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“SEA” MSS.

King James II's Pocket Book

Paper, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$. pp. 30 unpagged, + 4 memo. tablets with 4 blank pp. interleaved with them. In use, 1663–73. Dark green morocco, with panel, richly tooled in gilt; silver clasps; gilt edges.

Contents. List of ships of each rate, and also wages and salaries. Some of the pencil memoranda on the tablets are still legible. [488.]

[Extracts are printed in *Catalogue of Pepysian MSS.* i. 141 (Navy Records Society's Publications, vol. xxvi.).]

Edward Fenton's Book, 1590.

Paper, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$. pp. 76 unpagged, the greater part blank. Limp brown morocco.

Contents. Memoranda of warrants for building and repairing ships and for other naval purposes, and the assignment of moneys granted, 1588–90. There is a list of the Queen's ships at the end of the volume. [513.]

[On Edward Fenton, captain and navigator, see *Dictionary of National Biography*, first edition, xviii. 320. Cf. also MS. No. 2133 *infra*.]

A List of His Majesty's Fleet (of his own and hired ships) employed against Holland, 1671, 1672, and 1673. [825.]

[This MS. is missing. The title is taken from Pepys's own catalogue, *Supellex Literaria*, p. 169.]

Edward Battine's Method of Building . . . Ships of War.

Paper, $7 \times 4\frac{1}{4}$. Title, dedicatory epistle, and contents + pp. 124. Dated 20 December, 1684. Red morocco elaborately tooled; gilt edges; fairly written. [977.]

[This MS. is fully described in *Catalogue of Pepysian MSS.* i. 230–2. There is another copy in B.M. Harl. MSS., 1283, with a dedication to Lord Dartmouth, dated 23 April, 1685. Other MSS. are described in a paper read before the British Archaeological Association by Mr. I. Chalkley Gould, entitled “Notes on a Naval Manuscript.”]

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Mr. Dummer to Mr. Pepys about improving the Art of Building Ships.

Paper, quarto. pp. 8 + double page insertion. Marbled paper covers; fairly written, with red and black ruled borders. [1074.]

[*Cf.* Bodl. Rawlinson MSS., A. 172, f. 26, "Letter to Pepys from Edmund Dummer relative to some proposals for improving the art of shipbuilding," 1 Feb., 1678-9. Edmund Dummer was assistant shipwright at Chatham. Pepys describes him early in 1686 as "an ingenious young man." See *Catalogue of Pepysian MSS.* i. 77 and 92.

The Boke of the Lawe of Olerone : as also for the holdinge of the cowrte of the Admyrallte Per Jamys Humfrey.

Paper, quarto. pp. 415 + table of contents. Dated 1568. Standard binding, but calf instead of sheepskin; handwriting elaborate, with marginal decorations.

Contents. p. 5, form of holding and articles of enquiry in a Court of Admiralty; p. 25, the Laws of Oleron; p. 49, orders for the King or Queen's ships when upon the seas in fashion of war; p. 63, Admiral's instructions made by William Wynter, Esq., 1558, to the captains and masters of a fleet then to be transported to Portsmouth; p. 73, articles appointed by Lord Clinton, admiral of the fleet at this present, 16 July, 1548; p. 79, the rates of wages in peace and war, with the expenses of officers and other charges of the Household of King Edward III, and the number of soldiers by land and sea, and of the ships retained in the wars of that King; p. 103, the sizes of standards, banners, pennons, and guidons; p. 108, a Declaration of an army to be made, 20 March, 1558[-9], of the Queen's and hired ships, with an estimate of the growing charge thereof. The rest of the volume contains surveys, indentures, lists, and tables of various kinds.

[1266.]

