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THE ROYAL COURT OF SCOTLAND 1590-1592

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November 1590

fol 11^r

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ffor the Moir

Note: this is a side heading for this group of entries

Item ye 21 of November deliuerit to allexander Miller fyve ellis of orrange welluit to be geup and breikis to ye Moir att xiiij li ye elle iij^{xx} x li

Item sex *quarteris* changeand spainze taffetie to be his Doublett x li x s

Item 50 ellis of braid quhit sattin *passementis* to laye wpone his geup and breikis weying tene wnces and ane half att xxiiij s ye vnce xij li xij s

Item thre wnces of silk to work yir *clyis* att xxiiij s ye vnce iij li xij s

Item fyve ellis of graye boukessie to lyn his geup iij li

Item foure Dossane of boutonis to his geup and Doublett xx s

Item ane silk lace to ye geup and Doublett	vj s
Item for stenting <i>cammes</i> and <i>graye clyth</i> to his <i>clythis</i>	xxvj s viij d
Item ane pound of <i>caddes</i> to his <i>clythis</i>	xx s
Item foure ellis lynyng <i>clyth</i> to lyn his doublet and breikis att vj s viij d ye elle	xxvj s viij d
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Item for <i>passementis</i> to be stryngis to his breikis	vj s viij d
Item ane Dossane silk poyntis to his clyis	xxiiij s
Item ane pair silk gartanis	xxiiij s
Item thre <i>quarteris</i> of yallow spainze taffetie to be his hatte	v li v s
Item half ane elle and half ane <i>quarter</i> of orrange taffetie to lyn yir hatt and to be ye stryng <i>yairto</i>	xxx s
Item for ye felt and making <i>yairof</i>	xij s iiij d
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Treasurer's Accounts

January 1591

fol 99^r (Expenses by King's precept)

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Item be his *maiesties* Precept remitted & dischargit To *John* Kinloch and Robert schaw
caitchepulleris the *compositioun* of the *escheittis* of Robert Denholme of westscheill
and certane vtheris As the saim produceit vpoun compt beris lxxvj li xiiij s iiij d

fol 101^r

Item Deliuert be thomas foulis goldsmyth to the king and quenis *maiesties* certane
jowellis and goldsmyth wark be thair hienes *command* for new zeir giftis being the
first new zeir day eftir thair *cuming* from denmerk Thre thousand fyve hundreth
threscoir fourtein crownis half croun *price* of the pece lvj s As the perticulare
subscryuit be his hienes self producit vpoun compt beris x m viij li xij s

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January 1591

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Item ane fyn graye castor hatt garnest *with* gold and lynit *with* blew welluot
quhilk wes presentit be hir maiestie to his maiestie on ye fyrst of Januare xv li

Item foure plumages for hir maiestie hattis *price* of yame *ourheid* xj li iiij s

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February 1591

fol 13^r

...

wes to be [ma]skerye *claythis* [to] his maiestie

Note: this is a side heading, partly lost in the gutter. The entries may suggest a Shrovetide expense: Shrove Tuesday in this year fell on Feb 23 (OS) Mar 4 (NS). Taffeta is a common fabric for masking clothes.

Item ye 20 of fabruar thre ellis and ane half of Doubill blak spainis taffetie
for his maiestie at vj li x d ye ell xxiiij li x d

Item half ane vnce and half ane *quarter* of ane vnce of blak silk to sew yir
taffetie xj s iiij d

Item ane pair lang blak silk hois to serue *with* yir taffetie *claythis* [~~xxvij~~] li xxvij li

Item fyve *quarteris* of blak boukessie to band yir taffetie *claythis* xv s

Item thre Dossane of blak silk boutonis to yir taffetie *claythis* xv s

Item tene ellis of blak florence rubanis to be strynges to yir taffetie *claythis* xxxv s

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March 1591

fol 104^r (Expenses by King's precept)

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Item be his maiesties *speciale command* for furnessing of certane Rynning and
glwiff speiris As the perticulare subscryuit be dauid murray *Maister* stabulare to
his hienes producit vpoun compt beris xiiij li xvj s

April 1591

fol 106^v

...

