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P R E F A C E.

THE book which is now laid before the Members of the Camden Society contains an account of moneys received and expended for what are termed "the secret services" of King Charles the Second and King James the Second, from the 30th March, 1679, to the 25th December, 1688. The account was rendered by Henry Guy, Esq. some time after the accession of William the Third, probably under an order from the new Government. The accountant acknowledges to have received during the nine years and three quarters to which his account relates the sum of 565,573*l.* 15*s.* 5½*d.*, and the account now printed sets forth the expenditure of the whole of that large sum, except a balance of 341*l.* 5*s.* 6½*d.*

The payments are scarcely of the kind which would be expected from the title of "secret services." They are principally divisible into two great classes: 1. Extraordinary expenses incident to the management of the King's private estate, and the repairs and improvements of the royal residences; and 2. Payments and allowances to private persons, for services rendered to the crown. Under these two heads the great majority of the payments made by this accountant may be classified. Disbursements for what may be termed private personal expenses of the sovereign were made through other

agents, to whom, as for example to William Chiffinch, moneys were occasionally paid over by the present accountant. The ordinary royal household salaries and expenses were also provided for in another manner.

The circumstance that the latter class of payments is not comprised in the present account has prevented my taking advantage of some papers which relate to those payments exclusively, which were kindly forwarded to me for consideration by the noble President of the Camden Society. The papers to which I allude have a value of their own, and will, I hope, be made public; but it seemed to me to be better not to intermix them with the present account, which is of a nature altogether distinct. As a specimen of the papers sent to me by Lord Braybrooke, I beg to subjoin one of them. Its curiosity and historical importance will, I am sure, be universally acknowledged and understood.

The state of the Tre'r of the Chamber his office at Midsummer, 1665.

The Treasurer of the Chamber is charged with the yearly payment of these sums following: viz.

	li.	Behind unpaid.
To the B'pp Almoner for his Ma ^{ties}		
Almes	0500. 00. 00.	14 months.
Clerk of the Closet	0008. 00. 00.	2 years and half.
Serjeant of the Vestry	0060. 00. 00.	1 year and half.
Rewards and New Year's gifts	0500. 00. 00.	
Trumpeters 17 and 7 Pensioners	1290. 06. 08.	1 year and 3 q'ters.
Musicians 42	2017. 08. 00.	3 years and 1 q'ter.
Footmen 24 and 2 Pensioners	1040. 00. 00.	1 year.
Childryders 4	0063. 18. 00.	2 years and half.
Falconers 12	0382. 10. 00.	2 years.
Cormorant Keeper 1	0084. 00. 00.	2 years.

	li.	Behind unpaid.
Huntsmen	2534. 18. 00.	2 years and half.
Otter hound keepers	0078. 19. 04.	3 years and half.
Officers of the Leash 6	0014. 00. 00.	2 years.
Officers of the Toyles 3	0173. 16. 08.	2 years and half.
Forresters 2	0024. 06. 08.	3 years.
Justice in Oyer beyond Trent	0100. 00. 00.	5 years.
Yeoman of the Crossbows	0018. 05. 00.	1 year.
Surveyor of the Dressor	0027. 07. 06.	3 years.
Officers of the Bears 3	0048. 12. 06.	2 years.
Jewell house officers	0158. 18. 06.	2 years.
Wardrobe officers	0741. 13. 04.	1 year and half.
Apothecary	0011. 02. 06.	2 years.
Grooms of the Chamber 8	0657. 00. 00.	2 years and 3 q'ters.
Clockmaker	0039. 16. 08.	2 years and 3 q'ters.
Locksmith	0037. 17. 06.	2 years and half.
Marshall Farrier	0250. 00. 00.	2 years and half.
Trunk carriers 2	0054. 15. 00.	3 years.
Rat killer	0012. 03. 04.	3 years and half.
Watermen	0220. 12. 06.	1 year and half.
Messengers 44	2195. 00. 00.	2 years and half.
Bowling Green keepers	0091. 05. 00.	2 years.
Nurseryman	0030. 00. 00.	2 years and half.
Yeoman of the Revells	0046. 11. 08.	1 year 3 q'ters.
Keeper of the Theatre at Whitehall	0030. 00. 00.	
Birdkeeper	0030. 00. 00.	2 years and half.
Gentlemen Ushers, &c. for appareling	0873. 01. 08.	2 years.
The like for the Queen's side	0587. 04. 02.	2 years.
Yeomen of the Guard 200	7913. 16. 08.	3 years.
Pensions to Mrs Chiffinch and others	0089. 17. 04.	3 years.
ii.		
Watermen's Bills, Shipwrights, &c. unpaid	1589. 06. 4.	
Apothecary, Mr. Chase, unpaid, above	2806. 00. 0.	
Apothecary, Mr. Jones, unpaid, above	2000. 00. 0.	
The Farrier's Bills, unpaid, above	0360. 00. 0.	
Apothecary to the Queen, Mr. Rosewell, unpaid	0374. 10. 0.	
<i>Lord Chamberlain's Warrants unpaid.</i>		
Thomas Locksmith, above	400. 00. 0.	

The two Privy Gallery keepers 8 bills.
 Mr. Rogers of the Standing Wardrobe 7 bills.
 Mr. Kinnersley 3 bills.
 Mr. Marriott 5 bills.
 Capt. Cooke 5 bills.
 Mr. Chiffinch and his wife 4 bills.
 Mr. Long of the Tennis Court 4 bills.
 Gentlemen of the Chappel for their feast last year 20^l.
 Yeomen ushers of the Parliament House on 12 bills.
 Mr. East, Watchmaker, on 5 bills above 553^l.
 Mr. Royston, Stationer, on 2 bills.
 Serjeant at Arms on 2 bills.
 Grooms of the Privy Chamber on 2 bills.
 Bill for lodging the Princess Royal of Aurange her servants 3000^l.
 For lodging the King's Servants out of Court 40 warrants.

Besides many other bills and warrants.

And the office is indebted at this present above one hundred thousand pounds.*

The present volume is transcribed from a manuscript book in the possession of William Selby Lowndes, Esq., of Whaddon Hall, Bucks, to whom it has descended from his ancestor William Lowndes, Esq., of the Bury, near Chesham, Secretary of the Treasury in the reign of Queen Anne. It will, at a glance, be seen that it comprises numerous entries of considerable interest. Among the earliest are the sums bestowed upon Titus Oates, who, quartered in Whitehall, receives 48*l.* per month, while his satellites are allowed stipends, and sums are paid to various individuals for "discovering Popish priests." These items appear in singular and repulsive contrast with the sums lavished by Charles upon his female favourites. Among these, the payments to the Duchess of Portsmouth are most conspicuous. No less a sum than 136,668*l.* 10*s.*