

APPENDIX C

MINSTRELSY IN THE HOWARD ACCOUNTS 1462-1485

The following is a calendar of entries relating to minstrels in the transcribed accounts of Sir John Howard, successively Lord Howard and Duke of Norfolk. The accounts are in English. Those for 1462-1469 are transcribed in *Botfield/Manners*, together with certain accounts and memoranda as late as 1471: the accounts for 1481-1485 are transcribed in *Collier/Norfolk*, as are the accounts of the duke's son, the Earl of Surrey, for 1490-1491. Page-references are to these transcriptions.

This calendar includes entries concerning plays and players. It omits references to the singers of the household chapel, but includes payments relating to the organ and for chapel music.

Some entries have been rearranged to follow chronological order. No distinction is made between adjacent and non-adjacent entries.

Botfield/Manners

p. 150 Between 16 November, 1462, and 27 January, 1463: gift of 4d to a child that sang.

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p. 217 13 August: gift of 2.0d to the minstrels of Polstead.
Gift of 12d to Robert Dunwich, trumpeter.

p. 228 12 October, at Lincoln: gift of 8d to the Waits of Lincoln.
Gift of 1d to a harper there.

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p. 230 23 October, at Northwich:¹ gift of 4d to a fiddler.

p. 158 20 December, at London: payment of 3.4d for the transport of the organ from the Grey Friars.

¹ Between October, 1463, and February, 1464, Howard was on an expedition to the Welsh marches in the company of John Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk.

p. 159 24 December: payment of 3.4d to Cole, trumpet.

1464

3 January: 3.4d to the harper of the Duchess of Norfolk's grandmother, that lives in Chester.

p. 239 23 January: a new gown and 3d delivered to the taboret.

p. 247 12 March: payment of 20d for a horn.

p. 254 29 March, at London: payment of 20d to the taboret.
Payments for doublets and hose for the taboret and others.

p. 258 18 April: gift of 3.4d to three minstrels of the Earl of Suffolk.²

St George's Eve, 22 April: gift of 6.8d to six minstrels of the Earl of Warwick.

p. 259 28 April: gift of 6.8d to the king's trumpets.

29 April: gift of 6.8d to the trumpets of the Duke of Norfolk.

p. 263 9 May, at Newmarket: gift of 2d to a harper.

p. 264 11 May: payment of 4d for a headstall for the taboret.³

p. 268 1 June, at Newark: payment of 2d for cord for the taboret's tabor.
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2 June, at Stamford: gift of 4d to minstrels.

p. 269 4 June, probably at Cambridge: gift of 1d to a minstrel.

p. 276 St James's Day, 25 July: 2.4d delivered to the taboret to buy himself a pair of hose.

p. 279 9 September: gift of 6.8d to four of the king's minstrels.

1465

p. 180 Memorandum of 20.0d owed to Howard by the Duke of Clarence, lent to Clarence to give to the king's minstrels at the mayor's house (of London).

² Howard had returned to his seat at Stoke.

³ Payment made either at Huntingdon or on the way to Thrapston, Northants.

p. 483 1 January:⁴ New Year gifts of 10.0d to the minstrels and 10.0d to the trumpets.

p. 485 4 February: gift of 20d to a minstrel (on the occasion of supper at Eastcheap).

p. 508 7 April: 14d to the harper for mending a harp.

p. 511 2 May: gift of 12d to the taboret at Moleyn's wedding.
2.0d to the players at Moleyn's wedding.

p. 284 10 May: payment of 3.4d for a Sarum breviary ("porter of Salusbury use").

p. 295 13 June: gift of 20d to a minstrel of the Earl of Oxford.

1466

p. 325 Soon after 12 January: gift of 2.0d to the players of Stoke.

p. 340 8 April: gift of 8d to the taboret.

p. 368 17 September:⁵ gift of 3.4d to the taboret of Lord Wenlock.
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p. 373 20 October: 2d paid for parchment (purpose not specified).

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p. 400 21 April:⁶ gift of 16d to the Waits of Colchester.

p. 409 2 July:⁷ gift of 20.0d to the trumpets of the Duke of Clarence.

pp. 439 ff. Part of a list of retainers for an expedition to the north, probably that of 1464. It includes (p. 444) John Symond, taboret, to whom was delivered a jacket and 12d on his wages, 7 October: also (p. 449) 5.0d to Harper on his wages, 29 November.

⁴ Howard was at Reading for the New Year.

⁵ On the occasion of Howard's departure from Calais, where he had been since 15 May.

⁶ On the previous day, at Ipswich, Howard had been chosen a Knight of the Shire.

