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THE ROYAL COURT OF SCOTLAND 1590-1592

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1590-92

Treasurer’s Accounts E22/8

1 November 1590 – 31 October 1592

King’s and Queen’s Apparel E35/13

November 1590

fol 11’

... 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 iiix x li

Item sex quarteris changeand spain3e taffetie to be his Doublett x li x s

Item 50 ellis of braid quhit sattin passem entis 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 iiij li xij s

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

Item foure Dossane of bouttonis to his geup and Doublett xx s
Item ane silk lace to ye geup and Doublett
vj s

Item for stenting cammes and graye clyth to his clythis
xvj s viij d

Item ane pound of caddes to his clythis
xx s

Item foure ellis lyning clyth to lyn his doublet and breikis att vj s viij d ye elle
xxvj s viij d

Treasurer’s Accounts
January 1591

fol 99' (Expenses by King’s precept)

... Item be his maiesties Precept remitted & dischargit To John Kinloch and Robert schaw caitchepulleris the composition of the escheittis of Robert Denholme of westscheill and certane vtheris As the saim produceit vpoun compt beris lxvj li xij s iiiij d

fol 101'

Item Deliuerit be thomas foulis goldsmith to the king and quenis maiesties certane jowells and goldsmith wark be thair hienes command for new ȝeir giftis being the first new ȝeir day eftir thair cuming from denmark Thre thousand fyve hundredth threscoir fourteen crowns half crowne price of the pece lvj s As the perticulare subscryuitt be his hienes self producit vpoun compt beris x m viij li xij s
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*January 1591*  
*p 17*  

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

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

**February 1591**  
*fol 13‘*  
...  
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 yr taffetie xj s iiij d

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

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

Item thre Dossane of blak silk bouttonis to yr taffetie claythis xv s

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

**Treasurer’s Accounts**  
*March 1591*  
*fol 104‘ (Expenses by King’s precept)*  
...

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‘*  
...

Item to his graces four ordinare trumpetouris for yair 3eirlie allouance comptit lxxx li
... Item to his hienes violaris for thair ordiner allowance to by thame claithis ij c li
...

June 1591

fol 114′ (Expenses by King’s precept)

... Item to maister peter ȝoung elemozinar tuentiefyve gownis of blew clayth to be gevin to xxv aged men according to the ȝeiris of his hienes age extending to aucht scoir tuelff elnis price of the eln xxiiiij 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 iiiij d Inde viij s iiiij 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′

... Item ye 18 of Junij Deliuerit to allexander miller aucht ellis of incarnation spainȝe 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 Lilias 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 laird 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 spainȝe 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
Item sevintene ellis of yallow canues to lyn bayth yir garmentis of maskrye claythis cost xiiij s ye elle

Item sex quarteris of hard boukrame to be yair heid peces xviij s

Item tuellfe ellis of incarnet florence rubanes and tuellfe ellis of blow florence rubanes to yir tue garmentis iiiij li xvj s

Item fyve wnces of Reid silk to werk yir tue garmentis vj li xiii s

Item tue wenys maskis ye ane to his maiestie ye vdir to his wallet vj li

Item Deliuerit to robert abircrmbry 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 iiiij d

...
Item thre wnces of Reid silk and ane vcne of Reid silk and ane vcne 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 xviiij s ye ell] xliij li iiiij d

Item sex grit plumages Reid and quhit to yir garmentis xviiij li ...

Treasurer's Accounts
November 1591
fol 133v (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 iij li

January 1592
fol 137v (Expenses by King's precept)
...
Item Deliuerit 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 ȝeir 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 140r (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 147r (Expenses by King's precept)
...
Item To his graces four ordinare trumpetouris for thair ȝeirlie allouance comptit bxxx li

fol 147v
...
Item To his hienes violaris for thair ordinare allouance to by thame clathis xx c li ...

