilding and tearing down again their shrines and rood lofts. To read the Devon County Quarter Sessions Books is almost to read a detailed refutation of every generalization about law and order and conformity proposed in Tillyard's *The Elizabethan World Picture* – and it is also to understand something of the fierce pride and determination of the people in a rural county faced with externally imposed changes in their way of life.

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at Morebath in 1571, Joan Rumbelow in 1557, Margaret-at-Borston in 1528 (DRO: 2983A/PW1, ff 5, 156, 172v). Among others in the county, Elizabeth Grendfyld was churchwarden at Kilmington in 1557–8 and Joan Banke in 1560–1 (DRO: 3047A/PW1, ff 5, 7v).

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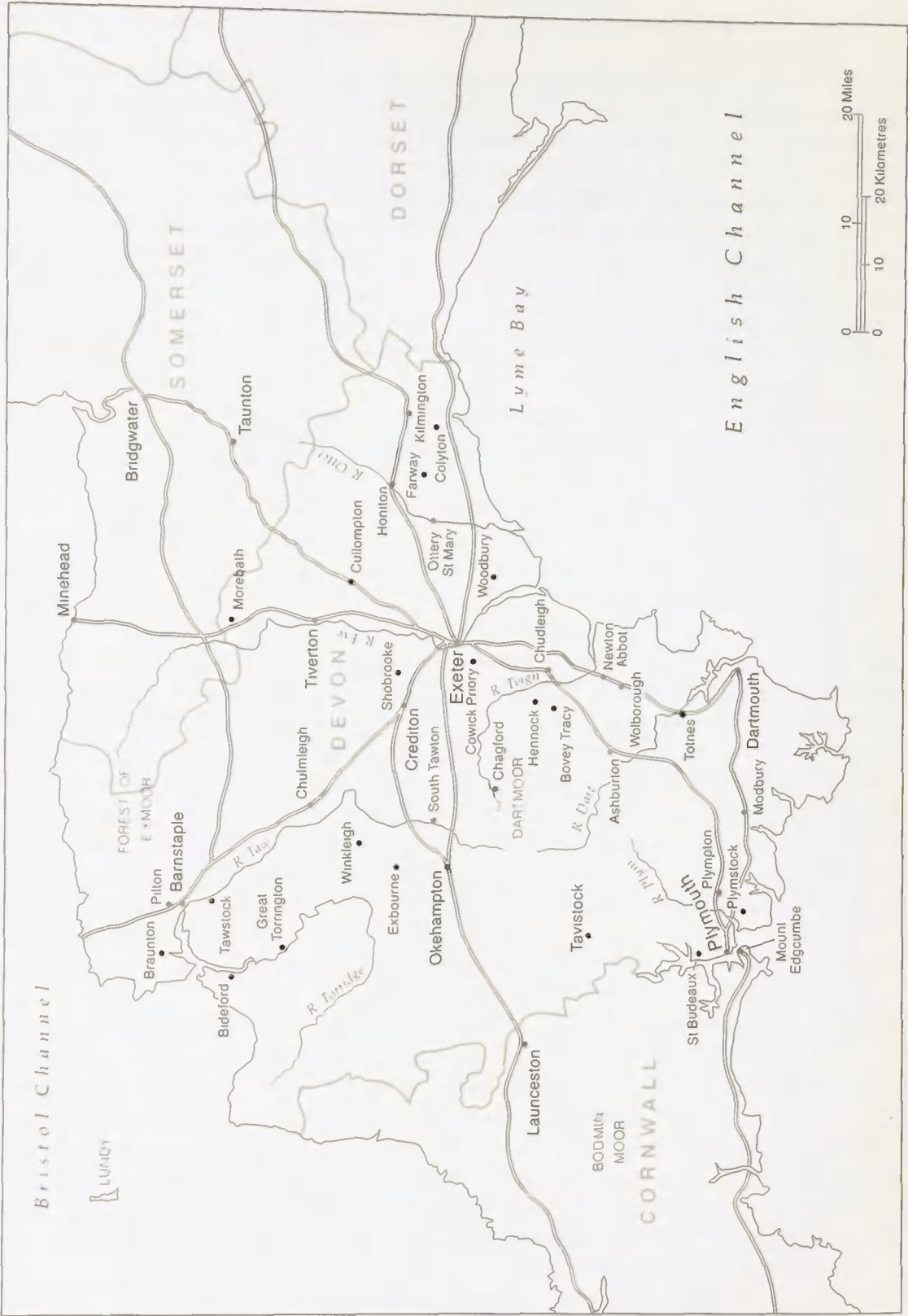


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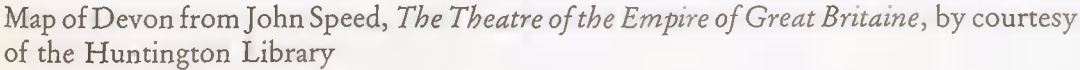
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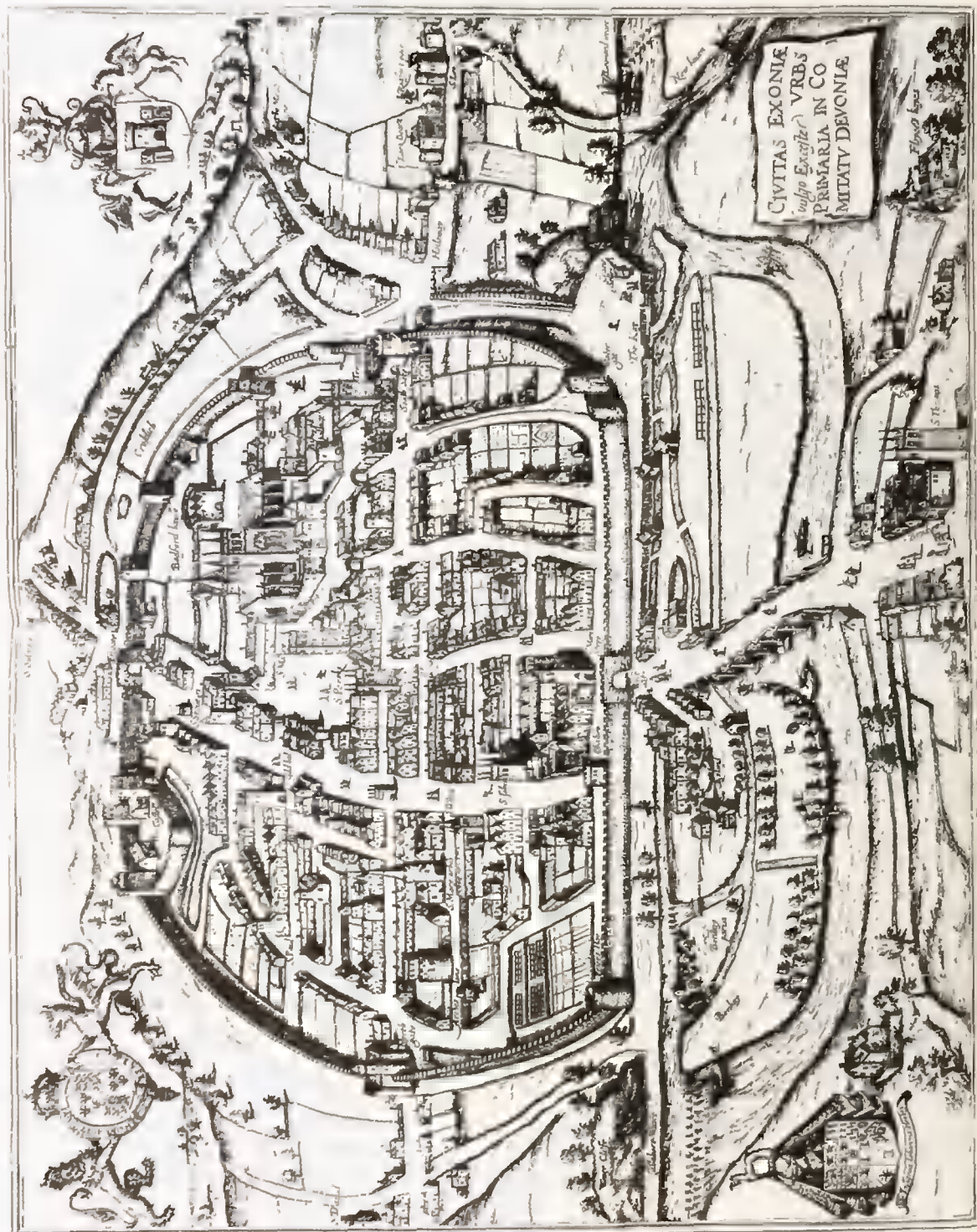




Devon with principal renaissance routes







Map of Exeter from Braun and Hogenberg, *Civitates Orbis Terrarum* 1572–1618, by permission of Theatrum Orbis Terrarum B.V.





Map of Plymouth from BL: Cotton Augustus i.i.38 by permission of the British Library



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# Symbols

A	Antiquarian Compilation
BL	British Library
<i>DNB</i>	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i>
DRO	Devon Record Office
ECA	Exeter City Archives
EDRO	East Devon Record Office
EUL	Exeter University Library
HH	Hatfield House
NDA	North Devon Athenaeum
PRO	Public Record Office
<i>STC</i>	<i>Short-Title Catalogue</i>
WDRO	West Devon Record Office
*	(after folio, page, or membrane number) see endnote
<...>	lost or illegible letters in the original
[ ]	cancellation in the original
( <i>blank</i> )	a blank in the original where writing would be expected
◦ ◦	matter in the original added in another hand
「 」	interlineation above the line
「 」	interlineation below the line
^	caret mark in the original
...	ellipsis of original matter
	change of folio or membrane in passages of continuous prose
Ⓢ	right-hand marginalia
†	marginalia too long for the left-hand margin

# Diocese of Exeter

1150–70

*Penitential of Bartholomew of Exeter* BL: Cotton Vitellius A xii  
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lxxxix.

De cantico turpi. ex concilio cartaginensi.

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Canticum turpe atque luxuriosum | circa ecclesias atque in atriis  
ecclesie omnino contradicimus. quod ubique uitandum est.

(xc)

De balationibus. ex concilio remensi

Siquis balationes ante ecclesias sanctorum fecerit. seu qui faciem suam  
transmutauerit in habitu muliebri. & mulier in habitu uiri:  
emendacione pollicita tribus annis peniteat.

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De histrionibus augustinus.

Qui donat histrionibus. qui donat meretricibus quare donat? Numquid  
non & ipsi hominibus donant? Non tamen naturam ibi attendunt  
operis dei. sed nequitiam operis humani. augustinus super  
iohannem.

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Donare res suas histrionibus uitium est inmane non uirtus. & scitis de

5,9,18,21–2/ titles are rubricated.

5/ Ivo of Chartres, *Decretum* III.77 (*Patrologia Latina* 161, 215A); there said to be from the  
first council of Mainz.

9/ Ivo of Chartres, *Decretum* XI.64 (*PL* 161, 759D); there said to be from the second council  
of Braga.

18/ Augustine of Hippo, *Enarrationes in Psalmos* 102.2, ad v 6, quoted by Ivo of Chartres,  
*Decretum* XIII.31 (*PL* 161, 808C) and Gratian, *Decretum* D. LXXXVI, c 8 (*Corpus Iuris*  
*Canonici* I, pp 299–300).

21–2/ Augustine of Hippo, *In Iohannis evangelium tractatus* 100, ad c 16, quoted by Ivo of  
Chartres, *Decretum* XI.84 (*PL* 161, 774 CD) and Gratian, *Decretum* D.LXXXVI, c 7 (*CIC*  
I, p 299).

talibus quam sit frequens fama cum laude. quia sicut scriptum est laudatur peccator in desideriis anime sue. & qui iniqua gerit benedicatur.

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1287

*Bishop Peter Quinel's Statutes*

(16 April) (Chapter thirteen)\*

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Ne in ecclesijs vel cimiterijs earum mercata vel placita secularia teneantur vel edificia secularia construantur xiiij 10  
...Et quia in cimiterijs dedicatis multa sanctorum & saluandorum corpora tumulantur quibus debetur omnis honor & reuerencia, sacerdotibus parochialibus districte precipimus vt in ecclesijs suis denuncient publice ne quisquam luctas coreas vel alios ludos 15  
inhonestos in cimiterijs exercere presumat precipue in vigilijs & festis sanctorum cum huiusmodi ludos teatrales & ludibriorum spectacula introductos per quos ecclesiarum coinquinatur honestas, sacri canones detestentur. Quod si aliqui post factam denunciacionem

Collation: 10 Ne] De ABCHP 10 in] om. ACP 10 vel<sup>1</sup>] & DN 10 earum]-rum abbreviation sign damaged in F, eorum G 11 secularia] ending obscured in L 11 teneantur] om. B 10 vel] 'vel' N or N<sup>2</sup>, et GJ 11 vel... construantur] B or B<sup>2</sup> adds in marg. 11 edificia] edificata J 11 secularia] secularia H 11 xiiij] D or D<sup>2</sup> adds 12. capitulum in marg., F adds xiiij in marg., J adds .Capitulum .xiii. in marg., 13. K, om. ABCGHLNP 12 cimiterijs] cimitererijs H 12 multa] multorum K, multo N, followed by blot that may represent attempted correction; N adds stroke, possibly a cancelled minim, before multo 11 &] '&' C, om. H 12 saluandorum] soluendorum ACP, om. H 13 corpora] corpa F, corporum K, H corrects corporora to corpora by expunction 13 quibus] N or N<sup>2</sup> corrects to -i- over -e- 14 parochialibus] parochialis J 14 precipimus] second -i- and part of -m- written over erasure by N or N<sup>2</sup> 14 vt] nec F 15 denuncient] D<sup>2</sup> corrects to denunciant over erasure, denunciant H 15 ne quisquam] N or N<sup>2</sup> adds in marg. 15 ne] nec F 15 luctas] ludas H; J adds vel after luctas 15 coreas] choreas EFGI, correas K 15–16 ne ... precipue] om. E 16 cimiterijs] D or D<sup>2</sup> corrects to cimiterijs over erasure 16 exercere presumat] presumant exercere G 16 exercere] exercere CDHP, N or N<sup>2</sup> corrects to ex<sup>c</sup>ercere 16 presumat] D<sup>2</sup> corrects to presumat over erasure, presumant BFHL 16 precipue] presipue J 16–17 & festis sanctorum] sanctorum & festis DN 16 &] H adds in after & 17 cum: om. K 17 teatrales] teatrales FGP, teatiales K 17 &] B or B<sup>2</sup> adds ad in marg. after &, N or N<sup>2</sup> adds [ad] after & 17 spectacula] spectalia ACP, spectaculum B 18 coinquinatur] conquinatur H 18 sacri canones] sacri ordines ACEFGHJKLP, D or D<sup>2</sup> erases a word after canones 19 detestentur] detestantur EHK 19 aliqui] aqui H 19 factam] sanctam E 19 denunciacionem] denun(....)ionem H, denunciaonem JK



ludos huiusmodi, quamquam improprie dictos eo quod ex eis crimina oriuntur, exercuerint, predicti sacerdotes eorum nomina loci archidiacono vel ipsius officiali denuncient vt per ipsos pro suis demeritis canonice puniantur.

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(Chapter seventeen)

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De vita & honestate clericorum xvij

...Item clerici modesti sint & sobrij abstinentes se a crapula & ebrietate. Nam vt ait beatus Gregorius, 'Guloso nichil turpius, cuius fetor in ore, pallor in facie, tremor in digitis, & in cuius corde nullum latet secretum.' Et vt inter clericos & histriones (sicut est) ita & appareat omnibus dispar professio, districte precipimus quod ad conuiuia non accedant, maxime sacerdotes, nisi a domino domus specialiter sint inuitati. Quod si inuitari contigerit, sese non ingurgitent sed protinus post prandium ad propria sobrij reuertantur. Nusquam tabernas excerceant nisi peregrinacionis causa in itinere

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Collation continued: 1 quamquam] *B* or *B*<sup>2</sup> corrects quamquam to quamuis in marg. 1 quod] *A* adds [quod] or quid after quod, *CP* add quid 1 ex] *om.* *E* 2 exercuerint] *exceruerint GH, om. D, but D*<sup>2</sup> adds *excererunt, om. N* 2 predicti] *om. D but D*<sup>2</sup> adds 2 *J* adds [sacerdotibus] after predicti 3 archidiacono] archidiaconi *K* 3 ipsius] *eius N* 3 officiali] *officialis K* 3 denuncient] *denunciet G, de nuncierit K* 3 per] *om. HL* 4 canonice] *om. E* 4 puniantur] *p*<sup>u</sup>*niantur E* 9 honestate] *honeste E* 9 clericorum] *clerum P* 9 xvij]. 16. *D, F* adds xvij in marg., rubrica *H, J* adds Capitulum .xvij. in marg., 17. *K, om. BCGN* 10 sobrij] *sobrii A* 11 beatus Gregorius] *underlined in a lighter colour of ink in P* 11 beatus] *om. H* 11 Gregorius] *apparently rubricated in B* 11 Guloso] *Gulose A, Gulosi C, gulo H, Gloso K* 11 nichil] *mihi C* 11 turpius] *DEHN* add *est* after turpius 12 fetor] *DHKN* add *est* after fetor 12-13 tremor ... secretum] *om. J* 12 tremor] *terrmor E* 12 &] *om. BEH* 12 cuius] *om. DKLN* 13 Et] *om. H* 13 vt] *K* adds *ait* after vt 13 clericos] *B* adds *est* after clericos, expunged by *B* or *B*<sup>2</sup> 13 &] *om. BDHLN* 14 appareat] *appariat C, apparet H, DHJLN* add *in* after appareat 14 omnibus] *om. K* 14 dispar] *disse G* 14 professio] *prosessio C* 14 districte] *Distrite H, N* or *N*<sup>2</sup> corrects -tri- over erasure 14 ad] *om. K* 15 conuiuia] *conuiuium E, J* reads *conuiuia*, but gives *conuiuia* as catchword, -ia corrected by *N* or *N*<sup>2</sup> over erasure 15 accedant] *K* adds & after accedant 16 specialiter] *spiritualiter KN*, corrected to *spiritualiter* over erasure by *N* or *N*<sup>2</sup> 16 sint] *fuerint EH, sicut K, om. ABCFGJP* 16 inuitati] *N* or *N*<sup>2</sup> corrects over erasure 16 Quod] *quos DKN, om. B* si] *om. B* 16 inuitari: imitari *A, om. B* 17 ingurgitent] *in*<sup>u</sup>*gurgitent B, D* or *D*<sup>2</sup> corrects over erasure 17 ad propria] *om. G* 17 sobrij] *sobrii A, om. K* 17 reuertantur] *reuertentur ACFGHP, reuertant DE, K* corrects -entur to -antur 18 Nusquam] *Numquam FG* 18 tabernas] *H* adds *non* after tabernas 18 peregrinacionis causa] *causa peregrinacionis DEN* 18 in] *dittography J* 18 itinere] *itnere G, itenere P*

constituti sed ita modeste & sobrie semper viuant vt in omni tempore  
inter sanctum & prophanum, mundum & immundum, discernere  
sciant & valeant sicut decet. Item quia omnis voluptuositas per quam  
ad dissolucionis materiam deuenitur est in clericis precipue detestanda,  
precipimus quod clerici histrionibus & ioculatoribus non intendant? 5  
ad aleas vel taxillos non ludant? nec alijs ludentibus sint participes aut  
inspectores nec ad spectacula publica spectandi gracia presumant  
accedere? non auibus nec canibus vtantur venatorijs. Hec & alia quam  
plurima sunt clericis interdicta quorum conuersacio a laicorum actibus  
est remota quos sicut loco ita religione debent precellere. 10

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Mandatum  
contra vicarios  
ecclesie  
Exoniensis

Iohannes &c. dilectis filiis .. Subdecano & Magistro Willelmo de  
Nassington, ecclesie nostre Exoniensis Canonicis, salutem &c.  
ffidedignorum relacione non sine graui displicencia didicimus, quod  
quidam vicarij, & alij dicte ecclesie Ministri, in dei offensam & officij 20  
diuini impedimentum notabile ac ipsius ecclesie nostre scandalum intra  
ecclesiastici seruicij solempnia, & precipue in hoc festo celebri  
sanctorum Innocencium dissoluciones, risus, cachinnas, ac alias  
insolencias, irreuerenter, laruati eciam non formidant dampnabiliter  
exercere, per gesticulacionum suarum huiusmodi debacaciones 25

Collation continued: 1 modeste & sobrie] sobrie & modeste BE 1 semper] om.  
DN 1 semper viuant] viuunt semper H, viuunt semper KL 1 viuunt] D<sup>2</sup> corrects  
from viuantur 1 vt] et H 1 in] om. BE 2 sanctum] B or B<sup>2</sup> corrects secundum to  
sanctum by expunction 2 prophanum] pphanum F 2 & immundum discernere] B  
or B<sup>2</sup> corrects from discernere & immundum 2 discernere] discerne L, decernere G,  
discernre K 3 &] vt K 3 sciant & valeant] valeant & sciant B 3 valeant] vealeant  
P 4 ad] om. ACKP 4 materiam] materia ACP 3-4 Item ... detestanda] om. H  
4 detestanda] de, te] standa G 5 histrionibus] historibus K 5 ioculatoribus]  
iaculatoribus K 5-6 non intendant ad aleas] om. E 5 intendant] intendunt F  
6 ad aleas vel taxillos non ludant] om. G 6 aleas] alias B, alas K 6 vel] vel ad EH  
6 taxillos] taxillas D, taxilles F, N or N<sup>2</sup> corrects to -os over erasure 6 alijs] alienis  
G 6 sint] sicut F 6 aut] nec E 7 inspectores] inspectatores L 7-8 presumant  
accedere] accedere presumant N 8 non] om. ABCEFGHJLP 8 nec] vel EK, vero  
J 8 vtantur venatorijs] venatorijs non vtantur ABCEFHLL, uenatorijs vtantur G,  
venatoribus non vtantur J, venatorijs non vtantur P 8 &] atque K 9 plurima]  
plura DEFJN 9 interdicta] interducta H 9 a] om. K 9 laicorum] laicis L 10 loco]  
locor A, locorum C, loca J, loquor P, N or N<sup>2</sup> corrects to -o over erasure 10 ita]  
J adds & after ita 10 debent] debet H

obscenas in conspectu populi vilesce faciant decus clericale, Vnde nos ex nobis iniuncto officio decorem domus dei non modicum affectantes, ac huiusmodi temerariis ausibus in futurum precauere volentes: vobis & vtrique vestrum firmiter iniungendo mandamus, deuotionem vestram excitando, quatenus conuocatis dictis vicariis & Ministris coram vobis receptis presentibus absque mora, presens nostrum mandatum & contenta in eodem publicantes: eis omnibus & singulis vice nostra inhibeat, ne decetero premissa vel consimilia excercere presumant, sicut canonicam effugere voluerint ultionem, Diem vero receptionis presencium &c. Data Criditone. xvj. die Decembris.

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f 223v (22 June)

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Monicio contra  
Robertum  
Lucy ad  
ammonendum  
postes prope  
ecclesiam sancti  
Martini  
Exoniensis  
in solo sacro  
fixas

¶ Iohannes &c. dilecto filio Magistro Roberto Hereward Canonico ecclesie nostre Exoniensis, salutem gratiam & benedictionem. Licet secundum Ciuiles & etiam canonicas sancciones, solum sacrum/ & deo per pontifices consecratum, a prophanis vsibus alienum esse debeat penitus & exemptum: adeo quod nulli prescripcione vel pacto, prophanam debere poterit seruitutem: quidam tamen Robertus Lucy, hoc minimè considerans, nec aduertens quinimmo, aspirans vt videtur in dei creatoris sui & sancte ecclesie matris sue improprium, dispendium & contemptum: quoddam solarium seu protectum notorie detinet infra circumferenciam Cimiterij nostre Exoniensis ecclesie prelibate, videlicet iuxta portam clausi prope ecclesiam sancti Martini, super postes fixas in solo notorie sacro ac dedicato, erectum, & constructum, non sine temeritate dampnanda/ & alias notorie indebite & inuste/ vnde processiones que fiunt in ecclesia, circuire, & staciones facere competentes non poterunt, vt deceret/ Et quod perniciosius/ ac dampnabilius esse dinoscitur: fit ibidem in area sub domo predicta. congregacio scurrorum, scenicorum, meretricum, & aliarum turpium personarum impediencium, quietem Ministrorum predictae nostre Exoniensis ecclesie, & ludos excercencium theatrales, in grauem libertatis ecclesiastice lesionem, ac scandalum plurimorum, Cum igitur ecclesia, ad quam prefatum solum pertinere dinoscitur: spacium supra, liberum habere debeat vsque celum: vobis de cuius discrecionis prudentia confidimus: committimus & mandamus, quatinus moneatis & efficaciter inducat, prefatum Robertum & alios quorum interest in hac parte, quod infra certum competentem terminum,



vestro arbitrio moderandum, postes & solarium predicta, ex toto amoueant vel faciant amoueri, Alioquin, ipsos ad id faciendum per censuras ecclesiasticas, & coerciones canonicas compellatis/ & contra ipsos auctoritate nostra ex nostro officio sicut de iure faciendum fuerit, procedatis, Data in Manerio nostro de Clist .xxij. die Iunij. anno 5  
supradicto.

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**C** Iohannes &c. dilecto filio, Custodi ecclesie nostre Collegiate sancte Marie de Otery nostrorum patronatus fundacionis & diocesis salutem &c. Cum sicut displicenter audiui<sup>mus</sup> pueri choriste dicte ecclesie in domo quam ad hoc fieri fecimus spreta ordinacione nostra 15 inde facta insimul non quiescant, quod que cum quibusdam maioribus chori sequendo & obsequendo eisdem discurrant etiam tempore diuini officij? vobis mandamus quatinus eosdem moneatis attente, quatinus omnes & singuli in dicta domo pro eis ordinata infra instans festum sancti Thome apostoli dormiant nocte qualibet & quiescant & chorum 20 frequentent/ et extunc de porcione cuiuslibet id facere contempnentis: per septimanam duos denarios subtrahatis/ Magister etiam scholarum vel locum eius tenens iaceat in camera puerorum Et quia pena verberacionis puerorum pro eorum defectibus in choro vel se absentando vel alias delinquendo statuta in ordinacione nostra primaria 25 non eos cohibet a vetitis sufficienter? volumus & ordinamus, quod quicumque se absentauerint ab officio nisi causa scholarum pro die integro tres quadrantes/ pro solempni hora vnum quadrantem & pro alio enormi defectu denarium perdant & etiam verberentur. Moneatis preterea clericos secundarios ecclesie prelibate, inter quos 30 dissencionis & contrarietatis materia dicitur pululare, quatinus infra idem festum zabulum & materias alias luteas officientes ingressui in domum quam pro eis ordinauimus penitus amoueant seu faciant amoueri, alioquin, de porcione cuiuslibet quousque id fecerint per ebdomodam tres .denarios. subtrahatis, Adhec quia intelleximus quod 35 choriste predicti in festo Innocentium proximo preterito suis dissolucionibus & insolenciis infra parochiam dicte ecclesie non contenti ad loca varia extra eandem parochiam pluribus diebus idem festum sequentibus vagabantur? dictam ecclesiam quantum ad eos

inofficiatam interim dimittentes: vobis mandamus quatinus eis districtius interdicatis, ne de cetero sub pena amocionis eorum extra dictam parochiam quomodolibet se conferant dicto festo. quinimo nocte idem festum sequenti ad diuina officia in choro deuote & humiliter se disponant ... Quid igitur feceritis in premissis & fecerint dicte persone; nobis infra instans Natale domini per vestras litteras habentes harum seriem intimetis, Data apud Chuddeleghe nono die Decembris.

### Collegiate Church of Ottery St Mary Statutes

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52<sup>m</sup>capitulum

De pernoctacione & clausura

Item statuimus/ quod nullus canonicus. uicarius/ siue secundarius/ pueros choristas secum pernoctare/ aut in lecto cum ipsis dormire faciant/ seu permittant/ nec ipsos in festo sanctorum Innocencium/ uel in ebdomada sequente/ extra parochiam de Otery trahant: aut eis licenciam uagandi concedant.

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® littera pro  
iniqua  
fraternitate de  
Brothelyngham

Iohannes miseracione diuina Exoniensis Episcopus, dilectis in christo filiis .. Officiali Archidiaconi Exoniensis ac .. Decano christianitatis Exoniensis necnon domino Roberto de Eglosayl Rectori ecclesie sancti Pauli Exoniensis salutem gratiam & benedictionem. Cum sacra religio, ad hoc in agro domini sit plantata vt in eo producat honoris flores & fructus vberes honestatis merito ex officij nostri debito prouocamur ad succidendum vepres & tribulos, quibus tam sancta plantacio dehonestari valeat seu turbari/ Ad nostrum siquidem non sine inquietudine graui peruenit auditum quod in Ciuitate nostra Exoniensis secta quedam Abhominabilis quorundam hominum malignorum | sub nomine ordinis quin potius orroris de Brothelyngham procurante satore malorum operum nouiter insurrexit qui non conuentum set conuenticulam facientes euidenter illicitam & suspectam, quendam lunaticum & delirium ipsorum vtique operibus

aptissime congruentem, sibi sub .. Abbatis nomine prefecerunt  
 ipsumque Monachali habitu induentes, ac in theatro constitutum velud  
 ipsorum idolum adorantes, ad flatum cornu quod sibi statuerant pro  
 campana, per Ciuitatis eiusdem vicos & plateas aliquibus iam elapsis  
 diebus cum maxima equitum & peditum multitudine commitarunt  
 clericos eciam laicos ceperunt eis obuam tunc prestantes ac aliquos de  
 ipsorum domibus extraxerunt & inuitos tam diu ausu temerario &  
 interdum sacrilego tenuerunt: donec certas pecuniarum summas loco  
 sacrificij quin verius sacrilegij extorserant ab eisdem/ Et quamuis hec  
 videantur sub colore & velamine ludi immo ludibrij attemptari: furtum  
 est tamen proculdubio in eo quod ab inuitis capitur & rapina/ Volentes  
 igitur predictam sectam obprobriosam & detestabilem, sacre religioni  
 dampnabiliter irridentem, ac deuocioni virorum religiosorum  
 inquietudines multipliciter afferentem, necnon pacis regni & ecclesie  
 perturbacionem verisimiliter comminantem, ne vlterius cum  
 animarum dispendio, ac corporum & rerum periculo propagetur,  
 penitus extirpare: Vobis coniunctim & diuisim iniungimus firmiter &  
 mandamus quatinus hac instanti die dominica in ecclesia nostra  
 Cathedrali ac singulis dicte Ciuitatis, eiusque suburbij ecclesiis &  
 Capellis, inhibeat is seu inhiberi faciatis publice & expresse prout eciam  
 nos tenore presencium districcius inhibemus, ne quis exnunc in dictis  
 Ciuitate vel suburbio sub pretextu huiusmodi non ordinis vt  
 prediximus set horroris, tales conuenticulas facere eisve interesse aut  
 dictam sectam periculosam plurimum & suspectam, presumat  
 quomodolibet inire/ defendere seu tenere sub pena maioris  
 excommunicationis in contrafacientes & ipsorum quemlibet  
 fulminande, Denunciantes eciam in genere omnibus quos res tangit,  
 quod si monicionibus vestris quin verius nostris huiusmodi non  
 paruerunt cum effectu: non solum contra eos & eorum singulos prout  
 cuiusque ipsorum culpa exegerit, iuxta sanctiones canonicas  
 procedemus/ set eciam rem tam periculosam & perniciosam exemplo,  
 maiestati regie describemus, vt quos disciplina ecclesiastica non  
 coerchet, temporalis seueritas celeri remedio cohibeat & castiget.  
 Diem autem recepcionis presencium, & quid feceritis in premissis:  
 nobis citra instans festum beati Iacobi apostoli intimetis vestris  
 patentibus litteris habentibus hunc tenorem/ Data in Manerio nostro  
 de Chuddeleggh .xj.<sup>mo</sup> die Iulij Anno domini Millesimo .CCC<sup>mo</sup>  
 quadragesimo octauo, Et Consecracionis nostre vicesimo primo.

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1352

*Register of Bishop John de Grandisson* DRO: Chanter 3  
f 172v\* (9 August)

...  
Iohannes &c. dilecto in christo filio .. Archidiacono Exoniensis vel eius 5  
.. *Officiali*: salutem, gratiam & benedictionem. Inuidus hostis  
antiquus malorum omnium insensator, qui agit assidue vt  
tranquillitatis humane delicie, extra mundi terminos exularent, ibi, sue  
venena nequicie, lacius nititur diffundere: vbi se seuerius estimat  
obfuturum. Sane, licet artes mechanicas, vt rerum experientia continue 10  
nos informat: mutuo, necessitate quadam, oporteat se iuuare: pridem  
tamen intelleximus, quod non nulli nostre Ciuitatis Exoniensis  
inprudentes filij, inordinate lasciuię dediti, fatue contempnentes que  
ad ipsorum & vniuersalis populi indigenciam, fuerunt vtiliter  
adinuenta, quendam ludum noxium qui culpa non caret, immo verius 15  
ludubrium in contumeliam & opprobrium allutariorum, necnon  
eorum artificij, hac instanti die dominica, in theatro nostre Ciuitatis  
predicte publice peragere proponunt, vt inter se statuerant &  
intendunt, ex quo ut didicimus, inter prefatos artifices/ & dicti ludi  
participes, auctores pariter & fautores, graues discordie, rancores & 20  
rixę, cooperante satore tam execrabilis ire & inuidie vehementer  
pululant & insurgunt. Adeo, quod nisi ab illorum illicito proposito,  
spiritu ducti consilij sanioris, se abstineant totaliter & desistant,  
insultus & aggressus terribiles, pacis Regis & regni turbacio, verbera  
& sediciones, ac eciam ex consequenti, animarum amarius deploranda 25  
pericula proch dolor insequentur: Considerantes igitur, quanta mala  
corporum & animarum sub velamine & colore ludi eciam liciti  
stimulante diabolo, eueniunt & contingunt: ad resistendum in  
quantum possumus talium fluctuum & procellarum principijs ne  
deterius inde sequatur, non inmerito prouocamur. Quocirca, vobis 30  
iniungimus firmiter & mandamus: quatinus ne aliqui, quocumque  
nomine censeantur, dictum ludum tam acerbis periculis indicia  
ministrantem, in nostra diocesi, et presertim in nostra Ciuitate  
predicta, inchoare, vel inchoatum perficere presumant quomodolibet  
vel attemptent: primo, secundo, tercio & peremptorie inhibeatis 35  
publice & expresse, sicuti ipsis tenore presencium inhibemus, sub pena  
excommunicationis maioris, quam in ipsos & ipsorum quemlibet si  
monicionibus & inhibicionibus huiusmodi non paruerint cum effectum  
exnunc, prout extunc<sup>u</sup> ferimus in hijs scriptis. Ad hoc quia memorati  
artifices, qui, vt clamosa insinuacione vulgi recepimus, in mercibus suis 40  
distrahendis plus iusto precio, modernis temporibus a contrahentibus  
cum eisdem, adeo excessiue recipiunt & extorquent, quod ipsorum

immoderancia, talibus operacionibus materiam subministrat. ac ipsi  
per hoc iusto lucro absque rapina non contenti, in promptum suarum  
periculum incidunt animarum: vobis vt supra iniungimus &  
mandamus, quatinus artifices predictos omnes & singulos, publice &  
sollemniter moneatis & efficaciter inducatis ipsosque moneri &  
induci, per ecclesiarum dicte ciuitatis nostre curatos, modo simili  
faciatis, ac eciam inhiberi, sicuti ipsis tenore presencium inhibemus.  
ne exnunc, in vendendo que ad eos pertinent, precium per  
excellētissimum principem & dominum nostrum, Anglie & ffrancie  
Regem Illustrem & consilium suum, pro vtilitate publica limitatum: 10  
exigant quouis modo. sed statutum in hac parte salubriter editum:  
strictius teneant & obseruent. De die vero recepcionis presencium,  
modo & forma execucionis presentis mandati nostri, ac eciam  
nominibus & personis premissis contrauenientium, & de fautoribus  
eorundem: nos citra Octabas Assumpcionis beate Marie: reddatis 15  
debite certiores, per litteras vestras patentes: harum seriem dilucide  
continentes. Data apud Chuddeleghe .ix<sup>a</sup>. die Mensis Augusti. Anno  
domini Millesimo .CCC<sup>mo</sup>. Quinquagesimo secundo. Et  
Consecracionis nostre: vicesimo quinto.

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1360

*Register of Bishop John de Grandisson* DRO: Chanter 3  
ff 208v-9\* (31 December, containing letter of 10 December)

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Inhibicio  
Episcopi  
de ludis  
inhonestis

Reuerendissimo in christo patri, ac eorum domino, domino Iohanni  
dei gracia Exoniensis Episcopo sui humiles & deuotissimi filij &  
oratores, Custos & Capitulum ecclesie vestre collegiate sancte Marie  
de Otery vestre fundacionis patronatus & diocesis, obedienciam &  
reuerenciam tanto patri debitas cum omni honore Mandatum 30  
reuerende paternitatis vestre: xij<sup>o</sup> die mensis Nouembris proximi  
preteriti: recepimus in hec verba. Iohannes miseratione diuina  
Exoniensis Episcopus: dilectis in christo filiis .. Custodi & Capitulo  
ecclesie collegiate sancte Marie de Otery (. )ostre fundacionis  
patronatus & diocesis: Salutem & morum clericalium honestatem. Ad 35  
nostram non sine graui cordis displicencia & stupore: peruenit  
noticiam quod annis preteritis & quibusdam precedentibus in  
sanctissimis dominice Natiuitatis ac sanctorum Stephani Iohannis  
apostoli & euangeliste, ac Innocencium sollempnijs quando omnes  
christi fideles diuinis laudibus & officijs ecclesiasticis, deuocius ac 40

*quiescius insistere tenentur, aliqui predictae ecclesiae nostre Ministri,*  
*cum pueris, nedum matutinis & vespers ac horis alijs: sed quod magis*  
*detestandum est, intra missarum sollempnia, ludos ineptos & noxios*  
*honestatique clericali indecentes, quin verius cultus diuini ludibria*  
*detestanda infra ecclesiam ipsam in miscendo committere, diuino* 5  
*timore postposito, pernicioso, quarundam ecclesiarum exemplo temere*  
*presumpserunt, vestimenta & alia ornamenta ecclesiae non modicum*  
*eiusdem ecclesiae nostre & nostrum dampnum & dedecus, vilium scilicet*  
*scenulentorumque sparsione multipliciter deturpando, Ex quorum*  
*gestis scurilibus & cachinnis derisorijs nedum populus more catholico* 10  
*illis potissime temporibus ad ecclesiam conueniens a debita deuotione*  
*abstrahitur, sed & in risum incompositum ac oblectamenta illicita,*  
*dissoluitur cultusque diuinus irridetur & officium perperam*  
*impeditur. Sicque quod ad excitandum & augendum fidelium*  
*deuotionem fuerat primitus adinuentum, ex talium insollencijs in dei* 15  
*& sanctorum irreuerentiam & contemptum non sine reatu blasphemie*  
*conuersum vel potius est peruersum. Nequeunt igitur vlterius sana*  
*consciencia, abusiones tam nephandas sub dissimilacione absque*  
*remedio pertransire, vobis Iniungimus & mandamus sub pena*  
*suspensionis & excommunicationis quatinus ab huiusmodi insollencijs* 20  
*& irrisionibus decetero totaliter desistatis, & nulla talia exnunc in*  
*eadem ecclesia fieri quomodolibet permittatis. Sed ad explendum*  
*diuinum officium prout ipsorum dierum exigit reuerentia deuocius*  
*solito intendatis. Et ne ex ignorancia quisquam exnunc vnquam in hac*  
*parte se valeat excusare: vobis .. Custodi precipimus quod presentes* 25  
*litteras nostras ante instans festum Natale domini in presencia omnium*  
*Ministrorum sollempniter publicetis easdemque litteras nostras ne in*  
*obliuionem | transeant in quatuor vel quinque libris ecclesiae magis*  
*vsualibus transcribi fideliter faciatis. Si qui vero contra presens*  
*mandatum nostrum venire presumpserint citetis seu citari faciatis* 30  
*peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis tercio die iuridico post*  
*lapsum dictarum festiuitatum super tam temerariam presumpcionem*  
*responsuri, & condignam penitenciam recepturi. De die vero*  
*repcionis presencium, & quid in hac parte feceritis: nos citra festum*  
*Circumcisionis domini certificetis per vestras patentes litteras harum* 35  
*seriem continentes. sigillo vestro communi consignatas. Data in*  
*Manerio nostro de Chuddeleghe: decimo die mensis Decembris Anno*  
*domini Millesimo .CCC.<sup>mo</sup> Sexagesimo. Et Consecrationis nostre,*  
*xxxiiiij<sup>to</sup>, Quod quidem mandatum vestrum die supradicto per nos*  
*reuerenter admissum coram Ministris ecclesiae omnibus & singulis* 40



publicauimus & huiusmodi mandatum vestrum in quinque libris  
 ecclesie magis vsualibus ad perpetuam memoriam transcribi fecimus.  
 Nosque omnes & singuli eidem mandato vestro reuerenter paruimus.  
 Et quia nulli contra presens mandatum vestrum venire presumpserunt  
 ad citandum huiusmodi delinquentes minime processimus. Et sic  
 mandatum vestrum reuerendum in omnibus reuerenter sumus executi.  
 Data apud Otery sancte Marie penultimo die mensis decembris anno  
 domini supradicto:

...

1372

*Register of Bishop Thomas Brantyngham* DRO: Chanter 7  
 f 14v (31 July)

Thomas &c discretis viris. Archidiaconis Tottonessii & Barnastapule &  
 Decano de Toritona ac etiam Rectori ecclesie parochialis de Toritona  
 & omnibus & singulis curatis in eisdem archidiaconatibus diuina  
 celebrantibus Salutem in domino Querelam Iohannis Skydmore.  
 Mareschalli aule nostre grauem recepimus continentem. quod quidam  
 subditi nostri sue salutis inmemores. quorum nomina ignoramus. &  
 personas vnam citheram de charecta nostra ceperunt & asportarunt,  
 & apud eos detinuerunt atque detinent occupant & concelant absque  
 causa rationabili seu licencia quacumque temere & inuste. contra  
 voluntatem ipsius Iohannis Skydmore & in ipsius preiudicium valde  
 graue. non absque graui suarum periculo animarum super quo a nobis  
 remedium ecclesiasticum postulauit/ deuocioni igitur vestre  
 communiter seu diuisim in virtute obediencie firmiter iniungendo  
 comittimus & mandamus, quatinus in ecclesijs & alijs locis  
 archidiaconituum predictorum quibus per partem ipsius Iohannis  
 fueritis requisiti: cum maior in eisdem ecclesijs affuerit populi  
 multitudo. moneatis surruptores asportatores. detentores occupatores  
 & concelatores Cithere predictae. quod infra viij dies monicionem  
 vestram proximos sequentes huiusmodi citheram restituant,  
 effectualiter liberent atque tradant sub pena excommunicationis  
 maioris. quam in eisdem lapso termino predicto suis culpa & mora  
 precedentibus. canonice fulminetis & eosdem excommunicetis ac  
 postmodum excommunicatos publice & solempniter in locis predictis  
 auctoritate nostra denunciatis & denunciari faciatis pulsatis campanis.  
 candelis accensis & extinctis & cum omni solempnitate alia. in similibus  
 denunciacionibus fieri consuetum. diebus dominicis & festiuis ad hec

oportunum. quousque vestris monitionibus huiusmodi. dictam Citheram restituendo paruerint cum effectu. Et quid in premissis feceritis & vterque vestrum fecerit nos citra festum sancti Michaelis proximum futurum debite certificetis presencium cum tenore sigillo auctoritate consignato data apud Tauton vltimo die Iulij anno domini 5  
M CCC<sup>mo</sup> lxxij<sup>do</sup> Et Consecracionis nostre tercio.

1440

*Register of Bishop Edmund Lacy* DRO: Chanter 11

f 213v (16 June)

Indulgencia

Item xvj<sup>to</sup> die Mensis predicti Anno domini supradicto ibidem Dominus concessit omnibus vere penitentibus & confessis qui ad sustentacionem confratrie Ministrallorum beate Marie Magdalene Launceston aliqua de bonis sibi a deo collatis contulerint legauerint seu quouismodo assignauerint grata caritatis subsidia quadraginta dies 15  
Indulgencie

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1451

*Register of Bishop Edmund Lacy* DRO: Chanter 11

ff 370-70v\* (26 August)

Item xxviii die Mensis augusti anno domini supradicto apud Clyst emanauit littera monicionis contra lusores ad pilam in Cimiterio ecclesie Collegiate beate Marie de Otery Exoniensis diocesi Cuius tenor 25  
hic sequitur & est talis Edmundus permissione diuina Exoniensis Episcopus dilectis in christo filijs Custodi ecclesie nostre Collegiate beate Marie de Otery atque minstro & Cantori eiusdem Salutem 30  
graciam & benedictionem Quamquam loca deo consecrata ab omnibus venerari & nullatenus per aliqua dissona & inconueniencia siue operando siue iocando seu ludendo prophanari seu aliquialiter violari 35  
tam iuris ciuilis ratio quam sacrorum canonum iubet auctoritas nam secundum canonicas sancctiones huiusmodi loca dei decere debeat sanctitudo vt cuius in pace factus est locus eius pacificus cultus sit cum debita veneracione foret itaque ad ea humilis & deuotus ingressus & egressus & in eis quieta conuersacio deo grata & in spicientibus sincere deuocionis exemplum vt considerantes non solum instruat sed 40  
spiritualiter reficiat nullique in locis huiusmodi sacris in quibus cum pace ac quieta vita conuenit pro viujs ac defunctis deum deuotis

1/ oportunum for oportunis

26/ Edmundus written in larger letters

28/ minstro for ministro

28/ Cantori: -o- written over original -a-

36/ in spicientibus for inspicientibus

®-Contra Lusores  
in Cimiterio®

precibus iugiter exorari fierent cachinnaciones conclamaciones risus  
immoderati inhonesti atque indiscreti coree ludibria & ludi inhonesti  
noxij forenses siue theatrales qui fierent in locis ad speculandum aptis  
vt in theatro in quo homines ad spectacula venire solebant non in locis  
sacris omnia autem huiusmodi & hijs similia que deuociones christi  
fidelium & diuinum seruicium possint ... | subtrahere diminuere &  
perturbare ac oculos diuine magestatis offendere in hijs locis prorsus  
& penitus debeant esse extranea & sunt omnino eciam tam iure diuino  
quam humano prohibita & interdicta nonnulli tamen clerici & laici  
quorum nomina ignoramus pariter & personas prout ex fidedignorum  
testimonio & fama publica accepimus in Cimiterio ecclesie beate Marie  
Collegij predicti pro sepultura christiana inibi consecrato que quidem  
ecclesia & eius Cimiterium predictum ad paria in iure iudicantur ad  
ludum pile vulgariter nuncupatum Tenys diebus festiuis sepissime &  
alijs tanquam in loco prophano seu theatro ludere quin verius illudere  
atque vanis fedis & prophanis colloquijs & iuramentis inanibus & vanis  
& sepissime periurijs illicitis insistere atque exinde sepius rixas  
contenciones mouere & conclamaciones erigere & facere in Cimiterio  
predicto non formidant honorem & deuocionem populi christiani in  
eodem loco pro salute animarum defunctorum deum exorare volentis  
nequiter & dampnabiliter perturbando pariter & tanquam per  
spectacula prohibita subtrahendo in animarum suarum grande  
periculum ac diuine magestatis offensam notoriam & manifestam Et  
vt libencius suis huiusmodi nephandis ludis insistere vellent cumilando  
mala malis quoddam opus meremiatum ad prestandum obstaculum  
ludentibus huiusmodi supra tectum cuiusdam domus in Cimiterio  
predicto situate vbi huiusmodi ludum prohibitum excercere vellent  
clanculo a tecto domus huiusmodi violenter diuersis vicibus  
separauerunt ruperunt deposuerunt fregerunt & eiecerunt  
ecclesiasticam libertatem & iura ecclesiastica perperam & inique  
violando sentenciam excommunicationis maioris in sanctorum patrum  
constitucionibus in & contra taliter delinquentes proinde latam  
dampnabiliter ipso facto incurrendo ... Data manerio nostro de Clyst  
.xxvj<sup>to</sup>. die mensis Augusti Anno domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup>.  
quingagesimo primo Et nostre Translacionis Anno Tricesimo  
secundo.

...

<sup>B</sup> &c vt retro°

<sup>B</sup> Monicio contra  
lusores in  
Cimiterio  
Ecclesie  
Collegiate  
de Otery



# Boroughs and Parishes

## ASHBURTON

1487–8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 12v (6 May–5 May) (Gifts, rents, and other receipts)

...  
...Et de xx s xj d ob. receptis de Roggero Colpstone & Iohanni fferys 5  
pro le play ale ...

1489–90

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
ff 17–17v (6 May–5 May) (Costs and expenses) 10

...  
...Item in Solucione Thome (druyste) | pro custodia togorum ludorum  
xij d ...

1490–1 15

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 18v (6 May–5 May) (Gifts, rents, and other receipts)

...  
...Item respondent de [x] xxxiiij s, iiij d [ex] de (p..)ment seruicie vocate  
the playerryn ale per manus Galfridi Mayne & Iohanni Geffre ... 20

f 19v (Expenses)

...Item Iohan Soper pro factura Togarum ludatorum x d ...

5/ Iohanni for Iohanne  
12/ togorum for togarum

20/ Iohanni for Iohannis  
23/ Iohan for Iohanni

## 1491-2

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 20 (6 May-5 May) (*Gifts and other receipts*)

...

...Item respondent de xij d *receptis* de Widecomb pro playerclothyng 5

...

## 1492-3

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 22v (6 May-5 May) (*Costs and expenses*) 10

...Item in costage of bred & ale a corpus christi is day to be playeres  
viii d....

## 1495-6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 26v (6 May-5 May) (*Final adjustments*) 15

...

Item in Manu Iohannis dolbear Iunior [j centum cere Item] de player  
mone xix s vj d 20

...

## 1496-7

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 28 (6 May-5 May) (*Final adjustments*) 25

...

...Item remanet in manu Iohannis dolbare Iunior [vnum Centum cere  
Item] de player money quod habet in custodia xix s vj d

...

30

## 1497-8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 29 (6 May-5 May) (*Final adjustments*)

...

...[Et Iohanni dolbear <..> reer debetur de[b] player money xix s vj d] 35  
°quietatum°

5/ Widecomb: probably Widdecombe-in-the-Moor, Devon, separated from Ashburton by one parish

## 1499–1500

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 32 (6 May–5 May) (*Expenses*)

...Item in Solucione pro le [le] Skowryng de le latyn Sense & pro  
 emendacione de le church walle & pro pavyng & pro cariagio sabuli  
 & pro sibo & potibus lude[sores] in die Corporis christi [v]iij s [vij]  
 [iii] d 5

## 1500–1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 33 (6 May–5 May) (*Gifts, rents, and other receipts*)

...  
 ...Item respondent de xij s. receptis de player money hoc anno ...

## 1501–2

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 35 (6 May–5 May) (*Gifts, rents, and other receipts*)

...Item respondent de iiij s receptis de Iohannis Hoper pro player  
 money ... 20

## 1505–6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 40v (6 May–5 May) (*Expenses*)

...  
 ...Item for pergettyng and playstryng of the mantell in dorzed is house  
 and bred & ale to the playeres iiij s v d ...

## 1508–9

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 45\* (6 May–5 May) (*Expenses*)

...for mending of player clothys viij s viij d payde to prestes & klerkes  
 & chylder viij d ... 35

7/ sibo for cibo; lude[sores] for ludo?  
 20/ Hoper for Soper?

20/ Iohannis for Iohanne



## 1516-17

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 65 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary expenses and costs*)

...Et de xx d solutis pro iiiij<sup>or</sup> Ratilbaggez & vysers emptis pro lusoribus 5  
 ibidem in festo corporis Christi hoc anno ... Et de ij s viij d solutis  
 Iohanni Soper pro custodia ornamentorum lusatorum ibidem hoc  
 anno Et de x d solutis eidem Iohanni pro pictura quinque capitum  
 pilorum pro eisdem hoc anno.

...

10

## 1519-20

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 72 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary repairs and costs*)

...

15

Et de ij s viij d solutis Iohanni Soper pro custodia vestimentorum  
 lusatorum ibidem hoc anno ... Et de vj s viij d solutis pro stipendio  
 le piper hoc anno ...

f 72v

20

...Et de xvj d solutis Iohanni Wyndeyate Taillour pro custodia  
 pannorum [lusorum] lusitorum ibidem hoc anno ...

...

25

## 1520-1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 75 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary repairs and costs*)

...Et de xvj d solutis pro custodia pannorum lusorum hoc anno ...

30

## 1522-3

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 81v (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs, payments, and necessary costs*)

...Et de xvj d solutis pro custodia pannorum lusitorum ibidem hoc 35  
 anno ...

## 1523-4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 84 (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs, payments, and external costs*)

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...Et de xvj d solutis pro custodia pannorum [la] lusitorum ibidem hoc 5  
anno ...

## 1524-5

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 87v (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs, payments, and external costs*) 10...Et de xvj d allocatis pro custodia pannorum lusorum ibidem hoc  
anno ...

...

15

## 1525-6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 90v (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs, payments, and external costs*)...Et de xvj d pro factura & emendacione pannorum lusorum ibidem 20  
[xvj d] hoc anno ...

## 1526-7

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 93 (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs and external payments*) 25...Et de xvj d solucione pro custodia pannorum lusorum/ Et de iij s  
x d solutis pro noua tunica pro Robyn Whode facta hoc anno ...

## 1527-8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 95 (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs and external payments*)

...

...Et de xvj d solutis pro custodia pannorum lusorum hoc anno ...

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## 1528-9

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 98 (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs and external payments*)

...Et de ix s ix d solutis Iohanni Gobying pro pincione 'iij s' pannum 40

40/ pannum for pannorum

lusorum & factura tunicarum 'xix d' illorum & Iohanni Soper 'iij s  
ix d' pro chekery pro inde faciendo tunicas lusorum predictorum Et  
pro factura 'vj d' baculorum lusorum predictorum & pro crestes 'x d'  
super capitibus illorum in festo corporis christi....

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## 1530–1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 103v (6 May–5 May) (Necessary repairs and purchases)

...Et de xvj d solutis pro custodia vestimentorum lusorum ibidem hoc  
anno ... Et de vij s ix d vltra ij s viij d collectis pro ij togis & iij tunicis  
emptis pro lusoribus hoc anno.

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## 1531–2

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 106 (6 May–5 May) (Necessary payments and purchases)

...Et de xvj d solutis pro custodia vestimentorum lusorum ibidem hoc  
anno/ Et de vij s ix d solutis pro vestimentis lusorum & factura  
eorundem hoc anno/ Et de xvj d ex regardo datis lusoribus tempore  
Natalis Domini infra tempus istius compoti [hoc anno]/ ...

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## 1532–3

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 108v (6 May–5 May) (Payments and allowances)

...Et viij s iiij d payd to Iohn Wyndyett Tayler for kepyng of the belles  
colers & for kepyng of the playng Clothys 'xvj d' / hoc anno/ ...

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## 1533–4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 112 (6 May–5 May) (Payments and allowances)

Item viij s iiij d payd to Iohn Wyndyett tayler for kepyng of the  
'vij s' belles & the playng 'xvj d' Clothes hoc anno/ ...

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f 112v *(Necessary payments and purchases)*

...Et ij s Rewardyd & alowyd to the pleers of a Cryssmas game that  
pleyd yn the said Churche hoc anno/ ...

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### 1534-5

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 115 (6 May-5 May) *(Various payments)*

...Et de viij s iiij d paid to Iohn Wyndyett Tayler for kepyng of the  
bell 'vij s' collers & kepyng of the playng clothes 'xvj d' hoc anno/ ...

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f 115v\* *(Necessary payments and purchases)*

...Et de xxiiij s iiij d paid to the stendar for payntyng of the [⟨.⟩] playng  
clothes & gold skynnyys bo3gt to the same hoc anno/ ... Et de ij s paid  
to the players of Exceter playyng a Crissmas game hoc anno/ in the  
churche ...

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### 1535-6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 118 (6 May-5 May) *(Payments and allowances)*

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...Et de viij s iiij d paid to Iohn Wyndyett Tayler for kepyng of the  
bell 'vij s' collers & kepyng of the playng clothes 'xvj d' hoc anno/ ...

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f 119 *(Necessary payments and purchases)*

...Et de ij s paid for playng a crystmas [Ma] game withyn this churche  
hoc anno/ ...

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### 1536-7

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 121v (6 May-5 May) *(Payments and allowances)*

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...Et de viij s iiij d payd vnto Iohan Wyndyatt Tayler ffor mendyn of  
The bell Collers 'vij s.' & ffor kepyn of The playyn Clothys 'xvj d' / ...

...

f 122 (*Necessary payments and purchases*)

...Et de iiij s payd ffor playng gownys. Et de ij s ij d payd for v yardes  
 of dowlys ffor 'a' borde Cloth hoc anno/ ... Et de vj d payd ffor ij  
 Schepe [sch] sckynnys ffor playyn Clothys hoc anno/ Et de xxij d payd 5  
 ffor makyn of players Clothys hoc anno. Et de ij s payd ffor a hed  
 of here & a Roll & other thynges to Richard hoper ffor the players  
 hoc anno ... Et de xlvj s iiij d payd vnto the paynters ffor a rewarde  
 payntyn of The northe Syde of The Church 'xx s' & payntyn of The  
 playyn Clothys 'x s' to them ffor other payntyn 'x s' & ffor payntyng 10  
 of ij ymagys of The Church [vj s iiij d] hoc anno ...

## f 122v

...Et de xx d payd ffor playyn of a cristmasse game hoc anno ... 15

## 1537-8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 126 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary payments*)

...Et de xvj d solutis Iohanni Wyndyat Tayler pro Custodia pannum  
 lusorum hoc anno ... Et de j d soluto pro par seroticarum pro Rege  
 herode in die Corporis Christi ... 20

## 1538-9

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1 25

f 128 (6 May-5 May) (*Various payments*)

...Et de xx d solutis 'pro' 'xvj d' Custodia pannorum lusorum pro 'iiij  
 d' emendacione hoc anno 30

## 1539-40

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

ff 131-1v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de xx d solutis certis lusoribus in | Natali domini ... Et de iij s  
 ix d solutis pro factura quinque 'xx d' tunicarum pro lusoribus pro  
 Custodia dictarum tunicarum & aliarum 'xvj d' res lusoribus pro  
 emendacione 'ix d' ... 35

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21/ pannum for pannorum

22/ par for pari

38/ res for rerum

## 1540-1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 133v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de ij s solutis certis lusoribus pro Regardo in Tempore Natalis domini ... 5

f 134

...Et de v s iiij d solutis pro factura 'iiij s' tunicarum pro lusoribus & pro Custodia 'xvj d' earum ... 10

## 1541-2

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 135v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

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...Et de xix s xj d solutis pro empcone tunicarum pro Roberti Hode cum eis adherentibus hoc anno ...

f 136

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...Et de v s iiij d solutis pro rewardo cuidam viro pro 'iiij s iiij d' Castigatione vrcium & certis 'ij s' lusoribus in die Epiphanie vltimo preterito ... Et de xx d solutis Willelmo Bond pro Custodia pannorum lusorum. 25

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## 1542-3

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1f 137 (6 May-5 May) (*Church house and other external receipts*)

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...Et de viij d Receptis pro 'occupatione' vestimentorum lusoribus ibidem hoc anno

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f 138 (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de ij s solutis ex regardo lusoribus tempore Natalis domini infra tempus istius Compoti ... Et de xx d solutis Willelmo Bound pro Custodia panni lusorum et de ij s j d solutis pro capitibus diabolorum 40



& a lijs necessariis idem septant' in vestimentis lusorum hoc anno Et  
de ij s solutis pro iiij<sup>o</sup> Ratelbagges ibidem hoc anno ...

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#### 1543-4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 139 (6 May-5 May) (Church house and other external receipts)

...

...Et de viij d receptis pro occupatione vestimentorum lusoribus ibidem  
hoc anno ...

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f 140v (Payments and allowances)

...Et de ij s solutis ex regardo lusoribus tempore Natalis domini infra  
tempus istius Compoti Et de ij s iij d solutis Willelmo Bound pro  
Custodia 'ij s' pannis lusorum & pro j payr 'j d' serotecarum &  
Colorum 'ij d'/hoc anno ...

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#### 1544-5

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 141v (6 May-5 May) (Church house and other external receipts)

...

...Et de viij d receptis pro occupatione vestimentorum lusoribus  
ibidem hoc anno

...

f 142v (Payments and allowances)

...Et de ij s iij d solutis Willelmo Bownd pro 'custodia' vestimentorum  
lusoribus ...

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#### 1545-6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 143v (6 May-5 May) (Church house and other external receipts)

...

...Et de nihilo Recepto pro occupatione vestimentorum lusoribus  
ibidem hoc anno ...

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1/ a lijs for alijs  
1/ idem for ibidem?

17/ pannis for pannorum

f 144v (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de ij s solutis Willelmi Bound pro Custodia vestimentorum  
lusoribus hoc anno ... Et de iij d solutis pro j pair Cerotaci & Coles  
pro lusoribus hoc anno ...

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### 1546–7

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 145v (6 May–5 May) (*Church house and other external receipts*) 10

...Et de vj d receptis pro lone vestimentorum lusoribus ...

f 146v (*Payments and allowances*)

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...Et de ij s iij d solutis Willelmo Bound pro vestimentis lusoribus &  
les Colers pro ceretacis ...

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### 1547–8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 148v (6 May–5 May) (*External payments and allowances*)

...Et de vij s iij d pro iij noue Togis lusingibus hoc anno Et de x s  
iij d solutis Nicholao Crown for factura eiusdem cum coloribus Et  
de ij s viij d solutis Willelmo Bound pro factura eiusdem & alijs  
vestimentis lusoribus Et de ij s solutis lusoribus in festo corporis Christi  
hoc Anno ... Et de ij s solutis Willelmo Bond pro Custodia  
vestimentorum lusoribus hoc anno ...

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### 1553–4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1

f 159 (6 May–5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de xvj d solutis pro potu pro lusoribus hoc anno ...

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## 1554-5

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 161v (6 May-5 May) (*Final adjustments*)

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Item mor to William Bound 'for the player clothz' iiij s iiij d

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## 1555-6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 163v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

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...Et de iiij s iiij d payd to William Bound for kepyng of the players  
Clothyez ...

f 164

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...Et de iiij d payd for Colors a corpus Christi daye Et de ij d payd  
for a payr of glouys for hym that played god almyghty a Corpus  
Christi daye Et de j d payd for wyne for hym that played Saynt  
Rosmont ...

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## 1556-7

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 167 (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

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...Et de ij s payed to William Bound for Kepyng of the players chothez  
... Et de xx d payed for payntyng the players chothez at Tottnez Et  
de j d payed for ffettyng the same clothez from Tottnez Et de 'j d'  
payed to Iamez prouce at Ilscyngton for payntyng of one Cote for  
the players & caryage of the same ... Et de ij s vij d payed for v yerdes  
& quarter of Canuas for ij players Cotes ...

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f 167v

...Et de xvj d payed to the players ...

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f 168v (*Final adjustments*)

...

And also payed to Rychard 'xlj d' olyuer for Rydyng to exceter to Sir

20/ Rosmont: t may be mark of suspension (Alison Hanham) 31/ Canuas: Canuias MS  
26,27/ chothez for clothez



Thomas Denys & payed to William <sup>r(ij s)</sup> Bound for kepyng of the  
playrs clothz.

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## 1557-8

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*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 170 (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de iij d payed for mendyng of the Rattylbagys a corpus christi  
daye/ ... Et de xxj d payed to William Bound for mendyng of the 10  
players clothyng ayenst corpus christi daye ... Et de ij s iijj d payed  
to William Bound for mendyng of the players clothez dewe to hym  
the yer befor....

## 1558-9

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*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 172v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de ij s payed to William Bound for kepyng of the pleers clothyng  
Et de ij d payed for a payr of Glouys for hym that played chryst on 20  
corpus christi daye/ Et de ij d payed for [Callers] <sup>r</sup>Cullers<sup>r</sup> Et de iijj d  
payd for mendyng of the players clothyng ...

## 1559-60

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*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 174v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de ij s payed to William Bound for kepyng of the players clothez  
Et de ij d payed for Glovez for the pleers Et de xx d payed for payntyng  
& Colers for the pleers Clothez ... 30

## 1562-3

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 182v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de iij s iijj d solutis Custodi vrsorum domini Roberti Dudley/ ... 35

1/ ij s written over something else

20/ chryst: h written over something else

1563-4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141A/PW1  
f 186 (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...Et de ij s payed to the players ...

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1435-6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 4 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de xl d datis Mynstrell' Et de xl d datis Mynstrell' domini Comit'is  
Hundyngtone

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1454-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 3 (*External expenses*)

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Et de viij d datis ij Minstrallis domini de Warwyke. Et de viij d datis  
Minstrall' Cancellarij Et de viij d pro Minstrall' domini ffytz Waryn  
Et de xvj d pro j Minstrallo & j herhavde comitis deuonie ... Et de  
xl d datis v Minstrallis domini ducis Exoniensis Et de viij d datis ij  
Minstrallis Ciuitatis Exoniensis ... Et de xl d datis Minstrall' domini  
Regis ... Et de viij d datis Minstrall' Henrici Courteney ...

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1458-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 5 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de vj d datis Mynstrall' domini Exoniensis ... Et de ij s. datis  
Mynstrall' domini Regis Et de xij d Mynstrall' domini ffitz Waryn ...

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1461-2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2003  
mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de xx d datis vno mynstrallo ... Et de xij d datis minstrall' domini

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ffitzwaryn ... Et de viij d. datis Hugo luter Et de viij d. datis alii  
minstralo Cancellarij anglie Et de viij d datis al' minstrall' Et de viij  
d datis al' minstrall' domini de Audelegh ...

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## 1462–3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2004

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de xx d. datis Mynstrall' domini de Warweke Et de xvj d. datis  
Mynstrall' ducis Exoniensis Et de iiij d. al' Mynstrall' datis pro Maiore  
Et de viij d. datis mynstrall' Philippi Beamounte Et de xx d. datis  
mynstrall' domini ffitzwaryn Et de ij d. datis Mynstrallo ceco 'vocato  
Willelmo Grevyl' Et de xvj d. datis Mynstrallo vocato Thome ducis  
Exoniensis Et de iiij d datis vxori Thome Grevyl pro Mynstr' Et  
de ij d datis ffustulatori videlicet Brown Et de ij s datis Mynstrall'  
domini Regis ...

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## 1463–4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2005

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de xx d. datis Mynstrall' Comitibus Arundell ... Et de viij d. datis  
Thome Luter Et de xx d. datis Willelmo Greuell & Iohanni Luter Et  
de iiij d in vino dato eisdem Willelmo & Iohanni ... Et de iiij d. datis  
Iohanni Magge seruienti Willelmi Greuell per assignacionem Maioris  
... Et de xvj d. in j Mimmo domine videlicet Thome Et de iiij d. alii  
Mimmo domine de heryngdon Et de viij d. in aliis Mimmis domini  
de Sowthweke Et de ij s. datis Mimmis domini de Warwyke Et de vj d  
in vino dato eisdem per assignacionem Maioris Et de xvj d. datis ij  
Mimmis domini de Northfolk Et de xij d. datis ij Mimmis domine de  
Bokyngham ...

## 1464–5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2006

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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Et de viij d. datis j Ministrallo Et de vj d. datis al' minstrall' ... Et de  
xij d. datis minstrall' domini Werweke Et de xvj d. datis minstrall'



domini ffitz Waryn Et de iiij d. datis Willelmo Grevyll Et de iiij d. datis  
j trumpard Et de iiij d datis minstrall' domini de Reueris ... Et de xx d.  
dati mistrall' per assignacionem Maioris Et de xij d. datis al' minstrall'  
Et de xx d datis minstr<..> dno de Arundell Et de xvj d. datis mistrall'  
domino Clarendon ...

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## 1466–7

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2007

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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Et de iiij d datis Minstrall' Et de iij d ffustulator' Et de xvj d datis  
Minstrall' domini ffitzwaryn ... Et de xvj d datis Willelmo Grevyll  
Et de xvj d datis ffustulator' & al' minstrall' Et de ij d datis ffyssh &  
Gy ffustulariis ... Et de iiij d datis Minstrall' Et de ij d datis al' Minstrall' 15  
... Et de xvj d datis Thome Harper Et de xij d datis .ij<sup>b<sup>us</sup></sup> Minstrallis  
in Nocte Nativitatis sancti Iohannis baptiste Et de iiij d datis alii  
Minstralo vocato Nytherton Et de xl d datis Minstrall' domini Regis  
Et de ij s iiij d datis Minstral' Regine ...

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## 1467–8

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2008

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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Et de xx d. datis minstrall' Comitibus Arundell Et de iiij d. in vino dato  
*similiter* Et de xij d. datis Willelmo Grevyll Et de ij d. in vino *similiter*  
... Et de xx d. datis minstrall' Iohanni Arundel Militis Et de iiij d.  
dati Iohanni harper Et de iiij d. datis Thome Luter Et de xij d. Iohanni  
Luter Et de viij d. datis minstrall' Exoniensis ... Et de iiij d. datis 30  
Iohanni Gye ... Et de iiij d. pro j Minstrallo eodem nocte ... Et de  
xij d. datis Thome Harper Et de xvj d datis ij. minstrallis de domino  
Bourcher ... Et de xij d. datis minstrall' domini fferrys Et de iiij d.  
in vino dato *similiter* Et de xl d datis minstrall' domini Regis Et de  
viij d. in vino dato *similiter* ...

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3,4/ mistrall' for minstrall'

4/ dno for domini

5/ domino for domini

28/ Iohanni for Iohannis

31/ eodem for eadem

31/ eodem nocte: St John's Eve, 23 June

## 1468–9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2009mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...  
 ...Et de xx d. datis minstrallo Willelmo Grevyll Et de xij d. Iohanni 5  
 luter Et de xij d. datis vno Tombilar' Et de xvj d. datis ij minstrallis  
 domini Warweke Et de xij d. datis Thome Harper Exoniensis Et de  
 ij s. viij d. datis minstrall' domini Regis ...

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## 1470–1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2010mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...  
 Et de iiij d. datis vno minstrallo Et de xij d. datis Willelmo Grevyll 15  
 Et de ij s. datis vno berhurd Et de iiij d. in vino dato Philippo Beaumont  
 eodem tempore ... Et de viij d. datis minstrall' domini Denham Et  
 de iiij d. datis minstrallo vocato Nytherton Et de iiij d. datis al'  
 minstrall' ... Et de °iiij° d. datis Thome Luter ... Et de iiij d. datis  
 ffustulator' Et de iiij d. datis minstrall' Exoniensis ... Et de viij d. 20  
 datis minstrallo Willelmo Grevyl Et de xij d. datis Berhurd per  
 maiorem ... Et de xvj d datis minstrall' ducis Glawcestrie Et de xij d  
 datis „minstrall'” ducis Bokynham ...

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## 1472–3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2011mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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 ...Et de xx d. datis iiij<sup>or</sup> Minstrallis per manus Maioris ... Et de viij 30  
 d. datis Minstrall' domini Glawcestrie Et de xij d. datis Willelmo  
 Grevyll Et de ij s. datis Minstrall' domini Clarencij Et de iiij d. in  
 vino dato eiusdem Minstrall' Et de viij d. datis minstrall' in die Curie  
 Hockeday ... Et de ij s. datis Trumpetes domini Clarencij & iiij d.  
 in vino dato eiusdem Et de ij d. datis Minstrall' in nocte Nativitatis 35  
 Sancti Iohannis Baptiste ... Et de xx d. datis Berhurd...

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6/ vno possibly vne for vni (attempt to signal gender of the tumbler? See below, 1474–5)

15,16/ vno for vni

35/ eiusdem for eisdem

## 1473-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2012mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de viij d. minstrall' ... Et de viij d. datis minstrall' Wallie Et de 5  
 iiij d. datis minstrall' in vigilia Nativitatis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste  
 eunt' coram maiore ... Et de viij d. pro j Minstrallo ducis Glaucestrie  
 Et de iiij d. Mynstrall' Roberti Wylby ... Et de xij d. pro mynstrall  
 principis ...

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## 1474-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2013mb 1\* (*External expenses*)

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...Et de x d. solutis ludatoribus in vigilia Natalis domini Et de iiij d. 15  
 datis Citharatori Magistri Pomery. Et de viij d. Willelmo Grevell  
 Citharatori ... Et de iiij d. datis vni minstrallo domine lyle. Et de viij d.  
 a la Tumbeler domini principis....

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## 1475-6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2014mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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Et de viij d. minstrallis domini Iohannis Arundell & Henrici Botrugan. 25  
 Et de ij d. Ricardo Nytherdon.... Et de iiij d. ij minstrallis in nocte  
 sancti Iohannis Baptiste Et de vj d. ij<sup>bus</sup> fistularijs. Et de viij d.  
 minstrall' ducis de Bokynham. Et de iiij d. minstrall' ducis Gloucestrie  
 Et de xij d. minstrall' ducis Norfolchie. Et de viij d. minstrall' ducis  
 Clarencie. Et de xvj d. ludarijs in domo maioris tempore natalis 30  
 domini....

## 1476-7

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2015mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de xij d. Willelmo Grevell Et de iiij d. Iohanni Nytherdon. Et

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de xij d Ricardo Barbour & socijs pro ludo eorum tempore natalis domini Et de viij d. alijs ludatoribus in ebdomada Natalis domini. Et de viij d. ministrall' de Arundell in Cornubia Et de iiij d. ministrall' ducis de Bokyngham Et de iiij d. Ministrall' Henrici Botrugan. Et de viij d. Custodi vrsorum domini Clarencij. Et de v s. solutis vj Ministrallis domini Regis.... Et de xij d. duobus Ministrallis ducis Gloucestrie Et de iiij d. vno alio ministrallo extraneo....

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## 1477-8

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2016

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...Et de viij d. solutis ludator' coram maiore ... Et de iij s. iiij d. solutis ministrall' domini Regis. Et de viij d. solutis ministrall' Magistri Sepcote. Et de iiij d. solutis ministrall' domini Denam. Et de vj d. solutis ministrall' ambulant' coram maiore in vigilia sancti Iohannis Baptiste. Et de iiij d. solutis Willelmo Grevell ministrallo domini ffuaryn Et de iiij d. solutis ministrall' Magistri Crocker. Et de iiij d. solutis ministrall' [dni] Magistri Norbury. Et de viij d. iij<sup>bus</sup> ministrallis ducis Glowcestrie. Et de ij d. duobus ministrallis magistri botregan. Et de ij d. ministrall' Magistri Greynefyld. Et de ij d. Ricardo Netherdon....

## 1478-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2017

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de ij s. in Mimis principis Et de iiij d. in vino eodem tempore Et de vj d. Mimis Willelmi Curtenay Militis Et de ij d. vno fistulatori. Et de xij d. ludator' Magistri Beamont ... Et de xvj d. ludator' de Torynton Et de xij d. ludator' Willelmi hayn & Alijs.... Et de xij d. duobus pueris cantando in festo Natali domini ... Et de iiij d. ludator' in cymboll ... Et de iiij d. ludatori vocato tumbeler ... Et de vj d. Ministrall' Magistri Arundell Et de viij d. lutorio vocato freer eodem die Et de vj d. duobus fistulatoribus in vigilia Nativitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste.... Et de ij s. vj d. Ministrall' domine Regine ...

## 1480-1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2018mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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Et de viij d. solutis ij<sup>b<sup>us</sup></sup> Mimis ad mandatum Maioris qui fuerunt in 5  
 domo Iohannis Cutler. Et de iiij d. solutis vno Mimo Domini  
 Dynham. Et de iiij d. Solutis vno saltori. Et de ij s. solutis quinque  
 lusoribus & vno ffistulatori. Et de xij d. Solutis Iohanni Wexmaker  
 & consortibus suis pro vno lusu in domo Maioris. Et de xij d. Solutis  
 Iohanni Steynour & consortibus pro vno lusu in domo maioris. Et 10  
 de iiij d. solutis pro allacione garlamenti Iohannis Wolston A hianton  
 vsque ad domum Maioris. Et de xij d. solutis Mimo Magistri Stukley  
 & vno alio existenti cum eo. Et de iiij d. solutis Mimo Magistri  
 Arondell ...

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## 1481-2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2019mb 1 (*External expenses*)

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Et de iij s. iiij d. solutis Mimis domini Regis in domo maioris Et de 20  
 xvj d. in vino eodem tempore ibidem Et de ij s. solutis Mimis ducis  
 eboraci Et de viij d. Mimis domini Denam Et de iiij d. Mimis Magistri  
 Arundell. Et de viij d. Mimis Magistri Norbury Et de viij d. solutis  
 Mimis domini Soche Et de iiij d. Mimo Magistri Copelston Et de xij d.  
 solutis Iohanni Wexmaker & socijs suis pro ludo coram maiore in 25  
 festo Natali domini ...

...

## 1483-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 9 (*External expenses*)

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...Et de xv d. solutis vij<sup>tem</sup> saltoribus de comitatu Somersete. Et de  
 viij d. ministrall' Magistri Sepcote.... Et de iiij d. ministrall' domini  
 Denam.... Et de xx d. datis Ministrall' domini Arundell ... 35

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5,6,12,13/ Mimis, Mimo: Minis, Mimo *MS*

6,7,13/ vno for vni

11/ hianton probably Heanton Punchardon, separated from Barnstaple by two small parishes

13/alio for alij

14/ first l of Arondell written over h

## 1515-16

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 28 (*Expenses*)

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...Item payd to the bereward iij s. iiij d. Item payd to the kynges  
bereward vj s. viij d.... 5

## 1516-17

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 29

...

...Item payd to the bereward iij s. iiij d.... 10

## 1517-18

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 30 (*Expenses*)

...Item payd to the ij Berwardes vj s viij d ... 15

...

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## 1525-6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 33v (*Expenses*)

...Item payd to the kynges mynstrellys [vj s.] <sup>1</sup>iiij s. <sup>1</sup>iiij d. Item payd  
to the bereward xij d.... 25

...

## 1526-7

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 36 (*Expenses*)

...

...Item [payd] a Rewarde to my lorde [Marl] Marques of Exeter ys  
Mynstrelles xij d.... Item to the Kynges Iugelerr iij s. viij d. Item to  
the Kynges Berward ij s. 30

...

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## 1528-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 41, mb 1 (*Expenses*)

...Item the ij<sup>d</sup> day of Iuly payed to Mr Comer for Mynstrelles ij s.... 5

## 1531-2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 51, mb 2\*

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Item payd to the Bereherd in a Rewarde iij s. iiij d....

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## 1532-3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972 15  
no 42, mb 2

...

...Item payd to *sir* Thomas dennes Mynstrelles at master Mayre ys  
furst dynner xvj d. Item payd vnto the kynges Mynstrelles yn Rewarde  
vj s. viij d. Item to my lorde of deuonshyre ys Mynstrelles yn Reward 20  
ij s. Item to my lorde daubney ys players yn Reward v s....

## 1533-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972 25  
no 43, mb 2 (*Expenses*)

...Item yn Rewerd to *sir* Thomas Dennes Mynstrelles xij d.... Item  
yn Rewerd to the Dukes Mynstrelles v s. Item yn Rewerd to the  
bereherd iij s. iiij d....

... 30

## 1534-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 44, mb 2\* (*Expenses*) 35

...Item to the players of Cornewall yn Rewarde iij s. iiij d.... Item to  
my lorde of Norffolke ys Mynstrelles ij s.... Item yn Rewarde to the  
Shyraffys Mynstrell ij s....

...

1537-8

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 45, mb 2

...Item yn Rewarde to the Kynges players vij s. vj d. Item yn wyn 5  
Spente vppon them at Mawte gages x d....

1538-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 46, mb 2

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...Item yn Rewarde to the players of Lyscarde iij s. iiij d....

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1540-1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 49, mb 2

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...

...Item a Rewarde to my Lorde of Bathes bayrewerd v s. x d Item payd  
to my Lorde Erle of Brougewaters player(.) v s Item yn expences 20  
vppon them xij d ... Item yn Rewarde to my Lorde of Bathes players  
[iij s. iiij d] vj s viij d ...

no 49, mb 3

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...Item to my lorde of Bathes Mynstrelles *with* there expences v s ...  
Item yn Rewarde to my Lorde of Bathys bereherd v s ...

1541-2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 50, mb 2 (*Expenses*)

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...

...Item to my Lorde of Bathis mynstrylles *with* there dryncky(.) v s....

1542-3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 52, mb 2 (*Expenses*)

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...Item yn Rewarde to the Erle of Bathes players vj s ... Item to my

Lorde Marques Dorsettes players xij d ...

...Item yn Rewarde to the kynges Iuggeler Seynt peters deye v s Item  
for wyne & ale for all the masters to see hem playe at Worthys hows  
iij s iiij d ... Item yn Expences vppon the Mynstrylles that Came owte  
of Ireland at Wyllm Salysburys hows iij s ... Item in Rewarde to my  
Lorde of Bathys Mynstrylles v s Item at the same Tyme for there  
drynckyn at Worthys hows ij s ...

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#### 1544-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

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no 55, mb 2 (*Gifts and rewards*)

...Item payd to the erle of Bathis Mynstrylles iij s. iiij d ... Item yn  
Rewarde vnto my Lorde prynces players viij s. Item for there  
Convydyng ij s. vj d Item yn Rewarde vnto my Lorde of Sussex players  
vj s. viij d Item for there Convydyng ij s. iiij d ...

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#### 1546-7

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

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no 47, mb 2 (*Expenses*)

...Item yn Rewarde to my Lorde of Bathis Mynstrylles v s. Item for  
there drynckyn xij d ... Item yn Rewarde to my Lorde prevy Seaylles  
players vj s....

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#### 1548-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 58 (*Expenses*)

...

...Item to the plears that plead a Church ij s. viij d ...

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#### 1551-2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 59 (*Allowances, payments, and expenses*)

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... And of vj s viij d paid to therle of Northumberlandes playeres ...

30/ Church: *St Peter's Church*

36/ therle: *probably the duke*

36/ And of *written in large, bold letters throughout document*



## 1552-3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 60 (*Allowances*)

... And paid to Mynstrelles for playng & syngyng in the churche iij s 5  
 iiij d.... And to the Duke of Northumberlaundes players vj s. viij d....  
 And to the Kynges gester iij s. iiij d.... And for the Lord Russelles  
 players vj s. viij d....

## 1553-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 61 (*Expenses*)

...  
 ...Item in Reward to my Lord of Bathes Minstrelles 'v s.'...  
 ...

## 1554-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2517

mb 1

...  
 ...Item paid to certen Mynstrelles the night <...> kept his first Law 20  
 Court xx d....

## 1555-6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2518

mb 2

+ + ...Item Paid to my lord of worcesters men that played <...> daye vj s  
 viij d ... Item paid the Quenes Mynstrelles that played before my lord  
 Bissho<...> maiores house ij s vj d ... Item paid my lords 30  
 Mynstrelles <...> them vj s viij d ...

5-7/ And written in large, bold letters

21/ (...): 300 mm; Chanter and Wainwright: that our lord Bishop

28/ (...): 30 mm

30/ (...): 35 mm

30/ my lords: lord of Tavistock; Francis Russell, 4th earl of Bedford

31/ (...): 30 mm

1556-7

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2519

mb 1

...

... Item paid to <...> mynstrelles for playinge about the Towne vj d 5  
... <...> for a Reward to the Bayriard v s....

mb 2

...Item paid to Mynstrelles whiche played the xvj<sup>th</sup> daye of May iij 10  
<...> ... Item paid to my lord ffitz warens Mynstrelles v s.... Item paid  
to < ...> Kynge and Quenes Maiesties players xj s....

1558-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2520

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mb 1 (*Allowances*)

...Item paid for bearebeatynge iij <...> ...Item for Gonne powder when  
Quene Elizabeth was proclaymed Quene iijj s. ij d.... Item paid to  
Robart Hode for his pastime iij s. iijj d.... Ite<...> vnto the Quenes 20  
Maiesties playeres for playinge an Enterlude xij s. iijj d. Item for  
bearynge of sh<...> the same tyme ij d....

mb 1d (*Late entries*)

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Item to therle of Baith is Munstrels iijj s

...

*St Peter's Churchwardens' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

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no 64, mb 2 (*Allowances*)

...Item for brewyng of the Churche ale And a reward geven to Anne  
Plym the brewster ix s. vj d Item to Thomas Holme Taberer iij s. iijj d 35

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5/ <...>: 20 mm

6/ <...>: 20 mm

11/ <...>: 30 mm

12/ <...>: 20 mm

18/ <...>: 12 mm

20/ <...>: 12 mm

22/ <...>: 18 mm

## 1559–60

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 65, mb 2\*

...Item paid to my lordes Mynstrells vj s. viij d ...

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...

## 1560–1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 66, mb 1

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...Item paid to Thomas Drewe for a Bull rynge ij s. iiij d. Item paid to Barnes the Roper for a Bullrope xx d. Item paid to Philipp delbridge for a post for the bull iiij d.... Item paid to my lord Bisshops playeres vj s. viij d.... Item to Sir henry ffortescues playeres x s.... Item paid to the Quienes Playeres xiiij s. iiij d....

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## 1561–2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 68, mb 1

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...

...Item for Removynge of the Bulryng iiij d ... Item to Peter Seyntley and his felowes for playinge of an Enterlude v s.... Item to Bedston and his felowes for playinge an Enterlude vj s. viij d ...

25

no 68, mb 2 (*Payments*)

Item paid to mynstres playnge at Master Maiores house v s ... Item to my Lord of Oxfordes playeres for playinge of an Enterlude x s ...

30

## 1562–3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2523mb 1\* (*Allowances*)

...Item paid for gonnepowder bestowed at a may game ther this yere ij s. ij d.... Item paid to certen playeres of an Interlude there this yere iiij s. iiij d....

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*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2524

mb 1\*

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...Item paid to [the Erle of Worcesteres] Certen Musycions of Bristole there this yere iiij s. iiij d ...



## 1565-6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 73, mb 2 (*Allowances*)

...Item <...> Beareward vj s. viij d ... Item paid to the Musicyonis of  
Exceter v s.... Item geven to the Musici <...> Bristole by master Maiores  
Commaundement v s.... Item geven to dunne the Luther and his  
felowe iiij s....

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## 1568-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 75, mb 3

10

Item paid to Certen Players at Master maiors Commaundement vj s  
viij d ...

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## 1569-70

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 78 (*Payments and expenses*)

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...Item paid to Wyat the Cobler for amendynge the Bull Ryngg j d  
...Item paid to Iohn Gorton for the lone of a Rope at the beatinge of  
A Bull ij d ... Item paid the Erle of Lecesteres men by Master Maiors  
commaundement - xij d ...

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## 1570-1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 86 (*Expenses*)

to Dunne the Luter ij s vj d Item paid to the Erle of Worcestoures  
Interlude players x s Item paid to the Lord Mouniges Interlude players  
xiiij s iiij d ...

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## 1573-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 95 (*Expenses*)

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...Item to Dunne the Luter for a Reward iiij s....

Item geven to certen players on Wetes v s....

### 1574–5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 97 (*Allowances*)

5

Also he asketh allowaunce paid to the Quenes Maiesties Berewardes beyng here this yere v s Item to Iohn Lewne for settinge the bull ryng iiiij d.... Item geven to the Waytes of Brystowe by Master Maiores Commaundement v s ... Item paid to the lord Stafffourdes players by Master Maiores Commaundment xij s ...

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...

### 1575–6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 101 (*Allowances*)

15

...Item paid to a Beareherd x s ...

### 1583–4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 116, mb 1d

20

And paid to certen musicions this yere ij s vj d.... And payd to the Lord Bartletttes men beyng Enterlude players this yere v s ... And for the waytes of South Hampton ij s ... And to certen other Enterlude players x s ... And paid to my Lord Stranges players ij s ...

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### 1584–5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 118 (*Payments*)

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...And towards the charges of the Watch on midsomer evenyng xv s ...

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...And to sir Robart Denys his musicions by master maiors commaundement v s ...

...And for v s paid to the earle of Oxfordes musicions ...

## 1585-6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 121, mb 1 (*Allowances*)

...

...And geven to certen musicions at the lawe day by master maiors 5  
 commaundement iij s iiij d....

...

mb 1d

...And geven to my lord Staffordes players ij s ... 10

## 1592-3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 141, mb 1d (*Expenses*)

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...And geven to the Quenes playeres that came to this Towne by  
 Master Harrys Commaundement x s ... And paid for amendinge the  
 Seelynge in the Guildhall that the Enterlude playeres had broken  
 downe there this yere vj d.... 20

...

## 1599-1601

*Philip Wyot's Journal* REED: English MS 1

f 21\*

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...

This Yere at the Request of Sir Robert Bassett one Sharland a Musician  
 was retaind by Mr. Major & his Brethren to go about the Town[e]  
 about iiij o clock in the Morning with his Waits & is promisd viij l –  
 began on all saints day & to continue till candlemas. 30

...

## 1600-1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 158, mb 1d (*Charges and allowances*)

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...And paid the Wayte players to make owt there whole stipend there  
 this yere xiiij s ...

...

*Philip Wyot's Journal* REED: English MS 1  
ff 21v–2\*

- 117 ...  
friday xiv nov. Mr. Major & Aldermen going upon their Search in the  
Evenyng as usuall found the Vicar Mr. Trynder in Iohn Williams 5  
House being a tipler with other Company and having amongst them  
a pip with a Taber a little after nyne, & because Mr. Trynder *would*  
not come down to Mr. Major from the Chamber upon commandment  
& for other his was commytted to Warde where he abode till .....  
118 mornynge following, in the mean time he sent a lamentable *lettre* to 10  
the Bp of Exter advertising his Ldp that he was wrongfully commytted  
& without any Cause, whereupon his Ldp wrote to *Earl* of Bath  
– who commanded the Major to come to him *which* he did at  
Tawstock – a day appointed for hearing – vicar releasd – 1 sunday  
following he preachd ij hours beinge a cold daye he weryed all his 15  
audience tuesday following it was heard & determined that there was  
just cause for his being detaynd & to be bound for his good *behaviour*  
yet Mr. Maior by his Honours *Perswasion*, & his own concern  
remytted to my Lord of Baths censure.  
... 20

1601–2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 162, mb 1 (*Allowances*)

- ... 25  
...And geven to the Quenes players beyng in Towne there this yere  
xv s ...

mb 1d

- ... 30  
...And geven to the Erle of Worcesters playeres beyng (<..> Towne  
to departe the Towne withowt any playnge here x s ...

9/ Chanter, *Literary History of Barnstaple*, adds six dots after his, suggesting gap or illegible section in original MS

11/ Bp (for Bishop) underlined

11,12/ Ldp (for Lordship) underlined

14/ 1600 written at top of f 22



1604-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 166 (*Allowances*)

...

...geven to the kynges players beynge in Towne this yere x s, and geven 5  
to the Duke of Lenoxe players beynge Lekewyse in Towne this yere  
x s....

...

1607-8

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*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2525mb 1d (*Allowances*)

...and geven to the Erle of Darbies players beynge in Towne by Master  
Maiors Comaundement x s ... and geven to the Queenes Maiesties 15  
players beynge in Towne this yere x s ... and geven to the Kynges  
Maiesties players beynge in Towne this yere by Master Maiors  
Comaundement xx s ...

...

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1608-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972no 173 (*Allowances*)

...

...and paid vnto Sherland the player one the Waites for his pencion 25  
there this yere iiij li, ... and geven vnto certen players that came to  
Towne this yere by Master Maiors Commaundement x s, ...

...

1609-10

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*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 175, mb 1

...

... & geven to tomllyn players beynge in Towne this yere by Master  
Maiors Comaundement xx s, and geven to Sharland the Wayteplayer 35  
there this yere x s ...

1612-13

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 183, mb 1

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...

...And geven vnto Sherlandes boy by Master Mayors

Commaundemente xij d ... And geiven vnto the Princes players and  
vnto the Queens players by Master Mayors Commaundemente xls ...

## 1613–14

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

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no 80, mb 1

...

...And geiven to the princes players by Master Mayors  
appoynctemente xv s ...

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no 80, mb 2

More to Striblyn when his Bull was Beaten iij s iiij d ...

...

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## 1614–15

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 186, mb 1

...

...And geiven to the Queenes and Princes players by Master Mayors  
Commaundemente xxv s x d....

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## 1615–16

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 188, mb 1

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...

...And given to the Queenes players by Master Mayors  
Commaundemente xx s ...

## 1616–17

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 189a, mb 1\*

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...

...And given to the Princes players by Master Mayors  
commaundement xx s ...

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## 1617–18

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 191, mb 2

...And geven to the Prynces players that they should not playe in  
Towne xx s ...

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## 1620-1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 195

...And paid to Players that they should departe the Towne and not  
to play xlvij s ...

...

## 1621-2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 197, mb 2

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...

Likewise the saide Receivor demaundeth allowance geven vnto the  
Princes players because they should not play within the Towne xl s...

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## 1622-3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 200, mb 1

...And of xxx s geven to the Lady Elizabeths players by master Mayors  
order ... paid for Candells to hange by a Bull that was not beaten ij d...

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## 1623-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 201, mb 2

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...And geven to three seuerall Companies of Players at Master Mayors  
comandemente iij li. ij s....

## 1624-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 205, mb 1

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...

...And geven vnto twoo companies of players to departe the Towne  
this yeire by Master Mayors order xlij s....

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## 1629-30

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972  
no 214, mb 3

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...And of L s given to Players at two seuerall tymes to ridd the Towne  
of them ...

...

1630-1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 217, mb 1\*

...

...And of x s. giuen to plaiers by *master* Maiors order to ridd the  
Towne of them ...

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1632-3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 223, mb 2

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...And of xxx s. given vnto players at twoe seuerall tymes by *master*  
Maiors order to ridd them out of Towne....

1633-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 228, mb 3

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Also the said Receivor demaundeth allowance of xij d. paid to my  
Lord Chichesters waight players by *master* Maiors order ...

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1636-7

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 229, mb 5

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...And of xx s. more *paid* to Players to ridd the Towne of them, ...

...

## BIDEFORD

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1608

*Decree in Chancery* DRO: Bideford, R2379 A/Z2mb 1d\* (*Trinity term*)

...Part of the said Rents were paid out for the private Occasions of  
the Said Feoffees, as by the Entertainment of Strangers, and in  
Banquetting, and in often Feasting between themselves, as also for  
Seeing of Stage Plays acted within the town of Bideford, besides much  
other Money taken from the Bridge bestowed upon Such like Idle  
purposes by them and that the Said Bridge was at that time in divers

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37/ Feasting: F *written over something else* (?)38/ *second e* of Seeing *may be a*



places Faulty and fit that Some presant Course Should be taken  
touching the Repairing the Same....

## BRAUNTON

### 1560-1

*St Brannock's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1677A/PW1a  
f 80 (*Rendered 8 November*)  
(*Wardens of St John and St George: Payments*)

...  
Item for meat & drynke for Robyn hoode & his company ij s. 10  
...

### 1561-2

*St Brannock's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1677A/PW1a 15  
f 81 (*Rendered 17 October*)  
(*Wardens of St John and St George: Allowances*)

...Item payd for cloth to make Robyn hoodes Cote xij s. 20  
(*Whitsuntide*)

...Item for Robyn hood & hys Company xij d....  
...

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### 1563-4

*St Brannock's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1677A/PW1a  
f 82 (*Rendered 14 October*)  
(*Wardens of St John and St George: Allowances*)

...Item payde for litle Iohns Cote vj s viij d....

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### 1564-5

*St Brannock's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1677A/PW1a  
f 10 (*Rendered 24 November*)  
(*Wardens of St Brannock's Store: Payments*)

...  
Item to the plears of Pylton iiij s iiij d.  
Item to Iamis & his company xiiij d...

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## 1565-6

*St Brannock's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1677A/PW1a  
 f 10v (*Rendered 23 November*)  
 (*Wardens of St Brannock's Store: Payments*)

...

first ale

...Item to the players of Pylton

iiij s iiij d...

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...

## 1573-4

*St Brannock's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1677A/PW1a  
 f 16v (*Rendered 27 November*)  
 (*Wardens of St Brannock's Store: Payments*)

...

Item geven in drynck to Iames Crowne & his men  
 when they playid their Enterlude

xij d. 15

...

## 1628

*Braunton Visitation Book* DRO: 1677 A/PW5  
 p 61 (*10 June*)

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...

William Budd nuper  
 gardianus ibidem

for not presenting some which plaied  
 in the Churchyerd at time of devin  
 seruice though he were made acquainted  
 therwith by the vicar vt patet in  
 literis vicarij.

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## CHAGFORD

## 1537-8

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A/PW3  
 p 211 (*Wardens of the Church Store: Allowances*)

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...

...Et de viij d solutis henrici Trepe prouiniendo cum Iohanne Cole  
 le herper circa parochiam ...

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6/ first ale of two ales

34/ henrici for henrico; prouiniendo for proueniendo (?)

## 1545-6

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A/PW4  
 p 36 (Rendered 10 January)  
 (Wardens of the Church Store: Allowances)

...Item payed Warryng ffor playeng at Whyettsonday viij d ... 5

## 1554-5

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW1  
 f 7 (Rendered 7 April) (Young Men's Guild) 10

The accompte of the yongemen off the parysche of Chagfford Iohn Northcott and other for the howde made the vij<sup>th</sup> day of Aperell yn the yere and Raygne of phylepp and marye Kyng and quene of yngland the first & second for one holle yere before past. 15

There Reseytte ys Clere

x s

...

## 1555

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW1 20  
 f 8 (Rendered 20 December) (Church Receivers' Receipts)

...Item of Iohn Northcutt And other Roben Howde ys Company /  
 x s/ ...

...

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## 1555-6

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW1  
 f 273 (Rendered 22 February) (Hoodsmen's Account: Expenses) 30

The accompte of Robard lopass Iohn frend and other of the howde ys men of the parysche of Chagford made the xxij<sup>th</sup> day of ffebreary yn the yere of owre lord god 1556/ for one holle yere be forre past ...Item of iiij s payd for ij Cotes ...

...

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## 1557-8

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW1  
 f 19v (Rendered 12 February) (Hoodsmen's Account) 40

The accompte of Iohn Newcomb Iunior and other of the howddes

men with yn the parysche [f] of Chagfford made the xij day of febreary  
yn the yere of owre lord god 1558 for one holle yere be forre past.

There holle Ressyettes Ys Clere

xxiiij s iiij d

...

5

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW1  
f 283 (Rendered 26 January) (Hoodsmen's Account: Receipts)

The accompte of Roberd lopas Iohn penycott and of other of the  
howdde ys men yn the parysche of Chaygford made the xxvj day of  
Ianewary yn the yere of owre lord god 1558 for the yere of owre  
lord god 1557

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...

...Item of vj s viij d for the howddes Cote ...

...

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#### 1558-9

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW1  
f 20 (Rendered 15 January) (Accounts of the Four Men: Receipts)

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Item of Robert Lapas howdde þat yere

xx s viij d

Item of Iohn Newcomb Iunior & other owddes  
men that yere

xxiiij s iiij d

...

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#### 1559-60

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW1  
f 24 (Rendered 14 January) (Church Receivers' Receipts)

...

Item of Iohn [Newcomb(.) Iunior] 'Row' & other hys  
felowys howdesmen

v s.

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...

#### 1563-4

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW2  
f 5\* (Rendered 23 April) (Hoodsmen's Account: Receipts)

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The accompte of Nycollas peryman & otheres of hys Companye the  
howdes men made the xxij day of aperell yn the yere of owre lord  
god 1564 for one holle yere be forre past

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Ressevyd for ale sold thatt yere xlv s  
Summa

xlvs

...

### 1564

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW2  
f 296c (*Rendered 20 December*) (*Receipts*)

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...

Item of Iohn Newcomb & other howdesmen

iiij li ix d

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f 296c v (*Expenses*)

...Item of iiij s v d wyche Rest yn the handes of Iohn ffrend vppon  
the accompte of Iohn [Io] Newcomb beyng howde ...

...

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f 303 (*Receipts*)

...

Item of Nycollas peryman & other howdes men

xlvs

...

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### 1587-8

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429A add/PW3  
f 32\* (*December - December*)

(*Young Men's or Hoodsmen's Account: Payments*)

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...

bestowed in dringke for helping home of the sommerrode

xvj d

...

payed for the Iesteres 'shooes'

ii s iiiij d

...

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Somme sollut (...) iiij li. xviiij s x d

Nota there restey (...) wherevppon the [yong] George Peryman [in]  
& others wer Chargyd with ys v li xj s [v] j d ' & a sylver arrow' &  
one [Sumer (...) Somer Rodde] soe remaynyth to paye xij s ix d [one  
Sommer Rodde] 'Recevyd xviiij d' & a sylver arrowe wheref  
Barnabe hore paide in his accoumpt vij s iiiij d so remayneth v. s 5. d  
& the siluer arrow

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## CHUDLEIGH

1561

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 5\* (*Rendered 12 February*)*(Account of Robin Hood and Little John)*

...

The Count of Robyn Hodde & Litle Iohn in the yere of our Lorde  
god .M.ccccc lxj 'the xij daye of february' Anno domini 1561

Recettes	In primis Received of theyr Gathering in the parishe	xx s	
	Item Received of the parishe	xl s	
	Item Received of William showbrocke	vj s viij d	15
	Item Received for our Alle Solde	iiij li.	
	Sum totall vj li. vj s viij d		

## Expences

In primis paid for the clothe of vij Cottess	xl s	20
Item paid for the Hoodess Cott cloth	xj s iiij d	
Item paid for the vyces cott	ij s	
Item paid for Sylke & bottonse for the same Cottess	vj s iiij d	
Item paid for sylke & whyplasse for the Hoodess Cott	iiij s	25
Item paid for making of ix Cottess	x s	
Item paid for the Cuckes wages & the brewsters	iiij s	
Item paid for A pere of shoves for the vyce	xvj d	30
Item paid for wrytting this Account	ij d	
Sum totall iiij li. xvij s j d.		
And so Remaynethe declare xliiij s vij d	finis	

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 6 (*Rendered 27 December*) (*Accounts of the Four Men: Receipts*)

...

Item Received of Robyn Hoode 'Richard pynson' xliiij s vij d

...

1568

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 44 (*Rendered 12 December*)*(Accounts of the Four Men: Allowances)*

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paid to the plears

xvj d

...

1569

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*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 50\* (*Rendered 12 December*)*(Accounts of the Four Men: Allowances)*

...

Item payd to the players

xvj d

...

1577

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

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DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 85\* (*Rendered 24 February*) (*Accounts of the Four Men: Expenses*)

...

Itm paide to v singinge men by consente of the reste

v s

...

25

1580

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 100\* (*Rendered 19 February*)*(Accounts of the Four Men: Payments)*

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Itm paide to Nycholas Sexson the singinge b<sup>a</sup>r'o<sup>l</sup>ye

x s

...

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1588

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 163\* (*Rendered 9 February*)*(Wardens of the High Store: Allowances requested)*

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...

Item payde vnto Hennocke for the parishe

xviii d

...

Item payd vnto hynnycke men for one Somerode

xviij d

...

1590

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

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DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 177 (*Rendered 22 February*) (*Accounts of the Four Men: Receipts*)

...

Item Receued of william woode for tow Summer Rodes

ij s

...

10

1594

*St Martin's and St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1

p 201\* (*Rendered 10 March*) (*Accounts of the Four Men: Payments*) 15

...

Item payd to one man that played with a pyck at the  
younge mens ale by consent

ij s s

...

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## COLYTON

1583

*Bishop's Audience Court Depositions* DRO: Chanter 858

ff 127v-30 (*19 July*)

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*Responsio personalis Roberti Tompson de Colyton etatis xxx<sup>ta</sup>  
annorum aut eo circiter vbi mansit ab incunabulis &c ad articulos sibi  
ministratos dicit in vim iuramenti sui vt sequitur. videlicet.*

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That [on] Iohn Blackmore [came vnto this respondent] and this  
respondent three daies before ascention daie last past met together at  
the saide Blackmores house in Coliton where Blackmore tolde this  
respondent that he had bespoken certen pieces of gonnes and other  
Chamberes at Seaton against [assentio] the tyme they l were to be  
vsed which was Ascention daye following and prayed him this rondent  
that he would take the paynes to trawayle with his horse vnto Seaton  
and fette the sayd Chambers and bring them vnto the forsaid  
Blackmores house. Wherupon this respondent graunted and [did bring  
the said peces vnto Blackmores house] went vnto Seaton Whether

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within a short space the said Blackmore came and mett with this  
*respondent* and helped him to lode the said gonnes. and after he had  
 so donne this *respondent* by the said Blackmores appoyntment  
 brought them to Blackmores house in Coliton and vnladid them at  
 his dore. And on Ascention daye [last] following the said Peces were  
 planted on the Church of Coliton but by whome he knoweth not  
 yet he verely beleueth the said Blackmore to bee the doer therof. And  
 afterwardes vpon misliking of this action by some of the parish the  
 said Blackmore tooke them downe and caryid them to his house. and  
 aboute xij of the clock at noone the same day brought one of them  
 and placed him a quoytes cast from the Church dore in the  
 Churchyarde and shot him of and likewise after supper he brought  
 an other and placed him in the Churchyard as aforsaid *which* hee  
 shot of and brake in the discharge but did no harme eyther to the  
 people or to [the] any parte of the Churche And further this *respondent*  
 saith that neyther he nor the sayd Blackmore were at morning prayer  
 the same tyme, by meanes he applyed his markett and that the | said  
 Blackmore was absent only in setting forth that play then in hande.  
 Also he saith that the same day at the end of morning prayer there  
 came into the Churche yarde of Coliton certen persons to the number  
 of an C with a minstrell and horses coverd with white certin 'young  
 men' '[children bo]' [women] ryding on them. And so went about  
 som part of the Churche yarde [al] and there shott of certen calyuers  
 without offence as this *respondent* thinketh et aliter nescit deponere  
 per me Robart  
 Tamson

Iohannes Blackmore alias Hellyer. confesseth this article to be trewe  
 in euery parte saving that after he had placed the Chambers on the  
 leads of Colyton Church and that his doing, 'was' misliked he tooke  
 them downe againe and caryid them to his house and at xij of the  
 clock, 'in the after noone of the same day' brought onely one pece  
 into the midle of the Church yard and there dischargid him to the  
 hurt of none present nor any parte of the Church or windowes.  
 likewise after supper when the youth had dischargid their calyuers  
 in the Church yarde this *respondent* brought one other chamber and  
 placed him against an Ash in the Church yarde and | there in dis-  
 charging of him the same burst in peces yet to no harme at alle wherof  
 he thanketh god. ferther saith that the same day he was absent from  
 his Church in the for noone being applyed in repaying the Queenes

artyllrye and ordynance wherin he hath bene traynid and vsed  
 hertofore in that seruice but saith in the after noone he was at all seruice  
 as became him ferder saith that those may gamis Done by young  
 women and other in the Church yard was [vo] vnknownen to this  
 respondent for they came after all the shoting was ended. And ther  
 in was no doer at all but touching the collection saith he only askid  
 the deuotion of the beholderes if they would contrybute any thing  
 towardes their charge in powdre <sup>of</sup> whome he found som willing  
 who gaue ij d and 4 d and so <co>llected as he thinketh the somme  
 of ij s viij d and not aboue et aliter negat articulum continere veritatem  
 °further he being examined what office he hath about the vsing and  
 repaying the Queenes artyllery saith he hathe none nor had not at  
 the tyme aforsaide°

(signed) Iohn blacke more

Because it ipeared vnto my Lord Bishoppe by the informacion of  
 William westofer Constable of Coliton Iohn Searle Iohn Macye and  
 Iohn Whicker inhabitantes there as also by the confession of Iohn  
 Blackmore alias Hellier and Roberte Tomson of Coliton aforsaid that  
 vpon thascencion day last past. the said Iohn Blackmore and Robert  
 Tomson kepte them selues from the Church and behaued them selues  
 vnsemelye abroade in and aboute the tyme of Colyton during the  
 tyme of morninge prayer to the greate disturbance of the  
 Congregacion in the Church there assembled ideo dictus Reuerendus  
 pater eisdem Iohanni et Roberto penitenciam publicam iniunxit in  
 ecclesia de Coliton forma communi peragend die dominico proximo  
 videlicet they shall com into the Church at the begining of service  
 and there shall remayne vntill the ende of the Ghospell in a White  
 shete bare heded and bare legged from the knee downewarde havinge  
 a paire of showes on their feete and a white rod in their handes et  
 ad certificandum veneris post &c

Girmyn Registrarius

schedula

Good people. wheras vpon Ascention daie last past we did with draw  
 our selues from dyvine seruyce vsing and behauing our selues during  
 all that tyme very vnsemely and Vnreuerently to the greate disquiet  
 and disturbance of the whole congregacion there assembled for the

22/ tyme for towne

26/ peragend for peragendam

31/ die omitted before veneris

seruing of god which was also to the evell example of christian people  
for the which we are hartily sory and do prey god to forgiue vs and  
desire you here present to pray for vs promysing hensforward neuer  
to do the like againe.

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## CREDITON

1581-2

*Warden's Account for Corporation of Crediton*

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DRO: 1660 A/41

mb 4

Paymenttes to Rynggers for ye Quenes Maiestie, And to others for  
sundry thinges as more at Lardge it may. appeare†  
...Also paid for beardes and other thinges occupied by ye  
Schollers in playeng of theyr Tradeges & Commodies in  
ye Schoule this yere

15

x s....

## DARTMOUTH

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1494-5

*St Saviour's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 61218mb 1 (*Rendered 22 November*) (*Costs and expenses*)

25

Item paid to George for payntyng of the clothes for the  
play on Ester day

viiij d

...

1528-30

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*Mayors' Accounts* DRO: DD 61322f 2 (*Costs and expenses*)

Item pade to the kynges Iogelar

iiij s iiij d

35

Item pade to the Wates of exeter by the consell of  
my brederen in Rewarde

iiij s iiij d

...

Item pade to the kynges playares by the atvyce of my  
bredern for thare Rewarde

iiij s iiij d

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f 3

...

Item pade to the Wates of exeter by the consent  
of my bredyrn

iij s iiij d

...

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## 1531-3

*Mayors' Accounts* DRO: DD 61330

mb 1

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Item paid to the Waites of Exeter in my first yere by the  
commaunderment of the towne

iij s iiij d

...

## 1533-4

*St Saviour's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 61333

mb 1 (*External receipts*)

...

15

Item recevid of Weysey ffor the gethering  
mony of Seynte george

iiij s

20

...

## 1540-1

*St Saviour's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 61341

mb 2d (*Warden of the High Altar*) (*Expenses*)

...

25

Item for the skowryng of .S. georges swerd & salett

vj d

...

## 1541-2

*St Saviour's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 61342B

mb 1d (*Warden of the High Altar*) (*Expenses*)

...

30

Item for skowryng of .S. georges Sallet & þe small  
Candelstykes in þe church

vj d

35

...

## 1551-2

*St Saviour's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 61391

f [3] (*Rendered 12 December*) (*Payments and charges*)

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Item payed to mestrells/ the Kings maiestes servants a



mighel mas daye for a Reward a mountes

v s

...

### 1552-3

*St Saviour's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 61391A  
mb 3 (*Payments for wages and other costs*)

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...

Item paide to Iohn Iackeman to delyuer to the  
players at Churche

x s

...

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### 1558-9

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002  
f 62 (*Allowances*)

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15

Item to Mr Mayor for a rewarde to my  
Lorde Awdeles mynstrelles

iiij s iiiij d

...

f 63v

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...

Item paid to the mynstrelles of brystoll

ij s vj d

...

### 1559-60

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002  
f 66 (*Expenses*)

25

...

Item paid to my Lorde Dudleyes seruantes  
for playeng an enterlude

xiiij s iiiij d

30

...

f 67

...

Item paid vnto My Lorde bysshoppes seruantes  
for playeng an enterlude

vj s viij d

35

...

### 1560-1

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002  
f 69 (*Expenses*)

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...

Item paid to the players that were Mr henry

fortescues *seruntes*

vij s

...

Item paid to the players yat came from totnes

vj s viij d

Item paid vnto the quenes Maiesties players

xx s

Item for wyne &amp; suger after ther playe

iij s ij d

5

...

f 69v

...

Item paid vnto the players that came from tottnes

v s

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...

f 70

Item paid vnto Mr Richard fortescues *seruntes* at ther playen here the last of Ianuary

vj s viij d

15

...

## 1562-3

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002

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f 73 (*Expenses*)

...

Item to the quenes plays &amp; for the bankett

xxvj s

...

25

## 1563-4

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002f 75 (*Expenses*)

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Item to the Waytes of execeter

vj s viij d

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...

## 1564-5

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002f 78 (*Expenses*)

35

...

Item pd to hym that played the fowle in maye

xij d

Item to the quenes plays for ther rewarde

xv s x d

...

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f 79

...

Item paid to the Lorde of hundesdons *seruntes*

beyng players x s viij d  
...

1565-6

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002 5  
f 81 (*Expenses*)

...  
Itm to the waytes of brystoll vj s viij d  
...

f 82v 10

...  
Itm to players vij s  
...

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1566-7

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002  
f 84v (*Expenses*)

...  
Itm to the lorde montioye seruantes x s 20  
...

1567-8

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002 25  
f 89 (*Expenses*)

...  
Itm to the players of tottnes —li. 5 s  
...

f 89v 30

...  
Itm for caryng of bordes to the curche for the players —li.—s 3

...  
Itm to the players the ij<sup>do</sup> of august —li. 13 s 4  
...

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27/ l and a of players run together  
32/ curche: St Saviour's Church

## 1568-9

*Account of the Collector of Rents* DRO: SM 2002f 92v (*Expenses*)

...

Itm pd to Laurence Iamys for mynstrelles & to the  
flatcher for goyng to exceter

—li. 2 s 4

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...

Itm to the pleyers

—li. 10 s

...

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f 93

...

Itm to the players

—li. 10 s

...

Itm paid to the quenes players

—li. 15 s 15

...

f 93v

...

Itm to the players

—li [6 s 8] ʳ13 s 4ʳ 20

...

## 1569-70

*Receivers' Accounts* DRO: DD 61448f [3] (*Payments*)

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...

paid vnto my Lorde of Leasters men the plaid at church  
xxx of Iulie

j li

...

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## 1573-4

*Receivers' Accounts* DRO: DD 61460f [3] (*Payments*)

...

paid to holland of Totnes for a playe the first of ffebruary 00—06—08 35

...

f 4

...

paid to Iohn treherne for the tombler the 6 of may

00—04—00 40

...



## DARTMOUTH 1579-1604

1579-80

*Receivers' Accounts* DRO: DD 61503Af [2] (*Expenses*)

...

Item payd to my Lord of darbye is pleares

—li 5 s 5

...

1588

*Borough Court Books* DRO: SM 1986

f 429 (15 April)

10

Item presentant that the [minstrells] 'Taylors' which dwelleth at ye  
vose in Mr Babbes howse kepeth Ile rule with minstrells and causeth  
mens servantes to resort there at vnlawfull tymes

...

15

f 429v

...

Item presentant that Mathewe Shere kepeth a harper which is his  
Wieffe brother which maketh & kepeth bade rull

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...

1592-3

*Receivers' Accounts* DRO: DD 61583f [4v] (*Payments*)

25

Item by mr maiors appointment vnto players

x s

...

1598-9

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*Receivers' Accounts* DRO: DD 61619f [3] (6 November) (*Payments*)

...

for somytche gyven to the Queens Pleayers in benevolens 000 10—

...

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1604

*Borough Court Books* DRO: SM 1987

f 177 (6 April)

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Item presentant that Iohn Iames the harper doth keepe badd rule with  
mens servantes in keeping of them at night tyme, in his house, and

in goeing in vnlawfull howers himselfe in the night tyme °in  
*misericordia*°

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1608-9

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*Receivers' Accounts* DRO: DD 61763

f [5] (*Payments*)

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Item paid the Queenes players by mr Maiors order 000—10—00

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1633-4

*Mayors' Accounts* DRO: DD 62560

f [5] (*Payments*)

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In primis given vnto the kings players

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June 5th

paid the Kings players

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1634

*Judgments against the Dartmouth Maypole*

Henry Burton: *A Divine Tragedie*

pp 9-10

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Example 16.

At Dartmouth 1634. upon the coming forth and publishing of the  
 book for sports, a company of youngers on May-day morning before  
 day, went into the countrey, to fetch home a May pole with Drumme  
 and Trumpet, whereat the neighbouring Inhabitants were affrighted,  
 supposing some enemies had landed to sack them, the Pole being  
 thus brought home, and set up, they began to drink healths about  
 it, and to it, till they could not stand so steady as the Pole did,  
 whereupon the Major and Justice bound the ringleaders over to the  
 Sessions, whereupon these complaining to the Archbishops Vicar  
 Generall, then in his visitation he prohibited the Justices to proceed  
 against them in regard of the Kings book. But the Justices acquainted  
 him, they did it for their disorder, in transgressing the bounds of the  
 book, hereupon these libertines scorning at Authority, one of them  
 fell suddenly into a Consumption, where-|of he shortly after died;

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\*Deut. 28, 22.

now although this revelling was not on the Lords day, yet being upon any other day and especially May-day, the May-pole set up thereon, giving occasion to the prophanation of the Lords day the whole yeer after it was sufficient to provoke God, to send plagues and judgements among them.

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Example 17.

In the same year 1634. and in the same Shire, one Edward Amerideth a Gentleman, having been pained in his feet, and being upon his recovery, whereupon one said unto him, he was glad to see him so nimble. Amerideth replied, that he doubted not, but to daunce about the May-pole the next Lords day: But behold the hand of the Lord, for before he moved out of that place, he was smitten with such a feeblenesse of heart, and dizziness in his head, that desiring help to carry him to an house, he died before the Lords day came, so fearfull it is to fall into the hands of the living God.

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1634-5

*Mayors' Accounts* DRO: DD 62604

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f [3] (20 August) (*Disbursements*)

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mor to players þat Came with a commission, that they might not troble þe towne

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EXETER

1327

*Exeter Cathedral Inventory* EUL: D & C Exeter MS 3671

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p 14 (3 September)

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...Item vna parua tunica pro Episcopo puerorum

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1361-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item dato hominibus seruientibus domini Principis vocatis

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Trompours precepto Maioris dimidio marce ...

### 1362-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

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...Item soluto Iohanni Beare Wayte per annum xiiij s iiij d ...

### 1363-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

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mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Iohanni Beare Wayte pro seruicio suo pro dimidio anno  
dimidium marce ...

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### 1364-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1\* (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Petro Wayte dimidium marce

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...Item soluto Petro Wayte xiiij s iiij d

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### 1365-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

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mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Petro Bylewyne Wayte Ciuitatis predictae xiiij s iiij d  
pro dimidio anno ...

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### 1366-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Thome Wayte pro feodo suo per annum xxvj s viij d

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## 1367-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Thome Wayte pro feodo suo xxvj s viij d

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## 1368-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Fees paid*)

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...Item soluto Thome Wayte pro feodo suo xxvj s viij d

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mb 2 (*External expenses*)

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...Item soluto Ministrallis die Mercurij in septimana Pentecostes  
quando homines Ciuitatis ostenderunt armas coram Comite Deuonie  
x s Item eisdem die sabati proximo ante festum sancti Augustini pro  
eodem xij d ...

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## 1369-70

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Fees paid*)

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...Item soluto Thome Wayte pro feodo suo per annum xxvj s viij d

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## 1370-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

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mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Thome Wayte pro feodo suo per annum xxvj s viij d

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mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item in dono Ministrall' domini Principis x s ...

17/ die Mercurij ... Pentecostes: 23 May 1369

19/ die sabati ... festum sancti Augustini: probably 19 May 1369 (Augustine of Canterbury);  
possibly 25 August 1369 (Augustine of Hippo)

## 1371-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Thome Wayte pro feodo suo per annum xxvj s viij d 5  
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## 1372-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

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...Item soluto Thome Wayte pro feodo suo per annum xxvj s viij d  
...

## 1373-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

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...Item soluto Thome Wayte pro dimidio anno xiiij s. iiij d  
...

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## 1380-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*External payments*)

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...Item soluto fustulatoribus equitantibus erga Comitem cantabriggie  
xx d ...

## 1384-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1\* (*Gifts and grants*)

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...In vj lagenis vini emptis de Henrico Holle & datis fratribus  
Predicatoribus & Minoribus venientibus ad processionem iiij s ...

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## 1385-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...In vj lagenis vini rubij datis fratribus predicatoribus & Minoribus pro  
processione eorum in die corporis christi iiij s ... 40

## 1386-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item fratribus predicatoribus & minoribus venientibus ad  
prossesions per preceptum Maioris iiii s ...

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*Chapter Act Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3550

f xxi

Decretum  
fforn vicarij  
& sociorum  
suorum

Memorandum quod dominus Iohannes <sup>fforn</sup> vicarius <sup>fforn</sup> in  
ecclesia Cathedrali Exoniensis fuit vocatus ad diem sabbati in crastino  
festi Apostolorum Petri & Pauli videlicet vltimum diem Iunij anno  
domini &c. lxxxvj<sup>to</sup> super contemptu eo quod idem dominus Iohannes  
dum matutinis in vigilia dicti festi solempnibus interfuisset prout  
Canonici ac Vicarij consocij sui & ceteri ministri predictae ecclesie  
eisdem interfuerunt de suis <sup>[in]</sup> insolencijs <sup>[solencijs]</sup> & excessibus  
non erubescens quoddam lignum in Cimiterio dicte ecclesie Exoniensis  
inter laicos ludendo proiecit in dicte ecclesie Cathedralis & habitus  
sui magnum scandalum ac plurimorum tam clericorum quam laicorum  
malum exemplum qui quidem dominus Iohannes dicto die in domo  
Capitulari Exoniensis coram Presidente Capituli & Canonicis  
infrascriptis capitulariter congregatis personaliter comparens et  
objectis sibi premissis & per eundem tunc ibidem confessis. gracie  
Capituli se submisit super eisdem Vnde ijdem Presidens & Capitulum  
de eadem materia vltius tractantes consensu eorum expresso  
interueniente ordinarunt tunc ibidem quod quarta pars Salarij sui vnus  
termini quem recipiet a scaccario in vsus fabrice ecclesie pro isto primo  
delicto conuertatur et secunda vice/ si in aliquo maiori vel consimili  
de quo conuictus fuerit in euentu deliquerit/ tunc tertia pars salarij sui  
vnus termini in eundem vsum vt premittitur conuertatur. Et si tertia  
vice quod absit reus in huiusmodi repertus fuerit iuxta <sup>[form]</sup> formam  
statuti in hac parte proinde editi vicaria sua & obsequio suo omnino  
spolietur. Et ita contra omnes & singulos vicarios in eadem ecclesia  
si continget eosdem vel eorum aliquem infuturum delinquere vt  
premittitur iuxta facultatem delicti sui per Decanum & Capitulum  
consimiliter procedatur. presentibus tunc ibidem. Magistro Hugone  
Hickelyng Presidente Capituli. Bosoun Brokes Bridham Braybrokes.

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6/ prossesions for processionem (or perhaps prossesions is English word here)

Schillingford fferiby. Blacborne Povton. Pyl. & Broclond ac Magistro  
Iohanne More Notario publico & Robto Lyngham clerico

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### 1387-8

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item fratribus predicatoribus & minoribus venientibus ad  
processionem per preceptum Maioris iiij s ...

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(*External expenses*)

...In dono ad Mynstrell' domini Thome de Periehay per preceptum  
Maioris xij d ...

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### 1390-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item fratribus predicatoribus & Minoribus venientibus ad  
processionem per preceptum Maioris iiij s

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### 1391-2

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Iohanni Eget & socijs suis pro officio de Wayte hoc  
anno ex conuencione xxvj s viij d ...

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(*Gifts and grants*)

...Item fratribus predicatoribus & minoribus venientibus ad  
processionem iiij s ... [Item dato fratribus predicatoribus & minoribus  
Exoniensis ex precepto Mai (<....>) iiij s.]

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2/ Robto for Roberto



## 1392-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto Iohanni Eget & socijs suis pro officio de Wayte hoc 5  
 anno ex conuencione xxvj s viij d ...

## 1393-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

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...Item soluto Iohanni Eget & socijs suis pro officio de Wayte xxvj s  
 viij d ...

*(External expenses)*

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...Item soluto ffratribus predicatoribus & Minoribus in festo corporis  
 christi pro vino iij s.

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## 1394-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et postea allocant eidem iij s datos fratribus predicatoribus &  
 Minoribus in festo corporis christi ... 25

## 1395-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item fratribus predicatoribus & minoribus venientibus ad  
 processionem iij s

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mb 1d (*External payments*)

...Item Iohanni <.....> Piper pro pensione eorum essendi Waite isto  
 anno xx s ...

## 1396–7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item fratribus predicatoribus & minoribus venientibus ad  
processionem in festo corporis christi iiij s ex consuetudine

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## 1397–8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item fratribus minoribus & predicatoribus venientibus ad  
processionem in festo corporis christi iiij s ex consuetudine

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## 1398–9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item fratribus predicatoribus & minoribus venientibus ad  
processionem in festo corporis christi. iiij. s. ex consuetudine ... Item  
fustulatoribus Ducis Exoniensis. dimidium marce ... Item cuidam  
Trompet ad equitandum contra Ducem. vj. d....

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mb 1d (*External payments*)

...Item Iohanni Eget & socijs suis essendi Waites in Ciuitate. xxvj.  
s. viij. d....

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## 1400–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Gifts and grants*)

...Et de vj s viij d solutis iijbus fustulatoribus domini Regis ex dono ...