Item to his graces four ordinaire trumpetouris for yair zeirlie allowance comptit lxxx li

...
Item to his hienes violaris for thair ordiner allouance to by thame claithis ij c li
...

June 1591

fol 114^r (Expenses by King's precept)

...
Item to *maister* peter zoung elemozinar tuentiefyve gownis of blew clayth to be
gevin to xxv aged men according to the zeiris of his hienes age extending to aucht
scoir tuelff elnis price of the eln xxiiij s Inde ij c vj li viij s

Item sevintene elnis bukrum to be *bandis* to ye *saidis* gownis price of the eln x s
Inde viij li x s

Item tuentie fyve pursis and in ilk purs xxv s Inde xxxi li v s

Item the price of ilk purs iiij d Inde viij s iiij d

Item for making of the *saidis* gownis price of ilk pece vj s viij d Inde viij li vj s viij d
...

King's and Queen's Apparel

June 1591

fol 19^r

...
Item ye 18 of Junij Deliuert to allexander miller aucht ellis of incarnedin
spainze taffetie to be ane stand of maskerie *claithis* to his *maiestie* at ye
mariage of ye laird of tillebarne Duchter att vij li ye elle lvj li

Note: The bride was Lilius Murray, daughter of Sir John Murray of Tullibardine, who married John Grant of Freuchie. The English diplomat Robert Bowes remarked in a letter to Lord Burghley: 'The King being lately greeved with a troublesome rewme in his cheeke, supposed to drawe to a quynancye, is well recovered and ready to ride this day to the mariage of the lairde of Tyllybarnes' daughter with the laird of Grant, and afterwards to repayre with the Queene to St Johnston, that the Queene may make her entry there on the 24th heereof.' (CSP Scot, 10: 533.)

Item fyve *quarteris* of reid cramosie spainze taffetye to be ane pair sleiffis to yis
garment att vij li ye elle viij li xv s

Item aucht ellis of incarnet taffetye to be ane stand of maskerye *claythis* to hym
yat wes his *maiesties* wallett att thatt tyme xxiiij li

Item sex ellis of tock ros gold to *serue* bayth yir garmentis xij li

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Item sevintene ellis of yallow canues to lyn bayth yir garmentis of maskrye claythis cost xiiij s ye elle	xj li xviiij s
Item sex quarteris of hard boukrame to be yair heid peces	xviiij s
Item tuellfe ellis of incarnet florence rubanes and tuellfe ellis of blow florence rubanes to yir tue garmentis	iiij li xvj s
Item fyve wnces of Reid silk to werk yir tue garmentis	vj li xiiij s
Item tue wenys maskis ye ane to his maiestie ye vdir to his wallet	vj li
Item Deliuert to robert abircrumby thatt sammin tyme auchtt ellis of incarnet taffetye to be ane capparessone for his maiestie hors	xxiiij li
Item tene ellis of canues to lyn yis hors capparessone	vij li
Item tene wnces of Reid silk to work yis capparessone	liij s iiij d
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Note: These last entries suggest that the king's entry on horseback is part of the maskrie event. These are the only references to horse gear found in this account and the taffeta fabric clearly matches the maskrie clothes, while being very unsuitable for a normal caparison.

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July 1591

fol 121^r (*Expenses by King's precept*)

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Item be his maiesties spetiall <i>command</i> for ye buriall of a moir in falkland & expensis yairvpoun	vij li vj s viij d
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King's and Queen's Apparel

September 1591

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Item ye 2 day of september deliuert to petter Rannald auchttene ellis Reid: auchttene ellis quhit graye: foure ellis grene foure ellis blew: and foure ellis yallow. Making in ye haill ffourtye auchtt ellis of taffetyis to be maskerye claythis to hir maiestie at liiiij s iiij d ye ell	j ^c xxviiij li
Item auchttene ellis of tok of gold and auchttene ellis of tok of sillver to yir maskerye claythis at xl s ye elle extending	iiij ^{xx} xij li

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Item thre wnces of Reid silk and ane vnce of Reid silk and ane vnce quhit
silk to work yir claythis v li vj s viij d

Item fourtye auchtt ellis of New small boukrame to lyn yir maskerye claythis
[att xvij s ye ell] xliij li iiij d

Item sex grit plumages Reid and quhit to yir garmentis xvij li

...

