

Lists of Appointments

CHAMBER Administration

Lord Chamberlain 1660-1837

According to *The Present State of the British Court*,

The Lord Chamberlain has the Principal Command of all the Kings (or Queens) Servants above Stairs (except in the Bedchamber, which is wholly under the Grooms [*sic*] of the Stole) who are all Sworn by him, or by his Warrant to the Gentlemen Ushers. He has likewise the Inspection of all the Officers of the Wardrobe of the King's Houses, and of the removing Wardrobes, Beds, Tents, Revels, Musick, Comedians, Hunting, Messengers, Trumpeters, Drummers, Handicrafts, Artizans, retain'd in the King's or Queen's Service; as well as of the Sergeants at Arms, Physicians, Apothecaries, Surgeons, &c. and finally of His Majesty's Chaplains.¹

The lord chamberlain was appointed by the Crown. Until 1783 his entry into office was marked by the reception of a staff; thereafter more usually of a key.² He was sworn by the vice chamberlain in pursuance of a royal warrant issued for that purpose.³ Wherever possible appointments have been dated by reference to the former event; in other cases by reference to the warrant or certificate of swearing.

The remuneration attached to the office consisted of an ancient fee of £100 and board wages of £1,100 making a total of £1,200 a year. The lord chamberlain also received plate worth £400, livery worth £66 annually and fees of honour averaging between £24 and £48 a year early in the eighteenth century. Shrewsbury received a pension of £2,000 during his last year of office 1714-15. An annuity of £3,000 from the Exchequer, originally granted to Grafton 1724-57, was continued to his successors, bringing their total fixed remuneration to £4,200.⁴ In addition, the lord chamberlain was entitled to lodgings at court and used mourning cloth.⁵

1. *PSBC*, p. 21; see also Beattie, pp. 24-7.

2. LC 3/24 f. 2; LC 3/67 p. 162; LC 3/69 f. 111. In 1782 Manchester was described as receiving both a staff or wand and a key (LC 3/67 pp. 134, 138).

3. *CSPD 1671*, p. 238.

4. Bucholz, pp. 315 n 66, 318-19 n. 102; ; Beattie, pp. 182, 184, 209; T 53/65 p. 372.

5. Bucholz, p. 129.

1660	1 June	Manchester, 2nd Earl of
1671	13 May	St. Albans, 1st Earl of
1674	11 Sept	Arlington, 1st Earl of
1685	30 July	Ailesbury, 1st Earl of
1685	23 Oct.	Mulgrave, 3rd Earl of
1689	14 Feb.	Dorset, 6th Earl of

1697	19 Apr.	Sunderland, 2nd Earl of
1697	26 Dec.	<i>Office vacant</i>
1699	30 Oct.	Shrewsbury, 1st Duke of
1700	24 June	Jersey, 1st Earl of
1704	24 Apr.	Kent, 12th Earl of
1710	14 Apr.	Shrewsbury, 1st Duke
1715	8 July	Bolton, 2nd Duke of
1717	13 Apr.	Newcastle, 1st
1724	14 May	Grafton, 2nd Duke of
1757	18 May	Devonshire, 4th Duke of
1762	24 Nov.	Marlborough, 4th Duke of
1763	26 Apr.	Gower, 2nd Earl
1765	15 July	Portland, 3 rd Duke of
1766	29 Nov.	Hertford, 1st Earl of
1782	7 Apr.	Manchester, 4th Duke of
1783	9 Apr.	Hertford, 1st Earl of
1783	26 Dec.	Salisbury, 7th Earl of
1804	14 May	Dartmouth, 3rd Earl of
1810	10 Nov.	<i>Office vacant</i>
1812	7 Mar.	Hertford, 2nd Marquess of
1821	14 Dec.	Montrose, 3rd Duke of
1827	2 May	Devonshire, 6th Duke of
1828	23 Feb.	Montrose, 3rd Duke of
1830	8 Aug.	Jersey, 5th Earl of
1830	22 Nov.	Devonshire, 6th Duke of
1834	15 Dec.	Jersey, 5th Earl of
1835	23 Apr.	Wellesley, 1st Marquess
1835	20 May	Conyngham, 2nd Marquess

Vice Chamberlain 1660-1837

The vice chamberlain 'is Deputy or Assistant to the Ld. Chamberlain, and in his Absence Commands.' Since many lords chamberlain were virtual absentees, much of the authority for making day-to-day decisions about the Chamber fell on the shoulders of the vice chamberlain. He was appointed by royal warrant. The remuneration amounted to £559 8s 4d consisting of wages of £66 13s 4d and board wages of £492 15s, plus lodgings.¹ On leaving office in 1694 Lowther was granted the arrears of an annuity of £600 at the Exchequer which was said to have been enjoyed by some of his predecessors. From this date this annuity was regularly granted to holders of the office on their appointment, bringing their total fixed income to £1,159 8s 4d.² During Anne's reign Coke received an annual allowance of £1,000 from the privy purse in addition to his other remuneration.³

1. *PSBC*, p. 21; LC 3/24 f. 2; Beattie, pp. 25-7, 184, 209.

2. *CTB* X, 532, 580; T 53/65, p. 371.

3. *CTB* XXX, 290-1.

1660 2 June Carteret, Sir G.

1680	2 Sept.	Savile, H.
1687	8 Mar.	Porter, J.
1689	23 Feb.	Lowther, Sir J.
1694	19 Feb.	Bertie, Hon. P.
1706	3 Dec.	Coke, T.
1727	17 May	Stanhope, W.
1730	7 May	Hervey, Lord
1740	23 Apr.	Beauclerk, Lord S.
1742	13 July	Finch, Hon. W.
1765	20 July	Villiers, Viscount
1770	24 Feb.	Robinson, Hon. T.
1771	5 Feb.	Hinchingbrooke, Viscount
1782	3 May	Chewton, Viscount
1784	16 Nov.	Herbert, Lord
1794	27 Jan.	Greville, Hon. C.F.
1804	11 July	Thynne, Lord J.
1812	14 Mar.	Yarmouth, Earl of
1812	28 July	Jocelyn, Viscount
1821	7 Feb.	Graham, Marquess of
1827	5 May	Hulse, Sir S.
1830	8 Aug.	Belfast, Earl of
1834	29 Dec.	Castlereagh, Viscount
1835	2 July	Fitzroy, Lord C.

Lord Chamberlain's Secretariat and Office 1660-1837

The lord chamberlain was served by a number of officials who were appointed by and were immediately responsible to him. From the Restoration he had the services of a secretary. Richard Coling was assisted throughout his period of service (1660-97) by a deputy secretary, his brother Benjamin,¹ but this office appears to have lapsed thereafter. From 1707 John Evans occurs as clerk in the office. At his death in 1734 he was described as deputy secretary.² Thereupon two individuals were appointed to the distinct posts of deputy secretary and first clerk. From 1748 a second clerk is listed. In 1758 Robert Griffin, formerly first clerk, is listed as deputy secretary together with one other clerk. From the following year the pattern of a deputy secretary and two clerks was resumed.³ In 1782 the office of deputy secretary was abolished.⁴

After 1782 the growing responsibilities of the lord chamberlain resulting from the abolition of the great wardrobe, the jewel office, the board of works and the office of treasurer of the Chamber necessitated the appointment of further staff. From 1785 two assistant clerks were listed and a third assistant had been appointed by 1800.⁵ In 1801 the office of superintendent of payments was created.⁶ In 1823 the secretariat underwent a substantial modification. Two new senior posts, one designated comptroller of accounts and superintendent of the duties of the department and the other inspector of accounts, were created. The former first clerk was designated chief clerk and the second clerkship abolished. Thereafter the establishment consisted of the secretary, the comptroller, the chief clerk, the inspector, the superintendent

and three assistant clerks.⁷ The office of secretary was abolished in 1830 whereupon the comptroller became the senior executive officer under the lord chamberlain.⁸

The salary of the secretary, originally £60, was raised to £580 in 1782. In that year the salaries of the two clerks were fixed at £200 and £110.⁹ In 1823 provision was made as follows: secretary £750, comptroller £400, chief clerk, inspector and superintendent £300 and the three assistant clerks £200, £180 and £150.¹⁰ In 1831 the salary of the comptroller was fixed at £700.¹¹