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*(External expenses)*

...Item fratribus predicatoribus & Minoribus pro processione in festo Corporis christi iiij s.

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## 1401-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1d (*Gifts and grants*)

...Et dato fustulator' ad monstrum xx d ... Item fustulator' Regis xij d  
... Item Nuncio & fustulator' Regis ij s viij d ...

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*(External expenses)*

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...Item soluto ad le Waytes pro eorum vestura xxvj s viij d ...

## 1402-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mbs 2-3 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item in j lagena potella vini misse fustulator' Comit' Somersete  
ix d ... Item computat soluto fustulator' predicti Comit' xij d ex dono  
per preceptum Maioris ... Item computat soluto pro j toga Alphonis  
Trompet per preceptum Maioris iiij s. Item in xl lagenis vini missis  
diuersis dominis tempore Regis & Regine existentium in villa xxvj s.  
viiij d.... Item in vna pipa vini rubij missa Regi & Regine tempore  
quo fuerunt Exoniense l s. Item computat soluto viij Minstrellis Regis  
xx s. eodem tempore Item dato seruientibus eorum vj s. viij d ex l  
precepto Maioris. Item dato vni heraundo Regis xx s. Item dato 'a  
lez' Ministrelles Comit' Somersete vj s viij d Item dato 'a lez'  
Ministrelles domini de Cameysse ex precepto Maioris iij s. iiij d Item  
dato alijs Minstrellis domini Thome Percy iij s. iiij d ... Item in xxvj  
capicijs de panno rubio & nigro datis predictis Minstrellis & alijs  
officiarijs domini Regis xxv s. iiij d ... Item in panno rubio & nigro  
empto & dato a lez Waytes pro nipis eis inde faciendis contra aduentum  
Regis & Regine ex precepto Maioris xviiij s. vj d

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23/ potella: & omitted before this word(?)

24/ predicti Comit'is: earl of Somerset

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Item soluto fratribus predicatoribus & Minoribus pro processione  
in festo Corporis christi iiij s....

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#### 1403-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluit a les Waytes pro robis suis ex precepto Maioris xxvj s.  
viiij d ...

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mbs 1d-2d (*External expenses*)

...Item fratribus Minoribus pro processione in l festo corporis christi  
iiij s....

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#### 1405-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*External expenses*)

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...Item computat soluto a lez ministralles domini Thome filij Regis  
ex precepto Maioris iij s. iiij d. Item a lez Ministralles domini Ducis  
Eboraci xx d Item a lez Ministralles domini de Louell xx d ... Item  
ffratribus predicatoribus & Minoribus pro processione in festo  
Corporis christi ex consuetudine &c iiij s.

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mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et allocatur eidem xxvj s viiij d pro robis trium Waytes per preceptum  
Maioris & Communitatis ...

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#### 1406-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*External expenses*)

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...Item soluto fratribus predicatoribus & fratribus Minoribus pro  
processione corporis christi ex consuetudine iiij s....



mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et eidem xxvj s. viij d pro robis de les Waites hoc anno....

1407-8

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item competat dato quatuor fustulatoribus domini Regis ad Festum Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste vj s viij d ... Item computat dato fustulator' domini Principis ad festum sancti Petri quod dicitur Aduincula per preceptum Maioris iij s. iiij d ...

(*External expenses*)

...Item in vij lagenis vini & quatuor panibus pro Maiore & socijs suis in domo fratrum predicatorum tempore ludi ibidem v s.... Item soluto fratribus Minoribus & fratribus predicatoribus pro precessionem faciendam in festo Corporis christi ex consuetudine iiij s....

1408-9

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item soluto fustulator' domini Principis Anglie ex dono. per preceptum Maioris iij s. iiij d. Item soluto fustulator' domini Thome filij Regis Anglie ex dono per preceptum Maioris. xxd ...

(*External expenses*)

...Item fratribus Minoribus & predicatoribus pro precessionem faciendam in die Corporis christi ex consuetudine iiij s.

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1409-10

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item dato a les ministrallis domini Comitum Somersete precepto

9/ competat for computat

18/ precessionem for processione

26-7/ domini Thome filij Regis Anglie: Thomas of Lancaster, later duke of Clarence

31/ precessionem for processione

Maioris iij s iiij d ... Item soluto fustulatoribus domini de la Souch ex dono xij d. Item soluto fustulatoribus Ciuitatis pro equitacione die lune in Crastino festi Pentacostes ex dono xij d.... Item soluto fustulatoribus Ducis Eboraci ex dno xij d Item soluto fustulator' domini Regis ex dono xx d ...

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mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Item solutis Thome Wode Trompet in die Corporis christi equitantis per villam per preceptum Maioris ij. s ... Item solutis fratribus Minoribus & predicatoribus in festo Corporis [christi] pro processione ex consuetudine iiij s....

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### 1410–11

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

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mb 2\* (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item soluto administrall' domini de Camys ex dono per preceptum Maioris xij d ...

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(*External expenses*)

...Item soluto fratribus Minoribus & predicatoribus pro processione in festo Corporis [christi] ex consuetudine iiij s....

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mb 2d\* (*Final adjustments*)

...Et eidem vj s viij d solutis administrallis domini principis Ducis Clarancie & domini Iohannis filij Regis ex dono....

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### 1411–12

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item soluto administral' die lune in septimana Pentacostes ex preceptu Maioris xx d ...

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4/ dno for dono

9/ equitantis for equitanti

29/ domini Iohannis: John of Lancaster, later duke of Bedford

35/ die lune in septimana Pentacostes: 23 May 1412

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Item soluto fratribus predicatoribus & minoribus<sup>1</sup> pro processione sua in festo Corporis christi ex consuetudine iiij. s....

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mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et eidem xij s iiij d solutis per Maiorem diuersis administrallis ad Ciuitatem venientibus per annum ex dono....

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## 1412-13

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item compotat soluto fustulator' ad fustulandum coram maiore & socijs suos in festo Pentacostes ij s Item compotat soluto fustulator' domini Regis ex precepto Maioris. xx d ... Item soluto administrall' Comit' Arundell ex dono. xij d ...

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mb 1d (*External expenses*)

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...Item soluto fratribus minoribus & predicatoribus Exoniensis pro processione in festo Corporis christi ex antiqua consuetudine. iiij s ...

## 1413-14

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 1/2 Henry vmb 38d\* (*18 June*)

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... Cum ab antiqua Consuetudine quidam ludus ad festum Corporis christi annuatim in Ciuitate Exoniensis ludi consuevit vsque ad modicum tempus iam elapsam quod Maior & Communitas eiusdem Ciuitatis pro maiori comodo & honore eiusdem ex vnanimi consensu & assensu inter se ordinarunt quod ludus predictus ludi deberet annuatim die Martis in septimana Pentecostes Et Maior & Communitas qui nunc sunt prefixissent & statuissent diem ludi illius ludendi scilicet diem Martis in septimana Pentecostes ultimo preteritum et quod de qualibet arte eiusdem Ciuitatis duo tres vel quatuor de qualibet arte habere deberent certas parcelas ludi illius vocatas pagentes Et inuenirent lusoires ad numerum sufficientem ad paictos predictos ludendos sumptibus suis proprijs et certi paicti &

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panelli de ordinale ludis *predicti* extracti in scriptis quibusdam Iohanni Benet & Willelmo ffrenssh & alijs vt Magistris Capitalibus artis pellipariorum per petrum Sturte adtunc Maiorem ex assensu Communitatis *predicte* ad ludendum ludum *predictum* iuxta porcionem & effectum paictorum & panellorum *predictorum* liberati fuerunt ad quem diem Martis & antea idem Iohannes Benet accessit ad diuersos lutores ad panellos & paictos dicte artis pellipariorum & aliarum arcium ludendos assignatos & eos procurauit abectauit quod ipsi panellos illorum ludere non deberent Et die illo diuersos panellos alias Speches dictis pelliparijs assignatos & in custodia ipsius Iohannis pro ludo *predicto* ludendo existentes penes se retinuit Ita quod duo paicti & panelli de arte dictorum pellipariorum ad diem illum ludendi remanserunt in obprobrium tocius Ciuitatis & contemptum Maioris & tocius Communitatis *predicte* & contra ordinacionem *predictam*/ et instanter eodem die ludo *predicto* nondum perluso Maior *predictus* dictum Iohannem Benet de defectu *predicto* alloquebatur & ab eo pecijt / quare sic ludum *predictum* impediuit & tale obprobrium Maiori & Communitati fecit/ qui ei respondit derisorie & vultu derisorio dorsum suum erga eum vertendo dixit/ Parde a man shall nocht be an hange with outhe onsser/ Et sic contemptuose & derisorie ab eo recessit/ Et super hoc communi rumore & clamore eidem Maiori per Communitatem dicte. Ciuitatis de dictis obprobrio & contemptu factis prefatus Iohannes Benet in plena Curia Ciuitatis *predicte* apud Exoniensem tenta isto die lune proximo ante festum Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis henrici quinti post conquestum secundo de & super premissis allocutus humiliter inde se submisit gracie eiusdem Maioris &c

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item soluto administrallis dominorum Willelmi Hankeford & Ricardi Hankeford ex dono. xij d Item administrallis domini de Camys. & domini Ricardi fratris Ducis Eboraci ex dono. xij d Item administrall' domini Ducis Eboraci ex dono. xij d ... Item administrall' domini Comitis de arundell die electionis Maioris ex dono xij d ...

1/ ordinale for ordinali

1/ ludis for ludi

8/ procurauit: et omitted after this word

8/ abectauit for abettauit



mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Item compotat soluto fratribus minoribus & predicatoribus Exoniensis pro processione in festo Corporis christi ex antiqua consuetudine. iiij. s....

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(*Gifts and grants*)

...Item soluto vno aministrallo domini Comitis sarisberiensis ex dono iiij d ... Item soluto iiij<sup>or</sup> administrallis domini Regis ex dono iij s iiij d 10  
Item soluto pro vno Iantaculo dato eisdem. xx d ... Item soluto administrallis dominorum Comitum Eboraci & Sarisberiensis ex dono. xij d. Item soluto pro vna cena data eisdem & seruientibus suis vj d ... Item dato administrall' domini Comitis de Dorseta. ij s....

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1414-15

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item dato administrall' in festo Pentacostes xx d ... Item dato cuidam 20  
Elfanius Clarinere ad idem tempus iiij d Item dato cuidam alio administr' existenti ibidem per septimanam viij d Item dato vno alii administr' de Arundell xx. d ... Item in vestura pro les Waytes xxvj s viij. d. ex dono. &c.

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mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Item soluto fratribus minoribus & predicatoribus Exoniensis pro processione in festo Corporis christi. iiij. s....

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1415-16

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item dato ministrall' domini Mautreuers ex dono. iiij. d ... Item 35  
dato. duobus ministrallis fustulantibus coram Maiore & socijs 'suis' in nocte festi Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste transeuntibus per Ciuitatem. xij. d. Item dato Iohanni Rous harper eadem nocte causa

9/ vno for vni

20/ in festo Pentacostes: 19 May 1415

21/ idem tempus: mayor's annual perambulation

21/ alio for alii

22/ vno for vni

*supra viij. d ... Item dato administrall' domini Ducis Clarancie. xij d ... Item dato administrall' domini Comitis Huntyngdon. iiij. d ... Item dato Iohanni lynde & Hanys administrallis Ciuitatis. pro eorum vestura. xvij. s. x. d ...*

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mb 2

*...Item dato administral' ad cenam in domo Maioris iiij d ... Item dato alfons Ministrallo iiij d ... Item dato Ministrallis domini Comitis Deuonie & domini de Powes xij d ... Item dato Ministrall' domini Hugonis de Courtenay vj d Item dato Ministrall' domini Berkeley viij d ...*

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mb 1d (*External expenses*)

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*...Item soluto fratribus minoribus & predicatoribus pro processione in festo Corporis christi iiij. s ...*

1416-17

***Receivers' Account Rolls*** DRO, ECA

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mb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

*...Item dato duobus Ministrallis in presencia Maioris xij. d ... Item in vestura data Ministrallis Ciuitatis hoc anno xxvj s viij d ... [Item dato pro vino pane & vna pagena emendanda pro Ministrall' in Crastino festi Pentacostes xl d] ... Item dato vno Ministrallo in Crastino festi Pentacostes & pro tota septimana xij. d ...*

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mb 2

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*...Item dato Ministrall' domini Regis precepto Maioris ij s Item dato Ministrall' domini Comitis Deuonie xij d ... Item dato Ministrall' domini de Botriax. iiij. d ... Item dato fustillator' vj d ...*

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

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*...Item soluto fratribus Minoribus & predicatoribus pro processione in festo Corporis christi iiij s....*

25-7/ in Crastino festi Pentacostes: 31 May 1417

26/ vno for vni

## 1417-18

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...[Item dato vno Citheratori in domo Maioris per preceptum Maioris  
 iiij d] ... Item in vestura trium fustulorum <sup>^</sup> Ciuitatis<sup>^</sup> eisdem datis  
 xxvj s viij d ... Item dato Thome Claryner [pro] quando Maior &  
 socij sui venerunt de Conuiuio domini Episcopi iiij d ... Item dato  
 fustellatoribus domini de Botriax ex dono xl d [Item in vino dato  
 eisdem Ministrallis in domo Maioris xij d] ...

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mb 3

...Item dato Ministrallis Comitatis pro eorum labore in vigilia  
 Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste pro eorum labore ex dono xx d ...  
 Item administrall' domini Comitis Deuonie xx d Item dato Iohanni  
 Lynde equitanti versus Bristoll & pro conductione equi sui pro  
 administrallis querendis v s Item dato administrallis Ciuitatis  
 Exoniensis xx s ... Item dato administrall' domini ducis Clarancie xx d  
 Item dato vno Custodi leopardi domini Regis viij d Item dato  
 administrall' domini de Botriax xx d ...

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## 1418-19

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item dato administral' domini Comitis Deuonie. iiij. d ... Item dato  
 administral' domini Comitis Deuonie. xij. d ... Item dato administrallo  
 de Bristoll. iiij. d ... Item dato administrall' Ciuitatis. pro Maij.  
 introducendo ad festum Pentecostes xl. d. Item dato lusoribus qui  
 luserunt ante Maij. iiij. d ... Item in vino dato ijb<sup>us</sup> administrallis  
 cum [id] <sup>^</sup> hominibus<sup>^</sup> ire deberent ad mare. ij d ...

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mb 1d (*Necessary expenses*)

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...Item soluto administral' eadem nocte xij d ...

5,20/ vno for vni

14/ Comitatis for Communitatis

30/ ad festum Pentecostes: 4 June 1419

36/ eadem nocte: annual feast after the perambulation

## 1419-20

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*External expenses*)

...Item compotat soluto ffratribus predicatoribus Exoniensis pro processione in festo Corporis christi ex consuetudine. ij s ... 5

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et eidem xxvj s. viij d pro liberata adminstrallorum dicte Ciuitatis eisdem data hoc anno.... 10

## 1420-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item dato Ministrall' domini Comitis Warrwici xij d ...

(*External expenses*)

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...Item soluto Ministrallis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum labore eadem nocte xij d ...

## 1422-3

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item in expensis factis in vigilia Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste tam in administrall' quam in Cressanthes Ardentes coram Maiore tempore Spacij per Ciuitatem iiij s viij d ... Item in rewaro facto administral' domini Ducis Exoniensis vj s. viij d ... 30

(*External expenses*)

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Et de ij s solutis ffratribus predicatoribus Exoniensis pro processione in festo Corporis christi hoc anno Et de ij s. solutis ffratribus minoribus Exoniensis causa supra.

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mb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

De quibus allocantur eidem xij s. iiij d soluti administralis Ciuitatis Exoniensis per annum pro eorum pensione ex conuencione facta ...

1423-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item in vino dato Maiori & socijs suis & in Ministrall' & Crescentibus nocte diei festi Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste vj s ix d. ob ... Item dato administrallis domini Ducis Exoniensis xl d Item in vna lagena vini missa dictis administrallis ex dono. viij d ...

(*External expenses*)

...Item soluto ffratribus predicatoribus pro processione facienda in festo Corporis christi. ij s. Item soluto ffratribus minoribus causa supra ij s....

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1424-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item dato administrallis domini ducis Exoniensis vj s. viij d. Item datis dictis administralis alia vice ij s. iiij d. Item soluto pro liberatura data a les Waites Ciuitatis xxvj s. viij d....

1425-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mbs 1-2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item soluto Ministrall' domini Regis ex dono iij s iiij d Item soluto vno fatuo Iohannis hals Iusticiarij ex dono ij d ... Item soluto pro purgacione armorum vnus hominis portantis <sup>41</sup>le penon' xx d Item soluto ministrall' Ciuitatis. ex dono in die Monstri Maioris & Communitatis viij d Item dato vno homini portanti le penon coram Maiore eodem die vij d ... Item dato Ministrall' domini Regis ex dono. xl d Item Ministrall' domini Comitis Warrwici ex dono xij d ... Item dato Ministrall' dicti Comitis vj s viij d Item dato Ministrall' domini

41/ dicti Comitis: earl of Huntingdon

Ducis Exoniensis xl d [Item in I Iantaculo dato eisdem xij d] 'quia sine Warranto & in malum excemplum' ... [Item soluto diuersis Ministralis dictorum Iusticiariorum xx d] 'quia sine warranto & in malum excemplum' ...

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(External expenses)

...Item soluto pro vestura Ministrallorum Ciuitatis xxvj s viij d ...

## 1426-7

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**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 2\* (Gifts and grants)

...Item soluto quatuor administrallis domini Comitis de Stafford ex dono iij s. iiij d.... Item in pane & vino dato Maiori & socijs suis nocte diei festi Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste postquam spaciauerunt circa Ciuitatem iij s. v d. Item dato administralis Ciuitatis eodem tempore ij s. vj d. Item in sepe roson pro les Cressantes & pro factura eorundem & in quatuor hominibus locatis ad portandum illos ij s. ij d.... Item dato administrall' domini Comitis Warrwici iij s. iiij d.... Item dato administrall' domini Comitis Sarisberiensis iij s. iiij d.... Item dato lusoribus ludentibus lusum Robyn Hood xx d....

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## 1427-8

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 6/7 Henry VI  
mb 3d\* (13 October) (Waits' pledges)

Iustriones electi per Maiorem & Communitatem pro Anno instanti 30

Iohannes lynde

Hugo Baret

Iohannes Dawe

Et Iurati sunt Et remanent

plegii Iohannis lynde -

Ricardus ffarnam &

Ricardus Prewe

plegii hugo Baret - 35

Iohannes Stoklegh &

Ricardus Wylliam

plegii Iohannis Dawe -

Willelmus Cook &

Iohannes Derke 40

...

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item dato tribus ministrallis Ciuitatis pro liberata sua hoc 'Anno' 5  
 xxvj s. viij d Item dato ministrallis domini de Botriax per mandatum  
 Maioris xx d [Et in vino dato eisdem in domo Maioris xij d.] 'quia  
 sine warranto' ... Item compotat soluto Ministral' domini de  
 Hungerford ex dono xx d Item dato al' ministr'al' Comitis de Mortyn  
 viij d ... Item dato ministrall' domini Comitis Warrwici iij s. iiij d  
 Item ministrall' domini Regis ad festum aduinculam sancti Petri 10  
 ex dono x s. Item dato ministrall' domini Comitis Huntyngdon vj s.  
 viij d ... Item in ij lagenis vini datis ministr'al' domini Regis in domo  
 Maioris xvj d ... Item dato ministrall' domini Comitis Northumbrie  
 xl d ...

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1428-9

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item in dono tribus administrallis domini de Berkeley xij d... Item 20  
 soluto diuersis lusoribus pro luso ludendo ante ostium domus Maioris  
 ex dono xx d. Item soluto diuersis administrallis domini de Talbot &  
 Comitisse Deuonie ex dono xx d....

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mb 2 (*External expenses*)

...Item soluto administrallis domini Comitis Deuon domine de  
 haryngdon hugonis lutrell xij d ... Item soluto adminstrall' domini  
 de hungerford ex dono xij d.... Item soluto Olifaunt administrallo 30  
 ex dono iiij d.... Item soluto quinque admistrallis & vno whaferer ex  
 dono iiij s.... Item soluto administrall' dicti Comitis ex dono xx d....  
 Item soluto pro cepe roson & Ocom pro les Crescentes inde faciendis  
 in vigilia Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste ardendis ij s. ij d Item  
 soluto a les Waytes Ciuitatis eodem tempore xx d Item soluto alijs 35  
 diuersis administralis viij d. Item soluto pro vino eadem nocte vj s.  
 viij d....

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31/ admistrallis for adminstrallis

32/ dicti Comitis: earl of Huntingdon

## 1429-30

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item soluto administrall' domini Comitis Huntyngdonie diuersis 5  
temporibus per annum .xij s. viij d.... Item soluto administral' domini  
Comitis Warwici ex dono diuersis temporibus x s....

mb 2

...Item soluto vno stulto domini Cardinalis ex dono xx d.... Item soluto  
administral' domini de Berkele ex dono xx d.... Item soluto  
administral' domini de Talbot ex dono xij d.... Item soluto  
administrall' domini de Gloucester ex dono iij s. iiij d. ... Item soluto  
administrall' domini de Botriax ex dono xij d.... Item soluto 15  
administrall' domini de Hungerford ex dono. xij d.... Item soluto  
administralis ignotis ex dono xx d... Item soluto administral' domini  
Comitis Deuonie xij d.... Item soluto Alfanus trompet ex dono iiij d....

*(External expenses)*

... Item soluto pro cepe roson & filo pro lez Cressantes inde faciendis  
nocte festi Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste ante Maiorem  
ardentibus & pro hominibus locatis ad portandum ante Maiorem &  
socios suos. ij s. vj d. Item soluto administral' dicte Ciuitatis eadem 25  
nocte. xx d....

...

mb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...

... Et eidem xxvj s. viij d pro liberata data a les Waites hoc anno....  
Et eidem xxvj s. 'viij d.' pro factura de les scugons pro les Waites de  
argento factis hoc anno ...

## 1430-1

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 7/8 Henry VImb 18d (*30 January*)

...

Thomas Serle de Exoniense in Comitatu Deuonie bouchere in propria  
persona sua venit Et ponit se in gracia domini Regis eo quod occidit 40  
vnum taurum non fugatum contra communem ordinacionem dicte



Ciuitatis actenus optentam Et inuenit plegios de fine scilicet Ricardum  
Clemment & Ricardum Hedman &c

...

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item soluto vno administrallo dicti Comitis ex dono xx d.... Item  
soluta tribus administrallis domini Comitis Warrwici eodem tempore  
ex dono iij s. iijj d....

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mb 2

...Item soluto administral' domini de Hungerford ex dono xl d. Item  
soluta lusoribus ludentibus Natale Christi in Gihalda coram Maiore  
& socijs suis ex dono ij s. Item soluto administral' domini Botriax  
ex dono xx d. Item dato cuidam Histrioni domini Ducis Glocestrie  
cum eius famul' xliij d Item soluto administral' domini Comitis  
Deuonie ex dono xx d. Item soluto cuidam administrallo domini Ducis  
Westmorlandie xvj d Item soluto duobus administrallis dicti ducis alia  
vice ij s. Item soluto cuidam administrallo vocato Belasus cum famulo  
ex dono ij s.... Item in rewaro administrallis Ciuitatis eodem die per  
Maiorem xvj d ...

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mb 1d (*External expenses*)

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...Item compotat soluto pro vestura hustrionum Ciuitatis hoc anno  
xxvj s viij d ...

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**1431-2**

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2\* (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item in dono ad ministrall' domini Comitis Huntynghdonie xx d. 35  
Item in dono ad ministrall' domini de hongerford xx d.... Item soluto  
ad ministrall' domini de Talbot ex dono xl d. Item soluto ad ministrall'

8/ vno for vni

8/ dicti Comitis: earl of Devon

9/ eodem tempore: Easter

19-20/ domini Ducis Westmorlandie: for comitis; there was no duke at this time

22/ eodem die: 15 August 1431

domini de Soche ex dono xx d. Item ad ministrall' domini de Scrope ex dono xx d. Item in vigilia Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste soluto pro pane xvj d. Item in xxx lagenis vini eadem nocte xv s. Item dato eadem nocte vno cornuouel fustulario xx d. Item Iohanni Saverde & socijs suis fustularijs eadem nocte ex dono xx d. Item dato administrall' domini de Gloucestre xx d.... Item dato ad ministrall' domini Ducis eboraci xx d.... Item dato vno stulto domine Regine xx d.... Item soluto vno ad ministrallo de Taunton & socio suo xvj d....

(External expenses)

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...Item soluto pro vestura ad ministrallorum dicte Ciuitatis hoc anno xxvj s. viij d....

### 1432-3

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2\* (Gifts and grants)

...[Item eodem die in domo Maioris datis ministrall' iiij d] ... [Item lusoribus ludentibus in domo Maioris coram Maiore ex dono xvj d. 20  
Item die dominica ante festum Epiphanie domini ad ministrall' in domo Maioris existent' ex dono xij d.] ... Item in die Inuentionis sancte Crucis administrall' domini de Hongerford ex dono xx d.... [Item datis lusoribus ludentibus in Castro de la Tornment de Totyngham per Preceptum Maioris xx d.] ... Item datis administrall' domini 25  
Cardinalis anglie xx d. [Item administrall' domini de Botreaux ex dono viij d.] ... Item die veneris proximo ante festum sancti Andree Apostoli administrall' Willelmi Bonevill Militis ex dono ij s. [Item Eodem die administrall' Mauricij Berkelegh ex dono xij d.] ... Item in die sancti Andree apostoli datis administrall' domini Comititis Huntynghdonie ex 30  
dono xij d.... [Item die dominica post festum Concepcionis beate Marie ij<sup>bus</sup> administrallis Willelmi Botregan Militis ex dono viij d.] ...

mb 1d\* (Gifts and grants)

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...[Item in die Sancti Iohannis Euangeliste administrall' baronis de Oterrye ex dono vj d] ... Item eodem die ij ad ministrallis domini

4/ cornuouel for cornuo vel

4,7,8/ vno for vni

19/ eodem die: 10 February 1433

21/ ante festum Epiphanie: 4 January 1433

27/ die veneris... Apostoli: 28 November 1432

31-2/ die dominica... Marie: 8 December 1432

37/ eodem die: 14 January 1433

Comitis Deuonie ij s ... [Item xviiij die Ianuarij ij ad ministrallis domini Botreaux ex dono xij d.] ... Item die Martis post festum Inuencionis sancte Crucis vni administrallo domini Ducis eboraci ex dono ij s.... [Item ij administrallis domine Comitisse Westmorlandie xvj d.] ... [Item xiiij die Iulij cuidam administrallo domini Philippi Courtenay 5 ex dono xx d.] ... Item datis vno histrioni domini ducis Gloucestrie de rewarde xx d. Item datis ij<sup>bus</sup> histrionibus domini Comitis Warrwici de rewarde ij s. Item datis viij histrionibus domini ducis Bedfordie de rewarde vij s.... [Item datis Iohanni Broun histrioni Iohannis Copleston iiij d.] ... 10

## 1433-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

... Item viij<sup>o</sup> die Octobris dato ad ministrall' domini Ducis Bedfordie precepto Maioris xl d Item dato cuidam taberher predicti Ducis & cuidam Ricardo stulto domini Cardinalis xx d.... [Item dato ij<sup>bus</sup> administrallis Egidij Daubenay Militis precepto Maioris viij d.] ... [Item dato in ij<sup>bus</sup> administrallis domini de Brotreaux viij d] Item soluto 20 pro vestura Iohannis lynde & socijs sui hustrionum Ciuitatis ex dono vj s. viij d. Item dato Iohanni Trumpet & socio suo administrallis Philippi de Courtenay Chevalier precepto Maioris xij d.... Item dato Iohanni Broun ministrallo Iohannis Copleston in domo Maioris precepto Maioris iiij d.... Item iiij<sup>or</sup> hominibus portantibus iiij<sup>or</sup> 25 torticia de porta australi vsque domum presentoris ardentia coram domino Comite Deuonie ex dono iiij d. Item soluto pro ij<sup>bus</sup> libris & dj. cere in dictis torticijs expenditis ad idem tempus [xviiij d.] 'xv d.' ... Item in xxix lagenis ij<sup>bus</sup> quartis vini pro Maiore & Communitate Ciuitatis ambulanti cum Maiore in Vigilia Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste [xiiij s x d. (>.) &] 'xiiij s. iiij d. pro pane & vino' sic pro lagena 30 vj d. [Item in pane eadem nocte xij d.] Item in cepe roson & ocom pro lez cressantes ardentibus coram Maiore eadem nocte & socijs suis ambulantiibus circa Ciuitatem x d. Item in iiij<sup>or</sup> libris cere in torticibus ardentibus coram Maiore & socijs suis eadem nocte [ij s.] 'xx d.' Item 35 in hominibus locatis ad portandum lez cressantes & reparandum eosdem vj d. Item in ij<sup>bus</sup> hominibus locatis ad portandum ij torticia & j Geton eadem nocte coram Maiore & socijs suis vj d. Item in vno homine locato ad portandum Balles de talwe roson & ocom pro dictis cressantibus eadem nocte j d. Item dato ij<sup>bus</sup> ministrallis eadem nocte 40

euntibus coram Maiore & socijs suis xx d.... Item dato Iohanni Trumpet commoranti cum Philippo Courtenay equitanti erga Maiorem ij s.... Item dato iiij<sup>or</sup> ministrallis domini Ducis Bedfordie vj s. viij d....

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mb 3

...[Item dato Thome stulto domini Cardinalis precepto Maioris xx d.] Item dato ministrall' domine de Haryngdon xl d ... Item dato ministrallo vocato Duchisman ij d ... Item dato iiij<sup>bus</sup> ministrallis domini Comitis Huntyngdonie xl d ...

### 1434-5

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 13/14 Henry VI

mb 10d (6 December) (*Waits' pledges*)

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Manuceptores Iohannis Lynde vnus hustrionum Ciuitatis Exoniensis electi hoc anno	andro Thryng  Philippus Manscomb
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Histriones	Manuceptores Hugonis Baret alterius hustrionum Ciuitatis predicte electi hoc anno	Walterus Bugbroke  Iohannes Gylet
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Manuceptores Iohannis Dawe tercij hustrionum Ciuitatis predicte electi hoc anno	Iohannes Martyn  (blank)	25
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### 1438-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

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mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item <sup>33-4/</sup> soluto iiij Mynstrallis Comitis huntyngdonie<sup>1</sup> in vigilia sancte katerine virginis ex rewarde xl d [Et pro cena eorum ij s] ... Item soluto Iohanni lynde & socijs suis die lune in Crastino Pentecostes xx d Item soluto vno Trumpet Philippi Courtenay Militis eodem die vj d Item soluto vno Mynstrello eodem die iiij d Item soluto septem hominibus qui portauerunt le Maye eodem die xij d ...

33-4/ in vigilia...virginis: 25 May 1439

36,37/ vno for vni



mb 3

...Item soluto viij Trumpetys Comitis huntyngdon vj s viij d [Item  
 pro vna lagena vini data eisdem xij d] ... Item soluto ij administrallis  
 domini Episcopi de Duram xx d ... Item soluto iij administrallis Comitis 5  
 Somersedie xx d [& pro prandio eorundem xiiij d] Item soluto ij  
 claryners Domini Thome Rampston ij s in vigilia Natiuitatis sancti  
 Iohannis Baptiste Item soluto administrallis ville eodem die xx d ...  
 Item soluto quinque Minstrallis Domini Ducis Gloucestrie die  
 dominica proxima ante festum Exaltacionis sancte Crucis v s ... Item 10  
 soluto vno Ministrallo domini Episcopi die Iouis proxima post festum  
 Exaltacionis sancte Crucis xij d

1439-40

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 18/19 Henry VI  
 mb 8d (16 November) (*Wait's pledge*) 15

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Manucapcio Nicholaus atte hole & Willelmus Vndy manuceperunt  
 pro Willelmo Paynter vno administrallorum Ciuitatis  
 Exoniensis de bene se gerendo pro vno administrallorum 20  
 & de scuto Ciuitatis predicte sibi tradito saluo  
 custodiendo

...

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
 mb 4\* (*Gifts and grants*) 25

...Item soluto die Martis sexto die Septembris quinque Mynstrelles  
 domini nostri Regis ad domum Maioris ciuis ibidem existentibus  
 precepto Maioris .vj. s. viij.d.... 30

mb 4d

...Item soluto die lune proximo ante festum sancti Matthei Apostoli  
 cuidam Mynstrello Cancellarij domini Regis ad domum maioris 35  
 existentis precepto Maioris xx d.... Item soluto cuidam ministrallo  
 Baronis de Carrew ex dono. vj d....

9-10/ die dominica...Crucis: 13 September 1439

11/ vno for vni

11-12/ die Iouis...Crucis: 17 September 1439

29/ ciuis for ciuitatis(?)

34/ die lune...Apostoli: 19 September 1440

mb 2d (*External expenses*)

...Item soluto pro .ix. virgis de Canefas emptis & deputandis pro le May erga le Mayday precepto Maioris & sociorum suorum precio virge iiij d iiij s....

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### 1442-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item in sex hominibus locatis ad portandum le May die lune in septimana pentecostes ij s. Item in duobus hustrionibus locatis eodem tempore ij s. iiij d. Item in duabus libris Cere emptis pro duobus torticijs inde factis ad ardendum in vigilia Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste coram Maiore & Communitate xv d. Item in duobus hominibus locatis ad eadem torticia eodem tempore portanda iiij d. Item in wocombe & Roson pro stuffura de lez crescentys eodem tempore iiij d. Item in duobus hominibus locatis ad portandum lez crescentys ij d. [Item in duobus hustrionibus locatis eodem tempore vj d.] ...

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(*Necessary expenses*)

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...Et de viij s v d solutis pro panno lineo empto pro vno Olyfaunt inde faciendo die lune in festo pentecostes Et de vj d solutis pro factura eiusdem ...

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### 1443-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

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...Item in sex hominibus locatis ad portandum le May die lune in septimana pentecostes ij s....

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### 1445-6

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 24/5 Henry VI

mb 2d (11 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

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Plegij Administrallorum pro lez Scogennys Iohannes Clyston

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Ricardus Bradmore. Et per estimacionem (*blank*)

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item soluto pro robis trium ad ministrallorum xxvj s. viij d....

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1447-8

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...[Item dato administrall' domini Ducis Suffolcie vj s. viij d. Item dato administrall' domini Ducis Bukynghamie vj s. viij d.] ...

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1450-1

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2\* (*External expenses*)

...Item in iij togis emptis de Hugone Germyn pro administrallis Ciuitatis xx s....

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mb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et eidem v s pro le Brauderyng togorum ministrallorum Ciuitatis ...

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1453-4

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*External expenses*)

...

...Item in ij togis emptis pro administrallis Ciuitatis xiiij s. iiij d....

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1454-5

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Item soluto pro robis iij ffustulorum Ciuitatis hoc anno xxiiij s....

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...

## 1456–7

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 35/6 Henry VI  
mb 1d (4 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

Nota

...  
Manu captiores Iohannis Dowe Willelmi halyday & Iohannis agaunt  
electi in administrallis pro Ciuitate Exoniensis hoc anno videlicet pro  
lez Scogenys & de se in occupacione predicta in omnibus se bene  
gerendis &c Thomas kelly pro Willelmo Halyday. Et pro Iohanne  
agaunt Iohannes Barsaby Et pro Iohanne Dowe Willelmus hoigge

5  
10

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item in argento dato Carnific' Exoniensis pro le baytyng cuiusdam  
Tauri apud le boleryng ex antiqua consuetudine xij d.... [Item dato  
administrall' dicte ducis Exoniensis per preceptum Maioris & sociorum  
suorum vj s. viij d.] Item dato administrall' domini Ducis Exoniensis  
de rewardo per preceptum Maioris vj s viij d....

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(*Necessary expenses*)

20

...Item soluto hugoni Germyn pro togis administralorum Ciuitatis  
hoc anno xxvj s viij d ... Item in expensis factis circa reparacionem  
& emendacionem de le [May & le] Olyfaunt & le May die lune in  
septimana pentecostes vij s iiij d ...

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## 1457–8

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 36/7 Henry VI  
mb 1d (3 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

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Nota

...  
Nomina administrallorum Iohannes Dowe & Willelmus halyday pro  
hoc anno electi plegij pro Iohanne Dowe secundum consuetudinalem  
viam Iohannes Coteler & Iohannes Bobyche Item plegij pro dicto  
Willelmo haliday dicti Iohannes Coteler & Iohannes Bibiche

35

6,33/ electi for electorum

7/ second se unnecessarily repeated

24–5/ die lune ... pentecostes: 6 June 1457



*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 1d (*External expenses*)

Imprimis in ij togis emptis pro ffustulatoribus Ciuitatis hoc anno xvj s.  
iiij d....

...

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, ECA: DD 36766  
mb 31 (*Cash receipts*)

...Et de iij s v d receptis de incrementis pro I ludo ibidem ...

...

1458-9

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 37/8 Henry VI  
mb 1d (2 October) (*Wait's pledge*)

...

*Manuceptor* Willelmi holedey vnus [M] *Administralorum* Ciuitatis  
Exoniensis pro le Scogyn Reddendo & de se bene Iurendo pro Anno  
sequenti Iohannes Gildon

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item In ij Togis emptis pro administrallis Ciuitatis xiiij s. iiij d....

1459-60

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 37/8 Henry VI  
mb 29d (16 April)

...

Memorandum that Where as by longe tyme yeris and deyes be fore  
this tyme grete contrauercy discorde & debate hath be by twyne the  
Cordeners and the Weuers & Tokers of the Cite of Excetre as for  
ther goynge yn disporte on Midsomer nyght With the Maier of the  
Cite for the tymes beyng atte Whiche tymes for defaute of

4/ Imprimis: inprinis MS  
11/ ibidem: St John's Church  
19/ Iurendo for gerendo

punysshement of suche of ham as haue ben Wylfull refusynge to obeye  
 good rule manslaghter & other myschyves dedis by likelihode hath  
 by like sorte come. Wherapon now late for the good appesynge of  
 the seid contrauercy and debate ameene is hadde and fully assented  
 & concluded yn the premysse by the Maier now beyng and the 5  
 xxiiij men of the comyn Counseill of the seid Cite that on seynt Iohn  
 ys 'nyght' next comynge yn the goynge & ridynge of the puple of  
 ye Craftis forseid *with* the seid Maier euer a man of the Cordoners  
 & a Weuer or a Toker 'or' a Sherman to geder pesibilly & whiche  
 of the said Craftis be more puple thos same to goo two and two to 10  
 geder be fore. And as for the ridynge & goynge on disporte *with* the  
 Maier on Witmoneday next comynge euery man of the seid Craftis  
 to goo generally two & two to geder & frendly be haue ham Self.  
 And that this ordynance be obserued obeyed and kepte upon the grete  
 peyne that may falle theryn wheron the Maier to do execucion 15

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Item soluto ad le Trumpet Willelmi Bastardi Exoniensis eodem 20  
 tempore per preceptum dicti Maioris xij d....

mb 1d\* (*Necessary expenses*)

...Item in Rewardo dato Ministrallis apud ffloyeryshmershe in ffesto 25  
 Pasche iiij d. Item in Rewardo dato eisdem tempore existentis domini  
 Comitit Deuonie apud ffloyerysmershe vj d.

1460-1

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Item in argento dato Carnific' Exoniensis pro le Bolebaytynge in  
 Exoniense per ij vices ij s per preceptum Maioris ... Item in iiij togis  
 emptis pro administrallis Ciuitatis Exoniensis xxvj s. viij d. 35

20-1/ eodem tempore: 11 November 1459, when the earl of Devon came to Exeter  
 27/ vj written over iiij

## 1463–4

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 3/4 Edward IV  
mb 2d (10 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

*Manucaptor Iohannis Dawe vnus administrallorum Ciuitatis Exoniensis Willelmus Hoyg*

*Manucaptor Willelmi Holyday secundi administrallorum eiusdem Ciuitatis Iohannes Thomas mercier*

*Manucaptor Iohannis Colarne tercij administrallorum dicte Ciuitatis Radulphus Lauerance*

...

## 1464–5

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 4/5 Edward IV  
mb 1d (10 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Administralli

*Manucaptores henrici Stephenesson pro le scogyn & omnibus que ad ipsum pertinent agendis pro anno sequenti Iohannes hamond & Ricardus Baker sub pena vj marcarum*

*Manucaptores Willelmi ffilmore sub eadem forma Thomas Warberton & Ricardus Toker sub pena vj marcarum*

*Manucaptores Iohannis Agaunt sub eadem forma Robertus Smyth & Robertus Nuton sub pena vj marcarum*

...

## 1466–7

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 1d (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...[Item soluto carnific' pro le bolebetynge viij d] ...

...

## 1467–8

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 7/8 Edward IV  
mb 2d (12 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Administralli

*Manucaptores Ricardi Stephenson pro le scogyn & de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad officium suum pertinet agendis pro anno sequenti scilicet Thomas White & Iohannes Tylham sub pena C s. °Postea*

5/ administrallorum: adminstrall' MS

7/ administrallorum: adminiistrall' MS

scilicet in festo Innocencium anno regni regis Edwardi iiiij<sup>ti</sup> viij<sup>o</sup> dictus  
 scogyn deliberabatur Roberto Chub Receptori per manus dicti Thome<sup>o</sup>  
 Manuautores Willelmi ffilmore sub eadem forma scilicet Iohannes  
 Groser & Thomas sub pena C s  
 Manuautores Roberti Beaumont sub eadem forma scilicet Ricardus 5  
 Yoldon & Thomas Petyt sub pena C s.

...

## 1471-2

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 11/12 Edward iv  
 mb 2d (7 October) (Waits' pledges)

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...

Administralli

Manuautores Willelmi ffylmore vnus Histrionis Exoniensis pro hoc  
 anno electi pro suo scuto & de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad  
 officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Robertus Neuton & 15  
 Rogerus Michell Et Iuratus est Et remanet  
 Manuautores Roberti Beaumont alterius Histrionis ibidem pro eodem  
 anno electi pro scuto suo et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad  
 officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Willelmus Hayne  
 & Iohannes ffolyott Et Iuratus est et remanet 20  
 Manuautores Henrici Crede tercij histrionis ibidem pro eodem anno  
 electi pro scuto suo Et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad officium  
 pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Ricardus Ronewyll & Dodinus  
 Mannyng. Et Iuratus est Et remanet 25

## 1472-3

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 12/13 Edward iv  
 mb 2d (12 October) (Waits' pledges)

...

Manuautores Willelmi ffilmore vnus speculatorum Exoniensis pro 30  
 hoc anno electi pro scuto suo et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que  
 ad officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Iohannes Ector  
 & Petrus Ector Et Iuratus est  
 Manuautores henrici Crede alterius speculatorum ibidem pro eodem  
 anno electi pro scuto suo et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad 35  
 officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Ricardus Rondwill  
 & Dodinus Mannyng

Administralli

15/ pertinet for pertinent  
 19/ pertinet for pertinent  
 23/ Dodinus: or Dodmus(?)

32/ pertinet for pertinent  
 36/ pertinet for pertinent  
 37/ Dodinus: or Dodmus(?)



*Manuautores Roberti Beaumont terciij speculatorum ibidem pro eodem anno electi pro scuto suo et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Iohannes Bunne & Iohannes Ector*

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...

...Et pro robis trium mimorum xxvj s. viij d....

...

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1473-4

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 13/14 Edward IV  
mb 2d (11 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

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*Manuautores Willelmi ffilmore vnus mimorum Exoniensis pro hoc anno sequenti electi pro scuto suo et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Ricardus Baker & Iohannes Clyston Et Iuratus est Et remanet*

*Manuautores Henrici Crede alterius mimorum ibidem pro eodem anno electi pro scuto suo et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Robertus Chubb & Ricardus Tournor Et Iuratus est*

*Manuautores Roberti Beaumont terciij mimorum ibidem pro eodem anno electi pro scuto suo et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Iohannes Bunne & Thomas Penhale Et Iuratus est*

...

1474-5

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*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO: MCR 14/15 Edward IV  
mb 2d (10 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

*Manuautores Willelmi ffilmore vnus Mimorum Exoniensis pro hoc anno sequenti electi pro scuto suo Et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que ad officium suum pertinent per ipsum agendis scilicet Ricardus Baker & Iohannes Cliston Et Iuratus est & remanet*

3,18,22,26/ *pertinet for pertinent*

19/ Clyston: Clyfton (?)

34/ *Mimorum*: *mmorum MS*

37/ Cliston: Clifton (?)

*Manuautores Henrici Crede alterius Mimorum Exoniensis pro hoc anno sequenti electi pro scuto suo Et de se bene gerendo in omnibus que officium suum pertinent scilicet Robertus Chubb & Ricardus Turner Et Iuratus est & remanet*

*Manuautores Roberti Beamont tercij Mimorum ibidem pro eodem anno electi pro scuto suo & de se bene gerendo in Omnibus que ad officium suum pertinent scilicet Iohannes Browne & Thomas Penhale Et Iuratus est & remanet*

## 1476-7

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...Et pro Robis trium mimorum xxvij s....

15

## 1477-8

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 17/18 Edward IV  
mb 2d (13 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

*Manuautores Willelmi ffilmore vnus mimorum Exoniensis pro hoc Anno sequentis electi pro scuto suo et de se bene gerendo in Omnibus que ad Officium suum pertinet per ipsum agendis scilicet Ricardus Baker. & Iohannes Cliston Et Iuratus est Et remanet.*

*Manuautores Henrici Crede alterius mimorum Exoniensis pro hoc Anno sequenti electi pro scuto suo. Et de se bene gerendo in Omnibus que ad officium suum pertinent scilicet Robertus Chubb & Ricardus Torner Et Iuratus est & remanet*

*Manuautores Roberti Beamont tercij mimorum ibidem pro eodem anno electi pro scuto suo & de se bene gerendo in Omnibus que ad officium suum pertinent scilicet Iohannes Bunne & Thomas Penhale. Et Iuratus est & remanet*

## 1478-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

35

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum xxvij s....

1,5/ *Mimorum*: *mmorum* MS

3/ *que*: *grammatically necessary* ad omitted after this word

20/ *mimorum*: *mnorum* MS

22/ *pertinet* for *pertinent*

23/ *Cliston*: *Clifton* (?)

24/ *mimorum*: *minorum* MS

28/ *r of tercij* written over *c* (?)

37/ *Mimorum*: *Mimiorum* MS

1480-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum xxvij s.... 5

1481-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum xxvij s.... 10

(*Gifts and grants*)

...Et in xl d. datis Custodi vrcorum de regardo ... Et soluto Magistro 15  
artis pilleparij x s pro sustentacione Onerum eorum hoc Anno ex gracia  
concessione Ciuitatis ...

...

*Trinity Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1718A add/PW2 20

mb 6 (24 June) (*Final adjustments*)

...Et eis diuersis Mimis soluti hoc anno xvj d ...

...

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1482-3

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 22 Edward IV/1 Richard III

mb 2d (7 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Robertus Beamont	Manu captores pro coloribus Iohannes Parker	30
Iohannes Ioce—	& Iohannes Iule Segour Iohannes Brendon	
'Iohannes'	Mimorum Ciuitatis Exoniensis Thomas Pyke	
Thomas Ioce	Iohannes Hoigye	

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

35

mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum xxvij s....

...

mb 1d\* (10 January) (Final adjustments)

...

...Et viij solidi & ij d residui dati fuerunt ffraternitati Corporis christi ad subportandum onera sua hoc anno ex gracia Ciuitatis & cetera ...

*Trinity Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1718A add/PW2

mb 5 (Necessary expenses)

ijdem Computant ... soluisse pro Mimis conductis hoc anno xij d ...

...

#### 1483-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (Fees paid)

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum xxx s....

...

#### 1484-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (Fees paid)

...

...Et soluto pro Robis trium mimerum xxx s....

#### 1486-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (Fees paid)

...Et soluto pro Robis iij minerum xl s....

(Gifts and grants)

...Et dato Pelliparijs ad sustentacionem fraternitatis Corporis christi x s....

(Necessary expenses)

...Et Custodibus Macelle in verberacione Tauri viij d....

16/ Mimorum: Mimiorum MS

23/ mimerum for mimorum

29/ minerum for mimorum



## 1487-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Et Pelliparijs pro sustentacione solemnitatis Corporis christi x s....

5

(*Fees paid*)

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimerum xl s....

10

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36768mb 13\* (1 November - 24 June) (*Final adjustments*)

...

...postea onerantur de xj d ob. receptis de quadam lusione apud ffrerenhay hoc anno. Et de v s receptis de alia lusione vocata Robyn Hode hoc anno ...

15

(*Payments*)

...Et eis xj d ob. supperius onerati pro lusione in ffrerenhay hoc anno quia in mercato ...

20

...

## 1488-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum hoc anno xl s....

25

(*Gifts and grants*)

...Et pelliparijs Exoniensis ad sustentacionem fraternitatis Corporis christi x s....

30

...

10/ Mimerum for Mimorum

22/ expansion of mercato uncertain

## 1489-90

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum hoc anno xl s....

5

...

mb 4 (*Final adjustments*)

...Et ei iij s. iiij d. soluti pelleparijs hoc anno ex dono Ciuitatis pro  
solempnitate ffesti Corporis christi ...

10

## 1490-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees*)

15

...

...Et soluto pro Robis pro trium Mimorum hoc anno xl s....

...

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20

f 77 (*Expenses*)

...

In Rewardo dato Mimis domini Regi Anglie

xiiij s iiij d

...

25

## 1491-2

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 7/8 Henry VIImb 2d (9 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Robertus Bemond Nicholaus Browne & Nicholaus Mereke  
°Mimorum Ciuetatis Inuenuerunt manucaptores° pro Coleribus scilicet  
[Reginald Saddeler] Iohannes ffirest & Thomas Russell & Iohannes  
Parker & Henricus Curteys & Iohannes Cusyn & Henricus Taylor

30

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

35

mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...

...Et soluto pro Robis pro trium Mimorum hoc anno xl s....

17,39/ trium Mimorum for tribus Mimis

17,39/ Mimorum: Mimiorum MS

23/ Regi for Regis

31/ Ciuetatis for Ciuitatis

1492-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...  
...Et soluto pro Robis pro trium Mimorum hoc anno 5  
xl s....  
...Et Gardiano vrcorum pro le Bere Betyng iij s....  
...

1493-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 5 (*Fees paid*)

...  
...Et soluto pro Robis pro trium Mimorum xl. s.... 10  
  
mb 7 (*Necessary expenses*) 15

...Et soluto pro le Bulbetyng xvj d.... Et soluto pro emendacione trium  
Colarium Mimorum Ciuitatis predictae x s.... Et pro le bulbetyng alia  
vice xvj d.... 20

mb 8

...Et soluto custodibus artificij & misterij pillipariorum Ciuitatis  
Exonie in festo corpus christi hoc anno pro lusione facta x[iij] s. [iij d.] 25  
... Et soluto pro Regardo Mimis domini Regis hoc anno nihil [(<.....>)]  
Et in Rigardo diuercis alijs Mimis hoc anno Maioram visitantibus nihil  
[(<.....>)] ...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779

f 82 (*Expenses*)

...  
Item in Rewardo dato Mimis domini Regis hoc anno x s 30  
...

5/ trium Mimorum (MS Mimiorum) for tribus Mimis  
14/ trium Mimorum (MS Minorum) for tribus Mimis  
25/ corpus for corporis  
25-6/ post-seventeenth century marginal note next to this line apparently skenner  
26,27-8/ nihil followed by row of minims written in over erased sum, then cancelled  
27/ Maioram for Maiorem

## 1494-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum eiusdem Ciuitatis xl s.... 5

...

mb 3 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Et soluto Custod' fraternitatis corporis christi hoc anno ad  
sustentandum eorum lusum x s.... 10(*Expenses incurred*)

...Et soluto pro insultacione vnus tauri prout moris est xvj d ... 15

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 84 (*Expenses*)

...

Item ministris anglice mynstrels nostris domini Regis vj viij d 20

...

Item in Reward facto mynstrels domini Regis xiiij s iiij d

...

## 1495-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...

...Et pro Robis iij Mimorum dicte Ciuitatis. xl. s....

(*Gifts and grants*)...Et Custod' ffraternitatis corporis christi pro sustentacione sui  
lusi (*blank*) ...mb 3 (*Necessary expenses*)...Et pro insultacione vnus tauri hoc anno facta .viij. d. Et pro regardo  
dato Carnific' pro tauro predicto. viij. d.... Et pro quadam lusione  
facta in Gild Aula Exoniensis coram Maiore & socijs suis. v.s. Et pro 40



focalibus in Camino *ibidem* tempore eiusdem lusionis occupatis iij. d.  
 ... Et soluto Mimis domini Regis ex regardo. vj. s. viij. d....  
 ...

**Dean and Chapter Account Book** EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779 5  
 f 85v (*Expenses*)

...  
 Item in Rewardo dato diuersis Mimis domini Regis x s  
 ...

### 1496-7

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 12/13 Henry VII  
 mb 3 (17 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...  
 Manuceptores pro Roberto Beamont vno Mimorum Ciuitatis 15  
 Exoniensis tam pro Officio suo fideliter exercendo quam pro Colari  
 suo reddendo videlicet Iohannes Toker hosyer & Willelmus Hopkyn  
 pro anno presenti  
 Manuceptores pro Nicholao Broune secundo Mimorum eiusdem  
 Ciuitatis tam pro Officio suo quam pro Colari suo videlicet Iohannes 20  
 Wynter & Iohannes Wyll Baker  
 Manuceptores pro Nicholao Meryett Tercio Mimorum Ciuitatis  
 predictae tam pro Officio suo quam pro Colari suo videlicet Iohannes  
 Straddon & Laurencius Draper &c  
 ... 25

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
 mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...  
 ...Et pro Robis iij Mimorum dicte Ciuitatis. xl. s.... 30  
 mb 3 (*Gifts and grants*)  
 ...  
 ...Et Custod' ffraternitatis Corporis christi pro Sustentacione sui. <sup>^</sup>ludi  
 nihil... 35

(*Payments to royal servants*)

...Et soluto Mimis domini Regis videlicet lez Trumpettes pro eorum  
 regardo vj. s. viij. d.... 40  
 ...

## 1497–8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...  
 ...Et soluto pro Robis trium Mimorum predicte Ciuitatis xl. s.... 5

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 89 (*Expenses*)

...  
 Item [ministorum] mimis domini Regis ex rewardo Capituli XS 10

...

*Account Roll of Henry VII* PRO: E101/414/16f 1v\* (*10 October*)

... 15  
 Item to the mynystreles of Excester XS

...

## 1498–9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2d (*Fees paid*) 20

...Et pro Robis trium Mimorum Ciuitatis Exoniensis xl. s....

## 1499–1500

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et iij<sup>b<sup>us</sup></sup> Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum Robis. xl. s.... 30  
 ...

## 1500–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

... 35  
 ...Et tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum Robis & pensione xl. s....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 94 (*Expenses*)

... 40  
 Item in Rewardo dato mimis domini Regis <sup>a</sup> 'hoc anno' XS

## 1501-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto Mimis dicte Ciuitatis tam pro eorum robis quam pro eorum 5  
regardo. xl. s....

mb 4d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et in denarijs solutis Mimis domini Regis x.s.... 10  
...

## mb 5

Expense  
facte circa  
repcionem  
domine  
Katerine  
principisse

In primis soluto Thome Langeworthy pro x virgis de Chamlet emptis 15  
pro Gladifero Ciuitatis pro toga sua inde facienda precij cuiuslibet  
virge (*blank*) xxvj. s. viij. d. Et Gilberto Waryn pro vj virgis lati panni  
rubij coloris pro liberatis Seruientium ad Clauam precij cuiuslibet  
virge ij. s. viij d – xvj. s. Et Iohanni Gustote pro xij virgis ' & dimidio'  
panni stricti nigri Coloris precij virge xij. d. xij. s. iiij. d. Et pro iiij<sup>or</sup> 20  
virgis & dimidio lati panni rubij coloris pro Mimis emptis precij virge.  
ij. s. viij. d. – xij. s. Et pro iiij<sup>or</sup> .virgis & dimidio panni lati nigri  
coloris emptis pro eisdem precio virge ij. s. – ix. s. Et in denarijs solutis  
Willelmo Sompterman pro equo suo conducto pro nuncio Regio per  
iiij<sup>or</sup> dies capiendo per diem iiij. d. xvj. d. Et in denarijs solutis Galfrido 25  
Currant pro labore suo ad conducendum litteras Regias ab Exoniense  
vsque Tauistoke xx d Et in denarijs solutis ac nomine regardi deliberatis  
Mimis domine princisse .xvj. s. Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam  
equo empto & Iohanni Styell nomine regardi dato .xx. s. Et in denarijs  
solutis & nomine regardi deliberatis cuidam homini qui conduxit 30  
pallifridos Regine Anglie a london vsque ad Exoniensem .vj. s. viij d  
Et in denarijs solutis pro vno albo pallifrido empto & dicte domine  
princisse dato per concilium xxiiij<sup>or</sup> de communi Concilio dicti  
Ciuitatis Exoniensis .vij. li. Et pro custodia eiusdem postea .ij. s. viij. d.  
Et in denarijs solutis pro ijbis virgis panni de scarlett ad faciendum 35  
vnam Trappor pro pallifrido predicto emptis precij virge x. s. –  
xx. s. Et in denarijs solutis pro quinque buttons super dictam Trapper  
impositis & factis precij cuiuslibet eorum .xx. d. – viij. s. iiij. d. Et in

19/ ij. s. viij d *underlined*20/ xij. d. *underlined*22/ ij. s. viij. d. *underlined*23/ ij. s. *underlined*25/ iiij. d. *underlined*36/ x. s. *underlined*38/ .xx. d. *underlined*

denarijs solutis pro vna virga dimidio & vno Naile de veluet emptis  
 ad faciendum faller' pro pallifrido predicto precij virge x. s. - xvj .s.  
 viij. d. Et in denarijs solutis pro iij quartars & vno Naile de velvet  
 pro freno & le Croper dicti pallefridi hernisiando ix. s. x. d. Et pro  
 v. virgatis panni linij ad duplicandum predictam Trapper precij virge 5  
 iiij .d. xx. d. Et in denarijs solutis pro factura eiusdem Ricardo  
 Downyng iij. s. iiij .d. Et in denarijs solutis Iohanni Robyns pro le  
 hedstall vno pare de Brode Raynes vno pactrell bokell bocez & vno  
 white webbe emptis .v. s. vj. d. Et pro vno Bitt de se empto x. d. Et  
 pro deauracione eiusdem xx. d. Et in denarijs solutis pro papulo equino 10  
 pro domina principissa tunc conducto videlicet Iohanni Wyse .ij. s.  
 iiij. d. Et Iohanni Colb Baker pro consimili papulo xij. d.  
 Summa xvj. li. xv. s. vj. d.

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**Dean and Chapter Account Book** EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
 f 96 (*Expenses*)

...

Item in Rewardo dato mimis domini Regis hoc Anno x s

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1503-4

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
 mb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis tam pro eorum pensione quam  
 pro eorum liberatura xl. s....

mb 4 (*Guildhall expenses*)

...

...Et in denarijs solutis losoribus pro quodam ludo ibidem coram  
 Maiore & socijs suis ac alijs quam plurimis ibidem facto vj s. viij. d....

...

mb 2d

...

Et in denarijs solutis Mimis domini Regis nomine regardi in domo  
 Willelmi ffrost xij s. iiij d....

...

dona facta  
 Mimis domini  
 Regis & alijs



*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 99v (*Expenses*)

...  
Item in Rewardo dato Mimis domini Regis hoc anno x s 5  
...

1504-5  
*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
...Et communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura & 10  
pensione per annum. xl. s....

mb 4 (*Guildhall expenses*)  
... 15  
...Et pro lusoribus ibidem ad ludendum conductis nomine regardi.  
iiij. s. Et pro summagio focalis tunc empti ij. d. ob....

(*External expenses*) 20  
...Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus vrsorum per duas vices hic hoc  
anno insultationi nomine regardi vj. s. viij. d. Et pro vino inter xxiiij<sup>or</sup>  
tunc potato xvj. d. Et in denarijs solutis Iohanni pomeray pro  
insultacione vnus tauri viij d. Et pro vino tunc potato xv. d.... Et in  
denarijs solutis nomine Regardi Mimis domini Regis x. s.... 25

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 101 (*Expenses*)

...  
Item in rewarde dato Mimis domini Regis xiiij 30  
diem septembris x s  
...

1505-6  
*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA 35  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura &  
pencione per annum xl. s....

31/ diem for die

f 1v

Wyne gyuen and other charges doon vppon the Kynges seruantes and  
the King of Castile at his beyng here

... 5

Item [j] payd to the Kynges Mynstrell x s.

...

Item for the Baytyng of ij Bulles and drynkyng  
at the same ij s. viij d.

... 10

f 2 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

[Item for the Beytyng of iiij Bil Bulles and wyn for  
the Maire and his brethern for the same] [v s. iiij d.] 15

...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779

f 103v (1 August) (*Expenses*) 20

Item in Rewardo dato Mimis domini Regis in  
aduincula sancti petri x s

...

1506-7 25

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura &  
pencione per annum. xl. s.... 30

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779

f 105 (*Expenses*)

...

Item mimis domini Regis ex Rewardo hoc anno x s 35

...

## 1507-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura &amp; pencione .xl. s....

5

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 106v (8 September) (*Expenses*)

...

°Item Mimis domini Regis in die Natiuitatis  
beate Marie Virginis

x s°

10

...

## 1508-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura &amp; pencione xl s....

15

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*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 108 (22 August) (*Expenses*)

...

Item Mimis domini Regis ex Regardo Capituli infra  
octauum Assumpcionis

[x d] x s

25

...

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36769  
mb 1\* (1 November - 31 October) (*Necessary expenses*)

30

...

...Et pro renouacione sagitte sancti Edmundi m<....>t' pro Robynhod  
iiij. d....

## 1509-10

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura  
& pencione xl. s.... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle  
pro taurorum insultacione xvj d ...

35

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**City Council Chamber Act Book 1** DRO, ECA: G1/B1/1

f 13v\* (11 July)

Nota

¶ Whiche aggre that from hensforth ther shall be „no” riot kept in any  
 parysh by the yong man of the same parish „called Robyn hode”  
 but oonly the Churche holyday except ther be any holy day Within  
 the Vtas of the same and if any be the persons so doying shall be  
 punysshed by the Mayre

**Dean and Chapter Account Book** EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 109v (*Expenses*)

Item Mimis domini Regis ex Rewardo

x s

**1510-11****Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura &  
 pencione xl. s.... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro  
 taurorum insultacione xvj d ...

**Dean and Chapter Account Book** EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 111v (*Expenses*)

Item Mimis domini Regis in Regardo

x s

**1511-12****Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura &  
 pencione xl. s....

mb 5

...Et in denarijs solutis custodibus Macelle pro taurorum insultacione  
 xvj d. Et pro vino et piris tunc potatis x d....



*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 114 (*Expenses*)

...

Item in Regardo Mimis domini Regis x s

...

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### 1512-13

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

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...Et Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura et  
pencione xl. s.... Et in denarijs solutis custodibus Macelle pro taurorum  
insulta(.....) xvj d ...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 115v (*Expenses*)

15

...

Item Mimis domini Regis vij<sup>o</sup> die Iunij in Regardo x s

...

20

### 1513-14

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura yemali 25  
et pencione xl. s. Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura Autumpnali ex  
concensu xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xx s.... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro  
taurorum insultacione vna vice xvj d ...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 1* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/1  
f 55v\* (*10 October*)

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waytes nota

Item they All Aggre that the Waytis shall haue euery yere  
fromhensforth ther somer lyverey

35

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 117v (*Expenses*)

...

Item iij<sup>bus</sup> mimis Regis ex Rewardo x s

...

40

13/ insulta(.....): letters worn away at edge of roll; probably insultacione  
27/ concensu for consensu

## 1514–15

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et *Communibus* Mimis dicte *Ciuitatis* pro eorum liberatura yemali & pencione xl. s. Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura autumpnali ex consencu xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xx s.... Et in denarijs solutis *Custodibus* Macelle pro taurorum insultacione vna vice xvj d ... 5

*City Council Chamber Act Book 1* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/1f 57v\* (*31 July*)

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\*mairies chaplyn

The Whiche holy aggre that Sir William Aysshe the towne prest shall haue yerely his somer lyuerey of the Cite as the Sargeantes swarde <be>rer & the Comen Waytes hath

15

...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 118v (*Expenses*)

...

Item Mimis domini Regis in Regardo

x s

20

...

## 1515–16

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...

...Et *Communibus* Mimis dicte *Ciuitatis* pro eorum liberatura yemali & pencione xl s. Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura Autumpnali ex concencu xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xx s.... Et in denarijs solutis *Custodibus* Macelle pro taurorum insultacione vnica vice xvj d ... 30

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 120 (*Expenses*)

...

Item Mimis domini Regis xxvij<sup>o</sup> die Iulij in Rewardo

x s

35

...

7/ consencu for consensu  
13m/ John Hooker's addition

30/ concencu for consensu  
31/ vnica for vna

## 1516-17

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et *Communibus* Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura yemali 5  
 et pencione xl s. Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura Autumpnali ex  
 concensu xxiii<sup>or</sup> xx s....

mb 4

...Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro taurorum insultatione 10  
 vnica vice xvj d ...

**Dean and Chapter Account Book** EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 121v (*Expenses*) 15

...  
 Item in Rewardo dato Mimis Domini Regis xxj die Iunij x s  
 ...

## 1517-18

**Dean and Chapter Account Book** EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 123 (*Expenses*) 20

...  
 Item vij<sup>o</sup> die Maij Mimis domini Regis in riguardo  
 per Mr Tollet x s 25  
 ...

**St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts** DRO: DD 36769mb 5 (*1 November - 31 October*) (*Cash receipts*) 30

...  
 ...Et de ij s receptis pro prestacione Tunice Roberti hode diuersis  
 parochianis hoc anno....  
 ...

## 1518-19

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECAmb 5 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
 ...Et *Communibus* Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura yemali  
 et pencione xl s. Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura Autumpnali ex 40

concensu xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xx s.... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro taurorum insultacione vna vice viij d ...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 124v (*Expenses*)

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...  
Item Mimis domini Regis in vigilia sancti Iacobi Apostoli  
in Regardo

x s

...

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## 1519–20

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et pro Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura yemali et pencione xl s. Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura autumpnali ex concensu xxiiij<sup>o</sup> xx s.... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro taurorum insultacione vna vice viij d ...

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*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 125 (*Expenses*)

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...

Item Mimis domini Regis pro munere

x s

...

25

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36769  
mb 6 (*1 November – 31 October*) (*Cash receipts*)

...

...Et de xiiij d receptis Tunicis iocalibus hoc anno prestatis ...

...

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## 1520–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

35

...Et pro Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura yemali et pencione xxxvj s <sup>4</sup> 'vj d' Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura autumpnali exconcensu xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xx s....

Et indenarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro taurorum insultacione

1/ concensu for consensu

7/ vigilia sancti Iacobi Apostoli: 24 July

17/ concensu for consensu

38/ exconcensu for ex consensu

39/ indenarijs for in denarijs



vna vice viij d. Et de vino et piris tunc potatis xij d ...  
...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 126v (*Expenses*)

5

...  
Item Mimis domini Regis pro Regardo x s  
...

1521-2

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et pro Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura  
yemali et pencione xxxvj s. vj d. Et eisdem pro eorum libatura 15  
autumpnali exconcencu xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xx s.... Et in denarijs solutis  
Custodibus Macelle pro tauratorum insultacione vnja vice xvj d. Et  
de vino et piris tunc potatis ij s. vj d....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779 20  
f 127v (*Expenses*)

...  
Item mimis domini Regis [h] ex Rewardo x s  
...

25

1522-3

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 129 (*Expenses*)

Nota

...  
Item mimis domini Regis in regardo x s 30  
xvj<sup>to</sup> die septembris anno domini supradicto  
...

1523-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA 35  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum libertura  
yemali et pro pencione xlvij s. viij d. Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura  
autumpnali ex conuencione xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xxvj s viij d.... Et in denarijs solutis 40

16/ e of denarijs written over another letter  
16/ exconcencu for ex consensu

17/ vnja for vna

Custodibuns Macelle pro taurorum insultacione vna vice viij d. Et pro vino & piris tunc occupatis viij d....

mb 2d\* (*Final adjustments*)

5

Memorandum quod remanent in manubus dicti Computarij vltra predictam summam vnum Colarium argentium pro vno Mimo dicte factum ... Memorandum that this Coler wasse delyueryd to a Newe waytt & ys surty for hem Thomas Cryott &c ...

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**Receivers' Account Book 1** DRO, ECA: Box 213, Book 1  
p 1 (*Costs and charges*)

...

Item y payd to the kynges mynterylles x s.

Item y payd to the kyng ys Iugeler v s. 15

Item y payd to my lady ys grasse of Denscher  
ys menteryll iij s.

Item y payd to my lorde cardenall ys ment<sup>e</sup>r<sup>r</sup>ylles  
「a crowne」 iiij s.

Item y payd to the Dewke of Sowthefolke ys berre  
heygyerde 「to a Reward」 v s. 20

Item y payd to my lorde of Arrendyll ys menterylles  
a pon Synt Iorge ys dayye xx d.

...

25

**Dean and Chapter Account Book** EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 130v (*Expenses*)

...

Item pro regardo Mimis Domini regis 2<sup>o</sup> die augusti x s

...

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## 1524-5

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

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...Et soluto Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura yemali et pro pencione xxxvj s. viij d. Et eisdem pro eorum liberatura autumpnali ex conuencione xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xx[vj] s. [vj d] ... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro taurorum insultacione vno

7/ dicte: ciuitatis omitted

16/ my lady ... Denscher: countess of Devonshire

18/ ment<sup>e</sup>r<sup>r</sup>ylles: y missing a stroke

29/ Mimis: Minis MS

39/ vno for vna

39/ rorum of taurorum written over erasure

vice viij d. Et pro vino & piris tunc occupatis xxij d....

mb 3d (*Allowances*)

...Et soluto vrcifero domini Regis vocato the kynges beryerd ij s. 5

mb 2d

...Et soluto Mimis Comitisse Deuonie iij s. iiij d ... Et soluto Mimis domini Regis x s.... 10

*City Council Chamber Act Book 1* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/1  
f 109 (2 June)

The holy agree that Ione Luter schalbe Carried abowte the Cite yn 15  
a Carte with a rayhowde [with] apone heir hede accordyng to the  
Cusementes by dyuers yn questes ageynst heir presentyd and  
accordyng to the ponysmentes of suche luyde persons yn the Cite of  
olde tyme vsed & Custumyd and after to banesse the Cite yn  
Contynent 20

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 131v (*Expenses*)

...  
Item Mimis domini Regis in Regardo 24<sup>to</sup> die mensis 25  
septembris anno domini 1525<sup>to</sup> x s

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36769  
mb 11 (1 November - 31 October) (*Cash receipts*) 30

...  
...Et de nihil recepto [de] pro prestacione Campanarum pro le Morys  
danse... 35

1525-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum liberatura  
yemali & pro pencione xxxvj s. vj d. Et eisdem Mimis pro eorum 40  
liberatura autumpnali ex conuencione xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xx s.... Et in denarijs  
solutis Custodibus Macelle pro Taurorum insultacione vna vice viij d.

Et pro vino & piris tunc occupatis nihil ...

...

mb 3d (*Allowances*)

5

...Et in denarijs solutis Mimis domini Regis x s.... Et in denarijs solutis Mimis domine Comitisse Deuonie iij s. iiij d....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 132v (*Expenses*)

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...

Item Mimis domini regis in Regardo xij die mensis Iunij  
anno domini Millesimo CCCCxxvj<sup>to</sup>

x s

...

15

1526-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

... Et soluto <sup>^</sup>tribus<sup>^</sup> Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum  
liberatura yeinali & pro pensione xxxvj s. vj d. Et <sup>^</sup>quatuor<sup>^</sup> [eisdem]  
Mimis pro eorum liberatura autumpnali ex Conuencione xxiiij<sup>or</sup> xxvj  
s. viij d.... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro Taurorum  
insultacione vno vice viij d. Et pro vino & piris tunc occupatis iij s.  
ij d....

25

...

mb 4d (*Expenses and payments*)

...Et in denarijs solutis viij<sup>o</sup> die Ianuarij Mimis Comitisse deuonie pro  
Rewardo in domo Maioris iij s. iiij d.... Et in denarijs solutis Mimis  
domini ffitzwaryn xxviiij<sup>o</sup> die Ianuarij in domo Maioris ij s....

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mb 3d

35

...Et in denarijs solutis pro insultacione vrsorum domini de Suffolokia  
v s. Et in denarijs solutis Mimis domini Regis x s.... Et in denarijs  
solutis Mimis domini Capitalis Iudicis in domo Maioris xx d. Et in  
denarijs solutis Iogulatoribus domini Regis ibidem v s....



mb 2d

...Et in denarijs solutis to the kynges players vj s. viij d. Et in denarijs solutis Mimis domini admiral xij d....

5

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 134 (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Item Mimis domini regis in Regardo xxv<sup>to</sup> die mensis Iunij  
anno domini 1527<sup>o</sup>

X S 10

...

1527-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

15

...Et soluto quatuor *Communibus* Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum libatura yemali & pro pencione sua xlvij s. viij d. Et eisdem Mimis pro eorum liberatura autumpnali ex Conuencione xxiiij<sup>or</sup> nuper concessa xxvj s. viij d....

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mb 4d

...Et in denarijs solutis *Custodibus* Macelle pro Taurorum insultacione vna vice viij d. Et pro vino & piris tunc occupatis iij s. iiij d ...

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...

(*Expenses*)

Et in denarijs solutis Mimis domini henrici Comitis Deuonie vj s. viij d. 30  
... Et in denarijs solutis vrcifero ducis Suffolcie pro verberacione vrsorum suorum iij s. iiij d. Et in denarijs solutis pro vino tunc occupato apud domum Iohannis Crofte xij d.... Et in denarijs solutis duobus Mimis Camere domini Regis qui ludebant cum a kyt & bagge pype xx d....

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**Dean and Chapter Account Book** EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 135v (*Payments and expenses*)

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Item soluto xviii die mensis Iunii Anno domini Millesimo  
CCCCCxxvii<sup>o</sup> Mimis domini regis in regardo

X S 5

...

**Chapter Act Book** EUL, ECA: Cathedral D & C 3551  
f 54

...

• Mituacio mitre  
&c pro parvo  
Episcopo i:e:  
Episcopo  
Puerorum  
ut puto

Vltimo die mensis predicti octobris Anno et loco predictis magister  
Robertus Weston mutuauit a Capitulo quandam mitram pro paruo  
Episcopo Robam pectorale baudericum ac par cirothecarum. et  
promisit pro restitutione eorundem presentibus Rise Weston Michell  
Horsey &c vt supra

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## 1528-9

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mbs 4-4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...Et soluto tribus communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum  
liberatura yemali & pro pencione sua xxxvj s. vj d. l Et soluto eisdem  
Mimis pro eorum liberatura autumpnali ex conuencione per xxiiiij<sup>o</sup>  
nuper concessa xx s.... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro  
Taurorum insultacione vno vice viij d. Et pro vino & piris tunc  
occupatis iij s. iiij d ...

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...

mbs 3d-2d (*Expenses*)

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...Item payd the xxvjti day of ffebruary to my lord ffewaren Mynstelles  
ij s.... Item to the kynges Mynstrellys x s.

mb 2d

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...Item my lord Markys Mynstrellys vj s. Item my lord Markys  
Mynstrellys of Dorsett xij d.... Item payed the xij<sup>th</sup> off Iuly to the

11m/ Mituacio for mutuatio

12-13/ paruo Episcopo underlined in text; possibly by same later hand as added marginalia

24/ xxiiiij<sup>o</sup> for xxiiiij<sup>or</sup>

26/ vno for vna

kynges playres that played yn the yldhall x s. Item payed for drynke to the players Whyll the played ij d. Item ffor a pottell off Wyne that was gevyn to the said players yn Master Mayres howse after the playe was don v s....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 136v (*Payments and expenses*)

...  
Item soluto x<sup>o</sup> die mensis Iunij Anno domini Millesimo  
CCCCCxxix<sup>o</sup> Mimis domini regis in regardo X S 10  
...

1529–30

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 6 (*Civic officials' fees*) 15

...  
...Et soluto tribus communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum  
liberatura yemali & pro pencione sua xxxvj s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem  
Mimis pro eorum liberatura autumpnali exconuencione pro xxiiij<sup>or</sup>  
nuper Concessa xx s.... Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle pro 20  
Taurorum insultacione vno vice viij d. Et pro vino & piris tunc  
occupatis v s vj d ...

mbs 6d–5d (*Allowances*) 25

...Item Gevyn to my lord Cheyffes Iustys Mynstellys xij d.... Item  
Gyewyen to Master Recorder Menstrelles xx d.... Item payed to My  
lorde ffyewarryng ys menstrelles ij s. Item for makyn klyen of the  
Coplett Wytt harnayes a geynst saynt Gerege ys daye ij s.... Item  
payed to the kyngges Mensterlles at Master Mayre ys howsse x s.... 30

mb 5d

...Item payd to My lorde Marchonsse of Exceter ys Mensterlles v s.... 35

1530–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 6 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum 40

19/ exconuencione for ex conuencione  
19/ pro for per

21/vno for vna

liberatura yemali pro pencione sua xxxvj s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem  
Mimis pro eorum liberatura autumpnali ex Conuencione pro xxiiij<sup>or</sup>  
nuper Concessa xx s....

mb 5d (*Allowances*)

5

...Item ffor Naylles Racke houckes for hellyng Stonys ffor lyme ffor  
paper ffor pavyng ffor Rewardes off Wyne to Mr Denys ffor the  
plomer & ffor other thynges Nesessary and ffor ffreren haye and also  
to my lord Markus off Exceter ys mynsterelles & to Sir Thomas Denys 10  
Mynsterelles as pereth by the bucke parteculerly iiij li. ix s. iiij d....  
Item payd to my lorde Cheveyustes Mynsterelles & to my lord  
ffewarryns ij s Item payd to Mr Denys ys Mynsterelles iiij s. iiij d  
Item payd polyng ffor makeyng off the Whorlegoges as by a byll  
therof shall a pere & with the Iron & naylles & the tymber bo3th off 15  
Mr Chubbe xxviiij s.... Item ffor Thomas the Wayte ys howse as by  
a byll therof Shall a pere Summa ix s. iiij d ...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 1* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/1  
f 132v (*7 January*)

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...  
This present day Master Richard Denys hath delyuered yn the Coler  
which remayned in the keypyng of Master Robert Buller for on of the  
[seriantes] waytes conteynyng xliiiij lynkes with a scogyn which now  
remayneth yn the handes of Master Richard Martyn receyvor 25

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 139v (*Payments and expenses*)

...  
Item soluto mimis domini regis xx<sup>o</sup> die Augusti 30  
anno predicto X S

...

1531-2

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 141 (*Payments and expenses*)

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...  
Item xiiij die Iulij anno domini millesimo ccccc<sup>o</sup> xxxij<sup>do</sup>  
mimis domini regis X S

...

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## 1532-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et soluto tribus Communibus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro eorum  
liberatura hyemali pro pencione sua xxxvj s. vj d

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Et soluto eisdem Mimis pro eorum liberatura attumpnali ex  
Conuencione per xxiiij nuper concessa xx s.

...

mb 3d (*Allowances*)

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...

...Item payed vnto the kynges Iugkelers yn Master Mayre ys housse  
v s.... Item payed vnto my lorde ffevaryng ys Menstres yn Master  
Mayre ys howsse ij s. iiij d.... Item payed to my lorde cheffe Iustes  
ys Mynsters at Master Master ys howsse ij s....

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mb 2d

...Item payed to hem beure the stondert amydsomer ny3th with horse  
& all ij s. Item payed to my lorde Marcas ys mensters vj s. viij d ...  
Item payed to ye kynges Menstrens before Mychellmas x s.... Item  
payed vnto ye quene ys Mensterns v s.... Item payed to ye kynges  
Mensters that browte ye letters to Master Mayre vj s. viij d ... Item  
payed to ye berred for hys beres v s....

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...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 142v (*Payments and expenses*)

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Item soluto mimis domini regis quinto die Septembris  
anno domini 1533

x s

...

## 1533-4

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Allowances*)

...Item paid in reward to my lord of Suffolkes Mynstreles by the

commandement of Master Maire & others of the xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> iij s. iiij d ...  
 Item paid in reward to Mr Denys Mynstrelles ij s.... Item paid in  
 reward to my lord chief Iustice mynstrels iij s. iiij d ... Item paid to  
 Brendon the kynges Iuggeler in reward v s.... Item paid to the kynges  
 players for a reward x s ... Item paid in reward to the Duke of  
 Richemond is Mynstrels ij s.... Item paid in reward to my lord  
 ffitzwaren is Mynstrels iij s. iiij d Item paid in reward to the kynges  
 Mynstrels x s ...

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto iij *Communibus* Mimis pro eorum liberatura attumpnali  
 per xxiiij<sup>or</sup> nuper concessa xx s. Et eisdem Mimis pro liberaturis suis  
 hiemalibus xxxvj s. vj d....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
 f 143 (*Payments and expenses*)

...  
 Item payd for a hogsed of wyne for [my] Mr  
 courteney is Abot of mysrull

XX S

...

f 143v

...  
 Item in regardo mimis domini regis vltimo die septembris

X S

...

1534-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et soluto tribus *Communibus* Mimis pro eorum liberatura  
 attumpnali per xxiiij nuper concessa xx s. Et eisdem Mimis pro  
 liberaturis suis hyemalibus xxxvj s. vj d ...

mb 4d\* (*Necessary expenses*)

...Item had fro Thomas the wayett is house anold Gotterd of ledd  
 wayng a C & ahalf for Castyng of the Crampittes of the Condgett  
 ... Item to the kynggis Mynstrellis & other players as is Rehersyd yn  
 the boke aforesayde xix s. Item more to the kynggis Mynstrellis &

other Gentyll men is Mynstrellis as aperythe yn the foresayde boke xxvij s. iiij d ... Item for the Reperacyon of the howse whiche Thomas wayett nowe holdythe (*blank*) ...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 145 (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Item in Regardo mimis domini regis xxiiij<sup>to</sup> die Iunii  
anno domini 1535<sup>to</sup>

x s

...

### 1535-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus Communibus Mimis pro eorum liberatura  
attumpnali per xxiiij nuper concessa [xx s.] <sup>^</sup>[nihil hoc anno quia  
recusant vti] Et eisdem Mimis pro liberaturis suis hayemalibus xxxvj s.  
vj d....

mb 4d (*Necessary expenses*)

...Item to iiij playng laddys that Came from Tawton iiij s.... Item to  
the kynges Mynstrelles x s.... Item yn reward to my lorde of Bath  
ys Mynstrelles iiij s. iiij d ...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 146v (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Item pro mimis domini regis in regardo xvij die septembris

x s

...

### 1536-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et soluto tribus Communibus Mimis pro eorum liberatura  
attumpnali per xxiiij<sup>or</sup> nuper concessa xx s. Et eisdem Mimis pro  
liberaturis suis hyemalibus xxxvj s. vj d ...

mb 4d

...Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle dicte Ciuitatis

pro Thaurorum insultacione viij d ...

1537-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle dicte Ciuitatis pro Thaurorum insultacione viij d Et soluto pro vino & piris tunc occupatis ij s. iij d ...

...

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mb 4d (*Necessary expenses*)

In primis soluto to my lorde markes beryard vij s vj d ... Item payd to sir peers Egcom' ys Mynlstrelles ij s. viij d Item to My lord lyell ys Mylstrelles iij s. iiij d Item to my lord prynces players x s. Item my lord howard Mylstrelles xx d Item to my lord Chyf Iustes Mylstrelles xx d ...

mb 3d

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...Item to Morys for a holye weke vppon Raylond ys hose & Thomas Wayt ys howse vs vj d ...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 2* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/2  
f 192v\* (*12 February*)

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The Confession of William Beryman maid yn the Consell Chamber before Master Mayor & the xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> [yn t] the xij<sup>th</sup> day of ffebruarij Anno xxix<sup>o</sup> henrici octau

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ffurst he seyth that <sup>a</sup>he<sup>r</sup> herd °Iohn° one Callerd <sup>a</sup>a herper & seruant<sup>r</sup> to Sir Thomas Denys reporte & said that with a awpyn voysey that the next yere when he ys owt of his office he shalbe a knawe & this worddys wer reportyd seuerall tymes

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The Confession of Iohn Ryppley made the [d] day & yere & tyme aforseyd ffurst he seyth this mornynge [h] when he wasse at his Chamber wyndow he hard one °Baron° & one lombard schomaker talke to Gether & the one said to a nother now they be to gether &

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30/ xxix<sup>o</sup> corrected from xxiiij<sup>o</sup>

39/ Baron added later in space left blank for the purpose

32/ Iohn added later in space left blank for the purpose



with that Came one Mr Bery seruant to Sir Thomas Denys with his seruant & demandyd of theme what [the] hit wasse & they said theybe goyn towardys west gaytt & after he went &c

The Confession of Robert Hyll Maid the day & yere abowrettyn 5  
ffirst he sayth as he came ffrome his howsse to go to seynt Peters at  
vj a Clocke Masse and he sawe When ther war iij or [a fflower] 'iij'  
stode by the Cannell befor Gryffyn ys dore, 'with swardys Drawyn'  
& then I se ij [or] or iij stondyng by [H] by Iohn Hyll [serun] shoppe  
with swarddes drawyn & so the went to gether and at the last I hard 10  
Mottyn the serieant Cry and so they had strekyng hem a downe to  
the grond and before I came to the Cundeyatte [that had take] they  
Caryed hem away a downe alonges the Cokerewe /

f 193

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The Confession of Iohn Scobell porter of westgaytt swaren &  
examy[e]ned the day & yere abowrettyn ffirst he sayth (.) that abowt  
mydnyth ther Came [one] ij Mene to the gaytt & knockyd & he went  
to the gaytt & demandyd of them whayt they weyr and they maid 20  
awnser that they [wass] weyr Mr Kelly ys seruantes and 'then' I  
awpenyd the gaytt and & lett them yn & then I percevyd [per þat I]  
that they weyr Sir Thomas Denys Seruantes one °Borow° and the  
seyd Borow streckete [porter] 'me' apone the hedde with his Swarde  
with his Scaberygge & further one of them said we be come ffor a 25  
purpose

ffurther he [said that] sayth that this mornyng ther wer a xiiij of Sir  
Thomas Denys seruantes that [toke] Caryed Muttyn owt of the gaytt  
& one of theme came [ca] to me & requyred me yn the Kynges name 30  
þat I wyll take the Mase & so delyueryd me the Mase the whiche  
mase I haue delyueryd to Master Maire

The Confession of Thomas Dawe maid the day & yere abowrettyn  
ffirst he saith that þ (blank) Callard the Harper Sir Thomas Denys 35  
Seruant[es] & a nother with them came to Master Maire [at] be neyth  
[Master] the belluter ys gatte and ther the said [Carl] Callerd said to  
Mutton [th] yn the presens of Master Maire thow knave Where haist

thow done the harpe/ & [hem] mutton said I cannott tell / for I had  
 nothyng to done *with* hem for [h] I reft not *your* harpe ffor I haue  
 sauyd you [the] wheir he ys / and then he maid awnser agayn thow  
 shaltt ffett heme / & thane said Mutton I noll nott / [and then said  
 Master Maire] & then said Callerd ageyn thow shalte / and then said 5  
 Master Maire [agayn] what wyll ye do to hem / [wyll ye go] wyll ye  
 requyre hem / by the law or other wysse then said Callerd I care nott  
 then said <sup>^</sup>Master Maire tell me whait way wyll you take & he maid  
 awnser agayn by streppys and said Master Maire ye shall kepe the  
 pece & I command the kepe þe pece & so command hem to warde / 10

f 193v

And then Master Maire said to Robert Beell Sir haue hem to the hall  
 & [ob] so as they weyr goyn to the hall at Robert Toker [becke dore] 15  
 ffore dore their stode one (*blank*) Callerd *with* dyuers [of] other of  
 Sir Thomas Denys seruantes and and then said Callerd whether goyst  
 thowe & Callerd [Master] <sup>^</sup>maid awnser agayn Master Mair hath  
 command me to the hall / and then sayd the said Callerd thow schallt  
 go no ffurther & [&] then said Callerd the harper I wyll & [said nay] 20  
 then said Callerd thow shallte nott and *with* that they toke hem yn  
 to William Dawson ys howsse / and then came Master Mayre yn to  
 the howsse / and then said Callerd what wolt haue Maire / [a] then  
 said Master Maire I wyll haue [a prisoner] my prisoner then went  
 Callerd and Iohn [harpe] Callerd harper <sup>^</sup>with þer [swades] Swerddes 25  
 drawyn yn þer handes owt of [or ow] þe howsse [& cam owt Maire]  
 & said Maire Come owt *with* all thy knavys / And so when the  
 serieantes come owt of the howys & Callyd Kepe the pece & *with*  
 that the strocke [w] to Muttyn & to Robert Beell [& the] and also  
 to [the] Master Beamont Swardberer & so whan [th] all the ffray wasse 30  
 pacyfyed  
 then went Callerd the gentylnen & ffeytt A new Swarde & a bokeler  
 / & so ffolowyd Master Maire *with* dyuers [dy] of his ffelouys [tyll]  
 ffrome Robert Toker ys dore tyll he came to Iohn Alyn the Coke ys  
 howsse [& c] & then they departyd & Iohn Callerd the harper went 35  
*with* hem /

(15 February)

The Confession of Thomas Prestwode <sup>^</sup>maid þe xv day of ffebruary 40

17/ and and: *dittography*

the yere abowrettyn<sup>1</sup> sayth that he herd (*blank*) Callerd agentylman  
 & Seruant to Sir Thomas Denys say the day <sup>^</sup>& yere<sup>1</sup> abowrettyn  
 this Wordys ffolowyn / [*Sir come*] serys come away for ye shall not  
 goo to wardde ffor I haue broken one Swardde all redy & my knee  
 and I wyll breke another or I goo owt of Towe & [the] lette the 5  
 Mayre bryng all the knavys [ye] he hath & that he swayr by goddys  
 bludde he wolde

William hussy confessith euery thyng as the fforceyd Thomas  
 Prestwode before hath confessyd &c [and fforther] Thomas Thacher 10  
 confessyth euery thyng as the said Thomas prestwode hath [de]  
 confessyd /

## 1538-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA 15  
 mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et in denarijs solutis Custodibus Macelle dicte Ciuitatis pro  
 Thaurorum insultacione viij d ... Et soluto pro vino & piris tunc 20  
 occupatis iij s viiij d ...

mb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

...

...Item for the Beatyng of the bull viij d ... Item payd to my lord  
 priuyssealles mynstrelles iij s. iij d ... Item to the princes mynstrelles 25  
 v s....

## 1539-40

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA 30  
 mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et in denarijs Solutis Custodibus Macelle dicte Ciuitatis pro  
 Thaurorum insultacione viij d

## 1540-1

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779 35  
 f 154 (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Item in regardo mimis domini regis xiiij s iij d

...

## 1541-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et denarijs Solutis Custodibus Macelle dicte Ciuitatis pro  
 Thaurorum insultacione nihil ...

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## 1542-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

10

...Item payd the iiij<sup>th</sup> day of Ieun to my lord Markes dosset ys players  
 x s....

mb 1d

15

...Item payd onto Mensterelles att Master Spurways ij s....

## 1544-5

*City Council Chamber Act Book 2* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/2

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f 66v\* (27 May)

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Waytes 4<sup>er</sup>  
 appointed, &  
 their wages.

Whiche holy agree that that Humfry Donn Nicholas Taylor George  
 [Evans] Evans shalbe [haue] waytes & mynstrelles for the Cetie of  
 Exeter and schall haue for ther lyuers yn Somer tyme xx s and to  
 begyn att Mydsomer next ynsuyng and ther wynter lyuerys xxxvj s vj d

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To play before  
 ye wa(tch)  
 midsummer &  
 St Peters nightes

Item ther order is that att Mydsomer & seynt Peters nyghtes to play  
 before the Wacche When the wacch goyth aboute the Cetie

30

Att yelection &  
 swearing of ye  
 new maior.

Item to pley att the eleccion of the newe meer & when the meer takyth  
 his othe to pley accordyng to ther olde order

ffrom Alhallows  
 to Candlemas

Item att alhallyn yve to begyn to play euery Mornyng betwene iij &  
 iiij of the Clocke euery day of the weke excepte holydays frydays &  
 Sondays & to continiy so vntyll Candelmás

35

Att Christmas.

Item att Cristmas Day yn the mornyng & all that day to geve ther  
 attendans to pley



f 66v

Att Easter.

Item to gyve ther attendans to pley & geve wornyng to come to the Resurreccion att Ester

suerties for  
their Collers  
of Silver.

nota for surtes for the [Chot] Coler of Syluer/William Burges Sadler for Nichias Taylor Item [willi] Hugh Soutshay for the Coller of Syluer for Humfry Dun Et William bevery suertie for George Evans,/ which Coleres of Syluer weyth euery of them vj vnces

1546-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d\* (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto mimis Ciuitatis pro liberatura [hem] hiemali xxxvj s vj d.  
Et soluto eisdem pro liberatura autum<sub>p</sub>nali xx s.

1547-51

*Bill of Complaint of John Yeo against Thomas Wyncott*

PRO: C1/1284/11

single sheet\*

To the Right honorable Sir Rycharde Ryche knyght  
lorde Ryche & lorde Chaunceler of Englande

In most humbly wyse Shewyth & complayneth vnto yor good lordeshypp ys dayly Orator Iohn yeo that where yor seid orator by thassent & consent of the ffrendes of yor seid Orator gaue vnto one Thomas wyncote of the Cytie of Exeter Orgon player the somme of ffortye Shyllynges of good & lawfull money of Englande to thentent that thesaid Thomas wyncote shuld teche & instructe yor seyde Orator to playe apon the vyalles vyrgynalles & Organs and also to wrytte & Rede and to doo all maner of other occupacions whiche thesaid Thomas wyncote dyd then vse or then after shuld vse and that yor sayd Orator shuld contynue & remayne wyth thesaid Thomas wyncote by the space of syxe yeres after whyche tyme thesaid Thomas wyncote dyd nott only nott instructe & teche yor seid Orator suche faytes & qualytys as thesaid Thomas wyncote hadde promysed vnto yor sayd orator & to hys ffrendes but also thesaid Thomas wyncote lytele regardyng the promyse made to yor sayd Orator & to hys ffrendes wythoute reasonable <cause> or iust occasyon <.....> three quarters of a yere after that yor sayd Orator hadde made his aboude wyth thesaid Thomas <w>yncote dyd dyscharge & putt yor sayd

Orator oute & from the house & *seruyce* of thesayd Thomas wyncote  
 vtterly refusing to instructe & teche yor sayd Orator suche qualytes  
 & faytes as thesayd Thomas wyncote hadde before that tyme  
 ffaythfully promysed vnto yor sayd Orator & to hys ffrendes to the  
 vtter vndoing of yor said Orator by reason wherof yor sayd Orator 5  
 hath nott <sup>only</sup> Susteyned the lostes & haynderaunce as ys afforsayd  
 but also ys lyke to lause the sayd somme of fforthy shylynges whiche  
 was gyuen vnto the sayd Thomas wyncote for the Causes &  
 consyderacions afforsayd whiche sayd Thomas wyncote vtterly  
 denyeth the payment therof although he hath byn therunto dyuers 10  
 & Soundry tymes reasonably requyred yor sayd Orator hauyng no  
 remedy by the dewe order & Course of the Comon lawe for the  
 redresse of the *premysses* to the grette haynderaunce & lostes of yor  
 sayd Orator onles yor good lordeshyppes favor ayde & Succor be  
 her yn hadde hyt maye therefore plese yor good lordeshypp the 15  
*premysses* consydered to graunte vnto yor sayd Orator the kynges  
 wrytte of Subpena tobe dyrectyd to thesaid Thomas wyncote  
*commaundyng* hym by vertue of thesame personally to appere before  
 yor good lordeshypp yn the kynges high Courte of Chauncery at a  
 certen daye & vnder a certen payne by yor good lordeshypp tobe 20  
 lymtyed then & ther to make aunswere vnto the *premysses* and to  
 abyde suche fferder order & dyrecon theryn as shalbe thought by  
 yor good lordeshypp mete and Conuenyent and yor sayd Orator shall  
 dayly praye to god for the prousperous helth of yor good lordeshypps  
 long to contynue and endure 25

S&lt;...&gt;

*Thomas Wyncott's Answer to the Complaint of John Yeo*

PRO: C1/1284/12

single sheet

The aunswere of Thomas wyncott to  
 the byll of complent of Iohn yeo

The said Thomas wyncott saving to hym thauantage of the  
 insufficiencye of the same byll of complent and the benefyte of the  
 comyn lawes of this Realme for the tryall of the surmysid matters 35  
 specified in the same byll for aunswere sayeth that true it ys that about  
 the space of three yeres last past the said Complaynant made and  
 concludid a bargayne *with* the said Defendaunt aswell for the  
 contynuall abyding *with* the said Defendaunt by the space of vj yeres  
 then next insuyng as also for the Instrucon and lornyng of the said 40  
 Complaynant in maner and forme folowing that ys to saye the said

Complaynant bounde hym self by wryting to the said Defendaunt  
 to be *with* the said Defendaunt by the space of vj yerres duryng *which*  
 tyme the said Defendaunt shuld teache and instruct the saide  
 Complaynant to playe vpon the vyals and virgynals and to wryt and  
 Rede in maner and forme as in the same byll of complent ys specified 5  
 and for the same the said Complaynant shuld paye vnto the said  
 Defendaunt the some of xl s of lefull money of englande at a certen  
 tyme expyryd and past wherof the said Defendaunt as yet hath not  
 receyvid aboue the somme of xxxij or xxxiij s and thervpon the said  
 Complaynant came vnto the said Defendaunt and made his aboode 10  
*with* hym by the space of one yere and a half by all the *which* tyme  
 the said Defendaunt att his costes and charges founde the said  
 Complaynant meate dryncke clothing lodging and other thinges  
 necessary and convenyent and by all the said space did instruct informe  
 and teache the said Complaynant in the said scyences betwene (...) 15  
 concludid and agreid according to the bargayn betwene them made  
 and bycause the said Complaynant was „not” vere apt to lorne the  
 (...) said Defendaunt gave hym a lytle correccion as in suche cases  
 ys requysyte and necessary and thervpon the said Complaynant  
 agayne the wyll and mynde of the said Defendaunt departid from 20  
 hym the said defendaunt and went vnto one Iohn Growdon Clerke  
 his frende where he euer sythen his departure from the said  
 Defendaunt *which* ys by the space of one yere and a half or there  
 about hath byn and yet ys „and” by the meanes of the said Growdon  
 wyll not repaire nor *comme* to the same Defendaunt and yf the saide 25  
 Complaynant wyll paye vnto the said Defendaunt all suche costes  
 charges and expences as he hathe susteynyd and borne in and about  
 the fynding of the said Complaynant he ys and alwaye hathe byn  
 contentid and pleasid to paye vnto hym as moche as the said  
 Defendaunt hathe receyvid vpon the same bargayn *withowt* that that 30  
 the said Complaynant gave vnto the said Defendaunt the somme of  
 xl s in maner and forme as ys specified in the said byll of complent  
 or that the said Defendaunt did not instruct and teache the said  
 Complaynant in suche feattes and qualities as he had promysid vnto  
 the said Complaynant and his frendes for the said Defendaunt sayeth 35  
 that he did the best he could do therin but the said Complaynant  
 was so vnapt to lorne and neclygent that he lornyd but lytle therof/  
 or that the said Defendaunt *within* thre quarters of a yere next after  
 the said Complaynant had made his aboode *with* the said Defendunt  
 did discharge and put the said Complaynant from the house and 40  
*seruice* of the said Defendaunt or refusid to instruct or teache hym



suche qualyteis and feattes as the said Defendaunt had before that tyme promysid to the said Complaynant (<...his f...des>) or that the saide Defendaunt any thing hath done to the vndoing of the said Complaynant or that the said Complaynant by meanes of the said Defendaunt hathe susteynyd any losses or hyndraunce or the somme of xl s specified in the same byll or that the said Defendaunt in denying to make payment vnto the said Complaynant of the said somme of xl s hathe done agayne right or conscyens / and withowt that that any other thinge effectuell or materyall in the said byll of complement alledgid and not here sufficyently confessid and avoydid denyed nor trauersid ys true all which matters he ys redy to auere as thys Court wyll awarde and prayth to be dismyssid with his costes and charges by hym susteynyd in thys behalf.

## 1547–8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto mimis Ciuitatis pro liberatura hiemali xlviii s viij d. Et soluto eisdem pro liberatura attumpnali xxvj s viij d....

mb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...De quibus allocantur ei x s pro defectu reddituum vnus tenementi iuxta ecclesiam sancti keriani eoquod dimittitur hoc anno mimis Ciuitatis absque redditibus soluendis superius oneratur ad x s ...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 2* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/2  
f 95v (2 July)

ye 4<sup>or</sup> weightes  
to have 26.s  
8.d per Annum  
vj.s 8.d a piece.

Which holy Agree that the iiij waytes of the Cetie shall yerly oute of the Cetie ffor ther wages xxvj s viij d that is to wite euery of them vj s viij d a yer the payment to begyn att Cristmas next commyng

2/ (<...his f...des>): *probably*, or to his frendes

8/ that that: *dittography*

32–4m/ *marginal note in later hand, probably Richard Izacke's*



1548–9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto mimis Ciuitatis pro libatura hiemali xlviii s viii d. Et soluto 5  
eisdem pro libatura Attumpnali xxvj s viii d Et soluto mimis pro feodis  
suis hoc anno xxvj s viii d ...

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

... 10  
...De quibus allocantur ei x s pro defectu reddituum vnus tenementi  
vnus tenementi iuxta introitum ecclesie sancti keriani superius  
superius oneratur ad x s quia dimittitur mimis per Concensum xxiii<sup>or</sup>  
...

1549–50

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto 'tribus' mimis Ciuitatis predicte pro libatura hiemali 20  
xxxvj s. vj d Et soluto eisdem pro liberatura Attumpnali xx. s. Et  
soluto mimis predictis pro feodis suis hoc anno xxv s. [iij d] ...

mb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et ulterius Allocantur ei x s pro defectu reddituum tenementi iuxta 25  
introitum ecclesie sancti keriane superius oneratur ad x s quia  
dimittitur mimis Ciuitatis ex concessio Ciuitatis asbque redditibus  
inde reddendis ...

1550–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus mimis Ciuitatis predicte pro libatura sua hiemali 35  
xxxvj s. vj d Et soluto eisdem pro libatura sua Attumpnali xx s. Et  
soluto mimis predictis pro feodo suo hoc anno xx s ...

11–12/ vnus tenementi vnus tenementi: dittography

12–13/ superius superius: dittography

27/ keriane for keriani

28/ concessio for concessione

28/ asbque for absque

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et ulterius Allocantur ei x s. pro redditu vnus tenementi iuxta introitum ecclesie sancti kiriani superius oneratur ad x s eo quod conceditur mimis Ciuitatis ex concessione xxiiij<sup>or</sup> absque aliquo inde reddendo/... 5

## 1551-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*) 10

...Et soluto tribus mimis Ciuitatis predicte pro libatura sua hiemali xxxvj s. vj d<sup>r</sup> Et soluto eisdem pro liberatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et soluto mimis predictis pro feodis suis hoc anno xx s.... 15

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...Et ulterius Petit allocari de x s pro defectu redditus vnus tenementi iuxta introitum sancti Keriani superius oneratur ad/x s. eo quod conceditur mimis Ciuitatis sine redditu inde reddendo ex concessione xxiiij<sup>or</sup> ... 20

## 1553-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*) 25

...Et soluto tribus mimis Ciuitatis predicte pro libatura sua hiemali xxxvj s. vj d Et soluto eisdem pro libatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et soluto mimis predictis pro feodo suo hoc anno xx s.... °Et soluto tribus mimis in regardo pro liberatura eis concessa per xxiiij<sup>or</sup> hoc anno xiiij s. °... 30

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36771

mb 1 (1 November - 31 October) (*Cash receipts*)

... 35

...Et cum v s Receptis de Robyn whode & lytell Iohn Respondent quod Receperunt in toto pro vendicione Seruisie hoc anno xxxviij s. viij d....

## 1554-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus mimis Ciuitatis predicte pro liberatura sua hiemali 5  
xxxvj s. vj d Et soluto eisdem pro liberatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et  
soluto mimis predictis pro feodo suo hoc anno xx s.... Et soluto tribus  
mimis in regardo pro liberatura eis concessa per xxiiij<sup>or</sup> hoc anno xiiij s  
vj d ...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 174\* (*Payments*)

...  
Item soluto pro expensis factis (ad famam)  
in letando & gaudendo ad Natiuitatem [lxxiiij s] 15  
principis videlicet in j le hoggeshed wyne/&  
j barell bere xlj s iij d & pauperibus [lxix s iij d] lxix s iij d [xj d]  
in ciuitate exoniensis in panibus & argento  
[xxvj s] 'xx [s] iij d' Item le waytes &  
gunners in regardo de ciuitate vj s viij d 20  
...

## 1555-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus mimis Ciuitatis predicte pro libatura sua hiemali  
xxxvj s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem pro libatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et  
soluto mimis predictis pro feodo suo hoc anno xx s.... Et soluto tribus  
mimis in regardo pro liberatura eis Concessa per xxiiij<sup>or</sup> hoc anno 30  
xiiij s....

## 1556-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

...  
Et in denarijs datis Mimis [li] in Regardo lustorio Coram Maiore xxiiij<sup>or</sup>  
& Communitate in Guihald lvij s. ij d.  
...

5,7,8/ mimis: minis *MS*  
6/ attumpnali: attmmpnali *MS*

27,29,30/ mimis: minis *MS*  
28/ attumpnali: attmmpnali *MS*

**Receivers' Account Book 5** DRO, ECA: Box 214, Book 5  
f 5\* (*Civic officials' fees*)

...		
Item iij <sup>bus</sup> mimis pro togis suis hiemalibus	xxxvj s vj d	
Item eisdem pro tunicis estialibus	xxiiij s	5
Item eisdem in Regardo versus pridictis	xv s vj d.	
Item eisdem pro pensione sua hoc anno	xx s	
...		

f 8v (*Rewards*) 10

Item the:12: of octobr to a manne & his iiij sonnes to plaie an enterlude at the guildhall	x s	
Item to the kinges minstralles & to a guggeler at the same time	vj s	15
...		
Item to the quenes plaiers for an enterlude plaide in the guildhall on corporis christ daie	xiiij s iiij d.	
Item geven the: 11: of septembr: to the duke of norffolkes plaiers	v s	20
Item the first of decembr: for baiting of the beares at castle & for settinge of formes there	x s ij d.	
...		

**1557-8** 25

**Receivers' Account Book 10** DRO, ECA: Box 214, Book 10  
f 6\* (*Civic officials' fees*)

...		
paid to the three waites of the Cite for ther winter liveryes	xxxvj s vj d	30
paid to them for ther somer lyverys	xx s	
paid to them for a rewarde towards ther lyverys	xxix s vj d	
paid to them for ther ladde for a coett	vij s iiij d	
...		
paid to the three wayettes for ther wages	xx s	35

f 8\* (*10 October*) (*Rewards*)

...  
paid geven to [the quennes play] my lorde of



bedffordes *servantes* in the Seller by  
 mr maiors commandmet v s  
 mor geven there by mr maior the wch I allowed ij s vj d

(18 February)

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paid geven to a beryarde by Mr howcker v s

(10 April)

paid geven to my lorde awdleyghes waites [iij] v s

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(14 April)

geven to my lorde of bathes mynstrelles iij s iiij d

15

(3 June)

paid geven to queines plaiers when they played at the  
 ilde hall be for mr maior xx s

20

...

(14 June)

paid geven to mynstrelles belongging to Sir petter carro iij s iiij d

25

...

### 1558-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*) 30

...

...Et soluto tribus mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro libatura sua hiemali xxxvj s.  
 vj d Et soluto eisdem pro libatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et soluto eisdem  
 mimis pro feodo suo hoc anno xx s. Et soluto eisdem pro tunica pro  
 puero vij s iiij d ...

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### 1559-60

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...Et Soluto Tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro libatura sua hiemali  
 xxxvj s vj d. 'Et eis in regardo versus libatura sua xxviij s vj d' Et Soluto

Eisdem Mimis pro libatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et eis in regardo versus libatura sua xv s. Et Soluto Eisdem Mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno xx s ... Et Soluto Mimis pro Tunica pro puero nihil ...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 3* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/3  
p 43\* (2 September)

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Thorder for  
Sergentes &c  
to putt in  
surties

Also it is agreed that everie sergeaunt, porter and wayte of this Citie shall yerelye at the beginnunge of the yere & tyme of takyng theire othes put in good & sufficient suerties for there good & trustie vsinge of them selves in theire severall offices accordinge to the olde & laudable customes of this Citie

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*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55  
f 118v

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Nicholaus Tailor Wayte admissus est ad libertatem  
Civitatis per Redempcionem

xx s.

20

1560-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (Civic officials' fees)

...Et soluto Tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro liberatura sua hiemali xxxvj s. vj d. Et eis in regardo versus libatura sua xxviii s. iiij d. Et soluto Eisdem Mimis pro libatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et eis in regardo versus libatura sua xx s vj d. Et soluto Eisdem Mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno xx s.... Et soluto Mimis pro tunica pro puero ix s....

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1561-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mbs 5d-4d (Civic officials' fees)

...Et Soluto Tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro libatura sua hiemali xxxvj s. vj d. Et Eis in Regardo versus libatura sua xxviii s. Et Soluto Eisdem Mimis pro libatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et Soluto eis in Regardo versus libatura sua xij s iiij d Et Soluto Eisdem Mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno xx s....

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8-10m/ marginal note in a later hand, possibly John Hooker's  
9/ beginninge: begiininge MS

## 1562-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et Soluto Tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro libatura sua hiemali xxxvj s. vj d. Et eis in Regardo versus libatura sua xxxiiij s. vj d. Et Soluto Eisdem Mimis pro libatura sua attumpnali xx s. Et Soluto eis in Regardo versus libatura sua vij s. iiij d. Et Soluto Eisdem Mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno xx s. <sup>a</sup>Et soluto pro tunica pro puero vnus Mimorum vij s. vj d. ...

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*Receivers' Account Book 11* DRO, ECA: Box 214, Book 11f 7v (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Also to the waytes for their pencions	xx s.	15
Also for their wynter lyvereys	xxvj s vj d	
Also yn rewardes towardes the same	xxxiiij s vj d	
Also for the boyes lyverey	vij s vj d	
Also to them for their somer lyverey	xx s	
Also to thyme yn rewardes toward the same	vij s iiij d	20

...

f 10 (*Gifts and rewards*)

...

Also the 29 of may to the Erle of warwykes plaiers for an enterlude plaied at the guyldhall	xiiij s iiij d	25
Also the 4 of Iuly geven to the Quenes players	xx s	
Also the 17 of september geven to the lord latymers plaiers because the sholde not play	vj s viij d	
Also the 17 of october to the Erle of oxfordes players for an enterlude at the guyldhall	xiiij s iiij d	30

...

## 1563-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...

Et soluto Tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro libatura sua hiemali xxxvj s. vj d. Et eis in regardo versus libatura sua xxix s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem Mimis pro libatura sua Autumpnali xx s. Et eis in Regardo versus libatura sua xvj s Et soluto eisdem Mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno xx s. Et soluto pro Tunica pro puero vnus Mimorum ix s. ij d....

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## 1564-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro libatura sua hiemali  
xxxvj s vj d. Et soluto eis in regardo versus libatura sua xx s. Et soluto  
eisdem Mimis pro libatura sua Autumpnali xx s. Et eis in regardo  
versus libatura sua viij s. vj d Et soluto eisdem Mimis pro feodis suis  
hoc anno xx s. Et soluto pro Tunica pro puero vnus Mimorum viij s.  
iiij d....

mb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

...  
Et de iij li. xv s. solutis quibusdam Mimis & histrionibus diuersorum  
Magnatum &c

## 1565-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
...Et soluto duobus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro libatura sua hiemali  
xxiiij s. iiij d. Et eis in regardo versus libatura sua xxj s viij d Et soluto  
eisdem Mimis pro libatura sua autumpnali xiiij s. <sup>^</sup>iiij d. Et eis in  
Regardo uersus libatura sua xvij s. v d. <sup>^</sup>Et eis pro feodis xx s' ...

## 1566-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto duobus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro liberatura sua hiemali  
xxxvj s. viij d. Et eis in regardo versus liberatura sua ix s. iiij d Et  
soluto eisdem mimis pro liberatura sua Autupnali xx s. Et eis in  
Regardo versus Liberatura x s. vj d Et eis pro pencione sua xx s....

*City Council Chamber Act Book 3* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/3

p 192 (22 September)

[nycholus  
Tylley]

...  
And lykewyse [that] they have by comon consent elected & choson  
that nycholus lysowell shalbe one of the waytes of this citie & receve

33/ Autupnali for Autumpnali



nycho/us  
lysowell  
choson for  
a wayte/

the yerely pencyons & proffyttes apperteynyng to the same  
condicionally that he shalbe of good & honest behavior & not to depart  
out of the service of the cite without speciall lycyense & also to put  
yn suertes for the chayne which he shall receve

## 1567-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro liberatura sua hiemali  
xxxvij s. vj d. Et soluto eis in regardo versus liberaturam suam  
xxxvij s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem Mimis pro liberatura sua  
Autumpnali xx s. Et eis in regardo versus libaturam suam xx s j d Et  
eis pro pensione xxvj s viij d Et soluto pro ij Tunicis pro puero  
vno Mimorum xxiiij s ...

## 1568-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
...Et soluto tribus Mimis eiusdem Ciuitatis pro liberaturis suis  
hiemalibus xxxvj s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem Mimis de regardo versus  
easdem libertaturas xxxvij s. vj d. ob. qua. Et soluto Iohanni Basyll  
puero existenti vni mimorum pro liberatura sua hiemali videlicet pro  
tunica x s. iij d. ob. qua. Et soluto eisdem tribus Mimis pro liberaturis  
suis Autumpnalibus xx s. Et soluto eisdem Mimis de regardo uersus  
easdem libertaturas xvij s. iij d. Et soluto prefato Iohanni Basyll pro  
liberatura sua Autumpnali xj s. vj d. Et soluto iij<sup>or</sup> Mimis pro pensione  
sua xxvj s. viij d....

mb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

...  
Et in denarijs de regardo lusoribus musicis &  
vrsorum magistris hoc anno iij li. iij s. iij d.

*City Council Chamber Act Book 3* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/3

p 226 (4 April)

Iohn basyll

And yt ys enacted by the assent aforesaid that Iohn Basill one of the

to be one  
of the waytes

Waytes shall haue a ffee of vj s viij d yearly to be payd by the Receiuer as longe as he shall serve the said Citty as a Wayte quarterly to be paid *videlicet* euery quarter xx d ...

## 1569–70

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus Mimis eiusdem Ciuitatis pro liberaturis suis hiemalibus xxxvj s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem Mimis de regardo uersus easdem liberaturas xlij s. iij d. Et soluto eisdem tribus Mimis pro liberaturis suis Autumpnalibus xx s. Et soluto eisdem Mimis de regardo uersus easdem liberaturas xxix s. Et soluto Thome Basyll puero existenti vni mimorum pro liberatura sua Autumpnali nihil Et soluto eisdem Mimis pro pensione sua xx s....

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## 1570–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et soluto tribus Mimis eiusdem Ciuitatis pro libaturis suis hiemalibus xxxvj s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem Mimis de regardo uersus liberaturas sua predictas xl s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem Mimis pro liberaturis suis Autumpnalibus xx s. Et soluto eisdem Mimis de regardo uersus easdem liberaturas xxxj s Et soluto Thome Basell puero existenti vnus mimorum pro libatura sua nihil Et soluto eisdem mimis pro pensione sua xx s....

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## 1571–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 6d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...

...Et soluto Tribus Mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro liberaturis suis hiemalibus xxxvj s. vj d. Et soluto eisdem Mimis de regardo versus liberaturas suas predictas vnacum Tunica pro puero vno predictorum Mimorum xlvij s. x d. Et soluto eisdem mimis pro liberaturis suis Autumpnalibus xx s. Et soluto eisdem mimis de regardo versus liberaturas suas predictas xxxj s. Et soluto eisdem Mimis pro pensione sua xx s....

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26/ *mimorum*: *minorum* MS

35/ vno for vni

## 1572-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et de xlvij s viij d solutis iij<sup>or</sup> mimis eiusdem Ciuitatis pro liberaturis 5  
 suis hiemalibus Et de lix s viij d solutis eisdem Mimis de regardo uersus  
 liberaturas suas predictas Et de xxvj s viij d solutis eisdem Mimis pro  
 liberaturis suis autumpnalibus Et de xxiiij s iij d solutis eisdem Mimis  
 de regardo uersus easdem liberaturas Et de xx s solutis eisdem Mimis  
 pro feodis suis hoc anno ... 10

additional mb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

...

Item paid given the erell of Worsetters pleirs

xiiij s iij d

Item paid given to the tumblers

xv s

15

...

## 1573-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

20

...Et de xlvij s viij d solutis iij<sup>or</sup> mimis eiusdem Ciuitatis pro liberaturis  
 suis hiemalibus Et de lvj s viij d solutis eisdem Mimis de regardo uersus  
 liberaturas suas predictas Et de xxvj s viij d solutis eisdem Mimis pro  
 liberaturis suis autumpnalibus Et de xxvij s vj d solutis eisdem Mimis de 25  
 regardo uersus easdem liberaturas. Et de xx s xvj s viij d solutis eisdem  
 mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno ...

f 3 (10 May) (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

paid [ffor] vnto tunbelers by the order of mr mer

vj s . d

30

(20 June)

...

paid ffor a dromer at mydsomer nyght

ijs . d

35

paid vnto Iohn Carow ffor Carynge of the ansyn att

mydsomer with a skarff

xs . d

35/ mydsomer nyght: 24 June

## 1574–5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xlviii s viij d solutis iiiij<sup>or</sup> mimis eiusdem Ciuitatis pro liberaturis 5  
 suis hiemalibus Et de iij li. vij s solutis eisdem Mimis de Regardo uersus  
 liberaturas suas predictas Et de xxvj s viij d solutis eisdem Mimis pro  
 liberaturis suis autumpnalibus Et de xxv s iiiij d solutis eisdem Mimis  
 de Regardo uersus easdem liberaturas Et de xxvj s viij d solutis eisdem  
 Mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno ... 10

## 1575–6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

... 15  
 ...Et de xlviii s viij d solutis iiiij<sup>or</sup> mimis eiusdem Ciuitatis pro liberaturis  
 suis hiemalibus Et de iij li. ix s v d ob. solutis eisdem mimis de Regardo  
 uersus liberaturas suas predictas Et de xxvj s viij d solutis eisdem mimis  
 pro liberaturis suis Autumpnalibus Et de xxiiij s iiiij d solutis eisdem  
 mimis de Regardo uersus easdem liberaturas Et de xxvj s viij d solutis 20  
 eisdem mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno ...

f 4v (5 November) (*Gifts and rewards*)

...  
 Inprimus geven to Sir Iames ffitz Iames men for plaieng 25  
 before Mr maier by Mr maiers comaundement xx s  
 paid to the beariarde for beatinge of his beare before  
 Mr maier the thirde of Ianuary <sup>1</sup>by his comaundement<sup>1</sup> xiiij s iiiij d

(15 August) 30

geven to the Tomblor for tomblinge before Mr <sup>1</sup>maier<sup>1</sup>  
 & the Masters vj s viij d  
 paid to my lorde Staffordes men for plaienge  
 before Mr maier x s 35  
 ...

5,6,8,10/ mimis: minis MS

16,17,18,20,21/ mimis: minis MS



## 1576-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 6d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xlvij s viij d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> mimis eiusdem Ciuitatis pro liberaturis 5  
 suis hiemalibus Et de iij li. xvij s iiij d solutis eisdem mimis de Regardo  
 versus liberaturas suas predictas Et de xxvj s viij d solutis eisdem mimis  
 pro liberaturis suis Autumpnalibus Et de xxv s iiij d solutis eisdem  
 mimis de Regardo uersus easdem liberaturas Et de xxvj s viij d solutis  
 eisdem mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno ... 10

f 9v (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

plaiers

paid to certen plaiers for there plaie	vj s viij d	
paid to the Erle of Leicesters plaiers [xiiij s]	xiiij s iiij d	15
paid for beare beatinge before Mr Maier	x s	
paid to the plaiers with the waggen	xx s	
paid to my Lorde Monioyes plaiers	vj s viij d	
paid to my Lorde Straunges plaiers	xiiij s iiij d	

20

## 1577-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 7d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xiiij li. solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauam eiusdem Ciuitatis, 25  
 Quatuor mimis, Capellano et Nicholao Robynson pro liberaturis suis  
 Hiemalibus Et de vij li. ij s ix d solutis eisdem Seruientibus, Quatuor  
 mimis, [Capellano] et Nicholao Robynson pro liberaturis suis  
 Autumpnalibus ... 30

f 4 (*11 October*)

Gyftes geven to diuers plaiers as ffolloweth  
 Inprimis paid vnto the Erle of Leicesters players xxx s

(28 April)

paid vnto Baron of kinderslaies plaiers by  
 mr maiers appoinctment

x s

5,6,7,9,10/ mimis: minis MS

26,28/ mimis: minis MS

(1 September)

paid vnto my lorde sheiffeildes plaiers

x s

...

## 1578-9

5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 6d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...Et de xv li. iiij s xj d ob. solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> *Seruientibus* ad Clauam eiusdem Ciuitatis, Quatuor Mimis Capellano, et Nicholao Robynson pro liberaturis suis Hiemalibus Et de vj li. xix s ij d solutis eisdem *Seruientibus*, Quatuor mimis, [Capellano] et Nicholao Robynson pro liberaturis suis Autumpnalibus ...

10

## 1579-80

15

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xxiiij li. xv s xj d solutis quatuor *Seruientibus* ad Clauam eiusdem Ciuitatis Quatuor mimis Capellano 'christofer hooke' & Nicholao Robynson pro liberaturis suis hiemalibus & Autumalibus ...

20

f 6v (23 December)

[Players]

Inprimis paid the Beryer

vj s viij d

25

(17 April)

paid the Erell of Darbies men

xiiij s iiij d

(5 June)

paid for seinge of a play at the Guihald

vj s

30

(16 June)

paid straunge Waytes

ij s

35

(31 July)

paid Certene players

x s

...

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55

f 171v

...

Thomas Basyll ingressus est libertatem Civitatis per  
redempcionem que ei Conceditur per Curiam Causa est *nihil*  
vnus Mimorum

5

## 1580-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

10

...Et de xxij li. iij s v d solutis quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam eisdem  
Ciuitatis quatuor mimis Capellano & coquo – pro liberaturis suis  
hiemalibus & Autumalibus ...

15

f 5v (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

paid to a Beareyard at mr [maers] maiers  
Comaundemente

xiiij s iij d

20

...

f 6

...

paid the erell of darbyes men being players

vj s viij d

25

...

## 1581-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

30

...Et de xxij li. j s iij d solutis iij<sup>or</sup> seruientibus ad clauam iij<sup>or</sup> mimis  
& coquo pro liberaturis suis hiemalibus & autumnalibus ...

f 4v\* (*Extraordinary expenses*)

35

...

paid Iohn Weekes for money layd about the tryunphe  
before therle of Bedford as by his bill

v li. xiiij s

paid mr hull for matches drombes for the same

xiiij s x d

6/ Mimorum: Mimiorum MS

12/ eisdem for eiusdem

13/ dash added to fill space left blank for other official (?)

31/ sum written over erasure

paid Gervys the Trumpetter for his Servyce then	ij s	
...		
paid for Bayting of beares at the Conduyte	vj s viij d	
...		
f 5		5
...		
geven the lord of Cumberlandes waytes	ij s	
geven the lord dudleys musycions	ij s	
geven therle of Essex plaiers	x s	10
...		

## 1582-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*) 15

...  
 ...Et de xxj li. vij s x d solutis iiiij<sup>or</sup> seruientibus ad Clauam iiiij<sup>or</sup> mimis  
 & coquo pro liberaturis suis hiemalibus & autumnalibus ...

f 1 (*October*) (*Extraordinary expenses*) 20

...  
 geven to Sir Richard Rogers [men beinge players] man  
 for beating his Bull vj s viij d  
 ...

f 1v (*December*) 25

...  
 paid to me Lord Bertletts players xiiij s iiiij d  
 ...

(April) 30

paid to my lord of Oxfords players x s  
 ...

f 2v 35

...  
 paid to Ioyse and Courties for Drominge  
 on midsomer nighte ij s  
 ...  
 geven to my lord of hvndsdons men being players x s 40



paid for twyne and neeldes for necessities in  
 Sowthinghaye at the Triumphe viij d  
 ...

(August)

[paid mr hooker to wardes the Trivmphe at the mariage xx s]  
 paid for all the Charges of the Shewe or tryumphe at  
 therle[s] of Bathes maryadge xj li. vij s ij d

1583-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
 mb 7d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
 ...Et de xx li. xj s viij d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> *Servientibus* ad Clauam iiij<sup>or</sup> *mimis* 15  
 & Coquo pro liberaturis suis *Hiemalibus* & *Autummalibus* ...

f 2 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...  
 pd to my lord of Oxford Mu<sup>r</sup>pleiers' the xiiij<sup>th</sup> of Maye 20  
 1584 by mr (*blank*) order xiiij s iiij d  
 paid and geuen for beatinge of the beares the  
 xxij<sup>th</sup> of Auguste 1584 v s

...  
 pd Iesse to playe vpon a Thrumm at St Iohns nighte viij d 25  
 ...