[Pepys's own title for the work is "Jamys Humphrey's Miscellaneous Collections relating to the Admiralty and Navy of England, 1568" (*Supellex Literaria*, p. 168). It is probably a copy of a book of Naval Collections lent to Pepys in 1668 by the Duke of York, extracts from which, some of them in Pepys's own hand, are in Bodl. Rawlinson MSS. C. 846. See also notes on *ib.* A. 233. "The Laws of Oleron" (p. 25) is a copy of a translation of "The Customs of Oleron and of the Judgments of the Sea" printed in Twiss, *The Black Book of the Admiralty* (Rolls Series), ii. 210-41, and described *ib.* pp. lxxviii-lxxxii. *Cf.* also MS. No. 2872 (*Miscellanies* iv. 515).]

An Ancient Discourse and Description of Milford Haven.

Paper, small quarto, $7\frac{3}{4} \times 6$. pp. 44 unpagged, with two large folded maps of Milford Haven inserted. Thin vellum boards.

The first map, made and coloured by hand, is dated 24 December,

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38 Eliz. [1596]; the second is an engraved map, laid down by Captain Collins, and dated 1687. [1296.]

[The title is taken from Pepys's *Supellex Literaria* (p. 170), where the work is described as "once the Lord Burghley's book." Its contents, with several small variations, have been published from another copy in Owen's *Pembrokeshire*, Part II, London, 1897 (Cymmrodorion Record Series, No. 1). On Greenville Collins, hydrographer, see *D.N.B.* xi. 367. Another copy, but without the maps, is in MS. No. 2871 (*Miscellanies* iii. 313)].

Details of the Hampton Court, third-rate, built at Deptford by Mr. John Shish.

Paper, $7\frac{3}{4} \times 3$. ff. $17 \times 2 + 63$ blank pp. The Hampton Court was launched 10 July, 1678. Green morocco with panel; gilt edges. [1338.]

Details of the Lennox, third-rate, built at Deptford by Mr. John Shish.

Paper, 8×3 . ff. $50 \times 2 + 11$ blank pp. The Lennox was launched 12 April, 1678. Dark blue morocco; gilt edges. [1339.]

An Establishment of . . Men and . . Guns. . .

Paper, $7\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$. pp. 28, some blank; leaves paged 1-9. Date probably 1677. Red morocco, elaborately tooled in gilt (Mearne's binding?); gilt edges; fairly written. [1340.]

[This draft of the establishment of 1677, made by the Navy Board in pursuance of an order of the Lords of the Admiralty dated 10 March, 1673-4, is discussed, and summaries are printed, in *Catalogue of Pepysian MSS.* i. 233, and 237-41). Another copy is in Bodl. Rawlinson MSS. C. 517.]

Libellus de Policia Conceruatiua Maris.

Vellum, $7\frac{7}{8} \times 5\frac{3}{4}$. ff. 30, 29 lines to a page. Cent. XV. late. In paste boards covered with green and gold paper.

Collation: $1^8-3^8 4^6$. [1461.]

Begins: Here begynnyth the prologe of the processe of the libell of englysch policie exhortying all England to kepe the see, *etc.*

[The MS. will be found more fully described in the catalogue of *Mediæval MSS.* by Dr. M. R. James. For the printed editions of this famous poem see Gross, *Sources and Literature of English History*, p. 478.]

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A Discourse touching the Current in the Strait of Gibraltar . . . by Henry Shere.

Paper, quarto. pp. 132. Presentation copy. A letter from the author to Pepys inserted at the beginning, containing a reference to "my Journal, whereof this is almost a perfect transcript," is dated 10 March, 1674-5. Red crushed morocco, with gilt stamps; gilt edges.

An unnumbered page at the end contains four figures in illustration of pp. 7, 63, 84, and 121 of the text, and after this is inserted a letter dated Serjeant's Inn, 20 March, 1696-7, and signed "Littleton Powys," returning thanks for the loan of "a very curious tract, written with great judgment and sagacity." [1476.]