In addition, from 1812 a series of inspectors of deliveries was established. The inspector of household deliveries at St. James's was 'considered to be held during life or Good Behaviour' and made £500 plus £91 5s board wages and £29 5s in compensation for loss of perks. That for Windsor served during pleasure and made £400.¹² The running porter made £40 per annum, the porter £30 in 1782.¹³ By 1836 the office porter made £60 plus £16 5s in fees, an £80 allowance as an assistant in the pay office and £50-60 in gratuities from individuals receiving payment.¹⁴ By 1836 the office messenger made £60 plus £50 as assistant in the office, plus £182 10 s 'for going to and from the General Post Office three times a day with the King's Bag and Boxes so heavy and large that a coach is frequently hired to convey them'.¹⁵ The chamber keeper made £60 by 1836.¹⁶

1. E. Hatton, *New View of London* (1708) I, 341-2.
2. Chamberlayne (1707), p. 542; *ibid.* (1735) II, 56; *GM* (1734) IV, 452.
3. Chamberlayne (1736) II, 194; *ibid.* (1748) II, 105; *CCR* (1758), p. 75; *ibid.* (1759), p. 75.
4. LS 13/117, p. 72.
5. *RK* (1785), p. 88; LC 3/68, p. 59.
6. LC 3/68, p. 67.
7. LC 3/69, ff. 55-6.
8. LC 3/70, f. 2; LC 1/15 no. 1150.
9. *CTB XXX*, 182; LC 5/204, p. 221.
10. LC 3/21.
11. LC 1/15 no. 1150.
12. LC 3/72, pp. 426, 546.
13. LC 3/67, p. 150.
14. LC 3/72, pp. 612-13.
15. *Ibid.*, pp. 618-19.
16. *Ibid.*, p. 630.

Secretary 1660-1837

1660		Colinge, R.
1697	Apr.	Stanley, J.
1719	May	Pelham, J.
1761		Wilmot, Sir R.
1772		Keene, W.
1782	20 Apr.	Herbert, C.
1783		Keene, W.
1783		Calvert, J.

Deputy Secretary 1660-1837

1660		Colinge, B.
By 1734		Evans, J.
1734		Maddockes, C.
By 1758		Griffin, R.
By 1759		Wilmot, Sir R.
1761		Bonfoy, N.
1762	Dec.	Trevor, R.
By 1778		Price, F.

Clerks c. 1707-1837

By 1707		Evans, J.
By 1736		Griffin, R.
By 1748		Suft, C.
By 1755		Lewis, R.
By 1759		Ely, W.
By 1759		Errat, E.
1762	Apr.	Crucifix, R.
By 1768		Wilmot, R.
By 1772		Wilmot, G.
By 1775		Ely, J.
By 1776		Betty, S.
1793	6 Sept.	Hale, J.
1806	22 Jan.	Mash, T.B.
1816	13 Feb.	Martins, W.
1837	10 Jan.	Edison, C.S.

Assistant Clerks c. 1785-1837

By 1785		Benning, A.
By 1785		Bradburne, G.
By 1786		Parsons, J.
1789	8 Aug.	Browell, H.
By 1793		Minshull, W.
1799	7 Dec.	Thomas, J.
By 1800		Ely, J.
1800	5 Apr.	Dance, E.
1806	22 Jan.	Martins, W.
1807	24 Apr.	Todhunter, W.
1816	13 Feb.	Mash, H.T.B.
1819	24 May	Browell, H.
1823	6 Jan.	Colman, E.C.
1823	6 Jan.	Thomas, J.
1825	4 May	Edison, C.S.
1826	10 Oct.	Browell, E.M.

1832	11 Dec.	Hampshire, W.
1834	30 Dec.	Bainbridge, G.M.
1835	19 Nov.	March, T.C.
1837	10 Jan.	Tupper, D.

Superintendent of Payments 1801-1837

1801	6 Jan.	Mash, T.B.
1806	22 Jan.	Browell, H.
1834	30 Dec.	Browell, H.
1835	19 Nov.	Edison, C.S.
1837	10 Jan.	Browell, E.M.

Comptroller 1823-1837

1823	6 Jan.	Mash, T.B.
1837	10 Jan.	Martins, W.

Inspector of Accounts 1823-1837

1823	6 Jan.	Mash, H.T.B.
1825	4 May	Browell, H.
1834	30 Dec.	Edison, C.S.
1835	19 Nov.	Browell, E.M.
1837	10 Jan.	Hampshire, W.

Inspector of Household Deliveries at Carlton House 1812-?1830

1812	10 July	Justsham, B.
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Inspector of Household Deliveries at St. James's 1830-1837

1830	24 July	Justsham, B.
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Inspector of Household Deliveries at Windsor Castle 1828-1837

1828	10 Sept.	Saunders, H.
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?Under Clerks occ. 1693

By 1693	Colinge, C.
By 1693	Fordham, T.

Running Porter (by 1792 Messenger) to the Lord Chamberlain 1782-1837

1782	29 Nov.	Nost, J., sen.
1824	6 May	Nost, J., jun.
1829	11 Sept.	Wood, J.

Office Porter to the Lord Chamberlain 1782-1802; 1807-1837

1782	29 Nov.	Nost, S.
By 1790		Fisher, J.
1802	5 Jan.	Seymour, G.
1803	6 Jan.	Martin, W.
By 1807		Fisher, T.
1810	5 Jan.	Brown, J.
1827		Brown, G.

Chamber Keeper to the [Secretary to the] Lord Chamberlain by 1707-1837

By 1707		Sheppard, C.
By 1708		Maypowder, R.
By 1711		Sheppard, C.
By 1716		Vickars, J.
By 1727		Gains, -
By 1735		Brown, C.
By 1762		Burgess, W.
1776	24 Oct.	Legard, J.
By 1787		Seymour, J.
1822		Moule, T.

Treasurer of the Chamber 1660-1782

The treasurer of the chamber was responsible for paying many Chamber and chapel salaries, messengers' and other bills for goods and services, and riding wages. The position was in the gift of the Crown.¹ The treasurer was admitted in pursuance of a warrant issued to the lord chamberlain for that purpose. Appointments were embodied in letters patent under the great seal. Both Griffins succeeded by virtue of life reversionary grants. Tenure from 1689 was during pleasure. The office was left vacant between 1692 and 1694. The fixed remuneration consisted of a salary of £314 1s 4d and a clerk's patent fee of £153 6s 8d amounting to a total of £469 8s. In addition, the treasurer of the chamber took fees of poundage on a sliding scale of between 4 and 5% depending on the size of the bill or salary being paid. Under Queen Anne, this yielded between £1,100 and £1,500 per annum; under George I, about £2,220.²

The treasurer was empowered to act by deputy and increasingly did so with the passage of time. The first identified deputy, John Richards, occurs from 1692 and acted during the

absence of a principal 1692-4.³ The succession is unclear from 1702 to 1714 but from 1714 the position of deputy was combined with that of clerk in the office and enjoyed the salary of £50, together with £200 which he received from his principal.⁴

The office of comptroller was created in 1690 with a salary of £150, appointments being made by Treasury constitution.⁵

The clerk was appointed by the treasurer of the Chamber. He was paid by the Treasury. By 1782 the chief clerk made £462 per annum in salary and gratuities. A second clerk made £204. The office keeper made £102 10s.⁶

These offices were abolished in 1782.⁷

1. See *PSBC*, p. 32; Beattie, pp. 28-9, 120-1, 147-9.
2. *CTB* XVII, 1022; XXX, 182; Bucholz, p. 128; Beattie, p. 209. According to Beattie, p. 209, the established remuneration was reduced by £586 in 1720 for taxes, fees and salaries of personnel in the office.
3. *Ibid.* IX, 1578, 1696; X, 62, 115.
4. *Ibid.* XXIX, 506; Beattie, p. 205.
5. *CTB* IX, 745-6.
6. *PSBC*, p. 32; Shelburne MSS 125, p. 212.
7. 22 Geo. III, c. 82.

Treasurer 1660-1782

1660	9 June	Griffin, Sir E.
1679	26 May	Griffin, E.
1689	18 Apr.	Gwynne, Sir R.
1692	11 May	<i>Office vacant</i>
1694	8 Mar.	Russell, Hon. E.
1702	22 June	Fitzhardinge, 4th Viscount
1713	14 Sept.	Delawarr, 6th Lord
1714	6 Dec.	Radnor, 2nd Earl of
1720	30 May	Pelham, Hon. H.
1722	12 Mar.	Stanhope, C.
1727	23 Sept.	Hobart, Sir J.
1744	24 Dec.	Cotton, Sir J.H.
1746	12 June	Arundell, Hon. R.
1755	27 Dec.	Hillsborough, 1st Earl of
1756	14 Dec.	Townshend, Hon. C.
1761	23 Mar.	Dashwood, Sir F.
1762	2 Aug.	Elliot, G.
1770	23 May	Rice, G.
1779	27 Nov.	Spencer, Lord C.