⁷ Probably at Dover. Howard seems to have escorted the Bastard of Burgundy over the Channel after the death of Philip, Duke of Burgundy.

pp. 454 f. List of Howard's stud when he was with the Duke of Norfolk at Holt Castle, 1463–4, dated 25 January, 3 Ed IV. It includes (p. 455) the taboret, mounted upon Little Morel.

pp. 548 ff. List, dated 13 September, 11 Ed IV, probably of those who went to Calais with Howard after his appointment as Deputy Governor there.⁸ It includes Janen, taboret, and (p. 549) John Porter (probably the draper, not the trumpeter).

Collier/Norfolk

1481

pp. 4 ff. List of those who accompanied Howard to Scotland, 23 February–17 August, includes the following:

p. 6 Roger, taboret, and his fellow.

[154] The Taborets: Pierson of Cromer, John Wright, Thomas Comford, Harry Gamelgay, Thomas Brome, Strong of Cromer and Tornors of Horsfield.

The Trumpets: Robert Pinchbeck of Clare, Robert Rye of Kedington, John Potter of Glemsford, Edmund Frende of Kedington and William Hill of Clare.

p. 8 John Luter.

p. 9 Robert Strong and Pierson.

pp. 13 ff. A similar list, but incomplete, includes John Potter of Glemsford, trumpet, (p. 14) Robert Pinchbeck, trumpet, and Robert Rys, trumpet.

p. 14 Payment of 10.0d each, on the 13 March, to Robert Pinchbeck of Clare and Robert Rys of Kedington, trumpets.

2.0d each to Thomas Comforte and (p. 15) Thomas Brome of Cromer.

p. 15 To Christopher and Valentine, taborets, 16d to make their gowns with; 5.0d to buy themselves hose; 5.10 ¹/₂d paid for their gowns; 4.0d in prest; 2.2d to Valentine for his expenses in going to Southampton.

Payment on the 15 March to John Sinclair, gentleman, for himself and nine others, including John Luter.

pp. 247 ff. More details of the voyage to Scotland in 1481: the list of personnel includes Edmund Frende, William Hill, (p. 248) Pierson of Cromer, Pinchbeck, John Porter, Robert Rys, Robert Strong, Roger, (p. 249) Christopher and Valentine.

p. 252 Payments made on the 7 August to various men, including John Luter.

p. 260 Payments made to Edmund Frende, trumpet, who has his banner: 12.0d on two occasions; 20d on the 20 May; and a gift of 6.8d at his departure.

⁸ Botfield regards this as a list of those who had fought for Edward IV under Howard's command at the battles of Barnet and Tewkesbury (14 April and 4 May, 1471, respectively). Howard had been created a baron in 1470.

Similar payments to William Hill, trumpet: a prest of 10.0d p.m. Pinchbeck; 10.0d and his banner on the 22 April; 20d on the 20 May; and 6.8d at his departure on the 13 August.

p. 264 Payments to Pierson of Cromer: 2.0d in prest; and another payment (left blank).

Payments to Pinchbeck, trumpet, who has his banner: 20.0d on two occasions; 20d on the 20 May; and 6.8d at his departure.

Similar payments to John Porter, trumpet, who has his banner: 20.0d on two occasions; 20d on the 20 May; and 6.8d at his departure.

p. 265 Similar payments to Robert Rys, trumpet, who has his banner: 20.0d on two occasions; 20d on the 20 May.

p. 266 Payment (left blank) to Robert Strong of Cromer.

p. 270 Payments to Christopher and Valentine, taborets: 5.10 1/2d for a gown for each of them; 2.8d to make their gowns; 5.0d to [155] buy hose for themselves; a prest of 4.0d; 2.2d to Valentine for his expenses in going to Southampton; 8d to each of them on the 11 March; 2.0d on the 22 April to buy themselves bonnets, shirts and other "gere"; and 3.4d on 13 August at Harwich.

p. 18 11 March: 16d to the taborets for drink-money.
3.4d to the trumpets for drink-money.

12 March: 10.0d to Pinchbeck of Clare, trumpeter, in prest to his fellow William Hill of Clare, trumpeter.

p. 19 14 March: 40.0d in prest to the trumpets.

(Undated): 4d to the taborets for parchment.

p. 28 24 March: 12d to the taborets to buy shoes.
8d to the harpers.

p. 31 26 March: 4d to the taborets.

p. 35 6 April: payment of 16.8d (?) to Robert Strong, Pierson and Robert Cateleyn.

Payment of 8.0d in prest to Harry Gamelgay, Thomas Comforte, John Wright and Thomas Broome.

p. 36 7 April: 6.8d to a friar to go to Stoke to ...⁹ the taborets.

p. 38 c.10-12 April: payment of 18.0d for four yards of red sarcenet for trumpet banners.