[Another copy is in Bodl. Rawlinson MSS., A. 341, f. 178. The "Discourse of the Mediterranean Sea and the Streights of Gibraltar," by Sir Henry Shere, or Sheeres, military engineer and author, was published in 1703 in "Miscellanies Historical and Philological, being a curious collection of private papers found in the study of a nobleman lately deceased." On Sir Littleton Powys, see *D.N.B.* xlvii. 269.]

My Diary relating to the Commission constituted by King James II, anno 1686, for the Recovery of the Navy: With a Collection of the Principal Papers incident to and conclusive of the same.

Paper, quarto. pp. 445 + table of contents. Date, *circa* 1694. Standard binding.

Contents. Documents from 1 January, 1685-6, to 8 June, 1694. [1490.]

[The contents of this MS. are summarised, and its bearing on naval history discussed in *Catalogue of Pepysian MSS.* i. 66-97 *Cf.* also MSS. Nos. 1534, 2823, and 2824.]

The State of the Royal Navy of England at the Dissolution of the late Commission of the Admiralty, May, 1684 . . .

Paper, small quarto. pp. 44 + index, etc. Dated 31 December, 1684. Black morocco, with elaborate gilt and blind tooling, and the royal arms on back and front—a very beautiful and striking design; gilt edges; fairly written.

Contents. In the form of a letter to the King this MS. contains a criticism of the Admiralty Commission of 14 May, 1679 to 19 May, 1684, afterwards developed by Pepys in his printed work, *Memoirs of the Royal Navy*. It is a copy of the original letter "bound as this is, and sealed up," which Pepys presented to the King, 1 January, 1684-5. [1534.]

[See *Catalogue of Pepysian MSS.* i. 66. *Cf.* also MSS. Nos. 1490, 2823, and 2824.]

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Lieutenant Gradon's Collection of Naval Flags and Colours, 1686.

Paper, quarto. ff. 19 × 2 + index. Dark blue morocco, with panel elaborately tooled in gilt with red and yellow decoration inlaid; gilt edges.

Contents. The naval flags of various countries, illuminated in colour. [1608.]

[John Graydon, afterwards vice-admiral, had been appointed second lieutenant of the Charles galley, 17 June, 1685. See *Catalogue of Pepysian MSS.* i. 356 and *D.N.B.* xxiii. 28.]

Nova Anglorum per mare Cronium ad Moscovitas Navigatio, autore Clemente Adam, Regiorum puerorum institutore.

Paper, quarto. pp. 116 unpagged, some blank. The account was written in 1554. Mottled sheepskin with circular ornament in gilt; gilt edges; elaborate handwriting; style that of an illuminated MS.

There is an Epistle of Dedication to Philip of Spain, headed by his coat of arms illuminated. [1663.]

[This is printed, Frankfurt, 1600, in "Marnius et Aubrius, Rerum Muscoviticarum Auctores varii". . . Cf. also in Hakluyt's Collection, vol. i., "The new Navigation and discovery of the Kingdom of Moscovia by the North East, in the year 1553. . . . performed by Richard Chancellor Written in Latin by Clement Adams." On Clement Adams, schoolmaster to the King's pages, see *D.N.B.* i. 94.]

Of Navarchi.

Paper, quarto. pp. 45 + table of contents and some blank. Thin marbled boards.

A discussion of the "shapes, sails, and other qualities" necessary to a good ship. There are some neatly drawn diagrams to illustrate the text. [1731.]

[Pepys's own title in *Supellex Literaria* (p. 171) is "A Treatise of Naval Architecture," by Mr. Fortree. It begins: "I shall not treat here of the particular art of building or framing of ships or vessels, but only of the shapes, sails, and other qualities necessary to a good sailer. . . ." "Mr. Fortree" is possibly Samuel Fortree, the author of *England's Interest and Improvement, consisting in the increase of the store of trade of this Kingdom*, Cambridge, 1663.]