Deputy Treasurer c. 1692-1782

By 1692		Richards, J.
1698	Mar.	Sizer, R.
1714	Dec.	Holbech, J.
1720	May	Fairfax, B.
1722		Keene, W.
1727		Britiffe, E.
1746	Sept.	Powlett, A.
1754	Nov.	Holland, --
1756	Jan.	Semmer, R.
1756		Huske, J.
1761		Whitehead, P.
1763		Douglas, A.
1770		Owen, H.

Comptroller 1690-1782

1690	30 July	Langford, S.
1690	30 Dec.	Chudleigh, H.
1707	7 Nov.	Vanbrugh, W.
1716	23 Nov.	Nicholls, P.
1727	12 June	Nelson, H.
1727	23 June	Jenkins, E.
1736	2 Jan.	Seymour, W.
1738	7 July	Jones, T.
1757	5 Mar.	Jones, T.

Deputy Comptroller of the Treasurer of the Chamber by 1703-1708; by 1728-?1738

By 1703	Vanbrugh, W.
1708	<i>Office vacant</i>
By 1728	Jones, T.

Clerks of the Household occ. 1727-1748

By 1727	Matthews, J.
By 1727	Robe, T.

Clerk to the Treasurer of the Chamber c. 1703-1727; 1756-?1782

By 1703	Girardeau, M.
By 1707	Holbech, J.
By 1723	Keene, W.
By 1756	Adams, P.
By 1772	Webb, D.

By 1773 Webb, W.

Office Keeper to the Treasurer of the Chamber c. 1759-?1782

By 1757 Porter, J.
By 1763 Webb, W.
By 1773 Stokes, W.
By 1778 Eaton, J.

Examiner and Deputy Examiner of Plays 1738-1837

The office of examiner of plays was created by statute in 1737 to implement the lord chamberlain's increased authority to license theatrical productions.¹ In the following year the lord chamberlain appointed an examiner and a deputy examiner with salaries of £400 and £200 respectively.² The office of deputy was abolished in 1782.³

- 1.10 Geo. II, c. 28.
2. LC 5/161, pp. 8-9; *CTBP 1735-8*, p. 476.
3. LC 5/117, pp. 71, 73.

Examiner 1738-1837

1738	10 Mar.	Chetwynd, W.
1778	6 Oct.	Larpent, J.
1824	19 Jan.	Colman, G.
1836	27 Oct.	Kemble, C.

Deputy Examiner 1738-1782

1738	10 Mar.	Odell, T.
1749	23 May	Capell, E.
1781	24 Feb.	Trail, J.

Keeper of the Privy Purse 1660-1837

The keeper of the privy purse, usually a favourite, was responsible for the Sovereign's most private funds, during this period between £20,000 and £60,000, for which no account had to be submitted to the Treasury. The establishment of the succession to this office presents considerable problems. During the reigns of Charles II, James II, Anne and George II the keeper was sworn into office pursuant to a royal warrant directed to the lord chamberlain; at other times until the Regency appointments appear to have been made informally by word of mouth and have left no trace in the records. During these periods the identity of keepers can be established only from the warrants authorizing payments from the Exchequer to the privy

purse and incidental references. The position of Henning (1700-2; c.1716-27), who appears to have carried out the duties as a clerk rather than as a principal, is particularly uncertain.¹ From 1812 appointments were notified in the *London Gazette*.

During the reign of Charles II the keeper received board wages of £127 15s.² McMahon (1812-17) received a salary of £3,000 as private secretary and keeper of the privy purse.³

1. Beattie, pp. 36, 260.
2. LC 3/24, f. 6.
3. *HP 1790-1820*, iv, 511.

1661	2 Aug.	Bennet, Sir H.
1662	16 Oct.	Berkeley, Sir C.
1665	28 July	May, B.
1685	31 Mar.	Graham, J.
1689		Bentinck, H.W.
1700		Henning, C.F.
1702	19 June	Marlborough, Countess of
1711	24 Jan.	Masham, A.
By 1716		Henning, C.F.
1727	26 Sept.	Schutz, A.
1757	9 June	Finch, Hon. E.
1760		Bute, 3rd Earl of
1763	Sept.	Breton, Sir W.
1773		Brudenell, Hon. J.
1812	17 Mar.	McMahon, J.
1817	14 July	Bloomfield, Sir B.
1822	21 Sept.	Knighton, Sir W.
1830	24 July	Wheatley, H.

Private Secretary 1805-22; 1830-7

The first individual to be appointed private secretary to the Sovereign was Herbert Taylor, who was engaged in 1805. This appointment was not envisaged as a permanent addition to the household but was due to George III's infirmity. However, the office of private secretary formed a regular part of the household of the Regent as established in 1812 and was filled successively by John McMahon and Sir Benjamin Bloomfield, who both combined it with the office of keeper of the privy purse. In 1822 the office was abolished although its duties were in part carried out until the end of the reign by Sir William Knighton, the keeper of the privy purse. The office was revived in 1830 in the person of Sir Herbert Taylor who served as a regular private secretary throughout the reign of William IV.¹ McMahon received a salary of £3,000 for executing the two offices of private secretary and keeper of the privy purse.²

1. P.H. Emden, *Behind the Throne* (1934), p. 14; G. Curry, 'The Sovereign's Private Secretary', *History Today* IX (1959), 122-31; R. Mackworth-Young, 'The Royal Archives, Windsor Castle', *Archives* XIII (1978), 115-30; *Letters of George IV* II, nos. 1017, 1021,

1022.

2. *HP 1790-1820* IV, 511.

1805	13 June	Taylor, H.
1812	17 Mar.	McMahon, J.
1817	14 July	Bloomfield, Sir B.
1822	Mar.	<i>Office vacant</i>
1830	24 July	Taylor, Sir H.

Bedchamber Groom of the Stole 1660-1837

The groom of the stole was the effective head of the royal bedchamber, with the right to attend the Sovereign at all times and to regulate access to the bedchamber and closet even when absent. The office, which was invariably coupled with that of first gentleman or first lady of the bedchamber from 1660, was in the gift of the Crown, appointments being made by royal warrant. The groom of the stole also received a key, often depicted in contemporary portraits, which was said to open every door in every royal palace¹ The office was left vacant between 1714 and 1719 and between 1722 and 1723 and was discontinued on the accession of Victoria in 1837.

That part of the remuneration of the groom of the stole which was paid by the cofferer amounted to £1,000 consisting of wages of £33 6s 8d and board wages of £966 13s 4d.² In addition the groom of the stole was paid an annuity at the Exchequer or customs. That paid to Granville (Bath) (1660-85) amounted to £5,000 a year composed of a basic £2,000, a further £2,000 in lieu of plate from the jewel office and £1,000 in lieu of livery at the great wardrobe;³ that paid to his successor, Peterborough (1685-8), fell to £1,200.⁴ From 1689 the additional annuity amounted to £2,000 except in the cases of Sunderland (1719-22) and Godolphin (1723-35) who both received £4,000.⁵ The groom of the stole also had the right to lodgings in every royal palace, to the Sovereign's old clothes, and to used bedchamber furnishings (including the royal deathbed) which amounted to £3,000 in 1714.⁶

1. *PSBC*, p. 22; Beattie, pp. 53-8; Bucholz, pp. 317-18 n. 94.

2. Beattie, p. 182.

3. *CTB* I, 363; *ibid.* VIII, 1108-9.

4. *Ibid.* VIII, 222.

5. *Ibid.* IX, 329; Beattie, p. 185.