Treasurer's Accounts

November 1591

fol 133^v (Expenses on officers and boys travelling)

...

Item to Johnne foirman and alexander oliphant herauldis passand to the mercat
croce of edinburgh and trumpetouris *with* thame To *proclame* the prorogatioun
of the parliament to the third day of aprile nixt ij li

January 1592

fol 137^v (Expenses by King's precept)

...

Item Deliuert be thomas foulis goldsmyth to his maiesties self conforme to his
graces directioun certane jowellis and goldsmyth wark to be his hienes and his
darrest bedfellowis new zeir giftis *extending* to twa thousand aucht hundreth
and fiftie crownis *price* of the pece lvj s As the perticulare subscryuit beris vij m ix c lxxx li

February 1592

fol 140^r (Expenses by King's precept)

...

Item be his hienes precept to dauid weir sportar As ye samin produceit vpoun
compt beris x li

...

April 1592

fol 147^r (Expenses by King's precept)

...

Item To his graces four ordinaire trumpetouris for thair zeirlie allowance comptit
lxxx li

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...

Item To his hienes violaris for thair ordinaire allowance to by thame clathis
xx c li

...

May 1592

fol 153^v (Expenses on officers and boys travelling)

Item To *archibald douglas masour* passand to ye mercat croce of *Edinburgh* with ane act of secreit counsall and ane trumpetour with him comandng all and sindrie his hienes leigis / That hes occasioun to print and gif in articles in this present parliament That yai delyver the samin dewlie formit to ye clerk of register / betuix & the first day of Junij nixt eftir the forme & tennour of ye said act

xx s

King's and Queen's Apparel

May 1592

fol 34^r

...

Item ye 16 of Maye 1592 Deliuert allexander miller aucht ellis and ane half of collombin cullorit sattin to be Doublet and hois with bandis to his maiestie for ye tyme of ye parliament att vij li x s ye elle

ijj^{xx} iij li xv s

Note: 'The Parliament beganne upon Moonday, the 29th of May. The king and the lords road to the Tolbuith in order, the duke bearing the crowne, the new made Erle of Angus the sceptre, Argile the sword. Angus protested, that howbeit at the king's desire he had granted his place to the duke, that it should not be prejudiciall to him in tyme comming.' (Calderwood, 5, 160)

Item sex ellis and ane half of plane clayth of gold to cut out yis garment vpone att xxv li ye ell

j^c iij^{xx} ij li x s

Item 165 ellis of clynckane *pasementis* of gold for to work wpone yis garment weying fourtye sex wnces and ane half att v li ye vnce

ij^c xxxij li x s

fol 34^v

Item sex wnces of yallow silk to work yis garment

vij li iij s

Item thre ellis and ane *quarter* of cullombin spainze taffetye to lyn ye Doublet nixt ye serk and to be poutches and lyn ye bandis of ye hois