Mountgomery's Book of the Navy, written 1570 and 1588; with a Project for a Land Militia, addressed to King Philip, husband to Queen Mary, in the year 1557 or 1558.

Paper, quarto. pp. 31 × 2. Vellum. The dedication to the reader in verse is signed "Ber. Gar," and the text is illustrated by pen-and-ink

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sketches. The treatise of 1570 contains a scheme for the distribution of the Royal Navy for home defence in three squadrons on our own coasts: the appendix of 1588 gives a more detailed account of the galliasses than is easily to be found elsewhere. [1774.]

[“Ber. Gar” is probably Bernard Garter, the poet; see *D.N.B.* xxi. 30. For copies in the British Museum see Add. MSS. 18035, 20042, 20043, and Arundel 22. The substance of both the original treatise of 1570 and the appendix of 1588 has been printed by Sir Samuel Brydges in *Censura Literaria*, v. 29, 137, and 260. Another copy of the “Project for a Land Militia” is in MS. No. 2869, *infra* (*Miscellanies*, i. 31).]

Mr. Hosier’s Method of balancing Storekeepers’ Accounts.

Paper, quarto. pp. 101 unpagged. Dated 7 November, 1668; a letter to Pepys dated 28 November, 1668, is appended. Vellum, with the royal arms in gilt; gilt edges. [1788.]

[This “method” is referred to in the *Diary* under dates 6 September and 24 November, 1668, and 12 February and 7 March, 1668-9. Francis Hosier was at this time muster-master at Gravesend.]

A Collection of matters touching the Constables of Dover Castle and the Wardens of the Five Ports, gathered out of the records of the Tower and out of Lieger books of Monasteries, by Francis Thynne, Lancaster Herald.

Paper, quarto. ff. 96 × 2 + a few blank. Standard binding.

The contents include, besides the Latin text, p. 2, dedication to Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton, dated 29 July, 1604, with a pen-and-ink drawing of his arms prefixed; pp. 14-15, pen-and-ink drawings of the general arms of the Cinque Ports, and the arms of Lydd, Tenterden, Hastings, and Faversham; p. 90, a list of the Wardens of the Cinque Ports from the reign of Edward III until 1640, with a supplementary list, 1640-85, given to Pepys by Colonel Strode.

[1811.]

[A “Catalogue of the Lord Wardens of the Cinque Ports,” by Francis Thynne, Lancaster herald, is printed in Holinshed’s *Chronicles*, edition of 1808, vol. iv., pp. 810-832. Colonel Strode was Governor of Dover Castle in Pepys’s time; see *Catalogue of Pepysian MSS.* vols. ii. and iii. *passim*].

Conjectura Nautica, seu Disquisitio De Origine Navigationis.

Paper, quarto. pp. 144 unpagged, written on one side only + insertion of 12 pp. smaller size. Standard binding.

A Latin letter of dedication to Pepys from the author, Nathaniel Vincent, is prefixed. The 12 pp. inserted at the end of the volume contain

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"Hadriani Beverlandi de Gigantibus Sententia" [Adrian Beverland of Middelburg]. [1825.]

[Letters from Vincent referring to this copy of his *Conjectura Nautica*, with other correspondence between them, are printed in *The Life, Journals, and Correspondence of Samuel Pepys*, i. 304, 308-21: London, 1841.]

A Project of a form by an Order of Intrenchment for defence against a landing of any army

Paper, small folio. pp. 40 unpagged, some blank. *Temp.* Eliz. Vellum. The Project is "directed" to Lord Burghley. [2021.]

[Another copy is in MS. No. 2871 (*Miscellanies* iii. 289).]

Instructions of the States-General of the United Provinces for the Colleges (or Courts) of Admiralty

Paper, small folio. pp. 38 unpagged, some blank. The instructions are dated 13 August, 1597. Marbled boards.