6. Bucholz, p. 129; Beattie, p. 211.

1660	5 June	Hertford, 1st Marquess of
1660	26 Oct.	Granville, Sir J.
1685	21 Apr.	Peterborough, 2nd Earl of
1689	1 Mar.	Bentinck, H.W.
1700	24 June	Romney, 1st Earl of
1702	12 May	Marlborough, Countess of

1711	24 Jan.	Somerset, Duchess of
1714	1 Aug.	<i>Office vacant</i>
1719	7 Feb.	Sunderland, 3rd Earl of
1722	19 Apr.	<i>Office vacant</i>
1723	26 May	Godolphin, 2nd Earl of
1735	8 Jan.	Pembroke, 9th Earl of
1751	4 July	Albemarle, 2nd Earl of
1755	4 Mar.	Rochford, 4th Earl of
1760	15 Nov.	Bute, 3rd Earl of
1761	3 Apr.	Huntingdon, 10th Earl of
1770	19 Jan.	Bristol, 2nd Earl of
1775	30 Mar.	Weymouth, 3rd Viscount
1775	10 Nov.	Ashburnham, 2nd Earl of
1782	4 May	Weymouth, 3rd Viscount
1796	30 Nov.	Roxburghe, 3rd Duke of
1804	10 May	Winchilsea, 9th Earl of
1812	14 Mar.	Winchester, 13th Marquess of

Gentlemen of the Bedchamber 1660-1702, 1714-1837

One gentleman of the Bedchamber provided close attendance on the Sovereign per week. His duties included assisting the King at his dressing, waiting on him when he ate in private, guarding access to him in his bedchamber and closet and providing noble companionship, generally. The offices of gentleman of the bedchamber were in the gift of the Crown.¹ From 1660 the office of first gentleman was invariably coupled with that of groom of the stole. Originally the gentlemen were sworn in pursuance of royal warrants directed to the lord chamberlain.² From 1685 to 1688 these warrants were directed to the groom of the stole who swore them.³ During the reign of William III it became the practice for new appointments to be communicated by the groom of the stole to the lord chamberlain, who thereupon swore them, saving the right of the groom of the stole to admit them into waiting.⁴ On average 12 other gentlemen served at any one time but the number fluctuated considerably. During the reign of James II the number was reduced to eight. Between 1672 and 1714 extra gentlemen were occasionally appointed. No gentlemen were appointed during the reign of Anne.

The salary attached to the office, payable at the Exchequer, was £1,000 except during the reign of James II when it was reduced to £600.⁵ In addition, they received lodgings and diet when the court was on progress.⁶

1. See *PSBC*, p. 22; Beattie, pp. 59-60.
2. *CSPD 1661-2*, p. 36; *CSPD 1683 Jan.-June*, p. 155.
3. *CSPD 1684-5*, p. 290; *CSPD 1687-9*, p. 367 (2017).
4. LC 5/166, pp. 14, 60; LC 3/67, p. 5.
5. LC 3/24, f. 2; Beattie, p. 211; *CTB VIII*, 222.
6. Beattie, p. 211.

1660	5 June	Granville, Sir J.
1660	7 June	Gerard, 1st Lord
1660	25 June	Wentworth, Lord
1660	3 July	Lauderdale, 2nd Earl of
1660	21 Sept.	Newcastle, 1st Marquess of
1660	26 Sept.	Crofts, 1st Lord
1660	23 Nov.	Albemarle, 1st Duke of
1660	23 Nov.	Ormond, 1st Marquess of
1661	30 Jan.	Newport, 1st Earl of
1661	9 July	Buckingham, 2nd Duke of
1661	9 July	Richmond, 3rd Duke of
1662	21 May	Mansfield, Viscount
1665	4 Mar.	Suffolk, 3rd Earl of
1666	13 Feb.	Mandeville, Viscount
1666	11 Apr.	Ossory, Earl of
1667	6 Mar.	Rochester, 2nd Earl of
1667	23 Sept.	Buckingham, 2nd Duke of
1669	23 Dec.	Buckhurst, Lord
1673	19 Jan.	Mulgrave, 3rd Earl of
1673	19 Jan.	Albemarle, 2nd Duke of
1673	18 Oct.	Middlesex, 3rd Earl of
1674	2 Mar.	Lindsey, 3rd Earl of
1674	Oct.	Sunderland, 2nd Earl of
1677	Sept.	Oxford, 20th Earl of
1679	1 June	Ranelagh, 1st Earl of
1680	29 July	Latimer, Viscount
1680	1 Aug.	Sussex, 1st Earl of
1682	11 Nov.	Arran, Earl of
1683	3 Apr.	Lichfield, 1st Earl of
1685	23 Jan.	Bruce, Lord
1685	22 Apr.	Churchill, 1st Lord
1685	16 May	Somerset, 6th Duke of
1685	16 May	Beaufort, 1st Duke of
1685	16 May	Ossory, Earl of
1685	16 May	Mulgrave, 3rd Earl of
1685	16 May	Feversham, 2nd Earl of
1685	23 Oct.	Ailesbury, 2nd Earl of
1687	9 July	Dunbarton, 1st Earl of
1688	28 Nov.	Northumberland, 1st Duke of
1688	29 Nov.	Salisbury, 4th Earl of
1689	1 Mar.	Ormond, 2nd Duke of
1689	1 Mar.	Mordaunt, 2nd Viscount
1689	1 Mar.	Oxford, 20th Earl of
1689	1 Mar.	Churchill, 1st Lord
1689	1 Mar.	Lumley, 2nd Viscount
1689	1 Mar.	Sydney, Hon. H.
1689	16 Mar.	Clare, 4th Earl of
1689	6 Aug.	Drumlanrig, Earl of
1689	6 Aug.	Selkirk, 2nd Earl of

1691	Sept.	Essex, 3rd Earl of
1693	Mar.	Lexinton, 2nd Lord
1697	2 Apr.	Clifford of Lanesborough, Lord
1699	7 Feb.	Arran, 1st Earl of
1700	24 June	Carlisle, 3rd Earl of
1701	22 May	Bedford, 2nd Duke of
1701	14 June	Albemarle, 1st Earl of
1702	8 Mar.	<i>Offices vacant (see Ladies of the Bedchamber)</i>
1714	18 Sept.	Berkeley, 3rd Earl of
1714	18 Sept.	Dorset, 7th Earl of
1714	16 Oct.	Richmond, 1st Duke of
1714	16 Oct.	Grafton, 2nd Duke of
1714	16 Oct.	Kent, 1st Duke of
1714	16 Oct.	Lincoln, 7th Earl of
1714	16 Oct.	Manchester, 4th Earl of
1714	16 Oct.	Stair, 2nd Earl of
1714	16 Oct.	Selkirk, 2nd Earl of
1714	16 Oct.	Carteret, 2nd Lord
1714	16 Oct.	Orrery, 4th Earl of
1716	6 July	Orkney, 1st Earl of
1717	12 Feb.	Leicester, 6th Earl of
1717	16 July	Portland, 1st Duke of
1717	19 July	Lonsdale, 3rd Viscount
1719	9 May	Bridgwater, 4th Earl of
1719	9 May	Warwick, 7th Earl of
1719	9 May	Holderness, 3rd Earl of
1719	9 May	Lindsey, Marquess of
1720	13 June	Queensberry, 3rd Duke of
1720	13 June	Harold, Earl of
1721	10 Aug.	Bute, 2nd Earl of
1721	31 Aug.	Rutland, 3rd Duke of
1722	31 Jan.	Manchester, 2nd Duke of
1722	1 Feb.	Sussex, 1st Earl of
1723	2 Feb.	Teynham, 8th Lord
1723	25 May	Lynne, Lord
1723	1 June	Waldegrave, 2nd Lord
1725	3 June	Delawarr, 7th Lord
1726	6 Oct.	Richmond, 2nd Duke of
1727	1 June	Hamilton, 5th Duke of
1727	24 July	Chesterfield, 4th Earl of
1727	24 July	Delorain, 1st Earl of
1727	24 July	Essex, 3rd Earl of
1727	24 July	Albemarle, 2nd Earl of
1727	24 July	Herbert, Lord
1727	24 July	Paget, Lord
1727	24 July	Manners, Lord W.
1727	24 July	Clinton, 14th Lord
1730	31 Oct.	Waldegrave, 1st Earl
1731	16 July	Dunmore, 2nd Earl of