xxij li xv s

Item thre Dossane and ane halfe of clynkand boutonis of gold to yis garment

x li x s

Item ane elle of gold loupis to yir boutonis

x s

Item Nyne *quarteris* of stenting canues to ye Doublet and hois

xxxvj s

Item ane elle of graye clayth to yis garment

xvj s

Item foure ellis of quhit boukassye to lyn in ye Doublett

xlviij s

Item thre poundis of caddes to ye Doublet and hois	iiij li
Item sex <i>quarteris</i> of freis to lyn in ye hois	xlvi s
Item thre ellis of holland clayth to lyn yir hois	iiij li
Item for florence rubanes to ye kneysis and passementis to ye heid band	xvj s
Item ane Dossane of collumbin silk poyntis	xxiiij s
Item ane pair collombin silk hois to yis garment	xxiiij li
Item ane collombin welluot belt <i>with</i> ye hyngeris all coveret <i>with</i> gold passementis	xiiij li
Item ane gylt rapper <i>with</i> ye dagar for yis garment	xxx li
Item ane collombin hatt all sett over <i>with</i> gold	xxx li
Item ane gret yallow fedder to yis hatt	iiij li
<i>fol 35^r</i>	
Item sex <i>quarteris</i> of collombin craip to be ane stryng to beir his maiestie Jowall	iiij li
Item Sex ellis of clayth of gold to lyn ane blak welluot cape cloik <i>quhilk seruit</i> <i>with</i> yis cullombin garment the tyme of ye <i>parliament</i> att xxv li ye elle	j ^c l li
Item att ye <i>saming</i> tyme deliuerit to allexander miller. Sex ellis and ane half of argentyn gray sattin to be his maiestie Doublett and hois for ye tyme of ye said <i>parliament</i> att vij li x s ye elle	xlviij li xv s
Item 260 ellis of sillver cordonis weying twentie foure wnces and ane halfe to be wrochte wpon yis garment in embroderit work thir togidder att v li ye wnce	j ^c xxij li x s
Item aucht wnces of silk to work yis garment att xxiiij s ye vnce	ix li xij s
Item sevin ellis quhit clayth of sillver to cut out yis garment vpon att xviiij li ye elle	j ^c xxvj li
Item tene <i>quarteris</i> of spainze taffetye collour de rois to lyn yis Doublet nixt the serk	xvij li x s
Item payt for ye brodster for ye drawing of yis garment	xl s

Item foure Dossane of clynckane boutonis of sillver to yis garment att iij li ye dossane	xij li
Item ane elle of sillver loupis to yir boutonis	x s
Item tue ellis of stenting canues to yis garment	xxxij s
Item ane elle of graye clayth to yis garment	xvj s
<i>fol 35^v</i>	
Item foure ellis of quhit boukessye to lyn in ye Doublett	ij li
Item thre poundis of caddes to ye Doublet and breikis	ij li
Item sex quarteris of freis to lyn in ye breikis	ij li
Item twe ellis of holland clayth to lyn ye breikis	ij li
Item for florence rubanes to ye kneysis and passementis to ye heidband	xvj s
Item ane Dossane of argentyn gray silk poyntis	xxiiij s
Item ane pair argentyn graye Napilis silk hois	xxiiij li
Item ane argentyn hatt all coverit with sillver	xxx li
Item ane grit fedder quhit and grene to yis hatt	ij li
Item sex quarteris of argentyn craip to be ane stryng to beir his maiestie gowall	ij li
Item ane grene welluot belt with ye hyngeris all coverit with sillver passementis to yis garment	xiiij li
Item ane Rapper with ye Dager argentin for yis garment	xxx li
Item yat saming tyme tene ellis and ane half of argentyn graye Dames to be ane syd cloik to his maiestie att vij li ye elle	ij ^{xx} xiiij li x s
Item tene ellis and ane halfe of quhit plushe to lyn yis cloik att xiiij li ye ell	j ^c xlvij li
Item 13 ellis of braid clynckane sillver passementis to yis cloik weying [vnces] Nyne vneces and ane half att v li ye vnec	xlviij li x s

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Item twe ellis of gray boukessye to band yis cloik	xxiiij s
Item ane vnce of quhit silk to work yis cloik	xxiiij s
Item tene <i>quarteris</i> of quhit florence rubanes to be stryngis to yis cloik	x s
Item Deliuerit to george strauchen ye 17 of Maye sevin ellis grene welluot and sevin ellis reid cramosye welluot to be tue chyris at xiiij li ye ell	j ^c iiij ^{xx} xvj li
Item sex haill hankis of sillver to be frenzeis to yir tue chyris	xxxvj li
Item fyve vnces of grene silk and fyve vnces of Reid cramosye silk to yir tue chyris	xiiij li
Item for ye last Daye of ye <i>parliament</i> ane pair of Napillis silk hois of sollfir cullour for his <i>maiestie</i> to weir <i>with</i> ye reid cramosye wellus clayths embrodirit <i>with</i> gold	xxiiij li
Mair ane grit Doubill quhit fedder <i>with</i> Doubill topis	vj li
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June 1592

fol 155^r (Expenses by King's precept)