*Duties of Civic Officers at Exeter* STC: 24889  
 sig A.ijv

### The Epistle Dedicatorie

...For be the Preachers neuer so godlie and earnest to call, let all the  
 great belles of S. Peters ring out neuer so lowd, there will not be halfe  
 so manie gained into the Church: as one with a pipe and whistle shall  
 gaine into the streetes to see vaine and foolish spectacles. For let there 35  
 be a beare baiting, a bull baiting, an enterlude, or anie such vanitie,  
 euerie man is in hast to runne headlong to it, & the time neuer too  
 long to haue there fill thereof. And yet if there be no such plaies or

7/ marriage: nariage MS  
 15/ Clauam: Claiam MS

games, they will rather sit idle in the streetes, than be well occupied in the churches.

...for when souer there is anie Sermon, send you one out into the streetes, and there shall you find the greatest number, some to knocke there heeles against the stalles, some to walke vp and downe the streetes, some sitting at the tauerne gulping and drinking, some at gaming and plaieng, some piping and daunsing, and finallie none well occupied.... 5

sig h.ij

10

The office of the wardens of  
the Shambles.

...  
Also that no bull vnbaited, nor sow brenning, nor yew tuppung, nor anie beast vnseasonable be slaughtered, nor flesh blowen, foistered, salted, or vnreasonable, be set to sale. 15

...

sig I.i

20

The office of the Bull ring keeper, named  
commonlie the Maior of the  
Bull ring.

The Maior of the Bull ring, is an office of countenance, and appointed for the keeping of a good order in such things as be committed to his trust and office. 25

First when anie bull or beare baiting be appointed, he is first to make the Maior priuie thereof, and no baiting to be vsed within the citie, but that the said Maior be present or giue leaue therevnto. 30

Also he shall see all things to be well and orderlie vsed at such pastimes.

...

sig I.iv

35

The office of the Watchemen and Wardens.

...  
Also if they find anie night watchers, plaiers, quarellers, dronkeards, suspect persons, whatsoeuer, they shall apprehend them, and bring them, either to the ward or to some conuenient place, as where the parties may be forth comming before the magistrate the next morning. 40

...

1584-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
...Et de xxij li. ix s ob. solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauam iiij<sup>or</sup> mimis 5  
et Coquo pro liberaturis suis hiemalibus et autumnalibus ...

f 1 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...  
Item more paide the xv<sup>th</sup> of Nouember by the 10  
Commaundement of Mr Maior for a beare beating iiij s iiij d  
...

f 2v  
... 15  
Item pd the xv<sup>th</sup> of march by mr maiors appointment to  
my lord Shandwaies plaiers x s  
...

f 3v 20  
  
Item pd to my Lord Semors Beareyards by mr Maiors  
appointment the iij of Iune iiij s iiij d  
...  
Item pd Ieysse for his Thrum at Midsomer night xij d 25  
...  
Item pd the xxvii<sup>th</sup> of Iune to my lord Sturtons plaiers v s  
...

f 5 30  
...  
Item pd bie the appointment of mr maior & the house to  
my lord of (*blank*) plaiers vj s viij d  
... 35

1585-6

*Receivers' Account Book 13* DRO, ECA: Box 214, Book 13  
f 2 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
Item paide for beating of the Beare the 40

same tyme by Mr maiors order

xij d

...

Item paid for beating of the Beare by mr Maiors order the  
xvijth of december

xij d

...

5

f 2v

...

Item paid vnto my lord of Lecesters players by mr Maiors  
order the xxiiijth of March

x s

10

...

Item pd for beating of the Beare by mr Maiors order

xvj d

...

f 3v

15

...

Item pd to the Quenes players

liij s iiij d

...

Item paid vnto my lord Stofordes plaiers

vj s viij d

...

20

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xxv li x d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauam iiij<sup>or</sup> mimis  
& Coquium pro liberaturis suis Hiemalibus et Autumnalibus ...

25

1586-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...

...Et de xxij li ij s x d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauam iiij<sup>or</sup> mimis  
et Coquo <sup>^</sup>Edmundo Clerke & Beedellis<sup>7</sup> pro liberaturis suis  
hiemalibus et autumnalibus ...

35

f 3

...

Item geuen to the Earle of Sussex plaiers

xx s

...

25/ mimis: minis MS

26/ Coquium for Coquo



f 3v

Item geuen to the drumb plaier by mr howell vj s viij d  
...

f 4

Item pd for Beare beatinge before Mr Maiors dore v s  
...

Item pd for ij [Thromb] 'Drumbe' sticks viij d 10

Item pd for a [Th] Drumbe player iij s iij d

Item pd to my lord Admyralls plaiers [ij s vj d] xx s

Item pd to the Drumber for his ffee [iij d] ij s vj d

Item pd to hym for dryllinge ij drumb stickes iij d

... 15

Item pd to the Earle of Lecesters plaiers xx s

Item pd to the Drumber for his ffee ij s vj d

...  
Item pd to the Drumber [x d] ij s vj d

... 20

Item pd to the Drumber for his ffee ij s vj d

...

## 1587-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA 25

mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
...Et de xxiiij li xj s iij d solutis iij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauam iij<sup>or</sup>  
mimis Coquo Edo Clerke et Bedellis pro liberaturis suis hiemalibus  
et autumnalibus ... 30

f 5v (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...  
given to my Lorde Stewardes players x s

more to the Quenes players xx s 35

more to another Company of players all willed by the  
Iustices to give them x s

...

13/ Drumber: Drmmber MS

28/ d written over erasure

29/ Edo for Edmundo

## 1588–9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xxviij li. xvij s vij d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauum iiij<sup>or</sup> 5  
 mimis „quatuor Ianuatoribus“ Coquo Edmundo Clerke et Bedellis  
 pro liberturis suis hiemalibus et autumnalibus ... Et de xxvj s viij d  
 solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno ...

f 2v 10

...  
 Item paid for beatinge of beares iiij s iiij d

...

f 5 (*Extraordinary expenses for soldiers*) 15

...  
 Item paid to Iose for playenge on the drume  
 at midsommer night vj d

...

f 5v (*Further extraordinary expenses*) 20

...  
 Item paid for beatinge of a bull iiij s iiij d

...

Item paid to players of the Earle of Sussexe xiiij s iiij d 25

...

## 1589–90

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...Et de xxv li. xvij s ij d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauum iiij<sup>or</sup>  
 mimis iiij<sup>or</sup> Ianuatoribus Coquo Edmundo Clerke et Bedelli pro  
 liberturis suis hiemalibus et autumnalibus ...

mb 3d 35

...Et de xxvj s viij d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno ...  
 ...

f 1 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

Item payd to the Queenes players by  
mr Maiors appoyntment

xxvj s viij d

...

*Hooker's Commonplace Book* DRO, ECA: Book 51

f 183\*

Of the Waytes and of their services

The Waytes are as servantes of attendance and not officers of any  
service. for they ar apoynted chefflye to be attendant about the mayor  
for the worship of the Citie and for the solacynge of hym and others  
with their noyses and melodies with their instrumentes at tymes  
apoynted and convenyent: nevertheless they ar bounde vnto certeyn  
particuller & speciall poyntes which yn some parte ar as folowethe:  
ffirst they ar vpon every sonedaye and vpon everie principall feaste  
to go before the mayre next before the sergeantes. when he goeth to  
the sermons at St Peters yn the forenone and at his returne from thense.  
Also they are to attende him vnto the guildhal vpon every moneday  
and the daies of the election and swearinge of the new mayore:  
Also they ar vpon monedayes to attend and serve him at his table  
and then & there to vse their instrumentes as of occasion shall serve:  
as also at all other tyme and tymes when they shalbe thereunto required  
Also they shall vpon the election daie playe vpon their instrumentes  
throughe out the Citie gevinge thereby warnynge to all the Citisons  
to come to the election

Also they shall vpon the saide election daie and vpon the daye that  
the new mayor is sworne bringe the mayor home playenge vpon their  
instrumentes befor him

Also they shall at mydsomer vpon St Iohns Eve and vpon St Petres  
Eve attende yn the watche and playe vpon their instruments throughe  
the whole Citie:

Also they shall vpon everie mornynge yn the wynter quarter that is  
from the feaste of all Sayntes vntyll the feast of the purification of  
our ladye playe with their instrumentes throughe the Citie, frydaies  
and holye dayes excepted; and yet notwithstandinge the shall playe,  
yn the mornings of Easter daye and Christmas daye:

Also they shall repaire & resorte to everie of the masters house yn  
the Chrystmas tyde and their playe with their instrumentes:

20/ daies of the election and swearinge...mayore: *Monday before Michaelmas and Monday following*

Also they shall yerelye vpon every [s] principall feaste daye weare the collers of sylver before the mayre

Also they shall yerely vpon the daye yn the *which* the new mayer is sworne delyver vp vnto the saide new mayer their collors of silver and then & there take theym agayne at his handes and forthwith put yn suerties aswell for the trow restitution & redelyverie of theym as also of all suche instrumentes as they have of the Cities when so ever the same shalbe required. 5

f 198 (*Pensions, fees, and annuities*) 10

...

To the iiij waytes for their pention. viz. everie of theym  
vj s viij d

xxvj s viij d

To theym for their wynter lyveries (*blank*) for their  
somer lyveries

(*blank*) 15

...

To the Keper of the bull ringe

vj s viij d

...

f 229 (*Order of Lammas Fair*) 20

...Vpon the Eve or next daye before everie Lammas or fayre daie about or somewhat before xij<sup>th</sup> of the clocke at none The officers bayliffes & Stewerdes of the saide Erle with all his tenantes of the Mannor of Topesham and of Exilonde. And the officers bayliffes and Stewerdes of the sayde prior with all his tenauntes of his ffee or Manor of Harolde now *Saint Nycholus* ffee. do all meete yn the Ilonde of Exilond without westgate. and there everie one beinge mounted vpon his horse they ryde from thense too & too throughe the Citie [ex] and out at the Easte gate of the same: the foremost man beinge the mynstrell with his Tabbord & pype [pyp] playenge and then the bayliff or officer [to] *which* cariethe the glove vpon a longe pole or staffe: the last or hyndermost men ar the officers of the saide Erle and prior & their men: that is the bayliff of Exilonde the bayliff of Topesham, the bayliffe of Haroldes or *Saint Nycholus* ffee and the too stewerdes of the fayre: [(<.>)] When they ar all passed out at the Easte gate they ryde about the Guyldhall or Courte hall there of the deane & chapters and beinge returned backe to the highe waye *which* leadethe yn to southinghaye there they staye and the Stewerdes of the saide faier or one of theym commaundethe the baylyff who cariethe the glove to 25 30 35 40



make three owes *which* donne they or one of theym causethe the saide fayre to be proclaymed yn manner and forme as folowethe:

f 230

...

The ordynarye chardges of the fayre:

...

Also to the pyper

iiij d

Also to the glove bearer

iiij d

...

f 403

the mayor is  
conducted home  
and the xxiiij  
Do dyne with  
him

The elected  
Mayor  
is brought home

... In the meane tyme and Duriinge the election the waytes Do stande vpon the Chaple of the guyldhall and their sounde and playe vpon their Instrumentes and also Do caste out peares and aples in to the streetes emonge the boyes who accustomedly ar thear assembled for the purpose The Courte thus Dissolved the Mayor the Recorder & the Mayor elected Do goe homewardes to the Mayors house to Dynner the waytes playenge and the sergeantes and sworde bearer goynge before and the xxiiij and officers followinge after by two and two in their places and Degrees where the wiffes also of the xiiij and officers Do also Dyne After Dynner the Recorder and the xxiiij Do bringe home the Mayor Elected wher they were wont to haue a bankett but that as a superfluose thinge is lost And then every one departeth his waye /

...

ff 403v-4

The mayor & aldermen must put on their skarlet gownes before they goe in to the courte to swere the Mayor†  
The elected mayor to be sworn†  
The old mayor is to delyuer up the keyes Seales & the blacke roll vnto the new mayor†  
The Receuer & officers elected to be sworn†  
The sergeantes & wayetes to putt in suerties†  
The mayor & xxiiij to chose all other officers for the yere following†  
... And then after a little tyme spent in Communication of suche Matters of the state and Common welthe of the Citie the Mayor and

Aldermen and all suche as haue benne Receuers and Shiriffes Do put  
 one their skarlett gownes and so go Downe in to the Guyldhall: Where  
 when the Courte is Called and suche Matters talked of and Donne  
 as occasion and Matter requirethe The Towne Clercke Causeth one  
 of the Sergeantes to holde open the greate or blacke booke before the  
 Recorder Who perversinge the othe to be geuen vnto the newe Mayor  
 Dothe then Call the sayed newe elected Mayor and geueth him his  
 othe: and then he placethe him in the Roome and place where the  
 Mayor before dyd sytt vnto whome the olde Mayor gevenge place  
 Dothe then and there delyver vnto him a blacke Roll of parchment  
 in which ar written Certaine olde Customes and other thinges  
 Concerninge the Citie

Also two Macys a bagge of Seales belonginge to the office of the  
 Mayeraltie and Certaine keyes wherof the custodye is to remayne  
 with the Mayor Lykewyse the Sergeantes Do delyver up their Maces  
 and the waytes their Collors This Donne the new Receuer and the  
 Stewardes ar sworne by | the Towne Clarcke who mynestreth the  
 othe who forthwith ar placed everyone in his Rome and place  
 accordinge as he was Chosen and elected the olde officers gevenge  
 place Then the Towne Clarcke Calleth the three Sergeantes before  
 Chosen as also the ffourth Sergeant whome the newe Mayor is to  
 chuse and name and geueth theym their othe who assone as they ar  
 sworne the Mayor Delyvereth theym their maces requiringe of theym  
 sufficient suerties namely of every of theym two suerties for their  
 honest and juste Dealinges lykewyse he delyvereth vnto the waytes  
 their Collors vpon the lyke assurances The names of all suche suerties  
 ar entred in to the Courte booke All theise thinges beinge orderlye  
 performed The sayed Mayor leainge some one of the Stewardes to  
 be his lyvetenaunte in the Courte with the Recorder and xxiiij<sup>th</sup> returne  
 all agayne vnto the Counsell Chambre ...

f 404v

The newe Mayor to be conducted vnto his house to dynner by the  
 recorder xxiiij & they to Dyne with him†  
 ...This proclamation beinge ended the Courte is adiourned and the  
 Mayor beinge Conducted by the late mayor of the one syde and by  
 the Recorder of thother goeth home, the waytes playenge before the  
 Sergantes and swordbearer in Dew order goinge before the Mayor  
 and the Aldermen and xxiiij in lyke order by twoo and twoo  
 followinge...

ff 496v-7 (*Liveries and wages*)

...

15. The waytes to have yerely their Robes at the Costages of the Citie 8<sup>o</sup> Novembris Anno 39 H 6 William Duke 4<sup>o</sup> Novembris Anno 13 Edwardi 4: Richerd Ronnewell

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16. The waytes shall have yerely their sommer lyveries 2<sup>o</sup> Octobris Anno 6. Henrici, 8<sup>i</sup> Richerd Hewet

17. The waytes & Mynstrells of the Citie of Exceter shall have yerely for their Sommer Lyveries xx s that ys to weete euerye of theym vj s viij d / 27 Maij Anno 37<sup>o</sup> Henrici 8. Thomas Prestwood

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18. The iiij waytes of the Citie shall have yerely at the Cities | chardges xxvj s viij d yn money for their wages that ys to weete vj s viij d the pece 2 Julij: Anno 2<sup>o</sup> Edwardi 6. John Mydwynter /

...

f 504v

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9. For the pencyon of the Chaplyn Towe Clarck Sergeantes waytes Sworde bearer Chamberleyne & stewardes Look in Lyveries

...

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*Hooker's Description of the Citie of Excester* DRO, ECA: Book 52  
ff 420v-1

Of the wayetes and their office

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The wayetes ar as *servantes* of attendance but not officers of any service. And yet they ar bounde to Certaine pointes as followeth/ They ar vpon every Sondaye to attende and go before the Mayor at the forenoone to the *sermons* And vpon every mondaye in lyke sorte to the guyldhall

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Also vpon mondayes all or some of theym ar to *serve* the Mayor at his Table and to vse then and at other Tymes their Instrumentes as occasion shall *serve*/

Also they ar to goe before him vnto the Guyldhall vpon the mondaye beinge the election daye and vpon the mondaye beinge the othe daye of the newe mayor

35

Also yerely vpon every election daye they ar to goe throughe oute the Citie and with soundinge of their Instrument geue warninge to the Citizens that they Come to the election/

Also the same daye the shall bringe [w] home the olde Mayor [w] soundinge their Instruments and the lyke the Mondaye followinge to the newe Mayor to his house

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Also vpon every morninge in the winter quarter from the ffeast of



All Sayntes vntyll Candlemas daye the shall every morninge sounde  
and playe with their Instrumentes throughe out the Citie Certaine  
dayes and tymes excepted/

Also vpon every principall ffeast daye They shall goe before the Mayor  
wearinge their Collers of Sylvers 5

Also vpon the mondaye the newe mayor is sworne They shall delyver  
vp vnto him their Collers of Sylver And Receaue theym & their  
instruments againe vpon suerties/

The office of the Bullringe man

ffirst he is to attend the mayor at all Callinges 10

Also no bull nor beare is to be beaten without knowledge of the mayor/

Also no bull is to be slaughtred nor bulls fleshe to be sett to sale before  
he be beaten/

Also he is to be present when any bull or beare is to be beaten

Also he is to suffer no pigges to Range the streetes but he must 15  
impounde theym And no guyse duckes nor pultrye to straye in the  
Streetes but he must take theym and kyll theym

Also he shall kepe all wayeves and streyves and to make proclamation  
of theym and enter the same in to the Courte bookes/

Also he shall see nor horsses to stande in the maketplace at Marketymes 20  
but shall strayne theym/

f 522v\*

Waytes

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There shalbe alwayes reteyned waytes & mynstrells at the Cities  
chardges and euerye of theym shall have a coller of Sylver and put  
yn sufficient suerties for the trewe aunsweringe & delyveringe of  
theym agayne/ Anno. 39. H. 6. W. Duke

The Waytes shall have theire lyveries bothe in the wynter & yn the 30  
Sommer as also their wages/ Loke in Lyveryes 14:15:16:17:

The waytes shall yerely vpon the Evens of St. Iohn & St. Peter goe  
before the watches & playe/

The shall playe at the Election of the Newe Mayor and when the  
sayde Mayor takethe his Othe accordinge to the olde order/ 35

They shall yerely playe in the wynter from Alhallowe tyde vntill  
Candlemas on everye mornynge from thre of the Clock vntill they  
have gonne through the Whole Citie vpon everye Daye of the weeke  
except Sondayes hollydayes and ffrydayes/

The shall vpon euerye Christmas daye yn the morninge playe throughe 40  
the Citie as also shall doe the lyke vpon Easter daye yn the mornynge/

The shall yerely at Chrystmas resorte to the houses of euerye one of  
the xxiiij<sup>or</sup> & of the Stewardes & Officers & there playe



The shalb[e] from tyme to tyme be attendaunt to the Mayor for the tyme beinge and to his lauffull commaundementes/ 37 Maij Anno 37.H.8. Thomas Prestwoode/

f 523

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The shall vppon euerye pryncipall feast Daye attende the mayor vnto St. Peters Church and goe before hym too & too next before the Sergeantes/ 29 Oct: Anno 14<sup>o</sup> Eliz: Iohn Peryam

The shall trewlye & in salffitie redelyver at all tymes when the same 10  
shalbe required of theym suche settes & Noyses of Instrumentes as they have of the Citie aswell Recordes as others Bought at the Cities charges/ 2: Iunij Anno. 17<sup>o</sup> Eliz 1575/ Nicholas martyn/ Whiche sayde Instrumentes ar as followethe/ A Doble Curtall/ A Lyserden, Too 15  
tenor hoyboyes, a Treble hoboyes/ A Cornet/ A sett or case of ffower Recorders/ Bowght by mr. Nicholas Martyn./

...

### 1590-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

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mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xxiiij li. v s vj d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauam iiij<sup>or</sup> mimis iiij<sup>or</sup> Ianuatoribus Coquo Edmundo Clerke et Bedellis pro liberturis suis hoc anno hiemalibus et autumnalibus .... 25

mb 3d

...Et de xxvj s viij d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> mimijs pro feodis suis hoc anno ... 30

...

f 1 (29 September - 25 March) (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

Item payd to one of the waytes for makinge white Crosses ouer the doores where the plague was

xij d 35

...

### 1591-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

40

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xxix li. xiiij s iiij d solutis iiij<sup>or</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauam iiij<sup>or</sup> mimis Coquo Edmundo Clerke et Bedellis pro liberturis suis

hiemalibus et autumnalibus hoc anno ... Et de xxvj s viij d solutis  
 iiiij<sup>or</sup> mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno ...

...

f 1v

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...

Item to the Lord Marleys players

x s

...

f 2

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...

Item to a drummer for midsomer night and St Peters night xij d

...

### 1592-3

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xxij li. iij s solutis iiiij<sup>or</sup> Servientibus ad Clauam iiiij<sup>or</sup> mimis  
 Coquo Edmundo Clarke et Bedelis pro liberturis suis hiemalibus et  
 autumalibus hoc Anno ... Et de xxvj s viij d solutis iiiij<sup>or</sup> mimis pro  
 feodis suis hoc Anno ...

...

f 1 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

25

...

Item to the Quenes players

xxxvj s viij d

...

### 1593-4

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xxviii li. xiiij s vij d solutis iiiijor Servientibus ad Clauam iiiijor  
 mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke & Bedelis pro liberaturis suis  
 hiemalibus & autumnalibus hoc Anno ...

mb 3d

... Et de xxvj s viij d solutis iiiijor Mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno ...

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...

## 1594-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de °xxxiiij li. xiiij s j d° solutis quatuor *Servientibus* ad *Clauam* 5  
quatuor *Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke & Bedellis pro liberturis suis*  
*autumnalibus & hiemalibus* hoc Anno ...

f 1v (*Extraordinary payments*)

...

Item given by order of Mr Maior the xxvij<sup>th</sup> daye of Iune 10  
1595 to the Erle of Cumberlande Players v s

...

f 2

...

Item payde out for a drome to sounde before the watche  
one Midsomer night xij d

...

f 3

...

Item given bye order of the Maior to the Quenes Players  
beinge here the xxiiij<sup>th</sup> of Aprill xx s

...

## 1595-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxj li. xij s ij d solutis quatuor *Seruientibus* ad *Clauam* quatuor 30  
*Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke & Bedellis* 'digor Baker' *pro liberturis*  
*suis hiemalibus & autumnalibus* ... Et de xxvj s viij d solutis quatuor  
*Mimis pro feodis suis* hoc anno ...

f 2 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

Given to the Waytes of Bathe by Mr Maiors order ij s  
More to the Waytes of Plymothe by his order ij s

...

f 2v

...  
Item giuen the Quenes players by Mr Mayors order      xiiij s iiij d  
...

5

## 1596-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...Et de xxj li. xij s ij d solutis iiijor Seruientibus ad clauam quatuor 10  
Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke digorio Baker & Bedelis pro liberturis  
suis hiemalibus & autumnalibus ... Et de xxvj s viij d solutis quatuor  
Mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno ...

...

15

f 1v (*Extraordinary payments*)

...  
More paid vnto the Musicians & the rest of the Officers at  
mye Lord Bishoppes      xviii s vj d  
...

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## 1597-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
Et de xxxvij li. xix s solutis Seruientibus ad Clauam quatuor Mimis 25  
Coquo Edmundo Clarke et Bedellis Tanuatoribus & Willo hadcot<sup>1</sup>  
pro liberturis suis Hiemalibus & autumnalibus

...

Et xxvj s viij d solutis quatuor Mimis pro feodo suo hoc Anno ... 30  
...

## 1598-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
Et de xxxv li. vj s x d solutis quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam quatuor  
Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke Digorio Baker & Bedellis pro  
liberturis suis hiemalibus & Autumalibus

...

40

10, 12/ *sums underlined*  
27/ Willo for Willelmo

39/ Autumalibus for Autumnalibus



Et de xxvj s viij d solutis quatuor Mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno  
...

## 1599-1600

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

5

...

Also to the foure Seargeantes foure wayetes nychohus  
Robinson Edmond Clercke digory Baker and to the xxxv °ij °li <v s>  
Bydles of their lyveryes ' & a Porter'

10

...

f 3 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

Also paid Mr Maior which he gave mye  
Lord Saundes players

15

x s

...

Payde to Mr Maior for the players  
Paide the dromer one Midsomer Evning

x s

ij s

20

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 5* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/5

f 241 (*12 February*)

...

Att which day they agreed vpon theis ffees hereafter specified for the  
Bull maier of this Cittie  
firste for euery Bull or Beare beaten by  
Master Maiers Comdemente  
for the Bull maiers informacion for euery Bull stastered  
& not beaten oute of the forfeiture dewe to the Cittie

25

viij d.

ij s

30

...

## 1600-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 6d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...

Also to the fower Seriauntes fowre Waytes  
Nicholas Robinson Edmond Clarke and to the  
Biddells for ther liveries

xxxviij li vij s iij d

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...

To fower Waytes for ther ffee xxvj s viij d

...

f 1v (*Payments by the mayor*)

...

for beating of the beares vj s

• • •

## 1601-2

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 44-45 Elizabeth 10

mb 1 (20 December)

...

John Bussell Wayte ingressus est libertati Ciuitatis per redempcionem  
nil quia donatum per Curiam cum licentia vti vestura Amus Bampfild  
Attornati.

Humfridus Dodrigrd *similiter ingressus est libertati Ciuitatis per redempcionem nil.*

Receivers' Account Rolls DRO, ECA 20

mb 3d (Civic officials' fees)

...

Et de xxxiiij li. v s x d solutis quatuor Seruientibus at Clauam quatuor  
Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke & Bedellis pro liberturis suis  
hiemalibus & autumnalibus

• • •

Et de xxvj s viij d solutis quatuor Mimis pro feodis suis hoc anno

• • •

f 1	(Extraordinary expenses)	30
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• • •

gave vnto Ioyse & to gilles Son for thare payns on  
mydsomar & St petars nyght

...

paid owt for an instreument provyded for the Weates v li 35

...

City Council Chamber Act Book 6 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/6

f 21v (5 August)

...

Att which day they agree that a instrimente for the Waytes Called a

14/ Amos Bampfild: *Sir Amos Bampfild, city attorney*

[a] doble Curtall shalbe bouughte yf yt excede not the some of ffyve Poundes & master Receiuer to pay the Charge therof

...

ff 33-3v (20 October)

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...

Who agree that there shalbe allowed fromehensfourth yerly to Those persons who shalbe allowed to be the Waytes of this 'Cittie' by order of this house so long as the said persons shalbe liked & allowed by the house shall haue yerly for ther wages Tenne Poundes and the ordnry Liueries before accustomed to be paid by the Receuer of the Cittie *videlicet* vnto fflower men [eq] the foresaid wages & ordinary Liueries And besides yt ys ordered with the concente of the said waites *videlicet* Iohn Medland Aldred Busill Iohn Bussell & Dodridge That the said Iohn Medland shall keepe to Boyes trened vpp in Musick to Ioyne with the said Waytes at the only Costes of the said Medland & the said Boyes to haue at the Charge of the Cittie either of them Clothe for a Cloake 'yerly' And that the said Medland with the Concente of the said Waites shall haue a fifte parte of the said Wages & also of the Comodities Comige within the Cittie or otherwise to the said Waytes

And that the said Waytes shall menteine ther said Instrmentes in all reparacions & stringes & other wise at ther owne Coste

And the said Waytes doo also agree that the said Waites at ther Charges shall by a sett of vyalles & other instrmentes And that the said Waytes shall deliuer vnto the Cittie all suche instrumentes as they | well & sufficiently repered as they receiued the same [And that the Acte toch]

Memorandum that this Acte toching the Wayte was ordered & agreed vpon by the house Assembled here the vij<sup>th</sup> of October laste

f 36 (8 January)

...

And they agree that the wido Aldred Basill decessed shall haue a fiftthe parte of the benevolens vsually geeven to the waytes this yere for a benevolens

...

1602-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xl li. vij s ix d solutis quatuor Seruiantibus ad Clauam 'duobus

40

Ianuatoribus<sup>7</sup> quatuor Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke et Bedellis pro liberturis suis hiemalibus et Autumnalibus

...

Et de x li. solutis quatuor Mimis pro feodo suo hoc Anno

...

5

f 1v (4 October – 3 October) (Extraordinary expenses)

paid Thomas Gill for attending the watch at midsummer  
with his drume

0000 | 02 | 00

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...

#### 1603-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (Civic officials' fees)

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...

Et de xl li. ij s vj d solutis quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam duobus Ianuatoribus quatuor Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke & Bedellis pro liberturis suis hiemalibus et Autumnalibus

...

20

mb 2d

Et de viij li. solutis quatuor Mimis pro feodo suo hoc anno

...

25

f 4 (11 December) (Extraordinary payments)

...

To players

000 | 05 | 00

...

30

#### 1604-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (Civic officials' fees)

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Et de xxxviij li. xvij s vj d solutis quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam duobus Ianuatoribus quatuor Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke & Bedellis pro liberturis suis hiemalibus & autumnalibus

...

Et de viij li. solutis quatuor Mimis pro feodo suo hoc anno

...

40



f 1v (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

Item geven by mr Maiors order [th] to Players x s

...

f 2

...

Item payd to the ij Thrommers a Midsomer neight  
& St Peters neight ij s

...

f 2v

...

Item to the Queristers by mr maiors ij s

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 6* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/6

f 94

And they farther agre that a fourth wayte shalbe admitted & haue 20  
The place with his liueriyes & xls wages 'oute of the x li' at the requeste  
of Sir Ames Bampfild knighte

...

1605-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxvij li. vj s [⟨.⟩]d solutis quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam 30  
duobus Ianuatoribus quatuor Mimis Coquo Edmundo Clarke et  
Bedellis pro liberturis suis hiemalibus et Autumnalibus

...

Et de x li. [⟨...⟩] solutis quatuor Mimis pro feodo suo hoc Anno

...

f 6 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

payd for so mvch geuine to the porters and trompeteres  
when mr mayor dynd att mr Shreaues 00-04-00

payd for bordes & hogserd for to bill the skafowld [w] 40

when the quenes pleardes weare heare 00-03-00

*Item* mor giuen to the pleayeres by mr mayors order 01-00-00

...

### 1606-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

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mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxviii li. ij s 'ix d' solutis Quatuor seruientibus ad Clauem, duobus Ianitoribus quatuor Mimis, Coquo, Iacobo Clerke & Bedellis pro libertur suis hiemalibus et autumnalibus/ Et de lvij s vj d solutis 10 pro liberatura Willi Moore, '& Nichi Stubb Bedelli' le Wayte hoc Anno

...

Et de x li solutis quatuor Mimis pro ffeodo suo hoc anno

15

...

f 5 (24 June) (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

*Item* paide the drummer att Mydsomer iij s iiij d

20

...

f 5v (8 August)

...

*Item* paide to the players or tumlers by mr Mayors order v s

25

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 6* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/6

f 140 (10 August)

...

Who agree that William Moore lute Seruaunte of Sir Ames Bampfild 30 '& Sir [Io Acland]' Knightes & the rather at his requeste, '& Sir Iohn Acland' shalbe admitted to be one of the Waites of this Cittie in the place of Dodridge decessed so longe as he shalbe of gu<...> good behavior & that he shalbe admitted to the liberties of this Cittie gratis so longe as he keepes the place of a Wayte of this Cittie 35 And they agree that Sir Ames Bampfild & Sir Iohn Acland Knightes shalbe admitted to the Liberties of this Cittie in the Assias weeke nexte gratis

And they agree that the now Receiuer shall deliuer vnto the said Moore a gownes Clothe of some better price then ordinarilie ys for 40

the waites for that he ys out to haue a gowne againe vntill christmas  
come Twelvmoneth

...

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55  
f 192 (*Newly admitted freemen*)

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...

Willelmus Moore per Redempcionem nihil per Maiorem &c

...

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1607-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxv li. xiiij s vij d solutis quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam duobus 15  
Ianitoribus Quatuor Mimis, Coquo Iacobo Clerke & Bedellis pro  
liberturis hiemalibus at autumnalibus hoc Anno

...

mb 3d

20

...

Et de x li. solutis quatuor Mimis pro ffeodo suo hoc anno

...

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55  
f 192v (*Newly admitted freemen*)

25

...

Willus Smithesone Musition 'per xxvj s viij d' ...

...

30

1608-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxix li. iiij s v d solutis Quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam 2bus 35  
Ianatoribus Quatuor Mimis Coquo Iacobo Clarke et Bedellis pro  
Libturis suis Hiemalibus et Autumnalibus hoc Anno

...

1/ out for not  
8/ Moore was one of the waits

28/ Willus for Willelmus

Et de x li solutis Quatuor Mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 6* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/6  
f 185v (14 September)

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...

Who Wholly agree That ffor as miche as a greate inconveniens doth  
daily fall oute to the Comon Welth of this Cittie & Comon state of  
the same by meanes of the greate concurse & repere to this Cittie of  
many Plaiers Tumlers & people of the leeke nature & disposition 10  
who many tymes do disorder them selves & oftentimes doo oute of  
Season & in the nighte tymes [doo] make ther showes & plaies to the  
people to the hinderans of good Rule & order & to the mentenans  
of all disorder & Losenes & to the greate 'displeasure' of god Almighte  
That in concideration therof & for the avoidinge of the said 15  
inconveniencences any Company of suche persons before mencoed shalbe  
permitted or allowed at any tyme hereafter by any 'person' havinge  
the place of the Maier of this Cittye to make 'any' shewes or plaies  
within this Cittie or County betwene the feastes of Thanunciacion of  
our Lady & of St Michael 'but to ende' [after] 'att' the Hower of 20  
Sixe in the afternone nether betwene the feastes of St Michael & of  
Thanuciacion of our Lady [after] 'but to ende att' the Hower of ffyve  
in the afternone of the same daye for any Cause whatsoever

...

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*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55  
f 193 (Newly admitted freemen)

...

Iohannes Burford Musition per xxvj s viij d....

30

1609–10

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 8 (Civic officials' fees)

...

Et de xlij l. x d. solutis Quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam 2bus  
Ianatoribus Quatuor mimis Coquo Iacobo Clarke et Bedellis (. )

35

16/ mencoed for mentioned

22/ Thanuciacion for Thanunciacion

36/ (.): word obscured by blot: probably pro



Libturis suis Hidmalibus et autumnalibus hoc Anno

...

Et de x li. solutis Quatuor Mimis pro feodo suo hoc Anno

...

5

f 3 (Disbursements)

May

...

To a drummer on midsomer Even

xij d

...

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1610-11

Receivers' Account Rolls DRO, ECA

mb 4 (Civic officials' fees)

...

...Et de xxxiiij li. xij s x d solutis Quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauum 15  
2bus Ianatoribus Quatuor mimis Coquo Iacobo Clarke et Bedell pro  
Libturis suis Hidnalibus et autumnalibus hoc Anno.

...

City Council Chamber Act Book 7 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/7

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f 2 (17 October)

...

And they do also agree that Thomas Tailor shalbe admitted one of  
the Waites of this Cittie in the place of Willm Moore

...

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1611-12

Receivers' Account Rolls DRO, ECA

mb 6 (Civic officials' fees)

...

...Et de xxxviiiij li. xix s iiiij d solutis Quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauum 30  
quatuor Ianatoribus Quinque mimis Coquo Iacobo Clarke et Bedellis  
pro libturis suis Hidmalibus et autumnalibus hoc Anno ... Et de x li.  
solutis Quinque mimis pro feodo suo hoc Anno ...

...

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1,33/ Hidmalibus for Hiemalibus

17/ Hidnalibus for Hiemalibus

32/ Ianatoribus for Ianitoribus

32,34/ mimis: minis MS

## 1612–13

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxiiij li. ij s j d solutis Quatuor Servientibus ad Clauum Quatuor  
 Ianiatoribus Quinque Mimis Coquo et Bedellis et Willelmo Mark'  
 pro Libturis suis Hidmalibus et Autumnalibus hoc Anno 5

...

Et de x li. solutis Quinque mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno

...

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## 1613–14

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 8 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxiiij li xvij s ix d solutis Quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam  
 Quatuor Ianatoribus Quinque mimis Coquo Willelmo Markes et  
 Bedellis pro Libturis suis hiemalibus et autumnalibus hoc Anno 15

...

Et de x li. solutis Quinque mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno 20

...

## 1614–15

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxvj li. v s Quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauum Quatuor Ianatoribus  
 Quinque mimis Cocuo Willelmo Markes et Bedelis pro libturis suis  
 hiemalibus et autumnalibus hoc Anno 25

...

Et de x li. solutis Quinque mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno 30

...

f 1 (8 December) (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

Paid by somuch given the players by mr Maiors order

xx s

...

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6/ Mimis: minis *MS*

7/ Hidmalibus for Hiemalibus

9/ mimis: minis *MS*

16/ xvij s: x written over erasure

17,20/ mimis: minis *MS*

27/ Clauum for Clauum

28,31/ mimis: minis *MS*

f 2v (24 June)

...  
paid Radford Gill drummer for Midsummer night is xij d  
...

5

1615-16

Receivers' Account Rolls DRO, ECA

mb 4 (Civic officials' fees)

...  
Et de xxxvj li. vj s iiij d <sup>1</sup> solutis 4r<sup>1</sup> Seruientibus ad Clauam Quatuor 10  
lanatoribus Quinque mimis Coco Willelmo Markes et Bedelis pro  
libturis suis hiemalibus et autumnalibus hoc Anno

...  
Et de x li solutis Quinque mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno 15  
...

f 1 (9 October) (Extraordinary expenses)

...  
paid the drummer radford Gille by mr Maiors order x s 20  
...

f 2 (8 July)

...  
paid Radford Gille drommer to warne St peters wach xij d 25  
...

f 3

...  
paid by order by gevinge to players to dispach them out 30  
of the Cettie and not to playe xx s

...  
paid more for sendinge the players  
Commission to London ij s vj d 35  
...

1616-17

Receivers' Account Rolls DRO, ECA

mb 4 (Civic officials' fees)

...  
Et de xxxv li. ij s v d solutis Quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam Quatuor 40

14/ mimis: minis MS

Ianatoribus Quinque mimis (*blank*) et bedelis pro libturis suis  
hiemalibus et Autumnalibus hoc Anno

...  
Et de x li solutis Quinque mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno

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f 15 (*Payments*)

...	li	s	d	
Paid my Lo of Suffollkes players	02	04	00	

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f 16

Paid for so much giuen the officers, trumpetes and waiters at mr Sheriffe of devons	01	04	00	15
paid Radford Gill for midsommer night, and for 3 seuerall tymes warning the reddines of men and armour	00	03	00	

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1617-18

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
Et de xl li. v d solutis Quatuor Seruientibus ad Clauam 4r Ianatoribus  
Quinque mimis Coco Willelmo Markes et bedellis pro libturis suis  
hiemalibus et Autumnalibus hoc Anno

25

mb 5

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...  
Et de x li. solutis Quinque mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno

f 1 (24 October) (*Extraordinary payments*)

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...	li.	s	d
paid gave ye princes players players by mr maiors order to dismysse	1	2	

1,4/ mimis: minis *MS*

9/ Lo for Lord

16/ Gill: first l written over d

26/ Willelmo Markes written over erasure  
37/ players players: dittography



(18 December)

paid gave princes Elizabeth players by mr maiors  
order to dismys

li    s    d  
1    2

...

f 1v (25 May)

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paid martyn Slader on his maiesties players  
to forbaer to playe

2    4

...

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(24 September)

paid mr maior to geve to Certen players  
to send them Awy

3    4

...

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*Mayor's Letter to Sir Thomas Lake*    PRO: SP 14/97/140  
single sheet\*    (June)

Right honorable my dutie Remembred May it please you to be    20  
aduertised that 6 dayes past thear cam to our Cittie certaine players  
who cam vnto me desiring leave to playe whearvpon I perved their  
patent and finding that it is only for children and youthes (for so ar  
the wordes) I did with aduise of som of the aldermen of this cittie  
restraine them from playing hear, for that thear being fivetene of    25  
thear company thear ar but only five youthes among them, and all  
the rest ar men som about 30 and 40 and 50 yeares as they hav confessed  
vnto me, as also of their age, vpon which cause I prayed them to  
dissist and gave them fower Angells toward their expence, which  
seemed to me they wear content, But since I am Informed that    30  
they purpose to Informe the Right honorable the Lordes of his  
Maiesties privye Counsaile hearof which if they doe I would humbly  
desire yor honor to make this knowne vnto the Right honorable the  
Lordes abouesaide that they may not think I hav don any thing of  
Contempt, but to keep my self within the compase of the statutes    35  
And if it be thear Lordships plesure that they shall play, I shalbe very  
well content thearwith, I hav hear enclosed sent yor honor the copy  
of their warant that you may se the wordes of it, And farther we hav

20/ a of honorable written over b  
38/ first a of warant written over e

in *our* cittie very many poore people, and they ordinarily be they  
that spend thear mony & tyme to those playes, Thus I hav made bold  
to trouble yor honor, praying you to Excuse my boldnes, And so,  
most humbly doe tak my leave, And doe Comend you to the gracious  
protection of the Lord.

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Yor honors to Comaunde  
(*signed*) Ignatius Iurdain maior  
of the Cittie of Exeter

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(*addressed*)

To the Right honorable Sir  
Thomas Lake principal Secretary  
to his Maiestie give these in London

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### 1618-19

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 6 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xlii li. xiiij s [v d] solutis quatuor *Servientibus* ad clauam 4r 20  
*Ianatoribus* quinque *mimis* Coco *willelmo* Markes et Bedell *pro libturis*  
*suis hiemalibus* et *Autmnaalibus* hoc Anno

...

mb 6d

25

...

Et de x li. solutis *quinque* *mimis* *pro feodis* *suis* hoc Anno

...

f 1 (*4 December*) (*Extraordinary payments*)

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... li s d  
payd mr Mayer to geue vnto playeres is the some of 001 02 00

(*4 March*)

...

payd the porters and Trumpeters att the hed sherefes 35  
*per* mr mayers order is 000 07 06

...

f 1v (24 June)

...	li	s	d
payd mr mayer to be stowe one those that wer some tyme the Quens players	001	02	00
...			
payd Radford gill for mydsomer and petters watch is the some of	000	01	08
...			

*City Council Chamber Act Book 7* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/7

f 172 (21 September)

...  
This day Rychard Thomas Servant vnto Iohn Medland one of the  
waytes is elected to be one other of the waytes in the place of Iohn  
Bussell decessed  
...

1619-20

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
Et de xl l. xj s vij d solutis quatuor Seruientibus ad clauam 4:  
Ianatoribus quinque mimis Coco Willelmo markes et Bedell pro  
liberturis suis Hiemalibus et Autumnalibus hoc Anno  
...

mb 4d

...  
Et de x li. sollutis quinque mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno  
...

1620-1

*City Council Chamber Act Book 7* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/7

f 207v (13 November)

...  
This day Mr Receyver is ordered to [pa] geven vnto Certeyne players  
which are lycenced vnder the kynges pryvye sygnett. the some of  
xl s. [& are not] as a gratuyty & not to be suffred to playe  
...

23/ Bedell for Bedellis (?)

## 1621-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xl li. xj s ix d solutis quatuor *Servientibus* ad *Clauam* 4 *Ianatoribus* 5  
*quinque* *mimis* *Coco* *willielmo* *markes* et *Bedell* *pro* *liberturis* *suis*  
*hiemalibus* et *Autumnalibus* *hoc* *Anno*

...

Et de x li. solutis *quinque* *mimis* *pro* *feodis* *suis* *hoc* *Anno*

...

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## 1622-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxiiij. li. xj. s vij. d solutis *Quatuor* *servientibus* ad *clavem*  
*iiij.* *Ianatoribus* v: *mimis* *Coco* *Custodi* *prisone* & *Bedellis* *pro* *liberturis*  
*suis* *hiemalibus* & *Autumnalibus* *hoc* *Anno.*/

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...

Et de x. li. solutis *quinque* *Mimmis* *pro* *feodis* *suis* *hoc* *Anno.*/

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...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 7* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/7f 246 (*5 June*)

...

This day Alexander ffortescue beinge one of the waytes. hath willyngly  
yelded vp his place And Iohn Byckely is elected into the same place

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## 1623-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxiiij li. xiiij s solutis *Quatuor* *servientibus* ad *Clauam* *iiij*  
*Ianatoribus* v: *mimis* *Coco* *Custodi* *prisone* & *Bedellis* *pro* *liberturis*  
*suis* *hiemalibus* & *Autumnalibus* *hoc* *Anno*

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Et de x li. solutis *quinque* *Mimmis* *pro* *feodis* *suis* *hoc* *Anno*

...



f 4 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

paid Radford gill for druminge a midsummer night — 1 —

...

given our Last mayor to give playors 1 10 — 5

*City Council Chamber Act Book 7* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/7

f 278 (22 June)

...

Alsoe that Mr Receiver shall paye vnto Mr Maior the somme of 10  
xxx s for & in respecte of soe much by hym formerlie <sup>a</sup> 'disbursed'  
vnto certen players that Were denied to playe here./

f 280v\* (27 July)

...

Who agree that Iohn Medland one of the Waightes of this Cittie 15

...

*Vicars' Choral Accounts 3* EUL: D & C Vicars Choral Book III

f 19v (1 November) (*Extraordinary payments*) 20

...

Item gaue vnto some of the secundaris and Choristers

With other youthes which acted a Commedye in

Mr Lawe his hall Treasurer of the Church but intended  
for the Colledge hall X S 25

Item spent vpon the same Actors in our hall after the end  
of thier play beinge the End of all saintes ij s vj d

...

*Ancient Letters* DRO, ECA: G1/X1/Letter Book 60D 30

#267\* (31 May)

To all Mayors Sheriffs Iustes peace Bayleiffs Constables Head  
Bouroughes and all other his Maiesttes officers true legmen and  
Subiectes and to every of them greetinge Knowe yee that where as 35  
the kingis most Excellent Maiestie hath graunted to the master of the  
Revells a Commission vnder the great Seale of England giuing thereby  
Charg with full power and Authoretye to the said master of the Revells  
and his deputie for the orderinge Reforminge Authorisinge and  
Putting downe of all and everye Playes Players and Playemakers 40  
as of all other shewes whatsoever in all places with in his Maiesties  
Realme of England as well within ffranchises and liberties as Without.

And whereas it hath pleased the kinges most Excellent Maiestie by  
 his Hignes Grant Vnder his hand and Signett Bearing date of the last  
 day of October in the fiftenth yeare of his Raigne of England ffrance  
 and Ireland and of Scotland the one and fifteth Subscribed by the  
 Right Honorable the Earle of Pembroke Lord Chamberlayne of his  
 Maiestes Houshold to giue and Grant Licence and Authoretie Vnto  
 William Perry and the Rest of his associattes to prouide and keepe  
 and bring vp a Convenient Number of youthes and Children and  
 them to practize and Excercize in the Qualetye of Playinge by the  
 Name of Children of the Revells To the Late Quenne Anna. as per  
 the said grant doth more at large appeare. I haue allowed and  
 confirmed and by these presentes doe allow and confirme thaforsaid  
 grant Vnder his Maiestie Royall hand and Signett to be and continew  
 Vnto the said William Perrie and his associates (*videlicet*) George  
 Bosegrau Richard Backster Thomas Band Iames Iones Walter Barrett  
 Iames Kneller and E<sup>a</sup>d<sup>w</sup>ard Tobye and the Rest of there companie  
 not Exceeding the number of Twentye. from the daye of the date of  
 these presentes for and during the Terme and space of one wholle  
 yeare in and by all thinges accordinge to the Tenor Effect and True  
 meaning of his Maiestie graunt and what Companie soever shall  
 Repai<sup>r</sup>e<sup>r</sup> Vnto any of your Townes Corporatt Cittyes or  
 Bouroughes not havinge there Authoreties Confirmed by me and  
 Sealed with the Seale of the office of the Revalls that forth with you  
 seize any such graunt or Commission and send it to me accordinge  
 to those Warrantes directed to you heretofor by The Right Honorable  
 The Lord Chamberlaine.

Given att his Maiesties office of the Revells Vnder my hand and The  
 Seale of the said office the Nynth daie of Aprill in the yeare of the  
 Raig<sup>e</sup> of our Souerainge Lord Iames by the grace of god Kinge of  
 England ffrance and Ireland king defender of the ffaith &c. the Twoo  
 and Twenteth and of Scotland The Seuen and fifteth Anno Domini  
 1624

*executa & concordata* 31<sup>o</sup>. Maij. 1624.

per me Samuel Izacke, Clericum  
 Wm Winkle

Iames Tucker  
 H Herbert Tristram Michell

## 1624–5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
 mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

Et de xxxiiij li. ij d ob. solutis Quatuor *servientibus* ad Clauam iiij  
 Ianatoribus v: Mimis, Coquo, Custodi prisone & Bedellis pro

liberturis suis hiemalibus et Autumnalibus hoc Anno  
 Et de vj li. v s solutis quinque Mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno  
 ...

## 1625-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
 mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...  
 Et de xxxj li. vj s vij d solutis quatuor *servientibus* ad Clauem, iiij  
*Ianitoribus* (*blank*) Mimis, Coquo Custodi prisone & Bedellis pro  
 liberturis suis hiemalibus et autumnalibus hoc Anno 10  
 Et de v li xij s vj d solutis Mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno  
 ...

## 1626-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
 mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...  
 Et de xxxiiij li. iiij s ix d solutis Quatuor *servientibus* ad clauem iiij  
*Ianitoribus* Mimis Coquo Custodi prisone & Bedellis pro liberturis 20  
 suis hiemalibus et Autumnalibus hoc Anno  
 Et de vij li. x s solutis Mimis pro feodis suis hoc Anno  
 ...

## 1627-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
 mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...  
 Et de vij li. x s solutis tribus Mimis pro *pencionibus* suis  
 ... 30  
 Et de xxxj li. xv s solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus  
*dictorum servientium* ad clauem Coqui Mimorum Ianitorum  
*Bedellorum* et Custodis prisone hoc Anno  
 ... 35

## 1628-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
 mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
 De vij li. x s solutis tribus Mimis pro *pencionibus* suis 40  
 ...

*De xxxvij li. v s<sup>a</sup> viij d<sup>r</sup> solutis liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus  
dictorum servientium ad clauem Coqui Mimorum Ianitorum  
Bedellorum et Custodis prisone hoc Anno./*

...

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## 1629-30

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

*De ix li. vij s vj d solutis iiij Mimis videlicet iij<sup>b<sup>us</sup></sup> eorum vij li x s  
pro vno Anno & vni eorum - xxxvij s vj d pro iij<sup>b<sup>us</sup></sup> quarterijs  
Anni*

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...

*De xxxvj li. iiij s iij d solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus  
dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum Ianitorum  
Bedellorum et Custodis prisone hoc Anno*

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...

p 9 (*Extraordinary expenses*)

	li.	s	d	
paid a Player by order of Mr Maior & Iustices	00	10	00	20

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 7* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/7  
f 373v (*21 January*)

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Waytes

Alsoe it is agreeede that Henry Geale shalbe admitted to be one of the  
waightes & to haue such ffees as other of that Companie haue onlie  
during such tyme as this Chamber shall thinke fitt & the said Geale  
demeasne hymselfe well & orderlie./

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## 1630-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

*De x li. solutis iiij Mimis pro pencionibus suis*

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...

*De xxxvij li. xj s iiij d solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus  
dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum Ianitorum  
Bedellorum et Custodis prisone hoc Anno*

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...



p 8 (7 October) (*Extraordinary expenses*)

	li	s	d
...			
Paid for oppressing the Players per mr maiors order	000	10	0
...			

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### 1631-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

De x li. solutis iiiij:<sup>or</sup> Mimis pro pencionibus suis

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...

De xxxiiij li. viij s vj d solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus  
dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum Ianitorum  
Bedellorum et custodis prisone hoc Anno

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...

### 1632-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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...

De x li. solutis iiiij:<sup>or</sup> Mimis pro pencionibus suis

...

De xxxvj li. xix s. ix d. solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus  
dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum Ianitorum  
Bedellorum et custodis prisone hoc Anno

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...

p 7 (13 November) (*Extraordinary expenses*)

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...

payde Mr Maior ffor Monye he payde for stamps &  
to the players

	00	17	02
--	----	----	----

...

p 11 (19 December) (*Liveries*)

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...

Payde Mr Iohn Penye for 15 yeards off Broade  
Clothe to Macke the sargants & wayts Coats at 10 s 6  
per yearde

007	17	00
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Payd Mr Iohn Penye for a gounscloth ffor Mathew  
Parker & coats Cloth for gilbert Tottle a gounscloth  
for 4 wayte Players & a gounscloth for Iohn  
Wittinghale 29 yeards Lese 1/2 quarter at 10 s per

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yearde is payd him as per Bill

014 08 09

...

1633-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

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mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

*De vij li. x s solutis iiij:or Mimis pro pencionibus suis*

...

*De xxxv: li. iiij s v d ob. solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et  
autummalibus dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum  
Ianitorum Bedellorum et custodis prisone hoc Anno*

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...

p 11\* (28 June) (*Extraordinary expenses*)

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*Item paid mr Maior ffor soe much hee gaue the  
players to send them out of towne & is*

002 00 00

(4 October)

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*Item paid Henrye Gale one of the waights per order  
of the Chamber out of 10 l. Receiued of mr Mils*

006 00 00

...

25

p 13 (24 December) (*Liveries*)

*In primis paid mr Iohn Penny e ffor cloth ffor liveries  
ffor the waits serieants and Beedles as per his  
note & is*

026 00 00

30

...

(4 September)

*Item paid mr Penny e ffor cloth to make Lyveries  
ffor the serieants & wayts per his note*

005 03 01½

35

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 8* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/8

f 4v (10 June)

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...

*This day it is agreeede that Mr Maior shalbe repaid by Mr Receiver  
of xls latelie disbursed by hym for freeing the Cittie of certayne stage*

players *which* came to this Cittie with A licence vnder the Seale of the Office of Revells.

...

f 9 (4 September)

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A newe waight  
player chosen.

... This day Henry Loxstone of Welles is elected to be one of the waites of this Cittie condicionally that he doe procure a Testimoniall vnder the Common Seale of that Towne of his good demeaner & carriage & signed by the Maior of that place. & to enioy the said place att the will & pleasure of this house onelye./

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f 10 (11 September)

one of the  
waites [to]  
dismissed & one  
other chosen./

... Whereas divers complayntes hate byn att sundrie tymes [ag] made against Iohn Bickley one of the waites of this Cittie for seuerall misdemeanors comitted by hym. whereof he hath <sup>^</sup>byn<sup>^</sup> often warned & yet noe reformation is had, therefore this day by consent of the Masters present the said [consent] Iohn Bickley is dismissed from the said place & from further attendance therein, And Gillert Till of this Cittie, who hath served Iohn Medland late one other of the waites of this Cittie deceased, is elected into the said Iohn Bicklyes roome. for one yere nowe next ensuing vppon [like] approbacion and soe afterwarde [as] as the desertes of the said Till shalbe.

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f 11\* (18 September)

3. Gownes &c.  
for the waites

... This day it is agreede that Gownes & Coates shalbe foorthwith provided for Charles Bussell Henry Loxston & Gilbert Till latelie chosen to be three of the waites of this Cittie, And Mr Receiver that nowe is, is desired to take some care for the same, but the charges thereof to be [disbursed] <sup>^</sup>satisfied againe<sup>^</sup> by the next Receiver <sup>^</sup>that<sup>^</sup> shalbe chosen hereafter

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f 14

xl.s given to  
Bussell one of

... Itt is this daie agreed that Bussell the newe wayte shall haue paid him ffortie shillinges towardes the makinge & triminge of his gowne

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the waighes

besides the Clothe to be paid by Mr Receyvour and he to be allowed thereof vppon his account/

...

*Ancient Letters* DRO, ECA: G1/X1/Letter Book 60E  
#365 (12 September)

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fforasmuch as Henry Loxton the sonne of Henry Loxton of Wells in the County of Somerset hath this day come before vs Henry ffoster Maior of the Cittie or Borough of Wells aforesaid, Iohn Baber Esquior Recorder of the said Cittie or Borough, and Bartholomew Coxe gentleman one of the Masters of the said Cittie Three of his Maiestes Iustices of the peace within the said Cittie or Borough, and hath given vs to understand that he intendeth to travell to the Cittie of Exonia in the County of Devon there to inhabite and to vse his said profession of a musitian, and hath humbly desired and requested our certificate of his good abearinge within this said Cittie of Wells, to the intent that he maie be the sooner entertained there; These are to certifie those whom it maie concerne that the said Henry Loxton was borne within this said Cittie or Borough of Wells and here hath ever since lived with his said ffather and mother and behaved himselfe very honestly and civilly, for all that we ever know or heard, and we conceave him to be well experienced in his said profession, And therefore: these are as much as in vs lyeth to desire the right worshipfull the maior and Aldermen of the said Cittie of Exonia to doe <sup>him</sup> anie Lawfull favour concerning his vsing his said profession <sup>within</sup> <sup>pe said Cittie</sup> he humbly desireing the same. And for the better testimony hereof We the [t(.)] said Maior and Iustices have herevnto set our handes and seale[s] of Maioraltie of the said Cittie or Borough the Twelveth day of September 1634

(signed) Henrye ffoster Maior  
Iohn Baber  
Bartholomew Cox

1634–5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (Civic officials' fees)

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...

*De x li. solutis iiij:*<sup>or</sup> *Mimis pro pencionibus suis*

...

*De xxxvij li. vj s v d solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus*

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*dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum Ianitorum  
Bedellorum et custodis prisone hoc Anno*

...

p 7 (19 June) (Extraordinary payments) 5

...

paid mr Maior for putting off a Companie of plaiers 1..2|..|..

...

p 9 (1 November) (Liveries) 10

...

paid mr Pinnie for 4 yds 1/2 broadcloth at x s vj d per yard  
(3 d rebated) for a gowne for Bussell ye waite: amounts to  
47 s, More xl s delivered him in monie to furnish ye rest,  
per order. Is 1..4|..7|.. 15

...

(16 April)

More paid mr Iohn Penny for 2 Gownes clothes of 15 yds 20  
blacke kersie at 4 s 6 d per yard, delivered mr Robert  
Walker ye 26th September last for Till & Lockstone 2 of  
ye Waites, as per his Receipt 48<sup>w</sup> x 75 1..3|..7|..6

(19 June) 25

More paid mr Pinny for clothe for 8 Coates, for  
ye Seriants & waites & 1 Coate for ye newe Beedle,  
mr Maiors servant, per a note 48<sup>w</sup> x 110 1..8|14|10 30

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 8* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/8  
f 22\* (23 June)

players.

Whereas certaine players came to this Cittie the last weeke with a  
Commission & desire(.) to play here, but by reason of the danger of 35  
the tyme were putt over & xl. s given to them as a guifte of the Cittie,  
this day it is agreeede that Master Receiver shall pay the said monie  
& be allowed thereof vppon his account./

...

*John Hayne's Diary* DRO: MS 36

p 205 (6 May)

...

More given ye Waits for musick at dinner

...|13|..

...

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### 1635-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (Civic officials' fees)

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*De x li. solutis iiij.<sup>or</sup> Mimis pro pencionibus suis*

...

*De xxxvij li. ix s vj d solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum Ianitorum Bedellorum et custodis prisone hoc Anno*

...

f 9v (31 December) (Liveries)

...

To the ffower waites & ffower Sariantes videlicet to

Mathew Parker 4 yardes 3/4 & to the other Seauen

4 yardes 1/2 a peece of blacke broad cloth att 11 s per yard 19. 18. 10.  
in all 36 yardes 1/4

...

To the Sariantes & Waites 32 yards 1/4 of black Kersye att

5 s per yard to make them Coates

08. 01. 03.

...

*John Hayne's Diary* DRO: MS 36

f 24 (28 December)

...

More xviii d. given ye Waiteplaiers

...|1|1|6

...

### 1636-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (Civic officials' fees)

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*De x li. solutis iiij.<sup>or</sup> Mimis pro pencionibus suis*

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De xxxvj li. vij s vj d ob. solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et  
autumnalibus dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum  
Ianitorum Bedellorum et Custodis prisone hoc Anno  
...

f 12

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...  
To the 4 waites each off them 4 yeardes 3/8 partes of  
black brood cloath for there goundes at 10 s 6 d  
per yeard is

1009|03|08 10

...  
To 3 of the Sargiantes & to the 4 waites euery of them  
for there coates 1 yeard 7/8 black cloath at 10 s 6 d  
per yeard  
...

1006|17|08 15

f 16 (Standard payments: fees and pensions)

...  
To the 4 waighes

1010|00|00 20

...  
ffor Cloath for Liueryes for the Sargiantes  
waites & Beedles  
...

1036|07|06 1/2

*John Hayne's Diary* DRO: MS 36 25  
f 39 (2 February)

...  
More dedit Maris to giue ye Waiteplaiers  
...

...|.2|..

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1637-8  
*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (Civic officials' fees)

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De x li. solutis quatuor Mimis pro pencionibus suis

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...  
De xxxvj li. v s xj d solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus & autumnalibus  
dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum Ianatorum  
Bedellorum et Custodis prisone hoc Anno  
...

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p 32 (19 April) (*Extraordinary expenses*)

...

paid Gilbert Tothill towards the burying of the old  
Bicklye one of the Waites by Mr Maiors order

100|12|06

...

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p 33 (29 September)

...

paid Edward Coblye for mendinge of A double  
Cordall one of cittyies instrumentes

100|04|00

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*City Council Chamber Act Book 8* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/8

f 74 (24 July)

...

A newe  
waightplayer  
chosen.

This day Edmund Cobley of St. Sidwells Practicioner of Musick is  
elected to be one of the waightes of this Cittie in the place of William  
Bickley deceased to holde & enioy the said place att the will &  
pleasure of this house onlie & noe Longer vppon his good demeaner  
in the said with such liveries & pencons as others of the said Company  
have.

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### 1638-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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*De x li. solutis quatuor Mimis pro pencionibus suis*

...

*De xlii li. iiij s x d solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus  
dictorum servientium ad clauam Coqui Mimorum Ianatorum  
Bedellorum et Custodis prisone hoc Anno*

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### 1639-40

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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*De x li. solutis quatuor Mimis pro pencionibus suis*

...

19/ word missing after said; pencons for pencions

27,38/ Mimis: Minis MS

30/ Mimorum: Minorum MS



*De xxix li. iij s solutis pro liberturis hiemalibus et autumnalibus  
dictorum servientium ad clavam Coqui Mimorum Ianatorum  
Bedellorum et Custodis prisone hoc Anno*

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 8* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/8  
f 106 (4 August)

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Hele admitted  
one of  
the Waytes.

... This day Richard Hele of welles Musicion with <sup>h</sup>'his' two Boyes are  
elected and admitted [to] to be [admitted] of the Waytes of this Cittie, 10  
And the said Hele to have such allowance as Medland deceased late  
had for hymselfe and his Boyes.

...

f 110

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2. newe  
Waighetes  
chosen.

... This day Iohn Gadgcombe & Samuell Iohn of (*blank*) in the Countie  
of Cornwall Musicans are chosen to be two of the Waighetes of this  
Cittie Soe as they doe bring A testimoniall of their good behaviors  
from the place of their last residences & causion to free the Cittie 20  
from their charges &c.

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1640-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

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*De x li. solutis mimis dicte Ciuitatis pro pencionibus suis hoc Anno*

...

*De xxxvj li. xj s iiij d solutis pro liberturis dictorum Officiariorum* 30  
*dicte Ciuitatis videlicet serventium ad clavam, Coqui, mimorum,*  
*Ianatorum, Bedellorum, & Custodis prisone*

...

*City Council Chamber Act Book 8* DRO, ECA: G1/B1/8  
f 114v\* (16 February)

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...

2. of the Waighetes admitted to the liberties of this Cittie†

2/ *Mimorum*: *Minorum MS*

This day Iohn Gadgcombe & Samuell Iohn two of the waightes of this [are] Cittie are by consent [ad] to be admitted to the liberties of this Cittie freele in regard of their attendances.

Till  
dismissed.

Alsoe Gillert Till one other of the waightes of this Cittie for seuerall misdemeanors is dismissed of [the] his place & further attendance./ 5

...

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55

f 208 col b (*Newly admitted freemen*)

...

Samuel Iohn Musitian *per redempcionem*

...

1641-2

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55

f 208v (*Newly admitted freemen*)

...

Henricus Loxston musitian vnus Mimorum Civitatis *per redempcionem*

...

*Sermon before Sir Robert Foster, Justice of Assize*

Thomas Trescot: *The Zealous Magistrate*

p 4 (*7 August*)

...A pittifull thing it was, that those which should curbe and restraine others, should be sonnes of Belial, lawlesse, yoaklesse themselves, That those which should set bounds to others, will keep no limits themselves, that those which should have beene the Governours of the people, should be little better than Christmasse-Lords, Lords of mis-rule, and disorder; ... 30

...

p 11

...

I should also desire them to study garbs and fashions, and complements lesse, and study God, and Christ, and themselves more; that they would not spend more time in trimming their heads, than in ordering their hearts, in kembering their haire, than in saying their Prayers, and not bestow so much cost upon their bodies, which must 40

be but meat for Wormes, and wholly neglect their soules which might  
bee companions for Angels: I should desire them likewise, to be as  
zealous for their Lord and Master, as they are oftentimes for their  
Mistresse, to be more in love with the vision of God the Creator,  
than with the painted vissage of a Creature: To give over Ben, and 5  
Shakespeare, and fall upon Moses and the Prophets, to be better read  
in Saint Peter than in Sir Philip, and not to read Monsieur Balzac  
Letters with more delight, than they doe Saint Pauls Epistles....

p 14 10

...Besides, the very language it selfe, what is it oft times, but a few  
shreds and scraps dropt from some Stage-Poet, at the Globe or Cock-  
pit, which they have carefully booke up, to serve them for such an  
occasion.... 15  
...

p 18

Sir Henry  
Rosewells  
case.  
...Was it never knowne that a Base Fidler hath beene countenanced 20  
against a Iustice of peace, and that in open Court too, in the very  
face of his Countrey?...  
...

p 25 25

...  
Oh then it highly concernes those, whom God hath substituted to  
be his Vice gerents, to vindicate the contempt of his holy-Lawes, that  
in particular of his holy day, to free it not onely from the abuse thereof,  
by Hucksters, Pedlers, Carriers, and the like; but to purge it also 30  
from prphanation by Bacchanalian Revellings, and Heathenish May-  
games, with other like filth, and ordure, (the consequence of both  
these) which yet in some places are more zealously observed, and  
stood for, than either the Lawes of God, or the King. I hope those  
whom this concerns wil give me leave to speak freely, and I shall 35  
speak the words of truth and sobernesse. 'Twas within these 15 years  
that a most wholsome order was made by the Iudges of this Circuit,

31/ prphanation for prophanation

for the suppressing of Church-Ales and Revells, which in many places  
 is Sabbath-day work. Oh then that it would seem good in the ⟨.⟩yes  
 of your Lordship, that by your authority, so wholesome an order,  
 which now (like the engravings on Tomb stones) is quite worn out,  
 might rceive new force and vigour, that so you would be pleased with 5  
 the sword of Iustice, to stab all those unlawfull Assemblies, (meere  
 Conventicles of bad fellowes) that they may receive their deaths  
 wound....

1642-3

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*John Hayne's Diary* DRO: MS 36

f 134 (5 January)

...

More iij s given ye Citties Waites

...|.3|..

...

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## FARWAY

1567

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Book* DRO: 67A/PW1

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f 8v (Rendered 1 November)

...

Item walter bucwnoll was chosen Robert howde<sup>^</sup> one  
 daye<sup>^</sup> & after put owt yeat freyd to the paryshe

v s vj d.

...

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## HONITON

1571-2

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1639A/PW1

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f 4 (30 November - 29 November) (Charges)

...

payd to master cogynge for one<sup>^</sup> j li. of<sup>^</sup> powdar when  
 Robarte hode of collyton came in

xiiij ⟨...⟩

...

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1576-7

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1639A/PW1  
f 15 (30 November - 29 November) (Receipts)

...  
Item made declaro for whit sonne ayle xix s x (. ) 5  
Item mad declaro for Roberte houde xvij s  
...

1580-1

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1639A/PW1 10  
f 29v (30 November - 29 November) (Charges)

...  
Payd to the mynstrelles at whytsonnyde v s  
...

KILMINGTON 15

1625-6

*St Giles' Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 3047A/PW2 20  
f [17] (Rendered 10 April) (Receipts)

...  
Item receved of the fyve players for taringe the windores iij s vj d  
...

f [17v] (Allowances) 25  
...

Item payde to the glasier for mendinge the windowres  
that weare torne by the ffyve players iij s  
...

MOREBATH 30

1531

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 177v\* (Wardens of the Store of St George) (Necessary expenses) 35

...  
Item to Thomas glasse for a full payment of hys v. li. for owr laydy:

nota Thomas  
glasse

y haue payd hem xx. s so now we be at a cler powynte *with* hem þat  
 he schall make vs a new iorge & a new horsse: to owr dragon to hys  
 one proper coste & charge: & we to fett owr patent where we wolle:  
 & for þe Makyn of þis he schall haue owr iorge a gayn & xiiij .s.  
 & iiij d. of mony: & yf he doo well hys parte: he schall haue of vs 5  
 xv .s. when hyt ys don & sett vp

...

## 1533-4

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
 f 36v (*Rendered 23 November*)  
 (*Wardens of the Store of St George*) (*Receipts*)

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Item y Resseuyd of þe plears at ester here

xij d.

...

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## 1537-8

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
 f 57v\* (*Rendered 24 November*)  
 (*Wardens of the Store of St George*) (*Necessary expenses*)

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Item for swepyn of þe churche yerde a gaynste  
 revyll sonday

j d

...

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## 1539-40

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
 f 69 (*Rendered 21 November*)  
 (*Wardens of the Store of St George*) (*Necessary expenses*)

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Item for bordes & trestylles & for þe cete yn þe churche  
 yerde: & for stoffe & dressyng of þe same: yn mette &  
 dryncke & wages

iiiiij. s. &amp; vj d

...

Item for clenssyng of þe churche yerde a gayn sent iorge  
 tyed *with* wother tymys

ij d

35

...

1540-1

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 73\* (*Rendered 23 April*) (*Wardens of the Store of St George*)  
(*Necessary expenses*)

Item for makyn clene of þe churcheyerde: a gayn sent iorge tyed ij d 5  
...

(*Wardens of the High Store*) 10  
In eodem die: The cownte of þe iij men: þat haue þe  
churche stoke yn <sup>^</sup>kepyn<sup>7</sup>  
primo Recetes

Memorandum þat restyd in þe iij mens handdes at there laste a cownte 15  
iij. li. iij. s. & vij d. ob.... ac iterum Richard hucly hath yn hys kepyn:  
þe vij. s. & x d. ob. of þe Madyn mony: & þe iij. s. & iiij d. of þe  
be questh of Ione at cortlye: to helppe to by a new stremer of sylke  
a gayn sent iorge day...

1543-4 20

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 113 (*Rendered 9 November*) (*Wardens of the Store of St George*)  
(*Necessary expenses*)

Item for clenssyng of þe churche yerd a gayn sent iorge 25  
tyed & lammis ij <sup>^</sup>d<sup>7</sup>  
...

1545 30

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 115v (*Wardens of the Store of St George*) (*Necessary expenses*)

Item for makyn clene of þe churche yerde agayn sent Iorge 35  
tyed ij d  
...

1545-6 40

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 138v (*Rendered 3 October*) (*Wardens of the Store of St George*)  
(*Necessary expenses*)

Item for þe clenssyng of þe churche yerd a gayn sent iorge tyed j d  
...

1546-7

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 184v (*Rendered 6 November*) (*Wardens of the Store of St George*)  
(*Necessary expenses*)

...  
Item for Makyn clene of þe churche yerde a gayn sent Iorge  
tyed

ij d

1565-6

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 204\* (*Rendered 23 June*) (*Young Men Wardens*)

...  
Memorandum ... And ys for the syluer spone þat they resseuyd: they  
deliueyrd þis laste yere for buckeler playng

15

1577-8

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 125v (*Rendered 6 July*) (*Grooming Wardens*)

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...  
Item made by selling the ale iiij li. wherof v s is paide to william Liddon  
for his playnge at the ale ...

25

1578-9

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 129 (*Grooming Wardens*)

Wherof the aske allowance of eighte grotes paid to Iohn Timewell  
the harper

30

(*Rendered 10 February*) (*High Wardens*)

Item receiued of william moore for the banner  
Item made by sellinge of the Ale

ij s 35  
vj li.

1579-80

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 130v (*Rendered 10 July*) (*Grooming Wardens*)

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...  
Item made by sellinge of the ale iiij markes the some of receits is



iiij li. ijs ijd wherof the aske allowance of vs paide to Iohn Timewell  
for plainge at the ale & for makinge this accounte ijd so ther is yelded  
in all cost quited lvij s & vppon this is appointe (. ) Richard the sonn  
of Richard Timewell & Iohn the sonn of Iohn Lamberte to be  
grominge wardins this yeare folowinge & to them is deliuered iij s 5

1582-3

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 160 (Rendered 21 July) (Grooming Wardens)

...  
Item gevin to the harper for playing the ale ij s viij d [iij s] 10

1583-4

*St George's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2983A/PW1  
f 162 (23 August) (Grooming Wardens) 15

...  
Item paid to the mynstrell for playng at the [s] ale  
... xvij d

## OKEHAMPTON 20

1641

*Journal of John Rattenbury, Town Clerk*

W.H.K. Wright: *Account of Okehampton*

p 93 (4 May) 25

...  
This year was some disorder committed in setting up a may-pole  
here, and some stirr touching it afterwards at the town sessions.

...

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## PLYMOUTH

1494-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 26 (Payments) 35

...  
Item paid to Gotewyll for þe renewyng of þe pycture  
of Gogmagog apon þe howe vij d

...

f 28

...

Item paid to þe kynges Mynstrelles by þe Maire is  
 commondement lathbury & his felowys

iiij s iiij d

Item for a brekefast to þem yn presens of

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Mr Redyng W. Thykpeny & W. Bree

xx d

...

## 1495-6

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

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f 34v (*Mayor's costs*)

...

Item to my lord of Devonshyre ys mynsterels by the  
 advise of the said recorder sir william Thyckepeny and  
 oþer worshipfull of the towne

iiij s iiij d

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Item the same tyme at a soper for bred flesche  
 wyne and ale

iiij s [i]iiij d

...

Item to the kynges mynsterels yn Reward

vjj s viij d

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...

f 35

Item [for] to my lady of bedford is mylsterls

xij d

Item to my lord of Oxford is mylsterls

ij s

25

...

## 1496-7

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 38 (*Payments*)

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...

Item for xvj yardes of tawny for the waytes price  
 the yard xiiij d

xviij s iiij d

...

35

## 1498-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 47\* (*Payments*)

Item for a Reward yeven to the kynges

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## PLYMOUTH 1499–1500

mylstrelles before crystemas

ij s

...

f 47v

Item paid to the Kynges bereward for a reward ouer

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ij s x d þat was gatheryd at the bere baytyng

ij s ij d

Item paid for a Reward to the Kynges mylstrelles and my  
lord of canterberys & to my lord of oxfordes and for  
wyne at Rogger peyne ys hous

vj s 10

...

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* WDRO: W 129

f 23\* (19 February)

for the Stypell

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...

Memorandum that T Tresawell Resseyvyd of Agnes

dowfter of Kateryn Hoker for dawnsyng mony

xj s

Item of Iohanne seruant of Thomas Croppe

xj s

Item of Ionett potter for dawnsyng mony

ix s ix d 20

Item Iohanna filia Willelmi Nycoll debet pro

dawnsyng mony

(blank)

Item Rogerus peyne debet pro dawnsyng mony

(blank)

...

25

## 1499–1500

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 48v (Payments)

Item a reward yeven vnto my lord of devonshyre

30

ys mylstrelles

xx d

Item more yeven vnto a mylstrell of Sir Iohn Arundelles

viij d

...

f 49

35

...

Item yn mony yeven vnto the kynges mylstrelles and yn  
expences vppon theyme

iiij s iiij d

...

## 1500-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 54v (*Payments*)

...  
 Item delyueryd vn to iij Mynstrellys by þe Request of  
 Master Meyre xij d 5  
 ...

f 55

... 10  
 Item paid for makyng clene of [gygmagog] ʳ gogmagog ʳ viij d  
 ...  
 Item paid for wyne to þe prynses ys mynstrelles xij d  
 Item geuyn them a reward iij s iij d  
 ... 15

## 1501-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 58v\* (*Payments*)

... 20  
 Item delyueryd to my lady prynces ys amner to wryte  
 oure supplicacion yn Spaynysch and yn latyn and to be  
 owre solucyter x s  
 ...  
 Item a reward to the prynces ys mylstrelles ij s 25  
 Item to the Erle ys mylstrelles of Spayne xx d  
 Item to the prynces ys ij fotemen at hir departyng ij s  
 ...

## 1502-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 61 (*Payments*)

... 30  
 Item paid to the berehurde for a reward iij s iij d  
 ... 35  
 f 61v  
 ...  
 Item Gave to my lorde of yorke ys mynstrelles ij s  
 ... 40



## 1504-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 69v (*Payments*)

...

Item a reward þat was Geven to the bereherd	iiij s iiij d	5
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Item a reward to Iames purcevaunte	iiij s iiij d	
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Item for wyne yeven to the said bereherd and purcyvant	vij d	
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f 70v*		10
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...

Item for a reward to the kynges mynstrelles	iiij s iiij d	
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Item for a reward to my lorde prynce is mynstrelles	iiij s iiij d	
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## 1505-6

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 72v (*Payments*)

...

Item a reward yeven to the kynges Mylstrelles by the		20
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Mayer ys [co'] comaundement	ij s	
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...

Item paid for [Gg] Gogmagog	viiij d	
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## 1507-8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 78v

...

Item to William Randell for a dossen of cloth for to make		30
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gownys for the waytes	xij s. viij d.	
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## 1508-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 84

...

Item to the bereherd for a reward by Master Mayre		35
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is commaundement	iiij s iiij d	40
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## 1509–10

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 88 (*Payments*)

...  
 Item to iij mynstrelles on seynt Margett day for a reward iij s iiij d 5  
 Item to ij mynstrelles on seynt Iames day for a rewarde iij s iiij d  
 ...

f 89

... 10  
 Item for a rewarde gyven to the duke of bokyngham is  
 Mynstrelles when they were here iij s iiij d  
 ...

## 1511–12

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 91v

... 15  
 Item for a rewarde gyven to the bereherd iij s iiij d  
 ... 20  
 Item for a rewarde to therle of Shrewsberys mynstrelles ij s  
 Item for a rewarde gyven to the lorde darcy is mynstrelles xvj d  
 ...

## 1512–13

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 114 (*Payments*)

...  
 Item for a rewarde to my lorde Admyralles Trompettes iij s iiij d  
 ... 30  
 Item for a rewarde gevyn to the bereherde xij d  
 ...

## 1513–14

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 119v (*Payments*)

... 35  
 Item to the maister of the kynges berys for a rewarde iij s  
 ...

## 1514-15

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 123v (*Costs and payments*)

...

Item gyven to the Kynges mynstrelles for a rewarde iiij s iiij d 5

...

f 125v

...

Item paid to Iohn Lucas seriant for cuttyng of Gogmagog viij d 10

...

## 1515-16

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 129 (*Payments*)

...

Item in Rewarde to my lorde of Southefolkes bereherd iiij s

...

f 129v 20

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to my Lorde of Southefolkes  
bereherd iiij s iiij d

...

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Item gyuyn in Rewarde to the kynges Mynstrelles iiij s iiij d 25

...

Item payd to Iohn lucas serieant for new dyggyng  
of Gogmagog apon the howe viij d

...

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to my lorde of Southfolkes  
bereherd in the tyme of Master Brewne Mayre iiij s iiij d 30

...

f 130

...

Item delyueryd to Stoddon on corpus christi day by  
Master Mayres Commaundement for drynke  
for the players iiij d 35

*Item* gyuyn in Reward to the Kynges Bereherd

v s

*Item* in Rewarde to luskum for his dogg at the  
bere baytyng

iiiij d

...

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**1516-17**

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 133 (*Costs and payments*)

...

*Item* gyuyn in Rewarde to the kynges mynstrelles

iiij s iiiij d

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*Item* gyuyn in Rewarde to the kynges bereherdes

vj s viij d

...

f 133v

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*Item* for paryng of Gogmagog at the how

viij d

...

**1517-18**

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

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f 135v (*Costs and payments*)

...

*Item* gyuyn in Reward to the kynges bereherde

v s

*Item* gyuyn in Reward to the kynges mynstrelles

iiij s iiiij d

*Item* paid to lucas for Cuttyng of gogmagog this yere

viij d

25

...

**1518-19**

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

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f 139v (*Costs and payments*)

...

*Item* for viij yardes of clothe for Robyn the Taberettes  
'cote' at viij d the yarde

v s iiiij d

...

35

f 141v

...

*Item* in Rewarde to the kynges bereherde

iiij s iiiij d

*Item* in Rewarde to the Erle of Arrundelles mynstrell

iiij s iiiij d

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## 1519-20

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 145v (*Costs and payments*)

...

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to the kynges bereherd iij s iiij d 5

...

f 146

...

Item paid to the duke of Suffolks bereherd xij d 10

...

## 1520-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 149v (*Costs and payments*) 15

...

Item gyuyn in Rewarde vnto my lady of deuonshyres mynstrelles xx d

...

f 150 20

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to the kinges berewardes [viij s] vj s viij d

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to hym that Caryed the Kinges Camell iij s iiij d 25

...

Item gyuyn in Rewarde vnto therle of arrundelles Mynstrelles vj s viij d

...

Item paid to the Sargeantes for new dyggyng of gogmagog apon the howe [xij d] viij d 30

...

f 150v 35

Item gyuyn yn Rewarde to the kinges Iocular [x s] vj s viij d

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to my lorde admyralles seruantes iij s iiij d

Item for ij pyntes of wyne for the Iocular in the hall [iij d] 40

...

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to the kinges Mynstrelles      iij s iiij d  
...

f 151

... 5  
Item gyuyn yn Rewarde to my lorde brokes mynstrelles      ij s  
Item gyuyn in Rewarde to iiij of therle of Essex  
mynstrelles      iij s iiij d  
Item gyuyn in Rewarde to mynstrelles on  
Midsomer Evyn      iij s iiij d 10  
...

1522-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 158 (*Costs and charges*) 15

...  
Item payd for paryng of gogmagog upon the howe      viij d  
...

1523-4

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*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 161v (*Payments*)

...  
Item payd In Rewarde to my lorde of Deuon Mynstrelles      iij s iiij d  
... 25  
Item payd for Cuttryng of gogmagog upon the howe      viij d  
Item gyuyn in Reward to the kynges Iocular      vj s viij d  
Item in Reward to hym that Caryed the kynges Camell      ij s  
Item in Reward to the Waytes on  
mysomer nyght watche      vij s 30  
Item payd for paper threde & Caryng of gonnys in to  
the Church yard & making of wyldefyre at the watche      xij d  
...  
Item gyuyn in Reward to the kynges mynstrelles  
& my lord Cardynalles      x s 35  
...

f 162

...  
Item gyuyn in Reward to my lorde of 40

Deuonshyres mynstrelles ij s viij d  
...

## 1524-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 164 (*Costs*)

Item payd for Cuttyng of gogmagog this yere viij d

...

## 1525-6

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 166 (*Payments*)

Item gyuyne in Reward to the Duke of Suffolkes bereherd iij s iij d 15

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Item gyuyne in Reward to the kynges mynstrelles iij s iij d

...

Item payd for makyng clene of gogmagog viij d

...

## 1526-7

*Receivers' Accounts* DRO: W 130

f 167 (*Costs*)

Item gyuyne in Reward to the kynges bereherd iij s iij d 25

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f 167v

...

Item payd for Clensyng & ryddyng of gogmagog  
apon þe howe viij d

...

Item gyuyne in Reward to the kynges players vj s viij d

...

## 1527-8

*Receivers' Accounts* DRO: W 130

f 169v (*Costs*)

Item gyuyne in Reward to my lord marques mynstrelles iij s iij d 40

Item spent in wyne at *Master Mayres* house  
the same tyme xx d

...

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to the duke of suffolkes  
bereherd iiij s iiij d 5

...

f 170

Item gyuyn in Reward to the  
Lorde Awdeleys mynstrelles xij d 10

...

### 1528-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130 15  
f 172 (*Costs*)

...

Item payd for the Trompettes Cape & his Ierken v s

...

f 173 (*Payments*) 20

...

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to the Duke of Suffolkes  
seruant with the daunsyng bere & the dansyng  
wyff xx d 25

...

### 1529-30

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130 30  
f 174v (*Costs*)

...

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to the duke of  
Suffolkes bereherde iiij s iiij d

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to another Bereherde ij s

...

35

f 175

...

Item payd for Clensyng of gogmagog this yere viij d

...

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## 1530-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 177v (*Costs*)

...

Item payd for xij yardes of Morrey / at/ xvij d the yarde for lyueryes for the Towe waytes	xvij s	5
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f 178

...

Item payd to the Masters and Maryners that ffett my lorde Chyf Iustice & his Commpany with long Botes by water way to & ffro	xij s	10
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Item payd to Symon Weryng & Nicholas Sarke ffor shootyng thordenans at my lordes Commyng	iiij s iiij d	15
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...

Item gyuyne in Rewarde to my saide lordes mynstrelles	v s	
Item in Rewarde to sir Thomas denys Mynstrelles	iiij s iiij d	

...

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## 1531-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 180v (*Costs*)

Item gyuyne in Rewarde to the bereherde this yere	xx d	25
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Item gyuyne in Rewarde to my lorde Marques mynstrelles	iiij s iiij d	
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## 1532-3

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*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 182v (*Costs*)

Item payd to serten Mynstrelles on Maye daye this yere	iiij s	
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Item [p] gyuyne in Rewarde to my lorde lyles Mynstrelles	iiij s iiij d	35
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Item gyuyne in Rewarde to sir Thomas denys Mynstrelles	xx d	
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Item gyuyne in Rewarde to the Mynstrelles of my lorde Marques therle of Estsex and my lorde chyfe Iustice	iiij s iiij d	
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Item gyuyne in Rewarde to [my lor] Master		40
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Greynfyldes mynstrelles	iiij s iiij d	
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f 183

...

Item payd to Wylliam Hawkyns the sergeant for  
Cuttyng of Gogmagog apon the Howe this yere

viij d

5

...

1533-4

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 184 (*Costs*)

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...

Item payd to the kynges mynstrelles in a Rewarde  
this yere

v s

...

f 184v

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Item geuen to Master Courtenays mynstrelles  
half an angell the price

iiij s ix d

...

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1534-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 187v (*Costs*)

...

Item gyuyn in Reward to the kynges mynstrelles

vj s viij d

25

Item gyuyn in Reward to My lorde Markes mynstrelles

v s

Item gyuyn in Rewarde to Master Cortenays mynstrelles

v s

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1535-6

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*Black Book* WDRO: W 46

ff 47v-8\*

*Pro Gyld Corporus christi*

ffor the Honor of god and for thencreasing of the benefittes of the  
Chirche of seynt Androwe of plymouthe It is agreed by the Mayre  
xij and xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> sworne to the Councell of the Burghe of plymmouthe  
that in the ffeast of corporis christi euery warde of the said Burghe  
shall from hensforthe this the x<sup>th</sup> day of Iune make an hale yn the  
[parich] parisshe churche yarde of seynt Androwe aforesaid And

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euery person of the said warde to bring with theym except Brede and  
 drinke suche vytayle as the like Best And haue there suche And  
 asmany persons estraungers as they thinke Beste of theyr ffrendes  
 And aquaynted men and Women for thencrossing of the said Ile paing  
 for brede And ale As it commeth therto in rekening for their dyners 5  
 And sopers the same day &c.

Item it is agreed that euery tauerne of wyne and ale within the said  
 Burghe to forbere theyre sale the same day of theyre wyne And ale  
 for the wele of the said churche euery person of the xij vpon payne  
 of vj s viij d And euery of the xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> iij s iiij d And euery of the 10  
 Cominers j pounce of waxe or the value of the same to the said  
 churches behoufe And he or they doing the Contrary at the Mayer  
 xij & the xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> is wylle to stonde in Iupardye of his ffredome And  
 to paye the said fyne And euery fyne or fynes so forfayte to be levyed  
 by the Mayer for the tyme being within iiij dayes after the said ffeaste 15  
 And in his defaute to be levyed of his ffee And vpon the Audyte  
 therof/

Item the Mayre for the tyme being all ways in his owne Warde in  
 the hale so made for him and his warde &c/

Item that the xij And the xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> Aide & helpe the Mayre to levy the 20  
 said paynes forfayte At euery yere & tyme therto called |

Item that no person that shall goo aboute with the shipp of Corporis  
 christi bring no body there but him selfe to charge the yle

Item that they make a rekening to euery person for mete and drinke  
 And natte to paye at their leasure/ 25

Item that euery yle fro hensforthe for the welthe of the Churche in  
 tyme comyng be accomptabill Afore the Mayre the xij & the xxiiij<sup>ti</sup>  
 in the Gylde hall of the Burghe aforesaid And the debet of euery of  
 theym to be sett in the ligger of the said Towne entred And the said  
 Debet to be atte the Mayre xij and xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> is disposicion in euery yere 30  
 & tyme for the welthe of the said churche/

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ff 62-3\*

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### The Libertye of the Tayllors Crafte

Be hit knowen to all maner of people that we william Rogger Mayer  
 of the burghe of plymouthe Thomas Tresawell Recorder of the same  
 Thomas byne william Nicoll Iohn paynter william Thikpeny Peryn 40  
 Arle with other moo com burges of the same burghe with all the

comens of the same burghe haue yeuen and graunten vnto the brethern  
 and Crafte of Tayllors of the same burghe full auctorite and power  
 to electe these and make Masters of theyre occupacion And Crafte  
 And they so made and chosen by theym of the same occupacion And  
 shall haue full auctoritee And power to rule And Correcte all thinges 5  
 belonging to the said occupacion And crafte so ffyxe made and  
 stablysshed they shall | make or cause to be made At the cost and  
 charge of the said Crafte A pagent yerely vnto Corpus christi Ilde  
 for the welthe and proffitt of the said Ilde on Corpus christi day.  
 And the same they shall keepe and maynteyn for euer At their Coste 10  
 and charge for the which pagent the said bretherdyn may be prayed  
 for euer in the same Ilde And ouer that yf there be Be any man of  
 the same occupacion in the same towne not keping household that  
 then he or they so being in the said towne not keping Household  
 shalbe noon of the said occupacion but that he or they shall make 15  
 fyne with us the said Mayer & Comons And also with the said  
 occupacion And Crafte After the order and discession of men of the  
 said Crafte by the ouer sight of the said Mayer And yf the said wardeins  
 And Crafte Amytte any Man to be oon of the said occupacion and  
 Crafte. And he happyn to distroye or marre any maner of garment 20  
 for lakke of vnderstandynge And non cunnyng yn that behalfe that  
 then he or they so hurted or greved shall warne the master or masters  
 of the same occupacion therof And then the said masters of the same  
 occupacion shall paye and contente for the garment or garmentes so  
 distroyed as hit can be thought reasonable for the same hurte hauing 25  
 a recompence of the same person or persons Provyded alwey by this  
 presentes that the said Masters and Craftes and euery person of the  
 same shalbe ordred ruled and gouerned by the Mayer of the said  
 burghe for the tyme being in euery thing according to the libertye  
 and fourme | of the said Towne and burghe As any oder of the 30  
 inhabitauntes there being thus graunte not withstanding.

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## 1537–8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130  
 f 197 (*Costs*)

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Item gyven in Rewarde to v of my lorde princes  
 seruantes players in Interludes that played in the  
 yeldehall

xj s viij d 40

...



## 1538-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 199 (*Costs*)

...

Item a Rewarde gevyn to iiij players that namyd  
themselffes the prynces *seruantes*

vij s vj d

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Item a Rewarde gevyn to ij mynstrelles

iiij s iiij d

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f 200

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Item gevyn in Rewarde to a Iugler *seruant* to *sir* Iohn  
arrundell the yonger knyght

xij d

Item gevyn in Rewarde to my lorde *Privy seales seruant*  
a mynstrell and a nother of *sir* Thomas Denys

iiij s iiij d

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## 1539-40

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 202 (*Payments and costs*)

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...

Item for a Rewarde gevyn to a Iugler that played before  
*Master Mayre* and his bretherne on Seynt Iohn is day

xx d

Item a Rewarde gevyn to v players for playeng of an  
enterlude in *Master Mayre* is house the saterday  
before xijthe day

v s

25

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f 202v

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...

Item gevyn in Rewarde to iiij of the lorde Marques  
*dorsettes seruanter* for playeng of an enterlude  
in the yeldehall

vij s vj d

...

Item for a Rewarde gevyn to my lorde prynces *seruanter*  
for playeng of an enterlude in the yeldehall

ix s

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...

## 1540-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 206v (*Costs, payments, and expenses*)

...

Item payd for ix yerdes of cloth to make a Cote for Tom hordson the ffoole price the yerde viij d	vj s	5
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Item payd to iiij players that played before Master Mayre and his brethern	v s	
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...

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f 207v

...

¶ Item for a Rewarde gevyn to my lord admyralles seruantes that played an enterlude before Master Mayre & his bretherne	xx s.	15
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¶ Item for a Souper gevyn to them	xvj d.	
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¶ Item for a dyner gevyn to my lord admyralles seruantes	vj s. viij d.	
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f 208

...

Item a Rewarde gevyn to therle of bathes mynstrelles	vij s vj d	
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...

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## 1541-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 210v (*Costs, payments, and expenses*)

...

Itm paide to my lorde Prynces Playerz for playeng of an enterlude before the Mayre & his brethern yn the Guildehale	xv s	30
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...

f 211

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...

Itm paid to William Hawkyngs Baker for cuttyng of Gogmagog the pycure of the Gyaunt att hawe	viij d	
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...

f 211v

...

Item paid to Iohn Harrys for skowryng of  
S. Georgez harnez

xvj d

Item for a barrell to putt the same harneyz yn

viij d

...

f 213

...

Nota

Item for a rewarde geven to my lorde Chamberleynz  
seruantz for playeng of an enterlude before the Mayor  
& his brethern yn the Guildehale

x s

...

1542-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 217v (*Costs and expenses*)

Item payde to Master Mayre for thentertaynement of  
my Lorde of Westmynster beyng the Kynges  
Ambassator [beyng] accompanied with Syr Richard  
Edgecom And other gentlemen and theyre trayne

xx s

Item gyuen in Reward to iij mynstrelles the same tyme

iij s iij d

...

f 218v

...

Item gyuen in Rewarde to the Kynges Iester so namyd

iij s iij d

...

Item gyuen in Rewarde to my lorde deputyes iij  
mynstrelles of yreland

iij s iij d

Item gyuyne in Rewarde to another sorte of mynstrelles  
belongyng to certen noble men and gentlemen

ij s

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1544-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 228v\* (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item to the porters for beryng a hogyshead of wyne to

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the hyghcrosse at the tryumphe for the takyng of Boleyn      iiij d

...

Itm payd to *Master* hawkyns for the hogyshede of wyne  
whyche was dronken at the hyghe crosse      xxv s

...

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f 231

...

Itm to the players of the towne towards ther charges      xx s

...

10

f 232v

...

Itm in reward to my lord of sussexes players      vj s viij d

...

15

f 233

Itm to the Erle of bathys beareherd for hys reward      iij s iiij d

...

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Itm to the prynces players      xiiij s iiij d

Itm to the Erle of Bryggewaters players      viij s

...

1545-6

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*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 236v\* (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Itm pd for drynke on Maye daye for the men of  
stonehousse

iij s iiij d      30

...

f 237v

...

Itm pd to ij mynstrelles on assencyon daye      iij s iiij d      35

...

1546-7

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 240v (*Costs and expenses*)

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...

Item payd to the players at Chystysmas      x s

...



f 241

...

Item geven in Reward to my Lord Mongeys mynstrell	xij d	
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...

Item for the drynkyng of stonehouse men on maye daye	xx d	5
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f 241v

Item payd for the charges at the tryvmphe for the coronacyon of kyng Edward the vjth	xliij s	10
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...

Item geven in reward to my Lord privye Sealles players	x s	
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## 1547-8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 245v\* (*Costs and expenses*)

Item paid for a hoggyshede of wyne which was Spent at the tryvmphe for the vycory in Scotlond	xx s	20
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Item paid for brede at the same bankett	xvj d	
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Item paid for vj galons of ale at the same bankett	xviiij d	
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Item paid to them which made the Bankettyng housse & for nayles	viiij d	25
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Item paid for meate & drynke for them which played the antycke the same tyme	xij d	
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...

Item paid to Mattacote for pavyng the holes where the poles were sett for makyng the Bankettyng housse aforesaid	j d	30
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...

f 248v

...

Item paid to my lord privye sealles players	x s	35
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...

Item paid to Iames Browne for setting forthe of an enterlude	x s	
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Item paid the erle of bathis mynstrelles

v s

...

f 249

...

Item to the kynges gester[s] & ij other *with* hym

vj s viij d

5

...

Item paid to the kynges fydlers

v s

...

10

f 249v

...

Item paid to the *seriantes* for Cuttyng of the Gogmagog

xij d

...

15

1548-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130

f 253v (*Costs and expenses*)

Item geven in Reward to the kynges mynstreles

vj s viij d

20

...

Item geven in Reward to my Lorde deputie of  
Bolleyne is players

x s

...

25

f 254\*

...

Item paid for wyne geven to the venycians on maye daye

ij s viij d

...

30

f 256

...

Item [p] geven in Reward to my lord *privye*  
sealles trompeters

iiij s iiij d

...

35

f 257

...

Item geven in Reward [fo] *certeyn* mynstrelles  
at sondry tymes

ix s iiij d

40

...

## 1549-50

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 263v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid to the players which played in the churche

x s 5

...

f 264

...

Item geven in Reward to my Lord Erle of  
warwykes mynstrelles by Mr Mayres  
commaundement

10

vj s viij d

...

## 1559-60

15

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 130f 267\* (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid to playars of london which plaide at the mayors  
requeste in the vycarage

xiiij s iiij d 20

...

f 267v

...

Item to my lord Robert dodleis players which pled in the  
churche at the Mayors commaundement

25

xx s

...

*Black Book* WDRO: W 46

f 315v\*

30

A note off Daies appoynted to weare  
Skarlett on and to bankett with Mayor  
off plymowthe

35

...

Item on maye daie Skarlet at the fetchynge of maye

...

## 1560-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131f 2 (*Costs and expenses*)

...  
 Item to my L Busshoppes players xiiij s iiiiij d 5

...  
 Item to Mr fortescues players xiiij s iiiiij d

...

f 2v 10

...  
 Item to the qwenes players xx s vj d

...

## 1561-2

15

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131f 5v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...  
 Item to Mr fortescues players x s 20

...

f 6v\*

...

Item given to the waytes of Bristoll x s

...

Item given to Mr Edgecombes men commynge hather 25

tacompanye Mr Maor on Maye daye x s

...

f 7 30

...

Item given to Sir Parcyvall hartes plaiers vj s viiij d

...

## 1562-3

35

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131f 9 (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item payed to the Erell of oxfordes v pleers xiiij s iiiiij d

...

40



f 9v

...

Item payed to the Wayttes of Brystolle

v s

...

Item to the Erell of Warweke ys [pleers] seruantes the ix  
of Iune ffor pleyng

xiiij s iiij d

5

...

Item to the quenes players

xx s

...

10

## 1563-4

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131f 12v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item payed to the Erell of worsetters [horse] pleers

xiiij s iiij d

15

...

f 13

...

Item payed to the moryshe dawners

ij s

20

Item payed to the trompeter

xij d

...

## 1564-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131

25

f 16 (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item paied to Mr Caynes players

vj s viij d

Item paied to the Weytes of Bristowe

iiij s

30

...

Item paied to aman that came with the quenes beires

vij s

...

f 16v

...

35

Item paied to the boyes of Totton that played  
at Mr mayors

v s

...

Item paied to the quenes pleys xx s  
 Item payed to my lorde mungeis players xiiij s iiij d

...  
 Item paied to my Lorde Hunsdons pleers xiiij s iiij d

5

**1565-6***Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131f 28 (*Costs and payments*)

...  
 Item payed to players in the Church vppon  
 St Iohn is daye vj s viij d

10

Item payed to the scole master & Children of <sup>A</sup> 'Tottnes'  
 [the towne] whiche playd in Christmas x s

15

f 29v

...  
 Item paied to the mynstrells and dauncers vppon  
 maye daie for theire dynner and drynkinge vj s viij d

20

f 30

...  
 Item payed to the wetes of brystowe iiij s iiij d

25

**1566-7***Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131f 36 (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

30

...  
 Item paied to the plaiers of totnes x s

f 36v

35

...  
 Item gave to the compayny of St Budokes on may day x s

11/ Church: *St Andrew's Church*37/ St Budokes: *St Budeaux, a village 3 miles north-west of Plymouth*

Item *paied* to the morysh dauncers  
... iiij s iiij d

f 37

Item *paied* for a breckfast for the moryshe daunce pleers  
on may day v s

Item *paied* to my lord munges pleyres  
... iiij s iiij d

1567-8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131

f 41v (*Payments*)

Item *paied* to the pleers of totnes the vth of Ianuary  
... x s

f 42

Item *paied* for dressinge of the maye pole xij d

Item *paied* for pentinge of the maye pole iiij s iiij d

Item *paied* to the morishe dawners on maye daye iiij s

Item *paied* to Kympe for the maye pole iiij s iiij d

Item *paied* to the Erle of worcesters pleers the 11 of Iune  
... v s

Item *paied* for Canvas on mydsomer nighte xij d

Item *paied* to Sir harry fortescue is pleyers  
... x s

Item *paied* to mr Edgcombs men on midsomer  
night xx s

f 43

Item *paied* for a hoggeshedd of Beer bestowed vppon  
theym that wayted on mr maior on mydsomer nighte ix s

Item *paied* for stonnyng Cuppes on mydsomer nighte xij d

## 1568-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 131f 45v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...  
 Item payed to the players of Tavistocke v s 5  
 ...

f 46

...  
 Item payed to the Waytes of Bristow ij s vj d 10  
 ...

f 46v

Item payed for charges on Maye daye vj s iiij d 15  
 Item payed to the Morish dauncers that daye v s  
 ...

f 47

... 20  
 Item payed to my lord Munges players v s

...  
 Item gevyn to the Quenes players xx s

25

## 1569-70

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 3 (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...  
 Item paied to my lord Straunge is players xij s iiij d 30  
 ...

f 3v

...  
 Item payed to one that came with Mr Rogers beares v s 35  
 ...

Item paied to the players of Wyldshire x s

...  
 Item paied to too men that plaied apon the drume apon  
 May day v s 40

Item paied to the mynstrelles & moryshe dauncers then iiij s

...



f 4

...

Item payed to Robert Sprye for payntyng of the Maye  
pole and the table at Mr Mayres

vj s iiij d

...

Item paied to my lord of leycesters players

xx s

...

f 5\*

Item paied to the drume players when my lord was here

ijj s

...

Item paied to Thomas Smyth for wyne gevyn to  
Modbury men on maye daye

xvj d

Item payed for neyles for the maye pole

ij d

...

Item paied for the carriage of Mr Hawkins weapons  
on maye daye

viij d

...

1570-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 7 (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item payed to Thomas Triplyn is players

ij s vj d

...

f 7v

...

Item payed to the drumer on maye daye

v s

Item paied to ij other drumers that daye

ij s

Item payed for heddyng of the drumme

ij s

Item payed to Croses is man for makyng of thynges  
aboute the maye pole

vj d

Item paied to three laborers aboute the maye pole

viij d

Item payed to the gonners of the fflemynge  
on Mydsomer nyght

vj s

...

30,31/ drumer: drumier *MS*

34/ e of maye written over preceding y

Item payed to Iohn Scarlett for makyng of a benche abouthe maye pole	xij d	
Item payed to the Erle of Worcester is players	vj s viij d	
...		
Item payed to the drummer on Mydsomer nyghte	vj s viij d	5
Item playd to Hancockes man for playnge apon a drumme that nyght	xij d	
...		
Item payed to my lorde MunteIoyes players	x s	
...		10
f 8		
...		
Item payd to Roger hewett for canvas & other thynges abouthe the maye pole	iiij s viij d	15
...		
Item payed to Robert Sprie for payntyng of the maye pole	v s	
...		

## 1571-2

20

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 10v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...		
Item payed ffor paper to putt powder in on maydaye	v d	
Item payed to the drommer & the mynstrelles yat daye	iiij s vj d	25
Item payed to Margaret Waddon for her horse on maye daye for that Knaue the barber to ride on	viij d	
...		
Item payed to one that dyd playe on the Towne drome on Maye day	xij d	30
Item payed to Iohn wyotte for dygyng vppe of the mayepole	iiij d	
Item payed to Roger Newporte for shotte & neyles	viij d	
Item payed to Roger hewett for fflagges & stremers for the maye pole	vj s	35
Item payed to Clynche for di. C of bord neyles	vj d	
Item payed to Robert Sprie for peyntyn of the maye pole	iiij s	
...		

6/ playd for payd

7/ drumme: drummie MS

f 11v

...

Item payed to Mr blythman for a C of lathe nayles  
for the maypole

vj d

...

5

## 1572-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 14 (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item payed to my lord Mounte Ioyes players

xiiij s iiij d

10

...

Item payed to a drummer on maye daye

vj d

...

Item payed to Robert Sprie for mending of the  
maye pole this yere

vj s viij d

15

Item payed for nayles & canvas for streamers  
for the maye pole

iiij s

Item payed for bordes for the benche & for making of the  
pytte for the maye pole

xiiij d

20

...

f 15

...

Item paid to my lord of worcesters players

xiiij s iiij d

25

...

## 1573-4

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 18v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

30

...

Item payed to the morrys dauncers on Maye daye

v s

...

Item payed to Humphre ffonnes for a barrell of powder  
on may day

v li.

35

...

Item payed to the boyes of Tottnes which played  
in the Church before the masters of the towne

x s

...

## 1574-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 22v\* (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item <i>payed</i> for bryngyng home of the maye pole		5
& for wages of one botes company	viiij s	

Item <i>payed</i> to Anthony Ballerd for iiij yerdes of canvas		
for the toppe armor of the maye pole	xviiij d	

Item for a yeird & halff of clothe to make a fflagge		
for the maye pole	xij d	10

Item for payntyng of the Toppe armers & the fflagg	xvj d	
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Item <i>payed</i> to vyncent Scoble for ij drume stickes	xij d	
--	-------	--

Item <i>payed</i> to hym for a corde for a drume	xij d	
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Item <i>payed</i> to Thomas Bourdon for mending		
of the drume	xij d	15

Item <i>payed</i> for ij leather bayges for powder	xx d	
--	------	--

Item <i>payed</i> to Spicer for an exell tree	iiij d	
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Item <i>payed</i> for makyng of the benche & for bordes		
aboute the maye pole	xvj d	

...		20
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f 23

Item <i>payed</i> to Roger Hewett for makyng the toppe		
& toppe armours & the fflagg & for neyles	iiij s	25

Item <i>payed</i> to morrys dauncers on maye daye	v s	
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Item <i>payed</i> to william Hancock & his company for		
the ffetchyng of the maye pole	vj s x d	

Item <i>payed</i> for peper on maye daye [la] daye		
to putt powder in	vj d	30

Item <i>payed</i> to the gonners in maye daye	xx d	
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...

Item <i>payed</i> to the Musitions that played on maye		
daye	iiij s iiij d	

Item <i>payed</i> to hym that played upon the hoby horse	vj d	35
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...

Item <i>payed</i> to the drummer on Maye daye	v s	
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...

Item <i>payed</i> to Anthony Ballerd for iiij yerdes of canvas to		
make a hobby horse	ij s	40

...



f 23v

...

Item payed for Cuttyng of Gigmagogg upon the  
hawke

ij s

5

...

Item payed to one that came with beaers

ij s vj d

...

Item payed to the players that played at mr ffordes when  
humphre fphones was married

iij s iiij d

10

...

## 1575-6

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 26v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

15

Item payed to the players at the vicarige by  
commaundement

vj s viij d

...

f 27

20

...

Item payed for browne paper on may daye

viij d

...

Item payed to the drumer by Mr mayors  
commaundement

v s

25

...

f 28

Item payed to Sir Iames ffee Iames is players

x s

30

...

Item payed to one that came With the Quenes  
beares

v s

...

Item payed to ij drummers & iij Trumpeters  
on maye daye

iiij s

35

...

Item payed to my lord Montagew is players

iiij s

...

## 1576-7

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 30v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item paid for provision agaynst my lord  
of Bedfords comyng

vj li. xiiij s iiij d

5

Item paid to certayne players

xiiij s iiij d

...

f 31

10

...

Item paid to Sir Richard Barkley is plays

xij s

...

f 31v

15

...

Item payed to Ball ye taborer

ij s vj d

Item for his dynner &amp; supper

vj d

Item payed to the morrys dauncers

v s

Item payed to Roger Hewett to ye takyng downe of  
ye may poll

xij d

20

Item payed to Roger Newport for shottyng the ordynnce  
on maye daye

iiij d

Item payed for a sparre for the maye poll

iiij d

Item payed for a dile bord for the banke thereof

xiiij d

25

Item payed for xiiij sheles for posstes to the same

iiij d

Item payed to Iohn downe to ffyll the pytte

iiij d

Item payed to his brother to helpe hym about ye same

iiij d

Item payed to Martyn ffeltwell to helpe hym

ij d

Item payed for ye toppe for the maye polle

vij d

30

Item payed for a borde of Roger Hewettes beyng broken

iiij d

Item payed for browne paper on maye daye

ix d

Item payed to Roger Hewett for makyng the auncyent

v s iiij d

Item payed to Iohn Crosse for worke about the same poll

xij d

Item payed to the drummer on Maye daye

ij s vj d

35

Item payed to Nicholas Glanfyld for iiij yelles & quarter  
of Crymsyn taffata at xij s ye ell

lj s

Item payed for vij elles iij quarter & di. quarter of  
whytt sarcenett at vj s the ell

xlvij s iiij d

Item payed to one that Went to Tavistick for ye same silk xvj d  
 ...  
 Item payed to one that Went for ye tabarer vj d  
 ...  
 Item payed for di. C bord nayles for ye maye poll vj d 5  
 ...

f 32

...  
 Item payed to Sprie for payntyng of the maye polle v s 10  
 ...  
 B these iij seuerall portions of powder are delyuered to the Townes vse  
 by Mr Ilcomb to discharge of certayne powder due by hym to the  
 Towne & yet restethe owyng Cxxvj li.†  
 Item payed for xx li. weight of sarpentyne powder bestowed on maye 15  
 daye  
 Item payed for xx li. of corne powder  
 Item payed the xxij of Iune for lvij li. of corne powder  
 ...

20

1577-8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 35v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...  
 Item payed to theym that toke down the maye pole & for 25  
 breadd & drynke gebyn to theym x d  
 Item gebyn to the Gunners on maye daye iiij d  
 ...  
 Item payed to Iohn Scarlett for neyles & bordes &  
 for makyng of the banke aboute the maye pole xij d 30  
 ...

f 36\*

Item payed owte & disbursed in chargs touchyng the 35  
 intertaynement of my lorde of Bedforde at his ffirste  
 beyng here this yere as by a booke of particulers thereof  
 showed to the audytors at this accompte appereth xlij li. ij s vij d  
 Item payed owte & disbursed in charge & intertayment  
 of my lord & lady of Bedford the latter tyme ys yere as by 40  
 bookes of the partyculers thereof likewise showed before

the audytors at this accompte appereth xliiij li. viij d

...

Item payed to hym ffor charges bestowed aboute  
the maye pole ij s

...

Item payed to Abraham wystlake for canvas & other  
thynges aboute the maye pole ix s viij d

Item payed to the paynter for staynyng of the maye pole ij  
streamers toppe armours & a fflagge this yere ix s viij d

...

f 37v\* (*Remaining expenses*)

...

Item there Remayneth with Mr drake a drume of the Townes of the  
value of xl s which is to be ainswered apon retorne of his viage. And  
if the Towne be not satisfied by Mr drake then Mr hawkins promyseth  
to satisfie for ye same 15

### 1578-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132 20

f 39v (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item payed for amendynge of maye pole benche & the  
ballance to Iohn Scarlett x d

...

Item payed to the Erle of Bathe is players xiiij s iij d

...

### 1579-80

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132 30

f 45 (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

Item payed to the players by Mr maiors commandement xx s

Item payed to Iames Tynker for playeng on the drume xij d

...

f 46

Item payed for xlv li. of powder for maye daye liij s xj d



Item payed for Browne paper iiiij d  
...

## 1580-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 49\* (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

Item paid to Roberte Sprye for the picture of the Turke  
on Maye Daie xvj d

Item paid for powder for the great Ordynaunce  
on Maye daye xxix s vij d

Item paid for corne powder then, for Calivers iiij li. xvij s x d

Item paid for browne paper to Devide it in portions vj d

Item paid to my Lord Shandos men for bearebeatinge v s

Item paid to Roberte Sprye for payntinge the Turke ij s

Item paid to the Tynker for playeinge on the Dromme  
at the Bullworke vj d

Item paid to vinsent Scoble for the frame of the Bell rope  
for the guildhald & for the frame of the Turke xxj d

f 49v

Item paid to the Earle of worsters plaiers and for bearing  
of Bordes and other furniture xv s ix d

Item paid to Thomas Hodge drumer for playenge  
vppon the drumme this yere v s

## 1581-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 52 (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

Item paid to the Lord Strawnges players x s

f 52v

...

Item paid for powder and other charges on Maie daie as  
by particulers shewede at this Accompte appearithe vij li. viij s iij d

...

5

## 1582-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 54\* (*Costs, expenses, and payments*)

...

10

Item paid to George Starlinge parishe clerke for  
his wages this yere xl s

Item paid to hym for his waiges this yere for playeinge  
on the waites iiij li.

Item paid for the scocheons of the Musitions this yere v li. viij s 15

...

Item paide for the entertaynment of Sir ffraunces Drake  
knighte when his ladie came firste x li.

...

Item paide to sondrie players and Musitions this year xxxvj s 20

...

## 1583-4

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 56 (*Costs and expenses*)

25

...

Item paide to George Starrelinge Clerke for his  
wages this yere xl s

Item paide to hym for his wages this yere for plaienge  
on the waites iiij li. 30

...

## 1584-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 60 (*Costs and expenses*)

35

...

Item paide to George Starrlinge for his  
clerkeshippe this yere xl s

Item paide to him for his wages for plaienge vppon  
the waites iiij li. 40

...

f 60v

...

Item paide to the plaiers by mr maiors comaundement v s

...

Item paide to Cole for plaienge vppon the  
Towne drumme xij d 5

...

Item geiven to the plaiers for and by mr mayors  
commaundement v s

...

10

f 61

...

Item paide to Cole for heddinge of the drummes iiij s

Item paide to Roger newporte & his fellowes for  
shootinge of the ordinaunce on maye daye ij s vj d 15

...

Item paide for plaienge vppon the drummes on maye daye vj d

Item paide to the morrice dauncers on maye daye x s

...

20

f 47v

...

Item payed for a hoggshedd of bere gevyn on  
Mydsomer watch x s 25Item to mr Edgecombes seruante for playng then  
on the ij hande sworde ij s

...

1585-6

30

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 63 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid to George Starrlinge for his  
Clerkeshippe this yere xl s 35Item paid to him for his wages for plaienge  
vppon the waites iiij li.

...

f 65v

40

...

Item paid to men appertaigninge to some noble

man *which* playede on the waites

xij d

...

### 1586-7

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

5

f 67v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item *paid* to George Starrling for the Clerkship this yere

xl s

Item *paid* to him for plaienge vppon the waytes

iiij li.

10

...

Item *paid* to my Lorde Admiralles plaiers

x s

...

f 69

...

Item *paid* to the morrice dauncers

vj s 8 d

15

Item *paid* to the drummer on maye daie

vj d

...

### 1587-8

20

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 72v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item *paid* to George Starlinge for his Clarkshippe

xl s

Item *paid* to him ffor playeinge vppon the Waites

iiij li.

25

...

f 75v\*

...

Item *paid* to Mr Arnolde for drynke on Maye daye

ij s ij d

30

Item *paid* for Cix li. .3. quarters of powlder

spent on Maye daye

v li. ix s ix d

Item for iiij li. di of matche at iiij d the pound

xviiij d

Item for 4 quyers of paper for the Allowaunces

xvj d

Item for the gonners dynner on Maye daye

ij s vj d

35

Item to the dromers that daye

ij s vj d

...

Item to my Lord of Leicesters plaiers, the 15th of  
Maye

x s

...

Item *paid* for powlder, powlder Bagges, paper and  
other charges at the entertayninge of my Lord Admirall,

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as by the particulers thereof appeerethe iiij li. j s ij d

...

Item to the dromeres when my Lord Admirall came in ij s

...

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f 76

...

Item paid to the Quenes players by  
Mr Maiors appointment x s

...

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### 1588-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 79v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

15

Item paied to Georg Starling for his Clearckship  
this yeare xl s

Item paied to him for playeng vpon the waietes this yeare iiij li.

...

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f 80v

...

Item paied for apples to Carie aboute the freedome x [ix] [iiij] d

Item for iiij quartes of Canara wynes ij s viij d

Item to the drommer for his paines xij d 25

Item to a bagg pipe plaier for goeing about the freedom xij d

...

Item for nuttes peares and kakes to Carie  
about the freedom xix d

...

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### 1589-90

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 83 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

35

Item paide to George Starlinge for his Clearckshippe  
this yere [xl]

Item paide to hym for playinge vppon the waites this yere iiij li.

...

f 84

...

Item paide to v that plaide on drummes on maye daye      iij s

...

Item paide for v. quarters of Browne paper for the Powder on maye daye      5  
viii d

...

## 1590-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132      10f 87v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paied to George Starlinge for his wages of Clarckshippe this yere      iii l.

Item more to hym for playenge vppon the waytes this yere      15  
iiiij li.

...

f 88\*

...

Item for the hyer of a horse for a Trumpeter to Ryde in compayny to the Riuer      20  
xij d

Item paied to 4 trumpetores thatt were att the leate by mr maiores commaundement      v s

Item paied for horses for theym      iij s      25

...

f 88v

...

Item paied for heades for iij Drummes      vij s      30

...

Item paied for x poundes waighte of powder thatt was spente att the bringinge in of the Riuer      xvj s viij d

Item paied to Lancastell for heddinge of iij Drummes      iiiij s

...

Item to Iohn Rewbye for a dynner att the bringinge in of the Ryuer      35  
xvj s

Item to the gunners thatt daye      xvj d

Item more spente vppon theym then      iij s iiiij d

...

Item *paied* for 28 li. waighte of powder

spente on Maydaye

xviiij s viij d

Item *paied* to ij Drumers thatt daye

iiij s iiij d

...

### 1591-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 91 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item *paied* to George Starlinge for pleainge the waytes

iiij li.

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...

Item *paied* the Dromers for one whole yere

abatinge syxe weickes

xij li. iiij s

...

### 1592-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 95 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item *paied* to George Starlinge for pleainge

vppon the waytes

iiij li.

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...

Item *paied* to the Drummers and for mendinge

of drummes

iiij li. xiiij s

...

f 95v\*

...

Item *paied* my lord of Wusterdes players

v s

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...

Item *paied* a sporte maker on the Cronnacion daye

v s

...

Item *paied* the quenes players att Mr Maiores

Commaundement

ix s

...

*Hawkins' Departure from Plymouth* STC: 12962

p 16 (12 June)

...

The greater part of my Companie gathered aboard, I set sayle the 12. of Iune 1593. about three of the Clocke in the afternoone, and made a bourd or two off and in, wayting the returne of my boat,

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which I had sent a-shore, for dispatch of some businesse: which being come aboard, and all put in Order, I loost neere the shore, to giue my farewell to all the Inhabitants of the Towne, whereof the most part were gathered together vpon the Howe, to shew their gratefull correspondency, to the loue and zeale which I, my Father, and  
 Predecessors, haue ever borne to that place, as to our naturall and mother Towne. And first with my noyse of Trumpets, after with my waytes, and then with my other Musicke, and lastly, with the Artillery of my Shippes, I made the best signification I could of a kinde farewell. This they answered with the Waytes of the Towne, and the Ordinance  
 on the shore, and with shouting of voyces; which with the fayre evening and silence of the night, were heard a great distance off....

## 1593-4

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 98v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item payed to George Starlinge for pleaing  
 vppon the weytes

iiij li.

...

Item payed to the drummers & for mendinge of drumes

xxiiij s vj d

...

f 99v

...

Item payed for paper to put powder in on Maye daye

ij s

Item for Carriage of hoggeshede of beare to the

Markett Crosse on Maye daye

viij d

Item payed to the morris daunshers & drummers

xiiiij s vj d

...

f 100\*

...

Item payed for wyne frute & Cakes on St Mathewes daye  
 & for the boyes spoyle in the markt

xviij s vij d

...

Item payed Stonehowsmen on maye daye for wyne

iiij s

...

f 101

...

Item payed Thomas Sherwill for a hoggeshedde



of London beare a maye daye xx s  
 ...

### 1594-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132 5  
 f 103 (*Costs and expenses*)

...  
 Item paied to George Starlinge for playynge on the weytes iiij li.  
 ...

f 104 10

...  
 Item paied for hue & Crie made after Sir ffraunces  
 Drakes musitions ij s vj d  
 ... 15

f 104v

...  
 Item paied to five Trumpetteres on maye daye v s  
 Item paied then to twoe Drummers ij s 20  
 Item paied Peter Anthonie for charge of morris danssers vj s viij d  
 ...

### 1595-6

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132 25  
 f 108 (*Costs and expenses*)

...  
 Item payed to George Starlinge for pleaing the waytes iiij li.  
 ... 30

### 1596-7

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132  
 f 114v

...  
 Item paied to George Starlinge for pleaing on the waytes iiij li. 35  
 ...

### 1597-8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132 40  
 f 121v (*Costs and expenses*)

...  
 Item paied to George Starlinge for plaienge on ye waites iiij li.  
 ...

f 122v

...  
 Item *paied* him for wyne, appels & bredd for ye freedome xj s viij d  
 Item *paied* for ye drummers labor the same daie xij d  
 Item *paied* for Carryenge the same prouicion 5  
 into ye feildes ix d  
 Item *paied* for spoiles donne then by ye boies xij d  
 ...

1598–9

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*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 125 (*Costs and expenses*)

...  
 Itm *paied* to George Starlinge for plaienge on the waites iiij li.  
 ... 15  
 Itm *paied* to the Queenes Maiestes plaiers vj s viij d  
 ...  
 Itm *paied* to my lord Mountioyes players v s  
 ...

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f 125v

...  
 Itm *paied* for powder spent on Maie daie and other  
 Musteringes as by a bill of *particulers* thereof appeeres viij li. x s  
 Itm *paied* for iiij<sup>er</sup> queres of paper to putt ye same in xij d 25  
 Itm *paied* vj. trumpetters on Maie daie xij s  
 Itm iij drummers that daie iij s  
 Itm *paied* for .2. li. of matche that daie vj d  
 ...

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1599–1600

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 129 (*Costs and expenses*)

...  
 Item *paid* George Starleinge for playinge one the waites iiij li. 35  
 ...  
 Item *paid* Iohn the Drummer for this yeres wages xl s

f 130

...  
 Itm *paid* Iohn Drummer for Hoopes and

40

Cordes for the Drume	xij d	
...		
Itm <i>paid</i> for three heades for the Drume to Iohn Butterslie	viiij s	
...		5
Itm <i>paid</i> for fower quire of paper one Maie daie	j s	
Itm <i>paid</i> for bringe of the Townes furniture to the guildhall one Maye daie	xviiij d	
...		
Itm <i>paid</i> for a peare of Drume stickes	xij d	10
Itm the drumer for soundinge one Maie daie	vj d	
Itm <i>paid</i> for powder spent one Maie daie	xxxviiij s vj d	
Itm <i>paid</i> Nycholas Iones, for Cloth for the drumers Coote	x s	
...		15
f 130v*		
...		
Itm <i>paid</i> Peter Bowne for xx <sup>tie</sup> poundes of powder he deliuered mr Maior one Crownashone daie	xiiij s iiij d	
Itm <i>paid</i> Iohn Bowne for lace and makinge of Iohn Drumer Coate	iiij s vj d	20
...		
f 131		
...		25
Itm <i>paid</i> the drumer and other for Mr Maior one Maie daie	xviiij d	
...		
f 131v		30
...		
Itm geven to a noble manes players, because they should not plaie	x s	
...		35
1600-1		
<i>Receivers' Accounts</i> WDRO: W 132		
f 133v ( <i>Costs and expenses</i> )		
...		
Itm <i>paied</i> George Starling for playeng on the waites	iiij li.	40
...		

Item pd the Drummer for his yeres wages

xl s

...

f 134v

Item paied for a paire of breeches for Iohn Drummer

xij s viij d

5

1601-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 138 (*Costs and expenses*)

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...

Item paide George Starlinge for playenge on the  
Weates this Yere

iiij li.

...

Item paide the Drummer for his wages this yere

(blank)

15

...

f 140v

...

Item paide Gregorie the Drummer for his paynes  
taken this yere

v s

20

...

1602-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

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f 142 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid George Starlinge for playinge the waighetes  
for this yere

iiij li.

...

30

f 142v

...