Inserted at the beginning of the volume is a letter, dated 26 March, 1678, from Thomas Bedford to Mr. Pepys, accompanying this "translation of those laws whereby the Admiralties of the States-General (although made provisionally but for a year) are still governed," and sending also for his acceptance "a short treatise written by Dr. Zouch in defence of the declining jurisdiction of the Admiralty." [2060.]

[On Richard Zouche, judge of the Court of Admiralty, see *D.N.B.* lxiii. 417. The work referred to, entitled *The Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England asserted against Sir Edward Coke's 'Articuli Admiralitatis' in chapter xxii. of his 'Jurisdiction of Courts'*, London, 1663, is in the Pepysian library (No. 785).]

Ordres des Estats Generaux de Hollande pour maintenir en bonne Discipline leur Flottes.

Paper, small folio. pp. 28 unpagged. Dated 14 April, 1672. Marbled paper covers.

The printed Dutch original of 1672, of which this is a translation, is inserted in the middle of the volume. [2061]

A Book of all the Shipping, with their ages, names, burdens, and ordnance; as also of all Mariners, Sailors, and Fishermen, with their

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names, ages, and places severally . . . within the Vice-Admiralty of the South Part of Devon

Paper, folio. pp. 118 unpagged + 70 pp. blank. The list was compiled under an order from the Marquis of Buckingham, Lord High Admiral, dated 28 February, 1618[-19]. Limp vellum, with gilt tooling. [2122.]

The Journals of Edward Fenton, gentleman

Paper, small folio. pp. 142 unpagged. Marbled boards, thin leather back.

Contents. (1) Voyage in the Judith as lieutenant-general and second in command to Frobisher in his third voyage to Meta Incognita, 25 May, 1578, to 17 Oct., 1578. (2) Voyage as admiral in the Bear galleon (afterwards called the Leicester), 29 April, 1582, to 2 July, 1583. (3) A small sheet containing a form of prayer is inserted at the beginning of the volume and two memoranda at the end. [2133.]

[*Cf.* MS. No. 513 *supra*. An account of the 'voyage intended towards China,' on which Fenton went as admiral in the Bear, written by Luke Ward, his vice-admiral, is in Hakluyt's *Principal Voyages of the English Nation*. *Cf.* also B. M. Cott. MSS. Otho E viii. ff. 135-9, 162, 163, 177, 201, and Titus B viii. 171.]

A Report from a Commission of Enquiry held in the Beginning of King James I touching the then Abuses and Corruptions of the Navy, and proper Remedies applicable thereto.

Paper, small folio. pp. 166 + some blank. Standard binding.

This is a copy of the Report of the Commission of 1608.

[2165.]

[A copy of this Report is in S. P. Dom. Jac. I. xli., and the depositions on which it was based are in Cott. MSS. Julius F iii. (See Oppenheim, *The Administration of the Royal Navy*, p. 193*n*). Another copy under a different title is in MS. No. 2871 (*Miscellanies* iii. 355).]

Mr. Flamsteed's Account of the Beginning, Progress, and present State of our Improvements and Deficiencies in the Doctrine and Practice of Navigation.

Paper, small folio. ff. 24 × 2 + 32 unpagged. Dated 21 April, 1697. Thin art boards.

The contents are in the form of a letter to Pepys arising out of his request for "an account of what improvements the art of navigation

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may probably receive from such seminaries of well-educated seamen as that . . . at Christ's Hospital." This led to further correspondence, the original letters being bound up in the volume. [2184.]

[A transcript from this MS. is in B.M. Add. MSS. 30221. On John Flamsteed, first astronomer royal, see *D.N.B.* xix. 241.]

Papers of Mr. Halley's and the learned Mr. Greaves's, touching our yet imperfect Attainments in the Art of Navigation: with notes subsequent thereto.

Paper, small folio. pp. 34 unpagged. Mr. Halley's paper is dated 17 February, 1695-6. Mr. Greaves's papers are *circ.* 1640. Art boards.