May 1592
fol 153v (Expenses on officers and boys travelling)
Item To archibald douglas masour passand to ye mercat croce of Edinburgh with ane act of secrect counsall and ane trumpetour with him comanding all and syndrie 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 34v
...
Item ye 16 of Maye 1592 Deliuerit 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 iiij xx iiij 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 iiij xx iiij li x s

Item 165 ellis of clynckane passemntis of gold for to work wpone yis garment weying fourtye sex wnces and ane half att v li ye vnce iijc xxxij li x s

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Item sex wnces of yallow silk to work yis garment vij li iiiij 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 bouttonis of gold to yis garment x li x s

Item ane elle of gold loupis to yir bouttonis x s

Item Nyne quarteris of stenting canues to ye Doublet and hois xxxvj s

Item ane elle of graye clayth to yis garment xv s

Item foure ellis of quhit boukassye to lyn in ye Doublett xlviiij s
Item thre poundis of caddes to ye Doublet and hois  

Item sex quarteris of freis to lyn in ye hois  

Item thre ellis of holland clayth to lyn yir hois  

Item for florence rubanes to ye kneyis and passementis to ye heid band  

Item ane Dossane of collumbin silk poyntis  

Item ane pair collombin silk hois to yis garment  

Item ane collombin welluo belt with ye hyngeris all coveret with gold passementis  

Item ane gylt rapper with ye dagar for yis garment  

Item ane collombin hatt all sett over with gold  

Item ane gret yallow fedder to yis hatt  


fol 35r

Item sex quarteris of collombin craip to be ane stryng to beir his maiestie Jowall  

Item Sex ellis of clayth of gold to lyn ane blak welluo cape cloik quhilk seruit with yis cullombin garment the tyme of ye parliament att xxv li ye elle  

Item att ye sameing 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 parliament att vij li x s ye elle  

Item 260 ellis of sillver cordonis wewing twentie foure wnces and ane halfe to be wrochte wpone yis garment in embroderit work thir togidder att v li ye wnce  

Item aucht wnces of silk to work yis garment att xxiiiij s ye vnce  

Item sevin ellis quhit clayth of sillver to cut out yis garment vpone att xviij li ye elle  

Item tene quarteris of spainȝe taffetye colavour de rois to lyn yis Doublet nixt the serk  

Item payt for ye brodster for ye drawing of yis garment
Item foure Dossane of clynckane bouttonis of sillver to yis garment att
iiij li ye dossane

Item ane elle of sillver loupis to yir bouttonis
x

Item tue ellis of stenting canues to yis garment
xxxij s

Item ane elle of graye clayth to yis garment
xvj s

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Item foure ellis of quhit boukessye to lyn in ye Doublett
iiij li

Item thre poundis of caddes to ye Doublet and breikis
iiij li

Item sex quarteris of freis to lyn in ye breikis
iiij li

Item twe ellis of holland clayth to lyn ye breikis
iiij li

Item for florence rubanes to ye kneyis and passemantis 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
iiij li

Item sex quarteris of argentyn craip to be ane stryng to beir his maiestie
gowall
iiij li

Item ane grene welluot belt with ye hyngeris all coverit with sillver
passementis to yis garment
xiiiij 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
iiij** xiiij li x s

Item tene ellis and ane halfe of quhit plushe to lyn yis cloik att xiiiij li ye ell
jc xlviij li

Item 13 ellis of braid clynckane sillver passemantis to yis cloik weying
[vnces] Nyne vnces and ane half att v li ye vnce
xlviij li x s
fol 36r

Item twe ellis of gray boukessye to band yis cloik xxiiiij s
Item ane vnce of quhit silk to work yis cloik xxiiiij s
Item tene quarteris of quhit florence rubanes to be stryngis to yis cloik x s
Item Deliuerit to george strauchen ye 17 of Maye sevin ellis grene welluo and sevin ellis reid cramosye welluo to be tue chyris at xiiij li ye ell j' iiiijxx 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 parliament ane pair of Napillis silk hois of sollfir culour for his maistie to weir with ye reid cramosye wellus clayths embrodirit with gold xxiiiij li
Mair ane grit Doubill quhit fedder with Doubill topis vj li ...