Item To ane painter for painting of fourtie tua armes of personis <i>yat</i> war fourfaltit at yis <i>present</i> parliament price of ye pece vj s viij d Inde	xiiij li
...	
Item to <i>maister</i> peter zoung elemosinar / tuentie sex gownis blew clayth to be gevin to xxvj aged men according to the zeiris of his hienes age Extending to Aucht scoir [tueff] \auchtene/ elnis price of ye eln xxiiij s Inde	ij c xiiij li xij s
Item xvj elnis bukrum to be bandis to ye saidis gownis price of ye eln x s Inde	viiij li
Item tuentie sex pursis and in ilk purs xxvj s Inde	xxxiiij li vj s
Item the price of ilk purs iiij d Inde	viiij s viij d
Item for making of ye saidis gownes price of ilk pece vj s viij d Inde	viiij li xiiij s iiij d
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fol 156^v (Expenses on officers and boys travelling)

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Item to the heraldis and pursevantes *with thrie trumpetouris with yame for proclamacioun of ye actis of parliament at ye mercat croce of Edinburgh* vj li xiiij s iiij d

...

fol 157^r

Item to niniane weir messenger and a trumpetour *with him passand to the mercat croce of Edinburgh with lettres makand intimacioun to all and sindrie his hienes leigis that his maiestie with aduise of ye thrie estaittis in parliament hes Ratefeit the generall assembleis appointit be ye kirk and ministrie yairof To convene according to ye ordour set doun yairanent And yat the publicatioun yairof sould be maid at ye mercat croce of everie heid burgh of yis realme Eftir ye forme and tennour of ye same* xiiij s iiij d

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October 1592

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...

Item To *John* fourman / *Rothesay* herauld *John* purdie Ross herald / *Robert* frasour vnicorne pursevant / *Daniell* grahame Dingwall pursevant with certane messingeris and thrie trumpetouris *with thame* To proclame the parliament at ye mercat croce of *Edinburgh* To hald and begin at ye burgh yairof vpoun the tent day of Januer nixtocum *with continewatioun of daxis* v li

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King's and Queen's Apparel

October 1592

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...

Item ye *saming* tyme [18 October] *Deliu*erit att his maiestie comand for apparreling of *Maistris* Marie Syster to ye Duik of lenox *four* ye tyme of hir mariage as followis wiz.

Note: Marie Stewart's marriage to the Earl of Mar, originally set for October, was delayed until December because of the Earl's illness. Masking clothes for the queen, in December 1592, probably for this occasion, are recorded in E35/14 (see below).

Auchttene ellis of lukis welluot of Rois cullour of Doubill pyll to be ane gown att xv li ye elle ij^c iij^{xx} x li

Item 60 ellis of braid passementis of gold and sillver mixt to yis gown weying twentye Nyne wnces and thre *quarteris* att v li ye vnce j^c xlviij li xv s

Item sevin *quarteris* of incarnedin sattin to be ane skyrt to yis gown xij li v s

Item auchtt wnces of sillver cordonis and ane half to work in embroderye vpone yis skyrt att v li ye vnce	xlij li x s
Item auchttene ellis of fin blak figuret welluot grondit wpone graye sattin to be hir ane gown att xiiij li ye elle	ij ^c liij li
Item 40 ellis braid sillver passementis to yis gown weying twentye wnces and thre quarteris att v li ye vnce	j ^c ij li xv s
Item auchttene ellis of blak genes sattin to be hire ane gown att vij li x s ye ell	j ^c xxxvj li
Item sevin vnces and ane half of gold cordonis to yis gown	xxxvij li x s
<i>p 62</i>	
Item tene quarteris of incarnedin sattin to cut out ye sleiffis and bodeyis of this sattin gown wpone	xvij li x s
Item Sevin ellis of grene lukis welluot grondit wpone incarnet sattin to be hir ane waskyn att xv li ye elle	j ^c v li
Item sevin wnces of gold clynckane passementis to yis waskyn	xxxv li
Item Sevin ellis of orrange sattin to be ane vdir waskyn	xlx li
Item sevin wnces of sillver clynckane passementis to yis waskyn	xxxv li
Item Sevin ellis of incarnedin sattin to be hir thrid waskyn	xlx li
Item sevin wnces of gold and sillver passementis to yis waskyn	xxxv li
Item tene quarteris of incarnedin sattin to be hir ane pair ballen bodeyis	xvij li x s
Item Sevintene ellis of Reid fygured welluot wpone quhit sattin to be hir challmer gown att xiiij li ye elle	ij ^c xxxviiij li
Item 31 ellis of gold passementis weying tene wnces to yis gown att v li ye vnce	l li
Item sex ellis quhit graye freis to lyn yis gown att L s ye ell	xv li
Item fyve ellis of quhit plusche to lyn yis gown breistis att xiiij li ye ell	iiij ^{xx} x li