The contents include a letter from Mr. Hunter, dated 3 July, 1696, "upon information taken by him from the gentlemen of the Trinity House," referring to errors in navigation made by the fleet two days after the battle of Southwold Bay, May, 1672, and by Lord Sandwich on his return from the Sound with a squadron in 1659. [2185.]

[A transcript from this MS. is in B.M. Add. MSS. 30221. On Edmund Halley the astronomer, see *D.N.B.* xxiv. 104; on John Greaves the mathematician, see *ib.* xxiii, 38.]

Mr. Holland his First Discourse of the Navy written Anno 1638.

Paper, folio. pp. 164 (only 122 paged). Standard binding, but slightly varied with panel.

To John Hollond's "First Discourse," dated (in pencil) 29 September, 1638, is appended a copy of Slyngesbie's "Discourse" of the Navy (1660), but this is not dated or attributed to any author. [2193.]

[These Discourses have been printed for the Navy Records Society (Publications, vol. vii.), together with Hollond's "Second Discourse" (MS. No. 2835 *infra*). The principal extant MSS. of the "First Discourse" are described on p. lxxviii. of this volume, and those of Slyngesbie's "Discourse" on p. lxxxii. Another copy of the latter is in MS. No. 2871 (*Miscellanies* iii. 683).]

Extracts from the . . . four most ancient Council-Books . . . relating principally to the then Marine Affairs of England . . .

Paper, folio. pp. xxxiv. + 62. Art paper boards.

Contents. pp. i.-xiii., 8 Oct., 1541—22 July, 1543; pp. xv.-xxxiv., 31 Jan., 1546[-7]—4 Oct., 1549; pp. 1-27, 6 Oct., 1549—29 June, 1551; pp. 29-54, 3 July, 1551—16 June, 1553; pp. 55-62, table of contents. The entries on pp. xv.-54 are described as "taken from the

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Lord Clarendon's copy thereof transcribed and examined from the original by Garter King [and] Rouge Dragon, 1680-1." [2197.]

Balfour's Practiques

Paper, folio. pp. 8 unpagged (table of contents) + pp. 471 × 2 paged + pp. 32 unpagged. *Temp.* Eliz. Standard binding.

"Presented to the Duke of Lauderdale by his Grace's humble servant Geo. Mackenzie, 14 December, 1676," is written above Pepys's book-plate by a hand much later than that of the text. [2208.]

[Balfour's "Practicks," ascribed to Sir James Balfour of Pittendreich, who died in 1583, is the earliest text-book of Scottish law. It was not printed until 1754.]

Collectiones Trevorianaæ

Paper, folio. pp. 949 + 16 pp. unpagged. Standard binding.

The contents consist of "particular select heads, transcribed from the more copious common-place book of historical notes taken from records by the learned Arthur Trevor, and lent me (with other like MSS., papers of his) by my honoured friend Sir John Trevor, in favour of my naval enquiries, etc." There is added at the end of the volume "An alphabet of such of the titles in Arthur Trevor's general common-place book as are not taken notice of in this Collection; but may upon occasion be resorted to from the book itself in the hands of Sir John Trevor." [2217.]

[MS. No. 2829 *infra* is a transcript of the Index to the Trevor papers.]

An Abstract of a Declaration of the Navy Royal of England by Anthony Anthony

Paper, $9\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$. ff. 10 paper + ff. 20 two thicknesses of thin paste-board. The original rolls are dated 1546: this may be an abstract made for Pepys. Oblong mottled sheepskin with inlaid panel; brass clasps (one broken); gilt edges.

Contents. Illuminations of three "pinnaces," three "row-barges," six "galliassees," and five "ships," with their tonnage and number of men.

[2219.]

[*Cf.* MS. No. 2991 *infra*, which contains part of the original "Declaration."]

Collections touching the present Government and Force of the Navy of France, by Sir Anthony Deane at his being there Anno 1675.