Treasurer's Accounts
June 1592
fol 155r (Expenses by King’s precept)

Item To ane painter for painting of fourtie tua armes of personis yat war fourfaltit at yis present parliament price of ye pece vj s viij d Inde xiiiij li
... Item to maister peter ȝoung elemosinar / tuentie sex gownis blew clayth to be gevin to xxvj aged men according to the ȝeiris of his hienes age Extending to Aucht scoir [tuelt] \auchtene/ elnis price of ye eln xxiiiij s Inde ijj c xiiij li xij s
Item xvj elnis bukrum to be bandis to ye saidis gownis price of ye eln x s Inde viij li
Item tuentie sex pursis and in ilk purs xxvj s Inde xxxiiij li vj s
Item the price of ilk purs iiiij d Inde viij s viij d
Item for making of ye saidis gowines price of ilk pece vj s viij d Inde viij li xiiij s iiiij d ...

Expenses on officers and boys travelling

Item to the heralds and pursuivants with three trumpeters with them for proclamatioon of the acts of parliament at the market cross of Edinburgh 56 s 3 d

Item to Niniane Weir messenger and a trumpeter with him passing to the market cross of Edinburgh with letters making intimation to all and sundry his hieyness legislature that his maistrie with advice of the three estates in parliament has Ratefeit the general assemblies appointit be ye kirk and ministry thereof to convene according to ye ordour set down yairanent And yat the publicatioon yairof sould be maid at ye market cross of everie head burgh of his realme Eftir ye forme and tennour of ye same 12 s 3 d

Item to John Fourman / Rothesay herald John Purdie Ross herald / Robert frasour unicorne pursuivant / Daniell Grahame Dingwall pursuivant with certain messengers and three trumpeters with them to proclaim the parliament at the market cross of Edinburgh To hold and begin at ye burgh yairof upon the tenth day of January nextocum with continuatioon of dayis 56 s

October 1592

King’s and Queen’s Apparel

October 1592

Item ye same tyme [18 October] Deliuerit att his maistrie comand for apparreling of Maistrie Marie Syster to ye Duke of Lenox for 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 lukiis welluot of Rois cullour of Doubill pyll to be ane goun att xv li ye elle ij c iij x li

Item 60 ellis of braid passementis of gold and siller mixt to yis goun weying twentye Nyne wnces and thre quarters att v li ye vnce j c xlviij li xv s

Item sevin quarters of incarnedin sattin to be ane skyrt to yis goun 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 goun att xiiij li ye elle ij c li li

Item 40 ellis braid sillver passem entis to yis goun weying twentye wnces and thre quarteris att v li ye vnce j ciiij li xv s

Item auchttene ellis of blak genes sattin to be hire ane goun att vij li x s ye ell j c xxxvj li

Item sevin vnces and ane half of gold cordonis to yis goun xxxvij li x s

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Item tene quarteris of incurredin sattin to cut out ye sleiffis and bodeyis of this sattin goun 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 xlix li

Item sevin wnces of sillver clynckane passementis to yis waskyn xxxv li

Item Sevin ellis of incurredin sattin to be hir thrid waskyn xlix li

Item sevin wnces of gold and sillver passementis to yis waskyn xxxv li

Item tene quarteris of incurredin 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 goun att xiiiij li ye elle ij c xxxviiij li

Item 31 ellis of gold passem entis weying tene wnces to yis goun att v li ye vnce I li

Item sex ellis quhit graye freis to lyn yis goun att L s ye ell xv li

Item fyve ellis of quhit plusche to lyn yis goun breistis att xiiij li ye ell iij c x li
**Queen’s Apparel** [E35/14]

**December 1592**

*fol 1’*

... Item the Nynt of december 1592 tuentie fyue ellis quarter and half quarter taffeties of the cord to be your majesties maskrie claithis at Liij s iiiij d the ell lxvij li xiiij s iiiij 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 1v*

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

Item sex ellis of lyning claiith to thir claithis iij li

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

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