Item bestowed on the drummers when the kinge  
was proclaymed

iiij s

35

...

paid for a barrell of gunepowder at the Coronation day  
paid for a hogeside of beare at that daie

iiij li. xv s

ix s vj d

...



f 144

...

Item paid to five trumpeters at the tyme when the  
Kinges Maiestie was proclaymed here

x s

Item paid ffrances Cocke for leaven taffitawe

5

for Colors for them

[xxx s] this is not allowed of

Item paid to the guners at that tyme

viiij s

Item paid to George Starlinge then

vj s

Item paid one that went at Stonehouse

for a Trumpeter

iiij d

10

...

Item paid the drummers on the Coronation daie

iiij s iiij d

Item paid to the Trumpeters then

v s

Item paid to the Gunners then

iiij s

Item paid to the drummers the v<sup>th</sup> of August beinge

15

proclaymed holiedaie

v s

...

Item for charges on the fredome daie as by

the particulers appeareth

xxiiij s

20

...

## 1603-4

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 147v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Itm paide George Starlinge for playinge on the waighetes  
for this yere

iiij li.

25

...

## 1604-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 150

...

Item receaued of william Ierman & Iohn Iope Butchers  
for killing of a Bull before he was bayton

v s

35

...

f 150v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid George Starling for pleying on the  
Waytes this yere

iiij li.

40

...

f 151

...

Item pd to the Enterlude players to departe the Towne  
 a<sup>r</sup> 'withoute pleyinge'

ij s vj d

5

...

f 151v

...

Item pd to the fowere drummers a may day

iiij s

10

...

f 152

...

Item paid to the Morrice dauncers & Musitians  
 on Maye day

vij s iiij d

15

...

Item pd for 130 li. of powder spent on maye day  
 Item pd to three drommers on mydsomer neight

iiij li. x s

iiij s

20

...

1605-6

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 153v (*Costs and expenses*)

Item paid George Starling for playing on ye waites  
 ye said yere

iiij li

25

...

1606-7

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 156v (*Costs and expenses*)

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...

Item pd to George Starling for playing on the waites  
 the said yere

iiij li.

35

...

f 157v

...

Item pd for wyne and Cakes ye freedome day and  
 to the drommer

xix s viij d

40

...

1607-8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 159 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item pd to ye waytplayers ye said yere

iiij li.

5

...

f 159v

...

Item pd the Gunners for shooting of the Ordynance  
at the tyme of the Princes Auditors here

iiij s iiij d

10

...

Item pd for wyne & Cakes & to the drommer the  
freedome day, & for other charges then for ye  
boyes'

xxxj s ij d

15

...

Item pd for ye hire of 4 boates to passe ye Boyes  
on freedome day

xvj d

...

20

1608-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 162 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item pd to ye wayteplayers ye said yere

iiij li.

25

...

f 162v

...

Item pd for wyne & Cakes & to the drommer ye  
freedome day & for other charges then for ye Boyes & for  
passing them ouer the water with Boates

xxx s vj d

30

...

Item pd for a Barrell of powder, to the drommers & for  
other Charges on may day the said yere

v li. xiiij s v d

35

Item pd to the drommers at ye mustering day & at  
mighelmas day & for making a newe hedd to mr Parkers  
[drop] dromme

xiiij s x d

...

## 1609-10

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 165 (Costs and expenses)

Item pd to the [waight] wayteplayers the said yere iiiij li. 5

Item pd for a newe drumme xxvj s viiij d

Item pd for a barrell of powder, to the dromers and for  
other Charges on mayedaye and to the dromers on the  
mustering daye the said yere vj li. xj s ix d 10

D D 3

f 165v

Item pd for wyne and Cakes and to the dromer the  
freedome daye and for other Charges then, for the boyes  
and for passing them over the water with boates

...

## 1610-11

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 167v (Costs and expenses)

Item *paid* to the Wayte players the said yeare [xxiiij s] iiij li.

...

f 168

Item paid for Wyne and Cakes and to the drummer the  
ffredome daye and for other Charges then, for the Boys  
and for passing them over the Water with Boates

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## 1611-12

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 170 (Costs and expenses)

Item paid to the Wayteplayers the said yere iiiij li.

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Item paid for wyne and Cakes to the drummer the  
freedome daie and for other thinges then for the Boyes  
and for passing them over the water with boates xx s

...

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### 1612-13

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 172v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid to the Wayt[ers] players the said yere iiij li. 10

...

Item paid for wyne and Cakes to the drummer the  
freedome daie and other thinges then for the boyes and  
for passing them ouer the water with boates xxvj s v d

...

15

f 173

...

Item paid for Charles his Clothes on the Maye daie viij s ix d

Item paid for a barrell of powder spent on Maye daie iiij li. xv s ij d 20

...

### 1613-14

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 175 (*Costs and expenses*)

25

...

Item paid to the wayte players the said yere iiij li.

...

Item paid for wyne and Cakes and to the drummer the  
freedome daie and other thinges then for the Boyes and  
for passing them over the water with boates xxviiij s vij d 30

...

### 1614-15

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 177 (*Costs and expenses*)

35

...

Item paid to the wayte players the said yere iiij li.

...

Item paid for wyne and Cakes and to the drummer the  
freedome daie and other thinges then for Boys and for 40

passing them over the water with boates xxvij s vj d

...

### 1615-16

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

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f 179 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid to the Wayte players the said yere iiiij li.

...

Item paid for wyne and Cakes and to the drummer the  
freedome daie and other thinges then for the Boys and for  
passing them over the water 'with boates' xx s [ij s] vj d

10

...

### 1616-17

15

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 181 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paide to the wayte players the saide yeere iiiij li.

...

20

Item paid for wyne and Cakes and to the drummer on the  
freedome daie and other thinges then for the boyes and  
for passing them over the water with boates xxij s vij d

...

25

f 181v

...

Item [paide] geven to two companies of players which  
were not suffered to plaie to ridd them out of towne xxx s

...

30

f 182

Allowed Mr Robert Trelawnye beinge Mayor for  
entertayeninge Sir Walter Rawley and his followers at his  
howse which was donn by a generall consent ix li.

35

Item allowed him for the intertayeninge of Sir Iohn digby  
'kt' lord Ambassador for Spaine and his followers  
at a dynner xij li.

...

40

Item geven the Musitions for there musicke at the

comming of the lord imbassadour into the towne      iiiij s  
 Item paid the drummer for calling Sir Walter Rauleighs  
 company aboard      xij d

...

## 1617-18

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 183v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid to the Wayte players the said yeire      iiiij li.      10

...

Item paid for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the  
 freedome day and other thinges then for the boyes and for  
 passinge them over the water in boates      xxij s viij d

...

f 184

...

Item paid to the Princes Players towards their charge  
 which came to the Towne and did not play      xxx s      20

...

f 184v

...

Item paid the drummer for beateinge the drumme at  
 seuerall tymes this yeire      ij s      25

...

## 1618-19

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 186v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item payd to the Wayt Players the said yeire      iiiij li.

...

Item payd for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the  
 freedome day, and other thinges then for the boyes, and  
 for passing them over in boates      xxv. s xj. d      35

...

f 187

...

Item payd the drummer this yeire at seuerall tymes      iij. s viij. d      40

...

Item payd for amending the Butt for the shooting game	j. s xj. d	
...		
Item given to certeyne Players not being suffred to play	xj. s	
Item given to the Lady Elizabeths Players being 20. <sup>tie</sup>		
persons who had the Kings hand for playing aswell by		5
night as by day	iiij li. vj s	
...		

## 1619–20

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

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f 190 (*Costs and expenses*)

...		
Item payd to the Waytplayers the sayd yeare	iiij. li.	
...		
Item payd for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the		15
freedome day and other things then for the boyes and for		
passing them over the water in boates	xxij. s x. d	
...		

f 190v

20

...		
Item given to certeyne Players not being suffred to play	iiij. li. vj. s	
...		

## 1620–1

25

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 194 (*Costs and expenses*)

...		
Item payd to the Waytplayers the sayd yeare	iiij. li.	
...		30
Item payd for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the		
freedome day and other things then for the boyes, and for		
passing them over in boates	xxiiij. s iiij. d	
...		

35

f 194v

...		
Item given to certeyne Players not being suffred		
to play	xliiij. s	
...		40



## 1621-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 197 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item payd to the waytplayers the sayd yeare	iiij. li.	5
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...

Item payd for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the freedome day and other things then for the boyes, and for passing them over in boates	xxvj. s x. d	10
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f 198v

...

Item given to certeyne Players that came to the towne this yeare in seuerall companies not being suffred to be play	iiij. li. xvij s.	15
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...

## 1622-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 201 (*Costs and expenses*) 20

...

Item payd to the Wayt players the sayd yeare	iiij. li.	
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...

Item payd for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the freedome day and other thinges then for the boyes, and for passing them over in boates	xxiiij. s xj. d	25
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...

f 202

Item payd for the drummers and for a barrell of powder on May day last	v. li. ij. s	30
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...

Item given the Players to send „them” goeing out of Towne	xxx. s	35
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...

## 1623-4

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 204 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item payd to the Wayt players the said yeere

iiij. li.

5

...

Item payd for wyne & cakes and to the drummer on  
the freedome day and other thinges <sup>^</sup>then<sup>^</sup> for  
the boyes and for passing them over in boates

xxiiij. s xj. d

10

...

f 205

Item given the Players to send them out of Towne

iiij. li. xvij. s

15

...

Item payd Thomas davis for bringing neuze that  
the Prince was passing by this harborrough vj d and  
for drinke bestowed on the Ringers that day iiij s  
all is

iiij s - vj d

20

...

## 1624-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 207 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item payd to the Wayte players the said yeare

iiij. li.

25

...

Item payd for wyne and cakes and to the drummer  
on the freedome day and other thinges then for the  
boyes and for passing them over in boates

xviiij. s vj. d

30

...

f 207v

...

Item paid to a company of Players to send them out  
of townè that they might not play

xj s

35

...

f 208\*

Item given to his Maiestie Kinge Charles for a Present

40

att his cominge into this towne being the xv<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1625

Clli.

Item paid for a Purse to deliver ytt in iiij li. – vj s – viij d

Item To the gentleman vshers daily wayters. v. l. ye

gentleman vshers of ye Privy Chamber. v. l. Sargent at

5

Armes 66. s 8 d To the Knight. Harbinger 66. s 8. d ye

Knight. Marshall. 20. s ye gentleman vshers quarter

Wayters. 20. s ye Sewers of the Chamber. 20. s yeomen

vshers 20. s Groomes & Pages 20. s ffootmen 40. s ffower

10

yeomen 40. s Porters. 20. s Sargent Trumpeters. 20. s ye

other Trumpeters. 40. s ye surveyor of the wayes 20. s ye

yeoman of the feildes 10. s Coachman 10. s yeoman

harbingers 20. s the Iester 10. s all is.

xxxiiij li. iiij s iiij d

Item paid for making cleane of xx<sup>tie</sup> holbarts that were for

the kinges garde

vj s – viij d

15

...

Item paid to ffraunces Browne for beating the drum

last Somer

xxvj s viij d

...

20

## 1625

*Receipt for Fees to the King's Retinue* WDRO: W 359/62

single sheet\* (23 September)

Mayor of the  
towne of  
Plimworth

ffees dewe to his Maiestes Servants from the said Mayor his homage  
to his Maiestye passing through his said towne the fiuteene Day  
of September 1625/

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1625.

To the gentleman vshers Dayly wayters

v li.

To the gentleman vshers of the privy Chamber

v li.

To the Seriantes at Armes

iiij li. vj s viij d

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To the Knight harbinger

iiij li. vj s viij d

To the Knight marshall

xx s

To the gentleman vshers Quarter waytes

xx s

To the Sewers of the Chamber

xx s

To the yeoman vshers

xx s

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To the groomes and Pages

xx s

To the footemen

xl s

To the fower yeomen [of]

xl s

To the Porters at the gate

xx s

To the Seriant Trumpetter

xx s

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To the Trumpetters

xl s

To the Surveyer of the wayes

xx s

To the yeoman of the fieldes

x s

To the Coachmen	x s	
To the yeoman harbingers	xx s	
To the Iester	x s	

Summa xxxiiij li. iiij s iiij d

(signed) Peter Newton.

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Rec the some abouesaid this 23<sup>th</sup> of september 1625 to the vse  
of his maiestes servantes by mee

(signed) Thomas Kynnaston

## 1625-6

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*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 210 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid to the wayt players the sayd yeare iiiij. li.

...

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Item paid for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on  
the<sup>r</sup> freedome day and other thinges then for the boyes,  
and for passing them over in boates

xxiiij. s

...

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f 210v

...

Item paid the drummers and wayt players for attendance  
of the Capteynes at the shewing of Armour vpon the hoe  
before certen Iustices

ix. s vj. d

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...

Item paid to a woman of Plympton for nuttes taken away  
from her by the boyes on the freedome day

ij. s vj. d

...

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## 1626-7

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 213 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid the wayt players the sayd yeare

iiiiij. l.

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...

Item paid for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the  
freedome day and other thinges then for the boyes and for  
passing them over in boates

xxv. s viij. d

...

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## 1627-8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 216 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid the wayt players the sayd yeare

iiij li.

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...

Item paid for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the  
freedome day and other thinges then for the boyes and  
for passing them over in boates

xxij s iiij d

...

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## 1628-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 219 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid the wayt players the said yeare

iiij li.

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...

Item paid for wyne and Cakes and to the drummer on the  
freedome day and other thinges then for the boyes and for  
passing them over in boates

xxij: s vj. d

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...

Item paid a wanderer that came to shewe feates of actiuitie  
to bee gonne

x. s

...

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## 1629-30

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 221v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid the wait players the said yeare

iiij li.

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...

Item paid for wyne and Cakes and to the drummer on the  
freedome day, and other thinges then for the boyes and  
for passing them over in boates

xxix s ij d

...

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## 1630-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 225 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paid the Wayt players the said yeare

iiij li.

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...

Item paid for wyne and Cakes and to the drummer on the  
 Freedome day, and other thinges then for the boyes and  
 for passing them over in boates xxv s viij d

...

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f 226

Item paid vnto two Companyes of players to departe  
 the towne xx s

...

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## 1631-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 227v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

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Item paid the waite players the said yeare iiij li.

...

Item paid for wyne and cakes and to the drummer, on the  
 freedome day and other thinges then for the boyes and  
 for passing them over in boates xxiiij s ix d

...

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f 228

...

Item paid to diverse company of players to departe  
 the towne ij li. iiij s vj d

...

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## 1632-3

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132

f 229v (*Costs and expenses*)

...

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Item paid the waite players the said yeare iiij li

...

Item paid for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on the  
 freedome day and other thinges then for the boyes and for  
 passing them over in boates xxxj s j d

...

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f 230

...

40

Item paid a Company of players to leaue the towne x s

...

## 1633-4

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 232 (*Costs and expenses*)

...

Item paide the wait players the said yeare iiij li. 5

...

Item paid for wyne and cakes and to the drummer on  
freedome day and other things then for the boyes and for  
passing them over in boates xxxiiij s ix d

...

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f 232v

...

Item to a Company of players giuen them for  
nott playinge xxij s 15

...

## 1634-5

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 234v (*Costs and expenses*)

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...

Item paid the waite players the said yeare iiij li.

...

Item paid for wyne and Cakes & to the drummer on  
ffreedome day & other things <sup>^</sup>then<sup>^</sup> for the boyes & for  
passing them over in boates xxxvj s ij d 25

...

f 235v

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...

Item giuen a Companye of Players because they  
should depart xxx s

...

## 1635-6

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*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 237 (*Expenses*)

...

Item payd the Wayte players this yeare iiij l. 40

...

9/ xxxiiij s ix d: iiij added late; d converted from s

Item payd for wyne & cakes & to the drumbers on  
ffredome day & other things then for the boyes & for  
passing them over in boates

xxx s j d

...

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## 1637-8

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 242 (*Expenses*)

...

Item payd the waytte players the said yeare

iiij li.

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...

Item payd for wyne and cakes and to the Drummers on  
ffredome day and other things then for the boyes and  
for passinge them ouer in boates

iiij li. viij s vij d

...

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## 1638-9

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 244v (*Expenses*)

...

Item paid the waite players the said yeare

iiij li.

20

...

Item paid for wine and Cakes and to the Drummers on  
ffredome day and other things then for the Boyes and  
for passinge them over in boates

xxxix s vj d

...

25

f 245

...

Item payd for Cloth for 4 Cloakes for the  
wayte players

vj li. xviii s

...

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*Waits' Petition to the Mayor* WDRO: W 359/53  
single sheet\*

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To the Right *Worshipfull* the Maier and the rest of his Bretheren  
the Magistrates of the Borrough of Plymouth./  
The Humble Peticion of the Waytes of and belonginge vnto the  
Saide Borrough.  
Humbly sheweth.

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That when the Wayteship of this Borrough was first Instituted by  
 that never to bee fforgotten knight Sir ffrancis Drake the fflower  
 Waytes had and receaued their escouchions at the Charge of the Towne  
 and had yearely allowed and Conferred on them Tenn Poundes with  
 new Clokes likewise yearely giuen them; And for that of Late theise 5  
 Bestowalles are neere totally taken away to the very greate detriment  
 of your Peticoners theire yearely Sallary being Far inferriour[s] to  
 that of any City or Corporacon where Waytes are.

Your Peticoners humbly pray your *Worshipfull* the premisses 10  
 Considered and for that the Waytshipp heere hath beene a Laudable  
 Custome, your *Worshipfulles* wilbee pleased to graunt vnto your said  
 Peticioners their former right fee as aforsaid Conferred on the Waytes  
 of this Borrough whereby they may bee the better Capecitated and  
 deeply Ingaged to serue this Corporacion and especially euer bound 15  
 for your *Worshipfulles* to pray &c

## 1639-40

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 246v (*Expenses*) 20

...  
 Item paid the waite players the said yeare iiiij li.

...  
 Item paid for wine & cakes & to the drumers on freedome  
 daye & other things then for the boyes & for passage 25  
 them ouer in boates xxxvj s vj d

...

## 1640-1

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132 30f 249 (*Expenses*)

...  
 Item paid the waite players the said yeare iiiij li.

...  
 Item paid for wyne & Cakes and to the drummers on  
 ffreedome day & other things yen for the boyes, and 35  
 for passeinge them ouer in boates xxxij s

...

f 249v

...  
 Item paid for Cloth for 4 Cloakes for the waite players vij li. x s  
 ...

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1641-2

*Receivers' Accounts* WDRO: W 132f 251v (*Expenses*)

...  
 Item payde the waite players the saide yeare iiij li. 10  
 ...

Item payde for wine & cakes & to the drummers on  
 Freedome day [--] & other thinges then for the boyes and  
 for passeinge them ouer in boates xxxvij s viij d  
 ...

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## PLYMSTOCK

1568

*All Saints' Churchwardens' Accounts* WDRO: 694/52 20

p 62

...  
 Item paid to the players here in þe church iiij s iiij d  
 ...

25

1570

*All Saints' Churchwardens' Accounts* WDRO: 694/52

p 56

...  
 Item paid for a pottell of seyke a gaynste chrystmas xij d 30  
 Item paid to the players the same tyme ij s  
 ...

## SHOBROOKE

35

1575-6

*St Thomas a Becket's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO: 1048A/PW11

f 1 (*Rendered 29 May*) (*Sidemen's Account*)

...  
 Item to a pardner a Revell daye viij d 40  
 ...

## 1584-5

*St Thomas a Becket's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO: 1048A/PW32

mb 1\* (*Receipts*)

...

Item ij nokes

xj s

5

mb 2

...

Item the somer pole

xvj d

10

...

## 1593-4

*St Thomas a Becket's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO: 1048A/PW44

f 1 (*Rendered 10 November*) (*Cheesewardens' Payments*)

15

...

Item payd the Mynistrils and Pleayers

xiiij s

...

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## 1594-5

*St Thomas a Becket's Churchwardens' Accounts*

DRO: 1048A/PW46

f 1v\* (*3 November 1594 - 9 November 1595*) (*Allowances*)

25

...

Item to the musitians

vij s iiij d

...

## SOUTH TAWTON

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## 1573-4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2915A/PW1f 23v (*1 November - 31 October*) (*Receipts*)

...

Et de v s ij d ex dono Willelmi ffrynde harper ...

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## TAVISTOCK

## 1325

*St Mary's Abbey Plea Roll* DRO: Bedford Papers W 1258 Add 1/3

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mb 3\* (*13 November*)

...

Item quod dictus frater Robertus in Ciuitate Exoniensis diu ante

*tempus eleccionis quam asserit de se factam in duobus mensibus donauit ystrionibus / maribus / et feminis / ac meretribus et personis alijs leuibus et inhonestis iocalia ad valorem sexaginta librarum sterligorum de bonis Monasterij supradicti et de hijs fuit et est publice et grauiter diffamatus.*

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...

## 1561–2

*St Eustace's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 482A/PW22

mb 2 (3 May – 2 May) (Allowances)

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...

Item payed vnto the players

vj s viij d

...

Item payed vnto the quenes maiestye is players

xiiij s iiiij d

...

Item more Spent vppon the same players

x d

15

...

## 1572–3

*St Eustace's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 482A/PW31

20

mb 1\* (Allowances)

...

Item more payed vnto the Earle of Warwyckes seruants for a playe

xiiij s x d

...

25

## TOTNES

## 1554–5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO: 1579 A/7/3

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mb 1d (Expenses)

ffor newe makyng of the bulrynge and for setting therof

x d

...

ffor that I gave to sertayne mynstrells by the commaundement of mr mayor

iiij s. iiiij d.

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...

ffor the bearyng of the ij standers with Lighte before the wathe on mydsomer yeven

iiiij d

ffor amending of the same standers

ij d

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2/ meretribus for meretricibus

4/ sterligorum for sterlingorum

14/ 18th c. marginal notation: queens players



ffor money given to dows to playe before the watche  
ffor money given to sertayne mynstrells which  
played at mr mayors

vj d  
ij s.

## 1560-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO: 1579 A/7/4  
p 2 (*Expenses*)

...  
Item payd serten pleyers who namyd them selues to be  
one master f[a]rteskue ys men who had of me by  
master meyr's commaundement

viiij s ix d

...  
Item payd the quenes pleyers which mony was payd  
Owte by my master master meyre Summa

j li.

...  
payd dowse for pleyng a mydsummer nyght summa

viiij d

...  
payd Rychard sachefeld & lygh for carryng a lyght a  
mydsomer nyght

viiij d

## 1569-70

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO: 1579 A/7/5  
mb 1 (*Allowances*)

De quibus allocantur ei ... Et ei vj s viiiij d Soluti le Weytes de Bristowe  
...

## mb 2

... Et ei vj s viiiij d. Soluti le Weytes exoniensis per mandatum Magistri  
Mayer ... Et ei xx s Soluti lusoribus Comitibus de leycetter ... Et ei  
ij d Soluti pro excussione le Geves a Stulto in Mense Maij ... Et ei  
iiij s iiiij d soluti <sup>1</sup>lusoribus qui non ludent Et ei xviiij d soluti pro  
<sup>2</sup>verberacione vrsorum [flagellacione vrsorum iiij s°] ...

## 1573-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO: 1579 A/7/6  
mb 2 (*Allowances*)

De quibus petit Allocari ei ... Et ei vj s viiiij d solutos Mr Hollond  
pro luso. Et ei iiiij s solutos lusori qui ludebat le poppettes. Et ei x s

solutos lusoribus domini Mountjoy ... Et ei x s solutos apud le  
Wayte<sup>r</sup>s<sup>l</sup>[rs] Exoniensis Et ei iiij d Consumpsos per Clifford super  
eosdem le Wayte<sup>r</sup>s<sup>l</sup>[rs] Et ei x s solutos ad vltimos lutores qui ludebant  
lusum de le Reges ...

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mb 3\*

...Et ei x s solutos lusoribus Thome Cartley Militis ...

1576-7

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*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO: 1579 A/7/7

mb 2\* (*Allowances*)

Inde petit allocari ... Et ei xiiij s iiij d solutos lusoribus Magistri ffeIames  
per mandatum Magistri mayer Et ei iiij s vj d [et l] Consumptos super  
eosdem lutores ... Et ei vj s viij d solutos lusoribus Rogeri bertley  
Militis ... Et ei xv s solutis lusoribus les Weates de exonia per mandatum  
de Magistro maiore ... Et ei x s solutos lusoribus Comitibus de Worcetter  
... Et ei vj d solutos pro les weightes Et ei iiij s iiij d solutos pro  
emendacione lez lutes & prickes ...

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1584-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO: 1579 A/7/8

f 1\* (*Payments*)

...

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Allso payd Sertaine players by Mr Mayiors  
commandemente

— 6 — 8

...

payd to Richard blakhaller sargente for Sertaine players

— 10 —

...

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f 1

...

payd to the L of Oxfordes players

1 — —

...

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f 3

...

Allso to the L barkelys players

— 6 —

2/ Wayte<sup>r</sup>s<sup>l</sup>[rs]: correction in original hand and ink  
26-39/ accounts are in three columns headed L-S-D

1623-4

*Borough Accounts* DRO: 1579 A/7/1f 1v\* (*Payments*)

...

Item payd the princes playeres

00-11-00

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...

1624-5

*Fees to the King's Retinue* DRO: 1579 A/18/4

f 1\*

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Mayor of the  
towne of  
Totnes

Ffees due to his Maiesties Servants from the Said Mayor for his homage  
to his Maiestye passing through his said Towne the fourteenth day  
of September 1625/

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To the gentlemen vshers dayly wayters v li.

To the gentlemen vshers of the privye Chamber v li.

To the Seriants at Armes iiij li. vj s iiij d

To the Knight harbinger iiij li. vj s iiij d

To the knight Marshall xx s

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To the gentlemen vshers quarter wayters xx s

To the Sewers of the Chamber xx s

To the yeomen vshers xx s

To the Groomes and Pages xx s

To the ffootemen xl s

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To the fower yeomen of (*blank*) xl s

To the Porters at the gate xx s

To the Seriant Trumpetter xx s

To the Trumpettors xl s

To the Surveyor of the wayes xx s

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To the yeomen of the fjelds x s

To the Coachmen x s

To the yeomen harbingers xx s

To the Iester x s

Summa xxxiiij li. iiij s iiij d

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Received by me Iohn Wilsone  
from Mr Maiore of Totnes  
for ffees due to his maiesties servants,  
I say resaveit xxxiiij li. iiij s iiij d

(*signed*) Peter Newton.(*signed*) Iohn Wilsone

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1631-2

*Borough Accounts* DRO: 1579 A/7/1f 2 (*Receipts*)

...

More receivid of plaiers being taken tarde: in a tipling  
house on the Lords sabboth 'day'

000 | 02 | 00

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...

1633-4

*Borough Accounts* DRO: 1579 A/7/1

f [3]

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...

June 3.

Paid to serten players by order of my brethren

00-11-00

## WINKLEIGH

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1568-9

*All Saints' Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2989A/PW20mb 2 (1 November - 31 October) (*Chief wardens' allowances*)

...

Item gevyn to the players

iiij s iiij d

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...

1576-7

*All Saints' Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2989A/PW21mb 1d (1 November - 31 October) (*Chief wardens' expenses*)

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...

leyd owt at Chymlegh Revell by concent of the paryshe

vij s iiij d

...

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## WOLBOROUGH

1580

*St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Wolborough PF9mb 1 (*Rendered 18 December*) (*Four Men's payments*)

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...

Item payde to the same Manynges for makynge of a Staple  
for the posst of the bulrynges and for mendynge of  
the bulchayne

xvj d.

...

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1600

*St Mary's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Wolborough PF16  
mb 4 (*Rendered 21 December*) (*Four Men's payments*)

...

paied for payntinge of a Banner for the Churche Ale	viiij d.	5
paied to Iohn Lorymor and Richard Lewes for draynge of the parishe Ale	ij s.	
paied Nicholas Cowche for planckes and 'ij' posses which were sett before Ganerocke and Sttoddens dores	xxj s.	
more paied for posses for the same	xiiiij s. vj d.	10
paied Iames doke & Nicholas Leer for iiiij <sup>or</sup> daies 'worke' for the same	viiij s. viij d.	
paied Abacucke Coyell to tende the (<.....>) dayes	xvj d.	

...

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## WOODBURY

1537-8

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1  
f 3 (*Rendered 1 March*) (*Alewardens' account*)

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...

xij d is paide to austyn for his playn ...

1540-1

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1  
f 47v\* (*Rendered 8 October*) (*Alewardens' account*)

25

...

And thereof payde ffor Robert Hode & lytyll Iohn Cott viij s & ffor ther Wardyns Labor as the Custome ys	ij s.	30
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...

1554-5

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1  
p 113 (*Payments*)

35

...

Item paid for a viser for a foole	xij d
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...



1555-6

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1  
p 119 (*Payments*)

...

Item paid for belles for the foole vij d 5

...

1573-4

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1  
f 5 (*Alewardens' account*)

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...

Item that Willyam Downam beyng Robyn Hoode &  
Water Holwill lytle Iohn made an ale & gatheringe &  
brought yn redie monye xl s

...

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1574-5

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1  
p 221 (*Payments*)

...

Item p for xxv<sup>ty</sup> yeardes of canvas after x pens the yeard xx s x d  
Item p to androw peyrs for maken of Roberte  
Hoodes Howse xvj d

...

25

p 222

...

Item p to wyllm Hobbes for maken of the foolles cotte iij s viij d

1576-7

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1  
p 230 (*Receipts*)

30

...

Item receaued of William Dounom & Water Holwill the  
monye that they made with ale when he was  
Roberte Hood &c

...

xl s

35

21,22,28/ p for payd: abbreviation mark missing  
28/ wyllm for wylliam: abbreviation mark missing

1581-2

*St Swithin's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1  
p 254 (*Receipts*)

...

Item Receued of william Ryder for Towe grenne Cottis viij s 5

...

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# MONASTERIES

## COWICK PRIORY

c. 1475

*Compotus of St Andrew Priory* DRO: W 1258/G4/53/1-5

mb 2\* (*External expenses*)

...

...Et soluti Episcopo sancti Nicholai & cum alijs Elimosinis dati ex 5  
precepto domini iij s vj d ...

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# HOUSEHOLDS

## CHAMPERNOUN OF MODBURY

1595

*Richard Champernoun's Letter to Sir Robert Cecil*

HH: Marquess of Salisbury Archives, Cecil Papers 31/48  
single sheet (26 March)

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Ryght honerable

I am gyven to weete by syr francys drakes letter, that hytt has pleasyd  
som to present hyr hyghnes with an ydle & vntrew report of mee as 10  
a gelder of boyes for preserving theyr voyces who has spoken hytt  
or informyd yowr Honor tys false thys ys as much as I may heerin  
delyver agaynst thys adversary having regard of your Honors place  
& my duty, els myght I forget my self towards thys informer; thogh  
my deserts may not merytt so farr at yowr Honors hands; yeat I 15  
humbly craue eyther that my accuser may be known or thys wrong  
excusyd by yowr Honor; to whom I yeelde most humble thanks  
that by yowr means thys coms to lyght. I lyue for hyr Maiestyes  
servyce, & my covntries, & wyll be ready to answeare any my actyons;  
ever wyllyng to do yowr Honor servyce. so I humbly take my leaue 20  
at Modbury thys 26 march 1595

yowr Honors yn all servyce  
(signed) Rycharde champernovn.

*Richard Champernoun's Letter to Sir Robert Cecil*

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HH: Marquess of Salisbury Archives, Cecil Papers 73/24  
single sheet (15 August)

Ryght honorable

Syr Thomas Gorge, gaue me to vnderstand of yowr Honours desyer, 30

13/ agaynst: agayn written over something else

of my yovthe that sings, whose yeeres of apprentyshyp, I long  
 sythence boght, by my own travayll, & great charge, haue brought  
 hym vp, my self recevyng smale, or [li] no contentment but yn  
 musyck; he wanting the rest of no valew, being of many bad the best;  
 & I assure yowr *Honour*: no way answerryng the report made of 5  
 hym. my lord yowr fathers contynuall favors, has bovnd mee in  
 greatest duty, & vowyd servyce, & so haue I caryed a mynde, ever  
 most ready, & wylling, for the best merytts at yowr *Honours* hands;  
 in regard wherof I shold not know how to deny, what I estyme farr  
 aboute hys valew, with the loss of all my contentment; thogh ryghtly 10  
 & with others no way to be so regardyd: but may hyt please yowr  
*Honour*: my reputayon ys callyd yn questyon as thogh I had  
 requyryd, or forcyd thys yowth, with others to be delt with all agaynst  
 reason, & the law: to be gellt: *which* rumor being spredd ys most  
 dysgracefull: I wyll wryte no farder not knowyng whom hyt conserns, 15  
 thogh tuchyng my self neere, : of whose auctor I being resolvyd, I  
 shallbe more wylling to answer yowr *Honours* desyer: els must I  
 swallow thys vnlokyl & vndeservyd dysgrace as I may, & resolute  
 to put on a resolutyon to endure the hardest measure, can be offryd,  
 or layd on mee, *which* yf thys tyme afoorde hyr maiestyes subiects; 20  
 I must haue patyence & keepe the lyberty of my thoghts, to my self,  
 so hopying of better fruyts of no yll deserts from yowr *Honour*: &  
 in deede to enioy that lyberty, *which* befytt all gentyllmen, & *which*  
 I purpose; I humbly take my leaue, at modbury thys 15 august 1595  
 yowr *Honours* to be commandyd 25  
 (signed) Rychard Champernovn.

*Richard Champernouv's Letter to Sir Robert Cecil*

HH: Marquess of Salisbury Archives, Cecil Papers 35/100  
 single sheet (October)

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Ryght honorable

I am very sory, yf in any thyng that I haue wrytten I shold moue  
 yow to any doubtfull or contrary concept then I meant: I am to gyue  
 yowr *Honor* my humble thancks, in that hyt has pleasyd yow to thinke 35  
 the best of hytt: but what most greevyd mee, wat that syr francys  
 drake wrote to mee that hyt shold be informyd vnto yowr *Honor*,  
 & in covrt, that I to satisfy my own humor, shold vse boyse to  
 contynew theyr voyces, otherwys then wer fytt for any professyng

5/ r of yowr written over another letter  
 36/ wat for was

15-17/ hyt conserns ... desyer underlined



christyanyty: *which* as I held hyt a great dysgrace, so am I exceedyngly  
 wrongyd, by such as haue byn thorygynall aucthors of any such thyng  
 to be don by mee: but I must confess being naturally & often  
 oppressyd with melancholy more then I wold wysh; I haue in that  
 respect (thogh to my charge *with my purs*) boght such as I haue fovnd 5  
 whose voyces contentyd mee: & trewly syr yf I shold meerely lack  
 thys yowth, I know not whear, nor when, to gett an other *which* yf  
 I myght doo. yowr Honor shold not so readily requyer hym, as I  
 wold be wylling to yeelde hym yow: yet most assurdyly ys hys report  
 (as I *perceyue*) for hys voyce farr in deede beyond hys desert; as the 10  
 case now standeth mee, lackyng hym, my whole consort for musyck;  
*which* most delytes mee, wer clean overthrowen; *which* I humbly  
 submytt to yowr Honors good consyderatyon. & tuchyng the note  
 yow desyer to be satisfyed in. trewly vpon syr francys drakes letter  
 to mee, I much doubtyd tha yowr Honor had som porpose, to vse 15  
 som hard measure towards mee; *which* movyd mee to wryte as I dyd,  
 wherin I only ment, that yf in thys hyr maiestyes tyme, being a most  
 happy tyme for all chrystyans to lyue in. I shold haue any hard  
 measure, (especyally being so interestyd in hym as my covenant &  
 vowyd servant), by any of that hows, *which* I haue only followyd 20  
 & honoryd, & from whom I haue allways recevyd so many favors  
 & vpon whose branches after the tree, I desyryd to take holde to  
 defend me, yf any wrong shold be offryd mee, I shold be exceedyng  
 sory & shold thynke my self most vnhappy, to fall into the offence  
 of any comming from hym, whom I haue byn & am so much boynd 25  
 to honor: & so desyrous to cleere my self of the dysgracefull report  
 made of mee to yowr Honor agaynst the orygynall auctor of the same:  
 with desyer of contynewance of yowr Honors best thoghts of mee,  
 I humbly take my leaue

Yowr Honors yn all duty & servyce 30  
 Rychard Champernown.

If for yowr pryvate contentment  
 yow shall lyke to haue hym attend yow  
 som tymes for a moneth or two & so to  
 return agayn wherby that comfort of  
 musyck wherwith I am delytyd may not  
 vtterly be overthrowen, he shall be at yowr  
 Honors devotyon & command, & so to feaw  
 els lyving

3-6/ but I must... syr yf I shold *underlined*  
 15/ tha *for* that

11-12/ consort... most *underlined*

(Address on dorse)

To the ryght honorable syr  
Robert cycyll knyght of  
hyr maiestyes most honorable  
pryvy Cownseyll at the  
Covrt

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## EDGCUMBE OF MOUNT EDGCUMBE

1553–8

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*Remembrance of Sir Richard Edgcumbe*

John Prince: *Worthies of Devon*

pp 284–5

(n)  
Trevanion.

...  
Yea, even to such as were his Enemies, being in Distress, he rather  
lent a Hand to take them up, than a Foot to tread them down, as by  
this Story following may plainly appear. There was a Knight, dwelling  
in the same Shire (n), with whom, for divers Causes, in King Edward's  
days, he had sundry Quarrels; which as at first they bred inward  
Misliking between them, so at last they brake forth into open Hatred.  
This Knight, in the troublesome Change of Queen Mary's Reign,  
partly for Religion, and partly for other Causes, was clap'd into  
Prison: And though the Matters discovered against him were hainous,  
and his Enemies (at that time bearing great sway) very grievous, yet  
he obtained so much Favor, as to be Tryed by Certificate, from the  
Gentlemen of the chiefest Authority in his Country, for his Behaviour  
therein. According to whose Report to the Council, he was to be  
either delivered, or more straightly to be dealt with. This granted,  
he conceived very good hope of every other's friendly Advertisement;  
and feared only the hard Favor of our Sir Richard; who he doubted  
would use the Sword of Revenge (then put into his hands) to his  
Enemies destruction. It hapned, that upon return of their Answer he  
was delivered; and being at Liberty, to the end he might know, how  
his Country-mens minds were affected towards him, he by means,  
procured a Copy of all these advertisive Letters; in perusing of which,  
he found that such as bore him fairest Countenance, wrote most  
against him; and that Sir Richard Edgecombe's Certificate made most  
for him: So as, in all likelihood, his greatest Enemy in Show, was  
the chiefest cause of his Deliverance in Deed.

I would stay here in praise of this noble Mind, who shewed his  
Valor in Conquering his own Affections; his Vertue in abstaining  
from Revenge, being offered; and his Christianity in doing Good for

Evil; but that I am carried forth with no less wonder at this Knight's Thankfulness: Who pretending as though he wist not of this Courtesy, to the outward shew, continued his wonted Enmity until the next Christmas after.†

At which time, on a Night, word was brought to Mount Edgcomb 5  
That a Company of armed Men were lately Landed from Plymouth, marching up to the House. Sir Richard, having heard before, that this Knight was in that Town, and mistrusting, he had picked out this time to come and set upon him unawares, resolved to shew himself 10  
neither discourteous to them he knew not, through Fear; nor yet to lie open to his Enemies, if they pretended any such Practice, through Heedlessness; he therefore caused his Gates to be set wide open, and placed his Servants on both sides the Gate and Hall, where they must pass, with Swords and Bucklars: but they coming in, turned this 15  
Doubt into Pastime, for their Armor and Weapons were only painted Paper, as by nearer approaching was perceived; and instead of trying their Force with Blows, in fighting with Men, they fell to make proof of the Ladies Skill in Dancing.

These Pastimes at last being ended, they were led into another Room to be Banquetted: where this Knight taking of his Vizard, and 20  
disclosing himself to Sir Richard Edgcomb, uttered, That having known the great Courtesy shewn him in his Trouble, besides his looking, and contrary to his deserving, he was come thither to yield him his most due Thanks for the same; assuring him, that he would from thence forth, rest as faithful his Friend, as ever before he had 25  
shewn himself a professed Enemy. In witness of which his true meaning, and to strengthen the Friendship newly begun, in Goodwill, with a fast Knot of Allience, he there presented him a young Gentleman his Nephew, a Ward, and the Heir of his House (who 30  
being of fair Possessions, came amongst the other Company, masked in a Nymph's attire) to Match with one of his Daughters; which Marriage afterwards came to pass. And here I should also run out into Commendation of this rare Thankfulness, save that this Knight's many other Shews of his right noble Mind, are so well known, that 35  
they need not, and so great, that they cannot, be praised enough.

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# COUNTY OF DEVON

1594

*Quarter Sessions Order Books* DRO: QS 1/1

p 93 (9 July)

...

A lycence graunted to Iohn Pedler of Exborne Harper in respect of his blindnes to begg within the hundreds of Wondford Northtawton & Blacktoryton the said lycence to endure for a Whole yere from this Sessions

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1595

*Quarter Sessions Order Books* DRO: QS 1/1

pp 125-6 (*Quarter of John the Baptist*)

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Churcheales &c Item wheras before this tyme, yt was ordered and decreed by the right honorable ffrauncys Erle of Bedford and the Rest of her maiesties then Iustyces of the peace within this County, for the Avoydinge of soundry disorders, and abuses, that do arrise, by Revels, and Churches, or parishe ales, kept and vttered vpon the Sabouth dayes that the same should be vtterly abolished & put downe, And wheras also after that tyme, yt was Ordered Decreed and adiudged by the then Iustyces of assises and the Rest of her maiesties then Iustyces of the peace within this County, that every Drawing, selling yevinge or other vttering of Drynke at suche Revels and Churches or parishe ales ys a common tipling not lawfull and that the Churches Wardens & others Doinge, causinge, or consentinge to the same do Incurr the penalty of the lawes and statutes in that case provydid, And that euery person, (by suche Occasion) absent from his owne parishe Churches at the devyne service, shall for suche absence, (as without a lawfull cause) incurr

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the penalty and forfeiture of the lawes and statutes in that case  
 provydid, And that suche as Resort to the same are to be Indicted as  
 for an vnlawfull assembly, [It ys] fforasmtych As the said Church  
 or parishe Ales or drynkings | Revells, Mayegames, Playes, and suche  
 other vnlawfull assemblys of the people of soundry parishes, vnto 5  
 one parishe[s], on the Sabothe dayes and other tymes ys A Speciall  
 cause that many disorders, contemptes of Lawe, and other  
 enormytees, are there perpetrated and commytted to the great  
 prophanasion of the Lordes Saboth, the dishoner of Almighty god,  
 encrease of Basterdy and dissolute liff, and of very many other 10  
 Mischeiffes and inconvenyences to the great hurt of the Common  
 Wealth, It ys nowe ordered Agreed and concludyd vpon, that there  
 shall not be any Maye games, playes, Church or parishe Ale[s] or  
 drynke vsed, kepte, or vttered, vpon the Sabothe at any tyme of the  
 daye, nor yeat in, or vpon, any other hollydayes or ffestyvall dayes, 15  
 in the tyme of devyne service or preachinge of the Word, nor at any  
 tyme in the Night season, nor yeat that there shalbe any Mynstralcy  
 of any sort, dauncynge or suche wanton dalliances, vsed att the tyme  
 of the sayd Maye games, playes, Church or parishe Ales or  
 drynkings, And that no church or parishe Wardens or others 20  
 presume to Brewe or vtter any Church or parishe Ale, or drynke,  
 vpon any holly or ffestyvall daye or other daye vnless he other lies  
 bounden in Recognisance to her Maiesties vse accordig to the statut  
 provyded for typlers, as also to observe these Orders, vpon payne to  
 be punished accordinge to the lawes 25

1599–1600

*Order for Suppression of Church Ales and Revels* PRO: SP 16/255/39  
 f 107

Devon sessions

This Order was agreed on by all the Queenes Maiesties Iustices  
 of the Peace at the Chapter house Assembled the 10th day of  
 Ianuary. 1599 Anno 41 Elizabeth

And foras much as it appeareth that many enormities (that with  
 modestie cannot be expressed) heretofore haue happened by Church 35  
 Ales and Reuells in this County of Deuon. It is therfore ordered that  
 Church Ales and Reuells shalbe hence forth vtterly suppressed. And  
 if contrary wise in contempt of this Order preparation be made for  
 any to be kept any Iustices of this County forthwith send for such

23/ bounden: boinden *MS*  
 25/ punished for punished

23/ accordig for according: no abbreviation sign



as make preparation to admonish them to make stay thereof and vpon their refusall in that behalfe or *proceeding* therein to bind them that make such preparation to the good behaiour and to appeare at the next Sessions of the peace to be holden within this County of Deuon then and there to endure such punnistment as either by the Lawes of the Realme or Order of this Court shalbe inflicted vpon him for their contempt and disobeying this Order./ 5

1600

*Quarter Sessions Order Books* DRO: QS 1/1 10  
pp 298–9\* (10 January)

...  
Churcheales &c And forasmuch as yt appeareth, that manie inconveniences *which* wth modestie cannot be expressed, have heretofore growen and happened by parishales, Churchales, & Revells, in this Countye of Devon:/ It is therefore Ordered that parishe ales | Church ales & Revells, be henceforth vtterlie suppressed; And if contrarie, or in contempt of this Order, preparation be made for anie to be kept, and the Iustices of this Countie forthwith to send for such as make preparation, to admonishe them to make staye thereof, And vppon their refusall in that behaulfe, or *proceeding* therein, to bind them that make such preparation, to the good behavior, and to appeare att the next Session of peace to be houlden within this Countie of Devon, then & there to indure such punishment as either by the lawes of this Realme, or by order of the Courte, shalbe inflicted vppon them, for their Contempte & disobeying of the said lawes, and of this Order. 15 20 25

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1615

*Quarter Sessions Order Books* DRO: QS 1/4 30  
f 73v\*

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ffrom the Assises helde at the Castle of Exonia Iulie 24. 1615. The seuerall manslaughteres committed att two Churche Ales within the Countie sithence the beginninge of this present monethe of Iulie, and farther advertisement given nowe vnto the Courte of this continuall profanacion of Godes saboathe att those and other such like vnlawfull meetinges, ministers vnto the Courte iuste occacion to recite an order formerlie sett downe by the reverend Iudges of Assise at the Assises holden for this Countie. The Nyneteenth daie of Iulie in the yeare of the raigne of our soueraigne Lord Kinge Iames by the grace of god of England ffrance and Ireland Kinge defender of the 35 40

faith the eleaventh and of Scotland the sixe and fortieth. That order beinge as followeth *videlicet*. Itt is ordered by the Courte in regard of the infinite number of inconveniences dailie arisinge by means of revells, Church Ales, and common bulbaitinges, that all such Revells, Church Ales, bulbaitinges and barebaytinges be from henceforth vtterlie suppressed. And yf heerafter it shalbe made knowen vnto the Iustices of the peace of this Countie, of anie such to be sett vp or heerafter vsed, that then the Iustices of the peace within their seuerall diuisions take course aswell for the speedie apprehendinge and punishment of Idle and lewd people drawen together to such places, as for the bindinge over of the persons vsinge tiplinge, and for the inflictinge of farther punishment vpon all offenders in such places as in their discrecion shalbe thought fytt. And to the end that this order maie be the better observed, it is ordered that this be speedilie published in everie parishe church within this Countie.

*Order for Suppression of Church Ales and Revels*

PRO: SP 16/255/39 I-IV

f 108

Devon sessions  
ffrom the  
Assisses  
held at the  
Castle of  
Excester  
Iuly 24. 1615  
Anno 13 Iacobi  
&c: Sir Laurence  
Tanfild and  
Sergeant  
Mountague  
Iustice of  
Assisse &c: /

The seuerall manslaughteres committed at two Church ales, within this County since the begining of this present month of Iuly, and further aduertisements giuen now vnto the Court of this continuall prophanation of gods Sabboth at these and other such like vnlawfull meetings ministers vnto this Court just occasion to recite an Order formerly sett downe by the Reuerent Iudges of Assize at the Assize holden for this County the 19the day of Iuly in the yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lord King Iames by the Grace of God of England, ffrance, and Ireland King Defendor of the ffaith &c: the Eleuenth and of Scotland the 46th that Order beinge as followeth. *videlicet* It is ordered by the Court in regard of the infinite number of inconueniences dayly ariseing by meanes of Reuells, Church ales, and Common Bull baytings, that all such Reuells, Church ales and Bull-baitings be from henceforth vtterly suppressed, and if hereafter it shall be made knowne vnto the Iustices of the peace of this County of any such to be sett vp, or hereafter vsed, that then the Iustices of the peace within their seuerall diuisions, take cource, as well for the speedy apprehending and punnishment of idle and lewde people drawne together to such places, as for the binding ouer of the persons vseing typling, and for the inflicting of further punnishment vpon

all Offendors in such places as in their discretion shalbe thought fitt:  
And to the end that this Order may be the better obserued, It is ordered  
that this be speedily published in euey parrish Church within this  
County./

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1620

*Quarter Sessions Order Books* DRO: QS 1/5p 182\* (*Michaelmas Quarter*)

The offenders  
att Rew:

...  
It ys ordered and this Courte doth intreate Sir William Strode knight  
william Carye & Bartholomew Berie esquiers or anie 'two of them'  
to Call before them or anie two of them when they shall thincke fitte  
the persons accused to be of the Ryott at Rew and to take such Course  
therein as in their discrecions shall seeme fitte/

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1622

*Quarter Sessions Order Books* DRO: QS 1/5p 323 (*9 July*)xx<sup>o</sup> Iacobi 1622

ffor suppressinge  
of Churchales.

Whereas Complainte hath diverse tymes bin made vnto [yis] this  
Courte of the greate prophanacion of the Sabboth daie and of greate  
& notorious misdemeanors Comitted by sonndrye persons [by] 'in'  
there vnlawfull meetinges. Att Church ales Revelles and other  
vnlawfull assemblies, wherein how soever punishment hath bin  
diverse tymes inflicted vppon offendors in that kinde to the intent  
the like evills might have bene prevented Yet forasmuch as yt now  
appeareth vnto this Courte that greate disorder hath latelie bene  
'omitted' by the like meetinges att Aishburton parishe to the greate  
dishonor of Almightye god, prophanacion of the Sabboth and the  
withdrawinge of manye well disposed persons from good and godlie  
exercises, and in Contempte of auctoritie vppon Consideracion  
whereof & 'in respect' of the manifolde inconveniences which  
heretofore have and daelie are like to arise by reason of the said  
disorders It ys therefore ordered that the said Churchales & the like  
vnlawfull meetinges shalbe from hence '[for] still' [forth] for ever  
vtterlie forborne & suppressed through out this Countie and that all  
and everye person that shall henceforth offend in the like shalbe bound  
by some Iustice of peace neere adioynninge to the good behavior and  
to appeare att the next generall Sessions of the peace to be held for  
this Countie to answeere theire Contempte and disorders in that behalfe  
And for the better performance hereof wee will and Comaunde that

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this order be published openlie in Aishburton parishe Church  
ymediatlie after devine service on Sonndaie next and in all other parishe  
Churches within this Countie with asmuch speed as maie be by the  
Constables of everye hundred or parishe./

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1627

*Quarter Sessions Order Books* DRO: QS 1/6

p 120

Devon sessions

An order made by the Iudges of Assize there  
for the suppressing of Ales and Revells  
xxiiij<sup>o</sup> Iulij 1627./

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Whereas orders have heretofore byne made by the Iudges of the Assize  
for the suppressinge of Ales and Revells the same orders are nowe 15  
Confirmed at this Assize and againe ordered by the Courte In Regarde  
of the infinite number of Inconveniencies dailye ariseinge by meanes  
of Revells Church Ales and other publicke Ales that all such [ales]  
Revells Churchales Clearkes Ales and all other publicke ales be from  
hencefourth vtterly suppressed And if hereafter it shalbe made knowne 20  
to the Iustices of peace of this Countye of any such to be sett vpp  
or hereafter vsed That then the Iustices of the peace within their  
seuerall diuisions take Course aswell for the speedy apprehendeinge  
and punishmente of Idle and Lewde people drawne together to such  
places as for the byndeinge over of the persons vseinge such tiplinge 25  
and for inflictinge of such punishmente vpon all offenders in such  
places as the same doth deserve And to the end that this order may  
be [the] better observed It is furder ordered that the Clarke of Assize  
shall leave a Coppy hereof with the Clarke of the peace and the vnder  
sheriffe And from them or one of them euery Constable shall take a 30  
Coppy for his seuerall hundred and libertye and shall particularly  
deliuer a Coppy to the minister of euery parish within his seuerall  
hundred and libertie and shall take a noate of euery minister vnder  
his hand of the daie vpon which the minister receaued it from him  
And that euery minister which soe Receaueth it shall publish <sup>a</sup>it 35  
yeirely in his parish Church the first sunday in ffebruary And it is  
likewise furder ordered that euery Constable shall at euery Lent Assize  
present to the Iudges of this Circuite a noate of the receipte of this  
order vnder the handes of the said ministers And for the furder  
avoydeing of Idle people It is furder ordered that such persons as 40

vsually Carry vp [ & ] downe bulls & beares to baite being Roagues  
by the statute shalbe punished as roagues for the further prevention  
of such Inconvenyences as vsually happen vpon such meetinges

*Executum per Simonem Spatchurste  
Clericum Assiarum./* 5

p 126

Whereas the bench is Credibly informed that sundry suspect persons  
Roagues both sturdy and beggeing vagrant some whereof pretend to 10  
be petty chapmen others pedlers others glassmen tynckers others  
palmeesters fortune readers Egiptians and the like and that sometime  
they meete by thirty in a Company both vpon the highwaie and in  
the night tymes in Alehowsses and other Cottages and obscure places  
and howsses of evill reporte soeas his Maiestes better subiectes are 15  
not only much preiudiced but terrified ffor remedy of the present  
and prevention of future daunger These are in his Maiestes name to  
will & strictly require yow that one daie & one [daie] night weekly  
till the next Sessions yow [sett a] watch and make a diligent search  
for the findeing out takeing and apprehendeing of the evill members 20  
aforesaid And the suspect persons & sturdye beggers to Carry before  
some Iustice of peace for his direction and the rest to punish as the  
lawe biddeth and send to their places of birth or dwelling as the lawe  
directeth whereof ffaile yow not as yow & euery of yow will aunsweare  
the Contrary at your perills. 25

1631

*Quarter Sessions Order Books* DRO: QS 1/6

p 356 (*Quarter of John the Baptist*)

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Baptiste 1631

Whereas manie great outrages & sondrie misdemeanors haue ben  
formerlie committed by the disorderlie assemblies which haue ben at  
the setting vp of Maiepoles & the like riotous meetinges which hath  
occasion diuers former orders to be made at the Assizes & generall 35  
Sessions of this Countie for the suppressing of the like assemblies the  
benefit whereof hath redownded to the generall good of the Countie  
and yet notwithstanding this Court is now creadible enformed that  
much disorder and great misdemeanors haue been latelie committed

5/ *Assiarum* for *Assizarum*

34/ *Maiepoles written in ornamental script*



by the like setting vp of a Maypole at Cullompton. It is therefore  
ordered & this Court doth entreat Sir Simon Leach *knight* Iohn  
Bampfild & henrie Walrond Esquiers or some one of them to cause  
this Order to be first published in the parish Church of Collompton  
and shortlie after at such time as the said Iustices or Iustice shall seeme 5  
most meet to cause the Constable & such other officers or persons  
as maie be thought most meet to cause the Constables & such other  
officers as maie be thought most fitt to take downe the said Maypole  
in a peaceable manner and if any person shall resist the doeng thereof  
then to binde the offenders to the next generall Sessions to thend 10  
such further course maie be taken therein as shalbe thought meet/

1/ Maypole, Cullompton *written in ornamental script*

1/ Maypole at Cullompton *underlined*

6-8/ to cause ... most fitt: *dittography MS*

APPENDIXES, TRANSLATIONS, ENDNOTES, PATRONS  
AND TRAVELLING COMPANIES, GLOSSARIES, AND  
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## APPENDIX 1

# Undated Documents

### *Plymouth Draft Order Concerning the Town Drummer*

WDRO: W 361/60

ff 1-1v\*

To all people to whome theise *patentes* shall come wee the Maior and 5  
Cominaltie of the boroughe of Plymouth in the County of Devon send  
greeting in oure Lord God everlasting Knowe yee that wee the said  
Maior and Cominaltie for and in consideracion of the good & fathfull  
service *which* wee hereafter expect to be doune vnto vs by George Hele  
of Plymouth Ioyner and by Iames Barons his apprentice as longe as 10  
he shall remayne and dealle with the said George in the [sed]  
[<.> office] of a drummer in theise perilous tymes of danger or at any  
tyme hereafter whatsoever when wee shall haue occasion to [imploy]  
hym herein haue [&] discharged acquited and freed and in and by theise  
*patentes* doe absolute discharge acquite and set free the said George 15  
of and from all watches and wardes as often as it shall come vnto his  
turne and of and from [all such ocasionēs (of p<.>y)] all charge *which*  
he should or might be at for or by reason of the hire of any person  
or persons in his roome. And the said George doth [for hym] by theise  
*patentes* Covennte and promise to and also the said Maior and 20  
Coialty theire successors and assignes [by these *patentes*] that he the  
said George [shall well and faithfully serue the] [from tyme to tyme  
& at all tymes during his naturall [life] life] and the said Iames Barons  
as long as he shall soe contynue with hym as aforesaid shall well [&]  
faithfully serue the said Maior & Cominalty in the [art] [or office] of 25  
a Drummer of this towne And that he [the] said George shalle not at  
any tyme hereafter imploy hymselfe in any other service in the [<.....>]  
office of a drummer "[<.....>]" with out the leave and approbation

19/ roome: roone MS

21/ Coialty for Cominalty: *abbreviation stroke missing*

27/ [<.....>]: [<art or>]?

of the Maior for the tyme being [and if the Maior parte of his and th<...>] in that behalfe first had & obteyned. In witnes

*Draft Inquiry, Somerset Justices of the Peace*

Somerset Record Office: Trevelyan Papers, CC/WO/57/11 Bundle 11  
single sheet\*

Being earnestly desyred to signifye [our knowledge] 'what we haue  
harde' concerning the death of Edward Griffin, 'sleyne' for som  
'fy<.)e' yeares past 'or thereby' [slayne], 'or<..>b.' by Philip 10  
Wylloughbye neere honston in 'the County of' Devon, theise are to  
testifye that having carefully enquired concerning the occasions of the  
sayd slaughter wee fynd that the sayd Edward Griffyn after som  
controversie and falling owt betwene the sayd Philip and the sayd 15  
Edward and som of his company being stageplayers in the sayd towne  
of Honiston, [and] 'that he' the sayd Philip departyd from the sayd  
Edward and his companye and passing in the high waye from the sayd  
Towne toward Excester [was followed by 'forelayd'] 'did ouertake'  
the sayd Edward and som of his companye, [and assaulted in the sayd] 20  
'where they assaulted one the other in' high waye, [whereupon the]  
'At what tyme' the sayd Philip [in his defense as appeareth vnto vs]  
wounded the sayd Edward whereof he dyed. and wee do further  
testifye that [the sayd] this is the first offense [of] that [kynd which]  
wee haue heard or can learn the sayd Philip hath committed, and that 25  
in all tymes heretofore the sayd Philip hath caryed himself civilly and  
and orderly [as beseemeth] so farre as we knowe or can [learne by  
inquisition] 'vnderstand'. And in witnesse of the premisses we whose  
names are hereunto subscrybed being his Maiestties Iustices of peace  
in the County aforesayd haue hereunto set our handes and seales dated  
&c 30



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## APPENDIX 2

# Stonehouse Churchwardens' Accounts

No extant relevant records for the Plymouth suburb of Stonehouse have been located. But in the 19th century the Plymouth historian R. N. Worth reported some 'very decayed and fragmentary' accounts from the Churchwardens' Book of East Stonehouse, commencing in 1594. In his report is the following brief paragraph:

Under 1602 are the words 'John Trevill Elected' – with subsequently a scratched-out account of John Trevill for "playes and other pfitts;" while in the same year (1602) we have "John Warren oweth to...his play." (R. N. Worth, 'Notes on the Early History of Stonehouse,' *Annual Reports and Transactions of the Plymouth Institution and Devon and Cornwall Natural History Society*, 9 (1884–7), 360).

## APPENDIX 3

# Household Accounts of the Courtenays, Earls of Devon

1384–5

*Livery Roll* BL: Add. Roll 64320  
single mb

	in Ministrals	5
Harry	iiij verge	
Hans	atant	
Iohan	atant	
Clawes	atant	
	[Summa xvj verge]	10

1389–90

*Household Account* DRO: CR 500  
mb 1

...  
Et soluti Tribus Ministrallis domini in plenam  
solucionem feodi vsque festum Michaelis anno xiiij<sup>o</sup> ix l(i) xiiij s iiij d  
...

c.1390

*Household Account* DRO: CR 488  
mb 1

...  
...Et soluti ... Ministrall' Exoniensis ex precepto domini vjs viij d  
...

17/ anno xiiij<sup>o</sup>: probably the regnal year, 13 Richard II, is intended, 22 June 1389–21 June 1390.

1395

*Household Account* DRO: CR 1466

mb 5

...

ffrome en  
Celewode

...Item donne au Tregatour &amp; au harper xvj d...

5

...

mb 5d

...

Loundres

...Item donne a gardein des lionns a latour pur la vewe de eux iiij d...

10

...

1519

*Household Account* PRO: E 36/218

p 18\*

15

...

xxvij<sup>o</sup> die ffebruarij

Item for Egges brede drynke and Orenes for my lorde  
into my lorde of burgaynes Chamber when they wer  
ther a maskyng byfore the kyng

xij d

20

p 30

...

xxix die Ianuarij

Item geven in Reward the same daye at london vnto a  
mynstrell at my lorde Iohn marques place 'att my lordes  
Commandement'

iiij d

25

p 70 (16 February)

30

Item payed the same daye &lt;...&gt; visers &lt;...&gt;

Item payed the same daye two pa<...> Cotton price the yerde vij d for  
lord <...> garmenttes <...>

xix die

Item for the making of ij Mask&lt;...&gt; for my lorde &lt;...&gt;

35

Item payed the same daye &lt;...&gt; and stuff thoes ij garme&lt;...&gt;

Item for iiij yerdes and a h&lt;...&gt; performaunce of thoes gaes&lt;...&gt;

Item for the making &lt;...&gt; of golde to were ouer my lo&lt;...&gt;

Item payed for a R&lt;...&gt; to go a maskyng with &lt;...&gt;

Item payed the same &lt;...&gt; of my lordes Syluer de&lt;...&gt;

40

5m/ ffrome en Celewode: *Frome-Selwood, Somerset*5/ Tregatour: *conjuror, juggler* (see OED s.v. 'tregetour')

(24 February?)

...

Item at grenewyche paye(...) my lordes visers (...)

Item the same daye pay(...) damaske water for my lo(...)

...

5

1523-4

*Household Book* PRO: E 36/223

f 28v

...

Item reward 'to' a menstrell

iiij d

10

...

f 33 (*External expenses*)

...

Item rewardyd the xxvij day off Maye to the kyng seruant  
to a harper and a tumber by my ladys grace commandment

x s

15

...

Item payd for vj yerdes off Whyt for þe folles cottres

iiij s

Item for makyng off þe ij folles cottres

xij d

20

...

f 34 (*External expenses*)

...

Item for Canvas for the folys Cottres

iiij d

25

...

f 39 (*External expenses*)

...

Item to þe kynges chefe mynstrelles

vj s viij d

30

...

f 39v (*External expenses*)

...

Item to þe kynges players *videlicet* to englysse & hys  
company for playing before my lades grace

xx s

35

Item more to [thuy] theme by commandment off Mr  
comptroller

vj s viij d

...

1525

*Household Account* PRO: E 36/225p 19 (18 June) (*Rewards*)

...

Payd more the Same day by my lordes Commaundment  
to the trumpeters

5

liij s iiij (.)

...

p 164 (1 October)

10

...to a piper In Reward iiij d as apperyth by his bill of  
parcelles vppon the foyll

...



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## APPENDIX 4

# Sample Church Ale Expenses: Braunton, 1562

As noted in the Introduction, church ales were an almost universally practiced method of obtaining revenue for parish churches. Although these ales would logically have provided entertainment of some sort for those who attended, if it were locally provided – and without charge – it does not appear in the records. Since REED can report only the specific evidence of entertainment which survives, most of the alewardens' records from Devon have had to be omitted from this collection. One sample page from one alewardens' account book may, however, give the reader some idea of what transpired at these church ales. The page is from the accounts of the Wardens of St John and St George at Braunton, the account rendered 17 October, 1562 (1677A/PW1a)

f 81

Wytsonyde

Item payd for wood & vorses – iiij s ij d/ Item for Cuppes & quartes –  
vij d/ Item payd for cloth to make Robyn hoodes Cote – xij s/  
In primis we payd to Mr Wylliam Bellew Esquyre for vorses – iiij s/ 5  
Item for heowyng of þe same – xvij d Item for carydge of þe same  
vorses – ij s/ Item to Iohn Colemore for wood – viij d/ Item for  
carrayge of þe same wood – iiij d/ Item to Iohanna Crowne for  
brewyng our ale – iij s x d/ Item for her gallon of ale – vj d/ Item for  
our meat & drynke when we brew – ij s iij d Item for vj li. of hoppes – 10  
ij s/ Item for [Seanes] Steanes/Cuppes/ & quartes – xij d/ Item for ij  
treing dysshes & a ladle – iij d/ Item to Iames Whyte for bakyng our  
bred & pyes – xvj d/ Item for Robyn hood & hys Company – xij d/  
Item for þe poore people þe brotherhed day – vj d/ Item for beryng  
inof wood of þe churcheyerd – vj d/ Item to Mathew ffosse to be our 15  
Cooke – xij d/ Item payd toward þe scolle at heanton – xx d/ Item  
for makyng of thys accompt – xij d  
Summa – xlv s x d

4/ for...Cote underlined, line marked with cross in margin by later hand

Item payd to phylyp walter for þe churche howse, ' & for stones ' – x  
li. xj s vij 'd'

*Summa Totallis* – xij li. xvij s vij d/ So Remeynes of our  
ales mony – xlj s ij d/ So remeynes in our handes þe whole – xvij li.  
iij s viij d ob. *quadrata* Item there ys delyvered to Thomas Stote & s  
wylliam Cocke being þe new wardens – xvij li. iij s iiij d/ &c/  
ffinis

## APPENDIX 5

# Saints' Days and Feast Days

While the following table is hardly a substitute for a full saints' calendar, it does contain the dates for all the feast days to which reference is made in the entries collected for this volume. For the exact dates of movable feasts, the reader is referred to the tables in C.R. Cheney's *Handbook of Dates for Students of English History*, pp 84–161.

All Hallows	1 November
St Alphege, archbishop and martyr	19 April
St Andrew the apostle	30 November
Ascension Day	Thursday after Rogation Sunday (40 days after Easter)
St Augustine, archbishop	26 May
St Bartholomew the apostle	24 August
Candlemas (Purification of the Virgin Mary)	2 February
Christmas	25 December
St Clement, martyr	23 November
Corpus Christi Day	Thursday after Trinity Sunday (late May or June)
St Dionysius (Denis), martyr	9 October
Easter	Sunday after the first full moon on or following 21 March
St Edward, king and martyr, translation	13 October
Epiphany (Twelfth Day)	6 January
St George, martyr	23 April
St Gregory	12 March
Hock Day	second Tuesday after Easter
Holy Cross, exaltation	14 September
invention	3 May
Holy Innocents' Day	28 December
St James the apostle	25 July
St John the apostle	27 December

St John ante portam latinam	6 May
St John the Baptist, nativity	24 June
St Katherine, martyr	25 November
Lady Day (Annunciation)	25 March
St Luke, evangelist	18 October
St Margaret, martyr	20 July
St Martin, bishop	11 November
St Mary, the Blessed Virgin	
annunciation	25 March
conception	8 December
nativity	8 September
purification	2 February
St Matthew, apostle and evangelist	21 September
St Michael the archangel (Michaelmas)	29 September
Midsummer	24 June
Palm Sunday	sixth Sunday in Lent
Pentecost (Whitsunday)	seventh Sunday after Easter
St Peter ad vincula	1 August
Sts Peter and Paul, apostles	29 June
Septuagesima	third Sunday before Ash Wednesday
Twelfth Day (Epiphany)	6 January
Whit Sunday (Pentecost)	seventh Sunday after Easter





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# Translations

The Latin documents have been translated as literally as possible in order to help the reader understand what the documents say. The arrangement of the translations parallels that of the text for the records. Place names and given names have been normalized but not surnames. Names of patrons appearing in the *Complete Peerage* are standardized according to that spelling. Names of members of the House of Commons not in the *Peerage*, or names of persons listed only in *DNB*, are standardized according to the spellings found in the *History of Parliament* series and the *DNB*, respectively. Spellings of the surnames of patrons not found in these standard sources but which are variants of surnames found in the patrons' index are standardized to the spelling given in that index. All other surnames are left in the spelling of the text. Furthermore, 'harper,' 'luter,' and similar words following Christian names have been capitalized and treated as surnames; thus 'John Harper' may refer to a man of that name or to a harper called John. Capitalization and punctuation are in accordance with modern practice. As in the text, diamond brackets indicate obliterations and square brackets cancellations.

Round brackets enclose words not in Latin but needed for grammatical sense in English. In the translations of account entries, the words which appear in these round brackets represent the subject and verb known to be governing each entry. These governing phrases were usually written out in full only a few times, at the beginning of each account heading or subheading, for example, 'Gifts and grants' or 'Necessary expenses.' They were not repeated for each item. It appears that once a corporate body found a set of formulae which fitted its needs, it tended to use the same or similar formulae year after year, despite changes of accountant or auditor, who doubtless copied them from earlier account books.

Now that five REED volumes containing translations of Latin documents have appeared, it seems appropriate to make a few general remarks about the translation of various Latin terms used to describe performers. It is especially appropriate to do so in the context of the Devon records because various classes of civic records, such as accounts, continued to be kept in Latin in that county to a later date than hitherto encountered. Whereas in the glossary it will not only be possible, but necessary, to discuss in detail the various shades of meanings and definitions available for these words, it is impossible to present or preserve all these shades of meaning in the

translation. There a set of English terms must be devised which can serve as equivalents to these technical Latin terms while neither unduly widening nor restricting the range of possible meanings which ought to be represented.

The Latin terms for performers can be divided into two groups: the agentive nouns formed from a verbal or nominal root and the agentive suffixes '-or' and '-tor,' and that elusive set of synonyms, 'histrio,' 'mimus,' and 'ministrallus.' It is a comparatively simple operation to find English equivalents for translation purposes for the agentive nouns both because English agentive nouns are usually formed in the same way, and because these nouns offer intrinsic clues to their meaning by virtue of their formation. For example, given that 'lusor' is derived from the verbal stem 'lus-' (itself derived from 'ludere') and the agentive '-tor,' the analogous English formation, 'player' is the obvious choice for a translation equivalent. The same procedure has been used for most other agentive nouns used as performer terms.

It is a far more complex operation to find appropriate English equivalents for the three synonyms 'histrio,' 'mimus,' and 'ministrallus.' Their formation offers no intrinsic clue to their meaning or guide to their use. Instead it is necessary to rely upon the evidence of their usage in a variety of contexts and of their definition in contemporary lexicons and word-lists current in the British Isles. Although it is possible to arrive at working definitions in this way, equivalents for translation are much harder to determine. In previous REED volumes, the English derivative 'minstrel' was used as a translation for 'ministrallus,' and the colourless and noncommittal 'entertainer' for 'histrio' and 'mimus.' Indeed it would be tempting to use the same translation for all three synonyms, but synonymity is not the same as identity. Therefore, in the future, REED translations will distinguish between all three words.

The situation in Exeter, at least, is complicated by the absence of an official title in Latin for the city waits. They are designated by various performer terms, such as 'ministrallus' or 'fustulator,' and occasionally by a uniquely Devonian noun, 'administrallus,' which appears to be a more general occupational term for civic and noble servants than the English 'wait.' This Latin usage creates a certain awkwardness in official documents, such as the receipt of pledges for the waits' badges, where some occupational title would seem to be more appropriate than a performer term. The policy of literal translation is followed here as elsewhere, however.

The following list gives the most common Latin performer terms in Devon, as well as some of the uncommon ones, with their translation equivalents. For a full discussion of these words, and the research upon which the list and the above discussion is based, see the article by Abigail Ann Young in *REEDN* 1984:2 and 1985:1, 'Plays and Players: The Latin Terms for Performance,' and consult the glossary.

fustulator  
histrio

piper  
entertainer (except in the quotes from Augustine used by Bartholomew of Exeter, 1150-70)  
jester

ioculator

ludator  
lusor  
mimus  
ministrallus

player  
player  
performer  
minstrel

## Diocese of Exeter

1150–70

*Penitential of Bartholomew of Exeter* BL: Cotton Vitellius A XII  
f 168 cols 1–2

...

- 89 Of indecent singing  
From the Council of Carthage: indecent and lascivious singing | we completely forbid around church<sup>e</sup>s and in the churchyards because it ought to be avoided everywhere.

90 Of dancing

From the Council of Rheims: If anyone has danced before the churches of the saints, or if any (man) has changed his appearance (by dressing) in women's clothing, or (any) woman (by dressing) in men's clothing, he or she would do penance for three years after promising amendment of life.

...

f 174v col 2

...

- 108 Of actors  
Augustine: Why does he who gives to actors, he who gives to prostitutes, give? Why don't those people give to (ordinary) human beings? All the same, they (the givers) are not there taking care for the character of God's activity, but the wickedness of human activity. Augustine on John: To give one's substance to actors is a terrible crime, not a virtue. And you know about such (givers), how (their) good reputation is constantly praised because, as it was written, 'the sinner is praised in the desires of his heart, and he who does wrong is blessed.'

...

1287

*Bishop Peter Quinel's Statutes*  
(16 April) (Chapter thirteen)\*

...

That secular markets and pleadings shall not be held in churches or



their churchyards, or secular buildings be constructed. 13.

...And because many bodies of the saints and of (those who are) to be saved, to which all honour and reverence is due, are buried in consecrated churchyards, we strictly command parish priests publicly to announce in their churches that no one shall presume to carry on wrestling, dances, or other improper sports/plays in churchyards, especially on the vigils and feasts of the saints since the sacred canons (ie, canon law statutes) loathe for such stage-plays and spectacles of derision to be introduced, by which the decency of churches is polluted. But if, after the announcement (has) been made, some have carried on sports/plays of this sort, however improperly (they are so) called, since crimes arise from them, the aforesaid priests shall report their names to the archdeacon of the district or his official so that they may punish them canonically for their faults.

...

*(Chapter seventeen)*

...

Of the life and integrity of clerics

...Likewise, clerics should be decent and sober, abstaining from excessive drinking and intoxication. For, as blessed Gregory says, there is nothing more disgusting than an overindulgent person whose mouth is fetid; whose face is pale; whose fingers tremble; and in whose heart there lies no place of seclusion. And in order that, just as the way of life of clerics and entertainers is different in every way, so too it should appear (to be), we strictly command that priests in particular not attend dinner parties unless specially invited by the master of the house. But if it happens that they are invited, they should not guzzle, but should return sober to their own homes immediately after the meal. They should never frequent taverns, unless they are on a trip for the sake of a pilgrimage, but they should always live decently and soberly, in such a way that they know how, and are able, to tell the difference between the sacred and the profane, the clean and the unclean at all times, just as is fitting.

Likewise, because all indulgence in pleasure through which material for dissoluteness might arise ought particularly to be shunned among clerics, we order that clerics should not attend to entertainers and jesters, gamble and play at dice, nor be onlookers or participants in others' playing, nor should they presume to attend public spectacles for the purpose of watching. They should not use hunting birds or dogs.

These, and very many other things are forbidden to clerics, whose way of life is removed from the activities of the laity whom they ought to excel in devotion as much as in station.

...

1333

*Register of Bishop John de Grandisson* DRO: Chanter 4  
f 174v\* (16 December)

...

Order against  
the vicars of  
the church of  
Exeter

John, etc, to our beloved sons, ———, the subdean, and Master William de Nassynton, canons of our church of Exeter, greetings, etc. We have learned, not without serious displeasure, from the account of trustworthy persons that some vicars and other ministers of the said church, having put on masks, do not even fear to practise in a manner worthy of condemnation dissolute behaviour, laughter, jeering, and other excesses irreverently as an offence to God and a marked impediment to divine worship and a scandal to our very church during the solemnities of the church service and especially in this famous feast of the Holy Innocents: thus, through their mimings' obscene ravings, they cheapen the honour of clerics in the sight of the people. Wherefore we, by virtue of the office enjoined upon us, being devoted in no small way to the honour of the house of God and wishing to forewarn rash persons daring in the future (to do) such things, by firmly enjoining you and each one of you (and) rousing your devotion, order that when the said vicars and ministers have been called together before you without delay upon your receipt of the present letter you shall forbid each and every one of them on our behalf, publishing our present order and its contents, to presume to do the aforesaid things or their like from now on, if they wish to avoid canonical punishment. But the day of the receipt of the present (letter), etc. Given at Crediton on the sixteenth day of December.

...

1339

*Register of Bishop John de Grandisson* DRO: Chanter 4  
f 223v (22 June)

...

Monition against Robert Lucy to remove the posts fixed in sacred ground near the church of St Martin, Exeter.†  
John, etc, to our beloved son, Master Robert Hereward, canon of our church of Exeter: greetings, grace, and blessing. Although according to civil and also canonical sanctions ground sacred and consecrated to



God by bishops ought to be free and completely exempt from profane uses to the extent that it will be able to owe secular service to no one by prescription or agreement, nevertheless one Robert Lucy, neither considering nor heeding this, but rather aspiring, as it seems, to the reproach, injury, and contemptuous treatment of God his creator and the holy church his mother, notoriously maintains a balcony or canopy erected and constructed upon posts fixed in ground known to be sacred and dedicated, within the boundary of the churchyard of our aforementioned church of Exeter, that is, next the close-gate near the church of St Martin, not without a boldness deserving damnation and in other ways notoriously, improperly, and unjustly. For this reason, the processions which occur in the church will not be able to go around and make proper stations as would be fitting and, what is known to be more dangerous and damnable, there in that yard, beneath the aforesaid roof (*literally*, house or room) occurs a gathering of rogues, actors, whores, and other vile persons hindering the peace of the ministers of our aforesaid church of Exeter and putting on stage-plays to the grave detriment of ecclesiastical liberty and the scandal of many. Since therefore the church to which the aforesaid ground is known to belong ought to have the space above (it) free up to the sky, we entrust to you, on the prudence of whose judgment we rely, and order you to warn and persuade effectively the aforesaid Robert and others involved in this matter completely to remove or cause to be removed the said posts and balcony within a certain (and) suitable period of time to be determined by your choice. Otherwise you shall compel them to do this by ecclesiastical censures and canonical compulsions and you shall proceed against them by our authority by virtue of our office just as should be done by law. Given at our manor of Clyst on the twenty-second day of June in the aforesaid year.

...

*Register of Bishop John de Grandisson* DRO: Chanter 3  
f 95 (9 December)

\*Ottery

John, etc, to his beloved son, the warden of our collegiate church of St Mary of Ottery, of our patronage, foundation, and diocese: greetings, etc. Since, as we have heard with displeasure, the choirboys of the said church do not stay quietly together in the house which we have caused to be made for this purpose, scorning our ordinance to this effect, and because they, together with some older members of the choir, whom (they) follow and assist, run about even at the time of divine office, we order you to warn the same (boys) sternly that

each and every one of them shall sleep and stay quietly every night within the approaching feast of St Thomas the apostle in the said house ordered for them and they shall attend choir, and you shall subtract 2 d a week from the stipend of anyone (who) neglects to do this. Also the schoolmaster or his deputy shall sleep in the boys' room. And because the beating of boys for their faults in choir, or their being absent, or their being otherwise delinquent as a penalty established in our first ordinance does not sufficiently prevent them from (doing) forbidden things, we wish and order that any who absent themselves from the divine office, unless because of school, for a whole day shall lose  $\frac{3}{4}$  d; for a solemn hour (ie, part of the daily office),  $\frac{1}{4}$  d; and for another terrible fault, 1 d; and they shall also be beaten. Moreover, you shall warn the secondary clerics of the aforementioned church, among whom the stuff of dissension and waywardness is said to flourish, that they shall remove or cause to be removed completely during the said feast the sand and other clayey material (which is) blocking the entrance to the house which we ordered for them; otherwise you shall subtract 3 d a week from the stipend of each one until they do it. Furthermore, since we have learned that the aforesaid choirboys, not content on the feast of the Innocents last past with their dissolute behaviour and insolences within the parish of the said church, wandered to various places outside the same parish on many days following the same feast, leaving the said church unserved for their part in the meantime, we order you to forbid them more strictly henceforward from going outside the said parish on the said feast in any way on pain of their removal; rather, they shall present themselves devoutly and humbly in the choir at divine office on the night following the said feast....

Therefore you shall inform us, within the approaching Christmas(-tide), in a letter of yours containing the text of this (letter), of what you have done about the foregoing and what the said persons have done. Given at Chudleigh on the ninth of December (1339).

*Collegiate Church of Ottery St Mary Statutes*

EUL: Cathedral D & C 3521

p 30

...

Concerning spending the night and bounds

Likewise, we establish that no canon, vicar, or secondary shall cause or allow choirboys to spend the night with them, or sleep in bed with them; nor shall they take them outside the parish of Ottery on the feast

of Holy Innocents, or in the week following or grant them permission to roam.

...

1348

*Register of Bishop John de Grandisson* DRO: Chanter 3  
ff 156–6v\* (11 July)

...

Letter for the evil brotherhood of Brothelyngham ®  
John, by divine mercy bishop of Exeter, to (our) beloved sons in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_, the archdeacon of Exeter's official, and \_\_\_\_\_, rural dean of Exeter, and also Sir Robert de Eglosayl, rector of the church of St Paul of Exeter: greetings, grace, and blessing. Since holy devotion has been planted in the field of the Lord to this end, that it produce in it (ie, the field) the flowers of righteousness and the rich fruits of honourable behaviour, we are rightly appealed to, by virtue of our office, to mow down the briars and thorns by which such a holy planting could be dishonoured or disrupted. Since it has come to our attention, not without grave disquiet (to us), that in our city of Exeter an abominable sect of some evil persons has sprung up recently with the aid of the Sower of evil deeds under the name of the order – nay, rather, the horror – of Brothelyngham: which (evil persons), forming not a convent but a clearly unlawful and suspect conventicle, appointed for themselves under the name of Abbot \_\_\_\_\_, an insane and mad man, but one extremely well suited to their activities; and, dressing the same man in a monastic habit, worshipping him set in a public place as if (he were) their idol, at the blast of a trumpet which they had established for themselves instead of a bell, they followed clerics as well as laymen through the streets and roads of the same city some days ago with a very great multitude of persons on horseback and on foot; then, putting themselves in their way, they seized them; and they dragged some people from their homes; and they held these people against their will for quite a long time with rash and at times sacrilegious daring until they had extorted from the same persons set sums of money in lieu of a sacrifice – but more properly a sacrilege. And although these things appear to be tried under the colour and guise of a diversion – nay, a derision – it is nevertheless undoubtedly theft, since (something) is taken from those (who are) unwilling, and robbery. Therefore we, wishing to uproot completely the aforesaid opprobrious and detestable sect (which is) damnably scornful of sacred religion and disquieting in many ways to the devotion of religious men and also truly threatening confusion to the peace of the realm and



church lest it spread further with loss of souls and peril to persons and property, firmly enjoin you singly and jointly and order that on this very Sunday in our cathedral church and in every church and chapel in the said city and its suburbs, you shall prohibit or cause to be prohibited publicly and expressly, just as we even more strictly prohibit by the tenor of the present (letter), anyone henceforth from presuming to form such conventicles in the said city or the suburbs under pretext of this sort (of sect, which is) not an order but a horror, as we have said before; or from presuming to join them; or from presuming to enter, defend, or hold to in any way the said very dangerous and suspect sect, under pain of greater excommunication to be invoked against those contravening or anyone of them. Also, we proclaim generally to all whom the matter concerns that if they do not effectively obey your – actually, our – admonitions in this regard, not only will we proceed against them and each one of them, insofar as the guilt of each one demands, in accordance with canonical sanctions, but we will also describe so dangerous and pernicious a thing to the Royal Majesty by example, so that those whom ecclesiastical discipline does not compel, temporal stricture may restrain and punish with speedy remedy. Moreover, you should inform us in a letter patent to this effect of the date of receipt of the present (letter) and what you have done about the foregoing before the next feast of St James the apostle. Given at our manor of Chudleigh on the eleventh day of July in the year of the Lord 1348 and in the twenty-first year of our consecration.

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1352

*Register of Bishop John de Grandisson* DRO: Chanter 3  
f 172v\* (9 August)

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John, etc, to (our) beloved son in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_, the archdeacon of Exeter or \_\_\_\_\_, his official: salvation, grace, and blessing. The envious ancient Enemy, kindler of all evils, who works incessantly that the joys of human peace be banished beyond the boundaries of the world, strives to diffuse the more widely the poisons of his wickedness in that place where he thinks he will do the greater harm. Indeed although the skilled trades, as practical experience constantly teaches us, ought to help one another in turn in any need, nevertheless we learned some time ago that some imprudent sons of our city of Exeter, inordinately given over to wanton behaviour (and) foolishly contemptuous of things usefully devised for their needs and those of all the populace, are proposing, as they had agreed and are planning

among themselves, to practise openly on this very Sunday in a public place of our aforesaid city an objectionable diversion which does not lack for fault: nay, (not a diversion) but a derision, as invective and a reproach against the Shoemakers and also against their craft, wherefore, as we have learned, serious disputes, rancours, and brawls are sprouting forth vigourously and growing, with the help of the Sower of such detestable anger and envy, among the aforesaid craftsmen and those taking part in the said sport, both leaders and supporters. Therefore, because insults and terrible attacks, the disturbance of the king's peace and that of the realm, blows and dissensions and even – alas! – as a consequence, dangers to the soul more bitterly to be deplored will follow unless they, led by a spirit of better counsel, totally abstain and desist from their illicit plan, we, considering therefore how many evils of body and soul occur and come about at the Devil's prodding under the colour and guise even of lawful play, not unsuitably rouse ourselves to resist in as much as we are able the beginnings of such storms and turbulence lest a worse (situation) follow. Wherefore, we firmly enjoin and command you that no persons by whatever name they are known shall presume in any way or attempt to begin or to finish once begun the said sport (which) provides proof of such keen danger in our diocese and especially in our aforesaid city. You shall forbid (them) in the first instance, the second, the third, and peremptorily, publicly, and expressly, just as we forbid them by the tenor of the present (letter), under pain of greater excommunication which we in this writing impose upon them and any one of them thenceforward if they do not effectively obey these warnings and prohibitions henceforward.

Moreover, because the aforementioned craftsmen, who, as we have heard from the clamorous report of the people, so excessively receive and extort in selling their wares more than the just price in modern times from those contracting with the same (craftsmen), because their immoderation feeds such activities and moreover, (because) they, not content with a just profit without theft, are falling into present danger to their souls, we enjoin and command you as above publicly and solemnly to warn each and every craftsman aforesaid and effectively to persuade (them) and cause them to be warned and persuaded in a similar way by the curates of the churches of our said city and even to be forbidden, just as we forbid them by the tenor of the present (letter), from exceeding henceforward in any way in selling the things which belong to them the price set for public use by our most excellent prince and lord, the illustrious king of England and France, and his council, but (rather) they should more strictly keep and observe the



edict soundly established in this respect. But you shall notify us properly before the octave of the Assumption of blessed Mary of the day of receipt of the present (letter), the manner and form of execution of our present order, and also the names and persons of those contravening the aforesaid and of their supporters by your letter patent clearly containing the text of this (letter). Given at Chudleigh on the ninth day of the month of August in the year of the Lord 1352 and in the twenty-fifth (year) of our consecration.

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1360

*Register of Bishop John de Grandisson* DRO: Chanter 3  
ff 208v-9\* (31 December, containing letter of 10 December)

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The bishop's  
prohibition of  
dishonourable  
sports/plays

To their very reverend father in Christ and lord, Lord John, by the grace of God, bishop of Exeter, his own humble and most devoted sons and prayers, the warden and chapter of your collegiate church of St Mary of Ottery, of your foundation, patronage, and diocese, (send) the obedience and reverence due to so great a father with all honour. We received the command of your reverend paternity on the twelfth day of the month of November last past in these words:

John, by divine mercy bishop of Exeter for his beloved sons in Christ ———, the warden, and the chapter of the collegiate church of St Mary of Ottery of our foundation, patronage, and diocese (wishes) health and uprightness of clerical behaviour. It has come to our notice not without grave displeasure of heart and consternation that in past years and in some (years) preceding on the very holy feasts of the Lord's birth, and of Sts Stephen (and) John the apostle and evangelist, and of the Holy Innocents, when all the faithful in Christ are bound to devote themselves more piously and more undistractedly to divine praises and ecclesiastical offices, some ministers of our aforesaid church, together with boys, having put aside the fear of God, have rashly presumed because of the pernicious example of some churches to engage in tasteless and harmful diversions unbecoming clerical uprightness – nay, rather (they are) more truly engaging in detestable parodies of divine worship within the church itself – not only at matins and vespers and the other hours (ie, parts of the daily office) but what is more horrible, during the solemnities of the masses, disfiguring in many ways vestments and other furnishings of the church to no small extent to our own detriment and shame and (that) of our same church, that is, by the spattering of filthy mud: not only

are the people, gathering at the church at those times in particular according to Catholic custom, drawn away from due devotion by their jeering gestures and derisory laughter but (the people) are dissolved into disorderly laughter and illicit mirth; and divine worship is mocked and the office is basely hindered (by those things). And thus what had originally been devised to rouse and increase the devotion of the faithful has been converted or rather perverted, into irreverence and contempt of God and the saints, not without commission of blasphemy, by the insolences of such men. Therefore we, unable any further to pass over without a remedy such unspeakable abuses under (this) guise with a clear conscience, enjoin and command you under pain of suspension and excommunication that you totally desist from such insolences and mockeries hereafter and permit no such things to be done in any way in the same church henceforth; but that you exert yourselves to carry on the divine office more reverently than has been customary, just as the reverence of those days demands. And lest anyone henceforth ever be able to excuse himself in this regard out of ignorance, we order you, \_\_\_\_\_, the warden, by this present (letter) solemnly to proclaim before the coming feast of Christmas in the presence of all the ministers our letter and to cause our same letter to be transcribed faithfully into four or five books of the church in more common use lest it pass into oblivion. But if any presume to come against our present command, you shall cite them or cause them to be cited peremptorily to appear before us on the third court day after the end of the said feasts to answer concerning such rash presumption and to receive suitable penance. But you shall certify to us by your letter patent containing this text (and) signed with your common seal the date of the receipt of the present (letter) and what you will have done in this regard before the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord. Given at our manor of Chudleigh on the tenth day of the month of December in the year of the Lord 1360. And in the thirty-fourth year of our consecration.

We have published that order of yours, reverently received by us on the aforesaid day, before each and every minister of the church and we have caused your order of this kind to be transcribed in five books of the church in more common use for perpetual memory. And we, each and every one, have reverently obeyed the same your order. And because none have presumed to come against your present order, we have not proceeded to cite those delinquent in this respect. And thus we have reverently executed your order in every respect. Given at

Ottery St Mary on the penultimate day of the month of December in the year of the Lord aforesaid.

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1372

*Register of Bishop Thomas Brantyngham* DRO: Chanter 7  
f 14v (31 July)

Thomas, etc, to the discreet men, the archdeacons of Totnes and Barnstaple and the dean of Torrington and also the rector of the parish church of Torrington and each and every curate in the same archdeaconries (who) celebrates mass: greetings in the Lord.

We have received the serious suit of John Skidmore, the marshall of our hall, alleging that certain persons, our subjects, unmindful of their own salvation, of whose names and persons we are ignorant, took and carried away one harp from our cart and kept it with them and keep, take possession of, and conceal (it) without a reasonable cause or any permission, rashly and improperly, against the will of that John Skidmore and to his very grave prejudice, not without serious danger to their souls. He has sought ecclesiastical remedy from us upon this matter. Therefore, firmly enjoining your devotion collectively or individually by virtue of (your) obedience, we order and command that, on behalf of the said John, in churches and other places of the aforesaid archdeaconries in which you will have been requested to do (so) – since the greatest number of people will be present in the same churches – you shall admonish the thieves, carriers-away, keepers, possessors, and concealers of the aforesaid harp that within the eight days immediately following your warning they shall restore this harp (and) actually deliver and hand (it) over, under pain of the greater excommunication with which you shall blast the same canonically upon the lapse of the aforesaid period for their previous fault and delay. You shall excommunicate them and afterwards you shall by our authority publicly and solemnly denounce them as excommunicated and cause them to be denounced with ringing bells, kindled and extinguished candles, and with all other solemnity customary in similar denunciations on appropriate Sundays and feast-days in the aforesaid places until they actually obey your warnings by restoring the said harp. And you shall certify what you have done about the foregoing and what each of you has done, to us before Michaelmas next coming with the tenor of the present (letter), co-sealed by (joint) authority. Given at (Bishop's) Tawton on the last day of July in the year of the Lord 1372. And in the third year of our consecration.



1440

*Register of Bishop Edmund Lacy* DRO: Chanter 11  
f 213v (16 June)

Indulgence

Likewise, on the sixteenth day of the aforesaid month in the year of the Lord said above, in the same place, the lord (bishop) granted forty days of indulgence to all persons truly penitent and (who have) confessed who confer, leave as a legacy, or in any way assign any of the goods bestowed on them by God to the support of the confraternity of minstrels of St Mary Magdalene at Launceston as free alms of love.

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1451

*Register of Bishop Edmund Lacy* DRO: Chanter 11  
ff 370–70v\* (26 August)

Likewise, on the twenty-eighth day of the month of August in the year of the Lord aforesaid at Clyst there came forth a letter of warning against the ball-players in the churchyard of the collegiate church of St Mary of Ottery in the diocese of Exeter, whose tenor is as follows:

80 Against  
players in the  
churchyard°

Edmund, bishop of Exeter by divine permission, to (our) beloved sons in Christ, the warden of our collegiate church of St Mary of Ottery, the minister, and the chanter of the same: greetings, grace, and blessing. Although the reason of civil law as well as the authority of the sacred canons order that places consecrated to God be venerated by all and by no means profaned or in any way violated by a jarring or unsuitable activity, whether in working, jesting, or playing – for, according to the canonical sanctions, sanctity should befit such places of God with the result that the worship of Him in Whose peace (that) place is fashioned may be productive of peace, seeing that then the entering in and exiting from these places in due veneration would be humble and decent, and quiet behaviour in them (would be) pleasing to God and an example of sincere devotion for those beholding (it) not only to instruct but also spiritually to restore those contemplating (it), and (seeing that) there would take place in sacred places of this kind, in which it is fitting for God to be entreated with peace and quietness of life in earnest prayers for the living and the dead, no

laughter, shouting, immoderate mirth, indecent and indiscreet dances, indecent mockeries, and harmful plays proper to the market-place or the stage which ought to occur in places apt for viewing such as in the theatre where men are accustomed to come to spectacles, not in sacred places – (and) moreover (although) everything of this kind and things similar to them, which might be able ... | to detract from, diminish, and disturb the devotions of the faithful and divine worship, and offend the eyes of divine majesty, should be utterly and completely foreign to these places and are indeed wholly prohibited and forbidden by divine and human law; nevertheless some persons, clergy and laymen whose names and persons we do not know, do not fear, as we have learned from reliable testimony and public repute, to play, or rather to make mock, at a ball game commonly called tennis in the churchyard of the church of the aforesaid college of St Mary consecrated in that place for Christian burial – which church and its aforesaid churchyard are judged to be on an equal footing in law – as if (they were) in a profane place or a theatre, and to engage in empty, foul, and profane conversations and idle and vain oaths and very often in unlawful perjuries, and hence frequently to create brawls and arguments and to raise and cause loud shouting in the said churchyard, worthlessly and damnably disturbing and equally detracting as (it were) by forbidden spectacles from the honour and devotion of Christian people desiring to entreat God in the same place for the salvation of the souls of the departed, to the great peril of their own souls and as a manifest and notorious offense to the divine majesty.

®Etc, as on the back°

®Warning against players in the churchyard of the collegiate church of Ottery

And so that they might engage the more freely in their unspeakable games of this kind, piling evil upon evil, they have violently removed, snatched, taken down, broken, and cast away secretly at various times a timberwork, offering an obstacle to those playing this game, (which timberwork is) upon the roof of a building (*literally*, house) located in the aforesaid churchyard where they wish to play this prohibited game, from the roof of this house, (thereby) violating wrongly and wickedly ecclesiastical liberty and rights, (and) damnably incurring *ipso facto* the sentence of the greater excommunication laid down accordingly in the constitutions of the holy fathers against those offending in such a way.... Given in our manor of Clyst on the twenty-sixth day of the month of August in the year of the Lord 1451 and in the thirty-second year of our translation.

...



## ASHBURTON

1487-8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1f 12v (6 May-5 May) (*Gifts, rents, and other receipts*)

...

...And (the churchwardens are answerable) for 20 s 11½ d received of Roger Colpstone and John Ferys for the play ale....

1489-90

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1ff 17-17v (6 May-5 May) (*Costs and expenses*)

...

...Likewise, for 12 d in payment to Thomas (Druyste) l for the keeping of robes for plays....

1490-1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1f 18v (6 May-5 May) (*Gifts, rents, and other receipts*)

...

...Likewise, they are answerable for 33 s 4 d of the (pay)ment for the ale called the 'playerryn' ale (made) by the agency of Geoffrey Mayne and John Geffre....

f 19v (*Expenses*)

...Likewise, 10 d (were paid) to John Soper for the making of players' robes....

1491-2

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1f 20 (6 May-5 May) (*Gifts and other receipts*)

...

...Likewise, they are answerable for 12 d received from Widdecombe for player clothing.

...

1495-6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1f 26v (6 May-5 May) (*Final adjustments*)

...

Likewise, (there remains) in the keeping of John Dolbear Jr [one

hundredweight of wax; likewise] 19 s 6 d of player money.

...

#### 1496-7

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 28 (6 May-5 May) (*Final adjustments*)

...

...Likewise, there remains in the keeping of John Dolbare Jr [one hundredweight of wax; likewise] 19 s 6 d of player money which he has in his care.

...

#### 1497-8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 29 (6 May-5 May) (*Final adjustments*)

...

...[And 19 s 6 d of player money is owed to John Dolbear (<..>reer)]°(It is) discharged.°

#### 1499-1500

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 32 (6 May-5 May) (*Expenses*)

...Likewise, (they seek allowance of) 3 s 3 d in payment for the scouring of the latten censer and for the cleaning of the church wall and for paving and for cartage of sand (*or* gravel) and for food and drink for the play on Corpus Christi Day.

#### 1500-1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 33 (6 May-5 May) (*Gifts, rents, and other receipts*)

...

...Likewise, they are answerable for 12 s of player money received this year....

#### 1501-2

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 35 (6 May-5 May) (*Gifts, rents, and other receipts*)

...Likewise, they are answerable for 4 s received from John Hoper for player money....

...

## 1516-17

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 65 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary expenses and costs*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 20 d paid for four rattle-bags and visors bought for players there on the feast of Corpus Christi this year.... And of 2 s 8 d paid to John Soper for the keeping of players' ornaments there this year. And of 10 d paid to the same John for the painting of five heads of hair (wigs ?) for the same (players) this year.

...

## 1519-20

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 72 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary repairs and costs*)

... And (they seek allowance) of 2 s 8 d paid to John Soper for the keeping of players' clothing there this year.... And of 6 s 8 d paid for the wages (of) the piper this year....

f 72v

...And of 16 d paid to John Wyndeyate, tailor, for the keeping of players' clothing there this year....

...

## 1520-1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 75 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary repairs and costs*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d paid for the keeping of players' clothing this year....

## 1522-3

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 81v (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs, payments, and necessary costs*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d paid for the keeping of players' clothing there this year....

## 1523-4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 84 (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs, payments, and external costs*)

...

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d paid for the keeping of players' clothing there this year....

## 1524-5

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 87v (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs, payments, and external costs*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d allowed for the keeping of players' clothing there this year....

...

## 1525-6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 90v (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs, payments, and external costs*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d for the making and mending of players' clothing [16 d] there this year....

## 1526-7

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 93 (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs and external payments*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d in payment for the keeping of the players' clothing. And of 3 s 10 d paid for a new tunic for Robin Hood made this year....

## 1527-8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 95 (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs and external payments*)

...

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d paid for the keeping of players' clothing this year....

## 1528-9

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 98 (6 May-5 May) (*Repairs and external payments*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 9 s 9 d paid to John Gobyng for the

painting of players' clothing, 3 s, and the making of their tunics, 19 d; and to John Soper for checked cloth, for making the tunics of the aforesaid players thereof, 3 s 9 d; and for the making of the aforesaid players' staffs, 6 d, and for crests upon their (the players') heads, 10 d, on the feast of Corpus Christi....

...

#### 1530-1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 103v (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary repairs and purchases*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d paid for the keeping of players' clothing there this year.... And of 7 s 9 d beyond the 2 s 8 d collected for two robes and three tunics bought for the players this year.

...

#### 1531-2

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 106 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary payments and purchases*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d paid for the keeping of players' clothing there this year. And of 7 s 9 d paid for players' clothing and the making of the same this year. And of 16 d given as a reward to players at Christmas-tide within the period of this account [this year]....

...

#### 1537-8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 126 (6 May-5 May) (*Necessary payments*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d paid to John Wyndyat, tailor, for the keeping of players' clothing this year.... And of 1 d paid for a pair of gloves for King Herod on Corpus Christi Day....

#### 1538-9

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 128 (6 May-5 May) (*Various payments*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 20 d paid for the keeping of players' clothing, 16 d, (and) for mending, 4 d, this year.



## 1539-40

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
ff 131-1v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 20 d paid to certain players on 1 Christmas.... And of 3 s 9 d paid for the making of five tunics for the players, 20 d; for the keeping of the said tunics and other things for the players, 16 d; (and) for mending, 9 d....

...

## 1540-1

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 133v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 2 s paid to certain players for a reward at Christmas-tide....

f 134

...And of 5 s 4 d paid for the making of tunics for players, 4 s, and for their keeping, 16 d....

## 1541-2

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 135v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 19 s 11 d paid for the buying of tunics for Robert Hood and those followers this year....

f 136

...And of 5 s 4 d paid for a reward to a man for the baiting of bears, 3 s 4 d; and to certain players on Epiphany last past, 2 s.... And of 20 d paid to William Bond for the keeping of players' clothing.

...

## 1542-3

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 137 (6 May-5 May) (*Church house and other external receipts*)

...And (they are answerable) for 8 d received for the hiring out of

clothing to players there this year.

...

f 138 (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 2 s paid as a reward to players at Christmas-tide within the period of this account.... And of 20 d paid to William Bound for the keeping of players' clothing. And of 2 s 1 d paid for devils' heads and other necessities, (and) tallow candle/s (?) then/there (?), (and) for the players' clothing this year. And of 2 s paid for four rattle-bags there this year....

...

1543-4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 139 (6 May-5 May) (*Church house and other external receipts*)

...

...And (they are answerable) for 8 d received for the hiring out of clothing to players there this year....

...

f 140v (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 2 s paid as a reward to the players at Christmas-tide within the period of this account. And of 2 s 3 d paid this year to William Bound for the keeping of players' clothing, 2 s; and for one pair of gloves, 2 d; and (for one pair) of collars, 2 d....

...

1544-5

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 141v (6 May-5 May) (*Church house and other external receipts*)

...

...And (they are answerable) for 8 d received for the hiring out of clothing to players there this year.

...

f 142v (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 2 s 3 d paid to William Bownd for the keeping of clothing for players....

...

## 1545-6

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 143v (6 May-5 May) (*Church house and other external receipts*)

...

...And (they are answerable) for nil received for the hiring out of clothing to players this year...

f 144v (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 2 s paid to William Bound for the keeping of clothing for players this year... And of 3 d paid for one pair of gloves and (for) collars for players this year....

...

## 1546-7

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 145v (6 May-5 May) (*Church house and other external receipts*)

...

...And (they are answerable) for 6 d received for (the) loan of clothing to players....

...

f 146v (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 2 s 3 d paid to William Bound for clothing for players and (for) the collars (and) for gloves....

...

## 1547-8

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1

f 148v (6 May-5 May) (*External payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 7 s 4 d for new robes for players this year. And of 10 s 4 d paid to Nicholas Crown for the making of the same (sg) with colours (*or* with collars). And of 2 s 8 d paid to William Bound for the making of the same (sg) and for other clothing for players. And of 2 s paid to players on the feast of Corpus Christi this year.... And of 2 s paid to William Bond for the keeping of clothing for players this year....

1553-4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 159 (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 16 d paid for drink for players this year....

...

1562-3

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2141 A/PW1  
f 182v (6 May-5 May) (*Payments and allowances*)

...And (they seek allowance) of 3 s 4 d paid to Sir Robert Dudley's bearward....

## BARNSTAPLE

1435-6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3927  
no 4 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 40 d given to a/some minstrel/s. And of 40 d given to the lord earl of Huntington's minstrel/s.

...

1454-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3927  
no 3 (*External expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance) of 8 d given to the lord of Warwick's two minstrels. And of 8 d given to the chancellor's minstrel/s. And of 8 d for Lord Fitz Warin's minstrel/s. And of 16 d for one minstrel and one herald of the earl of Devon.... And of 40 d given to the lord duke of Exeter's five minstrels. And of 8 d given to two minstrels of the city of Exeter.... And of 40 d given to the lord king's minstrel/s.... And of 8 d given to Henry Courtenay's minstrel/s....

...

## 1458–9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3927

no 5 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 6 d given to the lord of Exeter's minstrel/s.... And of 2 s given to the lord king's minstrel/s. And of 12 d for Lord FitzWarin's minstrel/s....

...

## 1461–2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 2003

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 20 d given to one minstrel.... And of 12 d given to Lord FitzWarin's minstrel/s.... And of 8 d given to Hugh Luter. And of 8 d given to another minstrel of the chancellor of England. And of 8 d given to another/other minstrel/s. And of 8 d given to another/other minstrel/s of Lord de Audley....

...

## 1462–3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 2004

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 20 d given to the lord of Warwick's minstrel/s. And of 16 d given to the duke of Exeter's minstrel/s. And of 4 d given to another/other minstrel/s on behalf of the mayor. And of 8 d given to Philip Beaumont's minstrel/s. And of 20 d given to Lord FitzWarin's minstrel/s. And of 2 d given to a blind minstrel called William Grevyl. And of 16 d given to a minstrel of the duke of Exeter called Thomas. And of 4 d given to Thomas Grevyl's wife for (her) services (*or a/the servant/s or a/the minstrel/s*). And of 2 d given to a piper, that is, to Brown. And of 2 s given to the lord king's minstrel/s....

...

## 1463–4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 2005

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 20 d given to Earl Arundel's minstrel/s.... And of 8 d given to Thomas Luter. And of 20 d given



to William Grevell and John Luter. And of 3 d (spent) on wine given to the same William and John.... And of 4 d given to John Magge, the servant of William Grevyll, by the mayor's direction.... And of 4 d (given) to one performer of the lady (ie, Lady FitzWarin), that is, to Thomas. And of 4 d (given) to another performer of Lady de Harington. And of 8 d (spent) on other performers of the lord of Southwick. And of 2 s given to performers of the lord of Warwick. And of 6 d (spent) on wine given to the same by the mayor's direction. And of 16 d given to the lord of Norfolk's two performers. And of 12 d given to two performers of the lady of Buckingham....

...

#### 1464-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 2006  
mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance) of 8 d given to one minstrel. And of 6 d given to another/other minstrel/s.... And of 12 d given to Lord Warwick's minstrel/s. And of 16 d given to Lord FitzWarin's minstrel/s. And of 4 d given to William Grevyll. And of 4 d given to one trumpeter. And of 4 d given to Lord de Rivers' minstrel/s.... And of 20 d given to a/some minstrel/s by order of the mayor. And of 12 d given to another/other minstrel/s. And of 20 d given to Lord de Arundel's minstrel/s. And of 16 d given to Lord Clarendon's minstrel/s....

...

#### 1466-7

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 2007  
mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance) of 4 d given to a/some minstrel/s. And of 3 d for a/some piper/s. And of 16 d given to Lord FitzWarin's minstrel/s.... And of 16 d given to William Grevyll. And of 16 d given to a/some piper/s and another/other minstrel/s. And of 2 d given to Fyssh and Gy, pipers.... And of 4 d given to a/some minstrel/s. And of 2 d given to another/other minstrel/s.... And of 16 d given to Thomas Harper. And of 12 d given to two minstrels on St John's Night. And of 4 d given to another minstrel called Nytherton. And of 40 d given to the lord king's minstrel/s. And of 2 s 4 d given to the queen's minstrel/s....

...

## 1467-8

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2008mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance) of 20 d given to Earl Arundel's minstrel/s. And of 4 d in wine likewise given. And of 12 d given to William Grevyll. And of 2 d in wine likewise.... And of 20 d given to a/some minstrel/s of John Arundell, Knight. And of 4 d given to John Harper. And of 4 d given to Thomas Luter. And of 12 d given to John Luter. And of 8 d given to a/some minstrel/s of Exeter.... And of 4 d given to John Gye.... And of 4 d for one minstrel on the same night.... And of 12 d given to Thomas Harper. And of 16 d given to two minstrels of Lord Bouchier.... And of 12 d given to Lord Ferrers' minstrels. And of 4 d in wine likewise given. And of 40 d given to the lord king's minstrel/s. And of 8 d in wine likewise given....

...

## 1468-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2009mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 20 d given to William Grevyll, minstrel. And of 12 d for John Luter. And of 12 d given to one tumbler. And of 16 d given to two minstrels of Lord Warwick. And of 12 d given to Thomas Harper of Exeter. And of 2 s 8 d given to the lord king's minstrel/s....

...

## 1470-1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2010mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance) of 4 d given to one minstrel. And of 12 d given to William Grevyll. And of 2 s given to one bearward. And of 4 d in wine given to Philip Beaumont at the same time.... And of 8 d given to Lord Dinham's minstrel/s. And of 4 d given to a minstrel called Nytherton. And of 4 d given to another/other minstrel/s.... And of 4 d given to Thomas Luter.... And of 4 d given to a/some piper/s. And of 4 d given to a/some minstrel/s of Exeter.... And of 8 d given to William Grevyl, minstrel. And of 12 d given to (a/the) bearward by the mayor.... And of 16 d given to the duke of Gloucester's

minstrel/s. And of 12 d given to the duke (of) Buckingham's minstrel/s....

...

### 1472-3

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2011

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...And (he seeks allowance) of 20 d given to four minstrels by the mayor.... And of 8 d given to the lord of Gloucester's minstrel/s. And of 12 d given to William Grevyll. And of 2 s given to Lord Clarence's minstrel/s. And of 4 d (spent) on wine given to minstrel/s of the same. And of 8 d given to a/some minstrel/s on the court day (on/at) Hockday.... And of 2 s given to Lord Clarence's trumpeters and 4 d in wine given to the same (trumpeters). And of 2 d given to a/some minstrel/s on St John's Night.... And of 20 d given (a/the) bearward....

...

### 1473-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2012

mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 8 d for a/some minstrel/s.... And of 8 d given to a/some minstrel/s from Wales. And of 4 d given to a/some minstrel/s going before the mayor on St John's Eve.... And of 8 d for one minstrel of the duke of Gloucester. And of 4 d for Robert Willoughby's minstrel/s.... And of 12 d for the prince's minstrel/s....

### 1474-5

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2013

mb 1\* (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 10 d paid to players on Christmas Eve. And of 4 d given to Master Pomery's harper. And of 8 d for William Grevell, harper.... And of 4 d given to one minstrel of Lady Lisle. And of 8 d (given) to the lord prince's tumbler....

...

## 1475–6

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2014mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance) of 8 d for minstrels of Sir John Arundell and of Henry Bodrugan. And of 2 d for Richard Nytherdon.... And of 4 d for two minstrels on St John's Night. And of 6 d for two pipers. And of 8 d for the duke of Buckingham's minstrel/s. And of 4 d for the duke of Gloucester's minstrel/s. And of 12 d for the duke of Norfolk's minstrel/s. And of 8 d for the duke of Clarence's minstrel/s. And of 16 d for some players in the mayor's house at Christmas-tide....

## 1476–7

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2015mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 12 d for William Grevell. And of 4 d for John Nytherdon. And of 12 d for Richard Barbour and (his) fellows for their play at Christmas-tide. And of 8 d for other players in Christmas week. And of 8 d for a/some minstrel/s of Arundel in Cornwall. And of 4 d for the duke of Buckingham's minstrel/s. And of 4 d for Henry Bodrugan's minstrel/s. And of 8 d for Lord Clarence's bearward. And of 5 s paid to six minstrels of the lord king.... And of 12 d for two minstrels of the duke of Gloucester. And of 4 d for one other foreign minstrel....

...

## 1477–8

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2016mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...And (he seeks allowance) of 8 d paid to players (who played) before the mayor.... And of 3 s 4 d paid to the lord king's minstrel/s. And of 8 d paid to Master Sepcote's minstrel/s. And of 4 d paid to Lord Dinham's minstrel/s. And of 6 d paid to a/some minstrel/s walking before the mayor on St John's Eve. And of 4 d paid to William Grevell, Lord FitzWarin's minstrel. And of 4 d paid to Master Crocker's minstrel/s. And of 4 d paid to [Lord] Master Norbury's minstrel/s. And of 8 d for two minstrels of the duke of Gloucester. And of 2 d for two minstrels of Master Bodrugan. And of 2 d for Master Greynefyld's minstrel/s. And of 2 d for Richard Netherdon....

...



## 1478-9

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2017mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

... And (he seeks allowance) of 2 s (spent) on the prince's performers. And of 4 d (spent) on wine at the same time. And of 6 d for performers of William Courtenay, Knight. And of 2 d for one piper. And of 12 d for Master Beaumont's player/s.... And of 16 d for a/some player/s of Torrington. And of 12 d for William Haynes' player/s and for others.... And of 12 d for two boys to sing on Christmas.... And of 4 d for (a/some) player/s on the cymbal(s).... And of 4 d for a player called (a) tumbler.... And of 6 d for Master Arundell's minstrel/s. And of 8 d for a lutanist called Freer on the same day. And of 6 d for two pipers on St John's Eve.... And of 2 s 6 d for the lady queen's minstrel/s....

## 1480-1

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2018mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance) of 8 d paid by order of the mayor to two performers who were in John Cutler's house. And of 4 d paid to one performer of Lord Dinham. And of 4 d paid to one tumbler/dancer. And of 2 s paid to five players and one piper. And of 12 d paid to John Wexmaker and his fellows for one play in the mayor's house. And of 12 d paid to John Steynour and (his) fellows for one play in the mayor's house. And of 4 d paid for the bringing of John Wolston's garments from Heanton as far as the mayor's house. And of 12 d paid to Master Stukley's performer and to one other (man) with him. And of 4 d paid to Master Arundell's performer....

...

## 1481-2

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Roll 2019mb 1 (*External expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance) of 3 s 4 d paid to the lord king's performers in the mayor's house. And of 16 d (spent) on wine there at the same time. And of 2 s paid to the duke of York's performers. And of 8 d for Lord Dinham's performers. And of 4 d for Master Arundell's performers. And of 8 d for Master Norbury's performers. And of 8 d paid to Lord Zouche's performers. And of 4 d for Master



Copelston's performer. And of 12 d paid to John Wexmaker and his fellows for a play before the mayor on Christmas....

...

#### 1483-4

*Receivers' Accounts* NDA: Book 3972

no 9 (*External expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 15 d paid to seven tumblers/dancers of the county of Somerset. And of 8 d for Master Sepcote's minstrel/s.... And of 4 d for Lord Dinham's minstrel/s.... And of 20 d given to Lord Arundell's minstrel/s....

...

## CHAGFORD

#### 1537-8

*St Michael's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1429 A/PW3

p 211 (*Wardens of the church store: allowances*)

...

...And (they seek allowance) of 8 d paid to Henry Trepe, for going about (?) with John Cole, the harper, around the parish....

## EXETER

#### 1327

*Exeter Cathedral Inventory* EUL: D & C Exeter MS 3671

p 14 (*3 September*)

...

...Likewise, one small tunic for the boys' bishop.

...

#### 1361-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, for a half-mark given to the lord prince's serving-men, called trumpeters, by order of the mayor....

## 1362-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for having paid) 13 s 4 d to John Beare, wait, as a payment for the year....

## 1363-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for having paid) a half-mark to John Beare, wait, as a payment for his service for half a year....

## 1365-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, 13 s 4 d as a payment for half a year to Peter Bylewyne, wait of the aforesaid city....

## 1366-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Thomas Wayte for his fee for the year.

...

## 1367-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Thomas Wayte for his fee.

...

## 1368-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Thomas Wayte

for his fee.

...

mb 2 (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, 10 s as a payment to minstrels on the Wednesday in Pentecost week when the men of the city displayed (their) arms before the earl of Devon. Likewise, 12 d to the same (minstrels) on the Saturday next before the feast of St Augustine for the same....

1369–70

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Thomas Wayte for his fee for the year.

...

1370–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for having paid) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Thomas Wayte for his fee for the year.

...

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, as a gift to the lord prince's minstrel/s, 10 s....

1371–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Thomas Wayte for his fee for the year.

...

1372-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

... Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Thomas Wayte for his fee for the year.

...

1373-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

... Likewise, (he accounts for) 13 s 4 d as a payment to Thomas Wayte for half the year.

...

1380-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*External payments*)

... Likewise, (he accounts for having paid) 20 d as a payment to pipers riding towards (ie, to meet) the earl of Cambridge....

1384-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...(He accounts for) 4 s for six gallons of wine bought from Henry Holle and given to the friars preacher and minor coming to (*or* for) the procession....

1385-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...(He accounts for) 4 s for six gallons of red wine given to the friars preacher and minor for their procession on Corpus Christi Day....

1386-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s for the friars preacher and minor coming to (or for) the procession, by order of the mayor....

*Chapter Act Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3550

f xxi

Decision  
(between) the  
vicar Forn and  
his colleagues

Be it known that Sir John Forn, vicar in the cathedral church of Exeter was summoned on Saturday, the morrow of the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, that is, on the last day of June in the year of the Lord, etc, (13)86 on a charge of contempt; because the same Sir John threw (or cast) a piece of wood (a pole?) in the churchyard of the said church of Exeter while playing among laymen, without any shame for his insolences and excesses, when he should have been at the morning mass on the eve of the said feast just as the canons and vicars, his colleagues, and the rest of the ministers of the aforesaid church were at the same (mass), (which was) a great scandal for the said cathedral church and to his (religious) profession and a bad example to very many, both clerics and laymen. Indeed, this Sir John, personally appearing on the said day in the chapter house of Exeter before the president of the chapter and the canons written below met in chapter, after the aforementioned had been both charged against him and confessed by him there at that time, placed himself at the mercy of the chapter upon the same (charges). Whereupon the same president and chapter, conferring further on the same matter, ordered upon their express consent there at that time that one-fourth of his salary for one term which he will receive from the exchequer shall be applied to the use of the church fabric for that first offense; and on the second occasion, if he has failed in any greater or similar (respect), of which (offense) he has been convicted in the event, then one-third of his salary for one term shall be applied to the same purpose as is stated above. And if he has been found guilty of such (an offense) a third time – God forbid! – let him be deprived of his vicarage and his office completely according to the form of the statute (which has been) promulgated accordingly in this regard. And thus the dean and chapter shall proceed likewise against each and every vicar in the same church if it happens that the same or any one of them is delinquent in the future as is stated above according to the extent of his fault. Present there at that time:



Master Hugh Hickelyng, president of the chapter; Bosoun, Brokes, Bridham, Braybrokes, Schillingford, Feriby, Blacborne, Pouton, Pyl, and Broclond, and Master John More, notary public, and Robert Lyngham, clerk.

...

### 1387-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s to the friars preacher and minor coming to (*or for*) the procession, by order of the mayor....

(*External expenses*)

...(He accounts for) 12 d as a gift to Sir Thomas de Periehay's minstrel/s by order of the mayor....

### 1390-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2\* (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s to the friars preacher and minor coming to (*or for*) the procession by order of the mayor.

...

### 1391-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to John Eget and his fellows for the office of wait this year, by agreement....

(*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s for the friars preacher and minor coming to (*or for*) the procession.... [Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a gift to the friars preacher and minor of Exeter, by order of the may(or).]

**1392-3*****Receivers' Account Rolls*** DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to John Eget and his fellows for the office of wait this year, by agreement....

**1393-4*****Receivers' Account Rolls*** DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, 26 s 8 d as a payment to John Eget and his fellows for the office of wait....

(*External expenses*)

...Likewise, 4 s as a payment to the friars preacher and minor on the feast of Corpus Christi for wine.

...

**1394-5*****Receivers' Account Rolls*** DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...And afterwards they allow the same (receiver) the 4 s given to the friars preacher and minor on the feast of Corpus Christi....

**1395-6*****Receivers' Account Rolls*** DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s for the friars preacher and minor coming to (or for) the procession.

...

mb 1d (*External payments*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 20 s for John (...) Piper for his/their pension for being wait/s this year....

1396-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, 4 s for the friars preacher and minor coming to (*or for*) the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom.

...

1397-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s for the friars minor and preacher coming to (*or for*) the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom.

...

1398-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, 4 s for the friars preacher and minor coming to (*or for*) the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom.... Likewise, a half-mark for the duke of Exeter's pipers.... Likewise, 6 d for a trumpeter for riding to meet the duke....

mb 1d (*External payments*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d to John Eget and his fellows for being waits in the city....

1400-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Gifts and grants*)

...And of 6 s 8 d paid to three pipers of the lord king for a gift....

*(External expenses)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s for the friars preacher and minor for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi.

...

## 1401-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Gifts and grants*)

...And 20 d as a gift to piper/s for the muster.... Likewise, 12 d for the king's piper/s.... Likewise, 2 s 8 d for a messenger (*or* groom) and piper/s of the king....

...

(*External expenses*)

...Likewise, 26 s 8 d as a payment to the waits for their clothing....

## 1402-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmbs 2-3 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Likewise, 9 d on one gallon (and) a pottle (ie, six quarts in total) of wine sent to the earl of Somerset's piper/s.... Likewise, he accounts for 12 d as a payment to the aforesaid earl's piper/s for a gift by order of the mayor.... Likewise, he accounts for 4 s as a payment for one gown of Alpo Trompet by order of the mayor. Likewise, 26 s 8 d on forty gallons of wine sent to various lords at the time of the king and queen's being in the town.... Likewise, for 50 s for one pipe of red wine sent to the king and queen at the time they were at Exeter. Likewise, he accounts for 20 s as a payment to eight minstrels of the king at the same time. Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a gift to their servants by order of the mayor. Likewise, for 20 s as a gift to one herald of the king. Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a gift to the minstrels of the earl of Somerset. Likewise, for 3 s 4 d as a gift to the minstrels of Lord de Camoys by order of the mayor. Likewise, for 3 s 4 d as a gift to other minstrels of Sir Thomas Percy.... Likewise, for 25 s 4 d for twenty-six hoods of red and black cloth given to the aforesaid minstrels and other officers of the lord king.... Likewise, for 18 s 6 d for red and black cloth bought and given to the waits for tunics to be made from it for them in preparation for the arrival of the king and queen, by order of the mayor.

...

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment to the friars preacher

and minor for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi....

#### 1403-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, he paid 26 s 8 d to the waits for their robes by order of the mayor....

mbs 1d-2d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s for the friars minor for the procession on | the feast of Corpus Christi....

#### 1405-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*External expenses*)

...

...Likewise, he accounts for 3 s 4 d as a payment for the minstrels of Lord Thomas, the king's son, by order of the mayor. Likewise, for 20 d for the minstrels of the lord duke of York. Likewise, for 20 d for Lord de Lovel's minstrels.... Likewise, for 4 s for the friars preacher and minor for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom, etc.

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...And 26 s 8 d are allowed the same (receiver) for the gowns of three waits by order of the mayor and the commonalty....

#### 1406-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment for the friars preacher and minor for the Corpus Christi procession according to custom....

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...And 26 s 5 d (are allowed) the same (receiver) for gowns for the waits this year....



## 1407–8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, he accounts for 6 s 8 d as a gift to four pipers of the lord king on the feast of the Nativity of St John Baptist.... Likewise, he accounts for 3 s 4 d as a gift to the lord prince's piper/s at the feast of St Peter which is called 'in Chains,' by order of the mayor....

(*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 5 s for seven gallons of wine and four (loaves of) bread for the mayor and his fellows in the house of the friars preacher at the time of the play there.... Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment for the friars minor and preacher for the procession to be made on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom....

## 1408–9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 3 s 4 d as a payment for the lord prince of England's piper/s for a gift by order of the mayor. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment for a/some piper/s of Lord Thomas, the son of the king of England, for a gift by order of the mayor....

(*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s for the friars minor and preacher for the procession to be held on Corpus Christi Day according to custom.  
...

## 1409–10

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 3 s 4 d as a gift to the minstrels of the lord earl of Somerset by order of the mayor.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to Lord de la Zouche's pipers for a gift. Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to city pipers for a gift for riding on Whit Monday.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to the duke of York's pipers for a gift. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to the lord king's piper/s for a gift....

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 2 s paid to Thomas Wode, trumpeter, riding on Corpus Christi Day through the town by order of the mayor.... Likewise, for 4 s paid to friars minor and preacher for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom....

1410–11

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2\* (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d as a payment to Lord de Camoys' servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift by order of the mayor....

(*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment to the friars minor and preacher for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom....