5d paid for a yard of buckram.

⁹ One word is illegible.

14 April: payment of 17.8d to John Sherle, armourer, for making five trumpet banners.

p. 46 16 April: 16d to a man that carried the taborets' "stuff".

p. 48 29 March:¹⁰ 5.0d to Thomas the harper for his wages.
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p. 49 15 April?: 16d to the taborets.

p. 53 21 April: 2.0d to the taborets to buy "gere".

pp. 53 f. 22 April: 10.0d each to Robert Pinchbeck, Robert Rys, John Potter and William Hill, trumpets; 2.0d to Edmund Frente; 20d to them all for their costs.

p. 62 5 May: 2.0d paid for two pairs of shipmen's hose for the taborets.

p. 65 5 or 6 May: 5.0d to the trumpets.

p. 68 9 May: 12d to the taborets of the "Spaniard".¹¹

p. 70 Perhaps 14 May: 3.4d to the minstrels of the Duke of Gloucester.

p. 74 21 May, at Powers: 10d paid for the taborets' bedding.

p. 82 17 July: 12d to the trumpets of the "Portingal".¹²

p. 84 25 July: 20d to the luter of Lady Percy.

p. 86 28 July: gift of 26.8d to the four trumpets.
Gift of 3.4d to the other trumpet.

p. 116 12 August: 5.0d to the trumpets of the Duke of Gloucester.

p. 92 c.13 August: 3.4d to the taborets, for their wages.

p. 100 27 August: 12d to the Waits of London.
6.8d to Christopher, taboret, to buy "gere".
20d to Valentine, taboret.

¹⁰ These two items dated 29 March and 15 April are payments made at Stoke by Lady Howard while Howard was in London.

¹¹ The great Spaniard, the "Mary" of Greenwich, was one of the ships patrolling the Channel. See Collier/*Norfolk*, p. 3.

¹² The "Portingal" was one of the ships which sailed with Howard to Scotland. See Collier/*Norfolk*, p. 3.

- p. 104 29 August: 12d to the taborets.
- p. 105 5 September, at St Osyth: 4d to the harper.
- p. 106 6 September, at Wivenhoe: 8d to the taborets and others, for their breakfast.
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- p. 107 9 September: gift of 2.6d to the minstrels of the Earl of Kent.
- p. 108 14 September: 3.4d to Christopher, taboret.
6.8d to Valentine, taboret.
- p. 115 2 October, at Woolpit: 10d to a man that played on the bagpipes.
- p. 116 10 October: 3.4d to the minstrels of the Duchess of Norfolk.¹³
- p. 122 23 October, probably at London: 5.0d to the minstrels of the Duke of Buckingham.
- p. 126 8 November: 4d to the ringers of St Anthony's Church.
- p. 139 10 December: several payments to Thomas Sinclair, one p.m. the harper.
- p. 140 16 December: 8d to Thomas, harper.
- p. 142 22 December: 20d to a minstrel.
- p. 145 26 December:¹⁴ 3.4d to the players of Coggeshall.

1482

- p. 145 1 January: payment of 20d for the minstrel that was here (Colchester) on Christmas Day.
- p. 146 6.8d to the players of Hadleigh, and to the old man and two children.
6.8d to the trumpets, for a reward.
Gift of 20d to Thomas, harper.
- p. 147 3 January: 3.0d for a small horn that Lady Howard sent to young Master Howard.
- p. 148 7 January: 3.4d to the players of Easterford.
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- p. 149 9 January: 20d to the players of the Earl of Essex.

¹³ The widow of John Mowbray, who had died in 1476.

¹⁴ Howard spent Christmas at Colchester, returning to Stoke on the 10 January.

5.8d paid for four yards of narrow cloth for the liard (i.e. grey) gown of Thomas the harper.

p. 154 25 January: 2.0d to the harper.

p. 158 c. 9–14 February (in London): 3.4d for a pricksong book.

p. 161 15 February: payment of 14.4d to John Goram, Master of the Children at St Anthony's, for a song-book and four anthems.

p. 170 21 March: payment of 7.0d to Robert Borton of Stowmarket, the organ-maker, for mending the organs.
4d paid for a lock for the organs.

p. 191 12 May: 20d to James, the minstrel.

p. 202 c.27 May: 10.0d given to the church on Whit Monday at the play.

p. 203 30 May: payment for hose made for the children of the chapel and for Tom Fool.

p. 207 20 June: gift of 6.8d to the Duke of Gloucester's shawms.

p. 216 11 July: 3.4d given by Lady Howard to the minstrels of Lord Make.

p. 218 14 July: 2.4d to the minstrels for mending a lute.

p. 228 1 August: 1d paid for a pipe for the fool.