1733	9 Feb.	Hinton, Viscount
1733	13 Apr.	Cowper, 2nd Earl
1735	9 May	Harcourt, 2nd Earl
1737	23 June	Tankerville, 2nd Earl of
1738	11 Aug.	Marlborough, 3rd Duke of
1738	11 Aug.	Rochford, 4th Earl of
1738	11 Aug.	St. Albans, 2nd Duke of
1738	11 Aug.	Fauconberg, 4th Viscount
1739	7 Dec.	Manchester, 3rd Duke of
1741	17 Apr.	Holderness, 4th Earl of
1741	17 Apr.	Kingston, 2nd Duke of
1743	21 Jan.	Lincoln, 9th Earl of
1743	17 Dec.	Waldegrave, 2nd Earl
1748	18 Mar.	Ashburnham, 2nd Earl of
1751	18 May	Hertford, 1st Earl of
1751	24 June	Fitzwilliam, 3rd Earl
1751	18 July	Rockingham, 2nd Marquess of
1752	22 Nov.	Coventry, 6th Earl of
1752	22 Nov.	Hyndford, 3rd Earl of
1753	3 Jan.	Northumberland, 2nd Earl of
1755	17 Mar.	Ancaster, 3rd Duke of
1755	17 Mar.	Essex, 4th Earl of
1755	17 Mar.	Orford, 3rd Earl of
1756	15 Nov.	Buckinghamshire, 2nd Earl of
1760	27 Nov.	Carnarvon, Marquess of
1760	27 Nov.	Richmond, 3rd Duke of
1760	27 Nov.	Eglintoun, 10th Earl of
1760	27 Nov.	March, 3rd Earl of
1760	27 Nov.	Weymouth, 3rd Viscount
1760	11 Dec.	Lichfield, 3rd Earl of
1760	11 Dec.	Oxford, 4th Earl of
1760	11 Dec.	Bruce, 2nd Lord
1761	13 Jan.	Pembroke, 10th Earl of
1761	17 Mar.	Bertie, Lord R.
1761	21 Mar.	Pulteney, Viscount
1761	3 Nov.	Bolingbroke, 2nd Viscount
1762	27 Mar.	Masham, 2nd Lord
1762	2 Aug.	Pomfret, 2nd Earl of
1762	2 Dec.	Manchester, 4th Duke of
1763	1 Jan.	Willoughby de Broke, 14th Lord
1763	9 Apr.	Denbigh, 6th Earl of
1767	6 Nov.	Botetourt, 4th Lord
1767	10 Dec.	Roxburghe, 3rd Duke of
1768	2 Jan.	Bolingbroke, 2nd Viscount
1769	8 Sept.	Pembroke, 10th Earl of
1769	20 Sept.	Jersey, 4th Earl of
1776	5 June	Carmarthen, Marquess of
1777	27 Feb.	Fauconberg, 2nd Earl
1777	19 Dec.	Winchilsea, 9th Earl of

1777	19 Dec.	Aylesford, 4th Earl of
1780	15 Sept.	Onslow, 4th Lord
1780	15 Sept.	Boston, 2nd Lord
1782	11 Apr.	Rivers, 1st Lord
1782	23 May	Essex, 4th Earl of
1784	1 Jan.	Galloway, 7th Earl of
1789	11 Mar.	Delawarr, 4th Earl
1790	21 Oct.	Wentworth, 2nd Viscount
1795	19 Nov.	Poulett, 4th Earl
1797	27 Apr.	Macclesfield, 4th Earl of
1799	5 Mar.	Somerville, 14th Lord
1800	20 July	Sydney, 2nd Viscount
1802	27 Apr.	Amherst, 2nd Lord
1804	19 May	Rivers, 2nd Lord
1804	24 May	Arden, 2nd Lord
1804	28 June	St. Helens, 1st Lord
1806	15 Nov.	Spencer, Lord C.
1812	10 Mar.	Headfort, 1st Marquess of
1812	10 Mar.	Murray, Lord J.
1812	10 Mar.	Ormond, 18th Earl of
1812	10 Mar.	Melbourne, 1st Viscount
1812	10 Mar.	Petersham, Viscount
1812	10 Mar.	Heathfield, 2nd Lord
1813	5 Feb.	Whitworth, 1st Lord
1813	13 Mar.	Lake, 2nd Viscount
1813	13 July	Delawarr, 5th Earl
1813	13 July	Graves, 2nd Lord
1814	25 June	Stewart, 1st Lord
1815	18 Apr.	Amherst, 2nd Lord
1819	15 Jan.	Fife, 4th Earl
1820	16 June	St. Helens, 1st Lord
1821	23 Mar.	Lovaine, Lord
1823	12 Mar.	Erroll, 18th Earl of
1826	27 May	Strathavon, Lord
1827	22 Aug.	Clinton, 18th Lord
1827	27 Aug.	Fife, 4th Earl
1828	6 Mar.	Brooke and Warwick, 3rd Earl
1828	6 Mar.	Roden, 3rd Earl of
1828	23 July	Chesterfield, 6th Earl of
1829	20 Nov.	Amherst, 1st Earl
1829	20 Nov.	Howe, 1st Earl
1830	17 July	O'Brien, Lord J.
1830	17 July	Hastings, 2nd Marquess of
1830	4 Aug.	Denbigh, 7th Earl of
1830	30 Nov.	Waldegrave, 6th Earl
1830	30 Nov.	Napier, 9th Lord
1830	14 Dec.	Byron, 7th Lord
1830	23 Dec.	Falkland, 10th Viscount
1831	11 Mar.	Gosford, 2nd Earl of

1831	22 Aug.	Queensberry, 6th Marquess of
1831	5 Oct.	Lilford, 3rd Lord
1832	23 May	Ashbrook, 4th Viscount
1832	8 Oct.	Elphinstone, 13th Lord
1833	5 Jan.	FitzClarence, Lord A.
1834	10 Jan.	Torrington, 7th Viscount
1834	7 Nov.	Gardner, 3rd Lord
1834	30 Dec.	Tullamore, Lord
1834	30 Dec.	Brudenell Bruce, Lord E.
1834	30 Dec.	Sheffield, 2nd Earl of
1835	10 Jan.	Verulam, 1st Earl of
1835	10 Jan.	de Lisle and Dudley, 1st Lord
1835	10 Jan.	Sydney, 3rd Viscount
1835	10 Jan.	Morton, 17th Earl of
1835	10 Aug.	Fife, 4th Earl
1835	11 Aug.	Falkland, 10th Viscount
1835	11 Aug.	Elphinstone, 13th Lord
1835	11 Aug.	Gardner, 3rd Lord
1835	11 Aug.	Torrington, 7th Viscount
1835	11 Aug.	Headfort, 2nd Marquess of
1835	11 Aug.	Queensberry, 6th Marquess of
1835	11 Aug.	Templemore, 1st Lord
1836	29 June	Lilford, 3rd Lord
1836	26 Oct.	Gordon, Lord J.F.

Gentlemen in Extraordinary 1672-1716

1672	23 Dec.	Mulgrave, 3rd Earl of
1673	19 Oct.	Sunderland, 2nd Earl of
1674	3 May	Oxford, 20th Earl of
1674	31 Oct.	Latimer, Viscount
1677	22 Sept.	Sussex, 1st Earl of
1679	14 Jan.	Arran, Earl of
1680	31 July	Lichfield, 1st Earl of
1680	7 Aug.	Hyde, Hon. L.
1682	27 Aug.	Middleton, 2nd Earl of
1682	8 Nov.	Feversham, 2nd Earl of
1683	3 Apr.	Shrewsbury, 12th Earl of
1683	3 Apr.	Lansdowne, Viscount
1692	4 Nov.	Montpouillon, Marquess of
1697	Apr.	St. Albans, 1st Duke of
1701	22 May	Bedford, 2nd Duke of
1714	25 Oct.	Orkney, 1st Earl of

Ladies of the Bedchamber 1702-1714

During the reign of Anne, the Queen was served by a varying number of ladies of the

bedchamber, appointed by royal warrant, who performed the same duties as lords of the bedchamber did for a male sovereign. Eleven were appointed in 1702; by 1714 the number had fallen to eight. They received lodgings and salaries of £1,000.¹

1. Bucholz, pp. 118-19; LC 3/5 f. 1. For more on the duties of the Lady of the Bedchamber, see *Women of the Bedchamber*, below.

1702	12 May	Ormond, Duchess of
1702	12 May	Hartington, Marchioness of
1702	12 May	Burlington, Countess of
1702	12 May	Scarborough, Countess of
1702	12 May	Spencer, Lady
1702	12 May	Somerset, Duchess of
1702	12 May	Hyde, Lady
1702	12 May	Frescheville, Lady
1702	12 May	Godolphin, Lady H.
1702	12 May	Abingdon, Countess of
1702	12 May	Boeverwart, Lady C.
1712	29 Jan.	Hyde, Lady K.
1712	Jan.	Abingdon, Countess of

Grooms of the Bedchamber 1660-1837

The grooms of the bedchamber

wait in the King's Chamber during his Majesty's Dressing, and wait at Dinner [when he dines privately], take Wine, &c. from the Servants, and give it to the Lords, to serve his Majesty. When the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber are not there, they perform the Office [of dressing the Sovereign], and have their waiting Weekly, two and two, by turns.¹

These offices were in the gift of the Crown. The procedures for swearing and admitting them into waiting were the same as those for the gentlemen of the bedchamber.² The number of grooms fluctuated considerably. Under Charles II there were usually 12. Under James II and William III the number varied between eight and nine; under George I and George II between eight and ten. George III appointed 15 on his accession but this fell to 12 in 1764. In 1783 there was an increase to 13 and this was the usual number until 1837. Extra grooms were regularly appointed under Charles II and occasionally thereafter. No grooms were appointed during the reign of Anne.

The salary attached to the offices, payable at the exchequer, was £500 except during the reign of James II when it was reduced to £400.³ They also received lodgings and diet when the court was on progress.⁴

1. *PSBC*, pp. 24-5; see also Beattie, pp. 61-2.