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...And 6 s 8 d (were allowed) the same (receiver) for payments to some servants (minstrels?) of the lord prince, the duke of Clarence, and Lord John, the king's son, for a gift....

1411–12

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 20 d as a payment to some servant/s (wait/s?) on Monday in Whitsun week by order of the mayor....

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment to the friars preacher and minor for their procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom....

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...And 13 s 4 d (are allowed) the same (receiver) for payments by the

mayor to various servants (minstrels?) coming to the city during the year for a gift....

#### 1412-13

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, he accounts for 2 s as a payment to a/some piper/s to pipe before the mayor and his fellows on the feast of Pentecost. Likewise, he accounts for 20 d as a payment to the lord king's piper/s by order of the mayor.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to Earl Arundel's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift....

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment to the friars minor and preacher of Exeter for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to ancient custom....

#### 1413-14

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 1/2 Henry v

mb 38d\* (*18 June*)

...  
Although a play has usually been played annually at the feast of Corpus Christi in the city of Exeter by ancient custom up until just a short time ago, because the mayor and commonalty of the same city have ordered by unanimous consent and agreement among themselves for the greater convenience and honour of the same (city) that the aforesaid play ought to be played annually on Tuesday in Whitsun week; and (although) the mayor and commonalty for the present had fixed in advance and determined Tuesday in Whitsun week last past as the day of the playing of that play and that two, three, or four (members) of each craft of the same city ought to have set portions of that play called 'pageants' and should find players of a number sufficient to play the aforesaid pageants at their own expense; and (although) set pageants and sections extracted from the ordinal of the aforesaid play were delivered in writing to John Benet and William Frenssh and others as (being) chief masters of the Skinners' craft by Peter Sturte, the mayor at that time, with the agreement of the aforesaid commonalty in order to play the aforesaid play according to the apportionment and effect of the aforesaid pageants and sections, (nevertheless) the same John Benet went on that Tuesday and earlier to various players assigned to

play the sections and pageants of the said Skinners' craft and of the other crafts and suborned them (and) encouraged (them) not to perform their (the mayor's & commonalty's, that is, the official) sections. And on that day John himself kept close by him the various sections, otherwise (called) 'speeches' assigned to the said Skinners and in his care for the playing of the said play, with the result that two pageants and sections of the craft of the aforesaid Skinners (which) were required to be played that day were left over, as an insult to the entire city and a slur upon the mayor and the whole aforesaid commonalty, and contrary to the aforesaid order. And immediately on the same day, when the aforesaid play had not yet been completely played, the aforesaid mayor spoke to the said John Benet about the aforesaid default and asked him why he interfered in this way with the aforesaid play and insulted the mayor and commonalty so. He answered him derisively, and said with a scornful expression, turning his back on him, 'By God, a man shall not be hanged without a chance to defend himself in court.' And so he went away from him contemptuously and scornfully. And since a common rumour and outcry were raised about this by the community of the said city, concerning the said insult and contempt toward the same mayor, the aforesaid John Benet, having spoken upon and about the foregoing, submitted himself humbly thereupon to the mercy of the same mayor in a full session of the court of the aforesaid city held at Exeter on the Monday next before the feast of the Nativity of St John Baptist in the second year of the reign of King Henry the Fifth after the conquest, etc.

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d as a payment to servants (minstrels?) of Sir William Hankeford and Sir Richard Hankeford for a gift. Likewise, for 12 d to servants (minstrels?) of Lord de Camoys and Lord Richard, the brother of the duke of York, for a gift. Likewise, for 12 d to the lord duke of York's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 12 d to the lord earl of Arundel's servant/s (minstrel/s?) on the day of the mayor's election for a gift....

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, he accounts for 4 s as a payment to the friars minor and



preacher of Exeter for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to ancient custom....

*(Gifts and grants)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 d as a payment to one servant (minstrel?) of the lord earl of Salisbury for a gift.... Likewise, for 3 s 4 d as a payment to four servants (minstrels?) of the lord king for a gift. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment for one breakfast given the same.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to servants (minstrels?) of the lords, the earl of York and the earl of Salisbury, as a gift. Likewise, for 6 d as a payment for one supper given to the same and their servants.... Likewise, for 2 s as a gift to the lord earl of Dorset's servant/s (minstrel/s?)....

1414–15

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 *(Gifts and grants)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 20 d as a gift to a/some servant/s (wait/s?) on the feast of Pentecost.... Likewise, for 4 d as a gift to one Elfanius, a trumpeter, at the same time. Likewise, 8 d as a gift to another servant (wait? or to another man, an assistant/officer?) being there during the week. Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to one other servant (wait? or to one other man, an assistant/officer?) of Arundell.... Likewise, for 26 s 8 d on clothing for the waits for a gift, etc.

mb 1d *(External expenses)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment to the friars minor and preacher of Exeter for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi....

1415–16

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 *(Gifts and grants)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 d as a gift to Lord Mautravers' minstrel/s for a gift.... Likewise, for 12 d as a gift to two minstrels piping in the presence of the mayor and his fellows on the night of the feast of the Nativity of St John Baptist (as they were) passing through the city. Likewise, for 8 d as a gift for John Rous, harper,



on the same night for the reason (stated) above.... Likewise, for 12 d as a gift to the lord duke of Clarence's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 4 d as a gift to the lord earl of Huntingdon's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 17 s 10 d as a gift for John Lynde and Hany's, servants (waits?) of the city, for their clothing....

mb 2

...Likewise, for 4 d as a gift to the servant/s (wait/s?) at dinner in the house of the mayor.... Likewise, for 4 d as a gift to Alfons, a minstrel.... Likewise, for 12 d as a gift to minstrels of the lord earl of Devon and Lord de Powis.... Likewise, for 6 d as a gift to Sir Hugh de Courtenay's minstrel/s. Likewise, for 8 d as a gift to Lord Berkeley's minstrel/s....

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment to the friars minor and preacher for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi....

1416-17

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d as a gift to two minstrels in the presence of the mayor.... Likewise, for 26 s 8 d on clothing given to city minstrels this year.... [Likewise, for 40 d as a gift for wine, bread, and one pageant (which) needs to be mended for a/some minstrel/s on the day after Pentecost.]... Likewise, for 12 d as a gift to one minstrel on the day after Pentecost and for the whole week....

mb 2

...Likewise, for 2 s as a gift for the lord king's minstrel/s by order of the mayor.... Likewise, for 12 d as a gift for the lord earl of Devon's minstrel/s.... Likewise, for 4 d for a gift for Lord de Botreaux's minstrel/s.... Likewise, for 6 d as a gift to piper/s....

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s as a payment to the friars minor and

preacher for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi....

### 1417–18

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...[Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 d as a gift to one harper in the house of the mayor by order of the mayor.]... Likewise, for 26 s 8 d (spent) on the clothing of the three pipers of the city (which was) given to the same.... Likewise, for 4 d as a gift to Thomas Claryner when the mayor and his fellows returned from the banquet of the lord bishop.... Likewise, 40 d as a gift to Lord de Botreaux's pipers(?) for a gift. [Likewise, for 12 d for wine given to the same minstrels in the house of the mayor.]...

mb 3

...Likewise, for 20 d as a gift for the minstrels of the commonalty (ie, the waits of the city?) for their labour on the eve of the Nativity of St John Baptist for a gift for their labour.... Likewise, for 20 d for the lord earl of Devon's servant/s (minstrel/s?). Likewise, for 5 s as a gift to John Lynde riding to Bristol, and for the hire of his horse, for impleading (*or* questioning *or* seeking) a/some servant/s (minstrel/s?). Likewise, for 20 s as a gift for the servant/s (minstrel/s?) of Exeter.... Likewise, for 20 d as a gift for the lord duke of Clarence's servant/s (minstrel/s?). Likewise, for 8 d as a gift to one leopard-keeper of the lord king. Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to Lord de Botreaux's servant/s (minstrel/s?)....

### 1418–19

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 d as a gift to the lord earl of Devon's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 12 d as a gift to the lord earl of Devon's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 4 d as a gift to one servant (minstrel?) of Bristol.... For 40 d as a gift to city servant/s (wait/s?) for bringing in the May at the feast of Pentecost. Likewise, for 4 d as a gift to players who played before the May.... Likewise, for 2 d for wine given to two servants (minstrels?) with the men (who) have to go to sea. (*Translation conjectural*)....

mb 1d (*Necessary expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d as a payment to servant/s (wait/s?) on the same night....

1419-20

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, he accounts for 2 s as a payment to the friars preacher of Exeter for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi according to custom....

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...And 26 s 8 d (are allowed) the same (receiver) for the livery of city servants (waits) given to the same this year....

1420-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d as a gift to the lord earl of Warwick's minstrel/s.

...

(*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d for a payment to city minstrels for their labour on the same night....

1422-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 s 8 d on expenses incurred on the eve of the Nativity of St John Baptist on servants (waits?) as well as on cressets burning before the mayor at the time of the perambulation through the city.... Likewise, for 6 s 8 d spent on a reward made to the lord duke of Exeter's servant/s (minstrel/s?)....

*(External expenses)*

And for 2 s paid to the friars preacher of Exeter for the procession on the feast of Corpus Christi this year. And for 2 s paid to the friars minor of Exeter for the reason (stated) above.

...

mb 1d *(Final adjustments)*

Of which (money still owing) 13 s 4 d are allowed the same (receiver, which were) paid to servants (waits?) of the city of Exeter annually for their pension according to the agreement made....

1423-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 *(Gifts and grants)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 6 s 9½ d (spent) on wine given to the mayor and his fellows and on minstrel/s and torches on the night of the feast-day of the Nativity of St John Baptist.... Likewise, for 40 d as a gift to the lord duke of Exeter's servants (minstrels?). Likewise, for 8 d for one gallon of wine sent to the said servants (minstrels?) for a gift....

*(External expenses)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 2 s as a payment to the friars preacher for the procession to be made on the feast of Corpus Christi. Likewise, 2 s as a payment to the friars minor for the reason (stated) above....

...

1424-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 *(Gifts and grants)*

...Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a gift for the lord duke of Exeter's servants (minstrels?). Likewise, for 3 s 4 d given to the said servants (minstrels?) on another occasion. Likewise, for 26 s 8 d as a payment for liveries given to the waits of the city....

## 1425-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mbs 1-2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 3 s 4 d as a payment to the lord king's minstrel/s for a gift. Likewise, for 2 d as a payment to one fool of John Hals, the justice, for a gift.... Likewise, for 20 d as a payment for cleaning the armour of one | man to carry the pennon. Likewise, for 8 d as a payment to city minstrel/s for a gift on the day of the muster of the mayor and the commonalty. Likewise, for 7 d for a gift to one man carrying the pennon before the mayor on the same day.... Likewise, for 40 d as a gift to the lord king's minstrel/s for a gift. Likewise, for 12 d for the lord earl of Warwick's minstrel/s for a gift.... Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a gift to the said earl (of Huntingdon's) minstrel/s. Likewise, for 40 d as a gift to the lord duke of Exeter's minstrel/s. [Likewise, for 12 d for one breakfast given to the same.] '(Cancelled) because (it was given) without warrant and (was) a bad example.'... [Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to various minstrels of the said justices.] '(Cancelled) because (it was given) without warrant and (was) a bad example.'...

*(External expenses)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment for the clothing of city minstrels....

## 1426-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2\* (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 3 s 4 d as payment to four servants (minstrels?) of the lord earl of Stafford for a gift.... Likewise, for 3 s 5 d for bread and wine given to the mayor and his fellows on the night of the feast-day of the Nativity of St John Baptist after they walked about the city. Likewise, for 2 s 6 d as a gift to city servants (waits?) at the same time. Likewise, for 2 s 2 d for tallow (and) rosin for the cressets and for the making of the same and for four men hired to carry them.... Likewise, for 3 s 4 d as a gift to the lord earl of Warwick's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 3 s 4 d as a gift to the lord earl of Salisbury's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to players playing a play (of) Robin Hood....



1427-8

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 6/7 Henry VI  
mb 3d (13 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

Entertainers chosen by the mayor and commonalty for the current year.

John Lynde  
Hugh Baret                      were sworn  
John Dawe

And there remain:

as the pledges of John Lynde: Richard Farnam and Richard Prewé;  
as the pledges of Hugh Baret: John Stoklegh and Richard Wylliam;  
as the pledges of John Dawe: William Cook and John Derke.

...

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a gift to three city minstrels for their livery this year. Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to Lord de Botreaux's minstrels by command of the mayor. [And for 12 d for wine given to the same in the mayor's house.] '(Cancelled) because (it was given) without warrant.'... Likewise, he accounts for 20 d for a payment to Lord de Hungerford's minstrel/s for a gift. Likewise, for 8 d as a gift to another/other minstrel/s of the count of Mortain.... Likewise, for 3 s 4 d as a gift to the lord earl of Warwick's minstrel/s. Likewise, for 10 s for the lord king's minstrel/s at the feast of St Peter in Chains for a gift. Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a gift to the lord earl of Huntingdon's minstrel/s.... Likewise, for 16 d for two gallons of wine given to the lord king's minstrel/s in the house of the mayor.... Likewise, for 40 d as a gift to the lord earl of Northumberland's minstrel/s....

...

1428-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d for a gift to three servants (minstrels?) of Lord de Berkeley.... Likewise, for 20 d as a payment

to various players for playing a play before the door of the mayor's house. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to various servants (minstrels?) of Lord de Talbot and the countess of Devon for a gift....

mb 2 (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d as a payment to some servants (minstrels?) of the lord earl of Devon, Lady de Harington, (and) Hugh Lutrell.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to Lord de Hungerford's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 4 d as a payment to Olifaunt, a servant (minstrel?), for a gift.... Likewise, for 4 s as a payment to five servants (minstrels?) and a waferer for a gift.... Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to the said earl (of Huntingdon's) servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 2 s 4 d as a payment for tallow, rosin, and oakum for the cressets to be made therewith to be burned on the eve of the Nativity of St John Baptist. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to the waits of the city at the same time. Likewise, for 8 d as a payment to various other servants (minstrels?). Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a payment for wine on the same night....

...

1429-30

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 s 8 d as a payment to the lord earl of Huntingdon's servant/s (minstrel/s?) at various times during the year.... Likewise, for 10 s as a payment to the lord earl of Warwick's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift at various times....

mb 2

...Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to one fool of the lord cardinal for a gift.... Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to Lord de Berkeley's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to Lord de Talbot's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 3 s 4 d as a payment to Lord de Gloucester's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to Lord de Botreaux's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to Lord de Hungerford's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to unknown (*or* foreign) servants (minstrels?) for a gift.... Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to the lord earl of Devon's

servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 4 d as a payment to Alfanus Trumpeter for a gift....

*(External expenses)*

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 2 s 6 d as a payment for tallow, rosin, and thread (wick?) for the cressets to be made therewith to burn before the mayor on the night of the feast of St John Baptist and for men hired to carry (them) before the mayor and his fellows. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to a/some servant/s (wait/s?) of the said city on the same night....

mb 1d *(Final adjustments)*

...

...And 26 s 8 d (are allowed) the same (receiver) for livery given to the waits this year.... And 26 s 8 d (are allowed) the same (receiver) for the making of the scutcheons made of silver for the waits this year....

1430-1

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 7/8 Henry VI

mb 18d *(30 January)*

...

Thomas Serle of Exeter in the county of Devon, butcher, comes in his proper person and puts himself at the mercy of the lord king because he killed one bull (which was) not baited, contrary to the common ordinance of the said city then obtaining. And he finds pledges for his settlement, that is, Richard Clemment and Richard Hedman, etc.

...

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 1 *(Gifts and grants)*

...

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 20 d as a payment to one servant (minstrel?) of the said earl (of Devon) for a gift.... Likewise, for 3 s 4 d as a payment to three servants (minstrels?) of the lord earl of Warwick at the same time (Easter) for a gift....

mb 2

...Likewise, for 40 d as a payment to Lord de Hungerford's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift. Likewise, for 2 s as a payment to players playing

at Christmas in the Guildhall before the mayor and his fellows for a gift. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to Lord Botreaux's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift. Likewise, for 44 d as a gift to an entertainer of the lord duke of Gloucester with his (ie, the duke's) (personal) servant. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to the lord earl of Devon's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift. Likewise, for 16 d as a payment to a servant (minstrel?) of the lord duke of Westmorland. Likewise, for 2 s as a payment to two servants (minstrels?) of the said duke another time. Likewise, for 2 s as a payment to a servant (minstrel?) called Belasus with an (ie, his?) attendant as a gift.... Likewise, for 16 d as a reward to city servants (waits?) on the same day by the mayor....

mb 1d (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, he accounts for 26 s 8 d as a payment for the clothing of city entertainers this year....

...

#### 1431-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 20 d as a gift to the lord earl of Huntingdon's servant/s (minstrel/s?). Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to Lord de Hungerford's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 40 d as a payment to Lord de Talbot's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift. Likewise, for 20 d for a payment to Lord de la Zouche's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift. Likewise, for 20 d for Lord de Scrope's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift. Likewise, for 16 d on the eve of the Nativity of St John Baptist as a payment for bread. Likewise, for 15 s for thirty gallons of wine on the same night. Likewise, for 20 d as a gift on the same night for one horn(-player) or piper. Likewise, for 20 d for John Saverde and his fellows, pipers, on the same night as a gift. Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to Lord de Gloucester's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to the lord duke of York's servant/s (minstrel/s?).... Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to one fool of the lady queen.... Likewise, for 16 d as a payment to one servant (minstrel?) of Taunton and his fellow....

(*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment for the clothing



for servants (waits?) of the said city this year....

1432-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2\* (*Gifts and grants*)

...[Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 d given to a/some minstrel/s in the mayor's house on the same day.]... [Likewise, for 16 d to players playing in the mayor's house before the mayor for a gift. Likewise, for 12 d on the Sunday before Epiphany for a/some servant/s (minstrel/s?) (while) they were in the mayor's house for a gift.]... Likewise, for 20 d on the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross for Lord de Hungerford's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... [Likewise, for 20 d given to players playing in the Castle concerning the tournament of Tottenham (*or possibly* players playing the tournament of Tottenham in the Castle) by order of the mayor.]... Likewise, for 20 d given to the lord cardinal of England's servant/s (minstrel/s?). [Likewise, for 8 d for Lord de Botreaux's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.]... Likewise, for 2 s for the servant/s (minstrel/s?) of William Bonville, knight, on the Friday next before the feast of St Andrew the Apostle for a gift. [Likewise, for 12 d on the same day for Maurice Berkeley's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.]... Likewise, for 12 d given on the feast of St Andrew the Apostle to the lord earl of Huntingdon's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.... [Likewise, for 8 d on the Sunday after the feast of the Conception of blessed Mary for two servants (minstrels?) of William Bodrugan, knight, for a gift.]...

mb 1d\*

...[Likewise, for 6 d on St John the Evangelist's Day for the Baron of Ottery's servant/s (minstrel/s?) for a gift.]... Likewise, for 2 s on the same day for two servants (minstrels?) of the lord earl of Devon.... [Likewise, for 12 d on the eighteenth day of January for two servants (minstrels?) of Lord Botreaux for a gift.]... Likewise, for 2 s on the Tuesday after the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross for one servant (minstrel?) of the lord duke of York for a gift.... [Likewise, for 16 d for two servants (minstrels?) of the lady countess of Westmorland.]... [Likewise, for 20 d on the fourteenth day of July to a servant (minstrel?) of Sir Philip Courtenay for a gift.]... Likewise, for 20 d given to one entertainer of the lord duke of Gloucester for a reward. Likewise, for 2 s given to three entertainers of the lord earl of Warwick for a reward. Likewise, for 7 s given to eight entertainers



of the lord duke of Bedford for a reward.... [Likewise, for 4 d given to John Broun, the entertainer of John Copleston.]...

#### 1433-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 40 d on the eighth day of October as a gift to the lord duke of Bedford's servant/s (minstrel/s?) by order of the mayor. Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to a taborer of the aforesaid duke and one Richard, a fool of the lord cardinal.... [Likewise, for 8 d as a gift to two servants (minstrels?) of Giles Daubeney, knight, by order of the mayor.]... [Likewise, for 8 d as a gift for two servants (minstrels?) of Lord de Botreaux.] Likewise, for 6 s 8 d for a payment for the clothing of John Lynde and his fellow, city entertainers, for a gift. Likewise, for 12 d as a gift to John Trumpeter and his fellow, the servants (minstrels?) of Philip de Courtenay, knight, by order of the mayor.... Likewise, for 4 d for a gift to John Broun, minstrel of John Copleston, in the mayor's house by order of the mayor.... Likewise, for 4 d for four men carrying four torches down from the South Gate as far as the precentor's house, burning before the lord earl of Devon, for a gift. Likewise, for [18 d] 15 d as a payment for two and a half pounds of wax used for the said torches at the same time.... Likewise, for [14 s 10 d] 13 s 4 d for bread and wine for twenty-nine gallons (and) three quarts of wine for the mayor and the commonalty of the city, walking with the mayor on the eve of the Nativity of St John Baptist, at 6 d the gallon. [Likewise, for 12 d for bread for the same night.] Likewise, for 10 d for tallow, rosin, and oakum for the cressets burning before the mayor and his fellows while (they were) walking about the city on the same night. Likewise, for [2 s] 20 d for four pounds of wax for the torches burning before the mayor and his fellows on the same night. Likewise, for 6 d for men hired to carry the cressets and repair the same. Likewise, for 6 d for three men hired to carry two torches and one flag on the same night before the mayor and his fellows. Likewise, for 1 d for one man hired to carry balls of tallow, rosin, and oakum for the said cressets on the same night. Likewise, for 20 d as a gift to three minstrels going before the mayor and his fellows on the same night.... Likewise, for 2 s as a gift to John Trumpeter while remaining with Philip Courtenay (and) riding to meet the mayor.... Likewise, for 6 s 8 d for a gift to four minstrels of the lord duke of Bedford....

mb 3

...[Likewise, for 20 d for a payment to Thomas, a fool of the lord cardinal, by order of the mayor.]... Likewise, for 40 d as a gift to Lady de Harington's minstrel/s... Likewise, for 2 d as a gift to a minstrel called Duchisman.... Likewise, for 40 d as a gift to three minstrels of the lord earl of Huntingdon....

## 1434-5

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 13/14 Henry VI  
mb 10d (6 December) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Guarantors of John Lynde, one of the  
entertainers of the city of Exeter chosen  
this year.

Andrew Thryng

Philip Manscomb

Entertainers

Guarantors of Hugh Baret, the second of the  
entertainers of the aforesaid city chosen this  
year.

Walter Bugbroke

John Gylet

Guarantors of John Dawe, the third of the  
entertainers of the aforesaid city chosen this  
year.

John Martyn

*(blank)*

## 1438-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 40 d as a payment to four minstrels of the earl of Huntingdon on the eve of St Catherine the Virgin for a reward. [And for 2 s for their supper.]... Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to John Lynde and his fellows on Whit Monday. Likewise, for 6 d as a payment to one trumpeter of Philip Courtenay, knight, on the same day. Likewise, for 4 d as a payment to one minstrel on the same day. Likewise, for 12 d as a payment to seven men who carried the May on the same day....

mb 3

...Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a payment for eight trumpeters of the earl of Huntingdon. [Likewise, for 12 d for one gallon of wine given to

the same.].... Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to two servants (minstrels?) of the lord bishop of Durham.... Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to three servants (minstrels?) of the earl of Somerset [and for 13 d for their dinner.] Likewise, for 2 s as a payment to two clariners of Sir Thomas Rempston on the eve of the Nativity of St John Baptist. Likewise, for 20 d as a payment to town servants (waits?) on the same day.... Likewise, for 5 s as a payment to five minstrels of the lord duke of Gloucester on the Sunday next before Holy Cross Day.... Likewise, for 12 d for a payment to one minstrel of the lord bishop on the Thursday next after Holy Cross Day.

#### 1439–40

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 18/19 Henry VI  
mb 8d (16 November) (Wait's pledge)

Surety

...  
Nicholas atte Hole and William Vndy acted as guarantors for William Paynter, one of the servants of the city of Exeter, for his good behaviour as one of the servants and for the safe-keeping of the scutcheon of the aforesaid city handed over to him.  
...

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4\* (Gifts and grants)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 6 s 8 d as a payment on Tuesday, the sixth day of September, to five minstrels of our lord king at the house of the mayor of the city(?) while (they were) staying there, by order of the mayor....

mb 4d

...Likewise, for 20 d as a payment on the Monday next before the feast of St Matthew the Apostle to a minstrel of the chancellor of the lord king (who was) staying at the mayor's house, by order of the mayor.... Likewise, for 6 d as a payment to a servant (minstrel?) of Baron de Carrew for a gift....

mb 2d (External expenses)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 3 s as a payment for nine yards of canvas,

bought and assigned for the May for May Day by order of the mayor and his fellows, at 4 d a yard....

### 1442-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 2 s for six men hired to carry the May on Monday in Whitsun week. Likewise, for 2 s 4 d for two entertainers hired at the same time. Likewise, for 15 d for two pounds of wax bought for two torches made therewith to burn on the eve of the Nativity of St John Baptist before the mayor and commonalty. Likewise, for 4 d for two men hired to carry the same torches at the same time. Likewise, for 4 d for oakum and rosin for the material of the cressets at the same time. Likewise, for 2 d for two men hired to carry the cressets. [Likewise, for 6 d for two entertainers hired at the same time.]....

(*Necessary expenses*)

...

...And (he seeks allowance) of 8 s 5 d paid for linen cloth bought for one elephant to be made thereof on Monday in the feast of Pentecost. And of 6 d paid for its making....

...

### 1443-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 2 s for six men hired to carry the May on Monday in Whitsun week....

### 1445-6

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 24/5 Henry VI

mb 2d (*11 October*) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Pledges of the servants for the scutcheons: John Clyston, Richard Bradmore. And by valuation (*blank*)

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment for the robes of three servants (waits?)....

1447-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...[Likewise, (he accounts for) 6 s 8 d for a gift to the lord duke of Suffolk's servant/s (minstrel/s). Likewise, for 6 s 8 d for a gift to the lord duke of Buckingham's servant/s (minstrel/s?).]...

1450-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2\* (*External expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 20 s for three gowns bought from Hugh Germyn for city servants (waits?)....

mb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...And 5 s (are allowed) the same (receiver) for the embroidering of city servants' (waits'?) gowns....

1453-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*External expenses*)

...

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 13 s 4 d for two gowns bought for city servants (waits?)....

1454-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 24 s as a payment for the robes of three city pipers this year....

...



## 1456-7

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 35/6 Henry VI  
mb 1d (4 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Note

Guarantors of John Dowe, William Halyday, and John Agaunt, chosen as servants for the city of Exeter this year, that is, for the scutcheons and for their good behaviour in every respect in the aforesaid occupation, etc: Thomas Kelly for William Halyday; and for John Agaunt, John Barsaby; and for John Dowe, William Hoigge.

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d in silver given to a/some butcher/s of Exeter for the baiting of a bull at the bullring according to ancient custom.... [Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a gift to the said duke of Exeter's servant/s (minstrel/s?) by order of the mayor and his fellows.] Likewise, for 6 s 8 d as a gift to the lord duke of Exeter's servant/s (minstrel/s?) as a reward by order of the mayor....

(*Necessary expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Hugh Germyn for city servants' (waits'?) gowns this year.... Likewise, for 7 s 4 d on expenses incurred about the repair and mending of the [May and the] elephant and the May on Monday in Whitsun week....

## 1457-8

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 36/7 Henry VI  
mb 1d (3 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Note

The names of the servants chosen this year (are) John Dowe and William Halyday: pledges for John Dowe according to the usual method(?), John Coteler and John Bobyche; likewise, pledges for the said William Haliday, the said John Coteler and John Bibiche.

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 1d (*External expenses*)

First (he accounts for) 16 s 4 d for two gowns bought for city pipers this year....

...

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36766  
mb 31 (*Cash receipts*)

...And for 3 s 5 d, received from increases(?), (spent) for one play in the same place....

...

1458-9

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 37/8 Henry VI  
mb 1d (2 October) (*Waits' pledge*)

...

Guarantor of William Holeday, one of the servants of the city of Exeter, for (his) returning the scutcheon and his good behaviour for the following year, John Gildon.

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 13 s 4 d for two gowns bought for city servants (waits?)....

1459-60

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 12 d as a payment for the trumpeter of William the bastard (*or of William Bastard*) of Exeter at the same time by order of the said mayor....

mb 1d\* (*Necessary expenses*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 4 d as a reward given minstrels at Floyers Marsh on Easter. Likewise, for 6 d as a reward given to the same at the time of the lord earl of Devon's being at Floyers Marsh.

1460-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Gifts and grants*)

...Likewise, (he accounts for) 2 s in silver given to a/some butcher/s of Exeter for the bullbaiting in Exeter on two occasions by order of

the mayor.... Likewise, for 26 s 8 d for three gowns bought for servants (waits?) of the city of Exeter.

## 1463-4

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 3/4 Edward IV  
mb 2d (10 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Guarantor of John Dawe, one of the servants of the city of Exeter, William Hoyg.

Guarantor of William Holyday, the second of the servants of the same city, John Thomas, mercer.

Guarantor of John Colarne, the third of the servants of the said city, Ralph Lauerance.

...

## 1464-5

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 4/5 Edward IV  
mb 1d (1 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Servants

Guarantors of Henry Stephenesson for the scutcheon and for (his) doing everything which pertains to him for the following year: John Hammond and Richard Baker on pain of six marks. Guarantors of William Filmore under the same form: Thomas Warberton and Richard Toker on pain of six marks. Guarantors of John Agaunt under the same form: Robert Smyth and Robert Nuton on pain of six marks.

...

## 1466-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 1d (*Gifts and grants*)

...[Likewise, (he accounts for) 8 d as a payment to a/some butcher/s for the bullbaiting.]...

## 1467-8

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 7/8 Edward IV  
mb 2d (12 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Servants

Guarantors of Richard Stephenson for the scutcheon and for his good behaviour in everything to be done which pertains to his office for the following year: that is, Thomas White and John Tylham on pain of 100 s.

°Afterwards, that is, on the feast of the Innocents in the eighth year of the reign of King Edward the IV the said scutcheon was delivered to Robert Chub, receiver, by the hand of the said Thomas.\*

Guarantors of William Filmore under the same form: that is, John Groser and Thomas under pain of 100 s.

Guarantors of Robert Beaumont under the same form: that is, Richard Yoldon and Thomas Petyt on pain of 100 s.

...

#### 1471-2

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 11/12 Edward IV  
mb 2d (7 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Servants

Guarantors of William Fylmore chosen as one entertainer of Exeter for this year, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, Robert Neuton and Roger Michell. And he was sworn and remains.

Guarantors of Robert Beaumont, chosen as another entertainer there for the same year, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, William Hayne and John Folyott. And he was sworn and remains.

Guarantors of Henry Crede, chosen as the third entertainer there for the same year, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, Richard Ronewyll and Dodin Mannyng. And he was sworn and remains.

#### 1472-3

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 12/13 Edward IV  
mb 2d (12 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Servants

Guarantors of William Filmore, chosen as one of the waits of Exeter for this year, for his scutcheon and for his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, John Ector and Peter Ector. And he was sworn.

Guarantors of Henry Crede, chosen as another of the waits there for the same year, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, Richard Rondwill and Dodin Mannyng.

Guarantors of Robert Beaumont, chosen as the third of the waits there for the same year, for his scutcheon and for his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, John Bunne and John Ector.



*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d for the robes of three entertainers....

...

## 1473-4

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 13/14 Edward IVmb 2d (*11 October*) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Servants

Guarantors of William Filmore, chosen as one of the performers of Exeter for this year following, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, Richard Baker and John Clyston. And he was sworn and remains.

Guarantors of Henry Crede, chosen as another of the performers there for the same year, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, Robert Chubb and Richard Tournor. And he was sworn.

Guarantors of Robert Beaumont, chosen as the third of the performers there for the same year, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, John Bunne and Thomas Penhale. And he was sworn.

...

## 1474-5

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 14/15 Edward IVmb 2d (*10 October*) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Guarantors of William Filmore, chosen as one of the performers of Exeter for this year following, for his scutcheon and for his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, Richard Baker and John Cliston. And he was sworn and remains.

Guarantors of Henry Crede, chosen as another of the performers of Exeter for this year following, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything which pertains (to) his office: that is, Robert Chubb and Richard Turner. And he was sworn and remains.

Guarantors of Robert Beaumont, chosen as the third of the performers there for the same year, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything which pertains to his office: that is, John Browne and Thomas Penhale. And he was sworn and remains.



1476-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 27 s for the robes of three performers....

1477-8

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 17/18 Edward IVmb 2d (*13 October*) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Guarantors of William Filmore, chosen as one of the performers of Exeter for this year following, for his scutcheon and for his good behaviour in everything to be done by him which pertains to his office: that is, Richard Baker and John Cliston. And he was sworn and remains.

Guarantors of Henry Crede, chosen as another of the performers of Exeter for this year following, for his scutcheon and for his good behaviour in everything which pertains to his office: that is, Robert Chubb and Richard Torner. And he is sworn and remains.

Guarantors of Robert Beamont, chosen as the third of the performers there for the same year, for his scutcheon and his good behaviour in everything which pertains to his office: that is, John Bunne and Thomas Penhale. And he was sworn and remains.

1478-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...And (he accounts for) 27 s as a payment for the robes of three performers....

1480-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 27 s as a payment for the robes of three performers....

1481–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...And (he accounts for) 27 s as a payment for the robes of three performers....

(*Gifts and grants*)

...And (he accounts for) 40 d given to a bearward as a gratuity.... And for 10 s as a payment to the master of the Skinners' craft for the maintenance of their burdens this year by the favour (and) concession of the city....

...

*Holy Trinity Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1718A add/PW2mb 6 (24 June) (*St George's Guild*) (*Final adjustments*)

...And paid to these various performers this year, 16 d....

...

1482–3

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 22 Edward IV/1 Richard IIImb 2d (7 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Robert Beamont	John Parker and John Iule
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John Ioce	John Segour   John Brendon
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Thomas Ioce	Thomas Pyke   John Hoigye
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Guarantors for the collars of the performers  
of the city of Exeter.

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...And (he accounts for) 27 s as a payment for the robes of the three entertainers....

...

mb 1d\* (10 January) (*Final adjustments*)

...

...And 8 shillings and 2 d remaining have been given to the Corpus Christi brotherhood to support their burdens this year by the gift of the city, etc....

*Holy Trinity Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 1718A add/PW2  
mb 5 (*St George's Guild*) (*Necessary expenses*)

The same (churchwardens) account for ... having paid 12 d for performers hired this year....

...

1483-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Fees paid*)

...And (he accounts for) 30 s as a payment for three performers' robes....

...

1484-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 30 s as a payment for three performers' robes....

1486-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for three performers' robes....

(*Gifts and grants*)

...And (he accounts for) 10 s as a gift to the Skinners for the maintenance of the Corpus Christi brotherhood....

*(Necessary expenses)*

...And (he accounts for) 8 d for the keepers of the shambles for bullbaiting....

1487-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 *(Gifts and grants)*

...

...And (he accounts for) 10 s for the Skinners for the maintenance of the mass of Corpus Christi....

*(Fees paid)*

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for three performers' robes....

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36768

mb 13\* *(1 November-24 June) (Final adjustments)*

...

...Afterwards they were debited for 11½ d received from a play at Frerenhay this year. And for 5 s received from another play called Robin Hood this year....

*(Payments)*

...And 11½ d (were) charged to them above for the play in Frerenhay this year because (it was) in the market(?)....

...

1488-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 *(Fees paid)*

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for three performers' robes this year....

(*Gifts and grants*)

...And (he accounts for) 10 s for the Skinners of Exeter for the maintenance of the Corpus Christi brotherhood....

...

**1489-90**

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for three performers' robes this year....

...

mb 4 (*Final adjustments*)

...And 3 s 4 d paid to the Skinners this year for a gift from the city for the mass of the feast of Corpus Christi (are allowed) him (the receiver)....

**1490-1**

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for three performers' robes for this year....

...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 77 (*Expenses*)

...

(They allow) 13 s 4 d as a reward given to the lord king of England's performers....

...

**1491-2**

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 7/8 Henry VII

mb 2d (9 October) (*Waits' pledges*)

...

Robert Bemond, Nicholas Browne, and Nicholas Mereke, °of the city



performers, found guarantors<sup>o</sup> for their collars: that is, [Reginald Saddeler], John Firest, and Thomas Russell; and John Parker and Henry Curteys; and John Cusyn and Henry Taylor.

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for robes for three performers this year....

1492-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for robes for three performers this year....

...And (he accounts for) 3 s for a bearward for the bearbaiting....

...

1493-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 5 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for three performers' robes....

mb 7 (*Necessary expenses*)

...And (he accounts for) 16 d as a payment for the bullbaiting.... And for 10 s as a payment for the mending of three collars belonging to the performers of the aforesaid city.... And for 16 d for the bullbaiting on another occasion....

mb 8

...And for 10 s as a payment to the wardens of the craft and mystery of the Skinners of the city of Exeter on the feast (of) Corpus Christi this year for a play (which was) put on.... And for nil as a payment for a gratuity to the lord king's performers this year. And for nil in gratuity for various other performers visiting the mayor this year....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 82 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward given to the lord king's performers this year.

...

1494-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

..And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for the robes of three performers of the same city....

...

mb 3 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 10 s as a payment to the warden/s of the Corpus Christi brotherhood this year to maintain their play....

(*Expenses incurred*)

...And (he accounts for) 16 d as a payment for the baiting of one bull as is the custom....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 84 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 6 s 8 d to servants, (called) minstrels in English, of our lord king.

...

Likewise, 13 s 4 d as a reward made to minstrels of the lord king.

...

1495-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the robes of three performers of the said city....

*(Gifts and grants)*

...And (he accounts for) (*blank*) for the warden/s of the Corpus Christi brotherhood for the maintenance of their play....

mb 3 *(Necessary expenses)*

...And (he accounts for) 8 d for the baiting of one bull carried out this year. And for 8 d for a gratuity given to a/some butcher/s for the aforesaid bull.... And for 5 s for a play put on in the Guild hall of Exeter before the mayor and his fellows. And for 3 d for fuel used in the fireplace there at the time of the same play.... And for 6 s 8 d as a payment to the lord king's performers for a gratuity....

...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 85v *(Expenses)*

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward given to various performers of the lord king.

...

1496-7

*Mayors' Court Roll* DRO, ECA: MCR 12/13 Henry VII  
mb 3 *(17 October) (Waits' pledges)*

...

Guarantors for Robert Beamont, one of the performers of the city of Exeter, for the faithful exercise of his office as well as for the return of his collar: that is, John Toker, hosier, and William Hopkyn for the current year.

Guarantors for Nicholas Broune, the second of the performers of the same city, for his office as well as for his collar: that is, John Wynter and John Wyll, baker.

Guarantors for Nicholas Meryett, the third of the performers of the aforesaid city, for his office as well as for his collar: that is, John Straddon and Lawrence Draper, etc.

...

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the robes of three performers of the said city....

mb 3 (*Gifts and grants*)

...

...And for nil for the warden/s of the Corpus Christi brotherhood for the maintenance of their play....

*(Payments to royal servants)*

...And (he accounts for) 6 s 8 d as a payment to the lord king's entertainers, that is, the trumpeters, for their gratuity....

...

1497-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Fees paid*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment for the robes of three performers of the aforesaid city....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 89 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers as a reward from the chapter.

...

1498-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2d (*Fees paid*)

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the robes of three performers of the city of Exeter....

## 1499–1500

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for three performers of the said city for their robes....

...

## 1500–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for three performers of the said city for their robes and pension....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 94 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward given to the lord king's performers this year.

## 1501–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 40 s as a payment to the performers of the said city both for their robes and for their gratuity....

mb 4d (*Final adjustments*)

...And 10 s in cash paid to the lord king's performers (are allowed).

...

mb 5

Expenses  
incurred for the  
reception of  
Lady Katherine  
(the) Princess

First, (he accounts for) 26 s 8 d as a payment to Thomas Langeworthy for ten yards of camlet bought for the city swordbearer for his gown to be made thereof, at a price of (*blank*) per yard. And for 16 s for Gilbert Waryn for six yards of red-coloured broadcloth for liveries of sergeants-at-mace, at a price of 2 s 8 d per yard. And for 12 s 4 d for



John Gustote for twelve and a half yards of black-coloured narrow cloth, at a price of 12 d per yard. And for 12 s for four and a half yards of red-coloured broadcloth bought for performers, at a price of 2 s 8 d per yard. And for 9 s for four and a half yards of black-coloured broadcloth bought for the same, at a price of 2 s per yard. And for 16 d in cash paid to William Sompterman for his horse, hired for four days for a royal messenger (*or* groom), taking 4 d per day. And 20 d in cash paid to Geoffrey Currant for his labour to carry royal letters from Exeter to Tavistock. And for 16 s in cash paid and delivered as a reward to performers of the lady princess. And for 20 s in cash paid for a horse bought and given to John Styell as a reward. And for 6 s 8 d in cash paid and delivered as a reward to a man who transported the palfreys of the queen of England from London to Exeter. And £7 in cash paid for one white palfrey bought and given to the said lady princess by advice of the Twenty-four of the common council of the said city of Exeter. And for 2 s 8 d for the keeping of the same afterwards. And for 20 s in cash paid for two yards of scarlet cloth bought to make one trapper for the aforesaid palfrey, at a price of 10 s per yard. And for 8 s 4 d in cash paid for five buttons made and set upon the said trapper, at a price of 20 d for each of them. And for 16 s 8 d in cash paid for one and half yards and one nail (*ie*, two and a half inches) of velvet bought to make trappings for the aforesaid palfrey, at a price of 10 s per yard. And for 9 s 10 d in cash paid for one and three quarters nails (*ie*, four and three eighths inches) of velvet for decorating the bridle and the crupper of the said palfrey. And for 20 d for five yards of linen cloth to line the aforesaid trapper, at a price of 4 d per yard. And for 3 s 4 d in cash paid to Richard Downing for the making of the same. And for 5 s 6 d in cash paid to John Robyns for the headstall, one pair of broad reins, one buckle (*for*) a poitrel, (*some*) bosses, and one breadth of white cloth bought. And for 10 d for one bit bought from him. And for 20 d for the gilding of the same (*bit*). And for 2 s 4 d in cash paid for horse fodder transported at that time for (*the horse/s of*) the lady princess, that is, to John Wyse. And for 12 d for John Colbe, baker, for similar fodder.

Sum £16 15 s 6 d

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 96 (*Expenses*)

...  
Likewise, (*they allow*) 10 s as a reward given to the lord king's performers this year.  
...

## 1503-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city both for their pension and their livery....

mb 4 (*Guildhall expenses*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 6 s 8 d in cash paid to players for a play put on there before the mayor and his fellows and very many others there....

...

mb 2d

...

Gifts made to  
performers of  
the lord king  
and to others

...And (he accounts for) 13 s 4 d in cash paid to the lord king's performers for a reward in the house of William Frost....

...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 99v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward given to the lord king's performers this year.

...

## 1504-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension yearly....

mb 4 (*Guildhall expenses*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 4 s as a reward for players hired to play there. And for 2½ d for the carriage of fuel bought at that time....

(*External expenses*)

...And (he accounts for) 6 s 8 d in cash paid as a reward to bearwards

here on two occasions this year for baiting (of bears). And for 16 d for wine drunk at that time among the Twenty-four. And for 8 d in cash paid to John Pomeray for the baiting of one bull. And for 15 d for wine drunk at that time.... And for 10 s in cash paid as a reward to the lord king's performers....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 101 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward given to the lord king's performers on the thirteenth day of September.

...

1505-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension yearly....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 103 (*1 August*) (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward given to the lord king's performers on (the feast) of St Peter in Chains.

...

1506-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension yearly....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 105 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers for a reward this year....

...

## 1507–8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 106v (*8 September*) (*Expenses*)

...

°Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers on the feast of the Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary.°

...

## 1508–9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 108 (*22 August*) (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers for a reward from the chapter during the octave of the Assumption.

...

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36769mb 1\* (*1 November–31 October*) (*Necessary expenses*)

...

...And for 4 d for the repair of St Edmund the martyr's arrow for Robin Hood....

## 1509–10

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension.... And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 109v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers for a reward.

...

### 1510-11

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

... And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension.... And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 111v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers as a reward.

...

### 1511-12

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

... And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension....

mb 5

... And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls. And for 10 d for wine and pears drunk (and eaten) then....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 114 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward to the lord king's performers.

...



## 1512-13

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their livery and pension.... And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 115v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers on the seventh day of June as a reward.

...

## 1513-14

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and pension. And for 20 s to the same for their autumn livery by consent of the Twenty-four.... And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 117v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to three performers of the king for a reward.

...

## 1514-15

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and pension. And for 20 s for the same for their autumn livery by consent of the Twenty-four.... And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles of the baiting of bulls on one occasion....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 118v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers as a reward.

...

#### 1515-16

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and pension. And for 20 s for the same for their autumn livery by consent of the Twenty-four... And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 120 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers on the twenty-seventh day of July as a reward.

...

#### 1516-17

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and pension. And for 20 s for the same for their autumn livery by consent of the Twenty-four....

mb 4

...And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 121v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward given to the lord king's performers on the twenty-first day of June.

...

## 1517–18

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 123 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s on the seventh day of May to the lord king's performers as a reward by Mr Tollet.

...

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36769mb 5 (1 November–31 October) (*Cash receipts*)

...

...And for 2 s received for the leasing of Robert Hood's tunic from (or to) various parishioners this year....

...

## 1518–19

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and pension. And for 20 s for the same for their autumn livery by consent of the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779f 124v (24 July) (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers on the vigil St James the Apostle as a reward.

...

## 1519–20

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 40 s for the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and pension. And for 20 s for the same for their autumn livery by consent of the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion.

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 125 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers for a gift.

...

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36769  
mb 6 (1 November–31 October) (*Cash receipts*)

...And for 14 d received for tunics belonging to play hired out this year....

1520–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d for the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and pension. And for 20 s for the same for their autumn livery by consent of the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion. And for 12 d for wine and pears drunk (and eaten) then....

...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 126v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers for a reward.

...

1521–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d for the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and pension. And for 20 s for the same for their autumn livery by consent of the Twenty-four.... And for 16 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion. And for 2 s 6 d for wine and pears drunk (and eaten) then....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 127v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers for a reward.

...

### 1522-3

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 129 (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers on the sixteenth of September in the year of the Lord stated above.

...

Note

### 1523-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 48 s 8 d as a payment to the common performers of the city for their winter livery and for (their) pension. And for 26 s 8 d for the same for their autumn livery by agreement of the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion. And for 8 d for wine and pears consumed at that time....

mb 2d\* (*Final adjustments*)

Be it known that there remain in the hands of the said accountant above and beyond the aforesaid sum one silver collar made for one performer of the said (city).... Be it known (*English follows*).

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 130v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s for a reward to the lord king's performers on the second day of August.

...



## 1524-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 8 d as a payment to the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and for (their) pension. And for 20 s for the same for their autumn liveries by agreement of the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion. And for 22 d for wine and pears consumed at that time....

mb 3d (*Allowances*)

...And 2 s (are allowed) as a payment to a bearward of the lord king called the king's bearward.

mb 2d

...And 3 s 4 d as a payment to the lady countess of Devon's performers.... And 10 s as a payment to the lord king's performers....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 131v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers as a reward on the twenty-fourth day of the month of September in the year of the Lord 1525.

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36769  
mb 11 (*1 November-31 October*) (*Cash receipts*)

...

...And for nothing received for the leasing of the bells for the morris dance....

...

## 1525-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to the common performers of the said city for their winter livery and for (their) pension. And for 20 s for the same performers for their autumn livery

by agreement of the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of the bulls on one occasion. And for nil for wine and pears consumed at that time....

...

mb 3d (*Allowances*)

...And 10 s (are allowed) in cash paid to the lord king's performers.... And 3 s 4 d in cash paid to the lady countess of Devon's performers....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 132v (*Expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers as a reward on the twelfth day of the month of June in the year of the Lord 1526.

...

1526-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment for three common performers of the said city for their winter livery and for (their) pension. And for 26 s 8 d for four [the same] performers for their autumn livery by agreement of the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion. And for 3 s 2 d for wine and pears used then....

...

mb 4d (*Expenses and payments*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 3 s 4 d in cash paid on the eighth day of January to the countess of Devon's performers as a reward in the mayor's house.... And for 2 s in cash paid to Lord FitzWarin's performers on the twenty-eighth day of January in the mayor's house....

mb 3d

...And for 5 s in cash paid for the baiting of Lord de Suffolk's bears. And for 10 s in cash paid to the lord king's performers.... And for 20 d in cash paid to the lord chief justice's performers in the mayor's

house. And for 5 s in cash paid to the lord king's jesters in the same place....

mb 2d

...And for 6 s 8 d paid to the king's players. And for 12 d in cash paid to the lord admiral's performers....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 134 (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers as a reward on the twenty-fifth day of the month of June in the year of the Lord 1527.

...

1527-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 48 s 8 d as a payment to four common performers of the said city for their winter livery and for their pension. And for 26 s 8 d for the same performers for their autumn livery by the recently granted agreement of the Twenty-four....

mb 4d

...And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bears on one occasion. And for 3 s 8 d for wine and pears consumed at that time....

...

(*Expenses*)

...And (he accounts for) 6 s 8 d in cash paid to performers of Lord Henry, the earl of Devon.... And for 3 s 4 d in cash paid to the duke of Suffolk's bearward for the beating (ie, baiting) of his bears. And for 12 d in cash paid for wine consumed at that time at the house of John Crofte.... And for 20 d in cash paid to two performers of the lord king's bedchamber who were playing with a kit and a bagpipe....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 135v (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a payment to the lord king's performers as a reward on the eighteenth day of the month of June in the year of the Lord 1528.

...

*Chapter Act Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3551  
f 54

...

®Borrowing  
of a mitre, etc  
°for the little  
bishop: ie, for  
the boy-bishop,  
I think.°

On the last day of the aforesaid month of October in the aforesaid year and place, Master Robert Weston borrowed from the chapter a mitre for the little bishop, a gown, a pectoral, a baldric, and a pair of gloves, and he promised to return them. Rise, Weston, Michell, Horsey, etc, being present as above.

...

1528-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mbs 4-4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three common performers of the said city for their winter livery and for their pension. | And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery by the agreement recently granted by the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls on one occasion. And for 3 s 4 d for wine and pears consumed at that time....

...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 136v (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a payment to the lord king's performers as a reward on the tenth day of the month of June in the year of the Lord 1529.

...

## 1529-30

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 6 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment for three common performers of the said city for their winter livery and for their pension. And for 20 s as a payment for the same performers for their autumn livery by the agreement recently granted by the Twenty-four.... And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles for the baiting of bulls there on one occasion. And for 5 s 6 d for wine and pears consumed then....

## 1530-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 6 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment for three common performers of the said city for their winter livery (and) for their pension. And for 20 s as a payment for the same performers for their autumn livery by the agreement recently granted by the Twenty-four....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 139v (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers on the twentieth day of August in the aforesaid year.

...

## 1531-2

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 141 (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s to the lord king's performers on the fourteenth day of July in the year of the Lord 1532.

...

## 1532-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment for three common



performers of the said city for their winter livery (and) for their pension. And for 20 s as a payment for the same performers for their autumn livery by the agreement recently granted by the Twenty-four.

...

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 142v (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a payment to the lord king's performers on the fifth day of September in the year of the Lord 1533.

...

#### 1533-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 20 s as a payment to three common performers for their autumn livery recently granted by the Twenty-four. And for 36 s 6 d for the same performers for their winter liveries....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 143v (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward to the lord king's performers on the last day of September.

...

#### 1534-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 20 s as a payment to three common performers for their autumn livery recently granted by the Twenty-four. And for 36 s 6 d to the same performers for their winter liveries....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 145 (*Payments and expenses*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) 10 s as a reward to the lord king's performers on the twenty-fourth day of June in the year of the Lord 1535.

...

## 1535-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) [20 s] 'nothing this year' as a payment to three common performers for their autumn livery, recently granted by the Twenty-four, 'because they refuse to use (it)'. And for 36 s 6 d for the same performers for their winter liveries....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 146v (*Payments and expenses*)

...  
Likewise, (they allow) 10 s for the lord king's performers as a reward on the seventeenth day of September.

...

## 1536-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
...And (he accounts for) 20 s as a payment to three common performers for their autumn livery recently granted by the Twenty-four. And for 36 s 6 d for the same performers for their winter liveries....

mb 4d

...And for 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles of the said city for the baiting of bulls....

## 1537-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles of the said city for the baiting of bulls. And for 2 s 3 d as a payment for wine and pears consumed at that time....

...

1538-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles of the said city for the baiting of bulls. And for 3 s 9 d as a payment for wine and pears consumed at that time....

1539-40

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 8 d in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles of the said city for the baiting of bulls.

1540-1

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 154 (*Payments and expenses*)

...  
Likewise, (they allow) 13 s 4 d as a reward to the lord king's performers.

...

1541-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) nothing in cash paid to the wardens of the shambles of the said city for the baiting of bulls....

1546-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to city performers for their winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same for (their) autumn livery.

1547–8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 48 s 8 d as a payment to city performers for (their) winter livery. And for 26 s 8 d as a payment to the same for (their) autumn livery....

mb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...Of which (money owed) 10 s are allowed him for the lack of receipts of one building next the church of St Kerian because it is let this year to city performers without (any) payments of rent owing. He is charged to the amount of 10 s above....

...

1548–9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 48 s 8 d as a payment to city performers for (their) winter livery. And for 26 s 8 d as a payment to the same for (their) autumn livery. And for 26 s 8 d as a payment to (these) performers for their fees this year....

...

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...

...Of which (money owed) 10 s are allowed him for the lack of receipts of one building next the entrance of the church of St Kerian – he is charged to the amount of 10 s above – because it is let to (city) performers by consent of the Twenty-four....

1549–50

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the aforesaid city for (their) winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same for (their) autumn livery. And for 25 s [3 d] as a payment to the aforesaid performers for their fees this year....

mb 1d (*Final adjustments*)

...And further, 10 s are allowed him for the lack of receipts of the building next the entrance of the church of St Kerian – he is charged to the amount of 10 s above – because it is let to city performers by the agreement of the city without (any) payments of rent owing....

1550–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the aforesaid city for their winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same for their autumn livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the aforesaid performers for their fee this year....

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...And further, 10 s are allowed him for the rent of one building next the entrance of the church of St Kerian – he is charged to the amount of 10 s above – because it is granted to city performers by the agreement of the Twenty-four without any payment owed from it....

1551–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the aforesaid city for their winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same for their autumn livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the aforesaid performers for their fees this year....

mb 2d (*Final adjustments*)

...And further, he seeks allowance of 10 s for the lack of the rent of one building next the entrance (of the church) of St Kerian – he is charged to the amount of 10 s above – because it is granted to city performers without (any) payment of rent owing from it by agreement of the Twenty-four....



1553–4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the aforesaid city for their winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same for their autumn livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the aforesaid performers for their fee this year.... °And for 14 s as a payment to three performers as a reward for livery granted them by the Twenty-four this year°....

*St John's Bow Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: DD 36771  
mb 1 (*1 November – 31 October*) (*Cash receipts*)

...

...And together with 5 s received from Robin Hood and Little John they answer that they have received in all for the sale of beer this year 38 s 8 d....

1554–5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the aforesaid city for their winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same for their autumn livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the aforesaid performers for their fee this year.... °And for 14 s 6 d as a payment for three performers as a reward for livery granted them by the Twenty-four this year°....

*Dean and Chapter Account Book* EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779  
f 174 (*Payments*)

...

Likewise, (they allow) [49 s 3 d] 49 s 3 d for expenses incurred – upon the report – for rejoicing and celebrating at the birth of the prince, that is, on one hogshead (of) wine and one barrel (of) beer, 41 s 3 d, and on silver and bread (given) to the poor of the city of Exeter, 20[s] 4 d (and) likewise, (on) the waits and gunners, 6 s 8 d as a reward from (or possibly on behalf of) the city.

...

## 1555–6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the aforesaid city for their winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same for their autumn livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the aforesaid performers for their fee this year.... And for 14 s as a payment to three performers as a reward for livery granted them by the Twenty-four this year....

## 1556–7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

...  
And (he accounts for) 58 s 2 d in cash given to performers (of the city?) as a reward for a performance before the mayor, the Twenty-four, and the commonalty in the Guild hall.

*Receivers' Account Book 5* DRO, ECA: Box 214, Book 5  
f 5\* (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
Likewise, to three performers for their winter robes, 36 s 6 d.  
Likewise, to the same for summer tunics, 24 s.  
Likewise, to the same as a reward toward the aforesaid things, 15 s 6 d.  
Likewise, to the same for their pension this year, 20 s.

## 1558–9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same for their autumn livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their fee this year. And for 7 s 4 d as a payment to the same for a tunic for (their) boy....

1559–60

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment for three performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 28 s 6 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 15 s for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their fees this year.... And for nil as a payment to the performers for a tunic for (their) boy....

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55  
f 118v

...  
Nicholas Taylor, wait, was admitted to the liberty of the city by a payment of 20 s.  
...

1560–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment for three performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 28 s 4 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 20 s 6 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their fees this year.... And for 9 s as a payment to the performers for a tunic for (their) boy....

1561–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mbs 5d–4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment for three performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 28 s for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 12 s 3 d as a payment to them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their fees this year....

## 1562-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 33 s 6 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 7 s 4 d as a payment to them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their fees this year. And for 7 s 6 d as a payment for a tunic for the boy of one of the performers....

## 1563-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 29 s 6 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 16 s for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their fees this year. And for 9 s 2 d as a payment for a tunic for the boy of one of the performers....

## 1564-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 20 s as a payment to them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 8 s 6 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their fees this year. And for 8 s 4 d as a payment for a tunic for the boy of one of the performers....

mb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

...

And (he seeks allowance of) £3 15 s paid to some performers and entertainers of various magnates, etc.

...

## 1565-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 24 s 4 d as a payment to two performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 21 s 8 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 13 s 4 d as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 18 s 5 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s for them for fees....

## 1566-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 8 d as a payment for two performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 9 s 4 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 10 s 6 d for them as a reward toward (their) livery. And for 20 s for them for their pension....

## 1567-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 37 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the said city for their winter livery. And for 37 s 6 d as a payment to them as a reward toward their livery. And for 20 s as a payment for the same performers for their autumn livery. And for 20 s 1 d for them as a reward toward their livery. And for 26 s 8 d for them for (their) pension. And for 24 s as a payment for two tunics for one boy of the performers....

## 1568-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the same city for their winter liveries. And for 37 s 6 3/4 d as a payment to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for 10 s 3 3/4 d as a payment to John Basyll, he being the boy of one of the performers, for his winter livery, that is, for (his) tunic. And for 20 s as a payment to the same three performers for their autumn



liveries. And for 18 s 4 d as a payment to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for 11 s 6 d as a payment to the aforesaid John Basyll for his autumn livery. And for 26 s 8 d as a payment to four performers for their pension....

mb 2d (*Necessary expenses*)

...

And in cash as a reward for players, musicians, and bearwards this year  
£3 3 s 4 d.

...

### 1569-70

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the same city for their winter liveries. And for 42 s 3 d as a payment to the same three performers for their autumn liveries. And for 29 s as a payment to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for nil as a payment to Thomas Basyll, he being one boy of the performers, for his autumn livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their pension....

### 1570-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the same city for their winter liveries. And for 40 s 6 d as a payment for the same performers as a reward toward their aforesaid liveries. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn liveries. And for 31 s as a payment to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for nil as a payment to Thomas Basell, he being the boy of one of the performers, for his livery. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their pension....

### 1571-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 6d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts for) 36 s 6 d as a payment to three performers of the said city for their winter liveries. And for 47 s 10 d as a payment

to the same performers as a reward toward their aforesaid liveries, together with a tunic for one boy of the aforesaid performers. And for 20 s as a payment to the same performers for their autumn liveries. And for 31 s as a payment to the same performers as a reward toward their aforesaid liveries. And for 20 s as a payment for the same performers for their pension....

### 1572-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for 48 s 8 d paid to four performers of the same city for their winter liveries. And for 59 s 8 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward their aforesaid liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their autumn liveries. And for 24 s 4 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for 20 s paid to the same performers for their fees this year....

### 1573-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for 48 s 8 d paid to four performers of the same city for their winter liveries. And for 56 s 8 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward their aforesaid liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their autumn liveries. And for 27 s 6 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their fees this year....

### 1574-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for 48 s 8 d paid to four performers of the same city for their winter liveries. And for £3 7 s paid to the same performers as a reward toward their aforesaid liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their autumn liveries. And for 25 s 4 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their fees this year....

## 1575-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for 48 s 8 d paid to four performers of the same city for their winter liveries. And for £3 9 s 5 1/2 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward the aforesaid liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their autumn liveries. And for 24 s 4 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their fees this year....

## 1576-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 6d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for 48 s 8 d paid to four performers of the same city for their winter liveries. And for £3 18 s 4 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward their aforesaid liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their autumn liveries. And for 25 s 4 d paid to the same performers as a reward toward the same liveries. And for 26 s 8 d paid to the same performers for their fees this year....

## 1577-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 7d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £13 paid to four serjeants-at-mace of the same city, four performers, the chaplain, and Nicholas Robynson for their winter liveries. And for £7 2 s 9 d paid to the same serjeants, four performers, [the chaplain], and Nicholas Robynson for their autumn liveries....

## 1578-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 6d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for £15 4 s 11 1/2 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace of the same city, four performers, the chaplain, and Nicholas Robynson for their winter liveries. And for £6 19 s 2 d paid to the same serjeants, four performers, and Nicholas Robynson for their autumn liveries....

1579–80

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £24 15 s 11 d paid to four serjeants- at-mace of the same city, four performers, the chaplain, Christopher Hooke, and Nicholas Robynson for their winter and autumn liveries....

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55  
f 171v

...  
Thomas Basyll has entered the liberty of the city by a payment which is granted him by the court because he is one of the performers nil

1580–1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £23 3 s 5 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace of the same city, four performers, the chaplain, and the cook for their winter and autumn liveries....

1581–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £22 1 s 3 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, and the cook for their winter and autumn liveries....

1582–3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...  
...And (he accounts) for £21 7 s 10 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, and the cook for their winter and autumn liveries....

## 1583-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 7d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for £20 11 s 8 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, and the cook for their winter and autumn liveries....

## 1584-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for £22 9 s ½ d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, and the cook for their winter and autumn liveries....

## 1585-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £25 10 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, and the cook for their winter and autumn liveries....

## 1586-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for £22 2 s 10 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, and the cook, Edmund Clerke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries....

## 1587-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for £24 11 s 4 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clerke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries....



1588-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £28 18 s 7 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, four doorkeepers, the cook, Edmund Clerke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries.... And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year...

1589-90

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £25 17 s 2 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, four doorkeepers, the cook, Edmund Clerke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries....

mb 3d

...And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year....  
...

1590-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £24 5 s 6 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, four doorkeepers, the cook, Edmund Clerke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year....

mb 3d

...And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year....  
...

1591-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £29 14 s 4 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clerke, and the beadles for their

winter and autumn liveries this year.... And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year....

...

### 1592-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £22 3 s paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.... And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year....

### 1593-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...And (he accounts) for £28 13 s 7 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year....

mb 3d

...And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year....

...

### 1594-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for °£33 14 s 1 d° paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year....

### 1595-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £31 12 s 2 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles, (and) Digory Baker for their winter and autumn liveries.... And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year....

1596-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 1d (*Civic officials' fees*)

... And (he accounts) for £21 12 s 2 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, Digory Baker, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries.... And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year....

...

1597-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

... And (he accounts) for £37 19 s paid to the serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles, (and) the doorkeeper, and William Hadcot for their winter and autumn liveries.

...

And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fee this year....

...

1598-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

... And (he accounts) for £35 6 s 10 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, Digory Baker, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries.

...

And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year.

...

1601-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

... And (he accounts) for £33 5 s 10 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries.

...

And for 26 s 8 d paid to four performers for their fees this year.

...

**Mayors' Court Roll** DRO, ECA: MCR 44 Elizabeth/1 James I  
mb 1 (20 December)

...  
John Bussell, wait, entered the liberty of the city by a payment of nil, because it (was) granted by the court, with license to wear the livery of Amos Bampfild, attorney. Humphrey Dodrigd likewise entered the liberty of the city by a payment of nil.

### 1602-3

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (Civic officials' fees)

...  
And (he accounts) for £40 7 s 9 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries.

...  
And for £10 paid to four performers for their fee this year.

...

### 1603-4

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 3d (Civic officials' fees)

...  
And (he accounts) for £40 2 s 6 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries.

...

mb 2d

And £8 paid to four performers for their fee this year.

...

### 1604-5

**Receivers' Account Rolls** DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (Civic officials' fees)

...  
And (he accounts) for £38 18 s 6 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries.

...

And for £8 paid to four performers for their fee this year.

...

## 1605-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £37 6 s paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, Edmund Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries.

...

And for £10 paid to four performers for their fee this year.

...

## 1606-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £38 2 s 9 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, James Clerke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries. And 57 s 6 d paid for the livery of William Moore, the wait, and Nicholas Stubb, beadle, this year.

...

And for £10 paid to four performers for their fee this year.

...

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55f 192 (*Newly admitted freemen*)

...

William Moore (was admitted) by a payment of nil (granted) by the mayor, etc.

...

## 1607-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECAmb 4d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £35 14 s 7 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, James Clerke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...



mb 3d

...

And for £10 paid to four performers for their fee this year.

...

1608-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 5d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £39 4 s 5 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, James Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to four performers for their fees this year.

...

1609-10

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 8 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £42 10 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, James Clarke, and the beadles <for> their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to four performers for their fee this year.

...

1610-11

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for £33 12 s 10 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, two doorkeepers, four performers, the cook, James Clarke, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

1611-12

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 6 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

...And (he accounts) for £38 19 s 4 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, James Clarke, and the

beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.... And £10 paid to five performers for their fee this year....

...

### 1612-13

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 5 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £33 2 s 1 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, and the beadles, and William Mark for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

### 1613-14

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 8 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £33 17 s 9 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, William Markes, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

### 1614-15

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £36 5 s (paid) to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, William Markes, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

### 1615-16

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £36 6 s 4 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four

doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, William Markes, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

#### 1616-17

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £35 2 s 5 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

#### 1617-18

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £40 5 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, William Markes, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

mb 5

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

#### 1618-19

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 6 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £41 13 s 5 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, William Markes, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

mb 6d

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

1619–20

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £40 11 s 7 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, William Markes, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

mb 4d

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

1621–2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 4 (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £40 11 s 9 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, William Markes, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

1622–3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £33 11 s 6 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, the warden of the prison, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

...

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

## 1623-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £33 14 s paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, the warden of the prison, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year.

And for £10 paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

## 1624-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £34 2 1/2 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, five performers, the cook, the warden of the prison, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year. And for £6 5 s paid to five performers for their fees this year.

...

## 1625-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 3d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £31 6 s 7 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, (*blank*) performers, the cook, the warden of the prison, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year. And for £5 12 s 6 d paid to the performers for their fees this year.

...

## 1626-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £33 4 s 9 d paid to four serjeants-at-mace, four doorkeepers, the performers, the cook, the warden of the prison, and the beadles for their winter and autumn liveries this year. And for £7 10 s paid to the performers for their fees this year.

...



1627-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

And (he accounts) for £7 10 s paid to three performers for their pensions.

...

And for £31 15 s paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

1628-9

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £7 10 s paid to three performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £37 5 s 8 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

1629-30

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £9 7 s 6 d paid to four performers, that is, £7 10 s to three of them for one year, and 37 s 6 d to one of them for three-quarters of a year.

...

(And) for £36 4 s 3 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

1630-1

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £37 11 s 4 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

#### 1631-2

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) £34 8 s 6 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

#### 1632-3

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £36 19 s 9 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

#### 1633-4

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £7 10 s paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £35 4 s 5½ d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

## 1634-5

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £37 6 s 5 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

## 1635-6

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £37 9 s 6 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

## 1636-7

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £36 7 s 6½ d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

## 1637-8

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA  
mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £36 5 s 11 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the

beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

**1638-9**

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £41 4 s 10 d paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

**1639-40**

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to four performers for their pensions.

...

(And) for £29 3 s paid for the winter and autumn liveries of the said serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison this year.

...

**1640-1**

*Receivers' Account Rolls* DRO, ECA

mb 2d (*Civic officials' fees*)

...

(He accounts) for £10 paid to the performers of the said city for their pensions this year.

...

(And) for £36 11 s 4 d paid for the liveries of the said officers of the said city, that is, the serjeants-at-mace, the cook, the performers, the doorkeepers, the beadles, and the warden of the prison.

...

1641-2

*Freemen's Book* DRO, ECA: Book 55  
f 208v (*Newly admitted freemen*)

...

Henry Loxston, musician, one of the performers of the city (was admitted) by a payment.

...

## SOUTH TAWTON

1573-4

*St Andrew's Churchwardens' Accounts* DRO: 2915 A/PW1  
f 23v (*1 November-31 October*) (*Receipts*)

...

And (he accounts) for 5 s 2 d (received) as the gift of William Frynde, harper....

## TAVISTOCK

1325

*St Mary's Abbey Plea Roll* DRO: Bedford Papers W 1258 Addenda 1/3  
mb 3\* (*15 November*)

...

25. Likewise, that the said Brother Robert, long before the time of the election which he claims was made of him, gave jewels (*or* precious things) from goods of the aforesaid monastery to the value of £60 sterling over a two-month period to entertainers, male and female, and whores, and other frivolous and untrustworthy persons in the city of Exeter and (that) the report of these events was and is public and serious.

...

## TOTNES

1569-70

*Receivers' Account Roll* DRO: 1579 A/7/5  
mb 1 (*Allowances*)

Of which (payments, the following) are allowed him (the receiver):...  
And 6 s 8 d (are allowed) him, paid to the waits of Bristol....



mb 2

...And 6 s 8 d (are allowed) him, paid to the waits of Exeter by order of Master Mayor.... And 20 s (are allowed) him, paid to the earl of Leicester's players.... And 2 d (are allowed) him, paid for the striking off (of) the shackles from a fool in the month of May.... °And 3 s 4 d (are allowed) him, paid to players who will not play. And [3 s] 18 d are allowed him, paid for [the whipping of the bears] the baiting of the bears°....

1573-4

*Receivers' Account Roll* DRO: 1579 A/7/6mb 2 (*Allowances*)

Of which (payments) he (the receiver) seeks that allowance be made for him: ... And (that it be made) for him for 6 s 8 d paid to Mr Hollond for a play. And (that it be made) for him for 4 s paid to a player who used to play (*or was playing*) the puppets. And (that it be made) for him for 10 s paid to Lord Mountjoy's players.... And (that it be made) for him for 10 s paid to (?) the waits of Exeter. And (that it be made) for him for 4 d spent by Clifford upon the same waits. And (that it be made) for him for 10 s paid to the last players who used to play (*or were playing*) the play of kings.

mb 3\*

...And (that it be made) for him for 10 s paid to some players of Thomas Cartley, knight....

1576-7

*Receivers' Account Roll* DRO: 1579 A/7/7mb 2\* (*Allowances*)

Whereof he (the receiver) seeks that allowance be made: ... And (that it be made) for him for 13 s 4 d paid to Mr FeJames's players by order of Master Mayor. And (that it be made) for him for 4 s 6 d spent upon the same players.... And (that it be made) for 6 s 8 d paid to some players of Roger Bertley, knight.... And (that it be made) for him for 15 s paid to players (called) the waits of Exeter by command of Master Mayor.... And (that it be made) for him for 10 s paid to the earl of Worcester's players.... And (that it be made) for him for 6 d paid for

the waits (?). And (that it be made) for him for 3 s 4 d paid for the mending (of) the lutes and picks....

## COWICK PRIORY

c. 1475

*Compotus of St Andrew's Priory* DRO: W 1258/G4/53/1-5

mb 2\* (*External expenses*)

...

...And 3 s 6 d (were) paid for the bishop of St Nicholas (ie, the boy bishop) and given together with other alms by order of the lord (prior)....

...

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# Endnotes

## 4–6 Bishop Peter Quinel's Statutes

These statutes survive in thirteen known manuscripts, twelve of which were examined for the collation and edition prepared by Frank Barlow for Powicke and Cheney, *Councils and Synods*, vol 2, pt 2, pp 982–1059. A thirteenth manuscript not used by Barlow was brought to our attention by the archivist of the Exeter Cathedral Library, Mrs Audrey Erskine. Its shelfmark is Exeter Cathedral Library, Dean and Chapter Archives 3549a.

Unlike most REED editions of texts surviving in multiple manuscripts, this one does not use a base text to which the others are collated. BL: Harley 220 was chosen by Barlow as the base text for his edition because that manuscript contains the best text of the penitential *Summula* of Bishop Quinel, which is also printed in *Councils and Synods*. No one of the thirteen manuscripts could be preferred on the basis of the sections included here. Indeed, Barlow himself concluded that there was no one best manuscript of the statutes (p 983). The text printed here is therefore based upon a full collation and recension of all the manuscripts.

The selection of the readings to appear in the printed text and collation makes the most reasonable compromise possible between the recensionist methods of textual criticism and REED's rigorous demand that the minutiae of scribal usage be preserved. The majority of the manuscripts have been followed as a guide to spelling whenever possible. However, the manuscripts themselves are not internally consistent on two points: the uses of the 'u' and 'v' letter forms, and the use of the long and short 'i' forms. Therefore, editorial consistency has been imposed: the 'v' form is used initially and the 'u' form elsewhere, and the long 'i', ('j') is used only as the final character in a series of 'i's. Punctuation and capitalization are also supplied. In general, as little punctuation as possible is used, and is inserted only as deemed necessary to make the periodic structure of some of the sentences clear. The first letter in each new sentence and in the title is capitalized, as well as the first letter of proper names. Otherwise lower case is used.

The practice of preferring readings represented by the largest number of manuscripts has not been followed. Instead, those readings have been chosen that produce correct Latin syntax, even when they are represented by the smaller number of manuscripts. At times the less well-represented reading has been preferred when it was more suitable to the canonical context.

Thus the text presented here contains the best readings to be found in all the available manuscripts. Although every word can be found in one or more of the manuscripts, the whole cannot be found in any one of them. Therefore, in keeping with the usual practice of REED collations, a critical apparatus of alternate readings has been included. Minor variations in

spelling, capitalization, and word division are not noted in the apparatus, where only the more significant variants are recorded. In an edited text of this kind it has been impossible to follow the standard REED policy of indicating expansions by italics. The difficulties in recording all the differences in abbreviation and indicating them in the apparatus, as well as in determining in some cases which form of abbreviation to choose, would have been almost insurmountable, and any solution would have produced a very awkward text.

The manuscript sigla assigned by Barlow in the introduction to his edition (pp 982–4) have been used here. The new manuscript has been designated as *P*. A list of the sigla is provided below, together with remarks specifically relevant to the sections used in this volume. For a fuller description of the manuscripts, their affiliations, and the place of these statutes in the general history of English canonical collections, see Barlow's introduction.

*A*: Exeter Cathedral, D and C Archives, 3522. Chapter 13, title p 37, REED section p 38; chapter 17, title p 41, REED section p 44.

*B*: Exeter Cathedral, D and C Archives 3523. This chapter has been corrected either by the scribe or another contemporary hand (*B2*). Chapter 13, title f 15, REED section f 15v; chapter 17, title f 17, REED section ff 17v–18.

*C*: Exeter Cathedral, D and C Archives, 3524, Chapter 13, title f 35v, REED section, f 36; chapter 17, title f 38, REED section ff 39–9v.

*D*: BL Harley 220. This manuscript has been corrected either by the scribe or by another contemporary hand (*D2*). There are heavy marginal notes of a legal character, none of which pertain to the sections used here. There is a marginal hand pointing to the quotation from Gregory the Great in chapter 17. Chapter 13, title f 18, REED section f 18v; chapter 17, title f 20, REED section f 20v.

*E*: BL Harley 3850. Chapter 13, title f 17, REED section f 17v; chapter 17, title f 19, REED section f 20.

*F*: Bodleian Library, Rawlinson C 565. This manuscript contains post-seventeenth century marginalia that are normally summary titles or section headings. In the section used by REED only one is worthy of note. On p 22, beginning one half-line above the start of the REED section, is the following gloss: *Durus est hic sermo nostris Diebus*. Chapter 13, title p 21, REED section p 22; chapter 17, title p 24, REED section ff 25–5v.

*G*: Cambridge, Corpus Christi College, 443. There is some damage or blurring apparent in this manuscript along the gutter between f 27v and 28. Chapter 13, title f 27, REED section ff 27v–8; chapter 17, title f 30v, REED section ff 32–2v.

*H*: Bodleian Library, Digby 35. Chapter 13, title f 24v, REED section ff 25–5v; chapter 17, title f 27, REED section ff 28–8v.

*J*: Bodleian Library, Rawlinson C 314. Chapter 13, title f 14, REED section f 14v; chapter 17, title f 16, REED section ff 16v–17.

*K*: Bodleian Library, Rawlinson C 323. There is a marginal 'Nota bene' next to the first line of the REED text in chapter 17. Chapter 13, title f 19v, REED section f 20; chapter 17, title f 22, REED section ff 22v–3.

*L*: National Library of Wales, Peniarth 162 part 1. Chapter 13, title f 25, REED section, f 25v; chapter 17, title f 29, REED section ff 31–1v.

*N*: BL Additional 24057. This manuscript has been corrected by the scribe or another contemporary hand (*N2*). Chapter 13, title and REED section on f 72 col 2; chapter 17, title f 73v col 1, REED section f 73v col 2.



*P*: Exeter Cathedral, D and C Archives, 3549a. Chapter 13, title f 31, REED section f 31v; chapter 17, title f 35, REED section f 36–6v.

According to Barlow (p 983), there are three families: *AC*, *BDEHKLN*, and *FG*. He assigns *J* to no family. *P* belongs to the same family as *AC*.

6–7 DRO: Chanter 4 f 174v

The double dots (l. 17) were used in medieval documents in a way analogous to the use of A.B. in modern legal formulae or form books. Normally, they indicate either that the name of the addressee was unknown to the sender (unlikely in this case) or that the letter was addressed to that person not in his proper persona, but in an official capacity, to be opened and acted upon by whoever was currently exercising the office. In any age of often slow communications, the identity of a prior or subdean might change between the sending of the letter and its arrival. Addressing it to ‘.. subdecano,’ rather than ‘Iohanni Smythe subdecano,’ would ensure that it was acted upon.

9–10 DRO: Chanter 3 ff 156–6v

There was of course no such order or place as ‘ordinis...de Brothelyngham’. The editor of the complete register of Bishop Grandisson, F.C. Hingeston-Randolph, noted the difficulty and hazarded the guess ‘that the Bishop, in his indignation, invented a name for them, and stigmatized them as the iniquitous fraternity of scoundrelism’ (p 1055, n.1). It is likely that the letter was intended to suppress an abbot of misrule and his followers, or possibly, given the date, a hocking game. The invented place-name Brothelyngham, which in modern English might be ‘Wretchton,’ is not unlike the invented place-name ‘Marham,’ used in Shrewsbury as one of the designations of the abbot of misrule.

Hingeston-Randolph, in the note quoted in part above, accepts the phrase ‘in teatro’ (p 10, l. 2), which appears both here and in a later document from this register also printed here (p 11, l. 17), as evidence for an actual permanent theatre in Exeter at this date. But the word ‘theatrum’ had a more general range of meanings than simply ‘a theatre’ and M.H. Marshall, in her article ‘Theatre in the Middle Ages,’ *Symposium*, 4 (1950), 1–39, 366–89, cites these two episcopal letters as examples of the use of ‘theatrum’ to mean a market-place or public square (p 381). Although in the absence of any concrete evidence for the existence of a theatre in Exeter at the time, ‘theatre’ cannot be used as the translation of ‘theatrum’, here, a specific place is almost certainly being referred to and therefore the expressions ‘market-place’ or ‘public square’ are inappropriate. So ‘in teatro’ has been left in Latin in the translations of these two episcopal letters. In the later episcopal letter of Bishop Lacy (p 16, l. 4), however, the phrase has been translated as ‘in a theatre’ because its application is very general and because it is used in conjunction with a very traditional definition of ‘theatrum.’

The use of the phrase ‘*pro campana*’ (p 10, ll. 3–4) together with the verb ‘adorare’ as well as the use of the noun ‘sacrificium’ four lines below suggest that Grandisson either perceived or wished to imply that this ceremony was somehow a travesty of either the devotions to the eucharist or the eucharistic processions associated with Good Friday and Corpus Christi Day.

11–12 DRO: Chanter 3 f 172v

This document is dated on a Thursday and states that it is intended to stop a ‘ludus’ that was to take place on the Sunday. Since the bishop could not even be sure that the letter would



arrive in time, it is curious that it was not written sooner if he had known about the 'ludus' for some time, as 'pridem' (l. 11) implies. Perhaps the original letter contained the common expression 'non pridem,' 'not long ago,' and the 'non' was lost in making the register copy.

It is difficult to translate the words 'ludum,' 'ludi' (ll. 15, 19), although the language suggests a game of some kind with satiric and perhaps mimetic overtones. The translation of 'ludus' varies here in different contexts. Fr Leonard Boyle, O.P., who has been very helpful with these episcopal registers, suggests that this 'ludus' may have been a parody of quoits or horseshoes, using real shoes and intended to 'get at' the shoemakers for their high prices.

12-14 DRO: Chanter 3 ff 208v-9

The name of the month in 'xij<sup>o</sup> die mensis Nouembris' (l. 31) is clearly an error for 'Decembris.' A letter written on 10 December cannot have been received on 12 November: one date or the other must be wrong. Copies of the bishop's letter were sent to the three other collegiate churches in the diocese: the Cathedral, Glasney, and Crediton. Their replies, similar assurances of obedience, were all registered, and provide the correct dating as December. These other replies are not included.

15-16 DRO: Chanter 11 ff 370-70v

This document is written on the middle of a manuscript page with other material above and below it; the scribe appears to have provided insufficient space there to register a copy of this letter. It continues on the top of the next page and is thereafter written consecutively and without interruptions. The later marginalia on the first sheet act as a guide to find the remainder of the document.

19 DRO: 2141A/PW1 f 45

As this is a small payment, clearly not related to salary, and as it follows an expense for mending player clothes, it may well be related to the play, perhaps even to those who acted it.

23 DRO: 2141A/PW1 f 115v

These players are not identified elsewhere; the entry is another indication that our knowledge of the extent of Devon drama is scanty at best.

34 NDA: Roll 2013 mb 1

It is tempting to conclude that this tumbler (l. 18) was a woman, but it is unclear how much weight is to be put on the 'la' in a macaronic phrase like this. It may only serve to introduce the vernacular, although 'le' is more common. Cf Barnstaple Receivers' Accounts (p 33, l. 6 footnote) above.

38 NDA: Book 3972 no 51 mb 2

The receiver has mistakenly dated this roll from 24 Henry VIII to 24 Henry VIII. As there is an account roll for 24-5 Henry VIII, this roll must be for 23-4 Henry VIII.

38 NDA: Book 3972 no 44 mb 2

The only other reference to Cornish players at Barnstaple is to the players of Liskeard in 1538-9. Possibly this is the same troupe.

43 NDA: Book 3972 no 65 mb 2

The lord is probably but not certainly the earl of Bath. There was no earl of Devon at this time; the earl of Bath was lord lieutenant for Devon from 1556 and made frequent visits to Barnstaple.

43 NDA: Rolls 2523, 2524 mb 1

Documents 2523 and 2524 are apparently pp 2 and 3 of the paper draft for either 1562–3 or 1563–4. Page 1, with the date, is missing, as are the final parchment copies for both years. The handwriting is the same as that of the account for 1561–2, and the names of civic employees permit limitation of the date to 1562–3 or 1563–4.

47 REED: English MS 1 ff 21v–2

The marginal numbers probably refer to the folio numbers of the MS from which these entries were copied. The entry included from f 21 above may therefore have come from an original f 114, according to the number noted above the entry.

49 NDA: 3972 no 189a mb 1

Halliwell-Phillipps accidentally repeated the numbering of documents at 189. This is the second document so numbered, the first being a collector's account for 14–15 James I.

51 Book 3972 no 217 mb 1

Document 218 in this collection is a paper draft of 217, for 1630–1. In this draft, the entry reads: 'And of x s. given to players by mr Maiors order to ridd the Towne of them.'

51–2 DRO: Bideford, R2379 A/Z2 mb 1d

This entry is from a 1656 copy of the 1608 court decree in which the parishioners of Bideford had brought suit against the feoffees of the Long Bridge for misusing income properly belonging to the parish.

55–6 DRO: 1429A add/PW2 f 5

This is not the church ale, for which there is a separate account, as well as an account of ale sold by the guild of St George. The hoodsmen seem to have sold their ale at some sort of spring festival or entertainment. Chagford still holds an annual 'church ale' at the vicarage, the dramatic entertainment now being a locally adapted variant of the Punch and Judy show.

56 DRO: 1429A add/PW3 f 32

This note is nearly illegible; the paper is fragmentary, a caustic ink has burned through what remains, and the original note has been much revised and interlined. Clearly the 'Sommer Rode' has been sold for 18 d between the making of the account and its audit. The silver arrow for the Robin Hood play remains, but it is not mentioned again in these accounts.

57 DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1 p 5

The medieval difficulty in adding and subtracting pounds, shillings, and pence is exemplified by this account: the wardens have undercast expenses by 1 d and given the remainder as 44 s 7 d instead of the correct 48 s 6 d.

58 DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1 p 50

The expenses for this year are identical to those of 1568; clearly the clerk has erred in making his final drafts, repeating one year and omitting the other.

58 DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1 p 85

As the Four Men were not in the habit of making payments to choir members, it seems likely that these singing men were minstrels – especially since the Four Men did not make the payment without ‘consente of the reste.’ It should be noted, however, that ‘singing men’ is a term often applied to church singers (as at Exeter and Crediton).

58 DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1 p 100

This payment must have been to Nicholas Sexson *for* the singing boy: Sexon or Saxon was not a boy but a sort of under-constable and sometime bailiff of the parish. As in the payment to five singing men in 1577–8, the context does not make clear whether this boy was an entertainer or for some reason singled out of the choir for payment.

58–9 DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1 p 163

‘Hennocke’ is the neighboring parish. Account of the payment appears to be duplicated.

59 DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1 p 201

Immediately preceding this entry is ‘Item *payd* Edment Bainston for dyet bestowed one Bovey men by consent iij s vj d,’ but the context gives no clue to the reason for this hospitality to the men of Bovey Tracy. It may have been for a mumming or for a ‘summer rode,’ as in the 1588 payment to ‘hynnycke men,’ but one cannot make this assumption.

This was not one of the four in-church collections during the year. Apparently it was a ‘gathering’ about town, one would think with some sort of entertainment accompanying it, as the church owned a sword and armour for St George. Compare the plough-boys’ plays and gatherings in Lincolnshire, where a version of a St George or mummers’ plays was performed about the village to collect money for the church. See, eg, E.H. Rudkin, ‘Lincolnshire Plough Plays,’ *Folk-Lore*, 50 (1939), 88–97. While there is no positive evidence that St George’s sword and armour were taken out of the church for gatherings or other entertainment, neither is there any evidence, from the beginning of the extant churchwardens’ accounts in 1430, that these items were part of a fixed shrine to St George in the church, or even that there was such a shrine.

71 DRO, ECA mb 1

There are two rolls for this year, one marked ‘38 Edward III, Michaelmas to Christmas,’ the other ‘38/39 Edward III.’

73 DRO, ECA mb 1

The fairly regular payments to the friars for the Corpus Christi procession between this date and 1424 have been included because we know from a Mayor’s Court Roll of 1413 that there was also a Corpus Christi play at this time; what connection, if any, the procession had with the drama is not indicated in the extant records. In case subsequent research should establish a connection, it seemed worthwhile to record the dates of the procession.



81 DRO, ECA mb 2, 2d

There is a discussion of the meaning and origin of 'administrall', a word apparently unique to the city of Exeter, in the Latin glossary. An ambiguous abbreviation is apparently used for this word in the Receiver's Account Roll for 1414–15 where it appears as 'administr', which can also be an abbreviation for the more usual 'administer.' In 1431–2, 1432–3, and 1445–6, it appears as two words, 'ad ministrall', but is treated as one word syntactically.

82–3 DRO, ECA: MCR 1/2 Henry v mb 38d

Cecily Radford, in 'Three Centuries of Playgoing in Exeter,' translated this entry and dated it Monday before Midsummer, 1413 (pp 241–2). As the roll dates from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, 1–2 Henry v, the date would be 18 June, 2 Henry v, or 1414.

89 DRO, ECA mb 2

So far as I am aware, this is the first recorded performance of a Robin Hood play (l. 22–3); the entry, however, does not suggest that the play was new or unfamiliar.

89 DRO, ECA: MCR 6/7 Henry VI mb 3d

The purpose of the waits' finding pledges from amongst the substantial citizens of Exeter was to guarantee that the expensive silver collars and chains that were part of the waits' uniforms – as well as their instruments, owned by the town – would be kept safely. At King's Lynn, Norfolk, where the waits were also required to find 'sureties,' one of the last duties of the outgoing mayor was to collect the collars and chains from the waits; the new mayor then re-distributed them. Cf *Malone Society Collections XI* (Oxford, 1980), 61–9.

92–3 DRO, ECA mb 2

The last name 'Saverde' (l. 4) is probable but uncertain due to a crease in the MS. There was no queen (l. 7) at this time. Catherine of Valois, the queen mother, may be intended, but she was already married to Owen Tudor.

93 DRO, ECA mb 2

Many entries on this roll have been deleted without explanation. The context gives no hint about the nature of 'la Tornment de Totyngham'. The Middle English poem, 'The Tournament of Tottenham,' is singularly dramatic and may well have lent itself to adaptation as a combat play. The exact meaning of the entry is not clear, because it is not certain whether the 'de' of 'de la' is a Latin or a vernacular word here. In either case, the meaning 'about' or 'concerning' is possible; if 'de' is a vernacular preposition, it might instead introduce the object of the verb. The translation covers both possibilities.

93–4 DRO, ECA mb 1d

The beginning of mb 1d, which formed the exposed cover of the roll, is extremely faded and worn.

96 DRO, ECA mb 4

This entire roll, but particularly mbs 4 and 4d, is very badly faded and in places illegible.

98 DRO, ECA mb 2

This roll contains the usual expenses for torches at the feast of St John the Baptist, but no entertainers are mentioned in connection with the feast.

101 DRO, ECA mb 1d

Floyersmarsh (l. 25) was an area outside the city walls near the River Exe.

107 DRO, ECA mb 1d

This payment to the Corpus Christi brotherhood is part of a complicated series of adjustments to the 1480-1 audit, of which it forms part. The receiver was found in the end to owe the city £32 8 s 2 d, which he had to pay to John Kelly for safekeeping after the reconciliation of accounts for 1480-1. On 10 January 1483, the £32 were used to obtain a royal annulment of the Tailors' charter and the remainder of 8 s 2 d was given to the Corpus Christi brotherhood. The phrase 'hoc anno' in the section included thus refers to 1482-3, although the money itself had been received by the city in 1480-1.

As a series of entries between this date and 1496-7 eventually makes clear, the Skinners' guild presented a Corpus Christi play for which the city provided some economic support.

108 DRO: DD 36768 mb 13

Exeter was divided into administrative districts. Frerenhay was the western quadrant.

113 PRO: E101/414/16 f 1v

Henry VII was at Exeter on 10 October 1497.

118 DRO: DD 36769 mb 1

The prize for the winner of the archery contest at the climax of the Robin Hood play was usually a silver arrow. As late as 1587-8, Chagford still had a silver arrow noted in the Hoodsmen's account.

119 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/1 f 13v

In Chamber Act Book 2, f 17, there is a fair copy of this order, made in 1517.

120 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/1 f 55v

The date, 10 October, has been corrected in the MS from 25 December.

121 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/1 f 57v

The date on this document was originally 25 January 6 Henry VIII but was altered to 31 August 7 Henry VIII. August was then changed to July.

125 DRO, ECA mb 2d

These memoranda are among final adjustments to the accounts for 1523-4, although they are dated 21 September 1527.

133-4 DRO, ECA mb 4d

There is a payment this year and in 1537-8 (p 135) regarding the house of Thomas Wayte,



but the entry does not make clear that he was one of the city waits.

135–8 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/2 f 192v

There is no court book for this year to clear up this curious case of the missing harp (harper?). The depositions are somewhat confused by the fact that both the harper and the contentious gentleman are named Callerd.

139–40 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/2 f 66v

The marginal notations are later. The first word, 'Waytes,' appears to be in John Hooker's hand, the remainder in that of Richard Izacke. The final entry was added later, though in the same hand.

140 DRO, ECA mb 4d

These two entries have been added, in a hasty hand, at the bottom of the schedule of fees and salaries for civic officials.

140–1 PRO: C1/1284/11 single sheet

The document is undated. Since it is addressed to Sir Richard Rich, Lord Chancellor from 23 October 1547 to 21 December 1551, it very probably was written during his tenure (see S.T. Bindoff, *The History of Parliament: the House of Commons*, vol 3 (London, 1982), p 192; *List of Early Chancery Proceedings*, vol 9, List and Index Society, no 54 (London, 1933), 'Preface').

146 EUL: Cathedral D & C 3779 f 174

These rejoicings over the birth of a prince and heir to the throne were misplaced. No child was born to Mary Tudor; in fact, her pregnancy was a false one.

147 DRO, ECA: Box 214, Book 5 f 5

Account Book 6 is a rough draft of this clean copy. Book 7 is an incomplete clean copy. Book 8 is another incomplete copy. Book 9 is yet another copy. Books 6, 8, and 9 contain rewards identical to those in Book 5; rewards are missing in Book 7. The books give no clue as to why so many copies were made.

147–8 DRO, ECA: Box 214, Book 10 ff 6,8

In the left margin (l. 28) is 'Izackes,' perhaps written by the seventeenth-century Exeter historian Richard Izacke. Mr howcker (l. 7) is John Vowell, *alias* Hooker, who wrote the first history of the city of Exeter.

149 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/3 p 43

The act was incorrectly dated 1550 and incorrectly altered to 1559; a different hand has attempted to put the error right by adding 3 Elizabeth, but succeeded only in compounding the error. Folios 21v and 22v make clear that the correct date is 1560.

158–9 DRO, ECA f 4v

Francis Russell, earl of Bedford, apparently resided in Exeter from 1581 until his death in 1585.

There are a number of expenses related to him during this period – payments to various servants, a dinner of the justices at his house, and the like.

166–7 DRO, ECA: Book 51 f 183

Of the ten duties here listed, the fourth, fifth, ninth, and tenth are repeated in 'the order and manner of the election of officers,' ff 184–6.

171–2 DRO, ECA: Book 52 f 522v

The first word of each paragraph is rubricated. The names following the dates at the end of various entries are those of the mayors for those years.

188–9 PRO: SP 14/97/140 single sheet

On 17 July 1615, King James had issued the following letter patent to John Daniel, which had doubtless been shown to Mayor Jourdain (PRO: SP 14/97/140.1):

James *per* the grace of god of England scotland france and Irland king  
defendor of the the faith to all Iustices of the peace, mayors Sherriffs  
Bayliffs Constables and headbouroughs and others *our* Louing subjects  
and officers Greeting: know yee that at the motion of *our* Most dearly  
beloued consort the Queene haue licensed and athorised and by these  
*presence* doe licence and Athorize *our* well beloued subjects Iohn Daniell  
and his assignes to entertaine and bring vpp a certaine company of Children  
and youthes vnder the name and title of the Children of her maiestes Royall  
Chamber of Bristoll to vse and exersise the art and quality of plaing  
Comedies histories Enterluds morralls pasturalls stagplaies and such other  
like as they haue already studied or heerafter shall study for the solace and  
delight of *our* most dearly Beloued Consort the Queene whensoever they  
shall be Called as for the recreation of *our* Louing subjects & the said  
enterluds or other to shew & exersise publickly to ther best comodity as  
well in and about *our* said Citty of Bristoll in such vsuall houses as  
themselues shall provide as in other Conuenient places within the liberties  
and ffredome of any <sup>or</sup> other Citty vniuersity or Bourough or towne  
within *our* Realmes and dominions Willing and Comanding you and euery  
of you as you tender *our* pleasure not onely to *permitt* and ssuffer them  
herein without any yor letts hinderances molestations or disturbances  
during *our* said pleasure but also to be aiding and assisting vnto them if  
any wrong be donne to them or to them offered and to allow them such  
farther curtesies as haue binne giuen to others of the like quality. And also  
what further grace and fauour you shall shew vnto them for *our* sakes we  
shall take kindly at yor hands, *provided* alwaies that *our* pleasure is all  
athority power or priuiledg whatsoever belonging and *properly*  
apertaining to the maser of the Reuells in Respect of his office shall remaine  
and abide intire and in full force effect and vertue and in as ample sort as  
if *our* Comission had neuer binne made: In Wittnes wherof we haue caused  
these *our* letters to be mad patente. Wittnes *our* selfe at westminster the

17th of Iuly in the thierteenth yeare of *our* Raigne of England ffrance and Irland & of Scotland the eight & fortieth.

Coppie

This was followed by an order addressed 'To all Maiors Sheriffes Bayliffes Constables and other his *Maiesties* officers and Liege Subiectes to whome it may belong or in any wise appertaine' (PRO: SP 14/97/140.11):

After our harty Commendations Whereas it pleased his *Maiestie* by his *Lettres Patentes* vnder the great Seale of England bearing date the xvij<sup>th</sup> daie of Iulie in the xiiij<sup>th</sup> yeere of his Highnes Raine, to grant vnto Iohn Daniell gent. (the Prince his seruant) Auctoritie to bring vpp a Companie of Children and Youths in the quallitie of playing Enterludes & Stageplaies. And wee are informed yat notwithstanding his *Maiesties* pleasure therein that there are some who oppugne and resist the said authority in contempt of his *Maiesties Lettres Patentes*

In consideracion whereof and for the further effecting & performance of his *Maiesties* pleasure Herein Wee haue thought good to grant vnto the said Iohn Daniell these *our Lettres* of Assista<sup>n</sup>ce<sup>r</sup> Thereby requiring you and in his *Maiesties* name streightly chardging & commaunding you and euery of you not only quietly to *per*mitt and suffer Martin Slatier Iohn Edmonds & Nathaniell Clay (her *Maiesties* seruants with their Associatts the bearers hereof to play as aforesaid As her *Maiesties* seruants of her Royall Chamber of Bristoll) in all Playhowses Towne halls Schoolehowses and other places convenient for yat purpose in all Citties Vniuersities Townes and Burroughes within his *Maiesties* Realmes and Dominions ffreely & peaceably without any of your letts trobles or molestations But as occasion shall be offred (they or any of them hauing to showe his *Lettres* Patents and a Letter of Assignement from ye said Iohn Daniell) to be lykewise aiding and assisting vnto them they behauing themselues ciuilly and orderly lyke good and honest subiects and doing nothing therein contrary to the tenor of his *Maiesties* said *Lettres Patentes* nor staying to play in any one place aboue Fowreteene daies together and the times of Deuine Seruice on the Saboth daies only excepted.

Whereof faile you not at yor perrilles Giuen at the Court at Whitehall this (*blank*)

192 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/7 f 280v

The entry was not completed. A second entry, 'This daie,' has also been left incomplete.

192-3 DRO, ECA: G1/X1/Letter Book 60D No 267

These five names (p 193, ll. 33-5) are all signatures, although that of Henry Herbert, master of the revels, is not of course genuine; it is in the hand of Samuel Izacke. This letter is printed, with omission of some difficult passages, in the HMC Report on Exeter, pp 171-2, where it is dated 9 April 1624. J. T. Murray has printed an abstract of it, altering the date to 1623 (vol 2, pp 272-3).



197 DRO, ECA: p 11

In this roll, the scribe writes '8ber' for October, '10ber' for December, and '7ber' for September.

198 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/8 f 11

A new receiver (ll. 33-4) was to be elected at Michaelmas.

200 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/8 f 22

The 'danger of the tyme' (ll. 36-7) almost surely refers to the plague; 1635 was a plague year.

204-5 DRO, ECA: G1/B1/8 f 114v

The document is dated as 16 February 16 Charles, 1640, but 16 February 16 Charles was 1641.

The final relevant entry in Chamber Act Book 8 is dated 10 November 1646: 'This day it is agreede that the waighetes of this Cittie shalbe inhibited from goeing about the Cittie this ensuing winter in regard this Cittie is nowe a garrison and for some ather reasons &c.'

208-9 DRO: 2983A/PW1 f 177v

Nothing in the Morebath records indicates whether the George, the horse, and the dragon were used for a play, a procession, or simply for some sort of tableau. Subsequent entries show that the annual 'revel Sunday' was at 'St George tide,' or the Sunday nearest 23 April; there are receipts for a church ale at this time and musicians were paid for playing. The revel and ale were the responsibility of the wardens of the Store of St George, so that there is clearly a connection between St George and the annual festivity, but the wardens do not bother to explain what entertainment was provided.

209 DRO: 2983A/PW1 f 57v

In this year occurs a payment to Iohn Chreche for washing of the tabernacles (8 d), and an agreement that hereafter he will wash them all for 6 d per year.

210 DRO: 2983A/PW1 f 73

The new streamer was purchased the following year for £1 (f 76).

211 DRO: 2983A/PW1 f 204

The memorandum concerns playing at the church ale sponsored annually by the wardens of the Young Men's Store. The silver spoon mentioned may have been connected with some sort of village game, like the familiar arrow of Robin Hood games.

213-14 WDRO: W 130 f 47

This is the first of two folios numbered 47; the second contains receipts for 1500-1.

214 WDRO: W 129 f 23

There is no clue in the book about the nature of this dancing. The participants may have been morris dancers, who are mentioned frequently in the Plymouth records. The purpose of the dancing was to raise money to repair the church steeple.

215 WDRO: W 130 f 58v

Catherine of Aragon landed at Plymouth on 2 October 1501. Among the presents given to the princess by the city were six oxen, twenty-four sheep, two hogsheads of Gascon wine, one hogshead of claret, and a pipe of muscatel. She proceeded from Plymouth through Exeter on her way to London to marry Prince Arthur.

216 WDRO: W 130 f 70v

These two entries are included among six late entries to the account for this year.

225–6 WDRO: W 46 ff 47v–8

1535–6 is the year in which this 'town ligger' was purchased and a payment made for copying all that was in the old ledger into this new one. As the old ledger does not exist, there is no way of judging the original date of the regulation concerning Corpus Christi.

226–7 WDRO: W 46 ff 62–3

J.C. Jeaffreson gives the date of this document as 1496 (HMC Report on Plymouth, p 274).

230–1 WDRO: W 130 f 228v

The capture of Boulogne-sur-mer, across the channel, by English forces in 1544 gave particular cause of celebration in Plymouth, which had suffered periodic French raids from that port (see Cornish, 'Strolling Players in the West,' p 151).

231 WDRO: W 130 f 236v

The men of Stonehouse, now a suburb of Plymouth, were rewarded twice at Plymouth's May Day celebration. Clearly they entertained, but what they did is nowhere specified. As they are not the morris dancers, they may have done a men's play or mumming – or, as the church dedication was to St George, possibly a St George play.

232 WDRO: W 130 f 245v

On 10 September 1547, the Lord Protector Somerset soundly defeated the Scots under the Scottish governor, the earl of Arran, in the battle of Pinkie Cleugh. News of the victory must have reached Plymouth sometime after 29 September, the start of the new accounting year.

233 WDRO: W 130 f 254

The context gives no clue to the identity of these 'venecyans.' Possibly they were sailors from Venice who entertained; perhaps they were dancers or players dressed as Venetians.

234 WDRO: W 130 f 267

Accounts from 1550–1 through the reign of Mary are missing. This account is dated 2–3 Elizabeth; but in W 131, 'Receiver's Book #2,' there is a full and quite different account for 2–3 Elizabeth. As there are no missing accounts for subsequent years of Elizabeth's reign, 1559–60 seems the correct date for this account.

234 WDRO: W 46 f 315v

Below this list of days for wearing scarlet, dated 1609 and crossed out, is a second list, including



the following: 'On the first day of May att the fetching in of May.'

235 WDRO: W 131 f 6v

Piers (Peter) Edgumbe (l. 26) succeeded Richard Fortescue as sheriff of Devon; he was the honorary recorder of Plymouth and received a pension of 53 s 4 d from the town.

240 WDRO: W 132 f 5

In 1558, Francis Russell, earl of Bedford (l. 11), was made lord lieutenant of Devon, Dorset, Cornwall, and the city of Exeter. He was godfather to Sir Francis Drake and had close connection with Plymouth.

243 WDRO: W 132 f 22v

The maypole was always brought into town by boat.

246-7 WDRO: W 132 f 36

These two entries give no clue to the kind of entertainment provided, but the expenses are far higher than the usual dinner and gifts presented to visiting dignitaries.

247 WDRO: W 132 f 37v

Sir Francis Drake took this expensive drum on his circumnavigation of the globe; as there is no indication in 1580 of its being returned, it is possible that the famous 'Drake's Drum' is in fact Plymouth's drum.

248 WDRO: W 132 f 49

As normally happens amongst early records, here the expenses for building the 'Turke' are faithfully recorded without any clue as to what was done with him. Obviously he was part of the May Day celebration. It might be noted that all references to Gogmagog disappear from the Plymouth records five years earlier; possibly a Turk seemed a less objectionable symbol of paganism to the increasingly puritanical authorities at Plymouth. The Turkish knight, of course, was a standard character in the surviving later men's plays.

249 WDRO: W 132 f 54

The nature of the entertainment (ll. 17-18) is not indicated, but an expense of £10 suggests something rather lavish. This was the year in which Sir Francis Drake was elected mayor of Plymouth and the expense may reflect the entry of the new mayor and his wife from their estate outside town.

251-2 WDRO: W 132 f 75v

The lord admiral's appearance (p 251, ll. 41-2, p 252, ll. 1-3) was connected with preparations for the expected arrival of the Spanish Armada.

253 WDRO: W 132 f 88

In this year, with the help of Sir Francis Drake, the town diverted river water through 'the leate' to provide Plymouth with fresh water, a project that aided considerably in the subsequent growth of Plymouth. Many entries for this year concern the 'bringing in of the river.'

254 WDRO: W 132 f 95v

Elizabeth I was crowned queen on 15 January 1559, but the date usually celebrated as 'coronation day' during her reign was 17 November, the date of her accession to the throne. In this instance, the 17 November date is supported by the fact that this entry follows one dated earlier in November.

255 WDRO: W 132 f 100

Plymouth's Freedom Day fell on St Matthew's Day, 21 September. This was later thought to commemorate the deliverance of the city from foreign attack, but it was in fact the day the mayor walked the boundaries of the freedom or city limits. As part of the boundary was water, boys were sent in boats to delineate it while the mayor retained his dignity on land. In Plymouth as in Exeter, on this day the mayor gave fruit and nuts to the poor boys and the day became an occasion for celebration (and at times riotous behaviour).

258 WDRO: W 132 f 130v

For 'Crownashone daie' see endnote above (p 451) to WDRO: W 132 f 95v

269-70 WDRO: W 132 f 208

King Charles was at Totnes on the preceding day, 14 September; there, the identical expenses are identified as 'fees due' rather than the 'presents' implied by the Plymouth entry. There is no record of the king's having passed through Exeter on his way to Totnes and Plymouth.

270-1 WDRO: W 359/62 single sheet

Although these expenses are recorded in the receiver's account for this year, Kynnaston's receipt has been reprinted here as it parallels the receipt given one day earlier to the borough of Totnes.

275-6 WDRO: W 359/53 single sheet

1638-9 seems the likely date of this petition: in that year the waits were provided with new cloaks, their first since 1603. The waits were incorrect about the £10 salary, however, and their pay for 1638-9 remained, as always, £4. Their *argumentum ad verecundiam*, crediting Sir Francis Drake with establishing the Plymouth waits, is also incorrect. It should be noted, however, that the Plymouth waits were doubtless aware of the £10 annual salary being paid the Exeter waits at this time and were applying pressure to correct the inequity.

278 DRO: 1048A/PW32 mb 1

In this year the parish sold its church-ale equipment; these two entries are among the items sold.

278 DRO: 1048A/PW46 f 1v

This entry is among expenses for the church ale.

278-9 DRO: Bedford Papers W 1258 Add 1/3 mb 3

The plea roll concerns the case of succession as abbot of Tavistock between abbot-elect Robert Busse and John Courtenay. Although the accusation above was made sometime in 1324, the

depositions were heard on 15 November 1325. A summary of the depositions and the course of the dispute is given by H.P.R. Finberg, 'The Tragi-Comedy of Abbot Bonus,' pp 198–211. Briefly, Busse was elected, but John Courtenay, the disappointed candidate, together with two other monks, John Fromund and Richard Montori, contested the election and submitted thirty-one accusations against Busse, ranging from bastardy and usury to misappropriation of abbey funds, incontinence, and assault. Despite the many charges, Busse's election was upheld. The reference to actors and actresses above occurs in the twenty-fifth paragraph of charges, none of the others being relevant to this study.

279 DRO: 482A/PW31 mb 1

The date is probable but not certain. The document is a virtually illegible fragment, rendered partly legible by high-contrast copier.

281 DRO: 1579 A/7/6 mb 3

Cartley is most probably for Courtenay. The spelling probably gives a clue to early pronunciation (cf Friskney, Lincs, pronounced 'Frickley').

281 DRO: 1579 A/7/7 mb 2

The generally careless hand and spelling give no clue as to whether the scribe means 'waits' or 'weights' here (l. 19).

281 DRO: 1579 A/7/8 f 1

In this year the large sum of £33 s 4 d was 'spent vppon Sir Walter Tawly,' but no details are given.

282 DRO: 1579 A/7/1 f 1v

This account is titled 'Mr holldiche accownt presented 26th ffebuerij 1627' and is clearly part of a mayor's account. But there is a mayor's account for that year and Philip Holditch was mayor in 1623–4, not 1626–7. This portion of the account may have been submitted late because it contains some large loans made to the town and to the mayor of Plymouth, which may have come due in 1627. There is a note at the end of two sums that Mr Holditch received on 20 November 1624. In any case, the account seems fairly sure to be an addendum to the account of 1623–4.

282 DRO: 1579 A/18/4 f 1

In the mayor's account for this year, there is a gift of £200 to King Charles at his coming. On the following day, 15 September 1625, the mayor of Plymouth was presented with a similar bill (see pp 270–1).

284 DRO, EDRO: Woodbury PX1 f 47v

The date 1542 and a note are written in the margin in the hand of Matthew Lee, who on 1 June 1790 wrote the headnote to this rate book and transcribed the first entry. The date, however, is 33 Henry VIII, 1541.

287 DRO: W 1258/G4/53/1-5 mb 2

The date of this roll is illegible. However, as many of the names mentioned in this account occur in other accounts of the 1470s, and as there is no other account dated 18-19 Edward IV, 1478-9 is the most likely date.

295 DRO: QS 1/1 pp 298-9

This order was reaffirmed without mention of entertainments on 16 April 1607 and 16 July 1612. On 10 July 1610, the justices ordered an inquiry into abuses of the ordinance.

295-6 DRO: QS 1/4 f 73v

The original of this order, here dated 19 July 1613, is not to be found in the previous Quarter Sessions Book for 1608-13, although church ales had been forbidden on 10 July 1610 and on 16 July 1612 (QS 1/3 ff 95, 192).

297 DRO: QS 1/5 p 182

A virtually identical version of this order, apparently entered out of place and deleted, occurs on p 176 of this volume.

303-4 WDRO: W 361/60 ff 1-1v

1625 and 1636 were both 'perilous tymes of danger' from plague in Plymouth; the handwriting seems more appropriate to the latter date.

304 Somerset Record Office: Trevelyan Papers, CC/WO/57/11 Bundle 11 single sheet  
According to Mary Siraut, who has been working with the Trevelyan Papers, this is a draft testimony for a trial to be held at the Devon quarter sessions. While the handwriting appears to be early seventeenth century, no such trial is recorded in the Devon Quarter Sessions Books, which begin in 1592. According to Siraut, Willoughby was baptised in 1574 and went to London about 1594. As the manuscript notes that the manslaughter took place four (or possibly five) years earlier, it seems unlikely that the inquiry could antedate the extant Quarter Sessions Books: the latest date for the manslaughter would in that case be 1588, when Willoughby was only fourteen. 1613, when at least one other record is known to be missing from the Quarter Sessions Book, is a possibility.

307 PRO: E 36/218 p 18

These expenses were incurred at Greenwich.







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# Patrons and Travelling Companies

The following list has two sections. The first gives companies alphabetically by patron, according to the principal title under which their playing companies and entertainers appear, with cross-references from other titles, if they are also so named in the records. The second section lists companies identified by place of origin, including counties for locations wherever identification is certain.

The biographical information supplied here has come entirely from printed sources, the chief of which are the following: S. T. Bindoff (ed), *The History of Parliament: The House of Commons 1509–1558*, 3 vols (London, 1982); *Calendar of Patent Rolls* (edited through 1576); *Calendar of State Papers*; G[eorge] E[dward] C[okayne], *The Complete Peerage...*; *The Dictionary of National Biography*; James E. Doyle, *The Official Baronage of England Showing the Succession, Dignities, and Offices of Every Peer from 1066 to 1885*, 3 vols (London, 1886); P. W. Hasler (ed), *The History of Parliament: The House of Commons 1558–1603*, 3 vols (London, 1981); *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII*, 21 vols and Addenda (London, 1864–1932); F. Maurice Powicke and E. B. Fryde (eds), *Handbook of British Chronology*; and Josiah C. Wedgwood and Anne D. Holt, *History of Parliament: Biographies of the Members of the Commons House 1439–1509* (London, 1936). All dates are given in accordance with the style in the sources used. The authorities sometimes disagree over the dates of birth, death, creation, succession, and office tenure. Where this evidence conflicts, the *Calendar of State Papers*, *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, and similar collections are preferred; for example, *List of Sheriffs for England and Wales from the Earliest Times to A.D. 1831*, Public Record Office, Lists and Indexes, no 9 (London, 1898); J. H. Gleason, *The Justices of the Peace in England: 1558 to 1640* (Oxford, 1969); and J. C. Sainty, 'Lieutenants of Counties, 1585–1642,' *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research*, Special Supplement no 8 (May, 1970).

Normally each patron entry is divided into four sections. The first lists relevant personal data and titles of nobility with dates. Succession numbers are given only for the most important titles held by a person, as well as for those titles by which he or she is named in the records. These numbers follow the absolute sequence given in *The*

*Complete Peerage* rather than the relative ones that begin afresh with each new creation. Knighthood dates are included only for minor gentry not possessing higher titles. The second section lists jobs showing local connections and includes those known to have been used within titles of playing companies. Purely expeditionary military titles have been largely omitted, along with most minor Scottish and Irish landed titles. For patrons holding peerage titles, minor civil commissions not given in *The Complete Peerage* and *The Dictionary of National Biography* have been omitted. Readers desiring further information on these patrons are advised to consult the *Calendar of Patent Rolls* and *Letters and Papers of Henry VIII*. Where possible, the date of an appointment is taken from the date of a document assigning that position. If the appointment is stated in the document to be 'for life,' then these words follow the job title. If the original document has not been edited and a secondary source is used that states 'until death,' then this form appears. Otherwise dates of appointment and termination are given, if available. If the length of time an office is held is not known, then only the date of appointment is given. Alternatively, if the only evidence comes from a source dated some time during the period of tenure, then the word 'by' plus date appears. If only the date of termination is known, 'until' is used. Finally, if no dates at all are available, 'nd' follows the title of the job. A '?' following a date indicates uncertainty regarding the dating of a document in the sources or differentiation in the case of several patrons by the same name who might have held the post. For all minor commissions such as commissions of jail delivery, commissions *post mortem*, and commissions of the peace (JP), years only are given. If the dates of these commissions cover several years in sequence, then the earliest and latest years of the sequence are separated by a dash. The third section, for which information is often incomplete or unavailable, contains the names and locations of the patron's principal seats, and locations of other properties he or she is known to have held. Extensive property lists have been condensed. Place names for which no standard modern spelling is available are enclosed in single quotes to indicate spelling from the original source. The fourth section is an annotated index by date of the appearances of each patron's company or companies in the records. Following the date are the page numbers in parentheses where the citations occur. If a patron's company appears under a title other than the usual or principal one, this other title is in parentheses next to the designation of the company. Companies named according to a patron's civil appointment are indexed under the name of that post as it appears in the records: for example, 'Lord Admiral' and 'Chancellor.' Companies belonging to ecclesiastical officials beginning with 'Lord' in the records are listed under the ecclesiastical title alone: for example, 'Canterbury,' 'Cardinal.\* All other companies appear under their patron's principal landed title.

The reader may also wish to refer to the index for additional references to some of the patrons and to various unnamed companies and their players. When it has been possible to identify a patron of an unnamed company, the reference has been included here; otherwise the only references to such are in the index.

## Abbreviations

acc	acceded	gov	governor
adm	admiral	JP	Justice of the Peace
bapt	baptized	jt	joint
bef	before	KB	Knight of the Bath
bet	between	KG	Knight of the Garter
br	brother	kt	knight
bur	buried	lieut	lieutenant
capt	captain	MP	Member of Parliament
co	county	nd	no date
comm	commissioner	Parl	Parliament
cr	created	PC	Privy Councillor
custos rot	custos rotulorum	pres	president
d	died	succ	succeeded
eccles	ecclesiastical	summ	summoned
gen	general	Univ	University



**Arundel**

Thomas Fitz Alan (13 Oct 1381–13 Oct 1415), restored as 17th earl of Arundel and 11th earl of Surrey, Oct 1400. JP, Shrops 1399, 1401, 1407–8, 1410, and 1413, Surr, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1406–7, and 1411–14, Suss, 1399–1401, 1403, 1406–7, and 1413, Wilts, 1410 and 1412–14, and Kent, 1414; lieut of North Wales, 26 Jul 1402; keeper, Shrewsbury, Shrops and Shrops adjacent to Welsh March, 3 Oct 1405; treasurer of the exchequer, during pleasure, 21 Mar 1412/13; constable, Dover Castle, Kent and warden, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, 22 Mar 1412/13; PC, nd. Seat at Arundel Castle, Suss; castle at Reigate, Surr; lands in Essex, Herts, Surr, Suss, and North Wales.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1412–13 (82)

1413–14 (83)

William Fitz Alan (or Mautravers) (23 Nov 1417–87), succ as 21st earl of Arundel, 24 Apr 1438. JP, Shrops, 1440–1, 1443–5, 1448–9, 1453–4, 1457–8, 1460–2, 1466, 1468–9, 1471, 1473–5, 1477–8, 1480, 1483, and 1485–6, Suss, 1440–2, 1444, 1450–8, 1460–4, 1466, 1468–81, and 1483–7, Glouc, 1441, 1444–6, 1448–9, 1451–2, 1454–8, 1460, 1462, 1464, 1468–71, 1473–5, 1477, 1479, 1481, and 1483–5, Wilts, 1443, 1447, 1450–1, 1453–4, 1456–9, 1461, 1463, 1466, 1470–3, 1475, 1478–81, and 1483, Southampton, Hants, 1444–7, 1452–3, 1455–6, 1458, 1461, 1464–8, 1470, 1474–9, 1481, and 1483–6, Surr, 1448, 1474, and 1485–6, Kent, 1471, 1473–5, 1479–81, 1483–5, and Dors, 1475; justice in eyre, south of Trent, 19 Dec 1459–61 and 1 Jul 1483–5; keeper, forests of Clarendon and Grovely, both in Wilts, and of Buckholt and Melchet, both in Hants, 1 Jul 1461, and New Forest, Southampton, manor and park of Lyndhurst, Hants, and hundred of Redbridge, Hants, 26 Feb 1467; constable, Dover Castle and warden, Cinque Ports, 10 May 1470 and 1483 until death; lieut, Cinque Ports, during pleasure, 22 Jun 1471. Seat at Arundel Castle, Suss.

minstrel/s

Barnstaple

1463–4 (31)

1464–5 (32)

1467–8 (32)

1483–4 (36)

Thomas Fitz Alan (or Mautravers) (1450–25 Oct 1524), son of William, 21st earl of Arundel, *qv*, styled Lord Mautravers; succ as 22nd earl of Arundel, 1487. JP, Southampton, Hants, 1470, 1474–9, 1481, 1483–8, 1493–4, 1498, 1500–2, and 1504, Glouc, 1473–5, 1477, 1479, 1481, 1493–4, 1496, 1499–1506, 1508, 1510–11, and 1513–14, Heref, 1473–5 and 1493–6, Shrops, 1473–5, 1477–8, 1480, 1483, 1485–7, 1490, 1493, 1504, 1510–14, 1521, and 1523, Worc, 1473–4, 1493–4, 1497, 1500–2, 1504–7, 1510–12, 1514–15, 1522, and 1524, Dors, 1475 and 1483, Wilts, 1475, Suss, 1476–81, 1483–8, 1490–1, 1493–4, 1496, 1498, 1500–2, 1504–5, 1508–9, 1511–15, and 1524, Surr, 1485–8, 1493–4, 1497–1506, 1511–12, 1514–15, 1518, 1520, 1522, and 1524, and Hants, 1510, 1512–15, 1518, and 1523; warden, New Forest, Hants, 1489. Seat at Arundel Castle, Suss; lands in Hants, Norf, Somers, and Southampton.

minstrel	Plymouth	1518–19 (219)
minstrels	Plymouth	1520–1 (220)
	Exeter	1523–4 (125)

### Arundell

Since there were three main branches of this family, each with heirs named John, the following are principal possibilities. For the sake of accuracy, not included in each biography is information from sources where it is impossible to tell which branch of the family is intended.