Queen's Apparel [E35/14](#)

December 1592

fol 1^r

...

Item the Nynt of december 1592 tuentie fyue ellis *quarter* and half *quarter* taffeties of the cord to be *3our* maiesties maskrie claithis at Lij s iij d the ell lxvij li
xij s iij d

Note: The occasion for these maskrie clothes was probably the marriage of Marie Stewart, sister of the Duke of Lennox, to the Earl of Mar. Wedding clothes for Marie are recorded in E35/13 (see above).

Item tuentie ane ellis of gold tock to thir maskrie claithis xlij li

fol 1^v

Item tuentie twa ellis of small traillie to thir maskirie claithis xix li xvj s

Item sex ellis of l^yning claith to thir claithis iij li

Item sex ellis of Quhyt florence rubanes to thir claithis xxiiij s

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTIONS

Treasurer's Accounts

E22/8 1 November 1590–31 October 1592

[Description incomplete] Edinburgh, National Archives of Scotland, E22/8. 1589–1592. Latin and Scots. Paper. Modern pencil foliation. Regular layout, some display capitals. Generally good condition, conserved and rebound, pages repaired with paper where slightly worn at the corners, the whole rebound in brown leather. Treasurer-depute: Sir Robert Melville of Murdocairnie.

Accounts for King's and Queen's Apparel

E35/13 1590–1600

[Description incomplete] Edinburgh, National Archives of Scotland, E35/13. 1590–1600. Paper. Modern foliation ff. 1-43; ff. 44-48 blank, unfoliated; remaining ff. ink pagination starting p. 1. On f.1': 'Comptt of his Maiestye apparrell and of ye apparrell of his hienes Darrest bedfallow: furnest att his maiestye comand be Robert Joussie merchant att the Directioun of *Schir* george Home *maister* of his maiestie gardrobe in anno 1590: 1591 1592 3eiris'. Expenses for King listed first on foliated leaves with a full Summa at the end of 1592 on f.43'; expenses for Queen follow on paginated leaves, p. 1: 'Compt of the Quenes *maiestie* apperrell in stuffis furnest att his *maiestie* command be Robertt Joussye merchant att ye directioun of *Schir* george home *maister* of hir *maiestie* gardrobe beyng vpon ye sext Day of Junij 1590. Records of expenses continue after the end of 1592, from p. 64.

E35/14 28 August 1591–1 February 1596

Edinburgh, National Archives of Scotland, E35/14. 1591–1596. Paper. Modern foliation. ff. ii [blank, modern] + ff 1-34 + ff ii [blank modern]. 370 x 210 mm. On first fly leaf: in 19C (?) hand: 'Account of Apparelling for His Majesty [del in pencil] \the Queen/ [added in pencil] and his [del in pencil] \her/ [added in pencil] Servants – 1592-1595 – 34 out of 40 leaves remaining the first six being wanting'. Fairly well preserved, though with some staining around edges. First six folios missing and lower outer corners increasingly worn and torn away. Writing fairly steady and neat throughout, though becomes looser. List of accounts in Scots for fabrics, first for Queen's clothing and then for her servants and women. Entries chronological under person, and generally dated within groups of items, but not divided into months. Carefully conserved. Modern binding. Brown leather plain with corners and spine. 380 x 230 mm. Spine: *Account of apparelling for his Majesty and Servants 1592-95* (mistaken).