2. See above.

3. LC 3/24, f. 3; *CTB* VIII, 222.

4. Beattie, p. 211.

Grooms 1661-1837

1661	1 Feb.	Ashburnham, J.
1661	1 Feb.	O'Neill, D.
1661	1 Feb.	Seymour, H.
1661	2 Feb.	Elliot, T.
1661	2 Feb.	Killigrew, T.
1661	2 Feb.	Lane, R.
1661	2 Feb.	Phillips, R.
1661	2 Feb.	Titus, S.
1661	2 Feb.	Walter, D.
1661	3 Feb.	Progers, E.
1661	6 Feb.	Legge, W.
1662	1 Jan.	Coventry, Hon. H.
1664	28 Oct.	Hamilton, J.
1670	1 Oct.	Godolphin, S.
1671	16 June	Felton, T.
1672	21 June	Granville, B.
1673	7 June	Savile, H.
1675	8 July	Guy, H.
1677	Aug.	Porter, G.
1678	18 July	Bridges, G.R.
1679	Apr.	Wyndham, T.
1679	16 May	Lee, T.
1679	26 Nov.	Neale, T.
1683	Mar.	Skelton, B.
1683	15 May	Gwyn, F.
1683	19 Dec.	Killigrew, H.
1685	2 May	Fortrey, J.
1685	2 May	Nicholas, O.
1685	2 May	Slingsby, H.
1685	2 May	Finch, Hon. H.
1685	2 May	Leveson, R.
1685	2 May	Griffin, J.
1685	2 May	Russell, F.
1685	2 May	Lloyd, D.
1686		Porter, J.
1687	9 Mar.	Bagot, R.
1689	6 June	Kirke, P.
1689	6 June	Compton, H.
1689	6 June	Trelawny, C.
1689	6 June	Howe, E.S.
1689	6 June	Sayers, J.
1689	6 June	van Borselen, A.
1689	6 June	Stanley, Hon. J.
1690	Mar.	Keppel, A.J.
1691	29 Apr.	Windsor, Hon. T.

1692	Jan.	Cholmondeley, G.
1695	6 May	Wentworth, T.
1702	8 Mar.	<i>Offices vacant</i>
1714	20 Sept.	Ker, Hon. W.
1714	20 Sept.	Tyrrell, J.
1714	16 Oct.	Dormer, J.
1714	16 Oct.	Howard, Hon. C.
1714	16 Oct.	Breton, W.
1714	16 Oct.	Feilding, G.
1714	16 Oct.	Cornewall, H.
1714	21 Oct.	Honeywood, P.
1715	15 June	Hume, Sir G.
1719	13 May	Finch, Hon. W.
1720	11 June	Lawson, Sir W.
1721	10 Aug.	Cornwallis, Hon. C.
1723	25 May	Herbert, Hon. R.S.
1727	21 Aug.	Rich, Sir R.
1727	14 Sept.	Paget, T.
1727	14 Sept.	Lumley, Hon. C.
1727	14 Sept.	Selwyn, J.
1727	14 Sept.	Churchill, C.
1727	14 Sept.	Cathcart, Hon. C.
1727	14 Sept.	Campbell, J.
1727	14 Sept.	Campbell, Hon. J.
1727	14 Sept.	Hotham, Sir C.
1731	7 May	Clavering, J.
1733	7 May	Brudenell, Hon. J.
1740	22 Apr.	Herbert, Hon. W.
1742	14 July	Finch, Hon. E.
1746	20 Jan.	Mostyn, J.
1747	22 Jan.	Cornwallis, Hon. E.
1747	22 Jan.	Waldegrave, Hon. J.
1757	5 Apr.	Seymour Conway, Hon. H.
1757	4 June	Offley, J.
1760	16 Jan.	Fitzroy, C.
1760	19 Jan.	Nassau, Hon. R.S.
1760	27 Nov.	Schutz, G.
1760	27 Nov.	Peachey, J.
1760	27 Nov.	Nugent, E.
1760	27 Nov.	Breton, Sir W.
1760	10 Dec.	Compton, S.
1760	11 Dec.	Pitt, G.
1760	11 Dec.	Berkeley, N.
1760	11 Dec.	Northey, W.
1761	17 Feb.	Keppel, Hon. A.
1762	21 Dec.	Wright, J.
1763	19 Jan.	Mordaunt, J.
1763	16 Feb.	Seymour, H.
1763	5 May	Hotham, C.

1763	5 Nov.	Hervey, Hon. A.J.
1765	24 Aug.	Wallop, Hon. H.
1766	3 Dec.	Harcourt, Hon. W.
1770	23 Apr.	Vernon, Hon. H.
1770	16 May	Osborn, Sir G.
1771	10 May	de Grey, T.
1771	17 May	St. John, Hon. H.
1771	3 Dec.	Hales, P.
1775	28 Mar.	Gordon, Hon. W.
1777	18 June	Herbert, C.
1779	22 Feb.	Lascelles, F.
1783	17 Jan.	Villiers, Hon. G.
1784	19 Aug.	Waller, R.
1788	20 Jan.	Adeane, J.W.
1791	3 June	Digby, Hon. R.
1793	26 Jan.	Fane, Hon. T.
1800	29 Mar.	Greville, Hon. R.F.
1801	30 May	Legge, Hon. A.K.
1801	30 May	Burrard Neale, Sir H.
1802	27 Apr.	Finch, Hon. E.
1804	24 May	Verney, Hon. H.
1808	31 Oct.	Capel, Hon. E.
1808	1 Nov.	Buckley, E.P.
1809	4 Mar.	Campbell, H.F.
1809	2 June	West, Hon. F.
1812	10 Mar.	Keppel, Hon. W.
1812	10 Mar.	Stanwix, T.S.
1812	10 Mar.	Stevens, E.
1812	10 Mar.	Braddyll, W.
1812	10 Mar.	Lumley, Hon. W.
1812	10 Mar.	Thomas, C.N.
1812	10 Mar.	Stanhope, Hon. H.F.
1812	10 Mar.	Leigh, C.
1812	10 Apr.	Cradock, Sir J.F.
1812	28 July	Cavendish Bradshaw, Hon. A.
1812	28 July	Stewart, Hon. C.W.
1812	28 July	Turner, T.H.
1816	6 June	Paget, Hon. Sir E.
1816	6 Sept.	Campbell, Sir G.
1817	5 Jan.	King, Hon. H.
1818	21 Nov.	Whatley, J.
1819	19 Oct.	Nagle, Sir E.
1820	4 Apr.	Conyngham, Lord F.N.
1821	24 Jan.	Barnard, Sir A.F.
1821	11 Oct.	Paget, Hon. Sir C.
1825	7 Sept.	Houston, Sir W.
1828	27 May	Armstrong, T.
1828	24 Sept.	Townshend, Hon. J.R.
1830	14 Feb.	Weld Forester, Hon. G.C.

1830	15 Mar.	Hope, H.
1830	17 July	Vivian, Sir R.H.
1830	24 July	Spencer, Hon. Sir R.C.
1830	30 Nov.	Blackwood, Hon. Sir H.
1830	23 Dec.	Otway, Sir R.W.
1831	31 Jan.	Reynett, Sir J.
1831	24 Feb.	Campbell, Hon. G.P.
1832	12 Nov.	Rowley, Sir C.
1832	15 Dec.	Taylor, T.W.

Grooms in Extraordinary 1673-1837

n.d.		Gwyn, F.
1673	22 May	Savile, H.
1673	16 June	Porter, G.
1673	23 Oct.	Wyndham, T.
1673	27 Oct.	Skelton, B.
1674	31 Oct.	Killigrew, H.
1676	12 Apr.	Legge, W.
1677	4 Aug.	Berkeley, J.
1679	23 Apr.	Howard, T.
1680	18 Apr.	Hamilton, J.
1683	12 Dec.	Bulkeley, Hon. H.
1684	Aug.	Kirke, P.
1698	12 Jan.	Jennings, R.
1699	31 May	Dormer, C.
1784	20 Aug.	Adeane, J.W.
1831	14 Oct.	Waller, Sir J.W.

Women of the Bedchamber 1702-1714

During the reign of Anne, the Queen was served by a varying number of women or gentlewomen of the bedchamber, often described as dressers. Their duties were described by Abigail, Lady Masham in 1728:

The bed-chamber woman came in to waiting before the queen's prayers, which was before her majesty was dressed. The queen often shifted [i.e., changed her clothes] in a morning: if her majesty shifted at noon, the bedchamber-lady being by, the bedchamber-woman gave the shift to the lady without any ceremony, and the lady put it on. Sometimes, likewise, the bedchamber-woman gave the fan to the lady in the same manner: and this was all that the bedchamber-lady did about the queen at her dressing.