John Arundell (c 1420–12 Nov 1473 or 1483), kt, 26 May 1465. Vice-adm, Cornw, 1 Sept 1447; JP, Cornw, 1463, 1465–7, and 1469; sheriff, Cornw, 5 Nov 1469; keeper, parks of Hellesbury and Lanteglos, Cornw, 12 Sept 1445 and for life, 19 Jul 1461; comm for piracy, Cornw, 1452, 1454, and 1468; comm of array, Cornw, 1456, 1466, and 1468; comm of musters, Cornw, 1456. Seat at Lanherne, Cornw; wealthiest private landholder in Cornw.

or

John Arundell (d by 10 Apr 1484). Comm of array, Cornw, 1436 and 1443; comm for piracy, Cornw, 1435 and 1443 and Devon, Somers, and Wilts, 1435. Seat at Trerice, Cornw.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1467–8 (32)
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Possibly

John Arundell (c 1420–12 Nov 1473 or 1483), *qv*,  
John Arundell, his son,

or

John Arundell (d by 10 Apr 1484), *qv*.

minstrels (Lord John Arundell)	Barnstaple	1475–6 (34)
minstrel/s (Mr Arundell)	Barnstaple	1478–9 (35)
performer (Mr Arundell)	Barnstaple	1480–1 (36)
performers (Mr Arundell)	Barnstaple	1481–2 (36)

John Arundell (c 1474–8 Feb 1544/5), grandson of John (c 1420–12 Nov 1473), *qv*, kt, 1487? and KB, 31 Oct 1494. JP, Cornw, 1504, 1506, 1509–15, 1520–2, 1524, 1526, 1530, 1532, 1536–40, and 1543/4? and Devon, 1510; receiver, duchy of Cornw, 24 Nov 1507; comm of array, Cornw, 1511; comm of jail delivery, Launceston Castle, Cornw, 1530, 1532, and 1537; comm for defence of the coast, Cornw, Devon, Dors, and Somers, 1539; member, council in the West, Cornw, Devon, Dors, and Somers,



12 Apr 1539. Seat at Lanherne, Cornw; lands in Cornw, Devon, and Somers.  
 minstrel Plymouth 1499–1500 (214)

John Arundell (c 1505–7 Nov 1557), son of John (c 1474–8 Feb 1544/5), *qv*, kt, 1539. JP, Cornw, 1530–44 and 1554 until death, Devon, 1536–44, and Berks, Dors, Hants, Oxf, Somers, and Wilts, 1540; constable, Tintagel Castle, Cornw, 10 Jun 1537; commoyer and terminer, Berks, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Hants, Oxf, Somers, and Wilts, 1541; sheriff, Cornw, 27 Nov 1541 and 14 Nov 1554; recorder, Launceston, Cornw, by 1543; comm of jail delivery, Launceston Castle, 1554; MP, Cornw, 1554; comm of musters, Cornw, 1557. Seat at Lanherne, Cornw; lands in Cornw and Devon.  
 juggler Plymouth 1538–9 (228)

*See also Cornwall under Companies Named by Location*

### Audley

John Tuchet (c 1425–26 Sept 1490), succ as 6th Lord Audley, 23 Sept 1459. Jt keeper, park of Berkswell, Warw, 15 Jun 1446; MP, Suss, 1453; JP, Dors, 1456, 1461, 1467–9, 1471–5, and 1478–9, Derby, 1461 and 1483, Shrops, 1461–2, 1466, 1468–9, 1471, 1473–5, 1477–8, 1480, and 1483, Somers, 1461–3, 1466, 1468–9, 1472–6, and 1479–83, Staff, 1461, 1463–5, 1467–9, 1471–5, 1478, 1480, and 1483, Wilts, 1461, 1463, 1466, 1471–3, 1475, 1478–81, and 1483, Southampton, Hants, 1467–8, 1470, 1474–9, 1481, and 1483, Surr, 1469, 1472–5, 1477, 1479, 1483, and 1487–8, and Devon, Glouc, Warw, and Worc, 1474; steward and keeper of royal forests and parks, Dors, and keeper, castle and park of Wardour, Wilts, both for life, 2 May 1461; pc, 5 Jul 1471; constable and keeper, Corfe Castle, Dors, 2 Mar 1478–85; treasurer of the exchequer, during pleasure, 6 Dec 1484. Seat at Heleigh Castle, Audley, Staff; lands in Staff, Surr, and Suss.  
 minstrel/s Barnstaple 1461–2 (31)

Thomas Audley (c 1488–30 Apr 1544), cr Baron Audley, 29 Nov 1538. Town clerk, Colchester, Essex, jt, 1514–15 and sole, 1515–32; burgess, Colchester, 1516; JP, Essex, 1520, 1523, 1525–6, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1538, and 1540–2, Worc, 1531–2, 1537–40, and 1542, Beds, 1532, 1536, and 1542, Berks, 1532, 1538, 1541, and 1543, Bucks, 1532, 1536, 1539, and 1542, Camb, 1532, 1536, 1538–9, and 1542, Cornw, 1532 and 1536–40, Cumb, 1532, 1538–40, and 1542, Derby, 1532, 1537–9, 1541, and 1543, Devon, 1532, 1536, 1539–41, and 1543, Dors, 1532 and 1536–40, Glouc, 1532, 1537, 1539–40, and 1542, Hants, 1532, 1538, 1540, and 1542, Heref, 1532, 1538, 1540–1, and 1543, Herts, 1532 and 1537–40, Hunts, 1532, 1536, and 1538, Kent, 1532, 1537–40, and 1542, Lanc, 1532, 1537–8, and 1540, Leic, 1532 and 1538–9, Linc, 1532, 1536, 1538–40, and 1542, Midd, 1532, 1537, 1539–40, and 1543, Norf, 1532, 1538, 1540, and 1542, Northants, 1532, 1536, and 1538–40, Northumb, 1532, 1536, 1538, and 1540, Nott, 1532, 1537, and 1543, Oxf, 1532, 1536–7, and 1541–2, Rut,

1532, 1536, and 1542, Shrops, 1532, 1536, 1538–9, and 1543, Somers, 1532, 1538–41, and 1543, Staff, 1532, 1536, 1538, and 1540, Suff, 1532, 1537–9, and 1543, Surr, 1532, 1538–9, and 1541–2, Suss, 1532 and 1538, Warw, 1532, 1537–9, and 1542, Westmld, 1532, 1537, and 1540, Wilts, 1532, 1537–9, and 1543, Yorks, 1532 and 1538–40, Yorks, ER, 1536, 1538, and 1541, NR, 1536 and 1538–40, and WR, 1537–41, St Albans, Herts, 1538–40, Ches, 1539–40, Dur, 1539, Cambridge, Camb and Peterborough, Northants, 1540, Oxford, Oxf, 1541, and Monmouthshire, Wales, 1543; MP, Colchester, 1523 and Essex, 1529; attorney, duchy of Lancaster, Dec 1526–Sept 1531; keeper of the great seal, 20 May 1532; keeper of the privy seal, 5 Jun 1532; lord chancellor, 26 Jan 1533 until death; steward, duchy of Lancaster, Essex, Herts, and Midd, Jul 1540 until death; constable, Hertford Castle, Herts, 1540 until death. Seats at Berechurch, Earls Colne, and Saffron Walden, all in Essex; lands in Essex, Herts, and Suff; house at Christchurch, London.

minstrels	Plymouth	1527–8 (223)
player and/or minstrel (Lord Privy Seal)	Plymouth	1538–9 (228)
minstrels (Lord Privy Seal)	Exeter	1538–9 (138)

George Tuchet (d by 3 Jul 1560), succ as 9th Lord Audley, by 20 Jan 1557/8. JP, Staff, 1535. Seat at Heleigh Castle, Audley, Staff.

waits	Exeter	1557–8 (148)
minstrels	Dartmouth	1558–9 (64)

### Bastard

William Holand (nd), natural son of John Holand, 14th earl of Huntingdon, *qv*, styled William the Bastard of Exeter. Comm oyer and terminer, Cornw, 1452; commission for his arrest, Cornw and Devon, issued 17 Jun 1461.

trumpeter	Exeter	1459–60 (101)
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### Bath

John Bouchier (20 Jul 1470–30 Apr 1539), son of Fulk, 4th Lord FitzWarin, *qv*, succ as 5th Lord FitzWarin, 18 Sept 1479 and cr 2nd earl of Bath, 9 Jul 1536. JP, Somers, 1491, 1493–5, 1498–1500, 1502–3, 1505–9, 1512–14, 1521–2, 1524, 1529, 1531–2, and 1538, Devon, 1492, 1494–6, 1501–2, 1504, 1506, 1509–15, 1517, 1519, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1529–30, 1532, and 1536, and Dors, 1497–1503, 1505–10, 1511?, 1512–14, 1519–20, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1528, 1530, and 1532; PC, 1520. Seat at Tawstock, Devon; lands in Shrops and Staff.

performers (Lord FitzWarin)	Exeter	1526–7 (127)
minstrels (Lord FitzWarin)	Exeter	1528–9 (129)
		1529–30 (130)
		1530–1 (131)
		1532–3 (132)
		1533–4 (133)

minstrels

Exeter

1535–6 (134)

John Bouchier (c 1499–10 Feb 1560/1), son of John, 2nd earl of Bath, *qv*, styled Lord Fitz Warin, 1536–9, and succ as 3rd earl of Bath and 6th Lord Fitz Warin, 30 Apr 1539 and as 2nd earl of Bridgewater and Lord Daubeney, 8 Apr 1548. Sheriff, Dors and Somers, 8 Nov 1519 and Wilts, 7 Nov 1526; JP, Wilts, 1523, 1525, 1529, 1531–2, 1535, 1537–9, 1543, 1547, and 1558, Salisbury, Wilts, 1535, Somers, 1539, Devon, 1540–1, 1543–4, 1547, and 1554, and Norf and Suff, 1554; PC, 1553; constable, castle and capt, town of Beaumaris, Anglesey, Wales, 7 Sept 1553; lord lieut, Cornw, Devon, and Dors, 1556. Seat at Tawstock, Devon.

minstrels

Barnstaple

1540–1 (39)

Plymouth

1540–1 (229)

Barnstaple

1541–2 (39)

1542–3 (40)

1544–5 (40)

1546–7 (40)

Plymouth

1547–8 (233)

Barnstaple

1553–4 (41)

Exeter

1557–8 (148)

Barnstaple

1558–9 (42)

bearward

Barnstaple

1540–1 (39)

Plymouth

1544–5 (231)

players

Barnstaple

1540–1 (39)

1542–3 (39)

William Bouchier (1557–12 Jul 1623), son of John, styled Lord Fitz Warin, *qv*, and succ as 4th earl of Bath, 10 Feb 1560/1. JP, Devon, 1584 or 1585 and Somers, 1584 and 1608; vice-adm, 1586, lord lieut, 12 Sept 1586 until death, recorder, Barnstaple, by 1589, and eccles comm, Exeter, 1604, all in Devon. Seat at Tawstock, family residence at Bampton, manor at Ilfracombe, and house near Barnstaple, all in Devon.

players

Plymouth

1578–9 (247)

### Beaumont

Philip Beaumont (1432–by 28 Jun 1473). Comm for piracy, Cornw, 1462 and Cornw and Devon, 1468; JP, Devon, 1466 and 1468 until death; sheriff, Devon, 5 Nov 1467; MP, Devon, 1467–8 and 1470–1?; comm of array, Devon, 1470–2; constable and steward, Dunster Castle, and steward, lordship of Dunster, Somers, and lands in Devon and Somers, 6 May 1470. Seats at Gittisham and Heanton Punchardon, Devon; lands in Cornw, Devon, Dors, Glouc, Somers, Wilts, and the marches of Wales.

minstrel/s

Barnstaple

1462–3 (31)

Possibly

John Beaumont (c 1450–9 Nov 1487). JP, Devon, 1473 and Cornw, 1483; comm for



piracy, Cornw, 1483; MP, Cornw, Jun 1483 and probably 1484; comm of array, Cornw, 1484; attainted and beheaded 9 Nov 1487. Seat at Bodrugan, Cornw; lands in Cornw and Devon.

player/s (Mr Beaumont)

Barnstaple

1478–9 (35)

### Bedford

John of Lancaster (20 Jun 1389–15 Sept 1435), 3rd son of Henry IV, *qv*, cr 1st duke of Bedford and 1st earl of Kendal, 16 May 1414 and 12th earl of Richmond, 24 Nov 1414. JP, Northumb, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1410, and 1413, Yorks, ER, 1405, 1409, 1411, 1413, and 1416, WR, 1405, 1407, and 1413–16, and NR, 1411–14 and 1416, Glouc, 1406, Westmld, 1411–14 and 1416, and Linc, 1412–14 and 1416; warden, East Marches towards Scotland and capt, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb, by 18 Nov 1403; guardian of the kingdom, 11 Aug 1415, 25 Jul 1417, and 10 Jun 1421; protector of the kingdom, 5 Dec 1422; lord high adm, 26 Jul 1426. Lands in various cos, including Dors, Somers, and Wilts.

servants (minstrels?) (Prince)

Exeter

1410–11 (81)

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1433–4 (94)

minstrels

Exeter

1433–4 (95)

entertainers

Exeter

1432–3 (94)

taborer

Exeter

1433–4 (94)

### Bedford (duchess)

Katherine Wydevill (c 1457–bef 1513), daughter of Richard, 1st Earl Rivers, *qv*, married Henry Stafford, 2nd duke of Buckingham (d 2 Nov 1483), *qv*, Feb 1466, Jasper Tudor, 3rd duke of Bedford (d 21 Dec 1495), bef Nov 1485, and Sir Richard Wingfield (d 22 Jul 1525).

minstrels

Plymouth

1495–6 (213)

### Bedford (earl)

Francis Russell (1527–28 Jul 1585), son of John, 3rd earl of Bedford, *qv* (*under* Lord Privy Seal), summ to Parl as Lord Russell, 1 Mar 1553 and succ as 4th earl of Bedford, 14 Mar 1554/5. MP, Bucks, 1545 and 1547; JP, Bucks, 1547, 1562, and 1564, Beds, Cornw, and Dors, 1562 and 1564, Devon, 1562, 1564, and 1569, Northants, 1562 and 1584, Somers, 1562, 1564, and 1584, Cumb, Dur, Northumb, Westmld, Yorks, Ely, Camb, Carlisle, Cumb, Berwick upon Tweed and Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb, Kingston upon Hull, Yorks, ER, and York, Yorks, 1564; custos rot, Bucks, c 1547 until death and Berks, 1562; sheriff, Beds and Bucks, 27 Nov 1547; lord lieut, Bucks, 1552 and Cornw, Devon, Dors, and Exeter, Devon, Mar 1557/8 until death; imprisoned in the Fleet, 29 Jul 1553; keeper and receiver, various manors and parks, Herts, Northants, and Oxf and keeper, Rockingham Castle, Northants, 14 Mar 1554/5; PC, 21 Nov 1558 until death; warden of the stannaries, Cornw and

Devon, 1559–80; gov, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb and warden, East Marches towards Scotland, during pleasure, 24 Feb 1564–25 Aug 1568; lieut-gen and gov in the North, 1 Aug 1565; high steward, duchy of Cornwall, duchy of Exeter, and lands in Cornw, Devon, and Somers, master forester, Dartmoor, Devon, and keeper, forest of Exmoor, Devon, all for life, 13 Apr 1572; chief justice in eyre, south of Trent, 26 Feb 1584 until death. Seats at Woburn Abbey, Beds and Chenies, Bucks and residence at Russell House, the Strand, Midd; lands in many cos, including Berks, Bucks, Devon, Dors, Heref, Midd, and Somers.

players (Lord Russell)	Barnstaple	1552–3 (41)
players	Exeter	1557–8 (147–8)
minstrels (Lord of Tavistock)	Barnstaple	1555–6 (41)

### Berkeley

Thomas de Berkeley (5 Jan 1352/3–13 Jul 1417), succ as 5th Lord Berkeley, 8 Jun 1368; styled Lord Lisle from 28 Jun 1382. Comm of array, Glouc, 1367, 1377, 1380–1, 1392, 1399, and 1403 and Bristol and Glouc, 1415; JP, Glouc, 1374–5, 1380, 1397–1401, 1404, 1406–8, and 1413–16; PC, Feb 1395; adm of the South and West and capt, Brecon Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales, 1403; jt warden, Welsh marches, 23 Jul 1403; regent of the kingdom, Apr 1416. Seat at Berkeley Castle, Glouc; lands in many cos, including Berks, Cornw, Devon, Glouc, Somers, and Wilts.

minstrel/s	Exeter	1415–16 (85)
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James de Berkeley (c 1394–Nov 1463), nephew of Thomas, *qv*, succ as Lord Berkeley, 20 Oct 1421. JP, Glouc, 1422–4, 1432–3, 1435, 1437–41, 1444–6, 1448–9, 1455–8, and 1462. Seat at Berkeley Castle, Glouc.

servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1428–9 (90)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1429–30 (91)

Henry Berkeley (26 Nov 1534–26 Nov 1613), succ as 7th Lord Berkeley at birth. Keeper of Kingswood Forest, Glouc and Fulwood, Somers, for life, 26 Jun 1559; JP, Glouc, 1562 and 1564; lord lieut, 14 Aug 1603 and vice-adm, Glouc, 14 Nov 1603 until death. Principal residences at Yate Court, Glouc and Caludon Castle near Coventry, Warw; lands included manors in Glouc, Leic, Somers, Suss, and Warw.

Probably		
players (Lord Bertlett)	Exeter	1582–3 (159)
players (Lord Bartlett)	Barnstaple	1583–4 (45)
players	Totnes	1584–5 (281)

### Possibly

Maurice Berkeley (c 1397–c 1460), kt, bef 1427–8. Sheriff, Glouc, 7 Nov 1435; comm of array, Glouc, 1436 and 1457; JP, Glouc, 1441, 1444–9, 1451–2, and 1454–8; comm



of jail delivery, Gloucester Castle, Glouc, 1446 and 1453; commoyer and terminer, Bristol, Glouc, 1452; comm of musters, Glouc, 1457. Seat at Beverstone, Glouc; lands in Glouc, Hants, Somers, Wilts, and Worc.

or

Maurice Berkeley (bet 30 Sept 1400 and 16 Feb 1401–26 Nov 1464), kt, by 1422–3. Sheriff, Glouc, 5 Nov 1430 and 8 Nov 1436; JP, Glouc, 1437–9. Seat at Stoke Gifford, Glouc; lands in Glouc, Hants, Somers, Staff, Wilts, and Worc.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1432–3 (93)
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Richard Berkeley (c 1531–1604 or 1605), kt, 21 Aug 1574. JP, Glouc, 1562, 1564, and 1570–1; comm *post mortem*, Glouc, 1576; member, council in the marches of Wales, 16 Dec 1590; lieut of the Tower, by 22 Sept 1596. Seat at Stoke Gifford, Glouc; lands in Glouc.

players	Plymouth	1576–7 (245)
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Possibly players (Roger Bertley)	Totnes	1576–7 (281)
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### **Bishop (Durham)**

Robert Neville (1404–9 Jan 1457), provost, Beverley, Yorks, ER, 23 Dec 1422–7; bishop of Salisbury, by provision, 9 Jul 1427, temporalities restored 10 Oct 1427, and consecrated 26 Oct 1427; bishop of Durham, elected and translated 27 Jan 1438, temporalities restored 8 Apr 1438, and installed 11 Apr 1441; JP, Dors, 1430–3, 1435, and 1437, Berks, 1431–3 and 1435–7, Wilts, 1432–3 and 1438, and Northumb, 1439.

servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1438–9 (96)
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### **Bishop (Exeter)**

Edmund Lacey (bef 1391–18 Sept 1455), dean of the chapel royal in the household, Windsor Castle, Berks, by 24 Mar 1414; chancellor, St David's, sw Wales, Jan 1417; bishop of Hereford, temporalities granted 4 Jan 1417, consecrated 18 Apr 1417, and temporalities restored 1 May 1417; bishop of Exeter, translated 3 Jul 1420, temporalities restored 31 Oct 1420, and installed 29 Mar 1421 until death; JP, Cornw, 1422, 1424, 1427, 1431–3, and 1436 and Devon, 1424, 1427, 1431, 1435, 1438, 1444, 1447–8, 1451, 1453, and 1455–6.

minstrel	Exeter	1438–9 (96)
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James Turberville (c 1495–1570), bishop of Exeter, consecrated 8 Sept 1555, temporalities restored 21 Sept 1555, and deprived of bishopric 1559; imprisoned 18 Jun 1560–30 Jan 1564/5.

Possibly players	Dartmouth	1559–60 (64)
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William Alley (c 1510–15 or 16 Apr 1570), bishop of Exeter, elected 20 May 1560, consecrated 14 Jul 1560, and temporalities restored 26 Aug 1560 until death; JP, Devon, 1562 and 1564 and Cornw, 1564.

Possibly  
players

Dartmouth 1559–60 (64)

players

Barnstaple 1560–1 (43)  
Plymouth 1560–1 (235)

### Bodrugan

William Bodrugan (c 1398–24 Dec 1441), kt, nd. Sheriff, Cornw, 7 Nov 1427?; comm for piracy, Devon, 1430, 1432, and 1435 and Cornw, 1432, 1435, 1439, and 1441; MP, Cornw, 20 Jan 1434; comm of array, Cornw, 1436. Seat at Newham, Cornw; lands in Cornw.

servants (minstrels?)

Exeter 1432–3 (93)

Henry Bodrugan (c 1426–9 Nov 1487), son of William Bodrugan, *qv*, kt, 18 Apr 1475. Comm for piracy, Cornw, 1454, 1456, 1458, 1461–2, 1467, 1472, 1481, 1483, and 1485–6 and Devon, 1454; comm of array, Cornw, 1454, 1456, 1470, 1472–3, and 1484; comm of musters, Cornw, 1454 and 1456–7; JP, Cornw, 1472–3, 1477–80, and 1483–4; attainted and beheaded 9 Nov 1487. Seat at Bodrugan, Cornw; lands in Cornw.

minstrels  
minstrel/s

Barnstaple 1475–6 (34)  
Barnstaple 1476–7 (35)

Probably  
minstrels (Mr Bodrugan)

Barnstaple 1477–8 (35)

### Bonville

William Bonville (30 Aug 1393–18 Feb 1460/1), summ to Parl as 1st Lord Bonville, 10 Mar 1448/9. Sheriff, Devon, 14 Feb 1423; JP, Devon, 1431, 1435, 1438, 1440, 1443–4, 1447–8, 1451, 1453, and 1455–60, Somers, 1435, 1439–42, 1447–9, 1451, 1453–4, 1457, and 1459, and Cornw, 1436, 1438–9, 1441–3, 1445, 1451, 1453, 1455, and 1458–60; steward, Cornw, for life, 8 Nov 1437 and duchy of Cornwall, for life, 8 Mar 1452; keeper, River Exe, Devon and Somers and constable, Exeter Castle, Devon, both for life, 7 Apr 1453. Seat at Chewton, Somers; lands in Devon and Somers.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter 1432–3 (93)

### Botreaux

William de Botreaux (20 Feb 1388/9–16 May 1462), succ as 3rd Lord Botreaux, 25 May 1395. JP, Cornw, 1416, 1419, 1422, 1424, 1427, 1431–3, 1436, 1438–9, 1441–3, 1445, 1451, 1453, 1455, and 1458–60, Somers, 1416–17, 1419, 1422–4, 1427,

1429–31, 1433, 1435, 1439–44, 1447–9, 1451, 1453–4, 1457, 1459, and 1461–2, Devon, 1418, and Wilts, 1419, 1422–5, 1427–8, 1432–3, 1438, 1440–1, 1443, 1447, 1450–1, 1453–4, 1456–9, and 1461. Seat at Boscastle, Cornw.

minstrel/s	Exeter	1416–17 (85)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1417–18 (86)
minstrels	Exeter	1427–8 (90)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1429–30 (91)
		1430–1 (92)
		1432–3 (93)
servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1432–3 (94)
		1433–4 (94)
pipers	Exeter	1417–18 (86)

### Bourchier

Sir John Bourchier (c 1417–16 or 21 May 1474), summ to Parl as Lord Bourchier of Berners, 26 May 1455. JP, Surr, 1452, 1454–5, 1457–61, 1464, 1466, 1468–70, and 1472–3 and Berks, 1454, 1456, 1458–60, 1463–4, 1467, 1470–1, and 1473; constable, Windsor Castle, Berks, during pleasure, jt, 2 Jun 1455, sole, 29 Nov 1458, and for life, jt, 30 Apr 1472; keeper, various manors in Suff, during pleasure, 18 Mar 1462.

Lands in Surr.

minstrels	Barnstaple	1467–8 (32)
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### Bridgewater

Henry Daubeney (Dec 1493–8 Apr 1548), succ as 2nd Baron Daubeney, 22 May 1508; cr 1st earl of Bridgewater, 19 Jul 1538. JP, Devon, 1512–14, Somers, 1512–14, 1521–2, 1524, 1526, 1529, 1531–2, 1538, 1540–1, 1543–4, and 1547, and Dors, 1514, 1519–20, 1522, 1524, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1536–8, and 1540; warden, Neroche Forest, Somers, 24 Apr 1542. Seats at Ingleby, Linc and South Petherton, Somers; lands in Cornw, Dors, Linc, and Somers.

players (Lord Daubeney)	Barnstaple	1532–3 (38)
player/s	Barnstaple	1540–1 (39)
players	Plymouth	1544–5 (231)

### Broke

Robert Willoughby (1472–10 Nov 1521), son of Robert Willoughby, *qv*, succ *de jure* as Lord Latimer and 2nd Lord Willoughby de Broke, 23 Aug 1502. JP, Wilts, 1498–9, 1501–2, 1507, 1510–13, and 1515, Dors, 1498–1503, 1505–10, 1512–14, and 1519, Devon, 1502, 1504, 1506, 1509–15, 1517, and 1519, and Cornw, 1502, 1504, 1506, 1509–15, and 1520–1; steward, Aldbourne and Trowbridge, Wilts and other lands in the duchy of Lancaster, for life, 8 Dec 1502, steward and warden of the stannaries, duchy of Cornwall, Cornw and Devon, 9 Dec 1502–Apr 1509, and steward, Mere



and Wilton, Wilts and master forester, Dartmoor, Devon, 9 Dec 1502. Seat at Broke, Westbury, Wilts; lands in Cornw, Devon, Dors, and Wilts.

minstrels

Plymouth

1520-1 (221)

### Buckingham

Humphrey Stafford (15 Aug 1402-10 Jul 1460), succ as 6th earl of Stafford and 7th Lord Stafford, 21 Jul 1403, 5th earl of Buckingham, 16 Oct 1438, and cr 1st duke of Buckingham, 14 Sept 1444. JP, Heref, 1423-4, 1427-8, 1431-3, 1435, 1437, 1441, 1443, 1451, 1453, and 1455-60, Shrops, 1423-4, 1426, 1430-2, 1439-41, 1443-5, 1448-9, 1453-4, and 1457-8, Essex, 1424, 1427, 1429, 1431-5, 1437-8, 1440-3, 1446, 1448-9, 1453-5, and 1457-9, Kent, 1424, 1428-9, 1432-3, 1435-44, 1446-7, 1450-1, 1453-6, and 1458-9, Linc, 1424-5, 1428, 1430, 1432-44, 1446-8, 1453, 1455-6, and 1458, Northants, 1424, 1427, 1432, 1434, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1445-6, 1448-50, 1452, 1454, and 1458-9, Nott, 1424, 1436, 1439, 1441, 1443-6, 1448-9, 1451, and 1454-9, Oxf, 1424, 1432, 1435-8, 1442-3, 1447, 1452-6, and 1458-9, Warw, 1424, 1433-4, 1439-45, 1449, 1452-5, and 1457-9, Yorks, ER, 1424, 1429, 1431, 1434-5, 1437-41, 1443, 1449, 1451, and 1453-60, NR, 1424, 1432-3, 1437, 1440-3, 1448, 1451, 1455, and 1457-60, and WR, 1424, 1431, 1435-7, 1439-40, 1442-3, 1448, 1452, 1454, 1456, and 1458-9, Staff, 1430, 1432, 1439, 1441-2, 1446, 1449, 1453-4, 1456, and 1459-60, Derb, 1437, 1439, 1441, 1443-4, 1449, 1453-8, and 1460, Dors, 1437, 1439, 1442-4, 1446-7, 1451, 1453, 1455-6, and 1458, Hunts, 1437, 1439, 1440-3, 1446, 1450, 1455-6, and 1459-60, Bucks, 1444-7, 1449, 1453-4, and 1456-9, Berks, 1449, and Camb, 1458; PC, Feb 1424; seneschal, Halton, Bucks, 1439; lieut, marches of Wales, 1442-51; constable, Dover and Queenborough Castles, Kent and warden, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, for life, 1450. Seats at Stafford Castle, Staff, Writtle, Essex, and Maxstoke Castle, Warw; manor at Penshurst, Kent; lands in various cos, including Brecon Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales.

servants (minstrels?) (earl of Stafford)

Exeter

1426-7 (89)

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1447-8 (98)

Henry Stafford (4 Sept 1455-2 Nov 1483), grandson of Humphrey, 1st duke of Buckingham, *qv*, succ as 2nd duke and 6th earl of Buckingham, 7th earl of Stafford, and 8th Lord Stafford, 10 Jul 1460. High steward of England, 7 Feb 1478; JP, Staff, 1471-5 and 1483, Glouc, Heref, Shrops, and Worc, 1473 and 1483, Warw, 1474 and 1483, and Beds, Berks, Bucks, Camb, Cornw, Cumb, Derb, Devon, Dors, Essex, Herts, Hunts, Kent, Leic, Linc, Midd, Norf, Northants, Northumb, Nott, Oxf, Rut, Somers, Suff, Surr, Suss, Westmld, Wilts, Yorks, and Southampton, Hants, 1483; gov, chief justice, and chamberlain, North and South Wales, constable, steward, and receiver, various castles and manors, Wales and the marches, for life, 16 May 1483; constable and steward, royal lands in Heref and Shrops, 15 Jul 1483; steward, Tutbury, and other estates, duchy of Lancaster, Staff, Jul 1483; beheaded 2 Nov 1483. Principal seats at Stafford Castle, Staff and Brecon Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales;

residences at Maxstoke Castle, Warw and Penshurst, Kent; lands in various cos.		
minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1470-1 (33)
		1475-6 (34)
		1476-7 (35)

Edward Stafford (3 Feb 1477/8-17 May 1521), son of Henry, 2nd duke of Buckingham, *qv*, restored as 3rd duke of Buckingham, 8th earl of Stafford, 7th earl of Buckingham, and 9th Lord Stafford, Nov 1485. PC, 1509; JP, Kent, 1498-1506, 1509-10, 1512, 1514-15, and 1517, Surr, 1499-1506, 1511-12, 1514-15, 1518, and 1520, Glouc, 1500-6, 1508, 1510-11, 1513-15, and 1520, Bucks, 1503-4, 1507, 1509-10, 1512, and 1514, Heref, 1503, 1505, 1507, 1509-10, 1513-15, and 1521, Shrops, 1503-4, 1510-11, and 1513-14, Somers, 1503, 1505-7, 1508, 1509, 1512-15, and 1521, Staff, 1503-4, 1508, 1509-11, 1514, and 1520, Warw, 1503, 1506-7, 1509-11, and 1514-15, and Yorks, ER, 1503, 1506-7, 1509-11, and 1514; beheaded 17 May 1521. Seats at Thornbury, Glouc and Brecon Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales; manor at Penshurst, Kent; lands in many cos.

minstrels	Plymouth	1509-10 (217)
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### **Buckingham** (lady of)

Anne Neville (d 20 Sept 1480), married Humphrey Stafford, 1st duke of Buckingham (d 10 Jul 1460) *qv*, bef 18 Oct 1424 and Walter Blount, 1st Lord Mountjoy, bef 25 Nov 1467.

entertainers	Barnstaple	1463-4 (31)
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### **Cambridge**

Richard (c 1375-5 Aug 1415), br of Edward, 2nd duke of York, *qv*, styled Richard of York, cr 4th earl of Cambridge, 1 May 1414. Almoner of England and constable, Brimpsfield Castle, Glouc, nd; keeper, isles of Alderney, Guernsey, Jersey, and Sark, by 18 May 1412; attainted and executed 5 Aug 1415.

servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1413-14 (83)
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### **Camoyoys**

Sir Thomas de Camoyoys (d 28 Mar 1421), summ to Parl as 2nd Lord Camoyoys, 20 Aug 1383. JP, Suss, 1381, 1389-90, 1397-1401, 1403, 1406-7, 1413, 1416-17, and 1419, Surr, 1397-9, 1401, 1403, 1406-7, and 1411-14, and Southampton, Hants, 1399, 1401, 1404, 1406-7, 1413-14, and 1416; keeper, forests of Alice Holt and Woolmer, Hants and jt keeper, castle and town of Porchester, Hants, for life, 3 Nov 1399. Manor at Woodton, Norf.

minstrels	Exeter	1402-3 (78)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1410-11 (81)
servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1413-14 (83)



### Canterbury

John Morſton (c 1420–15 Sept 1500), PC, nd; chancellor of Edward, prince of Wales, *qv*, 26 Sept 1456; archdeacon of Norwich, by Mar 1461–bef Jul 1462 and by 1472–7, Chester, 9 May 1474–8, Winchester, 5 Mar 1475–8, Huntingdon, 27 Mar 1475–8, Berkshire, 6 Nov 1476–8, Norfolk, 20 Jan 1477–8, and Leicester, 3 Jan 1478; master of the rolls, 16 Mar 1472; keeper of the great seal, 3 Jun 1473; bishop of Ely, elected 8 Aug 1478, temporalities restored 4 Jan 1479, and consecrated 31 Jan 1479; JP, Camb, 1479–81, 1483, 1486, 1493, 1495–6, 1498, and 1500, Essex, 1479–80, 1483, 1488, 1490, 1495–6, and 1498–9, Herts, 1479–80, 1482–3, 1488–90, 1493, and 1497, Hunts, 1479–80, 1483, 1487, 1490, 1493, 1496, and 1498–9, Midd, 1479–81, 1483, 1486–7, 1491, 1493, and 1496–9, Norf, 1479–83, 1487, 1490, 1494, and 1496–9, Suff, 1479–83, 1488–90, 1492, 1494, 1496–7, and 1499–1500, Dors, 1483, 1488, 1491, 1493–4, and 1497–1500, Suss, 1486–8, 1490–1, 1493–4, 1496, and 1498, Beds, 1487, 1494, 1497, and 1499, Bucks, 1487, 1489, 1491, 1493–4, and 1496–1500, Cornw, 1487–8 and 1492–8, Devon, 1487, 1491–2, and 1494–6, Glouc, 1487–90, 1493–4, 1496, and 1499, Heref, 1487 and 1492–7, Kent, 1487, 1489–90, 1493–4, and 1497–1500, Linc, 1487, 1491–3, and 1495–1500, Northants, 1487–91, 1493–4, and 1496, Rut, 1487, 1493, and 1497, Shrops, 1487, 1490, 1493, and 1496–7, Somers, 1487–8, 1491, 1493–5, and 1498–1500, Surr, 1487–8, 1493–4, and 1497–1500, Warw, 1487, 1490–1, 1493–4, 1496–7, and 1499, Wilts, 1487, 1490–1, 1493–4, 1496, and 1498–9, Worc, 1487–9, 1493–4, and 1497, Southampton, Hants, 1487–8, 1493–4, 1498, and 1500, Oxf, 1488, 1490, 1493, and 1496–7, Yorks, WR, 1488–9, 1493, 1496, and 1498, ER, 1489, 1491, 1493–6, and 1498, and NR, 1489, 1493, and 1495–6, Cumb, 1489, 1495, and 1499, Leic, 1489, 1493–6, and 1500, Derb, 1492–3 and 1497, Nott, 1493, 1496, and 1498, Staff, 1493, 1496, and 1499, Berks, 1494–5 and 1497, Northumb, 1495–6, Westmld, 1495–6 and 1499, and Oxford, Oxf, 1498; imprisoned in the Tower and in Brecon Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales, 1483; fled to Flanders until 1485; archbishop of Canterbury, elected 13 Jan 1486, temporalities granted 13 Jul 1486, translated 6 Oct 1486, and temporalities restored 6 Dec 1486 until death; lord chancellor, 6 Mar 1487 until death; cardinal, 20 Sept 1493; chancellor, Oxford Univ, Oxf, Jan 1495 until death.

minstrels

Plymouth

1498–9(214)

### Cardinal

Henry Beaufort (d 11 Apr 1447), dean of Wells, 20 Dec 1396–8; chancellor, Oxford Univ, Oxf, by 6 Dec 1397; bishop of Lincoln, consecrated 14 Jul 1398 and temporalities restored 19 Jul 1398; PC, 10 Oct 1402; lord chancellor, 28 Feb 1403–5, 21 Mar 1413–17, and 6 Jul 1424–6; bishop of Winchester, translated 19 Nov 1404 and temporalities restored 14 Mar 1405; comm oyer and terminer, Oxf, 1397; JP, Oxf, 1397, 1424, 1432, and 1435, Berks, 1424, 1431–3, 1435–7, and 1439, Bucks, 1424, 1431, 1433–4, and 1437, Cornw, 1424, 1427, 1431–3, and 1436, Devon, 1424, 1427,

1431, 1435, 1438, and 1444, Dors, 1424 and 1426, Essex, 1424 and 1427, Glouc, 1424 and 1432, Hants, 1424, 1429, 1431, and 1435, Heref, 1424 and 1431–3, Shrops, 1424, 1426, and 1431, Somers, 1424, 1427, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1439–44, and 1447, Surr, 1424, 1427, 1431–3, 1435–40, and 1443–4, Wilts, 1424–5, 1432–3, and 1438, Worc, 1424, 1427, 1430–1, and 1433, and Southampton, Hants, 1439–46; comm for piracy, Southampton, 1406; comm of musters, Southampton, 1420 and Netley, Hants, 1422; cardinal, 24 May 1426.

fool	Exeter	1429–30 (91) 1433–4 (94, 95)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1432–3 (93)

Thomas Wolsey (c 1475–29 Nov 1530), dean of Lincoln, 7 Feb 1509–14; pc, by 1511; dean of Hereford, by 4 Jun 1509–12; dean of York, 21 Feb 1513–14; precentor of St Paul's, London, 8 Jul 1513–14; JP, Dors, 1514, 1520, 1522, 1524, 1526, and 1528, Linc, 1514–15, 1519–20, 1522, 1524, 1526, and 1528, Nott, 1514, 1521, and 1526, Leic, 1515, 1524, and 1526, Midd, 1515, 1518, 1523–4, 1526, and 1528, Northants, 1515, 1523–4, 1526, and 1528, Kent, 1517, 1521, 1524, 1526, and 1528, Surr, 1518, 1520, 1522, 1524–6, and 1528, Derb, 1519–20 and 1524–5, Devon, 1519, 1522, 1524, 1526, and 1529, Cornw, 1520–2 and 1524–6, Cumb, 1520 and 1524–5, Essex, 1520, 1523, 1525–6, and 1528, Glouc, 1520, 1522, 1525, and 1528, Hunts, 1520, 1522, 1524–5, and 1528, Staff, 1520, 1522–3, and 1526, Suff, 1520, 1524, 1526, and 1529, Beds, 1521, 1524–5, and 1529, Heref, 1521–2, 1525, and 1528, Herts, 1521–2, 1524–6, and 1528, Shrops, 1521–3, 1526, and 1529, Somers, 1521–2, 1524, 1526, and 1529, Yorks, WR, 1521, 1525, and 1528, ER, 1525 and 1529, and NR, 1525 and 1528, Berks, 1522 and 1525–6, Oxf, 1522 and 1524–6, Warw, 1522, 1524, and 1529, Worc, 1522, 1524, and 1526, Hants, 1523–6 and 1529, Wilts, 1523, 1525–6, and 1529, Bucks, 1524–5, Camb, 1524–5, Norf and Rut, 1524 and 1526, Suss, 1524, 1526, and 1529, and Northumb and Westmld, 1525; bishop of Lincoln, temporalities restored 4 Mar 1514, consecrated 26 Mar 1514; chancellor, Cambridge Univ, Camb, 24 May 1514; archbishop of York, temporalities restored 5 Aug 1514 and translated 15 Sept 1514; cardinal, 10 Sept 1515; lord chancellor, 24 Dec 1515; bishop of Bath and Wells, *in commendam*, 27 Jul 1518 and temporalities granted 26 Aug 1518; bishop of Durham, *in commendam*, 21 Mar 1523 and temporalities restored 30 Apr 1523; bishop of Winchester, *in commendam*, 8 Feb 1529 and temporalities restored 6 Apr 1529.

minstrels	Exeter	1523–4 (125)
	Plymouth	1523–4 (221)

### Carew

Nicholas Carew (c 1400–47), styled Lord Carew from 1431. Comm for piracy, Cornw, 1432, 1434, and 1444, Devon, 1432–4, 1437, and 1444, Dors, 1432, and

Somers and Wilts, 1434; comm oyer and terminer, Devon, 1433; comm of array, Devon, 1433, 1435–6, and 1443. Seats at Mohun's Ottery and Haccombe, Devon.  
 servant/s (minstrel/s?) (baron of Ottery) Exeter 1432–3 (93)  
 servant (minstrel?) Exeter 1439–40 (96)

Peter Carew (c 1510–27 Nov 1575), kt Aug or Sept 1545. MP, Tavistock, Devon, 1545, Dartmouth, Devon, 1547, Devon, Mar and Oct 1553 and 1559, and Exeter, Devon, 1563; sheriff, Devon, 23 Nov 1546; vice-adm, Devon, by 9 Aug 1548 and Cornw, c 1549; eccles comm, Devon and Exeter, 1553; attainted and fled the realm 23 Jan 1555; pardoned 9 Dec 1555; JP, Devon and Dors, 1558/9 until death; custos rot, Devon, 1558/9 until death; comm *post mortem*, Somers, 1559; comm oyer and terminer, Exeter Castle, Devon, 1559 and Cornw, Devon, Dors, Somers, Wilts, and Southampton, Hants, 1564; comm for piracy, Cornw and Devon, 1564; capt, Leighlin Castle, barony of Odrone, co Carlow, Ireland, 17 Feb 1568–9; PC, Ireland, Feb 1569; constable of the Tower, 1572. Seat at Mohun's Ottery, Devon; lands in Devon and Somers.

minstrels Exeter 1557–8 (148)

### Cartley

Sir Thomas Cartley. Not identified.

players Totnes 1573–4 (281)

### Cayne

Possibly

Sir Henry Cheyne (31 May 1540–3 Sept 1587), summ to Parl as 1st Lord Cheyne, 8 May 1572. JP, Kent, 1562, 1564, and 1570–1 and Beds, 1564, 1570–1, and 1574; MP, Kent, 1563 and Beds, 1572; sheriff, Beds and Bucks, 16 Nov 1565; comm of musters, Beds, 1570. Seats at Toddington, Beds and Shurland, Kent; lands in Beds and Kent.

players Plymouth 1564–5 (236)

### Chancellor

John Stafford (bef 1413–25 May 1452), dean of court of Arches, 1419; archdeacon of Salisbury, 9 Sept 1419–20; chancellor of Salisbury, 30 Oct 1420–2; keeper of the privy seal, 25 Feb 1421–2; dean of St Martin's, London, 18 Dec 1422–4; treasurer of the exchequer, 18 Dec 1422–6; dean of Bath and Wells, 9 Sept 1423–4; bishop of Bath and Wells, elected by 19 Dec 1424, temporalities restored 12 May 1425, and consecrated 27 May 1425; JP, Somers, 1427, 1429, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1439–44, 1447–9,



and 1451, Hants, 1429, 1431, and 1435, Glouc, 1432–3, 1435, and 1437–9, Midd, 1439–40, 1445, and 1449, Southampton, Hants, 1439–47 and 1452, Kent, 1443–4, 1446–7, and 1450–1, Surr, 1444 and 1448, Suss, 1444 and 1450–2, and Wilts, 1447 and 1450–1; comm oyer and terminer, Somers, 1428 and Kent, 1450; lord chancellor, 25 Feb 1432–50; archbishop of Canterbury, translated 13 May 1443, temporalities restored 25 Jun 1443, and enthroned 22 Sept 1443 until death.

minstrel

Exeter

1439–40 (96)

Richard Neville (c 1400–30 or 31 Dec 1460), 10th earl of Salisbury by right of marriage, approved 3 May 1429 and confirmed 4 May 1442. Warden, West March towards Scotland, Jun 1420–Jul 1434; JP, Cumb, 1421–4, 1428, 1432, 1437, 1439, 1443, 1447–8, and 1452–4, Westmld, 1421–4, 1432, 1434, 1437, 1439, 1443–4, 1454, 1456, and 1459, Yorks, NR, 1423–4, 1432–3, 1437, 1440–3, 1448, 1451, 1455, and 1457–60, WR, 1424, 1431, 1435–7, 1439–40, 1442–3, 1448, 1452, 1454, 1456, 1458, and 1460, and ER, 1429, 1431, 1434–5, 1437–41, 1443, 1449, 1451, and 1453–60, Berks, 1431–3, 1435–7, 1439, 1443–4, 1448, 1452–4, 1456, and 1458, Somers, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1439–44, 1447–9, 1451, 1453–4, and 1457, Wilts, 1432–3, 1438, 1440–1, 1443, 1447, 1450–1, 1453–4, and 1456–8, Essex, 1433–5, 1437–8, 1440–3, 1446, 1448–9, 1453–5, and 1457–9, Herts, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1443, 1445, 1454–5, and 1457, Northumb, 1433, 1442, 1444, 1447, and 1455, Suss, 1435, Linc, 1441–4, 1447–8, 1452–8, and 1460, Nott, 1454, 1458, and 1460, Southampton, Hants, 1455–6 and 1458, and Derb, Glouc, Kent, and Norf, 1460; keeper, forest north of Trent, Nov 1424; constable, Pontefract Castle, Yorks, WR, 1432; master forester, Blackburn, Lanc, 18 Feb 1433; PC, 1437; justice, forests north of Trent, 1443; gov, Barnard Castle, Dur, 1446; chief steward, duchy of Lancaster, northern parts, by 1446; jt keeper, West March towards Scotland, 1453; lord chancellor, 2 Apr 1454–7 Mar 1455; keeper, Porchester Castle, Hants, Dec 1454; lord chamberlain, 29 Oct 1460 until death. Seat at Middleham Castle, Wensleydale, Yorks, NR; lands in Hants, Wilts, and Yorks.

or

Thomas Bourghchier (c 1410–30 Mar 1486), dean of St Martin's, London, 1 Dec 1427–35; JP, Worc, 1430–1, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1440, and 1443, Glouc, 1432–3, 1435, 1437, and 1440–1, Oxford, Oxf, 1436–7, Warw, 1440–4, Camb, 1444, 1446, and 1448, Herts, 1445, Kent, 1455–6, 1458–62, 1464–5, 1467, 1469–71, 1473–5, 1479–81, and 1483–5, Midd, 1455–8, 1461, 1465, 1467, 1471–5, 1479–81, 1483, and 1485, Surr, 1455, 1457–61, 1464, 1466, 1468–70, 1472–5, 1477, 1479, and 1483–6, Suss, 1455–8, 1460–4, 1466, 1468–81, and 1483–5; chancellor, Oxford Univ, Oxf, by Mar 1434–c 1437; bishop of Worcester, provided 9 Mar 1435, temporalities restored 15 Apr 1435, and consecrated 14 May 1435–43; bishop of Ely, translated 20 Dec 1443, temporalities restored 27 Feb 1444, and enthroned 27 Mar 1447–54; comm oyer and terminer, Suff, 1448 and 1450 and Norf, 1450; archbishop of Canterbury, elected 23 Apr 1454,

translated 21 Jun 1454, temporalities restored 22 Aug 1454, and enthroned 26 Jan 1455 until death; lord chancellor, 7 Mar 1455; comm of array, Kent, 1458–9 and 1464 and Camb, Essex, Herts, Hunts, Midd, Norf, Suff, Surr, Suss, and Southampton, Hants, 1464; cardinal, 18 Sept 1467.

minstrel/s

Barnstaple

1454–5 (30)

George Neville (1432–8 Jun 1476), son of Richard, 16th earl of Warwick, *qv*, chancellor, Oxford Univ, Oxf, 9 Jun 1453–7, 15 May 1461, and 20 May 1463?–72; archdeacon of Durham, 15 Apr 1452–6; archdeacon of Northampton, 17 Aug 1454–6; master, St Leonard's Hospital, York, Yorks, 24 Jan 1456–after 1465; bishop of Exeter, provided 4 Feb 1456, temporalities restored 21 Mar 1456, and consecrated after 29 Nov 1458–65; lord chancellor, 25 Jul 1460, 10 Mar 1461–7, and 29 Sept 1470–1; JP, Cornw, 1460 and 1462–3, Devon, 1460–5, Herts, 1461, 1464–5, and 1470, Midd, 1461, 1465, 1467, and 1471, Oxf, 1461–2, 1466, and 1468–71, Surr, 1461, 1464, and 1466, Southampton, Hants, 1461 and 1464–5, Oxford, Oxf, 1461, Bucks, 1463–4, 1466, 1468, and 1470–1, Yorks, NR, 1465–8, 1470, and 1472, ER, 1466–7 and 1470, and WR, 1466–8, 1470, and 1472, Nott, 1466–8 and 1470, Derby, 1467 and 1469–71, Beds, 1470–1, Glouc, 1470, and Cumb and Westmld, 1471; archbishop of York, translated 15 Mar 1465, temporalities restored 17 Jun 1465, and enthroned 22 Sept 1465 until death; comm oyer and terminer, Nott, 1466; arrested and imprisoned in the Tower 26 Apr 1472; pardoned 11 Nov 1475; abbot of Westminster, 6 Nov 1475.

minstrel

Barnstaple

1461–2 (31)

## Chandos

Giles Brydges (c 1548–21 Feb 1593/4), son of Edmund, 2nd Baron Chandos, *qv*, succ as 3rd Baron Chandos, 11 Mar 1572/3. JP, Glouc, 1570–1; MP, Cricklade, Wilts, 1571 and Glouc, 1572; chief steward, manor of Hailes and hundreds of Greston, Holford, and Kiftsgate, all in Glouc, steward, hundred of Slaughter, Glouc and various manors in Wilts, for life, 19 Jun 1573; lord lieut, Glouc, 17 Nov 1586 until death; member, council in the marches of Wales, 16 Dec 1590. Seat at Sudeley Castle, Glouc.

bearwards

Plymouth

1580–1 (248)

players

Exeter

1584–5 (162)

## Chichester

Sir Edward Chichester (c 1568–8 Jul 1648), cr 1st Viscount Chichester of Carrickfergus and 2nd Baron Chichester of Belfast, both in co Antrim, Ireland, 1 Apr 1625. Gov, Carrickfergus and Culmore, co Londonderry, adm, Lough Neagh, and PC, all in Ireland, 1625; vice-adm, Ulster, by Jan 1626; jt comm of the treasury, Ireland, 1632. Seats at Belfast and Carrickfergus; lands in Devon.

wait players

Barnstaple

1633–4 (51)



## Clarence

George Plantagenet (21 Oct 1449–18 Feb 1477/8), son of Richard, 3rd duke of York, *qv*, cr 3rd duke of Clarence, 28 Jun 1461 and 17th earl of Warwick and 12th earl of Salisbury, 25 Mar 1471/2. Chief gov of Ireland, Feb 1461/2–Mar 1469/70 and 1472; JP, Cornw, 1466–7 and 1469–77, Devon, 1466, 1468–72, and 1474–7, Dors, 1466–75, Hunts, 1466, 1470–1, and 1473–5, Linc, 1466–8, 1470–5, and 1477, Norf, 1466 and 1469–76, Nott, 1466–8 and 1470–6, Shrops, 1466, 1468–71, 1473–5, and 1477, Somers, 1466, 1468–70, and 1472–6, Suff, 1466–8, 1470–1, 1473, and 1475–6, Surr, 1466, 1468–70, 1472–5, and 1477, Suss, 1466 and 1468–77, Warw, 1466 and 1468–75, Wilts, 1466, 1470–3, and 1475, Yorks, NR, 1466–8, 1470, 1472, and 1475–7, WR, 1467–8, 1470, 1472–3, and 1475–7, and ER, 1470, 1472–3, 1475, and 1477, Southampton, Hants, 1466–8, 1470, and 1474–7, Berks, 1467, 1470–1, and 1473–6, Derby, 1467, 1469–73, and 1475–6, Essex, 1467–70 and 1472–7, Kent, 1467, 1469–71, and 1473–5, Leic, 1467, 1469–70, and 1474–5, Northumb, 1467–73 and 1475–7, Beds, 1468–73 and 1475–6, Bucks, 1468, 1470–1, 1473, and 1475, Staff, 1468–75, Worc, 1469, 1471, 1473–5, and 1477, Camb, 1470, 1473, and 1475, Glouc, 1470–1, 1473–5, and 1477, Heref, 1470 and 1473–6, Herts, 1470–1, 1473, 1475, and 1477, Oxf, 1470–1 and 1473–6, Rut, 1470, 1473, and 1475–6, Cumb, 1471, 1473, and 1475, Midd, 1471–5, Westmld, 1471 and 1474–6, and Oxford, Oxf, 1471; chief justice in eyre, south of Trent, for life, 3 Sept 1468; lord chamberlain, 20 May 1472; attainted and executed 18 Feb 1477/8. Seat at Warwick Castle, Warw; held lordships and honours of Richmond, Yorks, NR and Chester, Ches; lands in many cos, including Ches, Devon, Dors, Surr, Warw, and Wilts.

Possibly minstrel/s (Lord Clarendon)	Barnstaple	1464–5 (32)
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Probably minstrel/s (Lord Clarence)	Barnstaple	1472–3 (33)
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minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1475–6 (34)
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Probably trumpeters (Lord Clarence)	Barnstaple	1472–3 (33)
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bearward (Lord Clarence)	Barnstaple	1476–7 (35)
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*See also* Thomas of Lancaster *under* Prince

## Copleston

Either

John Copleston (bef 1379–1433). Comm oyer and terminer, Devon, 1384, 1393–4, 1396–8, 1400, 1402–3, 1405, 1409, 1411, 1423, and 1428; warden of the stannaries,

Devon, during pleasure, 16 Mar 1388; JP, Devon, 1394, 1397, 1399, 1402, 1405–6, 1408, 1413, 1422–4, and 1427; comm of array, Devon, 1403; comm of jail delivery, Exeter Castle, Devon, 1413. Seat at Coplestone, Devon.

or

John Copleston (c 1395–1458), son of John, *qv*, MP, Devon, 1421, 1435, and 1439; comm oyer and terminer, Dors, Somers, Wilts, and Southampton, Hants, 1422, Devon, 1422 and 1439, and Cornw, 1431–2 and 1451; jt receiver, duchy of Cornwall, Cornw and Devon, during pleasure, 28 May and all other cos, 24 Nov 1422; jt steward and warden of the stannaries, duchy of Cornw, Devon, during pleasure, 24 Nov 1422; JP, Cornw, 1431 and Devon, 1431, 1435, 1438, 1440, 1443–4, 1447–8, 1453, and 1455–8; comm for piracy, Devon, 1431–5, 1440, 1443–4, 1452, and 1455, Cornw, 1432, 1440, 1443–4, and 1455, and Somers, 1432; comm of jail delivery, Exeter Castle, Devon, 1432 and 1454; comm of array, Devon, 1436, 1443, 1457, and 1459; comm of musters, Devon, 1457; comm *post mortem*, Cornw and Devon, 1449. Seat at Coplestone, Devon.

entertainer

Exeter

1432–3 (94)

minstrel

Exeter

1433–4 (94)

Possibly

Ralph Copleston (c 1455–3 Sept 1492). Comm *post mortem*, Devon, 10 Jul 1483. Seat at Coplestone, Devon; lands in Cornw and Devon.

performer (Mr Copleston)

Barnstaple

1481–2 (36)

### Courtenay

Hugh de Courtenay (1389–16 Jun 1422), son of Edward, 11th earl of Devon, *qv*, succ as 12th earl of Devon, 5 Dec 1419. JP, Devon, 1400–1, 1405–6, 1420, and 1422; sheriff, Devon, 4 Nov 1418. Seats at Tiverton Castle and Colcombe, Devon; lands in Devon, including honours of Okehampton and Plympton.

minstrel/s

Exeter

1415–16 (85)

Philip Courtenay (c 1404–16 Dec 1463), kt, by Feb 1431. Comm of array, Devon, 1427, 1435, 1443, 1455, 1457–9, and 1461 and Cornw, 1435 and 1455; steward, duchy of Cornwall, 18 Feb 1430; JP, Cornw, 1431–3, 1436, 1439, 1441, and 1443 and Devon, 1431, 1435, 1438, 1440, 1443–4, 1447–8, 1451, 1453, and 1455–63; comm for piracy, Cornw, 1432–4, 1440, 1443–4, 1447, and 1450–1, Devon, 1432–3, 1437, 1440, 1443–4, 1447, 1451, and 1454–5, Wight, 1433, and Dors and Somers, 1447; comm oyer and terminer, Cornw, 1432 and 1452, Devon, 1434, 1439, and 1444, and Exeter, Devon, 1434; comm of musters, Plymouth, Devon, 1439, 1442, and 1451 and Cornw and Devon, 1455; mayor, Dartmouth, Devon, by Feb 1441; jt keeper, forest of Dartmoor, Devon, Aug 1446; MP, Devon, 1455. Seat at Powderham Castle, Devon; lands in Cornw, Devon, and Somers.

servant (minstrel?)	Exeter	1432–3 (94)
servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1433–4 (94)
servant (minstrel?)	Exeter	1438–9 (95)

Henry Courtenay (d 17 Jan 1468/9), son of Thomas de Courtenay, 13th earl of Devon, *qv*, JP, Southampton, Hants, 1463 and 1466; comm for piracy, Dors, Somers, Surr, Suss, Wilts, and Southampton, 1466; beheaded 17 Jan 1468/9. Manor at Topsham, Devon, lands in Berks, Bucks, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Somers, and Southampton.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1454–5 (30)
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William Courtenay (c 1428–bet Feb and Sept 1485), son of Philip, *qv*, kt, bet 11 May 1462 and 15 Feb 1464. MP, Somers, 1455; comm of array, Somers, 1461 and Devon, 1471–2 and 1484; comm oyer and terminer, Dors, Somers, and Wilts, 1462 and Cornw and Devon, 1484; JP, Somers, 1461–3, 1466, and 1468–9 and Devon, 1464–6, 1468–72, 1474, and 1480–4; comm for piracy, Devon, 1471; sheriff, Devon, 5 Nov 1482. Seats at Powderham Castle and Ilton, Devon and East Coker, Somers.

performers	Barnstaple	1478–9 (35)
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Possibly

William Courtenay (bef 1485–23 or 24 Nov 1535), son of William, *qv*, kt, bet Jul 1517 and Mar 1521. Keeper, park of North Petherton, Somers and lieut, forest of Roche, Cornw, 28 Jun 1513–29 Mar 1531; JP, Devon, 1513–14, 1517, 1519, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1529–30, and 1532; sheriff, Devon, 3 Feb 1522, 26 Nov 1525, and 17 Nov 1533; MP, Devon, 1529; comm of jail delivery, Exeter Castle, Devon, 1530. Seats at Powderham Castle and Ilton, Devon and East Coker, Somers.

minstrels (Mr Courtenay)	Plymouth	1533–4 (225)
		1534–5 (225)
abbot of misrule (Mr Courtenay)	Exeter	1533–4 (133)

**Crocker**

Possibly

John Crocker (c 1445–1508), kt, 4 May 1471. Comm *post mortem*, Cornw, 1468 and 1478 and Devon, 1468, 1478, and 1481; comm of array, Devon, 1470–2 and 1490 and Cornw, 1473; JP, Devon, 1471–2, 1474, 1480–3, 1487, 1491–2, 1494–6, 1501–2, 1504, and 1506; comm for piracy, Devon, 1471 and Cornw, 1472; comm oyer and terminer, Devon, 1472 and 1497; comm of musters, Devon, 1488; MP, Devon, 1491. Seat at Lyneham, Devon; lands in Somers.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1477–8 (35)
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**Cumberland**

George Clifford (8 Aug 1558–29 Oct 1605), succ as 3rd earl of Cumberland and 13th



Lord Clifford, 2 Jan 1570. Hereditary sheriff, Westmorland, 2 Jan 1570; member, council of the North, 1582; JP, Yorks, NR, 1584; constable and steward, Knaresborough, Yorks, WR, 1597; lieut-gen, London, 1599 and 1601; high steward, honour of Grafton and ranger, Salcey Forest, Northants, 1602; PC, 10 Apr 1603; warden, West and Middle Marches towards Scotland, gov, Carlisle, Cumb, and Harbottle Castle, Northants, and custos rot, Cumb, 1603; gov, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb, by 29 Sept 1603. Seats at Brougham Castle, Westmld, Londesborough, Yorks, ER, and Skipton Castle, Yorks, WR.

waits	Exeter	1581–2 (159)
players	Exeter	1594–5 (174)

### Darcy

Thomas Darcy (c 1467–30 Jun 1537), summ to Parl as 1st Lord Darcy, by 17 Oct 1509. JP, Yorks, ER, 1498, 1511–12, 1514, 1525, 1529–30, 1532, and 1536, WR, 1498, 1501–2, 1504, 1506–8, 1511–14, 1521, 1525, 1528, 1530, and 1532, and NR, 1511–12, 1514, 1525, 1528, 1530, 1532, and 1536, and Northumb, 1502, 1504, 1506, and 1512; capt, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb, 1498–1515; steward, receiver, constable, and porter, castle and lordship of Bamborough, Northumb, during pleasure, 8 Jun 1498; steward, lordship of Sheriff Hutton and constable, castle of Sheriff Hutton, Yorks, NR, 1500–8 Sept 1501; treasurer, chamberlain, and customer, Berwick upon Tweed, 10 Sept 1501; warden general, East Marches towards Scotland, 1 Sept 1505 and East and Middle Marches towards Scotland, 20 Oct 1511; warden and chief justice in eyre, north of Trent, 11 Jun 1509; PC, nd; attainted and beheaded 30 Jun 1537. Seat at Temple Hirst, Yorks, WR; lands in Linc.

minstrels	Plymouth	1511–12 (217)
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### Daubeney

Giles Daubeney (25 Oct 1395–11 Jan 1446), MP, Somers, 1424/5 and 1429; sheriff, Dors and Somers, 15 Jan 1426 and Beds and Bucks, 26 Nov 1431; comm of array, Leic, 1436; comm for piracy, Somers, 1444; comm oyer and terminer, Somers, 1445. Seats at South Ingleby, Linc and South Petherton, Somers; lands in Linc, Nott, and Somers.

servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1433–4 (94)
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*See also* **Bridgewater**.

### Denys

Thomas Denys (by 1477–18 Feb 1561), kt, bet Mar and Nov 1514. JP, Devon, 1504, 1509–12, 1514–15, 1517, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1529–30, 1536–41, 1543–4, and 1547, Midd, 1523, and Berks, Cornw, Dors, Hants, Oxf, Somers, and Wilts, 1540; sheriff, Devon, 3 Dec 1507, 7 Nov 1512, 8 Nov 1518, 12 Nov 1522, 16 Nov 1527, 9 Nov

1531, 12 Nov 1549, and 8 Nov 1553; custos rot, Devon 1507–53; comm of array, Devon, 1511; comm and assessor, duchy of Cornwall, Cornw and Devon, jt, 20 Sept 1514 and sole, 4 Jul 1518, 11 Jul 1525, and 23 Jun 1528; warden of the stannaries, Cornw and Devon, by 1512; recorder, Exeter, Devon, 1514–44 and 1551 until death; deputy steward, Lydford, Devon, 1515 and chief steward, manors of Christow and Cowick Barton and liberty of Tavistock, Devon, 1535; comm of musters, Devon, 1523 and 1546; MP, Devon, 1529, 1539, and 1553; comm of jail delivery, Exeter Castle, Devon, 1530; comm oyer and terminer, Cornw, Dors, Hants, Somers, and Wilts, 1538, 1541–5, and 1547, Devon, 1538, 1540–5, and 1547, Berks and Oxf, 1541–2, Oxford, Oxf, 1544, and Exeter, 1544 and 1547; member, council in the West, Cornw, Devon, Dors, and Somers, 12 Apr 1539; eccles comm, Exeter, 1553; comm *post mortem*, Devon, 1557; deputy lieut, Cornw and Devon, Mar 1558. Seats at Bicton and Holcombe Burnell, Devon; residence in London; lands in Devon and Essex.

minstrels (recorder)	Exeter	1529–30 (130)
minstrels	Exeter	1530–1 (131)
	Plymouth	1530–1 (224)
	Barnstaple	1532–3 (38)
	Plymouth	1532–3 (224)
	Barnstaple	1533–4 (38)

Probably minstrels (Mr Denys)	Exeter	1533–4 (133)
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minstrel/s	Plymouth	1538–9 (228)
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Robert Denys (c 1515–by 13 Nov 1592), son of Thomas, *qv*, kt, by 16 Nov 1557. MP, Devon, 1555; feodary, duchy of Lancaster, Devon, 1556–10 Dec 1566 and 7 Dec 1568–27 Jul 1590; comm *post mortem*, Devon, 1557 and 1571–2; sheriff, Devon, 16 Nov 1557 and 18 Nov 1567; JP, Devon, 1558/9 until death; comm oyer and terminer, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Somers, Wilts, and Southampton, Hants, 1564; recorder, Exeter, Devon, 1572 until death; comm of musters, Cornw and Devon, 1586. Seats at Bicton and Holcombe Burnell, Devon; lands in Devon.

musicians	Barnstaple	1584–5 (45)
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## Derby

Henry Stanley (Sept 1531–25 Sept 1593), styled Lord Strange until summ to Parl as Lord Strange of Knockin, Shrops, 23 Jan 1558/9; succ as 13th earl of Derby and lord of the Isle of Man, 24 Oct 1572. High steward, Ormskirk, Lanc, 6 Dec 1550; jt comm of musters, Lancaster, Lanc, 1569; lord lieut, 24 Oct 1572 until death and vice-adm, Lanc and Ches, May 1574–87; eccles comm, York, Yorks, 1577; PC, by 20 May 1585; lord steward of the household, after Sept 1588–93; chamberlain of Chester, Ches, 5 Nov 1588–93; member, council of the North. Estates at Lathom and Knowsley, both in Lanc.



players (Lord Strange)	Plymouth	1569–70 (239)
players	Dartmouth	1579–80 (68)
	Exeter	1579–80 (157)
		1580–1 (158)

William Stanley (c 1561–29 Sept 1642), succ as 15th earl of Derby, 16 Apr 1594; confirmed in lordship of the Isle of Man, 7 Jul 1609. PC, Mar–May 1603; chamberlain, co palatine of Chester, 30 Oct 1603 and jt, with James Stanley, *qv*, for life, 23 Oct 1626; lord lieut, Lanc and Ches, 22 Dec 1607, and jt with James Stanley for life, 12 Dec 1626; member, council in the marches of Wales, by 1617; vice-adm, Lanc and Ches, 1619–38; jt steward, Furness, Lanc, 30 Nov 1627. Seats at Lathom and Knowsley, Lanc; lands in Lanc.

players	Barnstaple	1607–8 (48)
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## Devon

Edward de Courtenay (c 1357–5 Dec 1419), succ as 11th earl of Devon, 2 May 1377. JP, Devon, 1378, 1380–4, 1387, 1391, 1400–1, 1405–8, 1413–15, and 1418 and Cornw, 1382, 1385, 1387–8, and 1391; adm of the West, 1383–5; lieut, duchy of Lancaster, Devon, Jun 1386; member, king's council, 1395. Principal seat at Tiverton Castle, Devon; lands in Devon and Somers, including honours of Okehampton and Plympton, Devon.

minstrels	Location unknown	1389–90 (306)
	Exeter	1415–16 (85)
minstrel/s	Exeter	1416–17 (85)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1417–18 (86)
		1418–19 (86)

Thomas de Courtenay (1414–3 Feb 1457/8), son of Hugh, 12th earl of Devon, *qv*, succ as 13th earl of Devon, 16 Jun 1422. PC, nd; JP, Cornw, 1433, 1436, 1438–9, 1441–3, 1445, 1453, and 1455, Berks, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1443–4, 1448, and 1454, Devon, 1435, 1438, 1440, 1443–4, 1447–8, 1453, and 1455–6, Dors, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1442–3, 1446–7, and 1453, Somers, 1435, 1439–44, 1447–9, 1451, 1454, and 1457, and Southampton, Hants, 1439–47; steward, duchy of Cornwall, 7 May 1441; keeper, forests of Buckholt and Melchet, Hants, and of Clarendon and Grovely, Wilts, 17 Jul 1457. Seats at Tiverton Castle and Colcombe, Devon; lands in Devon.

servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1428–9 (90)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1429–30 (91)
servant (minstrel?)	Exeter	1430–1 (92)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1430–1 (92)
minstrels	Exeter	1432–3 (93–4)
minstrel	Barnstaple	1454–5 (30)

Edward Courtenay (bef May 1471–28 May 1509), cr 17th earl of Devon, 26 Oct 1485. Sheriff, Devon, 5 Nov 1478; JP, Cornw, 1483, 1485–8, 1492–8, 1502, 1504, and 1506, Somers, 1485–8, 1491, 1493–5, 1498–1500, 1502–3, and 1505–8, Devon, 1487, 1491–2, 1494–6, 1501–2, 1504, and 1506, and Bucks, Camb, Derb, Herts, Hunts, Leic, Linc, Northants, Nott, Oxf, Rut, Staff, Warw, Worc, and Yorks, 1493; constable, Restormel Castle and keeper, park of Restormel, Cornw, for life, 1 Mar 1486. Seat at Tiverton Castle, Devon; lands in Berks, Bucks, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Hants, and Somers.

minstrels	Plymouth	1495–6 (213)
		1499–1500 (214)

*See also* Henry Courtenay *under* Exeter (marquess)

### Devon (countess)

Anne Talbot (d 16 Jan 1440/1), married Hugh de Courtenay, 12th earl of Devon (d 16 Jun 1422), *qv*, and John Botreaux, after 1432–3.

servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1428–9 (90)
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*See also* Gertrude Blount *under* Exeter (marchioness)

### Dinham

Sir John Dinham (c 1433–28 Jan 1501), summ to Parl as 2nd Lord Dinham, 28 Feb 1466/7. JP, Devon, 1460–6, 1468–72, and 1474–84, Essex, 1473–80 and 1483, Glouc, Somers, and Worc, 1474, and Surr, 1493–4 and 1497–1500; sheriff, Devon, 7 Nov 1460; keeper, Dartmoor Forest and manor, borough, and castle of Lydford, Devon, 17 Oct 1469 and forests of Exmoor, Devon and Somers and Neroche, Somers, for life, 16 Mar 1470; steward, borough and manor of Bradninch, Devon and duchy of Cornwall, Devon, and warden of the stannaries, Devon, 17 Oct 1469; member, king's council, 22 Sept 1475; chief forester, Dartmoor, 24 Jun 1483; treasurer of the exchequer, during pleasure, 14 Jul 1486. Seats at Cardinham, Cornw, Hartland and Nutwell, Devon, and Buckland Denham, Somers; lands in Bucks, Cornw, Devon, Hants, Oxf, and Somers.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1470–1 (33)
		1477–8 (35)
		1483–4 (36)
performer	Barnstaple	1480–1 (36)
performers	Barnstaple	1481–2 (36)

### Dorset

Henry Grey (17 Jan 1517–23 Feb 1554), styled Lord Grey until he succ as 6th marquess of Dorset, 9th Lord Ferrers, 9th Lord Harington, 4th Lord Bonville, and possibly Lord Astley, 10 Oct 1530; cr 7th duke of Suffolk, 11 Oct 1551. JP, Beds,

1525 and 1528?–30, Cornw, 1539–40, 1544, and 1547, Devon, 1539–41, 1543–4, and 1547, Dors, 1539–40 and 1547, Somers, 1539–40, 1543–4, and 1547, Warw, 1539, 1542, 1545, and 1547, Wilts, 1539, 1543, and 1547, Yorks, WR, 1541, and Leic, 1544 and 1547; lord lieut, Leic and Rut, 1549; chief justice in eyre, south of Trent, 2 Feb 1550–3; PC, 11 Dec 1549–53; warden of the marches towards Scotland, Feb–Sept 1551; steward, royal honours and lordships in Leic, Nott, Rut, and Warw and constable, Leicester Castle, Leic, 1551; attainted and beheaded 23 Feb 1554. Seats at Chewton, Somers and Bradgate and Groby, Leic; lands in Beds, Devon, Leic, Somers, Surr, Warw; property in London.

minstrels

Exeter

1528–9 (129)

players

Plymouth

1539–40 (228)

Barnstaple

1542–3 (39–40)

Exeter

1542–3 (139)

*See also* Thomas Beaufort *under* Exeter (duke)

### Drake

Francis Drake (c 1540–28 Jan 1596), kt, 4 Apr 1581. Mayor, Plymouth, Devon, 1581; JP, Devon, from c 1583 and Cornw, from c 1591; MP, Bossiney, Cornw, 1584 and Plymouth, 1593; vice-adm, Plymouth, 1586–8; defeated Spanish Armada, 1588; commander of expeditions to Cadiz, 1587, Portugal, 1589, and West Indies, 1595. Seats at Buckland Monachorum and Yealmpton, Devon.

musicians

Plymouth

1594–5 (256)

### Dudley

Edward Sutton (bef 1536–bur 12 Aug 1586), succ as 4th Lord Dudley, by 18 Sept 1553. JP, Staff and Worc, 1562 and 1564. Seat at Dudley Castle, Worc; lands in Staff, Warw, Worc, and Yorks.

Possibly

players

Exeter

1559–60 (64)

musicians

Exeter

1581–2 (159)

*See also* Leicester

### Edgecombe

Peter Edgecombe (1468 or 1469–14 Aug 1539), kt, by 1504. Constable, Launceston Castle, Cornw, during pleasure, 15 Nov 1489; escheator and feodary, duchy of Cornwall, 1489 until death; JP, Cornw, 1498, 1502, 1504, 1506, 1509–15, 1520–2, 1524–6, 1530, 1532, and 1536–9 and Devon, 1501–2, 1504, 1506, 1509–15, 1517, 1519, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1530, 1532, 1536, and 1538–9; sheriff, Devon, 5 Nov 1494, 5 Nov 1497, 9 Nov 1517, and 7 Nov 1528 and Cornw, 1 Dec 1505, 10 Nov 1516, and 14 Nov 1534; keeper, 'Kerrybullock Park,' Cornw, 22 Jun 1509 until death;



comm of array, Cornw, 1511 and 1513; MP, Cornw 1515 and 1529; recorder, Launceston, by 1521 until death; comm *post mortem*, Cornw, 1525, 1533, and 1537; assessor of the stannaries, duchy of Cornwall, Cornw and Devon, 11 Jul 1525; comm of jail delivery, Launceston Castle, 1532 and 1537; eccles comm, Cornw, 1535; chief steward, Tavistock Abbey, Devon, by 1535; comm oyer and terminer, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Hants, Somers, and Wilts, 1538; comm of musters, Cornw, 1539; comm for defence of the coast, Cornw, Devon, Dors, and Somers, 1539. Seats at Cotehele and West Stonehouse, Cornw; lands in Cornw and Devon.

minstrels

Exeter

1537–8 (135)

## Probably

Peter Edgecombe (c 1536–4 Jan 1608), grandson of Peter, *qv*, MP, Totnes, Devon, 1555, Cornw, 1563, 1572, 1586, 1589, and 1593, Devon, 1571, and Liskeard, Cornw, 1584; JP, Devon, c 1561–4 and by 1569 until death and Cornw, 1569 until death; sheriff, Devon, 16 Nov 1565 and Cornw, 12 Nov 1569; comm of musters, Cornw, 1569 and 1572 and Devon, 1569; custos rot, Cornw, 1573; comm *post mortem*, Devon, 1574; steward, Liskeard, by 1574–87; jt lord lieut, Cornw, 8 Aug 1586–7 Dec 1587. Seats at Cotehele and Mount Edgcumbe, Cornw; lands in Cornw, Devon, and Somers.

players (Mr Edgecombe)

Plymouth

1561–2 (235)

1567–8 (238)

player on the two-hand sword  
(Mr Edgecombe)

Plymouth

1584–5 (250)

## Essex

Henry Bouchier (c 1472–13 Mar 1540), succ as 15th earl of Essex, 2nd Viscount and 6th Lord Bouchier, 4 Apr 1483. JP, Bucks, Camb, Derb, Hunts, Leic, Linc, Northants, Nott, Oxf, Rut, Staff, Suss, Warw, Worc, and Yorks, 1493, Herts, 1493, 1497, 1500–1, 1503, 1506, 1509–12, 1514, 1519, 1521–2, 1524, 1528, 1531–2, and 1537–40, and Essex, 1496, 1498–1502, 1504, 1506, 1508–15, 1520, 1523, 1525–6, 1528, 1530–2, 1536, 1538, and 1540; PC, 1505; constable, Windsor Castle, Berks, 7 Aug 1511–24. Seat at Gaynes Park, Essex; lands in Essex, Herts, and Somers.

minstrels

Plymouth

1520–1 (221)

1532–3 (224)

Robert Devereux (19 Nov 1566–25 Feb 1600/1), styled Viscount Hereford until he succ as 19th earl of Essex, 6th Lord Ferrers, and 9th Lord Bouchier, 22 Sept 1576. PC, 25 Feb 1592/3; lord lieut, Staff, 1594, chancellor, Cambridge Univ, Camb and Univ of Dublin, Ireland, 1598, and high steward, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, 1598, all until death; lord lieut, Ireland, Mar–Nov 1599; beheaded 25 Feb 1600/1. Houses at Chartley, Staff and Lamphey, Pembrokeshire, Wales; manor at Keyston, Hunts.

players

Exeter

1581–2 (159)



**Exeter (duke)**

John de Holand (after 1350–9 or 10 Jan 1399/1400), cr 13th earl of Huntingdon, 2 Jun 1388 and 1st duke of Exeter, 29 Sept 1397. Justice of Chester, Ches, 6 May 1381–Jul 1385; lieut of Ireland, by 28 Aug 1382; constable, Tintagel Castle, Cornw, for life, 6 Jan 1389, Conway Castle, Caernarvonshire, Wales, 3 Sept 1394–25 Feb 1397/8, and Arundel Castle, Suss, 7 Aug 1397; adm of the West, during pleasure, 18 May 1389; PC, by 13 Sept 1389; lord chamberlain, for life, 31 May 1390; JP, Devon, 1390–2, 1394, and 1397, Beds, Bucks, Cumb, Hunts, Surr, Suss, and Westmld, 1397, Cornw and Norf, 1397 and 1399, Coventry, Warw, 1397–9, and Heref, 1398; keeper, Rockingham Castle and steward, Rockingham Forest, Northants, for life, 19 Apr 1391; keeper, manor of Buckland, Surr, 20 Jun 1391; gov, Carlisle, Cumb, by 28 Feb 1397; keeper, West Marches towards Scotland, 16 Feb 1396/7; degraded 3 Nov 1399; executed 9 or 10 Jan 1399/1400. London residence at Pultney House; lands in many cos, including Berks, Cornw, Devon, Somers, Suss, and Wales.

pipers

Exeter

1398–9 (77)

Thomas Beaufort (bef 1396–31 Dec 1426), cr 1st earl of Dorset, 5 Jul 1411 or 1412 and 2nd duke of Exeter, 18 Nov 1416. Keeper, castle and town of Ludlow, Shrops, during pleasure, 15 Aug 1402; adm of the North, during pleasure, 28 Nov 1403, of the North and West, for life, 21 Sept 1408, and lord high adm, for life, 3 Mar 1411/12; JP, Norf, 1406–8, 1410, 1413–16, 1418, and 1422–4, Lynn, Norf, 1407, 1410, and 1414–15, Suff, 1411, 1413–14, 1417, 1419, and 1422–4, Dors, 1414, 1417, 1419, 1422–4, and 1426, Yorks, WR, 1414 and Yorks, 1419, Essex, 1417, 1419, and 1422–4, Devon, 1418, 1420, and 1422–4, Camb, 1424–5, and Hunts, 1424; lord chancellor, 31 Jan 1409/10–5 Jan 1411/12; justice, Chester, Ches, 20 Oct 1420 and North Wales, during pleasure, 14 Feb 1422/3. Lands in Hants, Kent, Norf, and Suss.

servant/s (minstrel/s?) (earl of Dorset)

Exeter

1413–14 (84)

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1422–3 (87)

servants (minstrels?)

Exeter

1423–4 (88)

1424–5 (88)

minstrel/s

Exeter

1425–6 (88–9)

Henry Holand (27 Jun 1430–Sept 1475), succ as 4th duke of Exeter and 15th earl of Huntingdon, 5 Aug 1447. Lord high adm, 14 Feb 1445/6–60; constable of the Tower, jt, 28 Feb 1447 and sole, 6 Aug 1447–60; JP, Devon, 1457–9, Cornw, 1458, and Beds, Hunts, and Northants, 1471; constable, Fotheringay Castle, Northants, for life, 19 Dec 1459; attainted 4 Nov 1461; fled to Flanders 1463–Feb 1470/1; held in custody 26 May 1471–20 May 1475. London residence at Coldharbour; lands in many cos, including Cornw, Derby, Devon, Somers, Wilts, and Wales.

minstrels

Barnstaple

1454–5 (30)

servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1456-7 (99)
minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1458-9 (30)
		1462-3 (31)
minstrel	Barnstaple	1462-3 (31)

**Exeter** (marchioness)

Gertrude Blount (c 1504-25 Sept 1558), married Henry Courtenay, 19th earl of Devon and 1st marquess of Exeter, *qv*, 25 Oct 1519. Arrested 5 Nov 1538; attainted Jul 1539 and imprisoned; attainder reversed by Queen Mary, *qv*.

minstrels (countess of Devon)	Plymouth	1520-1 (220)
minstrel (countess of Devon)	Exeter	1523-4 (125)
minstrels	Exeter	1529-30 (130)
performers (countess of Devon)	Exeter	1524-5 (126)
		1525-6 (127)
		1526-7 (127)

**Exeter** (marquess)

Henry Courtenay (c 1498-9 Jan 1538/9), succ as 19th earl of Devon, Dec 1512 and cr 1st marquess of Exeter, 18 Jun 1525. PC, 1520; keeper, Birling Park, Kent, 28 Apr 1522; steward, honour of Winkleigh, lordships of South Tawton and Zeal, Devon, and lands of duchies of Exeter and Somerset, 3 Apr 1523 and duchy of Cornwall, borough of Bradninch, Devon, and manor of Mere, Wilts, 26 May 1523; warden of the stannaries, Cornw and Devon and master forester, Dartmoor, Devon, 26 May 1523; JP, Devon, 1524, 1526, 1530, 1532, 1536, and 1538, Somers, 1524, 1526, 1529, 1532, 1538, Cornw, 1525-6, 1530, 1532, and 1536-8, Kent, 1526, 1528, 1531-2, and 1537-8, and Surr, 1528, 1531-2, and 1538; constable, Windsor Castle, Berks, Apr 1525; seneschal, duchy of Cornwall, Jun 1528; attainted and beheaded 9 Jan 1538/9. Seat at Tiverton Castle, Devon; lands in Cornw, Devon, Essex, Hants, Herts, Kent, Midd, Rut, and Surr.

minstrels (earl of Devon)	Plymouth	1523-4 (221-2)
minstrels	Barnstaple	1526-7 (37)
	Plymouth	1527-8 (222)
	Exeter	1528-9 (129)
		1529-30 (130)
		1530-1 (131)
	Plymouth	1531-2 (224)
minstrels (earl of Devon)	Barnstaple	1532-3 (38)
minstrels	Exeter	1532-3 (132)
	Plymouth	1532-3 (224)
		1534-5 (225)
performers (earl of Devon)	Exeter	1527-8 (128)
bearward	Exeter	1537-8 (135)

**Ferrers**

Walter Devereux (c 1432–22 Aug 1485), cr 2nd Lord Ferrers, 1461. MP, Heref, 1460; JP, Heref, 1461–3, 1473–6, 1481, and 1483–4, Glouc, 1462, 1464, 1468–9, 1471, 1473–5, 1477, 1479, 1481, and 1483–5, Shrops, 1471, 1474–5, 1477–8, 1480, and 1483, Devon, Somers, and Worc, 1474, and Herts, 1483 and 1485; constable, Aberystwyth Castle, Cardiganshire, Wales, for life, 18 Jun 1463; jt keeper, Haye Park, Heref, for life, 10 Aug 1464; constable and steward, castles and lordships of Brecknock, Brecknockshire, Wales, Hay, Heref, and Huntingdon, Hunts, 16 Nov 1469; sheriff, Caernarvonshire and master forester, Snowdon, Caernarvonshire, Wales, for life, 28 Jul 1470; attainted 7 Nov 1485 as of from 21 Aug 1485. Seat at Weobley, Heref; lands in many cos, including Berks, Bucks, Glouc, Heref, Herts, and Warw.

minstrel/s

Barnstaple

1467–8 (32)

**FitzJames**

James FitzJames (c 1520–Sept 1579), kt, 19 Oct 1553. Eccles comm, bishopric of Bath and Wells, 12 Mar 1559/60; sheriff, Dors and Somers, 12 Nov 1560; JP, Somers, 1562 and 1564; comm *post mortem*, Somers, 1565; Seat at Redlynch, Somers; lands in Somers.

players

Exeter

1575–6 (155)

Plymouth

1575–6 (244)

Totnes

1576–7 (281)

**FitzWarin**

William Bourghchier (by 1420–bef 12 Dec 1469), summ to Parl as 3rd Lord FitzWarin by right of marriage, 2 Jan 1448/9. JP, Shrops, 1443–5, 1448–9, 1453–4, 1457–8, 1460–2, 1466, and 1468, Devon, 1444, 1447–8, 1451, 1453, 1455–66, and 1468–9, and Surr, 1448 and 1452; master forester, Exmoor, Devon and Neroche, Somers, for life, 10 May 1461. Lands in many cos, including Berks, Cornw, Devon, Glouc, Somers, and Wilts.

minstrel/s

Barnstaple

1454–5 (30)

1458–9 (30)

1461–2 (30–1)

1462–3 (31)

1464–5 (31–2)

1466–7 (32)

Fulk Bourghchier (25 Oct 1445–18 Sept 1479), son of William, *qv*, succ as 4th Lord FitzWarin, by 12 Dec 1469. JP, Devon, 1470–2 and 1474–9.

minstrel

Barnstaple

1477–8 (35)

John Bouchier (1529–28 Feb 1556/7), son of John Bouchier, 3rd earl of Bath, *qv*,

styled Lord FitzWarin; kt, 17 Nov 1549. Lands in Dors.		
minstrels	Barnstaple	1556-7 (42)

See also John Bouchier (1470-1539) under **Bath**

### **FitzWarin** (Lady)

Katherine Affeton (d 26 Mar 1467), married Hugh Stucley, nd, and William Bourghchier, 3rd Lord FitzWarin, <i>qv</i> , bef 9 Jan 1458/9.		
performer	Barnstaple	1463-4 (31)

### **Fortescue**

Richard Fortescue (by 1517-26 Jun 1570), MP, Tavistock, Devon, 1545; JP, Devon, c 1559 until death; sheriff, Devon, 19 Nov 1562-3. Seat at Castle Hill, Filleigh, Devon.		
players	Dartmouth	1560-1 (65)

### Possibly

Henry Fortescue (by 1515-by 6 Oct 1576), MP, Maldon, Essex, Mar 1553 and Sudbury, Suff, 1559; JP, Essex, c 1559 until death; steward and receiver, duchy of Lancaster, Essex, Mar and May 1559 respectively, until death; sheriff, Essex and Herts, 8 Nov 1563; comm *post mortem*, Essex, 1573. Seat at Faulkbourne, Essex; lands in Beds, Camb, Essex, and Herts.

players	Barnstaple	1560-1 (43)
	Dartmouth	1560-1 (64-5)
	Plymouth	1567-8 (238)

Possibly Richard or Henry Fortescue, *qv*,

or

John Fortescue (1533-23 Dec 1607), restored in blood, 1551 and kt, Sept 1592. MP, Wallingford, Berks, 1559 and 1572, Buckingham, Bucks, 1586, Bucks, 1589, 1593, and 1597, and Midd, 1601 and 1604; keeper of the great wardrobe, 22 Jul 1559 until death; keeper, Cornbury Park, Oxf, 13 May 1560; ranger, Wychwood Forest, Oxf, 1560; steward, Charlbury, Oxf, 1567 and Buckingham, by 1584 and high steward, Wallingford, Jun 1601; JP, Bucks, from 1569; comm of array, Beds and Bucks, 1586; chancellor and under-treasurer of the exchequer, after 31 May 1589-24 May 1603; PC, 10 Feb 1588; keeper, Hatfield House, Herts, 1593; custos rot, Bucks, c 1594-1600 and Midd, by 1594; comm of musters, Midd, 1596; recorder, Cambridge, Camb, Jan 1601; chancellor, duchy of Lancaster, 24 Sept-3 Oct 1601 and 4 Nov 1601 until death. Principal seat at Salden, Bucks; seats also at Welford, Berks and Holborn, Midd; lands in many cos, including Berks, Bucks, Dors, Glouc, Midd, and Merioneth and Monmouthshire, Wales.



players (Mr Fortescue)	Plymouth	1560-1 (235)
	Totnes	1560-1 (280)
	Plymouth	1561-2 (235)

### Gloucester

Humphrey of Lancaster (3 Oct 1390-23 Feb 1446/7), 4th son of Henry IV, *qv*, cr 2nd duke of Gloucester and 14th earl of Pembroke, 16 May 1414. Constable, Marlborough Castle and keeper, Savernake Forest, Wilts, in reversion, 1 Dec 1403; JP, Essex, 1405-7, 1410-14, 1416, 1429, 1431-5, 1437-8, 1440-3, and 1446, Wilts, 1415 and 1417, Glouc, 1416, Kent, 1416, 1420, 1422-4, 1428-9, 1432-3, 1435-44, and 1446, Nott, 1424, Heref, 1437, 1441, and 1443, and Berks, 1444; keeper, Clarendon Forest, Wilts, 17 Mar 1409/10 and New Forest, Hants, during pleasure, 20 Nov 1428; lord chamberlain, during pleasure, 7 May 1413 and 30 Nov 1422; PC, by 10 Apr 1415; constable, Dover Castle, Kent and warden, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, for life, 27 Nov 1415; gov, Carisbrooke Castle, Wight, 28 Dec 1415; chief justice and warden of forests south of Trent, for life, 27 Jan 1415/16; keeper of the realm and deputy of the king, 30 Dec 1419 and 23 Apr 1430, regent, May 1422, and protector, 5 Dec 1422; constable, Gloucester Castle, Glouc, during pleasure, 10 Dec 1422; justice, Chester, Ches and North Wales, 10 May 1427-19 Feb 1440 and Anglesey, Camb, and Flintshire, Wales, during pleasure, 16 Mar 1437; lieut, marches of Wales, 1 Nov 1435. Lands in many cos, including Berks, Glouc, Kent, Oxf, Wight, and Wales.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1429-30 (91)
		1431-2 (93)
minstrels	Exeter	1438-9 (96)
entertainer	Exeter	1430-1 (92)
		1432-3 (94)

Richard Plantagenet (2 Oct 1452-22 Aug 1485), son of Richard Plantagenet, 3rd duke of York, *qv*, and Cecily Neville; cr 3rd duke of Gloucester, 1 Nov 1461; acc as Richard III, 26 Jun 1483; crowned 6 Jul 1483.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1470-1 (33)
		1472-3 (33)
minstrel	Barnstaple	1473-4 (34)
minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1475-6 (34)
minstrels	Barnstaple	1476-7 (35)
		1477-8 (35)

### Greynfyld

Possibly

Thomas Greynfyld (bef 1480-c 1514), kt, 14 Nov 1501. JP, Cornw, 1483-5, 1487-8, 1492-8, 1502, 1504, and 1506 and Devon, 1494-6, 1501-2, 1504, 1506, and 1509-14; sheriff, Cornw, 12 Sept 1485; comm of musters, Cornw, 1488; comm of array,

Cornw, 1490; comm oyer and terminer, Devon, 1497. Seats at Stowe, Kilkhampton, Cornw and Bideford, Devon.

minstrel/s (Mr Greynefyld)

Barnstaple

1477–8 (35)

Possibly

Richard Greynefyld (d by 21 Nov 1550), kt, 1529. Sheriff, Cornw, 21 Jul 1523, 7 Nov 1526, and 16 Nov 1544 and Devon, 20 Nov 1532; JP, Cornw, 1524–5, 1532, 1536, 1544, and 1547 and Devon, 1532, 1536, and 1544; comm of jail delivery, Launceston Castle, Cornw, 1532; keeper, parks of Heytesbury and Lanteglos, Cornw, 29 May 1532; eccles comm, Devon and Exeter, Devon, 30 Jan 1535; comm of musters, Devon, 1546. Seats at Stowe, Kilkhampton, Cornw and Bideford, Devon.

minstrels (Mr Greynefyld)

Plymouth

1532–3 (224)

## Hals

John Hals (bef 1409–c 1434), JP, Beds, 1413, Hunts, 1413, 1416, and 1418, Bucks, 1414, Camb, 1414, 1417, and 1419, Cambridge, Camb, 1414–15 and 1418, Norf, 1414–16 and 1418, Suff, 1414 and 1417, Bishop's Lynn, Norf, 1414–15 and 1417, Great Yarmouth, Norf, 1414–15 and 1417–18, Devon, 1420, 1422–4, 1427, and 1431, Kent, 1420 and 1422–3, Essex, Herts, Midd, Surr, and Suss, 1422–3, Berks and Glouc, 1424, Heref, 1424 and 1427–8, Oxf, 1424, Shrops, 1424, 1426, and 1430, Staff, 1424 and 1430, Worc, 1424, 1427, and 1430, Oxford, Oxf, 1426, Dors, 1430–3, Somers, 1430–1 and 1433, Cornw, 1431–3, Hants, 1431, Wilts, 1432–3; comm oyer and terminer, Devon, 1417, 1423, 1427–8, and 1433, Pembrokeshire, Wales, 1419, Camb, 1423, Essex, 1423, Cornw, 1424 and 1429, Warw, 1425, Midd and Oxf, 1430, Cornw, 1431–2, Somers, 1431, Southampton, Hants, 1433, and Exeter, Devon, 1434; comm of assize, Essex, Herts, Kent, Midd, Surr, and Suss, 1422–3, Berks, Glouc, Heref, Oxf, Shrops, Staff, and Worc, 1424, and Cornw, Devon, Dors, Somers, Wilts, and Southampton, 1430; justice of the common bench, during pleasure, 5 May 1423; justice of the king's bench, 23 Jan 1424; comm of jail delivery, Launceston Castle, Cornw, 1428. Seat at Keynedon, Devon.

fool

Exeter

1425–6 (88)

## Hancock

Not identified.

drummer

Plymouth

1570–1 (241)

## Hankeford

William Hankeford (d 20 Dec 1422), kt, 17 Mar 1400. Comm oyer and terminer, Oxf, 1388 and 1418, Devon, 1390–2, 1394, 1396, and 1397–8, 1400–5, 1409–12, 1417, and 1424, Essex, 1390, 1394, 1397, 1401, and 1404, Herts, 1390–2, 1394, 1397, 1403, and 1417, Midd, 1390 and 1397, Surr, 1390, 1394, and 1397, Southampton, Hants, 1390, Cornw, 1393, 1409–10, and 1422, Somers, 1393, 1399, 1400, and 1410, Suss, 1393–4,

1397, and 1420, Kent, 1394, 1396–7, and 1411, Warw and Coventry, Warw, 1399, Bristol, Glouc, 1400, Dors, 1404, Wilts, 1409, Beds, 1411, 1414, and 1416, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, 1411, Glouc, South Wales, and the Welsh marches, 1413, and Worc, 1418; comm of assize, Essex, Herts, Kent, Surr, and Suss, 1388, 1393, 1395, and 1398, Midd, 1388 and 1398, and Berks, Glouc, Heref, Oxf, Shrops, Staff, Worc, and the marches of Wales, 1388; comm of jail delivery, Hertford Castle, Herts, 1388, 1394, and 1398–9, Guildford Castle, Surr, 1389, 1392, and 1394, Exeter Castle, Devon, 1390 and 1399, Winchester Castle, Hants, 1390 and 1397, Ilchester, Somers and Salisbury, Wilts, 1390, Canterbury Castle, Kent, 1393–4, Berkhamstead Castle, Herts, 1394–5, Newgate, London and Royston, Herts, 1398; JP, Devon, 1389–92, 1394, 1397, 1399–1401, 1405–8, 1413–15, 1418, 1420, and 1422–3, Essex, 1389–90, 1394, 1397, 1399, 1401–2, 1404–6, and 1412–13, Herts, 1389–92, 1394, 1397, 1399, 1401, and 1406, Kent, 1389–90, 1394, 1396–7, 1399–1401, 1404, and 1406, Midd, 1389–90, 1397, 1399, 1401, 1404, and 1406, Surr, 1389–90, 1394, 1397, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1406, and 1412–13, Suss, 1389, 1393–4, 1397, 1399–1401, 1403, and 1406, Wilts, 1389, 1407–8, and 1410, Southampton, 1389–90 and 1407, Coventry, Warw, 1399, Cornw, 1405, 1407, and 1410, Dors, 1407 and 1410, and Somers, 1407–10 and 1413; comm *post mortem*, Cornw, 1389, Devon, 1389 and 1408, and Somers, 1393; justice of the common bench, during pleasure, 6 May 1398; comm for piracy, Cornw and Devon, 1406 and 1409; chief justice of the king's bench, by 29 Mar 1413; jt keeper, manor of 'Branton Gorges,' Devon, 14 Jul 1421. Seats at Hankford and Annery, Devon; lands in Berks, Cornw, and Devon.

servants (minstrels?)

Exeter

1413–14 (83)

Richard Hankeford (c 1380–27 Apr 1419), son of William, *qv*, comm of array, Devon, 1402 and 1418–19; MP, Devon, 1414; comm for piracy, Devon, 1418. Seat at Annery, Devon.

or

Richard Hankeford (c 21 Jul 1397–8 Feb 1430/1), son of Richard, *qv*, jt keeper, manor of 'Branton Gorges,' Devon, 14 Jul 1421; MP, Devon, 1423; JP, Shrops, 1423–4, 1426, and 1430; sheriff, Devon, 13 Nov 1423; comm of musters, Devon, 1426; comm of array, Devon, 1427; comm for piracy, Devon, 1430. Manors at Eastbury, Berks, Huish, Devon, and Kelynack, Cornw; lands in many cos, including Berks, Glouc, Herts, Shrops, Somers, and Wilts.

servants (minstrels?)

Exeter

1413–14 (83)

### Harington

Margaret Hill (d bef Mar 1457/8), married William de Harington, 5th Lord Harington (d 3 or 10 Mar 1457/8) by 1423.

or



Elizabeth Harington (d bet 1442 and 1458), daughter and heiress of William de Harington, 5th Lord Harington, married William Bonville, by 1442.

servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1428–9 (90)
minstrel/s	Exeter	1433–4 (95)

Cecily Bonville (c 1460–12 May 1529), succ *suo jure* as 7th Baroness Harington, 31 Dec 1460 and 2nd Baroness Bonville, 18 Feb 1461, married Thomas Grey, 4th marquess of Dorset (d 20 Sept 1501), bef Apr 1475 and Henry Stafford, 11th earl of Wiltshire (d 6 Mar 1523), bet 22 Nov 1503 and 18 Oct 1505.

performer	Barnstaple	1463–4 (31)
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### Harte

Percival Harte (d 1580), kt, after 1538. Sheriff, Flintshire, Wales, 17 Jun 1536 and Kent, 22 Nov 1545; JP, Kent, 1542–4, 1554, 1556, 1562, 1564, and 1570–1; comm of musters, Kent, 1546; eccles comm, Kent, 1553; comm oyer and terminer, Kent, 1554. Seat at Lullingstone, Kent; lands in Kent.

players	Plymouth	1561–2 (235)
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### Hawkins

Richard Hawkins (c 1562–17 Apr 1622), kt, 23 Jul 1603. On expeditions to West Indies, 1582; capt on Francis Drake's, *qv*, voyage to West Indies, Spanish Main, and coast of Florida, 1585–6; on expeditions against Spanish Armada, 1588, to Portugal, 1590, to Azores, 1592, and to West Indies, Brazil, and Straits of Magellan, 1593; imprisoned in Seville, Spain, 1597; transferred to prison in Madrid, Spain, 1599–1602; vice-adm, Devon, 1604; MP, Plymouth, 1604; vice-adm of fleet sent to Mediterranean, 1620–1. Seats at Deptford and Plymouth, Devon.

musicians	Plymouth	1592–3 (255)
trumpeters	Plymouth	1592–3 (255)
waits	Plymouth	1592–3 (255)

### Haynes

William Haynes (by 1430–94), keeper, park of Woodstock, Oxf, 18 Mar 1442; escheator, Hants and Wilts, 1449–50; MP, Bath, Somers, 1460 and 1472–5; mayor, Bath, 1467 and 1474; alderman, Bath, by 1492. Seat at Swindon, Wilts.

player/s	Barnstaple	1478–9 (35)
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### Howard

The following are possibilities:

Henry Howard (c 1517–19 Jan 1546/7), 1st son of Thomas Howard, 8th duke of Norfolk, *qv*, KB, by Mar 1541 and KG, 22 May 1541; styled earl of Surrey. Assisted in suppressing Yorks rebellion, Oct 1536; comm for defence of the coast, Norf, 1539;



jt steward, Cambridge Univ, Camb, 8 Sept 1540; JP, Norf, 1540 and 1542-3; steward, duchy of Lancaster, Norf, 1543; imprisoned in the Tower 8 Dec 1546; beheaded 19 Jan 1546/7. Seat at Kenninghall, Norf; lands in Devon, Norf, Suff, Surr, and Suss.

Thomas Howard (c 1520-28 Jan 1582), 2nd son of Thomas Howard, 8th duke of Norfolk, *qv*, restored in blood, 1 May 1553 and cr Viscount Howard, 13 Jan 1558/9. JP, Dors, 1562 and 1564; custos rot, 1564. Seat at Bindon, Dors; lands in Dors.

William Howard (c 1510-11 or 12 Jan 1572/3), cr 1st Baron Howard, 11 Mar 1553/4. JP, Surr, 1541, 1543, 1547, 1554, 1562, and 1564; convicted of misprision of treason, 1542; pardoned 27 Aug 1544; lord high adm, Oct 1553-Feb 1557/8; PC, 3 Jan 1553/4; lord chamberlain of the household, 1558-72; lord lieut, Surr, 1559-73; keeper, steward, and bailiff, Hampton, Midd, 4 Nov 1559; keeper of the privy seal, during pleasure, 5 Aug 1572 until death. Seat at Effingham, Surr; lands in Devon, Glouc, Midd, Somers, Suss, and Surr.

minstrels

Exeter

1537-8 (135)

### Hungerford

Walter Hungerford (c 22 Jun 1378-4 Aug 1449), summ to Parl as 1st Lord Hungerford, 7 Jan 1426. MP, Wilts, 1400, 1404, 1407, 1413, and 1414 and Somers, 1409; JP, Wilts, 1401, 1403-5, 1408, 1412-15, 1417, 1419, 1422-5, 1427-8, 1432-3, 1438, 1440-1, 1443, 1447, and 1451, Somers, 1408-10, 1413-14, 1416-17, 1419, 1422-4, 1427, 1429-31, 1433, 1435, 1439-44, and 1447-8, Norf, 1414, 1418, 1422-4, 1429, and 1432, Berks, 1417, 1422-4, 1435-7, 1439, 1443-4, and 1448-9, Camb, 1417, 1419-20, 1422-5, and 1429, Dors, 1417, 1419, and 1422-3, Essex, 1417, 1419, 1422-4, 1427, 1429, and 1431-5, Suff, 1417, 1419, 1422-4, and 1432-4, Surr, 1417, 1422-4, 1427, and 1431-2, Beds, 1418 and 1422-3, Devon, 1418, 1420, 1422-4, 1427, 1431, 1435, 1438 or 1440, 1443-4, and 1447-8, Hunts, 1418, 1422-4, and 1428-9, Kent, 1418, 1420, 1422-4, and 1428-9, Oxf, 1418, 1420, 1422-4, 1432, 1435-8, 1442-3, and 1446-7, Bucks, 1419, 1422-4, 1431-4, and 1437, Glouc, 1419, 1422-4, 1432-3, 1435, and 1437-8, Heref, 1419 and 1422-3, Herts, 1419, 1422-4, 1427, and 1429, Suss, 1419 and 1422-3, Southampton, Hants, 1422, Hants, 1423, Cornw, 1424, 1431-3, 1436, 1439, 1441-3, and 1445, and Nott, 1424; sheriff, Wilts, 22 Nov 1405 and Dors and Somers, 6 Nov 1413; chief steward, duchy of Lancaster, southern parts, 5 Apr 1409-36; lord steward of the household, by 24 Jul 1415-by 13 Jul 1421 and 1424; constable, Windsor Castle, Berks, 1 Nov 1417; member, council of regency, 1422; treasurer of the exchequer, during pleasure, 16 May 1426-32. Principal seat at Farleigh Hungerford, Somers; seats at Wellow, Somers and Heytesbury, Wilts; lands in many cos, including Cornw, Devon, Dors, Hants, Somers, and Wilts.

minstrel/s

Exeter

1427-8 (90)

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1428-9 (90)

1429–30 (91)

1430–1 (92)

1431–2 (92)

1432–3 (93)

## Hunsdon

Henry Carey (4 Mar 1525/6–23 Jul 1596), cr 1st Baron Hunsdon, 13 Jan 1558/9. MP, Buckingham, Bucks, 1547, Apr and Nov 1554 and 1555; JP, Essex, Herts, and Kent, 1562, 1564, and 1584, Beds, 1564, and Yorks, NR, 1584; gov, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb, 25 Aug 1568–87; warden, East Marches towards Scotland, 23 Oct 1571; PC, 16 Nov 1577; lord chamberlain of the household, Jul 1585, lord lieut, Norf and Suff, 3 Jul 1585, and chief justice in eyre, south of Trent, 1589, all until death; recorder, Cambridge, Camb and high steward, Ipswich, Suff and Doncaster, Yorks, WR, 1590; chief justice itinerant, royal forests south of Trent, 20 Dec 1591 until death; high steward, Oxford, Oxf, for life, 2 Mar 1591/2. Seats at Buckingham and Hunsdon, Herts; lands in Bucks, Derb, Essex, Hants, Herts, Kent, Wilts, and Yorks.

players

Dartmouth

1564–5 (65)

Plymouth

1564–5 (237)

Exeter

1582–3 (159)

## Huntingdon

John Holand (29 Mar 1395 or 1396–5 Aug 1447), restored in blood and succ as 14th earl of Huntingdon, 1417; cr 3rd duke of Exeter, 6 Jan 1443/4. Constable of the Tower, sole, 20 Aug 1420 and jt, 28 Feb 1446/7; JP, Beds, 1426, 1435, 1437, 1439–40, and 1443, Cornw, 1427, 1431–3, 1436, 1438, 1441–3, and 1445, Devon, 1427, 1431, 1435, 1438, and 1443–4, Essex, 1427, 1429, 1431–5, 1437–8, 1441–3, and 1446, Heref, 1427–8, 1431–3, 1435, 1437, 1441, and 1443, Herts, 1427, 1429, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1443, and 1445, Somers, 1427, 1429, and 1431, Hunts, 1428–9, 1432, 1437, 1441–3, and 1446, Suss, 1433, 1435–7, 1439, 1441–2, and 1444, Surr, 1435–40 and 1443–4; deputy marshal of England, 15 Nov 1432–12 Sept 1436; jt keeper, East and West Marches towards Scotland and jt capt, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb, 12 Jul 1435; lord high adm, during pleasure, sole, 2 Oct 1435 and jt, 14 Feb 1445/6; PC, Nov 1426–May 1445. London residence at Coldharbour, lands in Berks, Ches, Cornw, Devon, Herts, Somers, and Wales.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1415–16 (85)

minstrel/s

Exeter

1425–6 (88)

1427–8 (90)

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1428–9 (90)

1429–30 (91)

1431–2 (92)

1432–3 (93)

minstrels

Exeter

1433–4 (95)

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1435-6 (30)
minstrels	Exeter	1438-9 (95)
trumpeters	Exeter	1438-9 (96)

**John**, son of the king *see* **Bedford**

### **Kindorslay**

Possibly

Thomas Venables (by 1513-19 Jul 1580), styled Baron Kinderton; kt, 11 May 1544. Chamberlain, Middlewich, Ches, 1540-72; JP, Ches, 1543-6, 1547, 1562, and 1564 until death; sheriff, Ches, 1544-5 and 13 Nov 1556; comm of musters, Ches, by 1545; MP, Ches, Mar 1553 and 1563. Seat at Kinderton and lands in Bradwell, Eccleston, and Middlewich, all in Ches.

players	Exeter	1577-8 (156)
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### **King**

Henry of Bolingbroke (Apr 1366-20 Mar 1413), son of John of Gaunt and Blanche of Lancaster; declared Henry iv by Parl, 30 Sept 1399; crowned 13 Oct 1399.

pipers	Exeter	1400-1 (77)
piper/s	Exeter	1401-2 (78)
pipers	Exeter	1407-8 (80)
piper/s	Exeter	1409-10 (81)
		1412-13 (82)
minstrels	Exeter	1402-3 (78)
servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1413-14 (84)

Henry of Monmouth (9 Aug 1387-31 Aug 1422), son of Henry iv, *qv*, and Mary de Bohun; cr prince of Wales, 15 Oct 1399; acc as Henry v, 20 Mar 1413; crowned 9 Apr 1413.

piper/s (prince)	Exeter	1407-8 (80)
		1408-9 (80)
minstrel/s	Exeter	1416-17 (85)
leopardward	Exeter	1417-18 (86)

Henry of Windsor (6 Dec 1421-21 May 1471), son of Henry v, *qv*, and Catherine of Valois, *qv*, acc as Henry vi, 1 Sept 1422; proclaimed king of France, 21 Oct 1422; John, 1st duke of Bedford, *qv*, appointed protector, 5 Dec 1422; crowned king of England, 6 Nov 1429 and of France, 7 Sept 1432; deposed 4 Mar 1461, restored 3 Oct 1470, and deposed finally 11 Apr 1471.

minstrel/s	Exeter	1425-6 (88)
		1427-8 (90)
minstrels	Exeter	1439-40 (96)

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1454-5 (30)
		1458-9 (30)

Edward of York (28 Apr 1442-9 Apr 1483), son of Richard Plantagenet, 3rd duke of York, *qv*, and Cecily Neville, acc as Edward IV, 4 Mar 1461; crowned 28 Jun 1461; fled England 3 Oct 1470-14 Mar 1471; restored 11 Apr 1471.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1462-3 (31)
		1466-7 (32)
		1467-8 (32)
		1468-9 (33)
minstrels	Barnstaple	1476-7 (35)
minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1477-8 (35)
performers	Barnstaple	1481-2 (36)

Henry of Richmond (28 Jan 1457-21 Apr 1509), son of Edmund Tudor and Margaret Beaufort, acc as Henry VII, 22 Aug 1485; crowned 30 Oct 1485.

performers	Exeter	1490-1 (109)
		1493-4 (110)
		1495-6 (112)
		1497-8 (113)
		1500-1 (113)
		1501-2 (114, 115)
		1503-4 (115, 116)
		1504-5 (116)
		1505-6 (117)
		1506-7 (117)
		1507-8 (118)
		1508-9 (118)
minstrels	Exeter	1494-5 (111)
	Plymouth	1494-5 (213)
		1495-6 (213)
		1498-9 (213-14)
		1499-1500 (214)
		1504-5 (216)
minstrel	Exeter	1505-6 (117)
minstrels	Plymouth	1505-6 (216)
trumpeters	Exeter	1496-7 (112)
bearward	Plymouth	1498-9 (214)

Henry Tudor (28 Jun 1491-28 Jan 1547), son of Henry VII, *qv*, and Elizabeth of York; cr prince of Wales, 18 Feb 1503; acc as Henry VIII, 22 Apr 1509; crowned 24 Jun 1509.

minstrels (lord of York)	Plymouth	1502-3 (215)
minstrels (prince)	Plymouth	1504-5 (216)
minstrels	Plymouth	1514-15 (218)



	1515-16 (218)
	1516-17 (219)
	1517-18 (219)
	1520-1 (221)
Exeter	1523-4 (125)
Plymouth	1523-4 (221)
Location unknown	1523-4 (308)
Barnstaple	1525-6 (37)
Plymouth	1525-6 (222)
Exeter	1528-9 (129)
	1529-30 (130)
Barnstaple	1532-3 (38)
Exeter	1532-3 (132)
	1533-4 (133)
Plymouth	1533-4 (225)
	1534-5 (225)
Exeter	1534-5 (133)
	1535-6 (134)
performers	Exeter
	1509-10 (119)
	1510-11 (119)
	1511-12 (120)
	1512-13 (120)
	1513-14 (120)
	1514-15 (121)
	1515-16 (121)
	1516-17 (122)
	1517-18 (122)
	1518-19 (123)
	1519-20 (123)
	1520-1 (124)
	1521-2 (124)
	1522-3 (124)
	1523-4 (125)
	1524-5 (126)
	1525-6 (127)
	1526-7 (127, 128)
	1527-8 (128, 129)
	1528-9 (130)
	1530-1 (131)
	1531-2 (131)
	1532-3 (132)
	1533-4 (133)
	1534-5 (134)
	1535-6 (134)
	1540-1 (138)

bearward	Plymouth	1513-14 (217)
	Barnstaple	1515-16 (37)
	Plymouth	1515-16 (219)
bearwards	Plymouth	1516-17 (219)
bearward	Plymouth	1517-18 (219)
		1518-19 (219)
		1519-20 (220)
bearwards	Plymouth	1520-1 (220)
bearward	Exeter	1524-5 (126)
	Barnstaple	1526-7 (37)
	Plymouth	1526-7 (222)
camelward	Plymouth	1520-1 (220)
		1523-4 (221)
juggler	Plymouth	1520-1 (220)
		1523-4 (221)
	Exeter	1523-4 (125)
jugglers	Barnstaple	1526-7 (37)
	Dartmouth	1528-30 (62)
	Exeter	1532-3 (132)
juggler	Exeter	1533-4 (133)
	Barnstaple	1542-3 (40)
players	Location unknown	1523-4 (308)
	Exeter	1526-7 (128)
	Plymouth	1526-7 (222)
	Dartmouth	1528-30 (62)
	Exeter	1528-9 (130)
		1533-4 (133)
jesters	Barnstaple	1537-8 (39)
	Exeter	1526-7 (127)
	Plymouth	1542-3 (230)
jester	Plymouth	1542-3 (230)
kit and bagpipe players	Exeter	1527-8 (128)

Edward Tudor (12 Oct 1537-6 Jul 1553), son of Henry VIII, *qv*, and Jane Seymour; acc as Edward VI, 21 Jan 1547; crowned 20 Feb 1547. Edward Seymour, duke of Somerset, appointed protector.

players (prince)	Exeter	1537-8 (135)
	Plymouth	1537-8 (227)
		1538-9 (228)
		1539-40 (228)
		1541-2 (229)
minstrels (prince)	Barnstaple	1544-5 (40)
	Plymouth	1544-5 (231)
	Exeter	1538-9 (138)
	Plymouth	1548-9 (233)
	Dartmouth	1551-2 (63)

jester	Plymouth	1547-8 (233)
	Barnstaple	1552-3 (41)
fiddler	Plymouth	1547-8 (233)

Philip Habsburg (21 May 1527-13 Sept 1598), son of the emperor Charles v and Isabella of Portugal, king of Naples and Jerusalem and king of Spain, from 16 Jul 1556. Upon marriage to Mary I, *qv*, 25 Jul 1554, styled king of England, from 27 Jul 1554.

players	Barnstaple	1556-7 (42)
minstrels	Exeter	1556-7 (147)

James Stuart (19 Jun 1566-27 Mar 1625), son of Henry, Lord Darnley and Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, acc as James VI of Scotland, 24 Jul 1567 and as James I of England, 24 Mar 1603; crowned 25 Jul 1603.

players	Barnstaple	1604-5 (48)
		1607-8 (48)
	Exeter	1617-18 (188)

Charles Stuart (19 Nov 1600-30 Jan 1649), son of James I, *qv*, and Anne of Denmark, *qv*; cr duke of Albany, 23 Dec 1600; duke of York, 6 Jan 1605; succ as duke of Cornwall, 6 Nov 1612; cr earl of Chester and prince of Wales, 4 Nov 1616; acc as Charles I, 27 Mar 1625; crowned 2 Feb 1625; beheaded 30 Jan 1649.

players (prince)	Barnstaple	1612-13 (49)
		1613-14 (49)
		1614-15 (49)
		1616-17 (49)
		1617-18 (49)
	Exeter	1617-18 (187)
	Plymouth	1617-18 (266)
	Barnstaple	1621-2 (50)
	Totnes	1623-4 (282)
players	Dartmouth	1633-4 (69)
jester	Totnes	1624-5 (282)
trumpeters	Totnes	1624-5 (282)

**Lady Elizabeth** *see* Elizabeth Stuart *under* Princess

### Latimer

John Nevill (c 1519/20-22 Apr 1577), succ as 4th Lord Latimer, 2 Mar 1542/3. JP, Yorks, NR, 1559 and 1562. Seat at Snape Castle, Yorks, NR; lands in Bucks, Camb, Cornw, Essex, Norf, Suff, and London.

players	Exeter	1562-3 (150)
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**Leicester**

Robert Dudley (24 Jun 1532 or 1533–4 Sept 1588), cr baron of Denbigh, Denbighshire, Wales, 28 Sept, and 14th earl of Leicester, 29 Sept 1564; imprisoned Jul 1553, attainted 22 Jan 1553/4, pardoned 18 Oct 1554, and restored in blood, 7 Mar 1557/8. MP, Norf, 1547, 1553, and 1559; jt steward and constable, Castle Rising, Norf, 13 Dec 1550; comm of relief, Norf, 16 Dec 1551; jt comm of lieutenancy, Norf, 16 May 1552–3; eccles comm, Norf, 3 Mar 1553; PC, 23 Apr 1559; lord lieut, Warw, 10 May 1559, Berks, 1560?, Worc, 20 Nov 1569–15 Nov 1570, and Essex and Herts, 3 Jul 1585 until death; lieut, forest and castle of Windsor, Berks, 24 Nov 1559; JP, Heref, Warw, and Worc, 1562, 1564, and 1584, Northants, 1584; constable, Windsor Castle, 23 Feb 1562 and high steward, Cambridge Univ, Camb, 15 Jul 1563, both until death; high steward, Windsor, 9 Sept 1563, bishopric of Ely, 1565, Reading, by 1566, Abingdon, 1566, and Wallingford, 1569, all in Berks, Bristol, Glouc, 20 Apr 1570 until death, Grafton, Northants, 14 Dec 1571, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth, Norf, 1572 until death, Andover, Hants, 1574, and St Albans, Herts, by 1584; high steward and receiver, honour of Pickering Lythe and constable, Pickering Castle, Yorks, NR, 4 Nov 1564; chancellor, Oxford Univ, 31 Dec 1564 and chamberlain, Chester, Ches, 2 Jul 1565, both until death; custos rot, Warw, 1568; high steward, Norwich Cathedral, Norf, 1574 until death; chancellor and chamberlain, Anglesey, Caernarvonshire, and Merioneth, all in Wales, 26 Sept 1578; lord steward of the household, 1 Nov 1584–8; warden and chief justice in eyre, south of Trent, 25 Nov 1585 until death; lieut and capt-gen at Tilbury, Essex, 1 Jul 1588. Seat at Kenilworth, Warw; lands in many cos, including Leic, Norf, Northants, Oxf, Staff, Yorks, and Wales.