According to Collier, a folio is missing from the manuscript after 14 October. The accounts continue in the middle of a list of servants which includes Edmund Frende, William Hill, Pinchbeck, Pierson of Cromer, John Porter, Robert Rys, Robert Strong and the taborets.

Then follows the list of personnel and payments (pp. 247 ff.) calendared above under date 1481.

The journal of expenses from 2 August, 1482, resumes at p. 281.

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p. 286 2 September, at London: gift of 12d to the Waits of London.

Payment of 2.4d for a pricksong mass and an anthem for the chapel.

p. 294 8 October, at Stoke: gift of 3.4d to three minstrels.

p. 300 18 October: agreement made between Lord Howard and William Wastell of London, harper, that he shall have the son of John Colet of Colchester, harper, for a year, to teach him to harp and to sing, for which Lord Howard shall

give him 13.4d and a gown; payment of 6.8d as a token of good faith. Wastell to have the remaining 6.8d and the gown at the end of the year.

p. 336 Christmas Day, 25 December: gift of 3.4d to four players of the Duke of Gloucester.

Gift of 3.4d to four players of Coggeshall.

29 December: gift of 20d to the minstrels of Colchester.

1483

1 January: gift of 2.0d to the minstrels.

p. 339 10 January: gift of 20d to a minstrel of Master Wood.¹⁵

p. 340 6.8d to Thomas Stokes of Hadleigh, minstrel, for his Christmas reward.

6.8d to Thomas Gardener of Herstead, minstrel, for his Christmas reward.

p. 342 15 January: 20d paid to the Waits (of Colchester).¹⁶

p. 360 3 February: 12d to Thomas Stowe, minstrel, of Hadleigh.¹⁷

p. 368 15 March: 8d to the singer of Bury (St Edmunds).

p. 378 Easter Day, 30 March: 12d paid at the Resurrection.

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p. 380 5 April: payments for parchment, including 20d for ten skins for a pricksong book for the chapel.

p. 438 18 August, at Thorpe, near Norwich:¹⁸ 20d to a harper that played before the Duke.

8d to another harper.

p. 447 18 August: gifts to the two harpers as above; payment made at Norwich.¹⁹

¹⁵ Wood was the Treasurer of the Howard Household: see Collier/*Norfolk*, p. xxi.

¹⁶ Repayment by Howard of money spent on the previous day at Colchester.

¹⁷ Paid by Lady Howard while Howard was in London.

¹⁸ Howard was elevated to the Dukedom of Norfolk on 28 June, 1483. During late August he made a progress through Norfolk and Suffolk.

¹⁹ Several entries at this point are duplications of previous entries.

- p. 448 22 August, at Dereham: 8d to a piper of the town.
 p. 449 Same day, at Thetford: 8d to a taboret.

24 August, at Bury St Edmunds: reward of 10.0d to the trumpets of the Duke of Buckingham.

3.4d to a minstrel of the Earl of Kent.

- p. 442 10 September: at London: 20d paid to the Waits.

- p. 459 16 September, in Sussex: 11d to the taboret for his horse and his supper.

- p. 472 15 October: 20d to a minstrel.

- p. 476 19 October: 2.4d to the taboret for his tabor.

- p. 478 3.8d to Roger Taber.

- p. 480 The list of men in Howard's service, 1 Ric III, includes William Harper, of Chipping Kington in Warwickshire, and (p. 490) William Hill (amongst household retainers).

Household of Thomas, Earl of Surrey²⁰

1490

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- p. 509 20 September: reward of 10.0d to the minstrels of the Earl of Arundel (cancelled in manuscript).

- p. 510 7 November: 26.8d for the payment of minstrels at the feast of All Hallowes.

- p. 513 15 December: payment of 8d "for the setting in of a pese on the organs".

- p. 517 27 December: 6.8d to the players of Chelmsford.

1491

1 January: New Year gift of 20d to the minstrels.

2 January: 3.4d in reward to the pageant.

- p. 519 c. 5–8 January: payment of 40d to the taboret of Lord Berners.²¹

²⁰ Thomas had been created Earl of Surrey when his father became Duke of Norfolk. After the battle of Bosworth, in which Norfolk was killed fighting for Richard III, both titles were forfeited: Thomas was restored to his earldom in 1489 and to the Dukedom of Norfolk in 1514.

8 January: 40.0d in reward to the players of Lavenham.

²¹ "... to my Lord Barones taberett ..." This must refer to Lord Berners, who was Surrey's brother-in-law. See Collier/*Norfolk*, p. xix.