When the queen washed her hands, the page of the back-stairs brought and set down upon a side-table the basin and ewer; then the bedchamber woman set it

before the queen, and knelt on the other side of the table over-against the queen, the bedchamber-lady only looking on. The bedchamber-woman poured the water out of the ewer upon the queen's hands.

The bedchamber-woman pulled on the queen's gloves, when she could not do it herself. The page of the back-stairs was called in to put on the queen's shoes.

When the queen dined in public, the page reached the glass to the bedchamber-woman, and she to the lady in waiting.

The bedchamber-woman brought the chocolate, and gave it without kneeling.

In general, the bedchamber-woman had no dependence on the lady of the bedchamber.¹

Starting at four in 1702 their number was increased to five in 1707 and to six in 1709. They received lodgings and salaries of £500.²

1. J. W. Croker, ed., *Letters to and from Henrietta, Countess of Suffolk* (1824) I, 292-93: John Arbuthnot to Henrietta Howard, London, 39 [sic] May [1728].

2. Bucholz, pp. 123-4; LC 3/5 f. 1.

1702	3 June	Danvers, B.
1702	3 June	Feilding, M.
1702	3 June	Cooper, A.
1702	3 June	Hill, A.
1707	1 Sept.	Hill, A.
1709	1 Aug.	Danvers, I.
1713	13 Apr.	Arundell, I.

Maids of Honour 1702-1714

During the reign of Anne, the Queen was attended by six maids of honour. They were appointed by royal warrant and received salaries of £300.¹

¹ LC 3/5 f. 1.

1702	4 June	Wentworth, I.
1702	4 June	South, A.
1702	4 June	Kingdon, J.
1702	4 June	Frowde, L.
1702	4 June	Yarborough, R.
1702	4 June	Stanhope, M.
1703	17 July	Duncombe, A.
1703	27 July	Collier, E.
1704		Forrester, M.
1706	26 June	Smith, A.

1706	27 July	Temple, C.
1707	26 Nov.	Wyvill, A.
1708	1 July	Hales, M.
1709	27 May	Warburton, J.
1709	15 Oct.	Yelverton, S.
1709	26 Nov.	Scarburgh, H.M.
1712	9 Feb.	Slingsby, S.

Pages of the Bedchamber 1660-c. 1822

The pages of the bedchamber originally waited

without Doors, at the Back-stairs; but now [c. 1720] they wait within the Bed-Chamber, where they take care that every thing be ready, especially during the time of the King's Dressing; fetch Water for the Grooms of the Bed-chamber, which the King is to use, and other necessaries.

These places were in the gift of the groom of the stole.¹ The procedures for swearing and admitting them to office were the same as those for the gentlemen of the bedchamber.² They were usually six in number. During the reign of Anne the holders of the offices were designated 'pages of the backstairs'. After 1760 this description was applied to a distinct body of pages.³ The pages of the bedchamber last occur in published lists in 1822.⁴

The pages received wages of £2 13s 4d and board wages of £77 6s 8d amounting to £80 a year. In addition, they were entitled to livery of £47, fees of honour which yielded about £17 per annum under George I; and vails and gratuities from aspirants at the backstairs which have been estimated at about £120 per annum. After 1725, they received a further £365 apiece in lieu of diet.⁵ Between 1660 and 1702 one of the pages was appointed closet keeper at £200 a year. This post was held by Thomas Chiffinch 1660-6, William Chiffinch 1666-88 and Rudolph de Keine 1689-1702.⁶

Between 1672 and 1735 extra pages of the bedchamber were occasionally appointed.

1. *PSBC*, p. 25; Beattie, pp. 54, 62-3.
2. See above.
3. See below.
4. *RK* (1822), p. 117.
5. *CTB* XXVII, 504; Beattie, p. 211.
6. *Ibid.* I, 519; II, 544; IX, 206; XVII, 105.

Pages 1661-c. 1822

1661	2 Feb.	Osbaldiston, J.
1661	2 Feb.	Chiffinch, T.
1661	2 Feb.	Griffith, H.
1661	2 Feb.	Deladale, M.
1661	2 Feb.	Rogers, F.

1661	2 Feb.	Randue, T.
1666	26 Apr.	Chiffinch, W.
1667	5 Mar.	Bull, A.
1673	19 June	Cordell, L.
1680	1 Jan.	Hooton, E.
1683	12 Mar.	Caplin, J.
1685	14 May	Heywood, T.
1685	14 May	Mann, G.
1685	14 May	de la Badie, J.
1685	14 May	Prieur, A.
1689	16 Mar.	Watson, W.
1689	16 Mar.	Von Amen, M.
1689	16 Mar.	de la Fontaine, B.E.
1689	16 Mar.	Sewell, J.
1689	16 Mar.	Smith, J.
1689	16 Mar.	de Keine, R.
1694	3 Apr.	Sell, J.
1696	30 Oct.	Harris, D.
1702	9 July	Saxton, L.
1702	9 July	Abrahall, G.
1702	9 July	Foster, J.
1702	24 July	Kirk, H.
1702	24 July	Brown, E.
1714	21 Jan.	Smyth, C.
1714	6 Nov.	Gardiner, R.
1715	6 Jan.	Sell, J.
1715	6 Jan.	Harris, D.
1715	6 Jan.	Taylor, W.
1720	3 Dec.	de Grave, L.
1727	18 Jan.	Shields, A.
1727	30 Sept.	Evans, A.
1733	12 Jan.	Nash, S.
1734	16 Dec.	Humphreys, R.
1735	2 Mar.	Evans, H.M.
1736	30 Mar.	Matthison, R.
1739	29 Mar.	de Grave, W.A.
1747	14 Jan.	Little, J.
1747	22 July	Place, T.
1751	30 Dec.	Rogers, W.
1760	14 Jan.	Hannington, J.
1760	26 Dec.	Niven, J.
1760	26 Dec.	Chapman, R.
1761	12 Sept.	Hastings, H.
1762	2 Oct.	Ramus, W.
1766	1 Mar.	Dick, W.
1768	12 Mar.	Dawson, E.
1771	7 Mar.	Ramus, W.
1772		Little, J.
1778	4 Mar.	Walton, I.

1780	5 July	Smith, E.
1785	29 Oct.	Doudiet, T.
1787		Downes, C.
1789		Darlot, P.
1790		Brawn, R.
1798	19 Aug.	Coles, T.
1804	8 Jan.	Mathesius, J.
1804	8 June	Bott, J.
1808	4 July	Wood, J.
1809	1 Mar.	Bowtell, S.
1810	6 Mar.	Jeakins, R.
1815	12 Dec.	Norden, J.
1816	14 Oct.	Stradling, J.

Page of the Bedchamber in Ordinary[?Supernumerary] 1671-

1671	7 July	Deguage, P.
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Pages in Extraordinary 1672-1736

1672	29 Nov.	Cordell, L.
1674	6 Mar.	Hooton, E.
1720	3 Dec.	Shields, A.
1727	2 Nov.	Nash, S.
1733	12 Jan.	Humphreys, R.
1734	16 Dec.	Evans, H.M.
1735	2 Mar.	Matthison, R.

Pages of the Backstairs 1760-1837

Before 1760 the term 'page of the backstairs' was occasionally used to denote the pages of the bedchamber (who often waited and met visitors at the backstairs) and during the reign of Anne the latter were so described in warrants of appointment. As these servants moved indoors to perform tasks in the bedchamber itself, a new set of servants emerged whose task was to attend at the backstairs. After 1760 the term was used specifically to denote this body of pages as distinct from the pages of the bedchamber. These pages of the backstairs, who were appointed in the same manner as the pages of the bedchamber, were six in number.¹ Originally they all received salaries of £100. This was increased in 1782 to £200. By 1823 they had been placed on a scale ranging from £240 to £290.²

1. LC 3/67, p. 42.

2. LS 2/1; LC 5/204; LC 3/21.

1760	26 Dec.	Ernest, F.
1760	26 Dec.	Hawkins, P.
1760	26 Dec.	Reynolds, W.