Probably

players (Lord Dudley)

players (Lord Robert Dudley)

players

Dartmouth	1559–60 (64)
Plymouth	1559–60 (234)
Barnstaple	1569–70 (44)
Dartmouth	1569–70 (67)
Plymouth	1569–70 (240)
Totnes	1569–70 (280)
Exeter	1576–7 (156)
	1577–8 (156)
	1585–6 (163)
	1586–7 (164)
Plymouth	1587–8 (251)

Probably

players (Lord Steward)

Exeter	1587–8 (164)
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bearward (Sir Robert Dudley)

Ashburton	1562–3 (29)
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**Lennox**

Ludovic Stuart (29 Sept 1574–16 Feb 1623/4), succ as 2nd duke and 18th earl of Lennox, 26 May 1583 and cr 15th earl of Richmond and Baron of Settrington, 6 Oct 1613 and 2nd duke of Richmond and 1st earl of Newcastle upon Tyne, 17 May 1623. Hereditary great chamberlain, Scotland, 26 May 1583; president, privy council, Scotland, 1586; jt lieut, Scotland, Nov 1589–May 1590; chamberlain of the household, Scotland, 1590; lord high adm, Scotland, 4 Aug 1591 until death; PC, 4 May 1603; naturalized 18 Jul 1603; deputy earl marshal, 1614; lord steward of the household, 1615–24; lord lieut, Kent, 8 Jun 1620. Seat at Richmond Castle, Yorks, NR; lands in Kent and Yorks.

players

Barnstaple

1604–5 (48)

**Lisle**

Arthur Plantagenet (c 1480–3 Mar 1541/2), natural son of Edward IV, *qv*, cr 6th Viscount Lisle, 25 Apr 1523. Sheriff, Hants, 9 Nov 1513; JP, Hants, 1512–15, 1518, 1523–6, 1529, 1531–2, and 1538 and Suss, 1524, 1526, 1529, 1531–2, and 1538; warden and keeper, Clarendon Forest, Wilts and forests of Buckholt and Melchet, Hants and Grovely, Wilts, 26 Nov 1524; vice-adm, 1525; warden, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, 1536 until death; PC, 1540; imprisoned in the Tower 19 May 1540; pardoned Feb 1541/2. Lands in Devon, Dors, Lanc, Leic, Suss, Warw, and Wilts.

minstrels

Plymouth

1532–3 (224)

Exeter

1537–8 (135)

**Lisle (Lady)**

Elizabeth Talbot (c 1452–8 Sept 1487), succ *suo jure* as 3rd Baroness Lisle, bef 13 Mar 1474/5, and married Sir Edward Grey, bef 14 Mar 1474/5 when he was cr 3rd Lord and Baron of Lisle. Seat at Kingston Lisle, Berks.

minstrel

Barnstaple

1474–5 (34)

**Lord Admiral**

Charles Howard (c 1536–14 Dec 1624), succ as Baron Howard, 11 or 12 Jan 1572/3 and cr 10th earl of Nottingham, 22 Oct 1597. Keeper, Oatlands Park, Surr, 1562; MP, Surr, 1563 and 1572; JP, Surr, by 1573 and Kent and Somers, 1608; lord lieut, Surr, sole, 1573 and 3 Jul 1585, and jt, 27 Jul 1621 until death and Suss, sole, 3 Jul 1585 and jt, 2 Sept 1586; lieut of musters, Surr, 1579; chamberlain of the household, 1 Jan 1583/4–Jul 1585; PC, by 5 Mar 1583/4 until death; lord high adm, 8 Jul 1585–27 Jan 1618/19; high steward, Guildford, Surr, from 1585; constable, Windsor Castle, Berks, 5 Dec 1588 and high steward, Windsor, 15 Jan 1592/3, both until death; keeper, Hampton Court, Midd and bailiff and steward of several manors in Surr, 24 Mar 1593; chief justice in eyre, south of Trent, 15 Jun 1597 until death; lord steward of the household, 24 Oct 1597–Nov 1615; queen's lieut and capt-gen in the south of

England, 10 Aug 1599 and 14 Feb 1600/1. Seat at Effingham, Surr; manor of Haling, near Croydon, Surr; held many manors in Surr.

players	Exeter	1586–7 (164)
	Plymouth	1586–7 (251)

*See also Lord Privy Seal, Thomas Howard (1473–1554) under Norfolk, John de Vere (1442–1512/13) under Oxford, and Richmond*

### Lord Chamberlain

Robert Radcliffe (c 1483–27 Nov 1542), restored as 7th Lord Fitzwalter, 3 Nov 1505 and cr 1st Viscount FitzWalter, 18 Jun 1525 and 6th earl of Sussex, 8 Dec 1529. JP, Essex, 1511–15, 1520, 1523, 1525–6, 1528, 1532, 1536, 1538, and 1540, Norf, 1511–12, 1514–15, 1524, 1531–2, 1538, and 1540, Suff, 1511–15, 1520, 1524, 1529, 1531–2, and 1537–9, Suss, 1538, Cumb, Lanc, Northumb, Westmld, and Yorks, 1540, and Devon, 1541; jt comm of array and jt capt, Essex, 28 Jan 1512/13; PC, by 5 Feb 1525/6; chamberlain of the exchequer, 3 Jun 1532 until death; chief steward, honour of Beaulieu, Essex, 28 May 1536, manor of Writtle, Essex, 1 Aug 1540, and duchy of Lancaster, northern parts, 5 Dec 1539–Nov 1540; lord chamberlain, for life, 3 Aug 1540. Seat at Attleborough, Norf; lands in Essex and Somers.

players	Plymouth	1541–2 (230)
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### Lord Chief Justice

John Fitzjames (c 1470–bet 21 Jan 1539 and 12 May 1542), kt, 1525. MP, Bristol, 1491? and 1495; JP, Somers, 1509, 1515, 1524, 1529, 1531–2, and 1538–9, Glouc, 1520, Cornw, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1530, 1532, and 1536–9, Devon, 1522, 1524, 1528–30, 1532, 1536, and 1538, Dors, 1522, 1524, 1530, 1532, and 1536–8, Hants, 1523–6, 1529, 1531–2, and 1538, and Wilts, 1523, 1525–6, 1531–2, and 1537–9; recorder, Bristol, Glouc, 1510–33; attorney-gen in courts of record, 26 Jan 1519; comm of jail delivery, Glouc, Heref, Shrops, Staff, and Worc, 1519 and 1522, Berks, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Hants, Oxf, Somers, and Wilts, 1524–5 and 1527–8, Newgate, London, 1524, 1526, and 1537, Launceston Castle, Cornw, Exeter Castle, Devon, and Winchester Castle, Hants, 1528–9 and 1537–8, and Dorchester, Oxf, Ilchester, Somers, and Fisherton Anger, Wilts, 1528–30 and 1537–8; comm of assize, Glouc, Heref, Shrops, Staff, and Worc, 1520–1 and Berks, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Hants, Oxf, Somers, and Wilts, 1523–6 and 1532; PC, by Jun 1520; attorney-gen, duchy of Lancaster, c 1521–3; puisne judge of the king's bench, 6 Feb 1522; chief baron of the exchequer, 8 Feb 1522–6; chief justice of the king's bench, 23 Jan 1526–21 Jan 1539; comm oyer and terminer, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Hants, Somers, and Wilts, 1538; Seat at Redlynch, Somers.

performers	Exeter	1526–7 (127)
minstrels	Exeter	1529–30 (130)
		1530–1 (131)
		1532–3 (132)

Plymouth	1532-3 (224)
Exeter	1533-4 (133)
	1537-8 (135)

### Lord Deputy of Boulogne

Edward Clinton (or Fiennes) (1512-16 Jan 1585), succ as 9th Lord Clinton and Say, 7 Aug 1517 and cr 16th earl of Lincoln, 4 May 1572. JP, Linc, 1536-40, 1542-3, 1547, 1554, 1562, and 1564 and Surr, 1554, 1562, and 1564; chief capt of Boulogne, France, 1548-25 Apr 1550; lord high adm, 14 May 1550-Oct 1553 and Feb 1557/8 until death; PC, 4 May 1550, Apr 1557, and 1558; lord lieut, Linc, 1552 until death; constable of the Tower, 7-19 Jul 1553; lord steward of the household, 1572-84. Lands in Cornw, Heref, Kent, Linc, Worc, and Yorks.

players

Plymouth	1548-9 (233)
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### Lord Deputy of Ireland

Anthony St Leger (c 1496-16 Mar 1559), kt, 1539 and KG, 1544. JP, Kent, 1526, 1528, 1537-9, and 1554; comm of jail delivery, Canterbury Castle, Kent, 1530; sheriff, Kent, 17 Nov 1539; comm for defence of the coast, Kent, 1539; keeper, castle and park of Leeds and park of Langley, Kent, sole, 25 Jun 1540 and jt, 4 Aug 1550; lord deputy, Ireland, 7 Jul 1540-56; comm oyer and terminer, Ireland, 1546; PC, by 4 Nov 1546-bef 1558; MP, Kent, 1559. Seats at Ulcombe and Leeds Castle, Kent.

minstrels

Plymouth	1542-3 (230)
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### Lord Privy Seal

John Russell (c 1485-14 Mar 1554/5), cr Baron Russell, 9 Mar 1538/9 and 3rd earl of Bedford, 19 Jan 1549/50. Sheriff, Dors and Somers, 16 Nov 1527; MP, Bucks, 1529; JP, Beds, 1536, 1542-3, and 1547, Bucks, 1536, 1539, 1542-3, and 1547, Hunts, 1536, 1538-9, 1544, and 1547, Northants, 1536, 1538-40, 1543, and 1547, Herts, 1538, 1540, 1543, and 1547, Cornw, 1539-40, 1544, and 1547, Devon, 1539-41, 1543-4, and 1547, Dors, 1539-40 and 1547, Somers, 1539-41, 1543-4, and 1547, Berks, 1540, 1543-4, and 1547, Hants, 1540, 1542, and 1547, Oxf, 1540, 1542, 1544, and 1547, Wilts, 1540, 1543-4, and 1547, Camb, Essex, Glouc, and Worc, 1542, 1544, and 1547, Cumb, 1542 and 1547, Kent, Norf, Rut, and Surr, 1542-3 and 1547, Linc, 1542-4 and 1547, Warw, 1542, 1544-5, and 1547, Yorks, WR, 1542, 1544-5, and 1547 and ER and NR, 1545 and 1547, Ches, Heref, Nott, and Shrops, 1543 and 1547, Derb, 1543, 1545, and 1547, Midd, Staff, and Suff, 1543-4 and 1547, Monmouthshire, Wales, 1543-4, Leic, 1544 and 1547, Suss, 1544-5 and 1547, and Northumb and Westmld, 1547; PC, 1536 until death; comptroller of the household, 18 Oct 1537-9; pres, council in the West, Cornw, Devon, Dors, and Somers, by 12 Apr 1539; high steward, duchy of Cornwall and warden of the stannaries, Cornw and Devon, 4 Jul 1539 until death; lord high adm, 28 Jul 1540-17 Jan 1543; lord keeper of the privy seal, 3 Dec 1542 until death; high steward, Oxford Univ, Oxf, 1543 until death; constable and keeper,



castle and park of Rockingham, Northants, 3 Jun 1544; steward, manor of Stamford, Linc, 3 Jun 1544–7 and 1548 until death; lord lieut, Cornw, Devon, Dors, and Somers, 1545 and 1549–53 and Bucks, 1552. Seats at Chenies, Bucks and Berwick, Dors; residence at Russell House, the Strand, Midd; lands in many cos, including Bucks, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Midd, and Somers.

players (Lord Admiral)	Plymouth	1540–1 (229)
players	Barnstaple	1546–7 (40)
	Plymouth	1546–7 (232)
		1547–8 (232)
trumpeters	Plymouth	1548–9 (233)

*See also* Thomas Audley *under* Audley

**Lord Steward** *see* Leicester

### Lovel

John Lovel (c 1344–10 Sept 1408), succ as 5th Lord Lovel, 12 Jul 1361. Keeper, castle of Devizes, Wilts, 1382 and Freemantle Park, Hants and castle and town of Ludlow, Shrops, 1402; JP, Berks, 1381–6, Oxf, 1381–3, 1386, 1397, 1399, 1403–4, and 1406, and Wilts, 1386, 1391, 1394, 1396–7, 1399, 1401, and 1403–6; constable, Corfe Castle, Dors, 1400; member, king's council, 1403 and 1406. Seat at Titchmarsh, Northants; manor at Wardour, Wilts.

minstrels	Exeter	1405–6 (79)
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### Lutrell

Hugh Lutrell (d by 20 Feb 1433), kt, by 1390. Keeper, forest of Gillingham, Dors, in reversion, 5 Jul 1391; comm oyer and terminer, Suss, 1393, Devon, 1413, 1422–3, and 1427, and Dors, Somers, Wilts, and Southampton, Hants, 1422; constable and keeper, Leeds Castle, Kent, in reversion, 23 Feb 1393; comm of array, Somers, 1405; constable, Bristol Castle, Glouc and keeper, Fulwood, Somers and Kingswood Forest, Glouc, 7 Mar 1410 and for life, 8 Nov 1412; JP, Somers, 1414, 1416, 1422–4, 1427, and 1430 and Devon, 1422, 1424, and 1427; comm for piracy, Somers, 1422; comm *post mortem*, Dors and Somers, 1423. Seat at Dunster, Somers; lands in Norf and Suff.

servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1428–9 (90)
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### Mautravers

John d'Arundel (1 Aug 1385–21 Apr 1421), styled Lord Mautravers from 10 Jan 1404/5 and succ as 18th earl of Arundel, 13 Oct 1415. JP, Dors, 1414, Somers, 1414 and 1416, and Shrops, 1419. Seat at Arundel Castle, Suss.

minstrel/s	Exeter	1415–16 (84)
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**Montagu**

Anthony Browne (29 Nov 1528–19 Oct 1592), cr 1st Viscount Montagu, 2 Sept 1554. MP, Guildford, Surr, 1545 and 1547, Petersfield, Hants, 1553, and Surr, 1554; sheriff, Surr and Suss, 10 Nov 1552; keeper, Guildford Park, Surr, Oct 1553 until death; JP, Surr and Suss, 1554 until death; PC, 28 Apr 1557; comm of musters, Surr, 1557, 1572–3, and 1583 and Suss, from 1569; lord lieut, Suss, sole, Mar–Oct 1558 and jt, Nov 1569–85. Seats at Battle Abbey and Cowdray Park, Suss; lands in Surr and Suss.

players

Plymouth

1575–6 (244)

**Morley**

Edward Parker (c 1551–1 Apr 1618), succ as 12th Lord Morley, 22 Oct 1577. Imprisoned Apr 1573; (?) deputy comm, Essex, 6 Nov 1580; JP, Norf and Yorks, NR, 1584 and Somers, 1584 and 1608. Manor at Belhouse, North Tuddenham, Norf.

players

Exeter

1591–2 (173)

**Mortain**

Edmund Beaufort (c 1406–22 May 1455), cr count of Mortain, Normandy, 22 Apr 1427, styled earl of Dorset, 1438–41, cr 2nd earl of Dorset, 18 or 28 Aug 1442 and 2nd marquess of Dorset, 24 Jun 1443, succ as 5th earl of Somerset, 27 May 1444, and cr 2nd duke of Somerset, 31 Mar 1448. Constable, Nottingham Castle and keeper, Sherwood Forest, Nott, 20 Jan 1424/5; constable, Carmarthen Castle, Carmarthenshire, Wales, during pleasure, 8 Aug 1433, Aberystwyth Castle, Cardiganshire, Wales, 9 Dec 1435, and Windsor Castle, Berks, for life, 21 Jul 1438; JP, Dors, 1444, 1446–7, 1451, and 1453 and Somers, 1444, 1447–9, 1451, and 1453–4; comm oyer and terminer, Kent, Surr, Suss, Wilts, and Southampton, Hants, 20 May 1451, various cos and Bristol, Glouc, 6 Jul 1452, and Wales, 30 Jul 1452; justice in eyre, steward, and chief warden, forests south of Trent, 2 Jul 1453; imprisoned in the Tower Dec 1453–4 Mar 1454/5. Lands in Dors, Somers, and Wight.

minstrel/s

Exeter

1427–8 (90)

**Mountjoy**

James Blount (c 1533–20 Oct 1581), succ as 6th Lord Mountjoy, 10 Oct 1544. Lord lieut, Dors, 26 May 1559; JP, Dors and Wilts, 1562 and 1564; comm of oyer and terminer, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Somers, Southants, and Wilts, 1564; shareholder in company of Mines Royal, Cornw, Cumb, Devon, Glouc, Lanc, Westmld, Worc, and Wales, 28 May 1568. Seat at Apethorpe, Northants; house in London.

minstrel

Plymouth

1546–7 (232)

players

Plymouth

1564–5 (237)

Dartmouth

1566–7 (66)

Plymouth

1566–7 (238)

1568–9 (239)

Barnstaple

1570–1 (44)

Plymouth	1570-1 (241)
	1572-3 (242)
Totnes	1573-4 (281)
Exeter	1576-7 (156)

William Blount (c Oct 1561-27 Jun 1594), son of James, *qv*, succ as 7th Lord Mountjoy, 20 Oct 1581. Seat at Brook, Wilts.

players	Plymouth	1598-9 (257)
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## Norbury

Possibly

John Norbury (c 1443-by 1506), kt, bet Jan and Jun 1483. Comm of array, Surr, 1480, 1484, and 1496; comm of musters, Surr, 1488 and 1496; JP, Surr, 1483-4 and 1497-1506; MP, Surr, 1484?, 1491, and 1495; sheriff, Surr and Suss, 5 Nov 1484. Seat at Stoke d'Abernon, Surr.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1477-8 (35)
performers	Barnstaple	1481-2 (36)

## Norfolk

John de Mowbray (18 Oct 1444-16 or 17 Jan 1475/6), cr 12th earl of Surrey and Warenne, 24 Mar 1450/1 and succ as 4th duke and 14th earl of Norfolk, 6 Nov 1461. Hereditary earl marshal, 6 Nov 1461; JP, Norf, 1466 and 1469-75, Suff, 1466-8, 1470-1, 1473, and 1475, Suss, 1468-9 and 1471-3, and Oxf, 1469; comm of array, eastern cos, 1469-72. Seat at Framlingham Castle, Suff.

performers	Barnstaple	1463-4 (31)
minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1475-6 (34)

Thomas Howard (1473-25 Aug 1554), styled Lord Howard 1483-1514, cr 14th earl of Surrey, 1 Feb 1513/14, and succ as 8th duke of Norfolk, 21 May 1524. JP, Norf, 1504, 1510-12, 1514-15, 1524, 1526, 1531-2, 1538, 1540, 1542-3, and 1554, Suff, 1504, 1506-7, 1509-15, 1524, 1526, 1529, 1531-2, 1537-9, 1543-4, and 1554, Linc, 1515, 1522, 1524, 1526, 1528, 1531-2, 1536-40, 1542-3, and 1545, Hants, 1524, 1526, 1529, 1531-2, 1538, 1540, and 1542, Hunts, 1524-5, 1528, 1531-2, 1536, 1538, and 1544, Leic, 1524, 1526, 1531-2, 1538-9, and 1544, Midd, 1524, 1526, 1528, 1531-2, 1537, 1539, and 1543-4, Northants, 1524, 1526, 1528, 1531-2, 1536, 1538-40, and 1543, Rut, 1524, 1526, 1531-2, 1536, and 1542-3, Somers, 1524, 1526, 1529, 1531-2, 1538-40, and 1543-4, Suss, 1524, 1526, 1529, 1531-2, 1538, and 1544-5, Warw, 1524, 1529, 1531-2, 1537-9, 1542, and 1544-5, Beds, 1525, 1529-30, 1532, 1536, and 1542-3, Berks, 1525-6, 1530, 1532, 1538, 1541, and 1543-4, Bucks, 1525, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1539, and 1542-3, Camb, 1525, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1538-40, 1542, and 1544, Cornw, 1525-6, 1530, 1532, 1537-40, and 1544, Cumb, 1525, 1530, 1532,

1538–40, and 1542, Derb, 1525, 1530, 1532, 1537–9, 1541, 1543, and 1545, Essex, 1525–6, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1538, 1540–2, and 1544, Glouc, 1525, 1528, 1531–2, 1537, 1539–40, 1542, and 1544, Heref, 1525, 1528, 1531–2, 1538, 1540–1, and 1543, Herts, 1525–6, 1528, 1531–2, 1537–40, and 1543, Northumb, 1525, 1531–2, 1536, 1538, and 1540, Oxf, 1525–6, 1531–2, 1536–7, 1541–2, and 1544, Surr, 1525–6, 1528, 1531–2, 1538–9, and 1541–3, Westmld, 1525, 1531–2, 1537, and 1540, Wilts, 1525–6, 1529, 1531–2, 1537–9, and 1543, Yorks, ER, 1525, 1529–30, 1532, 1536, 1538, 1540–1, and 1545, NR, 1525, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1538–41, and 1545 and WR, 1525, 1528, 1530, 1532, 1537–42, and 1544–5, Devon, 1526, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1538–41, and 1543–4, Dors, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1532, and 1536–40, Kent, 1526, 1528, 1531–2, 1537–40, and 1542–3, Nott, 1526, 1531–2, 1537–8, and 1543, Shrops, 1526, 1529, 1532, 1536, 1538–9, and 1543, Staff, 1526, 1531–2, 1536, 1538, 1540, and 1543–4, Worc, 1526, 1531–2, 1537–40, 1542, and 1544, Ches, 1539–40 and 1543, Lanc and Cambridge, Camb, 1540, and Monmouthshire, Wales, 1543–4; lord high adm, 4 May 1513–Jul 1525; PC, by May 1516 and 10 Aug 1553; lord lieut, Ireland, 1520–2; treasurer of the exchequer, 4 Dec 1522–Feb 1546/7; high steward, Cambridge, Jun 1529; earl marshal, 28 May 1533; lieut-gen, north of Trent, 29 Jan 1540/1; capt-gen in the North, Aug 1542; imprisoned in the Tower 12 Dec 1546; attainted 27 Jan 1546/7; released and restored in blood and honours, 3 Aug 1553. Seat at Kenninghall, Norf; lands in many cos, including Berks, Kent, Linc, Norf, Somers, and Suff.

players (Lord Admiral)	Plymouth	1520–1 (220)
minstrels	Barnstaple	1534–5 (38)

Thomas Howard (10 Mar 1537/8–2 Jun 1572), grandson of Thomas, *qv*, styled earl of Surrey, restored in blood and honours, 2 Sept 1553, and succ as 9th duke of Norfolk and 15th earl of Surrey, 25 Aug 1554. Hereditary earl marshal, 25 Aug 1554; lord lieut, Norf and Suff, 1558–26 Oct 1559; high steward, Cambridge, Camb, by 1559; lieut-gen in the North, Nov 1559–60; JP, Midd, Norf, and Suff, 1562 and 1564; PC, Nov 1562; imprisoned in the Tower 8 Oct 1569–3 Aug 1570; attainted 16 Jan 1571/2 and beheaded 2 Jun 1572. Seat at Kenninghall, Norf; London residence at the Charterhouse.

players	Exeter	1556–7 (147)
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### Northumberland

John Dudley (c 1504–22 Aug 1553), restored in blood, 1512, succ as 7th Baron Lisle, c 1530, cr 7th Viscount Lisle, 12 Mar 1541/2, 19th earl of Warwick, 16 Feb 1546/7, and 1st duke of Northumberland, 11 Oct 1551. MP, Kent, 1529 and Staff, 1542; JP, Surr, 1531–2, 1538–9, and 1541, Suss, 1531–2 and 1538, Warw, 1532 and 1547, Kent, 1537–9, Staff, 1538, 1540, and 1547, Worc, 1540 and 1547, Glouc, Heref, Shrops, 1547; jt constable, Warwick Castle, Warw, 16 Mar 1532; sheriff, Staff, 27 Nov 1536; vice-adm, Feb 1537–Jan 1543; warden, marches towards Scotland, 10 Nov 1542–Mar 1543 and 27 May 1550–Jul 1553; lord high adm, 26 Jan 1543–17 Feb 1547 and 28 Oct



1549–14 May 1550; pc, 23 Apr 1543–Jul 1553; lord chamberlain of the household, 17 Feb 1547–1 Feb 1550; lieut of the North, 17 Jul 1547; constable, Beaumaris Castle, Anglesey, Wales, by 1548 until death; lord pres, council in the marches of Wales, 1549–50; lord lieut, Warw, 1550; lord steward of the household, 20 Feb 1550–3; lord pres of the privy council, Feb 1550–Jul 1553; gov, Northumb, 27 May 1550–Jul 1553; earl marshal, 20 Apr 1551; chancellor, Cambridge Univ, Camb, 1552–3; chief steward of the exchequer, Cumb, Northumb, Westmld, and Yorks, 2 May–Jul 1553; imprisoned in the Tower 25 Jul 1553; beheaded 22 Aug 1553. Seats at Halden, Kent, Chelsea and Syon, Midd, and Dudley Castle, Staff; London residence at Durham Place; lands in many cos, including Heref, Hunts, Northants, Rut, Shrops, Warw, and Worc.

minstrels (earl of Warwick)	Plymouth	1549–50 (234)
players (earl of Northumberland)	Barnstaple	1551–2 (40)
players	Barnstaple	1552–3 (41)

### Northumberland (earl)

Henry de Percy (3 Feb 1392/3–22 May 1455), succ as 5th Lord Percy, 19 Feb 1407/8 and cr 5th earl of Northumberland, 16 Mar 1415/16. Warden, East March towards Scotland and capt, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb, Apr 1417; JP, Cumb, 1418–24, 1428, 1432, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1443, 1447–8, and 1452–4 and Northumb, 1418, 1422–4, 1433, 1437, 1439, 1442, 1444, and 1447; member, council of regency, 16 Nov 1422. Castles at Alnwick and Warkworth, Northumb; lands in Northumb.

minstrel/s	Exeter	1427–8 (90)
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Ottery *see* Nicholas Carew *under* Carew

### Oxford

John de Vere (8 Sept 1442–10 Mar 1512/13), succ as 13th earl of Oxford, 26 Feb 1461/2. JP, Camb, 1461, 1466, 1468, 1470, 1485–6, 1493, 1495–6, 1498, 1500, 1502, 1505, and 1511–12, Essex, 1461, 1464–5, 1467–8, 1470, 1485, 1488, 1490, 1495–6, 1498–1502, 1504, 1506, and 1508–13, Norf, 1461–2, 1465–6, 1470, 1485–7, 1490, 1494, 1496–9, 1501–4, and 1510–12, Suff, 1461, 1465–8, 1470, 1485–6, 1488–90, 1492, 1494, 1496–7, 1499–1501, 1503–4, 1506–7, and 1509–12, Hunts, 1470–1, 1487, 1490, 1493, 1496, 1498–9, 1502, 1504, 1506, and 1508–10, Bucks, 1485, 1487, 1489, 1491, 1493–4, 1496–1504, 1507, 1509–10, and 1512, Herts, 1485–90, 1493, 1497, 1500–1, 1503, 1506, 1509, and 1511–12, Kent, 1485, 1487, 1489–90, 1493–4, and 1497–1506, Oxf, 1485–6, 1488, 1490, 1493, 1496–7, 1501–2, 1504, and 1509–12, and Oxford, Oxf, 1498; imprisoned in the Tower Nov 1468; pardoned 5 Apr 1469; attainted 1475; attainder reversed 1485; lord high adm, 21 Sept 1485; high steward, duchy of Lancaster, south of Trent, 22 Sept 1485; constable, Castle Rising, Norf, 22 Sept 1485 and Clare Castle, Suff, 4 Dec 1493; pc and hereditary lord chamberlain, after 1485; constable of the Tower, for life, 29 Jun 1487; steward, manors of Bardfield



and Thaxted, Essex and Clare and Sudbury, Suff, 28 Nov 1486 and Galtres Forest, Yorks, NR, 16 May 1509; comm of array, Essex, Jan 1513. Seat at Hedingham Castle, Essex; lands in Essex, Hants, Leic, Midd, Norf, Suff, and Suss.

minstrels	Plymouth	1495-6 (213)
		1498-9 (214)
trumpeters (Lord Admiral)	Plymouth	1512-13 (217)

John de Vere (c 1516-3 Aug 1562), styled Lord Bolebec, 1526 until he succ as 16th earl of Oxford, 21 Mar 1539/40. JP, Essex, 1541-2, 1544, 1547, 1554, and 1562; comm of array, Essex, 1545; lord lieut, Essex, jt, 25 Sept 1550-3 and sole, 17 Jan 1557-29 Oct 1558 and 1 May 1559; PC, 3 Sept 1553. Seat at Hedingham Castle, Essex; manor at Earls Colne, Essex; lands in Devon, Dors, Essex, Somers, Suff, and Wilts.

players	Barnstaple	1561-2 (43)
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Possibly

players	Exeter	1562-3 (150)
	Plymouth	1562-3 (235)

Edward de Vere (12 Apr 1550-24 Jun 1604), son of John, 16th earl of Oxford, *qv*, styled Lord Bolebec until he succ as 17th earl of Oxford, 3 Aug 1562. Lord great chamberlain, 3 Aug 1562; chief comm of musters, Essex, 1579. Seats at Hedingham Castle, Essex and Hackney, Midd; lands in Essex.

Possibly

players	Exeter	1562-3 (150)
	Plymouth	1562-3 (235)

players	Exeter	1582-3 (159)
		1583-4 (160)

	Totnes	1584-5 (281)
musicians	Barnstaple	1584-5 (45)

## Percy

Thomas de Percy (1343-23 Jul 1403), cr 2nd earl of Worcester, 29 Sept 1397. Keeper, Roxburghe Castle, Roxburgh, Scotland, 1 Dec 1376-May 1381; jt warden, East Marches towards Scotland, 16 Jul 1377, 3 Aug 1383, and 12 Jan 1383/4 and assistant warden, all marches towards Scotland, 1 May-11 Jun 1384; adm of the North, 5 Nov 1378 and 29 Jan 1384/5 and of the North, West, and Ireland, 15 Nov 1399-Apr 1401; justice, South Wales, 14 May 1390; keeper, Newcastle Emlyn, Carmarthenshire, Wales, for life, 20 Dec 1390 and Haverford Castle, Pembrokeshire, Wales, for life, 9 Jan 1392/3; chief forester, Inglewood Forest, Cumb, 19 Nov 1391-14 May 1393; lord steward of the household, Feb 1392/3-Jul 1399 and c 1401-2; JP, Shrops, 1397-9 and 1401 and Worc, 1397 and 1399-1401; constable, Jedburgh Castle, Roxburgh, for life, 19 Oct 1397; PC, bef 4 Dec 1399; capt, castles of Cardigan and Lampeter,

Cardiganshire, Wales, c Nov 1401; comm of oyer and terminer, Shrops, 1397–8, Worc, 1397, and South Wales, 1401; lieut, South Wales, during pleasure, 31 Mar 1402–7 Mar 1403; beheaded 23 Jul 1403. Lands in many cos, including Carmarthenshire and Caernarvonshire, Wales.

Possibly minstrel/s (Lord Thomas Periehay)	Exeter	1387–8 (75)
minstrels	Exeter	1402–3 (78)

## Pomery

Probably

Henry Pomery (d by 27 Mar 1487), comm for piracy, Devon, 1431 and 1452; JP, Devon, 1465–6, 1468–72, and 1474–5. Seat at Berry Pomeroy, Devon; lands in Devon.

or

Richard Pomery (d by 10 Feb 1497), son of Henry, *qv*, kt, 24 Nov 1487? Comm oyer and terminer, Devon, 1472; sheriff, Devon, 5 Nov 1473 and 26 Nov 1492; comm *post mortem*, Cornw, 1478 and Devon, 1478 and 1480; comm of array, Devon, 1484 and 1490; JP, Devon, 1494–6. Seat at Berry Pomeroy, Devon; lands in Cornw and Devon.

harper	Barnstaple	1474–5 (34)
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## Powis

Edward Cherleton (c 1371–14 Mar 1420/1), succ as 5th Lord Cherleton and lord of Powis, 19 Oct 1401. JP, Heref, 1404–8 and 1413 and Shrops, 1408, 1410, 1413, 1416, and 1419–20. Seat at Powis Castle, Montgomeryshire, Wales.

minstrels	Exeter	1415–16 (85)
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## Prince

Edward of Woodstock (15 Jun 1330–8 Jun 1376), 1st son of Edward III, cr 14th earl of Chester, 18 Mar 1333, 1st duke of Cornwall, 3 Mar 1336/7, and prince of Wales, 12 May 1343. Guardian of the kingdom, 11 Jul 1338, 27 May 1340, and 5 Oct 1342. Principal seat at Berkhamstead, Herts; castles at Chester, Ches, Carisbrooke, Wight, and Rhuddlan and Flint, Flintshire, Wales.

trumpeters	Exeter	1361–2 (70–1)
minstrel/s	Exeter	1370–1 (72)

Thomas of Lancaster (29 Sept 1389–22 Mar 1420/1), 2nd son of Henry IV, *qv*, cr 2nd duke of Clarence and 1st earl of Aumale, 9 Jul 1412. JP, Yorks, ER, 1400–1, 1405, 1407, 1409, 1411–13, and 1416 and WR, 1414; chief gov, Ireland, 1401–13; lord high adm, 20 Feb 1405–6; member, king's council, 1411; high steward, Chester, Ches,

1415; constable, Hawarden Castle, Ches and Mohaut Castle, Flintshire, Wales, 27 Apr 1415.

minstrels	Exeter	1405–6 (79)
servants (minstrels?) (duke of Clarence)	Exeter	1410–11 (81)
servant/s (minstrel/s?) (duke of Clarence)	Exeter	1415–16 (85)
		1417–18 (86)
piper/s	Exeter	1408–9 (80)

Edward Plantagenet (2 Nov 1470–c Aug 1483), son of Edward IV, *qv*, and Elizabeth Wydevill, *qv*, cr prince of Wales, 26 Jun 1471; acc as Edward V, 9 Apr 1483; deposed 25 Jun 1483. Richard, 3rd duke of Gloucester, *qv*, appointed protector, 30 Apr–25 Jun 1483.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1473–4 (34)
tumbler	Barnstaple	1474–5 (34)
performers	Barnstaple	1478–9 (35)
		1481–2 (36)

See also **Bedford** and Henry of Monmouth, Henry Tudor, Edward Tudor, and Charles Stuart *under* **King**

### Princess

Catherine of Aragon (15 or 16 Dec 1485–7 Jan 1536), daughter of Ferdinando V of Castile and Aragon and Isabella of Castile and Leon, Spain; married Arthur, prince of Wales (d 2 Apr 1502), *qv*, 14 Nov 1501, and Henry VIII, *qv*, 11 Jun 1509; crowned 24 Jun 1509; divorced 23 May 1533.

minstrels	Plymouth	1500–1 (215)
		1501–2 (215)
performers	Exeter	1501–2 (114)

Elizabeth Stuart (mid-Aug 1596–13 Feb 1662), daughter of James VI (of Scotland) and I (of England), *qv*, and Anne of Denmark, *qv*; married Frederick V, elector palatine, 14 Feb 1613; crowned queen of Bohemia, 7 Nov 1619.

players	Exeter	1617–18 (188)
players (Lady Elizabeth)	Plymouth	1618–19 (267)
	Barnstaple	1622–3 (50)

### Queen

Catherine of Valois (27 Oct 1401–3 Jan 1437), daughter of Charles VI of France and Isabel of Bavaria; married Henry V, *qv*, 2 Jun 1420; crowned 24 Feb 1421; married Owen Tudor by 1428.

fool	Exeter	1431–2 (93)
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Elizabeth Wydevill (c 1437–8 Jun 1492), daughter of Richard Wydevill, 1st Earl Rivers, *qv*, and Jaquetta de Luxembourg; married Sir John Grey (d 1461), nd, and Edward IV, 1 May 1464; crowned 26 May 1465.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1466–7 (32)
		1478–9 (35)

Anne Boleyn (1507–19 May 1536), daughter of Thomas Boleyn, 12th earl of Wiltshire and Elizabeth Howard; married Henry VIII, *qv*, 25 Jan 1533; crowned 1 Jun 1533; beheaded 19 May 1536.

minstrels	Exeter	1532–3 (132)
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Mary Tudor (18 Feb 1516–17 Nov 1558), daughter of Henry VIII, *qv*, and Catherine of Aragon, *qv*; acc as Mary I of England, 19 Jul 1553; crowned 1 Oct 1553; married, 25 Jul 1554, Philip, king of Naples and Jerusalem, and king of Spain from 16 Jul 1556.

minstrels	Barnstaple	1555–6 (41)
players	Barnstaple	1556–7 (42)
	Exeter	1556–7 (147)
		1557–8 (148)

Elizabeth Tudor (7 Sept 1533–24 Mar 1603), daughter of Henry VIII, *qv*, and Anne Boleyn *qv*; acc as Elizabeth I, 17 Nov 1558; crowned 15 Jan 1559.

players	Barnstaple	1558–9 (42)
		1560–1 (43)
	Dartmouth	1560–1 (65)
	Plymouth	1560–1 (235)
	Totnes	1560–1 (280)
	Tavistock	1561–2 (279)
	Dartmouth	1562–3 (65)
	Exeter	1562–3 (150)
	Plymouth	1562–3 (236)
	Dartmouth	1564–5 (65)
	Plymouth	1564–5 (237)
	Dartmouth	1568–9 (67)
	Plymouth	1568–9 (239)
	Exeter	1585–6 (163)
		1587–8 (164)
	Plymouth	1587–8 (252)
	Exeter	1589–90 (166)
	Barnstaple	1592–3 (46)
	Exeter	1592–3 (173)
	Plymouth	1592–3 (254)
	Exeter	1594–5 (174)
		1595–6 (175)
	Dartmouth	1598–9 (68)



	Plymouth	1598–9 (257)
	Barnstaple	1601–2 (47)
bearward	Plymouth	1564–5 (236)
bearwards	Barnstaple	1574–5 (45)
bearward	Plymouth	1575–6 (244)

Anne of Denmark (12 Dec 1574–2 Mar 1619), married James VI of Scotland (later James I of England), *qv*, 20 Aug 1589; crowned queen of England 25 Jul 1603. Her acting company continued in her name for several years after her death.

players	Exeter	1605–6 (180)
	Barnstaple	1607–8 (48)
	Dartmouth	1608–9 (69)
	Barnstaple	1612–13 (49)
		1614–15 (49)
		1615–16 (49)
	Exeter	1618–19 (190)
Children of the Revels	Exeter	1623–4 (193)

**Recorder** *see* Thomas Denys *under* Denys

### Rempston

Thomas Rempston (bef 31 Oct 1406–15 Oct 1458), kt, nd. MP, Nott, 1413 and 1416; constable, Flint Castle, Flintshire, Wales, 13 Feb 1423; sheriff, Flintshire, 22 Nov 1416 and 13 Feb 1423; JP, Nott, 1449, 1451, and 1454–8. Seats at Bingham and Rempstone, Nott; lands in Nott.

clariners	Exeter	1438–9 (96)
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**Richard**, brother of the duke of York *see* Cambridge

### Richmond

Henry Fitzroy (*c* 1519–22 Jul 1536), natural son of Henry VIII, *qv*, cr 1st duke of Richmond, 4th duke of Somerset, and 9th earl of Nottingham, 18 Jun 1525. Lieut-gen, north of Trent and keeper, Carlisle, Cumb, 18 Jun 1525; lord high adm, 16 Jul 1525 until death; warden gen, marches of Scotland, 22 Jul 1525; lord lieut, Ireland, Jun 1529; chamberlain, Chester, Ches and North Wales, constable, Dover Castle, Kent, and warden, Cinque Ports, Kent, and Suss, 1536. Residences included Sheriff Hutton, Yorks, NR and Pontefract, Yorks, WR.

performers (Lord Admiral)	Exeter	1526–7 (128)
minstrels	Exeter	1533–4 (133)

### Rivers

Richard Wydevill (bef 1426–12 Aug 1469), cr 1st Baron and Lord Rivers, 9 May 1448 and 1st Earl Rivers, 24 May 1466. JP, Kent, 1433 and 1458–60 and Northants, 1446,

1448–50, 1452, 1454, 1458–60, and 1463–9; PC, Aug 1450; keeper, Rochester Castle, Northumb, for life, Nov 1457; treasurer of the exchequer, during pleasure, 4 Mar 1465/6. Seat at Grafton, Northants; lands in Kent and Northants.

minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1464–5 (32)
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### Rogers

Richard Rogers (c 1527–1605), kt, 25 Mar 1576. MP, Dors, 1572; JP, Dors, from c 1570; comm of musters, Dors, 1 Jun 1573 and Blandford, Dors, 1587–1600; sheriff, Dors, 10 Nov 1573 and 4 Dec 1587; lieut, 1588 and deputy lieut, by 1601, Isle of Purbeck, Dors, and deputy lieut, Dors, by 10 Aug 1599. Seat at Bryanston, Dors.

Possibly bearward (Mr Rogers)	Plymouth	1569–70 (239)
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bull-baiter	Exeter	1582–3 (159)
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**Russell** *see* **Bedford** (earl)

### Salisbury

Thomas Montagu (1388–3 Nov 1428), summ to Parl as 9th earl of Salisbury, 26 Oct 1409. JP, Dors, 1414, 1422–4, and 1426, Somers, 1414, 1416, 1422–4, and 1427, Wilts, 1414–15, 1417, 1422–5, and 1427–8, Southampton, Hants, 1416, and Berks, 1424; PC, Feb 1417, Nov 1426, and 15 Jul 1427; warden, New Forest, Hants, 1418. Lands included priory of Bisham, Berks.

servant (minstrel?)	Exeter	1413–14 (84)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1413–14 (84)
		1426–7 (89)

### Sandys

William Sandys (bef 1555–29 Sept 1623), succ as 3rd Lord Sandys, 1559 or 1560. JP, Northants, 1584; imprisoned in the Tower 8 Feb 1600/1–5 Aug 1601. Seat at The Wyne, Sherborne St John, Hants; lands in Berks, Hants, and Northants.

players	Exeter	1599–1600 (176)
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### Scrope

John le Scrope (c 1388–15 Nov 1455), summ to Parl as 4th Lord Scrope, 7 Jan 1425/6. PC, 28 Feb 1423/4; JP, Essex, 1424, 1429, 1432–5, 1437–8, 1440–3, 1446, and 1448–9, Linc, 1424–5, 1428, 1430–44, 1446–8, and 1453?, Nott, 1424, 1429–32, 1435, and 1439, Yorks, ER, 1424, 1429, 1431, 1434–5, 1437–41, 1443, 1449, and 1451, NR, 1424, 1432–3, 1437, 1440–3, and 1448, and WR, 1424, 1431, 1435–7, 1439–40, 1442–3, and 1448, and Northumb, 1433, 1437, 1439, 1442, 1444, and 1447; treasurer of the exchequer, 26 Feb 1431/2–Aug 1433; comm oyer and terminer, York, Yorks, 1447.

Seat at Masham, Yorks, NR; lands in Essex, Linc, Northumb, Suff, Yorks and the city of York.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1431–2 (93)

### Sepcote

Probably

John Sapcote (1448–5 Jan 1501), kt, 16 Jun 1487. MP, Hunts, 1472; sheriff, Rut, 5 Nov 1475 and Devon, 5 Nov 1477; comm *post mortem*, Rut, 1478; JP, Devon, 1481–4, 1487, 1491–2, and 1494–6 and Hunts, 1471, 1473–5, 1479–80, and 1483; receiver gen, duchy of Cornwall, 21 May 1483; comm of array, Devon, 1484 and 1490; comm oyer and terminer, Cornw and Devon, 1487; comm of musters, Devon, 1488; keeper, forests of Sapley, Hunts and Weybridge, Surr, Jun 1488–1501. Seats at Bampton, Devon and Elton, Hunts; lands in Devon, Hunts, and Somers.

minstrel/s

Barnstaple

1477–8 (35)

1483–4 (36)

### Seymour

Probably

Edward Seymour (1529–2 May 1593), styled Lord Seymour, kt, Sept 1547; restored in blood, 29 Mar 1553. JP, Somers, 1562 and 1564 and Devon, 1591; sheriff, Devon, 25 Nov 1583. Seat at Berry Pomeroy, Devon; lands in Devon.

bearwards

Exeter

1584–5 (162)

### Sheffield

Edmund Sheffield (7 Dec 1565–Oct 1646), succ as 3rd Baron Sheffield (of Butterwick, in the Isle of Axholme, Linc), 10 Dec 1568 and cr earl of Mulgrave, 5 Feb 1625/6. Lord lieut, Yorks, 1 Aug 1603–19, and lord pres, by 22 Jul 1603–by 11 Feb 1618/19, and member, 21 May 1625, council of the North; JP, Yorks, NR, 1608, 1626, and 1636; vice-adm, Yorks, 1616 until death. Seat at King's Manor, Yorks; lands in Yorks.

players

Exeter

1577–8 (157)

### Sheriff

Possibly

John Fulford (c 1503–14 Nov 1544), kt, nd. JP, Devon, 1528–9, 1532, 1536, 1538–40, and 1544; sheriff, Devon, 14 Nov 1534 and 17 Nov 1540; comm oyer and terminer, Cornw, Dors, Hants, Somers, and Wilts, 1538 and Devon, 1538 and 1540; comm of jail delivery, Berks, Cornw, Devon, Dors, Hants, Oxf, Somers, and Wilts, 1540. Seat at Fulford, Devon; lands in Devon.

minstrel

Barnstaple

1534–5 (38)

*See also Courtenay (Mr)*

**Shrewsbury**

George Talbot (1468–26 Jul 1538), succ as 7th earl of Shrewsbury, 9th Lord Furnivale, Lord Talbot, Lord Strange, and earl of Waterford, Ireland, 28 Jun 1473. JP, Derby, 1486, 1492–3, 1497, 1502–4, 1514–15, 1519–20, 1525, 1530, 1532, and 1537–8, Heref, 1486 and 1492–6, Nott, 1486, 1493, 1496, 1498, 1501–2, 1504–5, 1511–12, 1514, 1521, 1524, 1526, 1531, and 1537–8, Shrops, 1486–7, 1490, 1493, 1496–7, 1502–4, 1510–14, 1521–3, 1526, 1529, 1531, 1536, and 1538, Staff, 1486–7, 1493, 1496, 1499, 1501–4, 1508–11, 1514, 1520, 1522–3, 1526, 1531–2, 1536, and 1538, Worc, 1486–9, 1493–4, 1497, 1500–2, 1504–7, 1510–15, 1522, 1526, 1531–2, and 1537–8, Yorks, ER, 1486, 1489, 1491, 1493–6, 1498, 1501–3, 1506–7, 1509–12, 1514, 1525, 1529–30, 1532, 1536, and 1538, WR, 1486, 1488–9, 1493, 1496, 1498, 1501–2, 1504, 1506–8, 1511–14, 1521, 1525, 1528, 1530, and 1537–8, and NR, 1493, 1495–6, 1502, 1504, 1507, 1511–12, 1514, 1525, 1528, 1536, and 1538, and Leic, 1509–11, 1514–15, and 1524, 1526, 1531, and 1538; comm of musters, Derby, Shrops, and Staff, 1488; comm oyer and terminer, York, Yorks, 1489, and Berks, Midd, and other cos and London, 1494/5, and Kent, 1495; steward, manor of Morfe, Staff, 22 Aug 1493, manors of Bolsover and Horsley, Derby, 27 May 1524, and honour of Tutbury, Derby and Staff, 18 Nov 1529; comm of array, Derby and Staff, 1496 and 1513, Worc, 1496, and Shrops, 1513; lord steward of the household, by 20 Jul 1506 until death; chamberlain of the exchequer, sole, 14 May 1509 and jt, 17 Jul 1527; comm of jail delivery, Surr and Newgate, London, 1510/11; PC, by Jul 1512; lieut gen of the North, 30 Jul–Sept 1522 and 6 Oct 1532. Seat at Sheffield Castle, Yorks, WR; London residence at Coldharbour; lands in Derby, Nott, Shrops, Yorks, and Ireland.

minstrels

Plymouth

1511–12 (217)

**Somerset**

John Beaufort (c 1371–16 Mar 1409/10), half-br of Henry IV, *qv*, cr 2nd earl of Somerset, 10 Feb 1396/7 and 1st marquess of Somerset and 1st marquess of Dorset, 29 Sept 1397; degraded from marquessate, 3 Nov 1399. JP, Berks and Staff, 1397, Dors, 1397 and 1407, Somers, 1397, 1399, and 1406–9, Wilts, 1405–8 and 1410, Devon, 1406–8, Leic, 1407–8, Northants, 1407 and 1409, and Linc, 1410; constable, Wallingford Castle, Berks, for life, 20 Nov 1397 and Corfe Castle, Dors, for life, 7 May 1407; constable, Dover Castle, Kent and warden, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, for life, 5 Feb 1397/8; adm of the North and West, for life, 9 May 1398 and of Ireland, 2 Feb 1398/9; lord chamberlain, during pleasure, 7 Nov 1399 and for life, 10 Feb 1399/1400; member, king's council, 1 Mar 1403/4; lieut, South Wales, 28 Sept 1403; keeper, Clarendon Forest, Wilts, 15 Feb 1404/5.

minstrels

Exeter

1402–3 (78)

Probably  
minstrels

Exeter

1409–10 (80)

piper/s

Exeter

1402–3 (78)



Henry Beaufort (bapt 26 Nov 1401–25 Nov 1418), son of John, *qv*, succ as 3rd earl of Somerset, 16 Mar 1409/10.

Possibly  
minstrels

Exeter

1409–10 (80)

John Beaufort (c Apr 1404–27 May 1444), br of Henry, *qv*, succ as 4th earl of Somerset, 25 Nov 1418 and cr 1st duke of Somerset and 2nd earl of Kendal, 28 Aug 1443. JP, Dors, 1439 and 1442–3, Northants, 1441 and 1443, Somers, 1441–4, and Linc, 1442. Lands in Heref, Herts, Linc, Midd, Norf, and Yorks.

servants (minstrels?)

Exeter

1438–9 (96)

### Southwick

Humphrey Stafford (1439–17 Aug 1469), summ to Parl as Lord Stafford, 26 Jul 1461 and cr Baron Stafford of Southwick, 24 Apr 1464 and 15th earl of Devon, 17 May 1469. High steward, Cornw, 15 Jun 1461; JP, Dors, 1461, 1463, and 1465–9, Somers, 1461–3, 1466, and 1468–9, Wilts, 1461, 1463, and 1466, Cornw, 1462–3 and 1465–7, and Devon, 1462–6 and 1468; constable, Bristol Castle, Glouc, 26 Jul 1461 and Bridgwater Castle, Somers, 20 Mar 1464/5; keeper, forests of Fulwood, Somers, Gillingham, Dors, and Kingswood, Glouc, for life, 26 Jul 1461 and of Dartmoor, Devon, 11 Nov 1464; jt comm of array, Dors, Somers, and Wilts, 1461; PC, 1469; beheaded 17 Aug 1469. Seats at Hook, Dors and Southwick, North Bradley, Wilts.

performers

Barnstaple

1463–4 (31)

### Spain

Earl of Spain. Not identified. Probably a member of the retinue accompanying Katherine of Aragon, which included the Count de Cabra.

minstrels

Plymouth

1501–2 (215)

### Stafford

Edward Stafford (17 Jan 1535/6–18 Oct 1603), succ as 12th Baron Stafford, 1 Jan 1565/6. MP, Banbury, Oxf, 1554 and Staff, 1558 and 1559; lord lieut, Staff, 1559?; justice in eyre and lieut, Needwood Forest, Staff and parks in the duchy of Lancaster, 13 May 1559; justice and ranger, forest of Cannock, Staff, 24 Sept 1560; jt comm of musters, Staff, by 8 Aug 1569; JP, Glouc, Shrops, and Staff, by 1573/4, and Montgomeryshire, Wales, by 1591; vice-adm, Glouc, 1587; member, council in the marches of Wales, Aug 1601. Seat at Stafford Castle, Staff.

players

Barnstaple

1574–5 (45)

Exeter

1575–6 (155)

Barnstaple

1585–6 (46)

Exeter

1585–6 (163)

*See also* Humphrey Stafford *under* Buckingham

**Stourton**

John Stourton (Jan 1552/3–13 Oct 1588), succ as 9th Baron Stourton, 6 Mar 1556/7. JP, Somers, 1584. Seat at Stourton, Wilts.

players	Exeter	1584–5 (162)
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**Strange**

Ferdinando Stanley (c 1559–16 Apr 1594), son of Henry, 13th earl of Derby, *qv*, styled Lord Strange from 1572; summ to Parl as Lord Strange, 28 Jan 1588/9; succ as 14th earl of Derby and lord of the Isle of Man, 25 Sept 1593. Deputy lieut, 1585 and lord lieut, 25 Sept 1593 until death, Lanc and Ches; mayor, Liverpool, Lanc, 1588; vice-adm, Lanc and Ches, 1594.

players	Exeter	1576–7 (156)
	Plymouth	1581–2 (248)
	Barnstaple	1583–4 (45)

*See also* Henry Stanley *under* Derby

**Stukley**

Possibly

John Stuckley (c 1420–24 Apr 1488), MP, Hunts, 1447, 1449, and 1450; JP, Hunts, 1461–2, 1464–6, 1470–1, 1473–5, 1478–80, 1483, and 1487 and Camb, 1463; sheriff, Camb and Hunts, 7 Nov 1461; comm of array, Hunts, 1484. Seat at Great Stukeley, Hunts; lands in Hunts.

performer	Barnstaple	1480–1 (36)
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**Suffolk**

William de la Pole (16 Oct 1396–2 May 1450), succ as 8th earl of Suffolk, 25 Oct 1415 and cr 1st marquess of Suffolk, 14 Sept 1444, 15th earl of Pembroke, 23 Feb 1446/7, and 1st duke of Suffolk, 2 Jun 1448. JP, Suff, 1422–4, 1431–4, 1436, 1438–40, 1442–5, and 1448–9, Norf, 1430–2, 1434, 1436–8, 1441, 1444–5, and 1447–8, Yorks, ER, 1431, 1434–5, 1437–41, 1443, 1449, NR, 1437, 1440–3, and 1448, and WR, 1437, 1439–40, 1442–3, and 1448, Linc, 1432, 1434–5, 1437, 1439–42, 1444, 1446, and 1448, Oxf, 1432, 1435–8, 1442–3, and 1446–7, Berks, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1443–4, and 1448–9, Beds and Herts, 1437, Cumb, 1437, 1439, 1443, and 1447–8, Essex, 1437–8, Northumb, 1437, 1439, 1442, 1444, and 1447, Derb, Nott, and Staff, 1439, Dors, 1439, 1442–4, and 1446–7, Somers, 1439–44 and 1447–9, and Warw, 1439–46 and 1449; PC, 30 Nov 1431; lord steward of the household, bet 26 Oct 1432 and 14 Aug 1433–50; jt constable, Wallingford Castle, Oxf and steward, Chiltern Hundreds, Bucks, 18 Jun 1434; high steward, duchy of Lancaster, north of Trent, 23 Apr 1437–50 and jt, south of Trent, 11 Dec 1447; chief justice, South Wales, by 28 Jul 1438–Feb 1439/40 and Chester, Ches and North Wales, sole, 19 Feb 1439/40 and jt, 1 Dec 1443; keeper, jt, Cornbury Park, Oxf, 16 Jul 1439 and sole, Freemantle Park, Hants, 12

May 1443 and West Bere Forest, Hants, 14 Jun 1446; jt warden, New Forest and Lyndhurst Park, in reversion, 28 Nov 1442; keeper, Dunwich, Suff, 12 Feb 1442/3; lord chamberlain, for life, 24 Feb 1446/7; constable, Dover Castle, Kent and warden, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, 24 Feb 1446/7; lord high adm, 9 Aug 1447; imprisoned in the Tower, 28 Jan 1449/50; released 19 Mar 1449/50; banished as of 1 May 1450; beheaded 2 May 1450. Seat at Wingfield, Suff.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1447-8 (98)

Charles Brandon (c 1484-22 Aug 1545), cr 5th Viscount Lisle, 15 May 1513 and 4th duke of Suffolk, 1 Feb 1513/14; surrendered viscountcy, 20 Apr 1523. Chamberlain, North Wales, during pleasure, 22 Nov 1509; JP, Surr, 1511-12, 1514-15, 1520, 1522, 1524-6, 1528, 1531, 1538-9, and 1541-3, Norf, 1512, 1514-15, 1524, 1526, 1531, 1538, 1540, and 1542-3, Suff, 1512, 1514-15, 1520, 1524, 1526, 1529, 1531, 1537-9, and 1543-4, Midd, 1524, 1526, 1528, 1531, 1537, 1540, and 1543-4, Berks, 1525-6, 1530, 1538, 1541, and 1543-4, Oxf, 1526, 1531, 1536-7, and 1541-2, Beds, 1529-30, 1532, 1536, and 1542-3, Bucks, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1539, and 1542-3, Camb, 1530, 1536, 1538-9, 1542, and 1544, Cornw, 1530, 1532, 1536-40, and 1544, Cumb, 1530, 1538-40, and 1542, Derb, 1530, 1532, 1537-9, 1541, 1543, and 1545, Devon, 1530, 1536, 1538-41, and 1543-4, Dors, 1530 and 1536-40, Essex, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1538, 1540-2, and 1544, Yorks, ER, 1530, 1532, 1536, 1538, 1540-1, and 1545, NR, 1530, 1536, 1538-40, and 1545, and WR, 1530, 1537-42, and 1544-5, Glouc, 1531, 1537, 1539-40, 1542, and 1544, Hants, 1531, 1538, 1540, and 1542, Heref, 1531, 1538, 1540-1, and 1543, Herts, 1531, 1537-40, and 1543, Hunts, 1531-2, 1536, 1538, and 1544, Kent, 1531, 1537-40, and 1542-3, Leic, 1531, 1538-9, and 1544, Linc, 1531-2, 1536-40, and 1542-4, Northants, 1531-2, 1536, 1538-40, and 1543, Northumb, 1531-2, 1536, 1538, and 1540, Nott, 1531, 1537-8, and 1543, Rut, 1531, 1536, and 1542-3, Shrops, 1531, 1536, 1538-9, and 1543, Somers, 1531, 1538-41, and 1543-4, Staff, 1531-2, 1536, 1538, 1540, and 1543-4, Suss, 1531-2, 1538, and 1544-5, Warw, 1531-2, 1537-9, 1542, and 1544-5, Westmld, 1531, 1537, and 1540, Wilts, 1531-2, 1537-9, and 1543, Worc, 1531-2, 1537, 1539-40, 1542, and 1544, Ches, 1539-40 and 1543, Lanc, 1540, Oxford, Oxf, 1541, and Monmouthshire, Wales, 1543-4; keeper, manor and park of Wanstead, Essex, 29 Mar 1512-Mar 1521; ranger, New Forest, Hants, 3 May 1512; PC, bef 15 May 1513 until death; steward, various manors in Glouc, Oxf, Warw, and Worc, 27 Jun 1515; earl marshal, 21 May 1524-20 May 1533; pres, privy council, Feb 1529/30 until death; chief justice in eyre, south of Trent, 27 Nov 1534 until death; lord steward of the household, bef 13 Apr 1540 until death; warden, marches towards Scotland, Aug-Oct 1542; lieut and capt-gen, Kent, Suss, Southampton, Hants, and other cos, 14 Jun 1545. Seat at Tattershall Castle, Linc; lands in Essex, Linc, Norf, Northants, Rut, Suff, and Wilts.

bearward

Plymouth

1515-16 (218)

1519-20 (220)

Exeter

1523-4 (125)



	Plymouth	1525-6 (222)
	Exeter	1526-7 (127)
		1527-8 (128)
	Plymouth	1527-8 (223)
		1529-30 (223)
servant with the dancing bear and the dancing wife	Plymouth	1528-9 (223)
minstrels	Exeter	1533-4 (132)

**Suffolk** (earl)

Thomas Howard (24 Aug 1561-28 May 1626), son of Thomas, 9th duke of Norfolk, *qv*, restored in blood, 19 Dec 1584; styled Lord Thomas Howard until summ to Parl as Lord Howard, 5 Dec 1597; cr 11th earl of Suffolk, 21 Jul 1603. Constable of the Tower, 13 Feb-1 Mar 1600/1; high steward, Cambridge Univ, Camb, Feb 1601-14; lord lieut, Camb, 17 Jul 1602, Suff, 18 Jul 1605, and Dors, jt, 5 Jul 1611 and sole, 19 Feb 1613; pc, 25 Apr 1603; lord chamberlain of the household, 4 May 1603-10 Jul 1614; JP, Norf, 1608; high steward, Ipswich, Suff, 6 Jun 1609; keeper, forest of Braydon, Wilts, 21 Mar 1612; chancellor, Cambridge Univ, 8 Jul 1614 until death; treasurer of the exchequer, 10 Jul 1614-20 Jul 1618; imprisoned in the Tower, Nov-Dec 1619; high steward, Exeter, Devon, 1615-25; councillor, Wales, 12 Nov 1617; custos rot, Suff, 1 Feb 1618; Seat at Saffron Walden, Essex; mansion at Audley End, Essex; London residence at the Charterhouse.

players	Exeter	1616-17 (187)
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**Sussex**

Henry Radcliffe (c 1507-17 Feb 1556/7), styled Lord FitzWalter, 1529 until he succ as 7th earl of Sussex and 2nd Viscount and 8th Lord FitzWalter, 27 Nov 1542. JP, Essex, 1536, 1538, and 1540-1, Norf, 1538, 1543, and 1547, and Camb and Suff, 1554; comm for defence of the coast, Norf, 1539; lord lieut, jt, Norf, Apr 1551, May 1552, and May 1553 and sole, Norf and Suff, 14 Jul 1556 until death; pc, 17 Aug 1553; chief justice in eyre, south of Trent, 19 Nov 1553 until death. Seat at Attleborough, Norf.

players	Barnstaple	1544-5 (40)
	Plymouth	1544-5 (231)

Henry Radcliffe (by 1533-14 Dec 1593), son of Thomas, 8th earl of Sussex, *qv*; succ as 9th earl of Sussex and Viscount and Baron FitzWalter, 9 Jun 1583. MP, Maldon, Essex, 1555, Chichester, Suss, 1559, Carlingford, co Louth, Ireland, 1560, Hants, 1571, and Portsmouth, Hants, 1572; pc, Ireland, by 25 Feb 1556/7; lieut, cos Leix and Offaly, Ireland, 1557-29 Oct 1564; comm, cos Dublin, Kildare, and others in Ireland during absence of lord deputy, 8 Aug 1557; lieut, castle and fort of Maryborough, Ross and Cromarty, Scotland, 1558-9; constable, Porchester Castle and lieut, Southbere Forest, Southampton, both in Hants, for life, 14 Jun 1560; jt



steward, crown possessions in Essex, 1561; warden and capt, 4 May 1571 and high steward, 9 Sept 1590, Portsmouth, both until death; JP, Hants, 1573/4; comm of musters, Hants, sole, by 1576 and jt, 16 Mar 1579/80; jt lord lieut, Hants and Winchester and Southampton, both in Hants, 3 Jul 1585 until death. Seat at New Hall, Boreham, Essex.

players

Exeter

1586–7 (163)

1588–9 (165)

### Talbot

John Talbot (c 1384–17 Jul 1453), summ to Parl as 6th Lord Furnivale by right of marriage, 26 Oct 1409; succ as 8th Lord Strange and 7th Lord Talbot, 13 Dec 1421 and cr 4th earl of Shropshire (or Shrewsbury), 20 May 1442 and 1st earl of Waterford, Ireland, 17 Jul 1446. Constable, Montgomery Castle, Montgomeryshire, Wales, Mar 1407; JP, Derby, 1408, 1410, 1413, 1415, 1423–5, 1429, 1431, and 1437, Shrops, 1410, 1413, 1419, 1423–4, 1426, 1430–2, 1439, 1445, and 1448–9, Staff, 1410, 1413, 1415, 1423–4, 1430, 1432, and 1439, Herts, 1423–4, 1427, 1429, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1439, and 1445, and Warw, 1423; imprisoned in the Tower, 16 Nov 1413; lieut, Ireland, 24 Feb 1413/14 and 12 Mar 1444/5; comm for defence of Welsh marches, 3 Oct 1422; justiciar, Ireland, Jan–Apr 1425; comm oyer and terminer, Kent, 1450/1, Surr, Suss, Wilts, and Southampton, Hants, 1451, and Wales, 1452; keeper, castle and town of Porchester and gov, Portsmouth, Hants, for life, 17 Feb 1451/2. Seats at Sheffield Castle, Yorks, WR, Goodrich, Heref, Blackmore, Shrops, and Hallamshire, Yorks, WR; lands in Heref, Shrops, Yorks, and Ireland.

servants (minstrels?)

Exeter

1428–9 (90)

servant/s (minstrel/s?)

Exeter

1429–30 (91)

1431–2 (92)

**Tavistock** *see* **Bedford** (earl)

**Thomas**, son of the king *see* **Prince**

### Triplyn

Thomas Triplyn. Not identified.

players

Plymouth

1570–1 (240)

### Warwick

Richard de Beauchamp (25 or 28 Jan 1381/2–30 Apr 1439), succ as 13th earl of Warwick, 8 Apr 1401. Hereditary sheriff, Worc and chamberlain of the exchequer, 8 Apr 1401; JP, Warw, 1401, 1404–7, 1413–14, 1422–4, 1427, and 1433–4, Worc, 1401, 1403–7, 1410, 1413–15, 1417, 1423–4, 1427, 1430–1, 1433, and 1435, Staff, 1413, 1415, 1430, 1432, and 1439, Suff, 1414 and 1417, Essex, 1423–4, 1427, 1429, 1431–3, 1435, and 1437–8, Glouc, 1423–4, 1432–3, 1435, and 1437, Heref, 1423–4,

1427–8, 1431–3, 1435, and 1437, Shrops, 1423–4, 1426, 1430–2, and 1439, Bucks, 1424 and 1431–8, Cornw, 1424, 1427, 1431–3, and 1436, Devon, 1424 and 1427, Northants, 1424, 1427, 1432, 1434, and 1439, Oxf, 1424, 1432, and 1435–8, Rut, 1424, 1432, and 1434–7, Suss, 1424, 1427–8, 1433, 1436–7, and 1439, and Yorks, NR, 1432–3 and 1437 and WR, 1437; comm of array, Warw, 1403; jt keeper, Brecon Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales, 24 Oct 1403–19 Feb 1403/4; member, king's council, 9 May 1410; chief warden, marches of Wales bordering on Glouc and Heref, 16 Jun 1415; keeper, Moulton Park, Northants, for life, 20 Dec 1421; councillor of regency, 9 Dec 1422; ranger, Wychwood Forest, Oxf, 21 Nov 1433; constable, Bristol Castle, Glouc and keeper, forests of Gillingham, Dors, Kingswood, Glouc, and Fulwood, Somers, 11 Jul 1437. Seat at Warwick Castle, Warw; lands included lordship of Gower, Scotland.

minstrel/s	Exeter	1420–1 (87)
		1425–6 (88)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1426–7 (89)
minstrel/s	Exeter	1427–8 (90)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1429–30 (91)
servants (minstrels?)	Exeter	1430–1 (92)
entertainers	Exeter	1432–3 (94)

Richard Neville (22 Nov 1428–14 Apr 1471), son of Richard, 10th earl of Salisbury, *qv* (under Chancellor), in right of marriage styled Lord Bergavenny, confirmed in the earldom of Warwick, 23 Jul 1449 and cr 16th earl of Warwick, 2 Mar 1449/50; succ as 11th earl of Salisbury, 30 or 31 Dec 1460. Jt steward, honour of Pontefract, Yorks, WR, and jt master forester, forests of Blackburn and Bowland, Lanc, 6 Aug 1445; warden, jt, Carlisle, Cumb, 4 Apr 1446 and West Marches towards Scotland, 4 Apr 1446 and 20 Dec 1453 and sole, East and West Marches, 31 Jul 1461; hereditary sheriff, Worc, 28 Jul 1450–70; chamberlain of the exchequer, 6 Dec 1450; JP, Warw, 1452–5, 1457–61, 1464–6, and 1468–70, Cumb, 1454, 1461, 1463, 1466, and 1471, Derby, 1454–8, 1460–3, 1467, and 1469–71, Glouc, 1454–8, 1460, 1462, 1464, and 1468–70, Leic, 1454, 1456–8, 1460–1, 1464, 1467, and 1469–70, Northants, 1454 and 1458–71, Nott, 1454–63, 1466–8, and 1470, Staff, 1454, 1456, 1459, 1461, 1463–5, and 1467–70, Westmld, 1454, 1456, 1459, 1461, 1463, and 1471, Worc, 1454, 1458–9, 1461, 1464, 1469, and 1471, Yorks, ER, 1454–62, 1465–7, and 1470, WR, 1454, 1456, 1458, 1460–2, 1464–8, and 1470, and NR, 1455, 1457–61, 1464–8, and 1470, Heref, 1455–9, 1461–3, and 1470, Cornw, 1460, 1462–3, 1465–7, and 1469–71, Kent, 1460–1, 1464–5, 1467, and 1469–71, Linc, 1460–1 and 1463–71, Norf, 1460–6 and 1469–70, Oxf, 1460–2, 1466, and 1468–70, Shrops, 1460–2, 1466, and 1468–70, Beds, 1461 and 1467–71, Bucks, 1461–4, 1466, 1468, and 1470–1, Camb, 1461–6, 1468, and 1470, Devon, 1461–6 and 1468–71, Dors, 1461, 1463, and 1465–70, Essex, 1461–5 and 1467–70, Herts, 1461, 1464–5, and 1470, Hunts, 1461–2, 1464–6, and 1470–1, Northumb, 1461 and 1464, Rut, 1461, 1464, and 1470, Somers, 1461–3, 1466, and

1468–70, Suff, 1461–8 and 1470, Surr, 1461, 1464, 1466, and 1468–70, Suss, 1461–4, 1466, and 1468–70, Wilts, 1461, 1463, 1466, and 1470, Southampton, Hants, 1461, 1463–8, and 1470, Berks, 1464, 1467, and 1470, and Midd and Oxford, Oxf, 1471; pc, by 6 Dec 1453; steward, Monmouth and castles of Grosmont, Skenfrith, and Whitecastle, all in Monmouthshire, Wales, 31 May 1455, honour of Leicester and Castle Donington, Leic, 18 Nov 1460, honour of Pontefract, Yorks, WR, 15 Dec 1461, and manor of Feckenham, Worc, 7 May 1461; attainted 20 Nov 1459; attainder reversed Oct 1460; gov, Channel Isles, 8 Aug 1460; keeper, Newport Castle, Monmouthshire, 4 Nov 1460 and 21 Feb 1470/1, Brecon Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales, sole, 4 Nov 1460 and jt, 14 Feb 1470/1, and Goodrich Castle, Monmouthshire, 4 Nov 1460 and 7 May 1461; chief steward, duchy of Lancaster, jt, 1 Dec 1460 and sole, 15 Dec 1461; lord chamberlain, 22 Jan 1460/1 and 7 May 1461; constable, Dover Castle, Kent and warden, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, 7 May 1461; master forester, forests of Duffield, Derb and Needwood, Staff, 4 Nov 1461; constable and steward, Tutbury, Staff, 4 Nov 1461 and Kenilworth Castle, Warw, 14 Feb 1467/8; lord high adm, 13 Feb–Jul 1462 and 2 Jan 1470/1; capt, Carlisle, Cumb, 5 Apr 1462; sheriff, Westmld, 11 Apr 1465; chief justice in eyre, north of Trent, 21 Nov 1466. Seats at Middleham and Sheriff Hutton, Yorks, NR; held castle and honour of Abergavenny, Monmouthshire; lands in Cumb, Westmld, Yorks, and Wales.

minstrels	Barnstaple	1454–5 (30)
minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1462–3 (31)
		1464–5 (31)
minstrels	Barnstaple	1468–9 (33)
performers	Barnstaple	1463–4 (31)

Ambrose Dudley (c 1528–21 Feb 1589/90), styled Lord Ambrose Dudley from Oct 1551; cr Baron Lisle, 25 Dec, and 21st earl of Warwick, 26 Dec 1561; imprisoned and attainted 1553, pardoned 22 Jan 1554/5, and restored in blood, 7 Mar 1557/8. Constable, Kenilworth Castle, Warw, 20 Dec 1549; JP, Linc and Warw, 1562 and 1564; lord pres of the North, by 22 Feb 1564; comm of musters, jt, London, 1569 and chief, Warw, 1569, and 1579–80 and Berks, Bucks, Northants, Oxf, and Staff, 1579–80; lord lieut, Warw and Coventry, Warw, Nov 1569–Nov 1570 and by 9 Oct 1587 until death; pc, 5 Sept 1573; high steward, St Albans, Herts, 1589 and honour of Grafton, Northants, 10 May 1589; chancellor and chamberlain, Anglesey, Caernarvonshire, and Merioneth, all in Wales, 20 May 1589. Seat at Warwick Castle, Warw; lands in Leic, Warw, and Worc.

players	Exeter	1562–3 (150)
	Plymouth	1562–3 (236)
	Tavistock	1572–3 (279)

*See also Northumberland*



**Westmorland**

Ralph Neville (17 Sept 1406 or 22 Sept 1407–3 Nov 1484), succ as 2nd earl of Westmorland and Lord Neville, 21 Oct 1425. JP, Westmld, 1432, 1434, 1437, 1439, 1443–4, 1454, 1456, and 1459, Yorks, NR, 1432–3, 1437, 1440–3, 1448, 1451, 1455, and 1457–60, ER, 1437–41, 1443, 1449, 1451, and 1453–60, and WR, 1452, and Northumb, 1437, 1439, 1442, 1444, 1447, 1455, and 1460; comm of array in the North, 1436, 1459, and 1461; capt, marches towards Scotland, 6 Aug 1436.

servant (minstrel?)

Exeter

1430–1 (92)

**Westmorland** (countess)

Elizabeth Percy (nd–26 Oct 1437), daughter of Henry Percy, 5th earl of Northumberland, *qv*, married John de Clifford, 7th Lord Clifford (d 13 Mar 1421/2) and Ralph Neville, 2nd earl of Westmorland, *qv*, 7 May 1426.

servants (minstrels?)

Exeter

1432–3 (94)

**Willoughby**

Robert Willoughby (c 1452–23 Aug 1502), succ *de jure* as 9th Lord Latimer by 28 Aug 1477 and summ to Parl as 1st Lord Willoughby de Broke, 12 Aug 1491. Comm of array, Cornw and Devon, 1470–2 and Somers, 1470; sheriff, Cornw, 1478 and Devon, 5 Nov 1480 and 4 Nov 1487; JP, Devon, 1482–3, 1487, 1491–2, 1494–6, and 1501–2, Cornw, 1486–8, 1492–7, 1498? and 1502, Bucks, Camb, Derb, Herts, Hunts, Leic, Linc, Northants, Nott, Oxf, Rut, Staff, Worc, and Yorks, 1493, Dors, 1493–4 and 1497–1502, and Wilts, 1493–4, 1496, 1498–9, and 1501–2; attainted 1483/4; attainder reversed 7 Nov 1485; receiver, duchy of Cornwall and steward of mines, Cornw and Devon, 24 Sept 1485; lieut, Braydon Forest and keeper, Vasterne Park, Wilts, 15 Jun 1486; member, king's council, bef 20 Jun 1486; comm of assize, Cornw and Devon, 1487; lord steward of the household, bef May 1488 until death; steward, Aldbourne, Trowbridge, and other manors in the duchy of Lancaster, Wilts, for life, 18 Feb 1492/3. Seats at Beer Ferrers, Devon, Clutton, Somers, and Brook, Wilts; lands in Cornw, Devon, Somers, and Wilts.

minstrel/s

Barnstaple

1473–4 (34)

**Worcester**

William Somerset (c 1527–21 Feb 1588/9), styled Lord Herbert until he succ as 8th earl of Worcester, 26 Nov 1549. Capt and keeper of castles of Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire and Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, both in Wales, 17 May 1543; member, council in the marches of Wales, Nov 1553 and from 1576; JP, Glouc, Heref, Shrops, and Worc, 1554, Monmouthshire, Wales, 1562 and 1564, and Shrops, 1582; comm of musters, Monmouthshire, 1579–80 and Denbighshire, Wales, 1580. Seat at Raglan, Monmouthshire; residence at Hackney, Midd.

players

Barnstaple

1555–6 (41)



Plymouth	1563–4 (236)
	1567–8 (238)
Barnstaple	1570–1 (44)
Plymouth	1570–1 (241)
Exeter	1572–3 (154)
Plymouth	1572–3 (242)
Totnes	1576–7 (281)
Plymouth	1580–1 (248)

Edward Somerset (c 1550–3 Mar 1627/8), son of William, 8th earl of Worcester, *qv*, styled Lord Herbert until he succ as 9th earl of Worcester and Baron Herbert, 21 Feb 1588/9. Member, council in the marches of Wales, 16 Dec 1590; PC, 29 Jun 1601; lord lieut, Glamorgan and Monmouthshire, both in Wales, sole, 17 Jul 1602 and jt, 3 Dec 1626 until death; custos rot, Monmouthshire, Jun 1603; keeper, Nonsuch Great Park, Surr, 1 Dec 1606; JP, Worc, 1608 and 1626 and Kent, Norf, Northants, Somers, and Yorks, NR, 1626; steward, lordship and manor of Lewisham, Kent, 6 Feb 1613/14; keeper, manor of Plesauce, East Greenwich, Kent and high steward, Greenwich, 19 May 1615; lord keeper of the privy seal, 2 Jan 1615/16 until death. Seat at Raglan, Monmouthshire; residence at Hackney, Midd.

players

Plymouth	1592–3 (254)
Barnstaple	1601–2 (47)

## York

Edward of York (1373–25 Oct 1415), br of Richard, 4th earl of Cambridge, *qv*, cr 1st earl of Rutland, 25 Feb 1389/90–1 Aug 1402 and 1st earl of Cork, Ireland, by 5 Mar 1394/5 and succ as 2nd duke of York and 3rd earl of Cambridge, 1 Aug 1402; resigned earldom of Cambridge, by May 1414. Steward, Bury St Edmunds, Suff, 22 Jan 1389/90; hereditary sheriff, Rut, 15 Nov 1389–28 Sept 1397; JP, Rut, 1390, 1394, 1397, and 1411–13, Norf, 1391–2, 1397, 1399, 1406–8, 1410, and 1413–15, Suff, 1391–2 and 1396–9, Camb, 1397, 1405–7, 1410, and 1412–14, Dors, 1397, 1407, 1410, and 1412–14, Essex, Hunts, and Midd, 1397, Kent, 1397 and 1399, Linc, 1397–8, 1406–7, and 1410–14, Northants, 1397–8, 1405–7, 1409, and 1411–14, Shrops, 1397–8, Wilts, 1397, 1403–8, 1410, and 1412–14, Yorks, ER, 1397 and WR, 1397 and 1413, Southampton, Hants, 1397, 1404, 1406–7, and 1413–14, Cumb and Heref, 1398, Glouc, 1406 and 1413, and Oxf, 1410 and 1412–13; adm of the North, 22 Mar 1391 and of the North and West, 29 Nov 1391–May 1398; constable, Dover Castle, Kent and warden, Cinque Ports, Kent and Suss, 11 Sept 1396–Feb 1397/8; gov, Channel Isles, for life, 30 Nov 1396; warden, New Forest, Hants and justice in eyre, south of Trent, for life, 26 Apr 1397; constable of the Tower, Apr–Sept 1397 and 30 Oct 1397–Aug 1399 and for life, 1 Nov 1406; keeper, Carisbrooke Castle, Wight, for life, 4 Jun 1397 and Carmarthen Castle, Carmarthenshire, Wales, 29 Nov 1403; harbour-master, Cornw and Devon, 17 Oct 1397; keeper, Carlisle, Cumb, 10 Feb

1397/8 and 16 Mar 1398/9 and Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb, 29 Sept 1414–May 1415; warden, West March towards Scotland, 10 Feb 1397/8 and 16 Mar 1398/9 and East March towards Scotland, 29 Sept 1414–May 1415; imprisoned in Windsor Castle, Berks, 20 Oct 1399; PC, bef 4 Dec 1399; gov, North Wales, 16 Oct 1400 and 22 Dec 1405; lieut, South Wales, 29 Nov 1403; imprisoned in the Tower, 27 Feb 1404/5 and in Pevensey Castle, Suss, 6 Mar 1404/5–bef 26 Nov 1405; justiciar, South Wales, bef 16 Jul 1414. Seat at Oakham Castle, Rut; lands in many cos, including Herts, Rut, Shrops, Wight, and Yorks.

minstrels	Exeter	1405–6 (79)
servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1413–14 (83)
servant/s (minstrel/s?) (earl of York)	Exeter	1413–14 (84)
pipers	Exeter	1409–10 (81)

Richard of York or Plantagenet (21 Sept 1411–30 Dec 1460), son of Richard, 4th earl of Cambridge, *qv*, succ as 3rd duke of York, 25 Oct 1415, 6th earl of March, Lord Mortimer of Wigmore, Heref, and 9th earl of Ulster, 18 Jan 1425; probably resigned earldom of March, bet Sept and Dec 1445. JP, Shrops, 1432, 1439–41, 1443–5, 1448–9, 1453–4, 1457–8, and 1460, Dors, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1455–6, and 1458, Essex, 1433–5, 1437–8, 1440–3, 1446, 1448–9, 1453–5, and 1457–9, Glouc, 1433, 1435, 1437–41, 1444–6, 1448–9, 1451–2, 1454–8, and 1460, Somers, 1433, 1435, 1439–44, 1447–9, 1451, 1453–4, and 1457, Suff, 1433–4, 1436, 1438–40, 1442–5, 1448–50, 1452, 1454–5, and 1457–9, Worc, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1440, 1443, 1451, 1454, and 1458–9, Camb, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1441–4, 1446, 1448, and 1455–60, Yorks, WR, 1435–7, 1439–40, 1442–3, 1448, 1452, 1454, 1456, 1458, and 1460, NR, 1448, 1451, 1455, and 1457–60, and ER, 1449, 1451, and 1453–60, Norf, 1436–8, 1441, 1444, 1447–8, 1450, 1452–8, and 1460, Heref, 1437, 1441, 1443, 1451, 1453, and 1455–60, Wilts, 1438, 1440–1, 1443, 1447, 1450–1, 1453–4, and 1456–9, Linc, 1439–40, 1442, 1446–8, 1453, 1455–6, 1458, and 1460, Northants, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1445–6, 1448–50, 1452, 1454, and 1458–60, Kent, 1447, 1450–1, 1453–6, and 1458–60, Northumb, 1447 and 1460, Oxf, 1447, 1452, 1454–6, and 1458–60, Berks, 1448, 1452–4, 1456, and 1458, Rut, 1448, 1456, and 1458–9, Surr, 1452, 1454–5, and 1457–60, Bucks, 1453–4 and 1456–9, Cumb, 1454, Derb, 1454–8 and 1460, Herts, 1454–5 and 1457, Leic, 1454, 1456–8, and 1460, Midd, 1454–8, Nott, 1454–60, Staff, 1454, 1456, and 1459, Westmld, 1454, 1456, and 1459, Cornw, 1455 and 1458–60, Devon, 1455 and 1457–8, and Hunts, 1455–6 and 1459; justice in eyre, south of Trent, 14 Jul 1447–Jul 1453; lieut, Ireland, 9 Dec 1447–Mar 1452/3 and 1 Dec 1454–9; steward and warden, Rockingham Forest and constable, Rockingham Castle, Northants, 21 Mar 1450/1; protector of the realm, 3 Apr 1454–Feb 1454/5 and 9 Nov 1455–25 Feb 1455/6; keeper of the mines, Cornw and Devon, 19 Jul 1454; constable, castles of Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire and Carmarthen and Carreg Cennen, Carmarthenshire, all in Wales, 2 Jun 1455–Apr 1457; attainted 20 Nov 1459; declared heir to the throne, 25 Oct 1460. Lands in many cos, including Essex, Heref, Suff, Yorks, and Ireland.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1431-2 (93)
servant (minstrel?)	Exeter	1432-3 (94)

Richard of Shrewsbury or Plantagenet (17 Aug 1473—after 16 Jun 1483), 2nd son of Edward IV, *qv*, cr 5th duke of York, 28 May 1474, 7th earl of Nottingham, 12 Jun 1476, and 5th duke of Norfolk and earl of Warenne, 7 Feb 1476/7. Lord lieut, Ireland, 5 May 1479; imprisoned in the Tower, 16 Jun 1483; probably murdered a few months later. Lands in many cos, including Norf, Nott, Suff, Surr, Suss, and Yorks.

performers	Barnstaple	1481-2 (36)
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*See also* Henry Tudor *under* King

### Zouche

William la Zouche (c 1373-3 Nov 1415), succ as 4th Lord Zouche, 13 May 1396. JP, Northants, 1399, 1401, and 1405-7; comm oyer and terminer, Southampton, Hants, 1415. Seat at Harringworth, Northants.

pipers	Exeter	1409-10 (81)
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William la Zouche (c 1402-25 Dec 1462), son of William, 4th Lord Zouche, *qv*, succ as 5th Lord Zouche, 3 Nov 1415. JP, Northants, 1427, 1432, 1434, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1445-6, 1448-50, 1452, and 1454, and 1458-62? and Rut, 1434, 1446, 1448, 1456?, 1458-9?, and 1461?; comm of array, Northants, 1459-60. Seat at Harringworth, Northants.

servant/s (minstrel/s?)	Exeter	1431-2 (92-3)
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John la Zouche (1459-c Mar 1525/6), grandson of William, 5th Lord Zouche, *qv*, succ as 7th Lord Zouche and *de jure* Lord St Maur and Lovel, 15 Jan 1467/8. JP, Devon, 1481-4 and 1512-14, Dors, 1481-3, Leic, 1481-5, Northants, 1481-3, Rut and Wilts, 1481 and 1483, and Somers, 1481-4; attainted 7 Nov 1485; attainder reversed 1489 and restored in blood and honours, bet Oct and Dec 1495. Seats at Harringworth, Northants and Castle Cary, Somers.

performers	Barnstaple	1481-2 (36)
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## Companies Named by Location

**Arundell** *see* Cornwall

**Bath**, Somers

waits	Exeter	1595-6 (174)
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**Bristol, Glouc**

servant (minstrel?)  
 minstrels  
 waits

Exeter	1418-19 (86)
Dartmouth	1558-9 (64)
Plymouth	1561-2 (235)
	1562-3 (236)
	1564-5 (236)
	1565-6 (237)
Dartmouth	1565-6 (66)
Plymouth	1568-9 (239)
Totnes	1569-70 (280)
Barnstaple	1574-5 (45)
Barnstaple	1562-3 (43)
Barnstaple	1565-6 (44)

musicians  
 musician/s

**Colyton, Devon**

Robin Hood

Honiton	1571-2 (207)
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**Cornwall**

servant/s (minstrel/s?)  
 (of Arundell estates)  
 minstrel/s (of Arundell estates)  
 players

Exeter	1414-15 (84)
Barnstaple	1476-7 (35)
Barnstaple	1534-5 (38)

**Exeter, Devon**

minstrel/s  
 minstrels  
 minstrel/s

Location unknown	c 1390 (306)
Barnstaple	1454-5 (30)
Barnstaple	1467-8 (32)
	1470-1 (33)
Dartmouth	1528-30 (62, 63)
	1531-3 (63)
	1563-4 (65)
Totnes	1569-70 (280)
	1573-4 (281)
	1576-7 (281)
Ashburton	1534-5 (23)
Barnstaple	1565-6 (44)

waits

players  
 musicians

**Ireland**

minstrels

Barnstaple	1542-3 (40)
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**Liskeard, Cornw**

players

Barnstaple	1538-9 (39)
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<b>London</b>		
players	Plymouth	1559-60 (234)
<b>Modbury, Devon</b>		
players?	Plymouth	1569-70 (240)
<b>Pilton, Devon or Somers</b>		
players	Braunton	1564-5 (52) 1565-6 (53)
<b>Plymouth, Devon</b>		
waits	Exeter	1595-6 (174)
<b>St Budeaux, Devon</b>		
players?	Plymouth	1566-7 (237)
<b>Somerset</b>		
tumblers/dancers	Barnstaple	1483-4 (36)
<b>Southampton, Hants</b>		
waits	Barnstaple	1583-4 (45)
<b>Stonehouse, Devon</b>		
players?	Plymouth	1545-6 (231) 1546-7 (232) 1593-4 (255)
<b>Taunton, Somers</b>		
minstrel	Exeter	1431-2 (93)
<b>Tavistock, Devon</b>		
players	Plymouth	1568-9 (239)
<b>Tawton, Devon</b>		
players	Exeter	1535-6 (134)
	Plymouth	1564-5 (236)
<b>Totnes, Devon</b>		
players	Dartmouth	1560-1 (65)
	Plymouth	1565-6 (237) 1566-7 (237) 1567-8 (238)
	Dartmouth	1567-8 (66)

player	Plymouth	1573-4 (242)
	Dartmouth	1573-4 (67)
<b>Wales</b>		
minstrel/s	Barnstaple	1473-4 (34)
<b>Wiltshire</b>		
players	Plymouth	1569-70 (239)



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# Glossaries: Introduction

The purpose of the glossaries is to assist the reader in working through the records text; definitions are given only for those senses of a particular word which are used in the records printed in this volume. The criteria for the selection of glossary entries are discussed below, under the headings Latin Glossary and English Glossary. The glossaries include both words found in records printed in the main text and words found in records printed or quoted in the appendixes and endnotes.

As a rule, only one occurrence of each word, or each form of each word, will be listed; 'etc' or 'et al' following this occurrence means that there are more occurrences of that word or form. Where common sense indicates, as in the case of difficult words or those with multiple senses, more occurrences may be listed for the sake of clarity. Where the one occurrence listed is not the sole occurrence, it will be the first chronologically; multiple occurrences, however, will be listed in page order rather than chronological order. Within the references, page and line numbers are separated by an oblique stroke. If words occur within marginalia, this is indicated by a lower-case 'm' following the page and line reference. Manuscript capitalization has been ignored, except where proper names are glossed.

## Latin Glossary

Words are included in the Latin Glossary if they are not to be found in the *Oxford Latin Dictionary* (*OLD*), now the standard reference work for classical Latin. Words listed in the *OLD* whose meaning has changed or become restricted in medieval or Renaissance usage are also glossed. If a word may be found in the *OLD*, but appears in the records text in an obscure spelling or an unusual or anomalous inflectional form for which the dictionary provides no cross-reference, that word has been included and its standard lexical entry form indicated, without giving a definition. There are exceptions to this rule, where the spelling variations or anomalous inflectional forms have been treated as scribal errors and more correct forms given in textual notes. Forms thus noted are not repeated in the glossary.

Most of the Latin words used in the records are common classical words whose spelling has changed according to common medieval variations. The results of these common variations are not treated here as new words, nor are forms of glossed words resulting from such variations cross-referenced. These variations are:



- ML *c* for CL *t* before *i*
- ML *cc* for CL *ct* before *i*
- ML *d* for CL *t* in a final position
- ML *e* for CL *ae* or *oe*
- ML *ff* for CL *f*, common in an initial position
- ML addition of *h*
- ML omission of CL *h*
- ML variation between *i* and *e* before another vowel
- ML *n* for CL *m* before another nasal
- Intrusion of ML *p* in the CL consonant cluster *mn* or *ms*
- ML doubling of CL single consonants
- ML singling of CL double consonants

No attempt has been made to 'correct' these spellings to classical norms; rather, scribal practice has been followed in such cases. Where the same word occurs in spellings which differ according to the list above, the most common spelling is treated as standard and used for the headword. However, we have conformed to the practice of the *OLD* as regards 'i/j' and 'u/v' variation: in this glossary, only the letter forms 'i' and 'u' are used.

All variant spellings requiring to be listed will be found under the headword and set apart in boldface type. In cases in which they would not immediately follow the headword alphabetically, they are also listed separately and cross-referenced to the main entry.

It is difficult to know in some cases whether certain words are being used in a CL sense, or in one of the modified senses acquired in Anglo-Latin usage during the Middle Ages. In these cases the range of possibilities has therefore been fully indicated under the appropriate lexical entry. This is in keeping with the new approach to the Latin glossary begun in *Cumberland*, *Westmorland*, *Gloucestershire*, in which unclear, technical, or archaic terms have been given stock translation equivalents but then receive a fuller treatment in the glossary. This can be seen especially in legal terms and those relating to performers, entertainers, and their activities.

Multiple occurrences of each sense may be listed for words defined in more than one sense; in fact, several occurrences of a given sense may be listed if it is difficult to distinguish the senses in context. All headwords are given in a standard dictionary form: *ie*, nouns are listed by nominative, genitive, and gender; adjectives by the terminations of the nominative singular, or in the case of adjectives of one termination, by the nominative and genitive; verbs by their principal parts. The abbreviation *qv* is used to refer the reader to the definition of the word in the *OLD*; for internal cross-references, the expression *see* has been used. The expression 'etc' after an occurrence indicates the existence of further occurrences of that word in other documents. A single occurrence followed by 'et al' indicates that, although there are other occurrences of that word or sense, its use is restricted to a single document.

## English Glossary

The English glossary lists, for the most part, words which have not survived in modern English and words which, in the records, bear meanings which do not survive in modern use. All variant spellings of such words are listed. Forms of words interesting from a purely morphological or phonological point of view have not generally been included in the glossary, but unusual spellings of words which might not be easily identified (eg, 'haynderaunce' for

'hindrance') are listed. Words that look unusual because of the absence of an abbreviation mark (eg, 'pd' for 'paid') have not been glossed. It is assumed that the reader is familiar with such common spelling alternations as 'au/a,' 'c/s,' 'i/e,' 'i/y,' 'o/oo,' 's/z,' 'u/v,' and 'y/p' (eg, 'ye' for 'þe'). Combinations such as 'therle' (for 'the earl') have been listed only if one of their elements is a word that requires glossing or if they seem particularly obscure. When variant spellings of the same glossed word occur, the commonest spelling has normally been chosen as headword. Spellings separated from their main entries by more than two intervening entries have been cross-referenced.

### Anglo-Norman Glossary

There is no Anglo-Norman glossary, because the Anglo-Norman text is so short. The one word in it which requires glossing has been glossed at the foot of the page in the records text.

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### Abbreviations

adj	adjective	mf	masculine/feminine
adv	adverb	ML	Medieval Latin
art	article	Mt	Matthew
CL	Classical Latin	n	noun
coll	collective	nt	neuter
comm	common noun	p	participle
compar	comparative	pa	past tense
conj	conjunction	phr	phrase
EG	English Glossary	pl	plural
f	feminine	poss	possessive
imper	imperative	pp	past participle
inf	infinitive	pr	present tense
interj	interjection	prep	preposition
intr	intransitive	pron	pronoun
m	masculine	prp	present participle

sg	singular	tr	transitive
sbst	substantive	v	verb
subj	subjunctive	vb	verbal

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# Latin Glossary

**abbas, -atis** *n m* abbot, head of a monastery 10/1

**abetto, -are, -ui, -atum** *v tr* to instigate, abet 83/8

**abhominabilis, -e** *adj* terrible, unspeakable 9/35

**absento, -are, -ui, -atum** *v refl* to absent (oneself) 8/24–5, etc

**abusio, -onis** *n f* misuse, abuse (of a custom or practice) 13/18

**adhec** *adv* in addition, furthermore 8/35

**adherens, -ntis** *n comm* follower; associate, companion 25/18

**adinuenio, -ire, -i, -tum** *v tr* to devise, conceive of (in the mind or as a plan), invent 11/15, etc

**administer, -tri** *n m* assistant, servant, attendant 90/21, et al

**ministrallus, -i** *n m* 1. servant of a noble household or a town; 2. minstrel, entertainer (found in the service of both noble households and towns). This word has not been recorded outside the town accounts of Exeter, where it occurs between the years 1410–11 and 1473–4. It is the diminutive of **administer**, the compound form of 'ad' and 'minister,' just as **ministrallus** is the diminutive of 'minister' itself. The usage of **ministrallus** seems to become progressively more restricted during the fifteenth century. The fact that in 1411–12 it was already being used to refer to the

town waits shows that it could be from the beginning a synonym for **ministrallus**. By the 1460's, when it is beginning to go out of use, it is used only to refer to the waits. But at what point the original, etymological sense of 'servant' was completely lost cannot be determined from the little context these accounts provide. During the period of its widest use, the 1410's through the 1440's, it is often impossible to say which sense is being used. 81/18, etc; **adminstrallus** 87/10, etc; **aministrallus** 84/9

**adtunc** *adv* at that time, then 83/3

**aduincula, -e** *n f* apparently formed from a misunderstanding of the prep phr **aduincula**; see **festum**

**affecto, -are, -ui, -atum** *v tr* to have a strong attachment for, be devoted to 7/3

**allacio, -onis** *n f* act of bringing, transporting 36/11

**alloco, -are, -ui, -atum** *v tr* to allow an expense or payment as valid (used of an auditor) 76/25, etc

**allutarius, -ii** *n m* shoemaker 11/16

**amocio, -onis** *n f* removal, canonical penalty of being dismissed from an appointment or benefice and from the enjoyment of its fruits 9/2

**anglice** *adv* in English 111/20

**Anglia, -e** *n f* England 12/9, etc

**anima, -e** *n f* soul: 1. *literally* 11/25, etc; 2. as the seat of emotions and desires, heart



- 4/3; 3. as opposed to the body 11/27;  
 4. as the subject of salvation 16/20
- annuatim** *adv* annually 82/30, et al
- apostolus**, -i *n m* one of the first followers of Jesus, apostle; *see* **festum**
- archidiaconatus**, -us *n m* archdeaconry, area under the supervision of an **archidiaconus** 14/17, et al
- archidiaconus**, -i *n m* archdeacon, cleric appointed by a bishop to assist him principally in administering justice and in supervising parochial clergy 5/3, etc
- armum**, -i *n nt* weapon, *pl* arms, armour 88/36; **arma** (*n f*) 72/18
- ars**, -tis *n f* 1. skill, craft, *hence*, craft guild 82/37, etc; 2. trade 11/10
- articulus**, -i *n m* article, charge laid against an accused person in court 59/28
- artifex**, -ficus *n m* craftsman, member of a craft guild 11/17, etc
- aspiro**, -are, -aui, -atum *v tr* to reach for, attain to (used metaphorically) 7/24
- assisa**, -e *n f* assize, court session held at regular intervals by royal justices to try civil and criminal cases outside the jurisdiction of lesser courts 299/5 (in probably erroneous form **assia**)
- assignacio**, -onis *n f* order, command 31/27, etc
- assumpcio**, -onis *n f* physical transferral of a person or object from one location to another, here the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary; *see* **octaba**
- atrium**, -ii *n nt* *literally*, room in a house, *here in idiom* **atrium ecclesie** churchyard, cemetery 3/6
- attumnalis**, -e *adj* of or pertaining to autumn or harvest-time, that is, August through October 132/7; etc; *see* **liberatura**;
- autumalis** 157/21, etc; **autumnalis** 120/26, etc
- aula**, -e *n f* hall, centre of activity in a household 14/19; **gild aula** guild hall, centre of town government 111/40
- balatio**, -onis *n f* dancing. This noun, and the verb from which it derives, 'ballare,' are post-classical, and indeed patristic in origin. They were used to describe a sort of dancing introduced from pagan ceremonies or folk customs (as it was believed) into Christian observance of saints' days and weddings. Long after classical pagan practices were forgotten, the need to prohibit dancing on sacred occasions and in sacred precincts continued to be felt, and these words continued to be used, especially by canonists. 3/10
- baptista**, -e *n m* one who baptises; *see* **festum**
- Barnstapula**, -e *n f* Barnstaple 14/15
- baro**, -onis *n m* baron, lowest rank in the hereditary peerage; holder of a barony 93/36, etc
- bastardus**, -i *n m* bastard, one who is illegitimate (possibly here a family name, although it would be very unusual for a name to decline as **bastardus** does here) 101/20
- beatus**, -a, -um *adj* blessed, used as a title for a saint 5/11, etc; *see* **festum**
- bedellus**, -i *n m* beadle, minor civic functionary 164/29, etc; **beedellus** 163/33
- Bedfordia**, -e *n f* Bedford 94/8, etc
- benedicchio**, -onis *n f* blessing, benediction 7/19, etc
- benedico**, -cere, -xi, -ctum *v tr* to bless 4/4
- blasphemia**, -e *n f* blasphemy, words or actions expressive of contempt or disdain toward God or the church and punishable under ecclesiastical law 13/16
- Bukynghamia**, -e *n f* Buckingham 98/13
- camera**, -e *n f* room, especially a bedroom 8/23; *hence*, division of a royal or noble household under the authority of a chamberlain 128/34
- caminum**, -i *n nt* fireplace, hearth 112/1
- campana**, -e *n f* bell: 1. of a church 14/38;

2. as a signal 10/4; 3. *pl*, a set of bells 126/31
- cancellarius**, -*ii n m* chancellor, senior administrative officer in a royal or noble household 96/35, etc
- canon**, -*onis n m* canon, authoritative precept or order under ecclesiastical law, which is therefore called canon law 4/18, etc
- canonice** *adv* canonically, in accordance with canon law 5/4, etc
- canonicus**, -*a, -um adj* canonical, pertaining or appropriate to a specific **canon** or canon law in general 7/9, etc
- canonicus**, -*i n m* canon, ordained member of a secular cathedral chapter 6/18, etc
- Cantabriggia**, -*e n f* Cambridge 73/26
- canticum**, -*i n nt* song, singing; in origin this word refers to a sung passage in a comedy, and the negative attitudes which prevailed in the early Christian period toward Roman comedy may have influenced its use in this context 3/6
- cantor**, -*oris n m* chanter, administrative officer in a cathedral or collegiate chapter 15/28
- capella**, -*e n f* chapel 10/20, etc
- capellanus**, -*i n m* chaplain 156/26, etc
- capicium**, -*ii n nt* hood 78/35
- capitalis**, -*e adj* chief, principal 83/2, etc
- capitularis**, -*e adj* of or pertaining to a chapter (*see capitulum*) 74/22
- capitulariter** *adv* as or in a manner appropriate to a chapter 74/23
- capitulum**, -*i n nt* chapter: 1. organized and partially self-governing body of secular clerics serving a cathedral or collegiate church (**capitularis**, **capitulariter** *above are related to this sense*) 12/28, etc; 2. subdivision of a longer work 9/14m
- cardinalis**, -*is n m* cardinal, one of a group of senior bishops forming a council which elects and advises the pope 91/11, etc
- cariagium**, -*ii n nt* act of carrying or carting, cartage 19/6
- carnifex**, -*ficis n m* one who slaughters cattle, butcher, here possibly a civic employee 99/14, etc
- castigacio**, -*onis n f* *literally*, reproof, correction, *here in idiom* **castigacio urcium** bearbaiting 25/23
- castrum**, -*i n nt* castle, here almost certainly Exeter Castle 93/24
- cathedralis**, -*e adj* of or pertaining to the see of a bishop or to his church, *here in idiom* **ecclesia cathedralis** cathedral church 10/18–19, etc
- catholicus**, -*a, -um adj* of, pertaining to, or appropriate to a Catholic Christian 13/10
- celebro**, -*are, -auí, -atum v tr* to celebrate mass or some other ecclesiastical rite 14/18
- cena**, -*e n f* supper, last of the three main meals of the day 84/13, etc
- censura**, -*e n f* censure, penalty 8/3
- cepis**, -*is n f* *see sepis*
- cerotacus**, -*i n m* glove, *sometimes collective*, gloves 27/4; **ceretacus** 27/18; **cirotheca** 129/13; **seroteca** 26/17; **serotica** 24/22
- certifico**, -*are, -auí, -atum v tr* to certify formally one's compliance with a court or other order 13/35, and especially to certify the performance of a penance ordered by a court 61/31
- charecta**, -*e n f* carriage, cart, apparently usually a vehicle for transporting goods rather than passengers 14/21
- chorus**, -*i n m* choir: 1. group of boys and men appointed to sing the liturgy in a church 8/17; 2. physical site and/or duties of a choir 8/24, et al
- chorista**, -*e n m* member of a choir 8/14, etc
- Christianus**, -*a, -um adj* Christian, devout, religious 16/12, et al
- Christianitas**, -*atis n f* state of being a Christian, Christianity; *see decanus*
- cimiterium**, -*ii n nt* cemetery, churchyard, considered under canon law to partake of the same sacred character as the church building 4/10, et al
- circumcisio**, -*onis n f* circumcision; *see festum*

**circumferencia**, -e *n f* perimeter, outer boundary 7/27

**cithera**, -e *n f* stringed instrument; originally a lyre, often a harp in medieval English usage 14/21, et al

**citherator**, -oris *n m* player on a stringed instrument, harper 86/5, etc

**ciuilis**, -e *adj* civil, secular (as opposed to ecclesiastical); in medieval English usage, it distinguishes civil or Roman law both from canon law and from common law 7/20, etc

**claua**, -e *n f* (ceremonial) mace, *here in idiom seruiens ad clauam* serjeant-at-mace, a civic officer 114/18, etc; **clauis** 181/8, etc; **clauus** 165/32, etc

**clausus**, -i *n m* close, enclosed land and buildings attached to a cathedral or other church 7/28

**clausura**, -e *n f* act or state of being enclosed or shut in, here applied to the imposing of bounds on choirboys or possibly to their being shut into their dormitory at night 9/14

**clericalis**, -e *adj* of or pertaining to clerics 7/1, etc

**clericus**, -i *n m* 1. cleric, one in holy orders 5/9, etc; 2. clerk 75/2, etc; 3. *in idiom clericus secundarius* 8/30 (or *secundarius* alone 9/15) secondary clerk, a junior member of a cathedral or collegiate church staff in minor orders with choir and other liturgical duties

**cocuus**, -i *n m* form of **coquus** *qv*

**collegiatus**, -a, -um *adj* collegiate, having a college or group of clergy of various ranks 8/12, etc

**collegium**, -ii *n nt* college, here used of a group of clergy and priests serving a particular church as its staff 16/12

**colore**, -is *n nt* 1. collar 26/18, etc; 2. a silver chain with a badge attached, worn around the neck and apparently part of the insignia of a wait's office 106/30; **colare** 110/19, etc; **colere** 109/32

**comes**, -itis *n m* earl, a peer ranking above a viscount but below a marquess 72/18, etc

**comitatus**, -us *n m* county 91/39, etc

**comitissa**, -e *n f* countess, either a peeress in her own right or the wife of an earl 90/24, etc

**communis**, -e *adj* 1. common, communal 13/36; 2. common, widespread 83/21; 3. common, usual 61/26; 4. of or pertaining to a town or other community 91/41, etc

**communitas**, -atis *n f* community, commonalty, commons (of a city or town) 79/31, etc

**communiter** *adv* jointly, together 14/27

**compotus**, -i *n m* account (of a town or other corporation) 22/22, etc

**computarius**, -ii *n m* accountant, a civic officer 125/6

**computo**, -are, -ui, -atum *v tr* to make an accounting of an expenditure for a certain purpose (used of a town accountant or receiver) 78/24, etc; **compoto** 82/15, etc

**concelator**, -oris *n m* one who conspires with others to conceal something 14/32

**concepicio**, -onis *n f* conception (of a baby); *see festum*

**concilium**, -ii *n nt* 1. council, a formal meeting of bishops and other ecclesiastics to solve questions of doctrine and church order and to promulgate authoritative judgements 3/5, et al; 2. council, a governing or advisory body of a town, presided over by the mayor 114/33; 3. the king's council 12/10 (in form **consilium**)

**conclamacio**, -onis *n f* shouting together, here as an expression of disorderly conduct 16/1, et al

**conduco**, -cere, -xi, -ctum *v tr* 1. to hire (used of persons or things) 107/9, etc; 2. to convey, carry 114/26

**conductio**, -onis *n f* hire, hiring 86/17

**confratria**, -e *n f* confraternity, brotherhood 15/13

**congregacio**, -onis *n f* gathering together, meeting 7/34



- coniunctim** *adv* jointly, together, *here in idiom coniunctim et diuisim* both jointly and individually 10/17
- conquestus, -us** *n m* Norman conquest 83/25
- consecratio, -onis** *n f* consecration, liturgical rite for the creation of bishops and from which the years of their episcopacy are dated 10/38, etc
- consecro, -are, -aui, -atum** *v tr* to consecrate or dedicate to sacred, ecclesiastical, or liturgical use 7/21, etc
- consequens, -ntis** *adj*, *here only in idiom ex consequenti* as a consequence, consequently 11/25
- consilium, -ii** *n nt* counsel, advice 11/23; **concilium** 114/33; *see also concilium*
- consocius, -ii** *n m* colleague, associate, fellow 74/16
- constitutio, -onis** *n f* decree or decision promulgated by an authoritative person or body, *here used of canonical statutes* 16/32
- consuetudinalis, -e** *adj* customary, usual 99/33
- contemptuose** *adv* contemptuously 83/20
- contradico, -cere, -xi, -ctum** *v tr* to forbid someone or something 3/7
- contrafacio, -facere, -feci, -factum** *v tr* to act against (an order), contravene, violate 10/26
- contrarietas, -atis** *n f* waywardness, contrary behaviour 8/31
- contrauenio, -enire, -eni, -entum** *v tr* to contravene (an order) 12/14
- conuenticula, -e** *n f* assembly, often illicit, 'conventicle' 9/38
- conuentus, -i** *n m* convent, house of monks or nuns 9/38
- coopero, -are, -aui, -atum** *v tr* to work together with (someone), aid 11/21
- corea, -e** *n f* dance, originally a round dance; it was sometimes used in Anglo-Latin for a folk or country dance 4/15, etc
- Cornubia, -e** *n f* Cornwall 35/3
- corpus, -oris** *n nt* body: 1. as opposed to soul 10/16, etc; 2. *in idiom Corpus Christi* the eucharistic body of Christ; *see dies, festum*
- crastinus, -a, -um** *adj* of or pertaining to the morrow; *m as sbst* the morrow: *here in idiom crastinus festi* the day following a feast day 74/12, etc
- creator, -oris** *n m* creator (used as a divine title) 7/25
- crescens, -ntis** *n m* cresset, kind of torch with a metal body and head, having a wick made of rags, tallow, and pitch 88/11; **cressans** 94/40
- Criditona, -e** *n f* Crediton 7/10
- crux, -ucis** *n f* cross; *see festum*
- cumilo, -are, -aui, -atum** *v tr* for **cumulo** *qv*
- curatus, -i** *n m* curate, any priest having the cure of souls 14/17, etc
- curia, -e** *n f* court of law 83/23, etc
- custos, -odis** *n m* 1. warden, keeper, an administrative officer of various institutions or bodies 8/12, etc; 2. keeper of various wild animals: **custos leopardi** leopard keeper 86/20; **custos ursorum** bearward 35/5, etc
- dampnabilis, -e** *adj* worthy of condemnation 7/33
- dampnabiliter** *adv* in a manner worthy of condemnation 6/24, etc
- deauracio, -onis** *n f* gilding 115/10
- debacacio, -onis** *n f* raving, wild or irrational behaviour 6/25
- decanus, -i** *n m* dean, title of a number of ecclesiastical officials: 1. rural dean, supervisor of rural clergy under the direction of an archdeacon, usually called **decanus Christianitatis** 9/27–8, etc; 2. head of a cathedral chapter 74/36
- delibero, -are, -aui, -atum** *v tr* to hand over, deliver 103/2, etc
- delirius, -ii** *n m* mad or delirious person, *here probably used with rhetorical exaggeration* 9/39
- demeritum, -i** *n nt* fault, misdeed 5/4
- denarius, -ii** *n m* penny 8/22, et al; *pl* cash 114/10, etc
- depono, -onere, -osui, -ositum** *v tr* 1. to



- destroy, pull down 16/29; 2. to depose, give evidence before a court 60/24
- deputo, -are, -ui, -atum** *v tr* to assign (for a purpose), designate, intend 97/3
- derisorie** *adv* in an insulting or scornful manner 83/18, et al
- derisorius, -a, -um** *adj* insulting, scornful 13/10, etc
- detentor, -oris** *n m* one who keeps back something illicitly (such as stolen goods) 14/31
- deuocio, -onis** *n f* 1. devotion, pious attention to the duties and observances of Catholic Christianity 7/5, etc; 2. title of address, 'your devotion' (cf 'your holiness' as a formal address to the pope) 14/26
- Deuonia, -e** *n f* Devon 72/18, etc
- deuote** *adv* devoutly, in a manner characterized by **deuocio** 9/4, etc
- deuotus, -a, -um** *adj* having **deuocio**: devoted, devout, pious 12/27, etc
- diabolus, -i** *n m* 1. devil, demon 25/40; 2. the Devil, Satan 11/28
- dies, diei** *n m or f* 1. day 7/10, etc; 2. day of the week **dies dominica** 10/18, etc, or **dominicus** 61/26: Sunday; **dies Iouis** 96/11: Thursday; **dies Lune** 81/2–3, etc: Monday; **dies Martis** 82/34, etc: Tuesday; **dies Mercurij** 72/17: Wednesday; **dies sabbati** 72/19, etc: Saturday; **dies Veneris** 93/27: Friday; 3. day (as opposed to night) 88/11, etc; 4. day as a measurement of time 8/38, etc; 5. day set aside for a special purpose: **dies electionis** 83/37, **dies Monstri** 88/37; 6. saint's day: **dies Sancti Andree** 93/29–30, St Andrew's Day, 30 November; **dies Sancti Iohannis euangeliste** 93/36, St John's Day, 27 December; **dies Natiuitatis beate Marie Virginis** 118/11–12, the Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary, 8 September; 7. a feast day: **dies festiuus** 16/14; **dies Epiphantie** 25/23, Epiphany, 6 January; **dies Corporis Christi** 73/41, etc, Corpus Christi Day, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday; **dies Inuentionis sancte Crucis** 93/22–3, the Invention (or Finding) of the Holy Cross, 3 May; 8. with **iuridicus** or **curia**, court day, a day upon which legal business could be conducted 13/31, 33/33
- diminuo, -uere, -ui, -utum** *v tr* to lessen, reduce 16/6
- dimitto, -ittere, -isi, -issum** *v tr* 1. to leave (in a certain condition) *used with descriptive adj or adv* 9/1; 2. to let, lease out 143/25, etc
- dinosco, -scere, -ui, -otum** *v tr* to know 7/33, et al
- diocesis, -is** *n f* diocese, administrative district under the authority of a bishop 8/13, etc
- discrecio, -onis** *n f* discernment, judgement 7/39
- discretus, -a, -um** *adj* characterized by **discrecio**, wise, prudent 14/15
- displencia, -e** *n f* displeasure, unhappiness 6/19, etc
- displcenter** *adv* in an unhappy or displeased fashion 8/14
- dissencio, -onis** *n f* for **dissensio** *qv*
- dissimilacio, -onis** *n f* for **dissimulatio** *qv*
- dissolucio, -onis** *n f* dissolute behaviour, immorality 6/4, etc
- diuercus, -a, -um** *adj* for **diuersus** *qv*
- diuinus, -a, -um** *adj* 1. divine, pertaining to or suitable for God 12/32, etc; 2. with **officium**, the divine office, the set of daily prayers and Scriptural readings to be said by religious at the canonical hours 6/20–1, etc; 3. *nt as sbst* mass 14/17
- diuisim** *adv* individually 10/17, etc
- domina, -e** *n f* lady (as a title of royalty, peeress, or peer's wife) 90/28, etc
- dominicus, -a, -um** *adj* of or pertaining to the Lord 12/38; *see dies*
- dominus, -i** *n m* 1. master of a household 5/15; 2. the Lord, title of God or Christ 9/6, etc; 3. lord: title of bishop 12/26, etc; cardinal 93/25, etc; royalty 70/40, etc; peer 78/33, etc; and some royal officers 127/38,

- etc; 4. Sir: title of a priest 9/28, etc; or a knight 75/13, etc
- domus**, -us *n f* 1. house, residence 85/8, etc; 2. communal residence, dormitory 8/15, etc; 3. household 5/15; 4. religious house 80/17; 5. **domus capitularis**, chapter house, the meeting place for a cathedral or collegiate chapter 74/21–2; 6. **domus dei**, house of God, a church building 7/2; 7. a structure having a roof supported by posts but no walls 7/33; 8. some other unspecified building 16/26
- Dorseta**, -e *n f* Dorset 84/14
- dux**, -cis *n m* duke, the highest rank of the hereditary peerage 77/23, etc
- ebdomada**, -e *n f* week 8/35, etc
- Eboracum**, -i *n nt* county or town of York 79/24, etc
- ecclesia**, -e *n f* 1. specific church, church building 3/6, etc; 2. the church as a corporate or spiritual body 7/25, etc
- ecclesiasticus**, -a, -um *adj* ecclesiastical, of or pertaining to the church, 6/22, etc
- electio**, -onis *n f* election: of mayor or other civic official 83/37; of abbot 279/1
- elimosina**, -e *n f* alms, charitable gifts 287/5
- emano**, -are, -aui, -atum *v intr* to come forward, be promulgated (used of a legal order or decision, especially from a bishop or his court) 15/24
- emendacio**, -onis *n f* 1. mending (of a thing) 99/24, etc; 2. amendment (of a person's way of life) 3/12
- emendo**, -are, -aui, -atum *v tr* to mend 85/25
- eoquod** *conj* for eo quod; *see* OLD, quod
- epiphania**, -e *n f* epiphany, revelation, here used of the revealing of Christ to the gentiles; *see* dies, festum
- episcopus**, -i *n m* 1. bishop, member of the highest of the major orders of clergy having extensive administrative, judicial, and spiritual powers within the church 9/26, etc; 2. **episcopus puerorum**, **paruus episcopus**, **episcopus Sancti Nicholai** boy bishop, a boy, usually a choirboy, chosen to act as a mock bishop in liturgical and other observances customarily held either at the feast of St Nicholas or of the Holy Innocents 70/33, 129/12–13, 287/5, etc
- erga** *prep* 1. toward (of motion, for the purpose of meeting someone) 73/26, etc; 2. toward, facing toward (of position) 83/19; 3. for (of purpose, with reference to a future time or event) 97/4
- euangelista**, -e *n m* evangelist, one of the traditional authors of the four canonical gospels; *see* dies
- exaltacio**, -onis *n f* raising up; *see* festum
- exemplum**, -i *n nt* for exemplum *qv*
- excessus**, -us *n m* excessive behaviour, acts of misconduct 74/17
- excessiue** *adv* to excess, excessively 11/42
- excommunicacio**, -onis *n f* excommunication, ecclesiastical penalty under which the guilty party was punished by exclusion from the sacraments and especially the reception of communion; at various times, further disabilities were imposed as well, such as exclusion from all social intercourse with other church members 10/26, etc
- excommunico**, -are, -aui, -atum *v tr* to excommunicate, impose the penalty of excommunication on someone, 14/36, et al
- excussio**, -onis *n f* striking off, removing 280/33
- exnunc** *adv* from now on, henceforward 10/21, etc
- Exoniensis**, -is *n f* city or diocese of Exeter 278/43, etc
- exoro**, -are, -aui, -atum *v tr* to pray to, call upon (used of prayer to a deity) 16/1
- expendo**, -ere, -i, -itum *v tr* to use, make use of 94/28
- extunc** *adv* from then on, thenceforward 8/21, etc
- fabrica**, -e *n f* fabric of a church, its construction and maintenance 74/28

**factura**, -e *n f* act of making or fashioning 89/19, etc

**fallera**, -e *n f* for **CL phalerae** (*in the sense of horse trappings*) *qv*

**famulus**, -i *n m* servant; in **CL** and in much **ML**, it implies one who is a member of the 'familia'; the extended household or "family," which comprises everyone living under the authority of the head of the house: 1. personal servant 92/18; 2. servant, attendant 92/21

**feodum**, -i *n nt* regular payment, often annual, for services, fee 71/36, etc

**festiuitas**, -atis *n f* liturgical festival 13/32

**festiuus**, -a, -um *adj* of or pertaining to a liturgical feast 14/40, etc

**festum**, -i *n nt* 1. feast day 4/16, etc; 2. a feast day together with its octave 8/19–20; 3. a specific feast day: **festum aduinculam Sancti Petri** 90/10 or **festum Sancti Petri quod dicitur Aduincula** 80/11–12: feast of St Peter in Chains, 1 August; **festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli** 74/13: feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, 29 June; **festum beati Iacobi** 10/35: feast of St James, 25 July; **festum Circumcisionis domini** 13/34–5, feast of the Circumcision, 1 January; **festum Conceptionis beate Marie** 93/31–2, feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December; **festum Corporis Christi** 76/17–18, etc: Corpus Christi, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday; **festum Epiphanie** 93/21, Epiphany, 6 January; **festum Exaltacionis Sancte crucis** 96/10: Holy Rood Day, 14 September; **festum Innocencium** or **Sanctorum Innocencium** 8/36, etc: feast of the Holy Innocents, 28 December; **festum Inuencionis Sancte Crucis** 93/22–3: feast of the Invention (or Finding) of the Holy Cross, 3 May; **festum Michaelis** or **Sancti Michaelis** 15/3, etc: Michaelmas, 29 September; **festum Natale domini** 13/26, etc: Christmas, 25 December; **festum**

**Natiuitatis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste**

80/9–10, etc: feast of the Nativity of St John Baptist, 24 June; **festum Pasche** 101/25–6: Easter, a moveable feast; **festum Pentecostes** 81/3, etc: Pentecost, Whit Sunday, fifty days after Easter; **festum Sancti Andree** 93/27: feast of St Andrew, 30 November; **festum Sancti Augustini** 72/19: feast of St Augustine, either of Canterbury (26 May) or of Hippo (28 August); **festum Sancti Matthei** 96/34: feast of St Matthew, 21 September; **festum Sancti Thome apostoli** 8/19–20: feast of St Thomas the Apostle, 21 December

**fidedignus**, -i *n m* a trustworthy person 6/19, etc

**fidelis**, -is *subst* faithful believer 13/14, *also in idiom* **Christi fideles** the faithful 12/40, etc

**filius**, -ii *n m* son: 1. in a literal sense 79/22, etc; 2. of a symbolic or spiritual relationship between a bishop and the clergy of his diocese 6/17, etc

**finis**, -is *n f* settlement of a legal dispute, payment of a fine 92/1

**fistularius**, -ii *n m* *see* **fustularius**

**fistulator**, -oris *n m* *see* **fustulator**

**flagellacio**, -onis *n f* whipping, here used of bearbaiting 280/35

**focale**, -is *n nt* fuel for fires or stoves 112/1, etc

**Francia**, -e *n f* France 12/9

**frater**, -tris *n m* brother: 1. in a literal sense 83/35; 2. as a monastic title 278/43;

3. member of one of the orders of friars: **fratres predicatores**, friars preacher, the Dominicans, and **fratres minores**, friars minor, the Franciscans 73/33–4, etc

**fugatus**, -a, -um *adj* baited (of a bull) 91/41

**fulmino**, -are, -aui, -atum *v tr* to blast, thunder at (used figuratively) 10/27, etc

**furtum**, -i *n nt* theft, the taking or keeping of goods against the will of the owner; simple **furtum** by definition does not involve the use of force or violence in acquiring the goods; **rapina**, robbery,



which also occurs in this passage, is used for theft by force 10/10–11

**fustularius**, -ii *n m* one who plays upon pipes, piper (from 'fistula,' a pipe); it should probably be regarded as a generic term for anyone who plays upon a wind instrument; it is far less frequent in Devon than the next entry 93/5, etc; **fistularius** 34/27

**fustulator**, -oris *n m* one who plays upon pipes, piper; *see fustularius* above 73/26, etc; **fustellator** 86/9; **fustillator** 85/33; **fistulator** 35/30, etc

**gardianus**, -i *n m* warden, guardian: 1. *in idiom* **gardianus urcorum** bearward 110/7; 2. churchwarden 53/23

**garliamentum**, -i *n nt* clothing, garments 36/11

**gesticulacio**, -onis *n f* gesturing, probably mimetic, miming 6/25

**gestum**, -i *n nt* deed, action 13/10

**gihalda**, -e *n f* guild hall, town hall 92/15

**gilda**, -e *n f* *see aula*

**gladiferus**, -i *n m* swordbearer, minor civic functionary whose duties appear to be ceremonial 114/16

**Gloucestria**, -e *n f* Gloucester 34/28, etc;

**Glaucestria** 34/7; **Glawcestria** 33/22, etc;

**Glocestria** 92/17; **Glowcestria** 35/21

**gracia**, -e *n f* 1. favour, good will 106/16, etc; 2. *in ablative with gerund*, for the sake of 6/7; 3. mercy, forgiveness 74/24, etc; 4. grace, a divine gift operating in human beings to sanctify, regenerate, and strengthen 7/19, etc

**gulosus**, -i *sbst m* gourmand, hence, one fond of luxury (used pejoratively) 5/11

**hernisio**, -are, -aui, -atum *v tr* to harness (a horse) 115/4

**hiemalis**, -e *adj* of or pertaining to winter 133/14, etc; **hyemalis** 132/6, etc; **yemalis** 120/25, etc; *see liberatura*

**histrion**, -onis *n m* entertainer; in CL, actor of

the better sort, in later Latin, *eg*, patristic Latin, one who performed in the often obscene farces and ritual drama of the later Empire. The latter is clearly the sense in which the word was originally intended in the quotations from Augustine in Bartholomew of Exeter (3/19, 4/1), but one cannot be sure how much of that sense was understood by Bartholomew himself or by his readers. It is certainly very likely that some knowledge of the late Classical milieu and/or of patristic usage influenced the use of the word by highly educated ecclesiastics in their formal prose, *eg*, Bishop Quinel in the Exeter synodal statutes of 1287 (5/13, 6/5). However, the usual sense in ML usage in England is as a generic term, synonymous with **ministrallus** and **mimus**, which often refers to a musician. A **histrion** may be in the employ of a town, and in the Exeter records, it is sometimes the noun used to refer to the town waits, 95/22m, etc.