1760	26 Dec.	Barnard, J.
1760	26 Dec.	Pavonarius, G.
1760	26 Dec.	Barnard, F.
1767		Ernest, G.
1768	12 Mar.	Ramus, W.
1770	31 Mar.	Petch, W.
1771	11 Apr.	Stillingfleet, T.
1773	22 July	Palman, F.A.
1784	14 May	Chamberlain, J.
By 1789		Braund, T.
By 1791		Brawn, R.
1792	23 Sept.	Bott, J.
1793	22 Nov.	Clark, J.
1799	20 Feb.	Sangster, J.
1801	15 Apr.	Cox, W.
1801	15 Apr.	Bowman, J.
1801	15 Apr.	Healey, A.
1804	8 June	Baker, W.
1809	30 Jan.	Bott, J.
1812	20 May	Santhagen, J.C.
1812	20 May	du Pasquier, C.F.
1812	20 May	Jouard, G.
1812	20 May	Satchwell, R.
1812	20 May	Lucas, B.
1812	20 May	Troup, G.
1812	20 May	Downes, C.
1814	6 July	Dyke, J.
1818	5 Jan.	Holmes, W.R.
1818	15 Sept.	Wedgeberrow, G.
1820	11 May	Stevens, T.
1821	22 Aug.	Whiting, J.
1824	1 Sept.	Kinnaird, H.
1824	3 Sept.	Gerding, A.F.
1828	21 May	Batchelor, T.
1830	10 Aug.	Jemmett, S.
1830	10 Aug.	Robinson, J.
1831	27 Apr.	Downs, G.

Pages Man 1813-?

1813	11 May	Radford, W.
1813	11 May	Porter, J.
1816	3 June	Bohm, J. J.
1832	28 Feb.	Dowsett, H.

[NB: Might serve the Pages of the Presence]

Barbers 1660-?1837

The barbers were appointed by the groom of the stole, who wrote to the lord chamberlain for a warrant for swearing in to the gentlemen ushers daily waiters.¹ Under Charles II, two barbers to the person made £200 in wages, £141 in fees and £46 16s 4d in livery apiece. Under James II three barbers received £200 apiece from the cofferer. From 1689 each barber received £170 from the treasurer of the Chamber, £200 from the cofferer and £46 16s 4d in livery money). The position lapsed under Queen Anne but was revived in a single holder by the Hanoverians. The above total of £370 remained the remuneration until at least 1784.²

1. LC 3/30, p. 34; LC 3/56.

2. LC 3/24, f. 20v; LC 3/30, p. 34; LS 13/38; LC 3/3, f. 2: from 1697 Fremyn received £103 worth of provisions in reward for his constant attendance on the King at Kensington; AO1/427/2.

Barbers to the Person 1660-1702; 1716-?1837

1660	7 June	Folliard, R.
1660	7 June	Lisle, T.
1660	30 Dec.	Mortimer, B. (to the Household)
1685	22 June	Bedingfield, M.
1685	22 June	Folliard, R.
1685	22 June	Frasier, T.
1689	16 Mar.	Fremyn, W.
1689	23 May	de Brienne, S.
1694	22 Apr.	Longbotham, R.
1716	19 Mar.	Amyand, C.
1727	21 Apr.	Ranby, J.
1761	19 Jan.	Vincent, T.
1798	6 June	Brown, R.
1804	22 May	Cooper, H
1825	7 Jan.	Holmes, W. R.

Barber in Reversion 1673-1685

1673	9 Jan.	Folliard, R.
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Bagnio-Man 1685-1688

1685	13 May	Jennings, Sir W.
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Menial Bedchamber Servants 1660-1837

The menial Bedchamber servants were appointed by the groom of the stole. The surveyor of the chamber and dresser made £11 8s 1 1/2d plus board wages of £27 per annum. The keeper of H.M.'s bath made £45 per annum. In 1823 three pages' men received salaries ranging from £60 to £75 per annum; later, two pages' men earned £170 7s and £160 18s, respectively, per annum.¹

From 1660 to 1685 the seamstress received £20 in wages plus £50 in allowances for necessaries. From 1685 to 1702 and again from 1714 the positions of seamstress and starcher were combined, though held jointly by two women from 1689 to 1702. In 1689 these servants received £81 12s 1 1/2d plus one mess of mutton, one loaf of bread, one gallon of beer, and candles, faggots and (in winter) charcoal. In 1690 the seamstress and starcher were to divide £200 per annum for wages, plus £200 for the 'very great Expense & charge in washing Our points and Laces'. Under Anne the seamstress fell to £150 per annum, the starcher to £100. The two positions were combined again in 1714 at £250. Under James II and William III, the laundress received £219 plus £10 6s in livery money; by 1710 this had fallen to £20 plus £119 in allowances. In 1727 Margaret Purcell, the seamstress, starcher and laundress, held by patent for life and received £400 per annum paid by the cofferer. Under George III the seamstress and starcher made £403 10s, the laundress of the body linen, £250. Under his successors a single laundress of the body linen made £170 per annum. By 1836 this had fallen to £100.²

The water pumper at St. James's made £46 5s. 6d. per annum.³

1. LC 3/24, f. 9; LC 3/9, p. 25; LC 3/21; LC 3/72, pp. 192, 204.

2. LC 3/24, f. 21; LC 3/30, f. 55; LS 13/39; LS 13/257, p. 152; LC 3/4, p. 2; LC 3/5, f. 2; LC 3/6, f. 2; LC 3/7, f. 2; LC 5/161, pp. 294, 298; LC 3/10, p. 2; AO 1/427/1; LC 3/20-22; LC 3/72, p. 390.

3. LC 3/67, p. 101.

Pages' Men 1813-1837

1813	11 May	Porter, J.
1816	3 June	Bohm, J. J.
1832	28 Feb.	Dowsett, H.

Surveyor of the Chamber and Dresser 1660-1702

1660	14 Oct.	Levett, A.
1666	22 Feb.	Colinge, B.
1676	17 Oct.	Walker, T.
1683	30 July	Wellington, G.

Keeper of H.M.'s Bath occ. 1744

1744	24 Dec.	White, M.
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Bather to the Prince Regent occ. 1817

1817 23 July Williams, J.

Bather at Brighton 1836-1837

1836 Banister, J.

Seamstress and Laundress 1660-1685

1660 10 June Chiffinch, D.

1680 1 Apr. Wall, E.

Seamstress and Starcher 1687-1702

1687 22 Dec. Bromley, E.

1689 27 Mar. Colledge, E. (joint)

1689 28 Mar. Ratcliffe, J. (joint)

1690 7 June Ireland, J.

Seamstress 1702-1727

1702 12 Dec. Rainsford, A.

1714 9 Nov. Stocken, R.

Seamstress [in Extraordinary (*i.e.* in Ordinary w/o fee)] 1664-?1685

1664 10 Feb. Bolton, C.

1668 24 Jan. Lord, E.

1670 18 Nov. Rigiomortis, M., Lady

1671 13 Jan. Jennyns, F.

1671 17 July Penninge, -

1673 12 Aug. Jennyns, F.

Starcher 1702-1727

1702 12 Dec. Abrahall, E.

1711 8 Mar. Felton, M.

1714 9 Nov. Stocken, R.

Laundress, Seamstress and Starcher 1727-1760

1727	7 Nov.	Purcell, M.
1755	5 Dec.	Chetwynd, D.

Seamstress and Starcher 1761-c. 1819

1761	15 Jan.	Goodricke, A.
1779	10 July	Gregory, J. M.
1795	24 June	Feilding, I.
1812	15 Mar.	Erskine, S.

Seamstress to the Prince Regent 1819-1820

By 1819		Scott, -
1819	5 Jan.	Du Pasquier, C.

Laundress 1685-1755

1685	12 June	Dupuy, E.
1689	13 Apr.	Dove, A.
1693	6 July	Forrester, R.
1697	5 Aug.	Lowman, M.
1702	24 June	Atkinson, E.
1714	4 Oct.	Lowman, M.
1755		<i>Office vacant</i>
1761	15 Jan.	Smith, M.
1773	15 July	Hicks, A.
1812	15 Mar.	Andrews, F.

Under Laundresses 1672-?1685

1672	25 June	Axtell, G.
1672	17 July	Wansburgh, M.
1672	2 Aug.	Wichells, J.

Laundress in Ordinary [?w/o fee] 1672-?

1672	25 June	Axtell, G.
1672	17 July	Wansburgh, M. (Under Laundress)
1672	29 July	Collett, D.
1672	2 Aug.	Nicholls, J. (Under Laundress)
1672	23 Sept.	Cole, S.
1673	3 Mar.	Elliott, S.

Under Starcher and Washer of HM's Linen 1671-?1685

1671 7 Nov. May, A.

Laundress of the Body Linen 1812-1837

1812 10 July Mills, S.
1830 11 Oct. Burrell, F.

Laundress at Brighton 1832-1837

1832 27 Mar. Best, M.

Water Pumper at St. James c. 1777-?

By 1777 Sopley, J.
1777 16 Apr. Everard, W.
1777 25 Nov. Good, T.