**Histriones** are also found in the employ of noble or other individual patrons, 92/17, etc; **hustrio** (always used in reference to waits) 92/27, etc; **iustrio** 89/30; **ystrio** 279/2

**hora**, -e *n f* hour, here used to refer to the seven canonical hours, the set times for prayer according to the monastic rule 8/28, etc

**humilis**, -e *adj* lowly, humble 12/27, etc

**humiliter** *adv* in a humble way 9/5, etc

**Huntyngdonia**, -e *n f* Huntingdon 91/5, etc

**hustrio**, -onis *n m* *see histrion*

**ianator**, **ianiator**, **ianuator** *n m* for **ianitor** *qv*

**idolum**, -i *n nt* image of a pagan deity 10/3

**immoderancia**, -e *n f* lack of restraint 12/1

**incrementum**, -i *n nt* profit, increase (of produce or fruits?) 100/11

**indiscretus**, -a, -um *adj* indecent, improper 16/2

**indulgencia**, -e *n f* indulgence, remittance of



canonical punishment required for sin, originally granted only by the pope, but later by a bishop as well, which could be applied either to temporal punishment or to that believed to be imposed in purgatory 15/11m, et al

**inhibicio, -onis** *n f* prohibition 11/38

**Innocentes, -cium** *subst m* the (holy)

Innocents, the children of Bethlehem killed by Herod in an attempt to kill the infant Jesus (Mt 2. 16–18); *see* **festum**

**inofficiatus, -a, -um** *adj* not served or attended to (used of a church) 9/1

**inordinate** *adv* in an unrestrained manner 11/13

**inprimis** *adv* for **imprimis** *qv*

**inquietudo, -inis** *n f* disquiet (mental or emotional), uneasiness 9/34, et al

**insensator, -oris** *n m* sower, here used metaphorically 11/7

**insinuacio, -onis** *n f* rumour, report 11/40

**instans, -ntis** *adj* present (of time) 8/19, et al

**instanter** *adv* presently 83/15

**insultacio, -onis** *n f* baiting (of bulls) 111/15, et al

**insultus, -us** *n m* assault, attack 11/24

**intimo, -are, -aui, -atum** *v tr* to inform someone 9/7, et al

**inuencio, -onis** *n f* *see* **dies, festum**

**iocale, -is** *n nt* precious things, jewels 279/3

**iocalis, -e** *adj* of or pertaining to a 'iocum,' *ie*, to an entertainment or amusing performance; here probably pertaining to a play and apparently modifying costumes 123/29

**iocor, -ari, -atus** *v intr* to jest, joke; to play; to take part in an amusing entertainment: here there is insufficient context to be sure which sense is being used 15/31

**ioculator, -oris** *n m* entertainer of some kind, possibly a jester (the English cognate form of the word) 6/5; **iogulator** 127/39; *see also* **EG iuggler**

**iudex, iudicis** *n m* judge, hence **capitalis iudex** chief justice 127/38

**iuridicus, -a, -um** *adj* *see* **dies**

**iusticiarius, -ii** *n m* judge, justice (*eg*, of the peace or of assizes) 88/35

**iustrio, -onis** *n m* *see* **histrio**

**lagna, -e** *n f* gallon, liquid measure 78/23, et al

**laicus, -i** *n m* layman, one who is not in orders of any kind 6/9, et al

**lapsus, -us** *n m* end, expiry (of a set period of time) 13/32, et al

**laruatus, -a, -um** *adj* wearing a mask, originally a horrific one 6/24

**latus, -a, -um** *adj* broad; *see* **pannus**

**latus, -a, -um** *pp* sent forth, promulgated 16/32

**libatura, -e** *n f* *see* **liberatura**

**liberata, -e** *n f* livery (*see next entry*) 87/10, et al

**liberatura, -e** *n f* livery, clothing of a set pattern provided by a city for some of its officers, including the waits. In Exeter, this livery was apparently of two weights, winter and autumn (or summer, as it is referred to in English, 167/14–15, etc). The lighter livery is also referred to as **tunice estiales** (*see* **tunica**). **Liberatura** is by far the most usual word in these records: occurring once in the fifteenth century (88/27), throughout the sixteenth century, and once in the seventeenth century. It has several alternate spellings, here listed in chronological order of first occurrence, the first of which is probably the result of an original error in abbreviation: **libatura** 124/15, etc to 1570; **libertura** 124/38, etc to the end of our temporal range; **libtura** 182/37, etc to 1619

**libertas, -atis** *n f* freedom, liberty: 1. *in idiom ecclesiastica libertas*, it refers to the church's right to internal self-government and self-discipline, independent from the control of secular authority 7/37, etc; 2. *in idiom libertas Ciuitatis*, the liberty of the city, an abstract state, by formal admission to which a member of a trade or other occupation gained the legal status

- of freeman, or citizen, of that city 149/17–18, etc
- libtura** *n f* see **liberatura**
- losor**, **-oris** *n m* see **lusor**
- ludarius**, **-ii** *n m* player (of an unspecified kind), 34/30; see also next entry
- ludator**, **-oris** *n m* 1. musician 35/33–4; 2. acrobat 35/34; 3. player (of an unspecified kind) 34/15, etc
- ludibrium**, **-ii** *n nt* playful or frivolous behaviour, often derisive, 4/17, etc; **ludubrium** 11/16
- ludo**, **-ere**, **-i**, **lusum** *v tr* to play, with various significances: 1. to play music 86/31(?), 128/34; 2. to play a play 82/30, et al, 89/22, 90/22, 281/3; 3. to play a puppet show 280/42; 4. to play a game 6/6, 15/31, 16/15, 16/26, 74/19(?); 5. used without specification 92/15, 93/20, 93/24, 116/16, 280/34
- ludus**, **-i** *n m* 1. sport, game 16/14 et al; 2. play (usually of an unspecified kind) 80/17, 82/29, et al, 112/34; in idiom **ludi theatrales**, stage plays 4/17, 7/36, 16/2–3; 3. pastime, probably combining elements of sport, drama, and traditional rural customs 4/15, 5/1, 10/10, 11/15, et al, 13/3: because of a lack of surrounding context, it is not always easy to distinguish sense 2 from sense 3, as in 17/12, 19/7 (in form **lude[sores]**), 35/1, 36/25, 100/11, 115/31
- lusator**, **-oris** *n m* player, synonym of **ludator** (sense 3) 20/7, 20/17; **lusitor** 20/23, 20/35, 21/5, 27/25 (in form **luisorybus**); **lustorius** 146/36
- lusio**, **-onis** *n f* play, performance 108/15, etc
- lusor**, **-oris** *n m* player, by far the most common of the various Latin words for player in this collection: 1. participant in a game 15/24, et al; 2. musician, wait 86/30(?) 281/17; 3. puppet-player 280/42; 4. participant in a specified play 82/39, 83/7, 89/22, 281/3; 5. participant in an unspecified play or pastime 90/22, etc
- lusus**, **-us** (*or -i*) *n m* play, synonym of **ludus** (senses 2 and/or 3) 89/22, etc
- lutorius**, **-ii** *n m* lutanist 35/35
- macella**, **-e** *n f* shambles, place where animals are slaughtered for food 107/38, etc
- magestas**, **-atis** *n f* see **maiestas**
- magister**, **-tri** *n m* 1. master, one who has authority or rank: **magister scholarum** school master 8/22, **magistri capitales artis** chief masters of a craft 83/2, **magister artis** master (possibly the head) of a craft 106/15–16; 2. in idiom **ursorum magister** bearward 152/34; 3. master, Mr, a title of respect used with names or titles of office 6/17, etc
- magnas**, **-atis** *n m* magnate, member of the gentry, peer, or other person of importance 151/15
- maiestas**, **-atis** *n f* majesty (as a royal or divine title) 10/32, etc; **magestas** 16/7, et al
- Maij indecl** *n nt* maypole 86/29, et al
- Maius**, **-i** *n m* May, the fifth month 122/24, etc
- maior**, **-oris** *n m* mayor 71/1, etc
- maior**, **maius compar** *adj* greater (in size, dignity, or worth), elder 14/30, etc; **maior excommunicacio** greater excommunication, the most severe form of excommunication, in which the penalty of exclusion from ordinary intercourse with other Christians was added to exclusion from the reception of the sacraments 10/25–6, etc
- manerium**, **-ii** *n nt* manor, rural estate, here of a bishop 8/5, etc
- manucapacio**, **-onis** *n f* pledge or guarantee of a sum of money by one or more persons for the good conduct of another or of his/her safekeeping of valuables 96/18
- manucaptor**, **-oris** *n m* one who offers **manucapacio** for another, a guarantor 95/17, etc
- manucapio**, **-apere**, **-epi**, **-eptum** *v intr* to act as a guarantor 96/18
- marca**, **-e** *n f* mark, currency denomination

- equal to 13 s 4 d 71/1, etc
- mareschallus**, -i *n m* marshal, here  
**mareschallus aule** the marshal of the hall,  
 a household officer with responsibility for  
 organizing formal occasions such as  
 banquets 14/19
- matutinus**, -a, -um *adj* of or pertaining to  
 morning 74/15, hence *fas* *subst* matins, the  
 morning office 13/2
- mercatum**, -i *n nt* 1. market 4/10;  
 2. marketplace 108/22
- meremiatius**, -a, -um *adj* made of timber,  
 wooden 16/25
- miles**, -itis *n m* knight 93/28, etc
- mimus**, -i *n f* in CL, actor of the less savoury  
 sort, and often in late Latin a synonym for  
 'pantomimus,' a performer in pantomime;  
 in Anglo-Latin, usually a generic term for  
 an entertainer: 1. in specified sense,  
**communis mimus** 133/12, etc, or **mimus**  
**ciuitatis** 110/19, etc, or **communis mimus**  
**ciuitatis** 115/26, etc, it refers to a city wait;  
 2. without any specification, it may refer  
 to a wait 104/9, 104/16, etc; or to an  
 entertainer, possibly a musician, under  
 noble or similar patronage 31/28, etc; of  
 the three synonyms, **histrion**, **mimus**,  
**ministrallus**, this is by far the most  
 common in Devon; **mimius** 172/29
- ministrallus**, -i *n m* minstrel, entertainer: 1.  
 in specified sense, **ministrallus ciuitatis**  
 85/24, etc, or **ministrallus communitatis**  
 86/14, it refers to a city wait; 2. without  
 specification, it may refer to a wait 72/17,  
 etc; or to an entertainer, possibly a  
 musician, under noble or other patronage  
 72/38, etc; **ministrellus** 78/32, etc;  
**ministrallus** 30/21, etc; **ministrellus** 78/29;  
**mynstrallus** 95/33, etc; **mynstrellus**  
 75/13, etc
- minister**, -tri *n m* 1. cleric who is not  
 necessarily a priest, minister 6/20, etc;  
 2. servant 111/20; **minster** 15/28 (in  
 sense 1)
- minor**, minus *compar adj* lesser *see* **frater**
- ministrallus**, **ministrellus** *n m see* **ministrallus**
- miseracio**, -onis *n f* mercy 9/26
- miser cordia**, -e *n f* amercement, the  
 imposition of an arbitrary fine or the  
 penalty so imposed 69/2
- missa**, -e *n f* mass, liturgical celebration of  
 the eucharist 13/3
- missus**, -a, -um *pp sent*, delivered 78/23, etc
- misterium**, -ii *n nt* 'mystery,' craft guild  
 110/24
- mitra**, -e *n f* mitre, distinctive headgear of a  
 bishop, here part of the vestments of a boy  
 bishop 129/11m, et al
- mituacio**, -onis *n f* loan, lending 129/11m
- modernus**, -a, -um *adj* modern,  
 contemporary 11/41
- monachalis**, -e *adj* of or pertaining to a monk  
 10/2
- monasterium**, -ii *n nt* monastery 279/4
- monicio**, -onis *n f* formal admonition against  
 illicit action by an ecclesiastical official  
 7/18m, etc
- monstrum**, -i *n nt* muster 78/11, etc
- musicus**, -i *n m* musician 152/33
- mynstrallus**, **mynstrellus** *n m see*  
**ministrallus**
- natale**, -is *n nt in idiom* **natale domini**  
 Christmas, 25 December 9/6, etc
- natalis**, -e *adj* pertaining to birth; *see* **festum**
- natiuitas**, -atis *n f* birth 146/15; *see* **dies**,  
**festum**, **nox**
- nephandus**, -a, -um *adj for nefandus* *qv*
- nox**, -ctis *n f* 1. night, night-time 8/20, etc;  
 2. eve of a feast day, so called from the  
 liturgical custom of beginning the observ-  
 ance of a Sunday or holy day at sunset the  
 previous day, here used only for the  
 Nativity of St John Baptist 84/37, etc
- notarius**, -ii *n m* notary, person authorized  
 to draw up and attest to various public and  
 legal documents, thereby giving such  
 documents an authoritative status at law  
 75/2
- notorie** *adv* notoriously 7/26
- notorius**, -a, -um *adj* well-known, notorious  
 16/23



- nouiter** *adv* recently, newly 9/37
- nuncius**, -i *n m* in CL, messenger, but here possibly a groom 78/12, etc
- ob** *abbreviation of* **obolus**, -i *n m* half-penny 88/12, etc
- obprobrius**, -a, -um *adj* worthy of disapprobation, opprobrious 10/12
- occupacio**, -onis *n f* 1. act of letting, or hiring, out objects for a fee 25/32, etc;  
2. occupation, trade 99/7
- occupo**, -are, -ui, -atum *v tr* 1. to seize, take possession of 14/22; 2. to consume (of food or drink), make use of 112/1, etc
- occupator**, -oris *n m* possessor 14/31
- octabe**, -arum *n f (coll pl)* octave (of a major festival) *here in idiom* **Octabe Assumpcionis beate Marie** 12/15
- octauus**, -i *n m* octave (of a major festival) 118/26
- officium**, -ii *n nt* 1. office, task, responsibility 7/2; 2. office, position, occupation 9/31, etc; 3. divine office, found with (6/20, etc) or without (8/27, etc) **diuinum**, the set of services established to be said at the canonical hours
- officialis**, -is *n m* official, *specifically*, an archdeacon's official, a subordinate who supervised legal business in the archdeaconry courts, and usually acted as judge in the archdeacon's place 5/3, etc
- officiarius**, -ii *n m* officer, functionary in the service of a town or household 78/36, etc
- orator**, -oris *n m* one who prays on another's behalf 12/28
- ordinacio**, -onis *n f* ordinance, regulation (issued by either civil or ecclesiastical authorities) 8/15, etc
- ordinale**, -is *n nt* ordinal, book containing set, registered texts for a ceremony, in this case a Corpus Christi play 83/1
- ordo**, -inis *n m* religious order 9/36, et al
- pagena**, -e *n f* pageant-wagon 85/25
- paiectus**, -i *n m* pageant, part of a longer **ludus**: here it may refer to the text of a speaking part, since it is repeatedly found in this document in the phrase **paiecti & panelli** 82/40-83/1, et al; *see* **ludus**, **panellus**
- pallifridus**, -i *n m* palfrey, kind of horse 114/31, et al; **pallefridus** 115/4
- panellus**, -i *n m* *literally*, section: defined in the document as 'Speches' 83/10, et al
- pannus**, -i *n m* 1. cloth, length of cloth 78/35, etc, **pannus latus** broadcloth 114/17, et al; **pannus strictus** narrow cloth 114/20; 2. clothing 20/23, etc
- papulum**, -i *n nt* *for* **pabulum** *qv*
- parcella**, -e *n f* *literally*, piece, section: defined in the document as 'pagentes' 82/38-9
- parochia**, -e *n f* parish, smallest distinct unit of ecclesiastical jurisdiction and Christian ministry, each parish having its own church, priest, wardens, and tithes 8/37, etc
- parochialis**, -e *adj* of or pertaining to a parish 4/14, etc
- parochianus**, -i *n m* parishioner, resident of a parish 122/32
- Pascha**, -e *n f* *see* **festum**
- patens**, -ntis *adj* open: *in idiom with littera*, letter patent, official communication originally sent with a seal attached but not sealed shut 10/36, etc
- paternitas**, -atis *n f* paternity, here used as an honorific form of address to a bishop 12/31
- patronatus**, -us *n m* patronage 8/13, etc
- peccator**, -oris *n m* sinner 4/3
- pectorale**, -is *n nt* ornamental breastplate or vestment worn by a bishop when celebrating mass 129/13
- pelliparius**, -ii *n m* skinner, member of the skimmers' guild 83/3, etc; **pilleparius** 106/16; **pilliparius** 110/24
- pensio**, -onis *n f* pension, regular payment for service, salary 76/38, etc; **pencio** 116/39, etc



of the Latin noun for onion; 2. **saept-**, one root of the verb **saepire**, to hedge round or enclose; 3. **septem**, seven; or 4. **sebat-**, one root of the verb **sebare**, to make or dip tallow candles. The sense suggested by root 4 has been adopted as the least unlikely in the admittedly limited context, and the meaning "tallow candle/s" tentatively proposed in the translation 26/1

**septimana**, -e *n f* week 8/22, etc

**seroteca**, **serotica** *n f* see **cerotacus**

**seruicia**, -e *n f* for **ceruesia** *qv*

**seruicium**, -ii *n nt* 1. service 71/13; 2.

liturgical service, mass 6/22, etc

**seruiens**, -ntis *n comm* 1. servant 78/30, etc;

2. *in idiom* **seruiens ad clauam**, **clauem**, or **clauum**, see **claua**

**seruiens**, -ntis *prp* serving 70/40

**seruisia**, -e *n f* for **ceruesia** *qv*

**set** *conj* for **sed** *qv*

**sibum**, -i *n nt* for **cibum** *qv*

**sigillum**, -i *n nt* seal 13/36, etc

**situatus**, -a, -um *adj* located, situated 16/27

**solempnis**, -e *adj* 1. solemn, used to describe religious observances of particular importance or elaborateness 8/28; 2. *hence nt as sbst* refers to such a service, and particularly to a high mass 6/22, 74/15; the form **sollempnium**, -i (from a presumed **sollempnius**, -a, -um) is also found for sense 2: 12/39, 13/3

**solempnitas**, -atis *n f* 1. solemnity, formality of ritual 14/39; 2. solemn service, high mass, a synonym of **solempnis** (sense 2) 108/5, 109/11

**solempniter** *adv* solemnly, formally 12/5, etc

**Somersedia**, -e *n f* Somerset 96/6

**Somersetia**, -e *n f* Somerset 78/23, etc

**spacio**, -are, -aui, -atum *v intr* to make a perambulation or beat the bounds of a town or parish 89/17

**spacium**, -ii *n nt* 1. area, space 7/38;

2. perambulation, act of beating the bounds 87/31

**specialiter** *adv* particularly, specifically 5/16

**speculator**, -oris *n m* literally, watchman, but often (as here) wait 103/30, et al

**spiritualiter** *adv* spiritually 15/38

**stacio**, -onis *n f* station, stopping point in a procession 7/31

**statutum**, -i *n nt* statute, law 8/25, etc

**sterlingus**, -i *n m* sterling 279/4 (*in erroneous form* **sterligus**)

**stipendium**, -ii *n nt* wages 20/17

**strictus**, -a, -um *adj* 1. narrow 114/20; 2. strict (of observance of rules, etc) 12/12

**stuffura**, -e *n f* material, stuff 97/17

**stultus**, -i *n m* fool, here usually referring to an entertainer 91/11, etc, but possibly in one case referring to a 'natural' fool 280/33

**subdecanus**, -i *n m* subdean, ecclesiastical officer ranking immediately below a dean and acting as his deputy 6/17

**subporto**, -are, -aui, -atum *v tr* bear, support 107/4

**subsidium**, -ii *n nt* offering, alms 15/15

**Suffolcia**, -e *n f* Suffolk 98/12, etc

**Suffolkia**, -e *n f* Suffolk 127/36

**summagium**, -ii *n nt* act of transporting goods by pack animal, or payment for such carriage 116/17

**surrupator**, -oris *n m* one who steals by stealth, thief 14/31

**suspensio**, -onis *n f* suspension, usually the suspension of a cleric from the privileges and revenues of his office for a limited time; sometimes also the suspension of a lay person from the reception of the sacraments for a limited time; in this context, the first sense is the most likely 13/20

**tauratus**, -i *n m* for **taurus** *qv*

**temporalis**, -e *adj* secular, not ecclesiastical 10/33

**tenementum**, -i *n nt* building 143/24, etc

**terminus**, -i *n m* 1. boundary 11/8; 2. period of time set for the completion of an action 7/42, etc; 3. term, one of four standard divisions of the year for accounting

- purposes: salaries and rent were often paid by the term 74/28, et al
- theatralis**, -e *adj* of or pertaining to the stage or to a **theatrum** (see the discussion of **theatrum** in endnote p 439 to DRO: Chanter 3) 4/17, etc
- theatrum**, -i *n nt* see endnote p 439 to DRO: Chanter 3
- toga**, -e *n f* robe, gown: 1. livery for a civic officer 78/25 (?), 98/19, etc; 2. playing costume 17/24, 22/12, 27/25; **togus** 17/12 (sense 2)
- tombilarius**, -ii *n m* tumbler, acrobat 33/6
- Toritona**, -e *n f* Torrington 14/16
- torticium**, -ii *n nt* torch 94/26, etc; **tortex** 94/37
- Tottonesium**, -ii *n nt* Totnes 14/15
- translacio**, -onis *n f* moving or removing of a person or object from one place to another, here used of the transferral of a bishop from one diocese to another: translation 16/35
- tumulo**, -are, -aui, -atum *v tr* to bury 4/13
- tunica**, -e *n f* tunic, tabard: 1. vestment for a boy bishop, tunic 70/33; 2. playing costume, in some cases for a Robin Hood play 122/31, etc; 3. livery for the 'boy' of the waits, probably their apprentice 148/34, etc; 4. summer livery 147/5
- ualor**, -oris *n m* value, worth 279/3
- uelamen**, -inis *n nt* cover, screen (for an illicit action) 10/10, etc
- uerberacio**, -onis *n f* 1. beating, corporal punishment 8/24; 2. baiting of bears or bulls 107/38, etc
- uersus** *prep* 1. for (of purpose) 147/6, etc; 2. toward 86/17
- uesperus**, -a, -um *adj* of or pertaining to evening, hence *f as sbst* vespers, the evening office 13/2
- uestimentum**, -i *n nt* clothing: 1. (liturgical) vestment 13/7; 2. playing costume 20/16, etc
- uestura**, -e *n f* clothes; here it always refers to livery 78/17, etc
- uicaria**, -e *n f* the office or status of being a vicar 74/33
- uicarius**, -i *n m* vicar: 1. one who acts for a rector who cannot discharge his duties in a parish, eg, for a rector who is a member of a chapter or a college 53/26; 2. assistant or deputy for a member of a cathedral chapter especially in carrying out choir duties, vicar choral 6/20, etc
- uigilia**, -e *n f* eve, vigil, night before a feast day 4/16, etc
- uinum**, -i *n nt* wine 73/33, etc; **uinum rubium** red wine 73/40
- uirga**, -e *n f* yard (as a unit of measurement) 97/3, etc
- uirgata**, -e *n f* yard, synonym of **uirga** 115/5
- uniuersalis**, -e *adj* entire, whole 11/14
- uoluptuositas**, -atis *n f* enjoyment of pleasure 6/3
- urciferus**, -i *n m* bearward 126/5, etc
- urcis**, -is *n f* (?) for **ursus** *qv*
- urcus**, -i *n m* for **ursus** *qv*
- usualis**, -e *adj* likely to be used, commonly used 13/29, et al
- warrantum**, -i *n nt* warrant 89/2, etc
- Warrwicum**, -i *n nt* Warwick 87/17, etc
- Westmorlandia**, -e *n f* Westmorland 92/20, etc
- yemalis**, -e *adj* see **hiemalis**
- ystrio**, -onis *n m* see **histrio**
- zabulum**, -i *n nt* for **sabulum** *qv*

# English Glossary

**a** *prep* to; in the English texts printed here, this French word always precedes **la**, **le**, **les**, or **lez**, where the latter are used to signal the appearance of an English word in an otherwise Latin text; hence, 'viii d a la Tumbeler domini principis': 8 d (was paid) to the tumbler of the lord prince 34/18; **a les** 80/39, etc; **a lez** 78/37; *see also* **le**

**a** *prep* on, at (*of time*) 18/12, etc

**abatinge** *prp* deducting 254/13

**abearinge** *n* bearing, behaviour 199/17

**aboode** *n* abode 142/10, etc; **aboude** 140/41

**abot of mysrull** *n phr* abbot or lord of misrule, one chosen to preside over Christmas games and revels 133/20; *see also* **lords of mis-rule**

**about** *prep* in respect of, in connection with 61/11, 245/28, etc; **aboute** 240/34, 247/3, etc; **abouthe** 241/2

**abowretty** *pp* above-written 136/5, etc

**absolute** *adv* entirely, wholly 303/15

**abyde** *v inf* submit to 141/22

**accompt** *n* account (of money) 310/17;

**accompte** 54/12, etc; **accoumpt** 56/36

**accomptabill** *adj* accountable 226/27

**accustomable** *adv* customarily, usually 168/17

**actiuitie** *see* **feates of actiuitie**

**admitted** *pp* appointed, accepted (to a certain office or capacity) 180/20, 181/32, etc;

**amytte** *v pr subj 3 pl* 227/19

**a downe** *prep* down 136/11, etc

**aduertised** *pp* informed 188/21; **advertising** *prp* 47/11

**advertisement** *n* 1. notification 295/36;

**aduertisements** *pl* 296/23; 2. attention, heed; **advertisement** 291/29

**advertisive** *adj* that informs, notifies 291/35

**affected** *pp* inclined, disposed 291/34

**affections** *n pl* feelings, inclinations 291/41

**afoorde** *v pr subj 3 pl* manage (to achieve) (?)

*or v pr subj 3 sg* yields, gives (?) 289/20

**afore** *prep* before, in the presence of 226/27

**after** *prep* according to 227/17; at (the price of) 285/21

**against** *prep* in preparation for 59/35; **a gayn** 209/35, etc; **agayn** 210/33; **agaynst** 245/5;

**a gaynste** 209/22, etc; **a geynst** 130/29;

**ayenst** 29/11

**agayne** *prep* against, contrary to 142/20, etc

**ahalf** *art and n* a half, one-half 133/39

**aldermen** *n pl* in most English boroughs and cities, members of the governing corporation 47/4, etc

**ale** *n* periodical festive gathering held in connection with a church, often but not always characterized by the brewing and selling of ale 53/6m, etc; **aile** 208/5; **ales** *poss sg* 311/4; **ales** *n pl* 298/15, etc; *see also* **church ale**, **play ale**, **younge mens ale**

**alehowsses** *n pl* houses where ale is retailed 299/16

**alhallowe tyde** *n phr* All Saints' Day (1 November) 171/36; **Alhallows** *n* 139/34m;

**alhallyn yve** *n phr* All Hallows' Eve, the



- eve of All Saints' Day 139/34
- alle** *n* ale (as a drink) 57/16
- allow** *v inf* 1. sanction, approve 193/12;  
**allowed** *pp* 193/11; 2. permit (to (be)  
 claim(ed) as an expense) **allowed**, *v pa* 1 *sg*  
 148/3; **allowed** *pp* 260/6, etc; allot, grant;  
 3. **allowed**, *pp* 265/34, etc; **allowyd** 23/3
- allowance** *n* the allowing (of a certain sum)  
 as a legitimate expense 211/28, etc;  
**allowaunce** 45/7; **allowaunces** *pl* 251/34  
 (meaning not clear here)
- allowyd** *see* **allow**
- ameene** *see* **meene**
- amending** *vb n* repairing, mending 267/1;  
**amendynge** 279/40; **amendynge** 44/21
- amner** *n* almoner, an official distributor of the  
 alms of another (a functionary in the  
 household of a person of rank) 215/21
- a mountes** *v pr* 3 *sg* (this) amounts (to) 64/1
- amydsomer** *see* **midsomer**
- amytte** *see* **admitted**
- angell** *n* an English gold coin worth 7 s 6 d  
 at the time the first entry was written  
 (1533–4) and somewhat more than that at  
 the time the second entry was written  
 (1617–18) 225/18; **angells** *pl* 188/29
- an hange** *pp* hanged 83/20
- answear** *v inf* 1. answer for, justify 288/19;  
**answere** 297/41; 2. satisfy, fulfill; **answear**  
 289/17; 3. correspond to; **answerryng** *prp*  
 289/5; 4. suffer the consequences, make  
 amends for; **aunswear** *v inf* 299/26;  
 5. guarantee, give assurance; **aunsweringe**  
*vb n* 171/28
- ansyn** *n* 'ancient,' ensign, standard 154/36;  
**auncyent** 245/33
- antycke** *n in v phr* **played the antycke** acted  
 in a grotesque pageant or theatrical  
 representation 232/27
- appertaigninge** *prp* 1. attached (to), in the  
 service (of) 250/42; 2. belonging (to),  
 appropriate (to); **apperteynyng** 152/1
- appesyng** *vb n* appeasing, settling 101/3
- applied** *pp* 1. occupied, busied with 60/40;  
**applied** *v pa* 3 *sg in phr* **applied his**  
**markett** applied himself to buying and  
 selling 60/17
- appointment** *n* order, direction 162/17, etc;  
**appointment** 156/37; **appoyncement**  
 49/9; **appoyntment** 60/3, etc
- apt** *adj* quick, prompt 142/17
- aquaynted** *pp* familiar, personally known  
 226/4
- armers, armor, armours** *see* **toppe armor**
- art** *n* craft, profession 303/25
- article** *n* article, a distinct charge or count in  
 an accusation or indictment 60/28
- as** *adv* like, the same as 166/10
- assignes** *n pl* assignees, those to whom a  
 property or right is legally transferred  
 303/21, 446/22
- assise** *n* periodic session, or sitting, of king's  
 justices in each county for administration  
 of civil and criminal justice 295/39; **assias**  
 181/37; **assisse** 296/29m; **assize** 296/26,  
 etc; **assises** *pl* 293/22, etc; **assisses**  
 296/22m; **assizes** 299/37
- attend** *v inf* accompany (as part of an escort)  
 166/21, etc; **attende** 166/19, etc
- attendance** *n* the action of waiting upon or  
 acting as an escort for 271/23; **attendans**  
 139/39, etc; **attendances** *pl* 205/3; *in n phr*  
**servantes of attendance** employees who  
 provide a ceremonial escort 166/10, 170/26
- attendant** *adj* accompanying as escort  
 166/11; **attendaunt** 172/1
- atvyce** *n* advice 62/39
- author** *n* author, originator 289/16; **auctor**  
 290/27; **authors** *pl* 290/2
- authoritie** *n* authority 297/32; **auctorite**  
 227/2; **auctoritee** 227/5
- auere** *v inf* aver, to prove (something) in  
 court, to declare under oath that something  
 is true 143/11
- auncyent** *see* **ansyn**
- aunswear, aunsweringe** *see* **answear**
- aunswere** *n* 1. answer, response (to a charge)  
 141/21, etc; 2. the opportunity to defend  
 oneself against an accusation; **onsser** 83/20
- avoidinge** *vb n* 1. doing away with, putting



- an end to 183/15; **avoydinge** 293/17; 2. (of people) getting rid of, expelling; **avoydeing** 298/40; 3. refuted, disproved; **avoydid** *pp* 143/10
- awarde** *v inf* render judgement in a lawsuit 143/12
- awpenyd** *v pa 1 sg* opened 136/22
- awpyn** *adj in prep phr* with a **awpyn voysey** 'with an open voice,' loudly 135/33
- awy** *adv* away 188/14
- ayenst** *see* against
- ayle** *see* ale
- baite** *v inf* bait: set dogs to bite and worry (an animal, usually one confined for this purpose) for sport or to rouse its blood for slaughter 299/1; **baiting** *vb n* 147/21, etc; **bayting** 159/3; **baytyng** 117/8, etc; **beating** 159/23, etc; **beatinge** 44/22, etc; **beatyng** 138/24; **beytyng** 117/14; **bayton** *pp* 260/35; **beaten** 49/13, 176/27, etc; *see also* **beare beating**, **bulbaiting**
- banesse** *v inf* to be banished from (?) 126/19
- banke** *n* bench (?) 245/25, 246/30
- bankett** *n* banquet 168/24, etc
- bankettyng housse** *n phr* banqueting house; *here* a temporary structure erected to house a banquet celebrating some special occasion 232/24, 232/30
- barber** *n* barber-surgeon, one who does hair-dressing, blood-letting, and minor surgery 241/27
- barebaytinges** *see* **beare beating**
- base** *adj* bass (?), or low, plebeian (?) 206/20
- bayges** *n pl* bags 243/16
- bayliff** *n* 1. an officer of justice under a sheriff 167/31; **baylyff** 167/40; 2. one who superintends the husbandry of a farm for its owner or tenant; **bayliff** 167/34, etc; **bayliffe** 167/35; **bayliffes** *pl* 167/24, etc; 3. one charged with public administrative authority in particular districts (sometimes applied to the king's officers generally); **bayleiffs** *pl* 192/33; **bayliffes** 447/5; **bayliffs** 446/18
- bayreward** *see* **bereward**
- bayriard** *see* **bereherd**
- bayting**, **bayton**, **baytyng** *see* **baite**
- be** *pp* been 100/32
- beare beating** *n comp* the sport of setting dogs to attack a bear chained to a stake 162/11; **beare baiting** 160/36, etc; **bere baytyng** 214/7, etc; **bere betyng** 110/7; **beare beating** *vb n comp* 164/8; **beare beatinge** 156/16; **bearebeatinge** 248/16; **bearebeatyng** 42/18
- beareherd** *see* **bereherd**
- beareward** *see* **bereward**
- beareyard**, **beariarde** *see* **bereherd**
- beaten**, **beating**, **beatinge**, **beatyng** *see* **baite**
- becke dore** *n phr* back door 137/15
- beedle** *n* beadle; a minor corporation official 200/28; **bedell** 189/21; **beedles** *pl* 197/29; **biddells** 176/38
- behaulfe** *n in prep phr* in that **behaulfe** in that matter, with respect to that 295/21
- behoufe** *n* use, benefit 226/12
- beires** *n pl* bears 236/31
- bell collers** *n phr* collars or necklaces ornamented with bells (?) 23/11, etc; **belles colers** 22/29
- belluter** *n* 'bell-yetter,' bell-founder; **belluter ys** *n poss* of the bell-founder 136/37
- belongging** *prp* associated with, pertaining to 148/25; **belonging** 227/6; **belonginge** 275/39
- benche** *n* 1. bench, a long seat of wood 241/1, etc; 2. court of justice; **bench** 299/9
- be neyth** *prep* beneath 136/36
- be questh** *n* bequest, legacy 210/17
- bere** *n* beer 146/17, etc
- bere baytyng**, **bere betyng** *see* **beare beating**
- bereherd** *n* bearherd; the keeper of a bear, who leads it about for public exhibition 216/5, etc; **bayriard** 42/6; **beareherd** 231/19, etc; **beareyard** 158/18; **beariarde** 155/27; **bereherde** 217/31; **berehurde** 215/34; **berhurd** 33/16, etc; **berre heyverde** 125/20–21; **berred** 132/25; **beryard** 135/14; **beryarde** 148/7; **beryer**

- 157/25; **beryerd** 126/5; **beareyards** *pl* 162/22; **bereherdes** 219/11; *see also* **bereward**
- bereward** *n* bearward, the keeper of a bear, who leads it about for public exhibition 214/6, etc; **bayrewerd** 39/19; **berward** 37/35; **berewardes** *pl* 220/23, etc; **berwardes** 37/18; *see also* **bereherd**
- berys** *n pl* bears 217/38
- bespoken** *pp* ordered (goods) 59/34
- bestowalles** *n pl* gifts 276/6
- bestowed** *pp* 1. employed, used 43/35, 246/15, etc; 2. spent 51/39; 3. given 56/27, 238/38, etc
- betyng** *see* **beare beating**
- beure** *v pa 3 pl* (that) bore, carried 132/20
- beytyng** *see* **baite**
- biddells** *see* **beedle**
- biddeth** *v pr 3 sg* commands, enjoins 299/25
- bil** *not a word here: unexpunged error* 117/14
- bill** *v inf* build 180/40
- bill of parcelles** *n phr* itemized bill 309/11–12
- bind** *v inf phr* **bind...to** *in legal language*, lay under obligation (of good behaviour, to answer a charge in court, to keep the peace, etc) 295/2–3, etc; **binde...to** 300/10; **bound...to** *pp phr* 297/38–9; **bound...for** 47/18; **binding ouer** *vb n phr* 296/11; **bindinge over** 296/39; **byndeinge over** 298/25; **bound over** *pp phr* 69/34; **bounden in recognisance** 294/23; **bound** *pp* laid under an obligation (to observe, etc) 276/15; **bounde** 166/14, etc; **bovnd** 289/6, etc; **bounde hym self** *v refl pa 3 sg* 142/1
- bitt** *n* bit, the mouthpiece of a horse's bridle 115/9
- blowen** *pp* 'blown,' not fresh, tainted 161/16
- bocez** *n pl* bosses, ornamental knobs or studs of metalwork (possibly part of a compound **bokell bocez** buckle-bosses, of doubtful meaning) 115/8
- bokeler** *see* **buckeler**
- bokell** *n* buckle 115/8; *see* **bocez**, **pactrell**
- bolebaytynge**, **bolebetynge** *see* **bulbaiting**
- boleryng** *see* **bullringle**
- book for sports** *see* **Kings book**
- borde cloth** *n phr* table-cloth 24/4
- bordes** *n pl* 1. boards, pieces of timber sawed thin 209/31, etc; 2. tables 66/32, 248/30 (in these instances it is not absolutely clear which of the two meanings is intended)
- bord nayles** *n phr* board-nails, spikes or large brads 246/5; **bord neyles** 241/36
- borough** *n* a town or city holding privileges of self-government conveyed by charter 199/10, etc; **boroughe** 303/6; **borrough** 275/38, etc; **bourough** 446/32; **bouroughes** *pl* 193/22; **burroughes** 447/26
- bouchere** *n* butcher, one whose trade it is to slaughter large tame animals and sell their flesh 91/39; **butchers** *pl* 260/34
- bound**, **bounde**, **bounden** *see* **bind**
- bourd** *n in phr* **made a bourd** tacked (of sailing) 254/42
- bourough**, **bouroughes** *see* **borough**, **head bouroughes**
- bovnd** *see* **bind**
- bozgt** *pp* bought 23/16; **bozth** 131/15
- brake** *v pa 3 sg* broke 60/14; *v pa 3 pl* 291/20
- brauderyng** *vb n* embroidering 98/24
- breder(e)n**, **bredryn** *see* **brethern**
- breeches** *n pl* a trouser-like garment reaching to the knees or calves 259/6
- brennyng** *prp* 'burning,' *ie*, in heat 161/15
- brethern** *n pl* 1. guild-members 227/1; **bretherdyn** 227/11; 2. fellow-members of the corporation; **brethern** 117/15, etc; **brederen** 62/37; **bredern** 62/40; **bredryn** 63/4; **bretherne** 228/23, etc; **brethren** 46/28
- brew** *v pa 2 pl* brewed (ale) 310/10
- brewster** *n* brewer, one who brews 42/34; **brewsters** *poss* 57/29
- bringinge in of the riuer** *vb n phr*; *see endnote p 450 to WDRO: W 132 f 88* 253/33; **bringinge in of the ryuer** 253/36–7
- broadcloth** *n* a fine woollen cloth of plain weave, two yards wide 200/12; **broad**

- cloth 201/22; **broade clothe** 196/37–8;  
**brood cloath** 202/9  
**brotherhed** *n* brotherhood; the members of  
a guild or fraternity 310/14  
**browne paper** *n phr* a coarse stout kind of  
paper made of unbleached materials, and  
chiefly used for wrapping 244/22, etc  
**browte** *v pa 3 pl* brought 132/24  
**bucke** *n* book (*here* an account book) 131/11  
**buckeler** *n* a small round shield 211/15;  
**bokeler** 137/31; **bucklars** *pl* 292/14  
**bulbaiting** *n* the action of baiting a bull with  
dogs (all bulls that were to be slaughtered  
were first baited, in the belief that this  
would render the meat more wholesome);  
**bolebaytynge** 101/33; **bolebetynge**  
102/30; **bulbetyng** 110/18, etc; **bull**  
**baiting** 160/36, etc; **bulbaitinges** *pl* 296/4,  
etc; **bull baytings** 296/33; **bull-baitings**  
296/33–4  
**bull maier** *n phr* in Exeter, the official in  
charge of bull-baiting (*see* **bulbaiting**)  
176/26; **bull maiers** *poss* 176/29; **maior of**  
**the bull ring** 161/23–4, 161/25; *see also*  
**bullringe**, **keper of the bull ringe**  
**bullringe** *n* the place where bulls were baited  
171/9; **boleryng** 99/15; **bull ringe** *n phr*  
167/17; **bull ryng** 43/12; **bull ryngg**  
44/21; **bulryng** *n* 43/22; **bulryng** 279/33;  
**bullringe man** *n comp* probably the bull  
mayor (*see* **bull maier**) 171/9; *see also*  
**keper of the bull ringe**  
**bullworke** *n* bulwark, fortification 248/21  
**burges** *see* **com burges**  
**burghe**, **burroughes** *see* **borough**  
**butchers** *see* **bouchere**  
**butt** *n* mark for archery or shooting-practice  
267/1  
**by** *v inf* buy 178/25  
**bydles** *see* **beedle**  
**byll of complent** *n phr* 'bill of complaint', a  
written statement of a case; a pleading by  
plaintiff or defendant 141/32, etc  
**byndeinge over** *see* **bind**  
**by twyne** *prep* between 100/32  
**calivers** *n pl* a light, easily portable kind of  
musket or harquebus, introduced during  
the 16th century 248/13; **calyuers** 60/23,  
etc  
**came** *v pa 3 sg in phr* **came in** entered (a city,  
etc) formally or ceremonially 207/34,  
252/3  
**camell** *n* image or effigy of a camel 220/25,  
221/28  
**Canara wynes** *n phr* light sweet wine from  
the Canary Islands 252/24  
**Candlemas** *n* Candlemas, the feast of the  
Purification of the Virgin Mary and the  
feast of the Presentation of Christ in the  
Temple (2 February) 171/1, etc;  
**Candelmas** 139/36, etc  
**canefas** *n* canvas 97/3  
**cannell** *n* channel, gutter 136/8  
**cape** *n* cap 223/18  
**capecitated** *pp* capacitated, enabled 276/14  
**carriage** *n* 1. carrying, conveying 240/17;  
**carrayge** 310/8; **carriadge** 255/27;  
**caryage** 28/30; **carydge** 310/6; 2. habitual  
conduct; **carriage** 198/9  
**carriers** *n pl* those who undertake for hire the  
conveyance of goods and parcels 206/30  
**carryng** *vb n* carrying 280/18; **caryng**  
221/31, etc; **carynge** 154/36  
**caryage**, **carydge** *see* **carriage**  
**cast** *see* **quoyte**  
**castyng** *vb n* founding (of metal) 133/39  
**causion** *n* 'caution,' *ie*, security, pledge  
204/21  
**cepe** *see* *Latin Glossary under sepi*  
**certificate** *n* 1. document in which a fact is  
formally certified or attested 199/16,  
291/37; 2. the action whereby a responsible  
person or persons attest a fact within their  
knowledge 291/25  
**certifie** *v inf* assure, make certain 199/18  
**certin** *adj* certain 60/21  
**cete** *n* seat or bench, *or perhaps* some kind of  
platform 209/31  
**cetie** *n* city 139/24, etc; **cettie** 186/30  
**chamber** *n* in the 16th and 17th centuries, a



piece of ordnance, especially a small piece without a carriage, standing on its breech, used to fire salutes 60/36; **chamberes** *pl* 59/35; **chambers** 59/38, 60/29

**chamberlaine** *n* 1. *in n phr* Lord

**Chamberlaine** Lord Chamberlain of the Household, one of the chief officers of the royal household, among whose duties was the licensing of plays 193/26; **Lord Chamberlayne** 193/5; **Lorde**

**Chamberleynz** *poss* 230/11; 2. officer who accounts for civic receipts and expenditures; **chamberleyne** 170/19

**chamlet** *n* camlet, originally a beautiful and costly Eastern fabric; later, the name was applied to various imitations, the nature of which has often changed 114/15

**chapmen** *n pl in phr* **petty chapmen** retail dealers, especially itinerant dealers, pedlars 299/11

**charge** *n* 1. cost, expense 209/3, 227/8, etc; **chardges** *pl* 168/6, etc; **charges** 117/3, etc; **chargs** 246/35; 2. responsibility; **charg** 192/38

**charge** *v inf* 1. burden with expense (?) 226/23; 2. entrust; **chargyd** *pp* 56/33

**chaunceler** *n in phr* **Lorde Chaunceler of Englande** Chancellor of England, the Lord High Chancellor, the highest officer of the crown and highest judicial functionary of the kingdom 140/24

**Chauncery** *n* the court of the Lord Chancellor, one of the tribunals of equity that gave relief in cases where there was no remedy in the common-law courts 141/19

**Cheffe Iustes, Cheveyustes, Cheyffes Iustys** *see* **Iustice**

**chekery** *n* checked cloth 22/2

**chevalier** *n* knight 94/23

**church ale** *n comp* periodical festive gathering held in connection with a church, often but not always characterized by the brewing and selling of ale; **churche ale** 284/5; **churchales** *pl* 295/15, etc; **church-ales** 207/1; **church ales** 294/37, etc; **churche**

**ales** 295/34; **churcheales** 293/15m, etc; *see also* **ale**, **play ale**, **younge mens ale**

**churche howse** *n comp* house belonging to a church, used for church purposes 311/1

**Chyf Iustice, Chyfe Iustice** *see* **Iustice**

**chylde** *n pl* children 19/36

**Chystysmas** *n* Christmas 231/42

**clarck, clarcke** *see* **clerke**

**clarckshippe** *see* **clerkeshippe**

**clarinere** *n* clarioner, trumpeter 84/21;

**claryners** *pl* 96/7

**clarke** *see* **clerke**

**clarkshippe, clearckeshippe, clearckship** *see* **clerkeshippe**

**cler** *see* **powynte**

**clere** *adj* free from any encumbrance, liability, etc 54/16, etc

**clerke** *n* 1. cleric, one in holy orders; also (and more commonly, after the Reformation) clerk, one who performs clerky duties such as writing and managing accounts 142/21; **clearkes** *poss* 298/19; **klerkes** *pl* 19/35; 2. in the following instances, probably the surname Clark or Clarke, but possibly one who performs clerky duties:

**clarke** 173/21, etc; **clercke** 176/9; **clerke** 163/33, etc; **clarke of the peace** *n phr* an officer who prepares indictments and keeps a record of proceedings at sessions of the peace 298/29; **clearke of assize** *n phr* an officer who records judicial decisions given by judges on circuit 298/28; **towne clarck** town clerk 170/18; **towne clarcke** 169/17, etc; **towne clercke** 169/4

**clerkeshippe** *n* the office or position of a clerk (*here* probably not a cleric) 249/37, etc; **clarckshippe** 253/14; **clarkshippe** 251/24; **clearckeshippe** 252/36; **clearckship** 252/16; **clerkship** 251/8

**cloake** *n* cloak, an over-garment of varying length, hooded or hoodless, sometimes having sleeves 178/18; **cloakes** *pl* 275/30, etc; **clokes** 276/5

**cloth** *n* cloth, woollen unless otherwise specified 52/19, 216/30, etc; **cloath**



- 202/13, etc; **clothe** 57/20, 219/32, etc  
**coates, coats** *see* **cote**  
**cobler** *n* usually, one whose business it is to mend shoes; *here* applied to a tradesman who repairs other things as well 44/21  
**coett** *see* **cote**  
**coke** *n* cook; **coke** *ys poss* 137/33  
**coller** *n* 1. ornamental chain worn around the neck as a badge of office 140/7, etc; **coler** 125/5, etc; **coleres** *pl* 140/9; **collers** 140/7m; **collors** 167/4, 169/16, etc; 2. collar, probably a bell-collar (*see* **bell collers**) but possibly a garment-collar; **colers** *pl* 27/18, etc; **coles** 27/4; **cullers** 29/21  
**colors** *n pl* coloured devices of some kind; in the second instance, probably pennons or banners 28/17; 260/6  
**com burges** *n pl* comburgesses, fellow-burgesses, fellow-citizens of a borough 226/41  
**comens** *n pl* commons, the common people (as opposed to those of rank or dignity) 227/1  
**cominaltie** *n* the general body of the community 303/6, etc; **cominalty** 303/25, etc  
**cominers** *n pl* members of the community having civic rights but not holding civic office 226/11  
**common wealth** *n comp* the whole body of the people, the body politic 294/11–12; **common welthe** 168/40; **comon welth** 183/8  
**commytted** *pp* consigned to custody or confinement 47/11; **commytted to warde** *pp phr* sent to jail 47/9  
**company** *n* 1. band of players, musicians, or other entertainers 52/39, 308/36, etc; **companie** 193/16, etc; **companye** 274/31, etc; **compayny** 237/37; **companies** *pl* 265/28, etc; **companyes** 273/8; 2. a party or band, especially one of retainers or followers; **companie** 254/40; **company** 52/11, 243/6, etc; **in compayny** *prep phr* as one of a group 253/22; 3. a troop of soldiers; **company** 292/6; 4. in Chagford, the 'Hoodsmen,' a kind of parish guild; **company** 54/23; **companye** 55/38  
**complaynant** *n* complainant, one who enters a legal complaint against another 141/37, etc  
**complayneth** *v pr 3 sg* lodges a complaint, brings a charge 140/25  
**complements** *n pl* ceremonial acts or expressions as a tribute of courtesy 205/37  
**complant** *see* **byll of complent**  
**concurse** *n* the running or flocking together of people 183/9  
**conduyte** *n* conduit; *here* probably a fountain 159/3; **condyett** 133/39; **cundeyatte** 136/12  
**constable** *n* officer of the peace (sometimes of a parish, sometimes of a large administrative district such as a hundred) 61/17, 298/30, etc; **constables** *pl* 298/4, etc  
**consumption** *n* a wasting disease of some kind 69/40  
**contynent** *see* **yn contynent**  
**conventicles** *n pl* meetings or assemblies of a clandestine, illegal, or irregular character 207/7  
**convenyent** *adj* suitable, appropriate 141/23, etc; **conuenient** 446/31; **convenient** 193/8, etc  
**convydyng** *vb n of uncertain meaning*, perhaps, being conveyed or transported, or escorting (someone), or feasting, entertaining 40/15, 40/16  
**coote** *see* **cote**  
**coplett...harnayes** *n phr* mail (as in armour) 130/29  
**cordall** *see* **curtall**  
**cordeners** *n pl* cordwainers, shoemakers 100/33; **cordoners** 101/8  
**corne powder** *n phr* gunpowder that has been 'corned' or granulated 246/17, etc  
**cornet** *n* cornett, a wooden wind instrument (not to be confused with the modern cornet) 172/15

**coronation day** *n phr* the anniversary of the day on which a sovereign is crowned (though the day usually called and celebrated by that name during the reign of Elizabeth I was actually 17 November, the date of her accession to the throne) 259/37; **coronation daie** 260/12; **cronnacion daye** 254/31; **crowdashone daie** 258/19

**corporacion** *n* corporation, a town possessing self-governing privileges; the name given to its governing body, empowered to act as a legal entity 276/15; **corporacon** 276/8

**corporatt** *see townes corporatt*

**correspondency** *n* sympathetic response 255/5

**costage** *n* charges, expense 18/12; **costages** *pl* 170/3

**cote** *n* coat, sometimes a sleeveless close-fitting garment coming no lower than the waist, sometimes loose, with skirts and sleeves 219/33, etc; **coate** 258/21, etc; **coett** 147/33; **coote** 258/13; **cott** 284/29, etc; **cotte** 285/28; **coates** *pl* 198/29, etc; **coats** 196/38, etc; **cotes** 54/34, etc; **cottes** 308/19, etc

**count** *n* account, reckoning 57/9; **cownte** 210/11

**countenance** *n* good repute (?) 161/25

**country** *n* 1. district 291/26; 2. the people of a district; **countrey** 206/22

**country-man** *n* fellow-countryman, man of one's own district; **country-mens** *pl poss* 291/34

**course** *n in v phr take course* take steps, act in a particular way 296/9, etc; **course...be taken** 52/1, etc

**covenant** *v inf* enter into formal agreement; contract; **covennte** (*error or variant form*) 303/20; **covenant** *pp* 290/19

**cownte** *see count*

**crafte** *n* trade-guild 226/36, etc; **craftes** *pl* 227/27; **craftis** 101/8, etc

**crampittes** *n pl* crampets, cramp-irons, small metal bars with the ends bent so as to grasp

two stones of a building, etc, and hold them firmly together 133/39

**cressantes** *n pl* cressets, iron vessels, hung from poles or buildings, containing coal, wood, etc, to be burnt for light 91/22, etc; **crescentes** 90/33; **crescentys** 97/17, etc; **cressanntes** 87/30, etc

**crestes** *n pl* plumes, tufts, or other ornaments fixed on top of helmets or head-dresses; perhaps the helmets or head-dresses themselves (?) 22/3

**Crissmas game** *n phr* pastime, revel, or play taking place at Christmas 23/17;

**Cristmasse game** 24/15; **Cryssmas game** 23/3; **Crystmas game** 23/30

**cronnacion daye** *see coronation day*

**croper** *n* crupper, a leather strap buckled to the saddle and passing under the horse's tail, to prevent the saddle from slipping forward 115/4

**crowdashone daie** *see coronation day*

**crowne** *n* the name given in England to the French gold écu, which circulated there in the 15th and 16th centuries, and which, when this entry was written, was valued at four shillings (the English five-shilling crown was not minted until 1526, and this entry dates from 1523–4) 125/16

**Cryssmas game, Crystmas game** *see Crissmas game*

**cuckes** *n poss* cook's 57/28

**cullers** *see coller*

**cundeyatte** *see conduyte*

**cunnyng** *see non cunnyng*

**curche** *n* church 66/32

**curtall** *n* curtal or dulcian, an early form of the bassoon; **doble curtall** bass curtal 172/14, 178/1; **double cordall** 203/9–10

**cusementes** *n pl* accusements, accusations 126/17

**custumyd** *pp* wonted, made customary 126/19

**cuttyng** *vb n* carving on stone, or cutting away of turf from stone, to make a picture (?) 218/10, 221/26, 229/37, etc; *see also*

- dyggyng, paryng**  
**cymboll** *n* cymbal(s) 35/35
- daily wayters** *see* **dayly wayters**  
**damaske water** *n phr* rose-water distilled from Damask roses 308/4  
**daunshers** *n pl* dancers 255/29  
**dawnsyng mony** *n phr* money earned by a parish guild or 'store' in connection with dancing, and applied toward church expenses 214/18, 214/20, etc  
**dayly wayters** *n pl* title of certain officers of the royal household, gentleman ushers of a particular kind (opposed to **quarter wayters**) 270/27, 282/16; **daily wayters** 270/4  
**debet** *n* debit, debt, amount owed 226/28, 226/30  
**declare, declaro** *see* *Latin Glossary*  
**defaute** *n* 1. lack 100/35; 2. failure (to carry out an obligation); **defauute** 226/16  
**demeasne** *v refl fut 3 sg* demean, behave, conduct 195/30  
**denied** *pp* refused permission, forbidden 192/12  
**departe** *v inf* go away from, leave 47/33, 261/3, etc  
**devin** *adj* divine 53/23  
**di.** *n* abbreviation for Latin 'dimidium,' half, one-half 241/36, etc  
**dile bord** *n comp* deal-board, a thin board of fir or pine 245/25  
**discovered** *pp* revealed, made known 291/23  
**dismys** *v inf* 1. disperse, go away 188/3; **dismysse** 187/38; 2. discharge (a defendant); **dismysid** *pp* 143/12  
**diuers, diuers, diuerse** *see* **dyuers**  
**doble curtall** *see* **curtall**  
**done** *pp* 1. put 137/1; 2. incurred; **doon** 117/3  
**dossen** *n* dozen 216/30  
**double cordall** *see* **curtall**  
**doubted** *v pa 3 sg* feared 291/30; **doubtyd** *v pa 1 sg* 290/15  
**doune** *pp* done 303/9  
**dowfter** *n* daughter 214/18  
**dowlys** *n* 'dowlas,' a coarse kind of linen, much used in the 16th and 17th centuries 24/4  
**downe** *see* **a downe**  
**draper** *n* probably surname; possibly occupational name: maker of or dealer in cloth 112/24  
**draynge** *vb n* drawing 284/6  
**dressinge** *vb n* decorating, adorning 238/21; **dressyng** 209/32  
**drume** *n* drum 239/39, etc; **drome** 241/29, etc; **dromme** 248/20, etc; **drum** 270/17; **drumb** 164/3, etc; **drumbe** 164/10, etc; **drumme** 240/32, etc; **thromb** (*corrected to drumbe*) 164/10; **thrum** 162/25; **thrumm** 160/25; **drombes** *pl* 158/38; **drumes** 253/3, etc; **drummes** 250/14, etc  
**drummer** *n* drummer 241/5, etc; **dromer** 154/35, etc; **drommer** 241/25, etc; **drumber** 164/13, etc; **drumer** 240/30, etc; **drumer** *poss* 258/21; **drumers** 258/13; **dromeres** *n pl* 252/3; **dromers** 251/36, etc; **drommers** 261/18, etc; **drumbers** 275/1; **drumers** 240/31, etc; **drommeres** 255/29; **drummers** 244/35, etc; **thrommers** 180/8  
**drynkyng** *vb n* 1. the drinking (of ale and wine), sometimes considered as a separate part of a meal or as a meal in itself 117/8, 232/5; **drynckyn** 40/7, 40/23; **dryncky** (.) 39/33; **drynkinge** 237/20; 2. convivial revel; **drynkinges** *pl* 294/4, etc  
**due** *pp* owed 246/13  
**dyggyng** *vb n* digging up turf from, or carving on, stone, to make a picture 218/27, 220/30; *see also* **cuttyng, paryng**  
**dynd** *v pa 3 sg* dined 180/39  
**dyuers** *adj* various, sundry 126/17, etc; **diuers** 156/32, etc; **diuers** 51/40, etc; **diuerse** 297/21, etc
- effectual** *adj* in effect (?) 143/9  
**Egiptians** *n pl* gypsies 299/12  
**ell** *n* a measure of length equal to 45 inches 245/37, etc; **elles** *pl* 245/38; **yelles** 245/36  
**encressing** *vb n in phr* thencreasing the



increasing 225/35, etc  
**enioy** *v inf* to have the use or benefit of 198/10, etc  
**enterlude** *n* interlude, light or humorous play 160/36, etc; **interlude** 43/36, etc;  
**enterludes** *pl* 447/13; **enterluds** 446/25, etc; **interludes** 227/39  
**entertainment** *n* receiving of a guest, hospitable provision for the wants of a guest 51/36; **entertaynment** 249/17; **intertayment** 246/39; **intertaynement** 246/36  
**entertayne** *v inf* 1. show hospitality to; **entertayninge** *vb n* 265/35; **entertayninge** 251/42; **intertayninge** 265/37; 2. receive; **entertained** *pp* 199/18  
**escouchions** *see* **scogyn**  
**esquyre** *n* a title accompanying a man's name, originally applied to those who were gentry but not knights 310/5; **esquior** 199/10; **esquiers** *pl* 297/11, etc  
**estraungers** *adj* 'stranger,' a term applied to non-members of a guild 226/3; *see also* **strangers**  
**estyme** *v pr* 1 *sg* esteem, prize 289/9  
**euer a...a** each...each (?) 101/8-9  
**euery** *adj in phr* **euery** of each of 226/28, etc; **euerye** of 171/27; **everie** of 166/38, etc; **every** of 192/35  
**excercise** *v inf* train by practice 193/9  
**exell tree** *n comp* axle-tree 243/17  
**exercises** *n pl* religious observances 297/32  
**faller** *see* *Latin Glossary*  
**fall oute** *v phr* happen, come to pass 183/8  
**farder** *adv* farther, further 289/15  
**favor** *n in phr* **hard favor** harsh aspect 291/30  
**feattes** *n pl* 'feats', the operations practised in an art or profession 142/34, 143/1; **faytes** 140/37, 141/3; **feates of actiuitie** *n phr* shows of athletic ability 272/22  
**felowe** *n* colleague, co-worker 44/8; **fellowes** *pl* 250/15; **felowes** 43/23, etc; **felowys** 55/31, 213/4; **ffelouys** 137/32  
**feoffees** *n pl* trustees 51/36

**ferder** *adv* further 61/3  
**fetchynge** *vb n in phr* **fetchynge of maye** the ritual bringing in of the May (*see* **may**) 234/36; **fetching in of May** 450/1  
**fett** *see* **ffett**  
**ffee** *n* fee, an estate in land, held on condition of homage and service to a superior lord, by whom it is granted and in whom the ownership remains 167/26, etc  
**ffelouys** *see* **felowe**  
**fferder** *adv* further 141/22  
**ffett** *v inf* fetch 137/4; **ffettyng** *vb n* 28/28; **ffeytt** *v pa* 3 *sg* 137/31; **fett owr patent** *v phr* give our formal endorsement (?) 209/3  
**ffolowyn** *prp* following 138/3  
**ffoole** *see* **foole**  
**ffootemen** *n pl* footmen, servants attending a rider on foot 282/25; **ffootmen** 270/9; **footemen** 270/36; **fotemen** 215/27  
**fforceyd** *pp* aforesaid 138/9  
**ffore dore** *n comp* front door 137/16  
**ffranchises** *n pl* districts over which the privilege of an individual or corporation extends 192/42  
**ffray** *n* disturbance 137/29  
**ffredome** *see* **freedom**  
**fit** *adj* needing, requiring 52/1  
**fjelds** *n pl* fields 282/31  
**flatcher** *n* fletcher, maker of or dealer in arrows 67/6  
**flesche** *n* meat 213/16  
**foistered** *pp* musty, mouldy 161/16  
**foole** *n* performing fool, jester, clown 284/38, 285/5; **ffoole** 229/6; **fowle** 65/37; **foolles** *sg poss* 285/28; **foles** *pl (sg?) poss* 308/19; **folles** 308/20; **folys** 308/25  
**footemen** *see* **ffootemen**  
**forbaer** *v inf* 1. abstain, refrain from 188/9; **forbere** 226/8; 2. dispense with, do without; **forborne** *pp* 297/37  
**forelayd** *v pa* 3 *pl* lay in wait for, waylaid 304/18  
**forfeture** *n* forfeiture, pecuniary penalty, fine 176/30; **forfeycture** 294/1  
**formes** *see* **fourme**



**forseid** *pp* aforesaid 101/8

**fotemen** *see* **ffootemen**

**fourme** *n* 1. formal procedure, prescribed way of doing things 227/30; 2. bench;

**formes** *n pl* 147/22

**fourniture** *n* furnishings, movables

(including small articles as well as large ones) 248/30; **furniture** 258/7

**fowle** *see* **foole**

**foyll** *n* counterfoil 309/12

**frame** *n* structure that serves as an underlying support or skeleton (?) 248/23, 248/24

**freedom** *n* 1. district over which a city's immunity (from charges, etc) extends

252/26, 252/29; **ffredome** 446/32;

**freedome** 252/23; **fredome daie** *n phr* in

Plymouth, 21 September, the day on

which the mayor ceremonially 'beat the bounds,' walked around the city to assert

its boundaries (*see endnote p 451 to*

*WDRO: W 132 f 100*) 260/18; **freedome**

**daie** 264/13, etc; **freedome day** 261/39,

etc; **freedome daye** 263/16, etc; **freedome**

*n* the celebrations of freedom day 257/3; 2.

the right of participating in the privileges attached to membership in a guild;

**ffredome** 226/13

**freyd** *v pa 3 sg* 'freed,' made available (of sums of money) (?), or 'frayed,' defrayed, *ie*, paid (?) 207/24

**fro** *prep* from 133/38; **fro hensforthe** from henceforth 226/26

**furniture** *see* **fourniture**

**fynding** *vb n* making provision for 142/28

**game** *n* amusement, sport, pastime; **gaes**

(*error for n pl* 'games') 307/37; *see also*

**Crissmas game**, **may game**

**gathering** *vb n* collection (of money) 57/12;

**gatheringe** 285/13; **getheryng mony** *n*

*comp* money collected 63/19–20

**gatte** *n* gate 136/37

**gayn**, **gaynste** *see* **against**

**geder** *v inf* gather 101/9

**geder** *see* **to geder**

**gelder** *n* castrator 288/11

**gellt** *pp* gelded, castrated 289/14

**gentleman vshers** *n comp pl* gentlemen of the royal household, who act as ushers to

persons of superior rank 270/27, etc;

**gentlemen vshers** 282/16, etc; *see* **dayly**

**wayters**, **quarter wayters**

**gerents** *see* **vice gerents**

**gester** *see* **iester**

**getheryng** *see* **gatheringe**

**geton** *n* a small flag 94/38

**geves** *n pl* gyves, *ie*, fetters 280/33

**geynst** *see* **against**

**glassmen** *n comp pl* pedlars of glass; by

extension, beggars, since in the 16th and

17th centuries, peddling glass was often a

pretext for begging 299/11

**goddys** *n poss in phr* **by goddys bludde** by God's blood! 138/6–7

**gold skynnyys** *n phr* 'gold skins,' gilded hides

used as stage properties or as parts of

players' costumes (?) 23/16

**gonners** *n pl* gunners, artillerymen 240/36, etc

**gonnys** *n pl* guns, cannon 221/31

**goo** *v* go 101/13, etc

**gotterd** *n* gutter, eavestrough 133/38

**gounscloth** *n comp* a piece of cloth of the right length to make into a gown 196/40, etc;

**gownes clothe** 181/40; **gounscloth**

196/42; **gownes clothes** *pl* 200/20

**gowne** *n* a long, loose robe, usually open at

the front, having hanging or puffed

shoulder sleeves 182/1, etc; **goundes** *pl*

202/9; **gownes** 198/29m, etc; **gownys**

216/31, etc

**goyn** *prp* going 136/3, etc

**grace** *n* part of a title applied to nobles; **my**

**lades grace** my lady's grace 308/36; **my**

**lady ys grasse** 125/13; **my ladys grace** *poss*

308/17

**gratuyty** *n* a gift of money; *here, as often, a*

payment made to a company of players in

return for their agreeing not to play 190/38

**grenne** *adj* green 286/5

**grominge wardins** *n comp pl* 'Grooming Wardens,' the title of those in charge of one of the parish guilds of St. George's, Morebath 212/5

**grond** *n* ground 136/12

**groomes** *n pl* serving-men 270/9, etc

**grotes** *n pl* groats: silver coins worth 4 d 211/29

**guggeler** *see* iuggeler

**guildhall** *n comp* town hall 147/13, etc;

**guihald** 146/37, 157/31; **guildehale**

229/32, 230/13; **guildhal** 166/19;

**guildhald** 248/24; **guyldhall** 150/31, etc;

**gylde hall** 226/28; **ilde hall** 148/20;

**yeldehall** 228/36, etc; **yldhall** 130/1

**gyaunt** *n* giant 229/38

**gyewyen** *pp* given 130/27

**gyld** *n* guild, a fellowship formed for the mutual benefit and protection of its members, including religious and charitable ends, and often also the regulation of a trade or several related trades 225/34; **ilde** 227/8, 227/12, etc; **ile** 226/4; **yle** 226/23, 226/26 (*meaning not certain for the last two forms*)

**gylde hall** *see* guildhall

**had** *pp* obtained, found 198/18; **hadde** 101/4, 141/15

**haist** *v pr* 2 *sg* hast 136/38

**hale** *n* hall 225/39, 226/19

**hall** *n* a building where public business was transacted, *here* probably the Exeter guildhall 137/14, 137/15, 137/19

**ham** *pron* them 101/1; **ham** *self* themselves 101/13

**hand** *n* 1. signature 193/2, etc; **handes** *pl* 298/39, etc; 2. permission by signed warrant 267/5

**hange** *see* an hange

**harbinger** *see* knight harbinger, yeoman

**harborrough** *n* harbour, port-town 269/17

**hard** *v pa* 3 *sg* heard 135/39, 136/10; **harde** *pp* 304/9

**hard favor** *see* favor

**harnayes** *see* coplett...harnayes

**harnez** *n* harness, *ie*, armour and trappings 230/4; **harneyz** 230/5

**harpe** *n* harper (?) or harp (?) 137/1, 137/2

**hate** *v pr* 3 *pl* hath (*for* 'have'?) 198/15

**hather** *adv* hither, (to) here 235/26

**haue** *v imper* 2 *sg* take, cause to be taken 137/14

**hawe** *see* howe

**haynderaunce** *n* hindrance, inconvenience

141/6, 141/13; **hinderans** 183/13;

**hyndraunce** 143/5

**head bouroughes** *n comp pl* headboroughs, parish officers identical in function with petty constables 192/33-4;

**headbouroughs** 446/18

**hedd** *n* head, the membrane or skin stretched upon a drum 262/37; **heades** *pl* 253/30, 258/3

**heddinge** *vb n* furnishing drums with heads,

*ie*, skins 250/14, 253/34; **heddyng** 240/32

**hed of here** *n phr* head of hair, *ie*, wig 24/6-7

**hedstall** *n comp* headstall, the part of a horse's bridle that fits round its head, often carrying ornamental plumes 115/8

**heir** *pron* her 126/16, 126/17

**hellyng** *vb n* 'haling,' drawing, pulling 131/7

**helping** *vb n* escorting 56/27

**hem** *pron* 1. him 209/1(2), 136/11, etc; **heme** 137/4; 2. them; **hem** 125/6, etc

**heowyng** *vb n* hewing 310/6

**here** *see* hed of here

**herhavde** *n* herald 30/23

**herper** *n* harper 53/35, 135/32

**heyverde** *see* bereherd

**hinderans** *see* haynderaunce

**his** the possessive suffix, often written and construed in the 15th and 16th centuries as a separate word 192/24, etc, *see also* **is**

**hit** *pron* it 226/38, etc; **hyt** 209/6, etc; **hytt** 288/9, etc

**hobby horse** *n comp* in the morris dance, a figure of a horse, made of wicker or other light material, and worn by one of the performers 243/40; **hoby horse** 243/35

- hoboyes** *n* 'hautboy,' oboe 172/15; **hoyboyes** *pl* 172/15
- hockeday** *n* hock-day, the second Tuesday after Easter, sometimes a quarter-day, a day often kept as a popular festival 33/34
- hoe** *see* **howe**
- hoggeshed** *n* hogshead, a large cask for beer, wine, or other drink, commonly holding about 52 gallons 146/16; **hogeside** 259/38; **hoggeshedd** 238/38; **hoggeshedde** 255/42; **hoggeshede** 255/27; **hoggeshedd** 250/24; **hoggyshede** 232/20; **hogsed** 133/19; **hogserd** 180/40; **hogyshed** 230/41; **hogyshede** 231/3
- holbarts** *n pl* halberds 270/14
- holdythe** *v pr 3 sg* holdeth, holds as a tenant 134/3
- holle** *adj* whole 54/15, etc; **holye** 135/22
- holly** *adj* holy 294/22
- honest** *adj* honourable, upright 152/2; **honestly** *adv* 199/22
- Hoodes** *see* **howde**
- horsse** *n* a figure of St George's horse 209/2
- hose** *n* house 135/22
- hosyer** *n* hosier, maker or seller of hose, *ie*, leggings, stockings, and socks 112/17
- houckes** *see* **racke houckes**
- house** *n* town council 178/9, etc
- how** *see* **howe**
- howde** *n* person playing Robin Hood 54/13, 56/14; **howdde** 55/21; **Hoodes** *poss* 57/21; **howddes** 55/14
- howdesmen** *n pl* members of the Chagford young men's guild, perhaps playing Robin Hood's men 55/31, 56/9; **howddes men** 54/41–55/1; **howdde ys men** 55/10; **howdes men** 55/39, 56/19; **howde ys men** 54/31–2; **owddes men** 55/22–3
- howe** *n* a foreland; *here* Plymouth Hoe 212/38, etc; **hawe** 229/38, 244/4; **hoe** 271/24; **how** 219/16
- hows** *n* family 290/20
- howse** *n* hose, leggings or stockings with or without feet, a close-fitting garment resembling tights, worn by men and boys (?) 285/23
- hoyboyes** *see* **hoboyes**
- hucksters** *n pl* hawkers 206/30
- hue & crie** *n phr in law*, outcry summoning people to pursue one or more malefactors 256/13
- humor** *n* fancy, inclination 289/38
- hundred** *n* an administrative division of a county 298/4, etc; **hundreds** *pl* 293/6
- hyndraunce** *see* **haynderaunce**
- hyt(t)** *see* **hit**
- ierken** *n* jerkin, a close-fitting, full-skirted men's jacket, worn over the doublet 223/18
- iester** *n* jester, a professional buffoon and amusement-maker, especially one maintained in a royal or noble household 230/29, etc; **gester** 41/7, 233/6; **iesteres** *poss* 56/29
- Ieun** *n* June 139/12
- ij hande sworde** *n phr* two-handed sword, a long and heavy broadsword, meant to be wielded with both hands 250/27
- ilde** *see* **gyld**
- ilde hall** *see* **guildhall**
- ile** *adj* ill, bad 68/12
- ile** *see* **gyld**
- ilonde** *n* island; also used of areas nearly surrounded by water or marsh, but accessible at low water or by a spit of land 167/27
- inconueniens** *n* trouble, nuisance 183/7; **inconueniences** *pl* 296/32; **inconueniences** 295/13, etc; **inconvenyences** 294/11, 299/3
- ingaged** *pp* obligated 276/15
- inof** *prep phr* in of 310/15
- insuyng** *prp* ensuing, following 141/40
- interlude** *see* **enterlude**
- intertayeninge** *see* **entertayne**
- intertay(ne)ment** *see* **entertainment**
- iocular**, **iogelar** *see* **iuggeler**
- iorge** *n* George, an image or effigy of St George 209/2, 209/4
- ioyner** *n* joiner, a worker in wood who does



- lighter and more ornamental work than that of a carpenter, *eg*, furniture-making 303/10
- is* the possessive suffix, often written and construed in the 15th and 16th centuries as a separate word 18/12, etc; *ys* 101/7, etc
- iuggeler** *n* juggler, professional buffoon or merry-maker; jester 40/2, 133/4; **guggeler** 147/14; **iocular** 220/36, etc; **iogelar** 62/34; **iugeler** 125/15; **iugelerr** 37/34; **iugler** 228/12, 228/22; **iugkelers** *pl* 132/13
- iupardye** *n* jeopardy, risk 226/13
- iustice** *n* justice, *ie*, magistrate 300/6; **justice** 69/3; **iustices** *pl* 164/37, etc; **justices** 69/36 etc; **Iustice of Assisse** judge of the high court at Westminster, who went out on circuit to try major cases in the counties 296/29m; **iustyces of assises** *pl* 293/21–2; **iustice of peace** local magistrate dealing mainly with breaches of public order 297/39, etc; **iustices of (the) peace** *pl* 294/31–2, 298/21, etc; **iustyces of the peace** 293/17, etc; **Lorde Chyf Iustice** Lord Chief Justice, highest-ranking judge in England 224/12; **Lorde Chyfe Iustice** 224/38–9; **Lorde Cheffe Iustes** *poss* 132/15; **Lord Cheyffes Iustys** 130/26; **Lord Chief Iustice** 133/3; **Lord Cheveyustes** 131/12; **Lorde Chyf Iustes** 135/17–18
- keepe** *v inf* 1. practise, observe, maintain; **kept** *pp* 41/21, etc; *in phr* **keepe badd rule** maintain bad order 68/41; **kepeth bade rull** 68/20; **kepeth ile rule** 68/13; *in phr* **keping household** maintaining a household, keeping house 227/13, 227/14; *in phr* **kepe the pece** keep the peace, behave peaceably 137/9–10, etc; 2. take care of, support, shelter; **keepe** *v inf* 178/15, 193/7, 227/10; **kepeth** *v pr* 3 *sg* 68/19; **keeping** *vb n* 68/42; 3. take care of, look after (a thing); **kepyn** *vb n* 23/38; **kepyng** 22/29, 22/30, etc; 4. abstain, absent; **kepte** *v pa* 3 *pl* 61/21
- kembing** *vb n* combing 205/39
- keper of the bull ringe** *n phr* probably the same as the ‘bull mayor’ (see **bull maier**) 167/17; **bull ring keeper** 161/22; *see also* **bullringe**.
- kepyn** *vb n* keeping 23/38, etc
- kepte, kepyn(g)** *see* **keepe**
- kersie** *n* kersey, a kind of coarse narrow cloth woven from long wool, usually ribbed 200/21; **kersye** 201/25
- Kings book** *n phr* the king’s *Book of Sports*, James I’s declaration to his subjects ‘concerning lawfull sports to be used’ (1618) 69/37; **book for sports** 69/28
- klerkes** *see* **clerke**
- klyen** *adj* clean 130/28
- knawe** *n* knave 135/34
- knight harbinger** *n phr* officer of knightly rank in the royal household, who went on before the retinue to secure lodgings 270/6, etc
- knight marshall** *n phr* an officer of the English royal household, who had judicial cognizance of transgressions ‘within the king’s house and verge’ 270/7, etc
- kytt** *n* kit, a kind of small fiddle 128/34
- la** *see* **le**
- ladde** *n* 1. serving-boy, assistant 147/33; 2. **laddys** *pl* youths, young men 134/23
- lades** *n poss* lady’s 308/36
- late** *adv* lately 101/3, 198/21, 204/11
- lathe nayles** *n comp pl* lath-nails, nails for fastening laths to battens 242/3
- latyn** *n* latten, a kind of brass; *adj* 19/5
- lause** *v inf* lose 141/7
- lawe day** *n comp* the meeting-day for a court of law, especially the court leet (see **leate**); hence the court session itself 46/5
- le, la** the French definite article, sometimes used to signal the presence of a vernacular noun in a passage of Latin, often without regard to that noun’s gender and number; **la** (*f*) 93/24, etc; **le** (*m*) 78/17, etc; **les** *pl* 79/10, etc; **lez** 78/37, etc
- leads** *n pl* leaden roof 60/30



- leate** *n* a court of record having manorial origin 253/23
- leave** *n* permission 188/22, etc; **leau** 161/30
- leaven** *n attr in phrase* **leaven taffitawe taffeta** of Leuven (Louvain) 260/5
- leeke** *adj* like 183/10
- lefull** *adj* lawful 142/7
- legmen** *n pl* liegemen, persons owing allegiance 192/34
- lekewyse** *adv* likewise 48/6
- les** *see* **le**
- lese** *adj* less 196/43
- letts** *n pl* impediments, obstructions 446/35, 447/27
- lewd** *adj* ignorant and ill-mannered 296/10; **lewde** 296/38, 298/24; **luyde** 126/18
- lez** *see* **le**
- libertie** *n* 1. a district exempt from the usual authority; especially the territory of a borough, or of a privileged landholder, as exempt from the authority of the sheriff of the surrounding county 298/33; **libertye** 298/31; **liberties** *pl* 192/42, etc; 2. a privilege or exceptional right, as of a town to govern itself or a guild to ply a trade; **libertye** 226/36, etc; **liberties** *pl* 181/34, etc
- libertines** *n pl* antinomians, followers of their own inclinations 69/39
- liff** *n* life 294/10
- ligger** *n* ledger 226/29
- like** *adj* similar 101/3, 206/32, etc; **lyke** 170/29; **lyke** *adv* likely 141/7
- liveries** *n pl* distinctive suits of clothes given by magnates and corporate bodies to those in their employ, as a mark of office and part payment for their services 176/39, etc; **liueries** 178/11, 178/13; **liueriyes** 180/21; **liueryes** 202/21; **liveryes** 147/30; **lyuers** 139/25; **lyueryes** 224/6; **lyuerys** 139/26; **lyvereyes** 150/16; **lyveries** 167/14, etc; **lyveryes** 171/31, 176/10; **lyverys** 147/31, 147/32; **lyverey** *coll sg* 120/28, etc; **lyuerey** 121/9
- loke** *v imper sg* look 171/31
- lone** *n* loan 27/12, 44/22
- loost** *v pa 3 sg* loosed, *ie*, shot a gun 255/2
- Lorde Prevy Seylles, Lord Priuysealles, Lord Privye Sealles** *see* **privy**
- lords of mis-rule** *n phr pl* persons chosen to preside over Christmas revels 205/30–1; *see also* **abot of mysrull**
- lorne** *v inf* 1. learn 142/17, 142/37; **lornyd** *v pa 3 sg* 142/37; 2. teach; **lornyng** *vb n* 141/40
- losenes** *n* looseness, *ie*, laxity 183/14
- lostes** *n pl* losses 141/6, 141/13
- luter** *n* lute-player 44/30, 44/38; **lute** 181/30; **luther** 44/7; **luter** lute-player and/or occupational surname 33/19, 126/15
- lutes** *n pl* stringed musical instruments resembling guitars 281/19
- luyde** *see* **lewd**
- lyke** *see* **like**
- lyserden** *n* lizard, a tenor cornett in C 172/14
- lyuerey, lyuers, lyuery(e)s, lyverey(s), lyveries, livery(e)s** *see* **liveries**
- macke** *v inf* make 196/38
- mad** *pp* made 208/6, 446/45
- Madyn mony** *n comp* 'Maiden-money', money from the fund of the maidens' guild(?) (*see* *Introduction*, *pp* xxii, xlvi) 210/16
- Maie daie** *see* **Maye Daye**
- Maiepoles** *see* **Maye pole**
- maier, maior(e), mair(e)s** *see* **mayor**
- maior of the bull ring** *see* **bull maier**
- mairies chaplyn** *n phr* mayor's chaplain(?) 121/8m
- maister** *see* **master**
- major** *see* **mayor**
- make** *v in phr* **make owt** make up, complete 46/37; **make stay** stop 295/1; **make staye** 295/20
- maken** *vb n* making 285/22, etc; **makyn** 130/28, etc
- manner** *n* unit of land and property owned by a lord, church, etc, to whom rents are

- paid by tenants 167/25, 167/26
- mantell** *n* mantelpiece, the ornamental structure above and around a fireplace 19/28
- maor** *see* **mayor**
- marcas, marchonsse** *see* **marques**
- Margett** *n in phr* **seynt Margett day** St Margaret's Day (20 July) 217/5
- markes** *n pl* marks, units of account, being two thirds of a pound sterling or 13 s 4 d 211/42
- marques** *n* marquess, a nobleman ranking between a duke and an earl 37/33, etc; **marchonsse** 130/34; **markes** 139/12; **markus** 131/10; **marcas ys poss** 132/21; **markes** 135/14, 225/26; **markys** 129/37; **marques** 307/26, etc
- marshall** *see* **knight marshall**
- mase** *n* mace, a municipal staff of office 136/31, etc
- maskyng** *prp in phr* **a maskyng** 'a-masquing', dressed for, and taking part in, a masque 307/20, 307/39
- master** *n* 1. a craftsman or tradesman carrying on his own business and having full membership in his guild 227/22; **masters** *pl* 227/3, etc; 2. a ship's captain **masters** *pl* 224/11; 3. a title of honour given to officials and others of master's standing; **master** 215/6, etc; 4. a title of certain royal officers: **maister of the kynges berys** the king's chief bear-keeper 217/38; **Master of the Revells** officer in charge of festivities in the royal household 192/36–7, 192/38; **maser** (*error for master*) **of the Revells** 446/42
- matche** *n* match, hempen, tow, or cotton rope so prepared that when lighted at the end it is not easily extinguished, and continues to burn at a uniform rate; used for firing cannon and for igniting a train of gunpowder 251/33, 257/28
- may** *n* 1. a maypole 97/4, 97/11, 97/33, etc; 2. the month of May, as a symbol of spring; 3. the observances associated with May Day; 4. the flowers of the hawthorn or may-tree; the phrase **fetchynge of maye** seems to refer to a ceremonial observance, and *here*, perhaps, 'May' carries these three meanings 234/36; **May** 450/1; *see also Latin Glossary under maij*
- Maye Daye** *n comp* **May Day** (1 May), celebrated with dancing and other traditional rites as the beginning of summer 224/34, etc; **Maie daie** 249/3, etc; **Mayday** 97/4; **May-day** 69/28, 70/2; **May day** 237/37, 261/9; **Maydaye** 241/24, 254/2; **May daye** 244/22; **Maye daie** 234/36, etc; **Maye day** 261/17; **Mayedaye** 263/9; **Maye daye** 224/34
- Maye pole** *n comp* **maypole**, a pole, usually painted, decked with flowers, and danced round on May Day 238/21, etc; **mayepole** 241/32; **maye poll** 245/24, etc; **maye polle** 245/30, 246/10; **maypole** 242/4, etc; **may-pole** 70/2, etc; **may pole** 69/29; **may poll** 245/21; **Maiepoles** *pl* 299/36
- may game** *n comp* a piece of sport or merry-making to honour the coming of May 43/35; **mayegames** *pl* 294/4; **Maye games** 294/13, 294/19, **May-games** 206/32; **may gamis** 61/3
- mayor** *n* the head of a town or city corporation 135/29, etc; **maier** 100/34, etc; **maior** 139/33m, etc; **maiore** 282/39; **mair** 137/18; **maire** 213/3, etc; **major** 46/28, etc; **maor** 235/27; **mayer** 226/15, etc; **mayore** 166/20; **mayre** 216/39, etc; **meer** 139/31; **mer** 154/31; **meyre** 215/6, 280/14; **maiers** *poss* 155/26; **maiores** 41/30, etc; **maiors** 44/14, etc; **maires** 176/28; **mayer...is** 226/12–13; **mayers** 189/37; **mayer ys** 216/21; **mayiors** 281/26; **mayors** 280/3, etc; **mayre is** 216/39–40, etc; **mayres** 218/37, etc; **mayre ys** 130/30, etc; **meys** 280/11
- meaning** *n* intention 292/27
- means** *n pl in phr* **by means** by stratagems or tricks 291/34; **by meanes** because 60/17
- measure** *n* treatment 290/16, etc

- meat** *n* food, not necessarily flesh 52/11, etc;  
**meate** 142/13, 232/26; **mete** 226/24; **mette** 209/32
- meene** *n in n phr* **ameene** a compromise, settlement 101/4
- meer** *see* **mayor**
- meerely** *adv* only 290/6
- meet** *adj* fitting, suitable 300/7, etc; **mete** 141/23
- mendyn** *vb n* mending 23/37
- mene** *n pl* men 136/19
- menster(e)lles, menster(n)s, menstrell(es), menstre(n)s** *see* **mynstrell**
- menteine** *v inf* maintain, keep in repair 178/22
- mentenans** *n* maintenance, sustaining 183/13
- menter(r)yll(es)** *see* **mynstrell**
- mer** *see* **mayor**
- mestrells** *see* **mynstrell**
- mete** *see* **meat, meet**
- mette** *see* **meat**
- meyre, meys** *see* **mayor**
- midsomer** *n used as adj* Midsummer Day (24 June) 100/34, etc; **midsommer** 165/18, 187/16; **midsumer** 139/29m, 192/3; **midsummer** 179/9, 186/3; **mydsomar** 177/33; **mydsomer** 221/30, etc; **mydsummer** 280/16; **amydsomer ny3th** on Midsummer Night 132/20
- mighelmas day** *n phr* Michaelmas Day, the Feast of St Michael and All Angels (29 September) 262/37; **mighel mas daye** 64/1; **Mychellmas** 132/22
- minister** *n* beneficed clergyman 298/32, etc; **ministers** *pl* 298/39
- ministers** *v pr 3 sg in legal language*, gives, affords 295/38, 296/25
- ministralles, ministrell(e)s** *see* **mynstrell**
- mischeiffes** *n pl* injuries, wrongdoings 294/11; **myschyves dedis** *n phr* wrongful deeds 101/2
- mis-rule** *see* **lords of mis-rule**
- moo** *adj* more; **other moo** more others 226/41
- morralls** *n pl* plays teaching a moral lesson 446/25
- morrey** *n* murrey, woollen cloth of mulberry colour 224/5
- morrice** *adj in n phr pl* **morrice dauncers** the performers in a traditional dance done in fancy costume 250/19, etc; **morish dauncers** 239/16; **morishe dawners** 238/23; **morris danssers** 256/21; **morris daunshers** 255/29; **morrys dauncers** 242/32, etc; **morysh dauncers** 238/1; **moryshe daunce pleers** 238/6; **moryshe dauncers** 239/41; **moryshe dawners** 236/20; **morys dance** *n phr* **morris dance** 126/31–2
- motion** *n* prompting 446/19
- mountes** *see* **a mountes**
- munstrels** *see* **mynstrell**
- musicke** *n* company of musicians 255/8
- mustering** *vb n* assembling of able-bodied men to show that they had the weapons required by law and knew how to use them; **musteringes** *pl* 257/24; *in comp* **mustering day** day fixed for mustering 262/36; **mustering daye** 263/10
- Mychellmas** *see* **mighelmas day**
- mydnyth** *n* midnight 136/19
- mydsomar, mydsomer, mydsummer** *see* **midsomer**
- mylsterls, mylstrell(es)** *see* **mynstrell**
- mynde** *n* intent 142/20
- mynestreth** *v pr 3 sg* administers 169/17
- mynistrils, mynlstrelles, mynstelles, mynstellys, mynsterel(le)s, mynsters** *see* **mynstrell**
- mynstralcy** *n* performance by minstrels 294/17; *see* **mynstrell**
- mynstrell** *n* minstrel, a professional entertainer using music, singing, storytelling, juggling, etc 117/6, etc; **menstrell** 308/11; **menteryll** 125/17; **minstrell** 60/21; **mylstrell** 214/32; **mensterelles** *pl* 139/17; **mensterlles** 130/30, 130/34; **mensterns** 132/23; **mensters** 132/21, 132/24; **menstrelles** 130/27, 130/28; **menstrens** 132/22; **menstres** 132/14;



**menterylles** 125/18; **menterylles** 125/22;  
**mestrells** 63/42; **ministralles** 79/23, etc;  
**ministrelles** 78/32, etc; **minstralles**  
 147/14; **minstrelles** 41/14; **minstrells**  
 68/12, 68/13; **munstrels** 42/26; **mylsterls**  
 213/24, 213/25; **mylstrelles** 214/1, etc;  
**mynistrils** 278/18; **mynlstrelles** 135/15;  
**mynstelles** 129/32; **mynstellys** 129/38,  
 130/26; **mynsterelles** 131/11, etc;  
**mynsterels** 213/13, 213/19; **mynsters**  
 132/16; **mynstreles** 233/20; **mynstrelles**  
 96/28, etc; **mynstrellis** 133/40, etc;  
**mynstrells** 279/35, etc; **mynstrellys**  
 215/5, etc; **mynstrels** 111/20, etc;  
**mynstres** 43/28; **mynstrylles** 39/33, etc;  
**mynterylles** 125/14; **mynystreles** 113/16

**myschyves** *see* **mischeiffes**

**mysrull** *see* **abot of mysrull**

**naile** *n* a measure of length for cloth, equal to  
 2¼ inches 115/1, 115/3

**natte** *adv* not 226/25

**naturall** *adj* native 255/6

**neeldes** *n pl* needles 160/1

**neuze** *n* news 269/16

**neyth** *see* **be neyth**

**nimble** *adj* agile 70/11

**noght** *adv* not 83/20

**nokes** *n pl* oaks (?) 278/6

**noll** *v pr 1 sg* will not; *in phrase* **I noll not**  
 (*with double negative*) **I will not** 137/4

**non cunnyng** *n* 'non-cunning,' lack of  
 knowledge 227/21

**noon** *pron* none 227/15

**noyse** *n* an agreeable or melodious sound;

**noyses** *pl* 166/13; *in n phr* **noyse of**  
**trumpets** band of trumpeters 255/7;

**noyses of instrumentes** *n phr pl*  
 collections of musicians' instruments  
 172/11

**ny3th** *n* night 132/20

**occasion** *n* 1. circumstances 170/33; *in phr* of  
**occasion** under (suitable) circumstances, at  
 (fitting) times 166/22; 2. opportunity,

chance (to do something or for something  
 to happen); **occasion** 70/3, 206/15, 447/28;  
**occasions** *pl* 303/17; 3. cause or reason;  
**occacion** 295/38; **occasion** 293/28, 296/25,  
 303/13; **occasyon** 140/40; **occasions** *pl*  
 304/12; 4. affairs; **occasions** *pl* 51/35

**occasion** *pp* occasioned, *ie*, caused 299/35

**occupied** *pp* used, employed 62/16

**ocom** *n* oakum, caulking-fibre 90/33, etc;

**wocombe** 97/17

**oder** *pron* others 227/30

**of** *prep* off 292/20

**olyfaunt** *n* elephant (apparently an effigy or  
 other representation) 97/24, 99/24

**one** *adj* own 209/3

**onles** *conj* unless 141/14

**onsser** *see* **aunswere**

**oon** *pron* one 227/19

**oppressing** *vb n* suppressing 196/4

**oppugne** *v pr 3 pl* oppose, call into question  
 447/15

**or** *conj* ere, before 138/5

**orator** *n* petitioner 140/26, etc

**ordynance** *n coll* mounted guns, cannon 61/1,  
 262/10; **ordinance** 255/10; **ordinaunce**  
 250/16; **ordynaunce** 248/11; **ordynnce**  
 (*error for 'ordynaunce'?*) 245/22;

**thordenans** *art and n* 224/15

**ordure** *n* dung, excrement 206/32

**orgon** *n used as adj* organ, *ie*, musical  
 instrument 140/28; **organs** *pl* (*sg in sense*)  
 140/31

**other** *in conj phr vnless...other* unless ('other'  
*is redundant here*) 294/22

**other wysse** *adv* otherwise 137/7

**ouer** *prep* besides, as well as 214/6, 227/12

**outhe** *see* **with outhe**

**owddes men** *see* **howdesmen**

**owes** *n pl* cries of 'ow!' (*ie*, 'ho!') 168/1

**pactrell** *n* (*probably part of a compound*

**pactrell bokell**) poitrel, peytrel, an  
 ornamental breastplate for a horse, *or*  
*perhaps* pectoral, an ornamental breast-  
 cloth for a horse 115/8



- pagent** *n* a play, usually one performed on a pageant wagon or wagon used as a stage 227/8, 227/11; **pagentes** *pl* 82/39
- paines** *see* **payne**
- palmersters** *n pl* palmists, those who profess to tell people's character and fortunes by looking at their palms 299/12
- parcelles** *see* **bill of parcelles**
- parde** *interj* 'pardie,' an asseveration originally meaning 'by God' 83/19
- pardner** *n* pardoner (?), or partner, *ie*, participant (in revels) (?) (Before the Reformation, 'pardoner' meant a seller of papal pardons or indulgences. That meaning is hardly likely in 1575–6, but the word might have survived with an unrecorded meaning such as 'itinerant pedlar' or 'travelling entertainer') 277/41
- paryng** *vb n* preparing, probably scouring or freshly cutting (a chalk image) 219/16, 221/17; *see also* **cuttyng**, **dyggyng**
- passe** *v inf* convey 262/17; **passenge** *vb n* 276/37, 277/14; **passing** 262/32, etc;
- passinge** 266/14, etc
- pastime** *n* diversion, amusement 292/15; hence, a diverting or amusing performance 42/20; **pastimes** *pl* 292/19
- pasturalls** *n pl* pastorals, *ie*, plays portraying idyllic rural life 446/25
- patent** *n* 1. an open letter or document from the sovereign or some other authority, ordering something to be done, conferring rights and privileges, or recording an agreement 188/23; **patentes** *pl* 303/5, etc; **letters patente** *n phr* 446/45; **lettres patentes** 447/10, etc; **lettres patents** 447/28–9; 2. endorsement (?); **patent** 209/3
- pavyng** *vb n* paving, covering with pavement 19/6, 131/8, 232/29
- payne** *n* 1. penalty 226/9, etc; **peyne** 101/15; **paynes** *pl* 226/21; 2. effort; **paines** *pl* 252/25; **paynes** 59/37, etc; **payns** 177/32
- payntyn** *vb n* painting 24/9, etc
- pece** *n* peace, public order 137/10, 137/28; *see also* **clerke**, **iustice**, **session**
- pece** *n* piece of artillery, cannon 60/32; **peces** *pl* 59/40, 60/5; **pieces** 59/34
- pencion** *n* stipend, salary 48/25; **pention** 167/12; **pencions** *pl* 150/15; **pencons** (for 'pencions') 203/19; **pencyons** 152/1
- penon** *n* pennon, a long, narrow, pointed flag or streamer borne by or before a knight or someone of comparable rank 88/36, 88/38
- pentinge** *vb n* painting 238/22
- pention** *see* **pencion**
- peper** *n* paper 243/29
- pere** *n* pair 57/30
- pereth** *v pr 3 sg* appeareth, is evident 131/11
- pergettyng** *vb n* targetting, plasterwork (sometimes ornamental) 19/28
- perills** *n pl in phrase* at your perills at your own risk 299/25
- pesibilly** *adv* peaceably 101/9
- petty chapmen** *see* **chapmen**
- peyne** *see* **payne**
- peyntyn** *vb n* painting 241/37
- pieces** *see* **pece**
- pip** *n* pipe, *ie*, musical instrument 47/7
- plage** *n* a deadly epidemic disease, the bubonic plague or Black Death 172/35
- plaid(e)**, **plaie(d)** *see* **play v**
- plaie(s)** *see* **play n**
- plai(er)s** *see* **player**
- planted** *pp* placed in position for discharging (used of artillery) 60/6
- play** *n* 1. performance, especially dramatic; but also applied to music and demonstrations of skill 62/27, 157/31, etc; **plaie** 156/14; **playe** 130/3, etc; **plaies** *pl* 183/12, 183/18; **playes** 189/2, etc; **plays** 51/38; 2. diversion; **playes** *pl* 294/4, etc
- play** *v inf* to perform; used especially of drama or music, but also of demonstrations of skill 139/28, 150/29, etc; **plaie** 147/13, etc; **playe** 40/3, etc; **pley** 139/32, etc; **plaid** *v pa 3 pl* 67/27; **plaide** 147/17, etc; **plaied** 150/26, etc; **playd** 237/14; **played** 130/1, etc; **played** 251/1; **playid** 53/15; **plead** 40/30; **pled** 234/25;

- pleyd** 23/4; **played the fowle** *v phr* acted the part of a fool or jester 65/37; **plaide** *pp* 147/17; **plaid** 150/26; **plaieng** *vb n* performing or demonstrating skill 155/25; **plaienge** 155/34; **plaienge** 212/2; **playeinge** 248/20, etc; **playen** 65/16; **playeng** 228/24; **playenge** 248/32; **playing** 308/36, etc; **playinge** 42/5, etc; **playn** 284/22; **playng** 22/37, etc; **playnge** 43/28, etc; **playyn** 23/38; **playyng** 23/15, 23/17; **pleaing** 254/10; **pleaynge** 256/8; **pleying** 260/40; **pleyinge** 261/4; **pleyng** 236/6, 280/16
- play ale** *n comp* a parish festival including dramatic or other entertainment (?) 17/6; *see also* **ale**, **church ale**, **younge mens ale**
- playemakers** *n pl* playwrights 192/40
- player** *n* a performer; especially an actor or musician, but also used of one demonstrating feats of skill 39/20, etc; **plai** 164/3, 252/26; **plaiers** *pl* 147/17, etc; **playares** 62/39; **playars** 234/19; **playeres** 18/12, etc; **players** 218/38, etc; **playerz** 229/30; **playors** 192/5; **playres** 130/1; **playrs** 65/23, etc; **pleardes** 180/41; **pleares** 68/5; **plears** 209/14, etc; **pleayeres** 181/1; **pleayers** 281/34; **pleers** 23/3, etc; **pleirs** 154/14; **pleyers** 280/9, etc; **pleyres** 238/9; **pleyrs** 237/1; **playerryn** *archaic pl poss* 17/20; **player** *n used as adj* 18/19, etc
- playerclothyng** *n coll* costumes 18/5
- playes** *see* **play n**
- playid**, **playing(e)**, **playn(g)(e)** *see* **play v**
- playors**, **playr(e)s** *see* **player**
- playstryng** *vb n* plastering 19/28
- playyn(g)**, **plead**, **pleaing** *see* **play v**
- pleardes**, **plear(e)s**, **pleayer(e)s** *see* **player**
- pleaynge**, **pled** *see* **play v**
- pleers**, **pleirs** *see* **player**
- pleyd** *see* **play v**
- pleyers** *see* **player**
- pleying(e)**, **pleyng** *see* **play v**
- pleyr(e)s** *see* **player**
- plomer** *n* plumber, *ie*, worker in lead 131/9
- pole** *n* 1. staff 167/32; **poles** *pl* 232/30; 2. a maypole; **pole** 69/31, 69/33; **poll** 245/34;
- see also* **Maiepoles**, **somer pole**
- ponysmentes** *n pl* punishments 126/18
- poppettes** *n pl* puppets, marionettes 280/42
- porter** *n* 1. gatekeeper 136/17, etc; **porters** *pl* 270/38, 282/27, etc (?); 2. person employed to carry burdens; **porters** *pl* 230/41
- posses** *n pl* posts 284/8, 284/10
- pottell** *n* a liquid measure equal to two quarts 130/2, 277/30
- powder** *n* gunpowder 241/24, etc; **powdar** 207/33; **powdre** 61/8; **powlder** 251/41
- powynte** *n in prep phr* at a cler **powynte** resolved, agreed 209/1
- practicioner** *n* qualified performer 203/15
- pray** *v pr 3 pl* entreat 276/10; **prayth** *v pr 3 sg* 143/12; **prayed** *v pa 3 sg* 59/36; *v pa 1 sg* 188/28; **praying** *prp* 189/3
- preiudiced** *pp* disadvantaged, injured 299/16
- premysses** *n pl* the foregoing, what has just been stated 101/5, etc; **premisses** 276/10, 304/27
- present** *v inf* bring (a fact, complaint, or accused person) before a court or other authority 288/10, 298/38; **presentyd** *pp* 126/17; **presenting** *vb n* 53/22
- presents** *n pl* present letters (legal term) 227/27
- prestes** *n pl* priests 19/35
- prevy** *see* **privy**
- prickes** *n pl* frets (?), plectra (?) 281/20
- prior** *n* a monastic official; in a dependent house, the resident superior, responsible to the abbot of the mother house 167/26, 167/33
- privy** *adj* 1. private; *in phr* **privy chamber** originally, the sovereign's private apartment; hence, the royal household 'above stairs' 270/5, etc; **privye chamber** 282/17, **Privye Counsaile** Privy Council, the sovereign's private council of state (originally as opposed to parliament) 188/32; **Pryvy Covnseyll** 291/5; **Lord Privy Seal** keeper of the smaller seal of state, which originally travelled with the

- king; **Lorde Privy Seales** *poss* 228/14; **Lord Priuysealles** 138/25; **Lord Privye Sealles** 232/13, etc; **Lorde Prevy Seaylles** 40/23; **pryvy sygnett** the sovereign's personal seal 190/37; 2. (privately) aware; **priuie** 161/29
- proceed** *v inf* take legal action 69/36; **proceeding** *vb n* 295/2, 295/21
- proper** *adj* individual 209/3
- prophanasion** *n* profanation 294/9
- pryvy, pryvy** *see* **privy**
- punshed** *pp* punished 294/25
- puple** *n coll* people, members (of a craft) 101/7, 101/10
- purcevaunte** *n* pursuivant, an attendant or messenger; especially a herald's attendant or a royal messenger 216/6; **purcyvant** 216/7
- pyck** *n* pike (weapon) (?) 59/17
- quality** *n* occupation 446/24, 446/38; **qualetye** 193/9; **quallitie** 447/13; **qualities** *pl* skills 142/34; **qualyteis** 143/1; **qualytes** 141/2; **qualytys** 140/37
- quarter** *n* 1. one of four fixed divisions of the year, for which rents were commonly paid and accounts settled 153/3, etc; **quarters** *pl* 140/41, 142/38; 2. a fourth part of some unit of measurement, *eg*, yards or ells of cloth or barrels of gunpowder; **quarter** 28/31, etc; **quartars** *pl* 115/3; **quarters** 251/31, etc
- quarter wayters** *n comp pl* an inferior order of gentleman ushers, who attended the sovereign for a quarter of a year at a time 270/7–8; **quarter waytes** 270/32; **qvarter wayters** 282/21; *see also* **dayly wayters**
- queres** *n pl* quires (of paper) 257/25
- queristers** *n pl* choristers 180/14
- questes** *see* **yn questes**
- questh** *see* **be questh**
- quited** *pp* quitted, discharged 212/3
- quoyte** *n* quoit, the heavy iron ring used in an outdoor game in which opposing players try to cast their rings over a pin fixed in the ground; *in phr* **a quoytes cast** the distance a quoit is commonly thrown 60/11
- qvarter wayters** *see* **quarter wayters**
- racke houckes** *n comp pl* rake-hooks, rakes with hooked teeth, for drawing stones 131/7
- ratelbagges** *n pl* rattlebags, bags filled with small hard objects, which make a noise when shaken 26/2; **ratilbaggez** 20/5; **rattylbagys** 29/9
- rayhowde** *n comp* ray-hood, a hood made of ray, a kind of striped cloth (prostitutes and bawds were made to wear these on the way to the pillory) 126/16
- raynes** *n pl* reins 115/8
- receiver** *n* treasurer 192/10, etc; **receiuer** 153/1, etc; **receivor** 50/13, 51/19; **receuer** 178/11; **receyver** 190/36; **receyvor** 131/25; **receyvour** 199/1; **receuers** *pl* 169/1
- recite** *v inf* repeat 295/39, 296/25
- recognisance** *n* a bond by which someone engages before a court to observe some condition 294/23
- recorder** *n* a borough magistrate having jurisdiction defined under the charter of incorporation 213/14, etc
- recorders** *n pl* wind instruments of the flute family 172/16; **recordes** 172/12
- reddines** *n* readiness, preparedness 187/17
- reft** *v pa* 1 *sg* stole 137/2
- rehersyd** *pp* stated in full 133/40
- remytted** *pp* referred 47/19
- reper** *n* resort 183/9
- reporte** *n* reputation 299/15
- resaveit** *pp* received 282/41
- reseytte** *n* bill of receipt, account 54/16
- resolvyd** *pp* informed 289/16
- restethe** *v pr* 3 *sg* resteth, remains 246/14; **restey** (*with* 'y' for 'p'?) 56/32; **restyd** *v pa* 3 *sg* 210/14
- revell** *n* a bout of lively merry-making with entertainment, especially a parish festival 283/28; *used as adj* 277/41; **reuells** *pl*



294/36, etc; **revelles** 297/24; **revells** 294/4, etc; **revels** 293/18, 293/24; **Office of Revells** branch of the royal household in charge of entertainments and festivities 198/2; **the Revalls** 193/23; **the Revells** 193/27, etc; **revyll sonday** *see endnote p 448 to DRO: 2983A/PW1 f 177v* 209/23  
**reward** *n* payment, remuneration 213/19, etc;  
**rewarde** 218/5, etc; **rewerd** 38/28, etc;  
**rewardes** *pl* 131/8, etc  
**rewardyd** *pp* paid 23/3, 308/16  
**ridd** *v inf* rid, clear 265/29, 51/13; **ryddyng** *vb n* 222/31  
**ringers** *n pl* bell-ringers 269/18; **rynggers** 62/14  
**riot** *n* disorderly or wanton merry-making 118/39; **ryott** 297/13  
**riotous** *adj* disorderedly or wantonly festive 299/34  
**roagues** *n pl* rogues, vagrants who could work, but chose instead to live off the land or by petty crime, and so were punishable at law 299/1, etc  
**rodde, rodes** *see* **somer rodde**  
**roll** *n* a pad of hair 24/7  
**roome** *n* place 169/8, 303/19; **rome** 169/18  
**roper** *n* ropemaker 43/13  
**roson** *n* rosin 89/18, etc  
**rule** *n* order, discipline 101/2, etc; **rull** 68/20  
**ryddyng** *see* **ridd**  
**rynggers** *see* **ringers**  
**ryott** *see* **riot**  
  
**sack** *v inf* plunder, despoil 69/31  
**salffitie** *n* safety 172/10  
**sallet** *n* a kind of helmet, without a crest and often without a visor, with a tapering extension to protect the nape of the neck 63/34; **salett** 63/27  
**sarcenett** *n* sarsenet, a fine silk 245/39  
**sargants, sargeantes, sargent(e), sargiantes, sariantes** *see* **seriant**  
**sarpentyne** *n used as adj* serpentine, a kind of cannon, mainly used aboard ships 246/15

**satisfie** *v inf* pay in full 247/17; **satisfied** *pp* 198/33, 247/16  
**sauyd** *pp* said (?), or showed (?) 137/3  
**save** *prep* except 292/33  
**saving** *prp* 1. *quasi-conj* except 60/29; 2. reserving 141/33  
**scaberygge** *n* scabbard, sword-sheath 136/25  
**scarlett** *n* 1. rich woollen cloth, usually dyed bright red 114/35; 2. garments made of this; **skarlet** 234/36; **skarlett** 234/33  
**schollers** *n pl* scholars, *ie*, schoolboys 62/17  
**schoule** *n* school 62/18  
**scogyn** *n* scutcheon, a shield or shield-shaped object decorated with a coat of arms or other emblem; in Exeter, such scutcheons hung from the silver chains that the city waits wore around their necks as badges of office 100/19, etc; **escouchions** *pl* 276/3; **scocheons** 249/15; **scogennys** 97/40; **scogenys** 99/7; **scugons** 91/32  
**search** *n* scrutiny (of town streets for suspicious persons) 47/4  
**seargeantes** *see* **seriant**  
**secondaris** *n pl* cathedral dignitaries of the second rank (*here* probably vicars choral) 192/22  
**sense** *n* censer, incense-burner 19/5  
**sent iorge** *n phr in phr* **sent iorge day** St George's Day (23 April) 210/18; **sent iorge tyed** St George's tide 209/35–6, etc  
**sepe** *see* *Latin Glossary*  
**seriant** *n* serjeant: 1. a minor officer, usually one in command of others, *eg*, in a town watch or band of musicians 218/10; **sargente** 281/29; **sergeant** 225/3; **sergeaunt** 149/8; **serieant** 136/11, 218/27; **sargants** *pl* 196/38; **sargeantes** 121/9, 220/30; **sargiantes** 202/12, 202/21; **sariantes** 201/20, 201/25; **seargeantes** 176/8; **sergantes** 169/39; **sergeantes** 168/37, etc; **sergentes** 149/9m; **seriantes** 131/24, etc; **seriants** 200/28; **seriauntes** 176/37; **serieantes** 137/28; **serieants** 197/29, 197/36; 2. superior grade of barrister or trial lawyer; **sergeant**



- 296/28m; 3. **sargent at armes** serjeant-at-arms, knight of the sovereign's bodyguard, with power to arrest traitors and other offenders 270/5-6; **seriantes at armes** *pl* 270/29; **seriants at armes** 282/18; 4. **seriant trumpetter** chief trumpet-player 270/39, 282/28; **sargent trumpeters** *pl* 270/10
- seruantes** *n pl* servants (used of professional entertainers enjoying a magnate's patronage) 220/38, etc; **seruants** 279/24; **seruantz** 230/12; **seruntes** (for 'servantes') 65/1, etc; **servantes** 148/1; **servants** 63/42
- serys** *n pl* sirs 138/3
- session** *n in phr* session of peace one of the periodical sittings of justices of the peace 295/23; **sessions** *pl* 293/8, etc
- setting** *vb n* erecting, putting up 279/33; **settinge** 45/8
- sewers** *n pl in phr* sewers of the chamber officers of the royal household in charge of meals and feasts 270/8, etc
- seyke** *n* sack, sweet white wine from Spain or the Canary Islands 277/30
- shambles** *n pl* butchers' stalls; hence, collectively, a meat-market and/or a slaughterhouse 161/13
- sheles** *n pl* logs from which the bark has been removed (?) 245/26
- sheriffe** *n* sheriff, a high-ranking county official who represents royal authority; or, a town official of high rank, usually but not always royally appointed 187/15; **sherefes** *poss* 189/36; **shreaues** 180/39; **shyraffys** 38/38; **sheriffes** *pl* 447/5; **sheriffs** 192/33; **sherriffs** 446/17; **shiriffes** 169/1
- sherman** *n* shearman, *ie*, shearer of woollen cloth 101/9
- shew** *n* 1. show, appearance 292/3; **show** 291/38; 2. show, display, spectacle, demonstration; **shewe** 160/8; **shewes** *pl* 183/18, 192/41; **shews** 292/34; **shows** 183/12
- shew** *v inf* show, display, reveal 292/9; **shewe** 272/22; **shewyth** *v pr 3 sg* 140/25; **shewed** *v pa 3 sg* 291/40; **shewede** *pp* 249/4; **shewn** 292/22, 292/26; **shewing** *vb n* display (of armour by citizens, to demonstrate that they had the pieces required by law) 271/24; **sheweth** *v pr 3 sg in legal language*, sets forth 275/41
- shipp** *n in phr* shipp of Corporis Christi a monstrance or standing pyx in the form of a boat or ship, used to carry the consecrated host in procession (?) 226/22
- shiriffes** *see* sheriffe
- showes** *n pl* shoes 57/30, 61/30
- shreaues, shyraffys** *see* sheriffe
- singing men** *see* endnote p 442 to DRO, EDRO: Chudleigh PW1 p 85 58/24
- sithence** *prep and adv* since 295/35; **sythence** 289/2; *see also* sythen
- skafowld** *n* scaffold, platform 180/40
- skarff** *n* ceremonial scarf (?), or streamer (?) 154/37
- skarlet(t)** *see* scarlett
- solucyter** *n* solicitor, *ie*, pleader, spokesman 215/23
- somer** *n* summer 120/28, etc; **sommer** 171/31
- somer pole** *n comp* a pole decked with flowers, erected during a spring or summer festival 278/10
- somer rodde** *n comp* same as **somer pole** 56/34; **somerode** 59/1; **sommer rodde** 56/35; **sommerrodde** 56/27; **summer rodes** *pl* 59/9
- sompterman** *n comp* (occupational surname ?) packhorse driver, man who earned his living by having his horse transport goods for a fee 114/24
- somytche** *pron phr* so much, a certain amount 68/34
- sondrie, sondry, sonndrye** *see* sundry
- soper** *n* supper 213/16; **souper** 229/16; **sopers** *pl* 226/6
- soundry** *see* sundry
- space** *n* stretch of time 140/35, etc
- sparre** *n* spar, pole 245/24
- speches** *n pl* speeches, players' parts 83/10
- sporte maker** *n comp* maker of diversions or

- pastimes 254/31  
**spoyle** *n* an act of plundering or vandalism 255/35; **spoiles** *pl* 257/7  
**ssuffer** *see* **suffer**  
**stagplaies** *n pl* stage-plays 446/25  
**stalles** *n pl* benches or boards at the street-front of shops, displaying goods for sale 161/5  
**stamps** *n pl* dance tunes (?) 196/31  
**standers** *see* **stondert**  
**stastered** *pp* slaughtered (?) 176/29  
**stay** *n in phr* to make stay to suspend, to put a stop to 295/1; **to make staye** 295/20  
**steanes** *n pl* steans, two-handled or two-eared jars 310/11  
**stenar** *n* stainer, one who colours things with stain (and paint) 23/15  
**steward** *n* 1. head of servants in the royal household; **stewardess** *poss* 164/34; 2. manager of an estate; **stewerdes** *pl* 167/24, 167/26; 3. official overseeing arrangements and keeping order (at a fair); **stewerdes** *pl* 167/35, 167/39; 4. senior guild officer; **stewardess** *pl* 171/43  
**stoffe** *n* stuff, material 209/32  
**stoffe** *n* stuff, fabric, cloth 209/32; **stuff** (*here* perhaps with sense 'lining') 307/36  
**stoke** *n* stock, *ie*, fund 210/12  
**stondert** *n* 1. standard, ensign 132/20; 2. tall candlestick or torch; **standers** *pl* 279/38, 279/40  
**stonnyng** *cuppess* *n phr* standing cups, *ie*, with a foot to stand on (?), or 'stonen' cups, cups made of stoneware (?) 238/41  
**strangers** *n pl* persons from outside (a borough) 51/36; *see also* **estraungers**  
**strayne** *v* detain, seize 171/21  
**streamers** *see* **stremers**  
**streckete** *v pa 3 sg* struck 136/24  
**streightly** *adv* straitly, strictly 447/20  
**strekyng** *pp* stricken, struck 136/11  
**stremers** *n* streamer, a long, narrow flag, hung from a staff or used to decorate a maypole or a helmet 210/17; **streamers** *pl* 242/17, 247/9; **stremers** 241/34  
**streppys** place or personal name that identifies a particular street or building in Exeter; in response to the question 'What way will you take?' the speaker replies '(I will go) by (way of) Streppys' 137/9  
**streyves** *see* **wayeves** and **streyves**  
**strocke** *v pa 3 sg* struck 137/28  
**stuff** *see* **stoffe**  
**sturdy** *adj* epithet applied to beggars, vagabonds, etc, who were able-bodied and apt to be violent 299/10; **sturdye** 299/21  
**stypell** *n* steeple 214/15  
**suertie** *n* surety, a guarantor of another's behaviour or performance 140/8; **surdy** 125/6; **suerties** *pl* guarantees, pledges 140/6m, etc; **suertyes** 152/4; **surtes** 140/6; **surties** 149/10m  
**suffer** *v* allow, tolerate 447/21; **ssuffer** 446/34; **suffered** *pp* 265/29; **suffred** 267/3, etc  
**summer rode** *see* **somer rodde**  
**sundry** *adj* various 62/15, etc; **sondrie** 249/20, 299/34; **sondry** 233/40; **sonndrye** 297/23; **soundry** 141/11, etc; **sundrie** 198/15  
**supplicacion** *n* supplication, *ie*, written formal petition 215/22  
**surmysid** *pp* alleged 141/35  
**surtes, surties, surty** *see* **suertie**  
**surveyor of the wayes** *n phr* a royal official who went ahead of the retinue to see whether the proposed route was passable 270/11, 282/30; **surveyer of the wayes** 270/42  
**swardberer** *n comp* sword-bearer (a municipal officer) 137/29; **swarde berer** 121/9–10; **sworde bearer** 168/20  
**swarde** *n* sword 136/24, etc; **swardde** 138/4; **swerd** 63/27; **sword** 207/6, etc; **sworde** 250/27; **swarddes** *pl* 136/10; **swardys** 136/8; **swerddes** 137/25; **swords** 292/14  
**swaren** *pp* sworn 136/17  
**sway** *n* power, influence 291/24  
**swayr** *v pa 3 sg* swore 138/6  
**swepyn** *vb n* sweeping 209/23

swerd, swerddes, sword(e) *see* swarde

sworde bearer *see* swardberer

sygnett *see* privy

sythen *conj* since 142/22

sythence *see* sithence

taber *n* tabor, a small drum 47/7; tabbord 167/31

taberett *n* tabret, a small tabor (*see* taber) or timbrel; *here* apparently tabret-player; taberettes *poss* 219/32

taborer *n* tabor-player (*see* taber) 245/17; tabarer 246/3; taberer 42/34; taberher 94/17

taffata *n* taffeta, *ie*, plain-woven glossy silk 245/37; taffitawe 260/5; *see also* leaven

talwe *n* tallow *adj* 94/39

tarde *adj* *in phr* taken tarde 'taken tardy,' surprised, caught in the act 283/5

taringe *vb n* 'tearing,' breaking 208/22; torne *pp* 208/28

tawny *n* woollen cloth of a tawny (brown and yellow or orange) colour 213/32

tender *v pr 2 pl* value, esteem 446/34

terme *n* term, period 193/18

tha *conj* that 290/15

thane *adv* then 137/4

the *pro* they 126/15, etc

thear *quasi-pron* there 188/25, 188/26, etc

thear *pron pl poss* their 188/26, etc; thier 192/27

thearwith *adv* therewith, with that 188/37

thencressing *see* encressing

thier *see* thear

thordenans *see* ordynance

thromb *see* drume

thrommers *see* drummer

thrum(m) *see* drume

thyme *pron* them 150/20

tipler *n* retailer of alcoholic drink, tavern-keeper 47/6; typlers *pl* 294/24

tipling *vb n* tippling, retailing of alcoholic drink 293/25; tiplinge 296/11, 298/25;

typling 296/40; tipling house *n comp* tavern 283/5-6

to geder *adv* together 101/10-11, 101/13  
token *n* tucker, cloth-finisher 101/9; tokens *pl* 100/33

tombler *n* tumbler, acrobat 67/40, 155/31; tumbeler 34/18, 35/34; tumler 308/16; tumblers *pl* 154/15; tumlers 181/24, 183/10; tunbelers 154/31

tomblinge *vb n* tumbling, acrobatics 155/31

tomlyn *prp* tumbling 48/34

toppe *n* top-piece of a maypole; according to Hazlitt, 'a straight taper pole' 243/11, 245/30

toppe armor *n comp* decorations for the top of a maypole 243/8; toppe armers *pl* 243/11; toppe armours 243/25, 247/9

torne *see* taringe

tornment *n* tournament *see endnote p 443 to DRO, ECA mb 2 93/24*

tow *adj* two 59/9; towe 286/5

towne clarck, towne clarcke, towne clercke *see* clerke

townes corporatt *n phr* incorporated towns, *ie*, those with privileges of self-government 193/21

tradeges *n pl* error or metathesis for tragedies 62/17

trapper *n* a decorative covering for a horse 114/37, 115/5; trappor 114/36

trauersid *pp* contradicted (*legal term*) 143/11

travayll *n* labour, exertion 289/2

trawayle *v* travel 59/37

trayne *n* retinue 230/23

treing *adj* 'treen,' made of 'tree,' *ie*, wooden 310/12

trimming *vb n* adorning, decorating 205/38; triminge 198/40

trumphe, trivmphe *see* tryumphe

trompet, trompettes *see* trumpet

trompours *n pl* trumpet-players 71/1

trou *adj* true 167/6

trumpard *n* trumpet-player 32/2

trumpet *n* 1. a kind of wind-instrument 69/30; 2. a trumpet-player 94/22, etc;

trompet 77/24, etc; trompettes *poss*

223/18; trompettes *pl* 217/29; trumpetes



- 33/34, 187/14; **trumpettes** 112/39;  
**trumpety** 96/3  
**tryumphe** *n* a public pageant or other festivity 160/8, 231/1; **triumphe** 160/2; **trivmphe** 160/7; **tryunphe** 158/36; **tryvmphe** 232/10, 232/21  
**tumbeler, tumblers, tumler(s), tunbelers** *see* **tumbler**  
**tupping** *prp* (of a ewe) in heat 161/15  
**twyne** *see* **by twyne**  
**tyed** *see* **sent iorge**  
**tynker** *n* a vagabond, strictly, an itinerant mender of pots and pans, but often applied to wandering performers 248/20; **tynckers** *pl* 299/11  
**typlers** *see* **tipler**  
**typling** *see* **tipling**
- vere** *adv* very 142/17  
**verily** *adv* verily, truly 60/7  
**vertue** *n* power 446/42  
**viage** *n* voyage 247/15  
**vice gerents** *n pl* vicegerents, deputy rulers 206/28  
**vindicate** *v inf* avenge 206/28  
**virgynals** *n pl* virginals, a keyed musical instrument resembling a spinet 142/4; **vyrgynalles** 140/31  
**viser** *n* mask 284/38; **vizard** 292/20; **visers** *pl* 307/31, 308/3; **vyers** 20/5  
**vnbaited** *pp* (of a bull) not baited (*see* **baite**, **bulbaiting**) 161/15  
**vnces** *n pl* (troy) ounces 140/9  
**vnder sheriffe** *n comp* under-sheriff, deputy sheriff 298/29–30  
**vndoyng** *vb n* ruin 141/5, 143/3  
**vnladid** *v pa 3 sg* unladed, unloaded 60/4  
**vnreasonable** *adj* not fit (to eat) 161/17  
**vnseasonable** *adj* out of (killing-)season 161/16  
**vorses** *n pl* timbers (?) 310/1, 310/3, 310/5  
**vose** *n* some kind of landmark in the city of Exeter, perhaps a foss or ditch (?); *in phr* at ye vose near the 'Vose' 68/13  
**voysey** *n* voice 135/33
- vse** *v inf* 1. employ 166/22, etc; **vsed** *pp* 59/36; **vsing** *vb n* 61/11; 2. ply, practise; **vse** *v inf* 140/33(2), 199/15; **vseing** *prp* 296/40; **vseinge** 298/25; **vsinge** 296/11; **vsed** *pp* 161/29, etc; **vsing** *vb n* 199/26; 3. treat; **vse** *v inf* 289/38; 4. comport, behave; **vsing** *prp* 61/35; **vsinge** *vb n* 149/10; 5. accustom; **vsed** *pp* 61/1; 6. observe as a custom; **vsed** *pp* 126/19, etc  
**vshers** *see* **gentleman vshers**  
**vtas** *n* utas, octave, in the Christian church, a feast-day and the seven days following 119/2  
**vtter** *v inf* issue, give out 294/21; **vttered** *pp* 293/19, 294/14; **vttering** *vb n* 293/23  
**vyalles** *n pl* viols, instruments with five, six, or seven strings, played seated with a bow 140/31, 178/25; **vyals** 142/4  
**vyce** *n* a character in a morality play representing one or another vice, usually played as a buffoon; hence, a stage buffoon or jester 57/29; **vyces** *poss* 57/22  
**vyrgynalles** *see* **virgynals**  
**vysers** *see* **viser**  
**vytayle** *n* victuals, provisions 226/2
- wacch(e), wach** *see* **watch**  
**waietes** *see* **wayte**  
**waight(e)s** *see* **wayte**  
**waightplayer, waight player(s)** *see* **wayteplayer**  
**waite players, waiteplaiers, wait players** *see* **wayteplayer**  
**waiters** *n pl* equivalent to, or error for, 'waits' (?) (*see* **wayte** 1.) 187/15  
**wait(e)(s), wajtes** *see* **wayte**  
**wanting** *prp* lacking 289/4  
**war** *v pa 3 pl* were 136/7  
**warde** *n* 1. administrative division of a borough or city 225/38, etc; 2. prison; **warde** 137/10, etc; **ward** 161/40; **wardde** 138/4; 3. a minor in the keeping of a guardian; **ward** 292/29  
**wardens** *n pl* 1. churchwardens, two officers chosen by the lay people of a parish to



assist the incumbent in managing the parish 311/6, etc; 2. members of the governing body of a guild; **wardeins** 227/18; 3. trustees (of a fund); **wardins** 212/5; **wardyns** *poss* 284/29

**wardes** *see* **watch**

**warne** *v inf* 1. give warning of, announce 186/24; 2. inform, give notice; **warne** 227/22; **warninge** *vb n* 170/38; **warnynge** 166/25; 3. exhort, urge; **warning** *prp* 187/17; **wornynge** *vb n* 140/3

**watch** *n* 1. a revel held on the eve of a festival (eg, on Midsummer or St. Peter's Eve) 45/34, etc; **wach** 186/24; **watche** 221/30, etc; 2. body of guardsmen; **wacch** 139/29; **wacche** 139/29; **watch** 139/28m; **watche** 279/39, etc; **watches** *pl* 171/33; 3. **watches and wardes** *n phr pl* guard-duties 303/16

**wates, wayetes, wayett** *see* **wayte**

**wayeves and streyves** *n phr pl* waifs and strays, animals found wandering in no one's charge, and forfeit if not claimed after notice given 171/18

**wayng** *prp* weighing 133/39

**wayte** *n* 1. originally, a town watchman, especially one employed to sound the watch with a trumpet or other instrument; later, one of a band of musicians retained by the corporation of a city or borough 71/7, etc; **waite** 76/38, 200/13; **wayett** (occupational surname?) 134/3; **waytt** 125/6; **wayett is** *poss* 133/38; **Wayt ys** (occupational surname?) 135/23; **waighetes** *pl* 192/16, etc; **waights** 197/22; **waites** 77/28, etc; **waits** 46/29, etc; **wajtes** 202/22; **wates** 62/37, 63/3; **wayetes** 170/25, etc; **wayettes** 147/35; **waytes** 78/17, etc; **waytis** 120/27; **wayts** 197/36; **wayttes** 236/3; **weates** 177/35, 281/16; **weightes** 143/33m, 281/18; **wetes** 237/25; **waytes** 236/29, etc; **wayts** *pl poss* 196/38; 2. **waits'** instruments **waietes** 252/18; **waighetes** 259/28, 260/26; **waites** 249/14, etc; **waytes** 251/9, etc; **weates** 259/13; **wetes** 44/39; **waytes** 255/19, 256/8

**wayteplayer** *n* municipal musician, player on a wait's instrument 48/35; **waightplayer** 203/16m; **waight player** 198/7-8m; **waight players** *pl* 51/20; **waiteplaiers** 201/32, 202/28; **waite players** 273/16, etc; **wait players** 272/30, 274/5; **wayteplayers** 262/25, etc; **wayte players** 46/37; **waytplayers** 262/5, etc; **wayt players** 264/10, etc; **waytte players** 275/10

**wayters** *see* **dayly wayters and quarter wayters**

**waytship** *n* official status of waits 276/1; **waytshipp** 276/11

**waytt(es)** *see* **wayte**

**wear** *v pa 3 pl* were 188/30; **weare** 180/41, 208/28

**weates** *see* **wayte**

**webbe** *n* woven fabric 115/9

**weete** *see* **wite**

**weickes** *n pl* weeks 254/13

**weightes** *see* **wayte**

**wele** *n* weal, prosperity 226/9

**welthe** *n* well-being 226/26, etc

**wetes** *see* **wayte**

**weyr** *v pa 3 pl* were 136/20, etc

**weytes** *see* **wayte**

**weyth** *v pr 3 sg* weigheth 140/9

**whaferer** *n* waferer, maker or vendor of wafers; itinerant waferers were reputed to consort with travelling entertainers and to act as lovers' go-betweens 90/31  
**whait** *interrogative pron* what 137/8; **whayt** 136/20

**whether** *conj* whither, to where 59/40, 137/17  
**white** *adj used as n* white fabric 60/21; **whyt** 308/18

**whorlegoges** *n pl* whirligigs 131/14

**Whyettsonday** *n* Whit Sunday 54/6

**whyplassen** *n* 'whipped lace,' ie, lace whipped on or embroidered on (?), or, some kind of lace or trim(?) 57/25

**whyt** *see* **white**

**wido** *n* widow (of) 178/34

**wieffe** *n poss* wife's 68/20

**windores** *n pl* windows 208/22; **windowres**

- 208/27  
**wite** *v inf* wit, know; **weete** 288/9; **wist** *v pa* 3 sg 292/2; *in v phr* to wite to wit, namely 143/33  
**with outhe** *prep* without 83/20  
**withowt that that** *conj comp* without admitting that 142/30, 143/8  
**wocombe** *see* ocom  
**wolle** *v pr 3 pl* will 209/3; **wolt** *v pr 2 sg* wilt 137/23  
**wonted** *pp* accustomed 292/3  
**wornying** *see* warne  
**worship** *n* honour 166/12  
**worshipfull** *adj* honourable (title given to members of a municipal government or guild council) 199/24, etc; **worshipfull** 213/15; **worshipfulles** *pl* honourable persons 276/12; 276/16  
**wother** *pron* other 209/36  
**wyff** *n* wife, *ie*, woman 223/25  
**wyldefyre** *n* wildfire, a mixture of highly flammable materials, easy to light and hard to put out, used in war and in traditional fire rituals 221/32  
**wysse** *see* other wysse  
**wytt** *adj* white 130/29  
  
**yat** *pron* that 65/3, etc  
**ydle** *adj* idle, *ie*, worthless 288/10  
**yeat** *conj* yet, nonetheless 207/24, etc  
**yeird** *n* yard 243/9  
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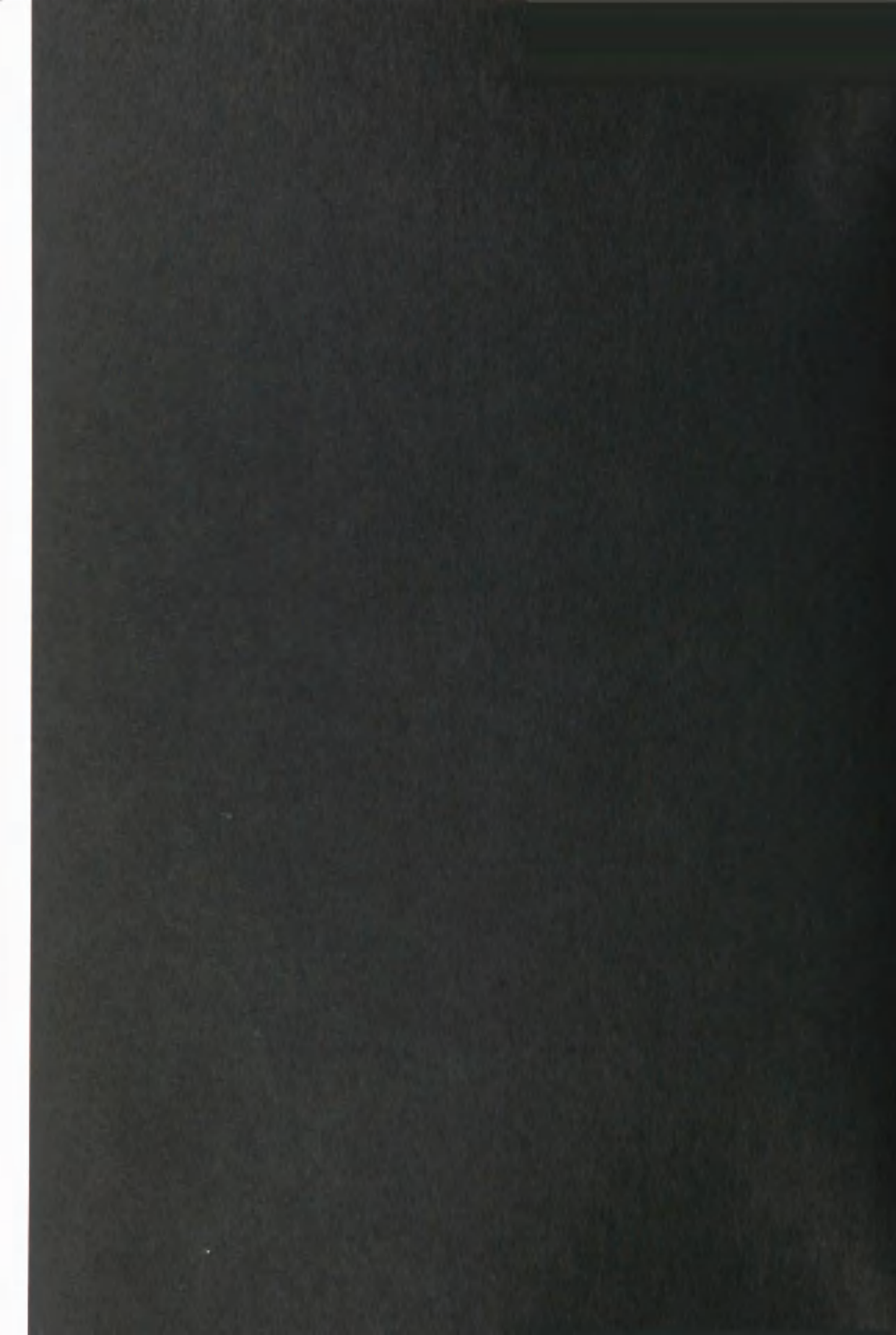
















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