

LEEDS CASTLE : INVENTORY.

A.D. 1532.

AN INVENTARIE* made of all the BEDDIS, COVERLETIS, BOLSTERS, SHETIS, BLANCKETIS, COUNTERPOYNTIS, and HANGINGS of vardure† and tapestrye, with also COURTENS and CARPETIS, parcell of all the stuf which late werne the right honorable SIR HENRY GULDEFORDE, late Knight of the Order, and Comptroller of the kingis most honorable household, lately diseased, remainyng and beyng as well within his place at London, as within the CASTELL OF LEDIS within the Countie of Kent.

IN LONDON 14 carpets and 15 beds.

Bedis delyvered from Ledes to London..... xxij.

- Item a fetherbedd and a bolster.
- Item xj fetherbedds and xj bolsters.
- Item ix old matreses and one new.
- Item v bolsters of canvas and flookis.
- Item viij coverlets for the matreses of Norfolke makyng.
- Item iij pair of wollen blanckets and one happing.‡

Coverlets delyvered from Ledes to London..... iiij.

- Item a new coverlet for the bedd of crymesyn satten of dyvers colours of silke.
- Item a coverlet of grene verdors.†
- Item a coverlet of grene verderis.
- Item a coverlet of verdeours losenged.

Courtens§ brought from the wardrobe of Ledes to London..... ix.

- Item ii] courtens of redd and yelow sarsenet.
- Item ii] courtens of changeabill sarsenet.
- Item ii] courtens of blew and yelow sarsenet.

Testars brought from the wardrobe of Ledes to London..... iiij.

- Item a testor of blak velvet upon velvet and yelow tynsell.
- Item a testor of blak velvet and cloth of golde.
- Item a testor of yelow and blew damaske.
- Item a testor of purple velvet pir'd|| and cloth of golde.

* Transcribed by Canon SCOTT ROBERTSON from the original MS. in the Public Record Office, September 1882.

† Halliwell, in his *Dictionary of Archaic Words*, says, "VERDURE, Tapestry." In this Inventory the word is spelt in many different ways, as vardure, verdors, verderis, verdeours, verdeour.

‡ "HAPPING, a coarse coverlet; also any kind of covering," says Halliwell.

§ Curtains.

|| PERLID, ornamented with pearls; studded with any ornaments.

And many a perlid garnement

Embroidid was egon the day. (*Gower.*)

Halliwell's *Archaic Dictionary*.

In this case the ornaments seem to have been cloth of gold sewn on in dots or other shapes.

IN THE CASTELL OF LEDES.

vij CARPETTYS.

- Furst ij small carpetis of Turkey worke uppon ij coberdis* in the *parlour*.
 Item one great carpet of Turkey worke upon the long tabill in the same parlour.
 Item one carpet of turkey worke in the *Quene's dynyng chamber* for the coberd.
 Item a carpet of Turkey worke for the tabill in the same chamber.
 Item a carpet of turkey worke for a coberd in the *Kyng's brekefast chamber*.
 Item a coberd cloth of cours flowers in the *Kyng's dynyng chamber*.
 Item more a carpet of verdeour in the *closet of the said Sir Henrie*.

BEDDES. . . . xvij.

- Furst a fetherbedd and a bolster in the *chamber within the parlour*.
 Item a fetherbedd and a boulster in the *ynner chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedd and a bolster in the *chamber next comyng into the galarie*.
 Item a fetherbedd and a boulster in the *chamber next the same chamber comyng into the galarie*.
 Item a fetherbedd and a bolster in the *Quene's dynyng chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedd and a bolster in the *Quene's bedd chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedde and a bolster in the *Quene's Inner chamber*.
 Item ij fetherbeddes and ij bolsters in the *Kyng's dynyng chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedde and a bolster in the *Kyng's brekefast chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedde and a bolster in the *Kyng's bedd chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedd and a bolster in the *Kyng's Inner chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedde and a bolster in the *chamber of the said Sir Henry*.
 Item ij fetherbeddes and ij bolsters in the *maydens' chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedd and a bolster in the *conduyt chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedd and a bolster in *M^r Browne's chamber*.
 Item a fetherbedde and a bolster in the *chaplen's chamber*.

BLANCKETS.

- Item xij pair of fustian blankets and an old blanket.

COVERLETTIS. . . . xiiij.

- Item a coverlett of verdeour in the *chamber next the parlour*.
 Item a coverlet of crymesyn velvet inbrothered† with white roses in the *Inner chamber next the parlour*.
 Item an other coverlet of crymesyn velvet embrothered with white roses in the *chamber next comyng into the galarie*.
 Item a coverlet of grene verdeour in the *chamber next the same chamber comyng into the galarie*.
 Item a coverlet of fyne verdeour in the *Quene's dynyng chamber*.
 Item a coverlet of verdeour and Images with a man of horsbacke and a woman on fote in the *Quene's bed chamber*.
 Item a coverlet of tapessarie Imaged‡ in the *Kyng's dynyng chamber*.
 Item a coverlet of old gret verdeour in the *Kyng's dynyng chamber*.
 Item a coverlet of tapessarie Imaged in the *Kyng's brekefast chamber*.
 Item a coverlet of Imagery in the *Kyng's bed chamber*.
 Item a coverlet of course vardeour of Imagery in the *Kyng's Inner chamber*.
 Item a coverlet of Imagery in the *chamber of the said Sir Henrie*.
 Item a course coverlet of Imagery in the *maydens' chamber*.
 Item a coverlet of course tapessarie in *M^r Browne's chamber*.

QUYLTIS. . . . iij.

- Item ij quyltis in the *chamber of the said Sir Henry*.
 Item a quylt of redd and grene sarsenet in the *conduyt chamber*.

* Coberdis = cupboards.

† EMBROIDERED. The word is spelt inbrothered, embrothered, enbrothered, in various entries of this Inventory.

‡ IMAGED, that is, containing images or figures of living creatures, human or brutish.

TESTERS AND SPARVERS. xiiij.

- Furst a testar and sparver of purple velvet embrothered with becons* and bowsers* knots in the *chamber within the parlour*.
- Item a tester of grene sarsenet with a courten in the *ynner chamber*.
- Item a sparver of crymesyn velvet embrothered with white roses in the *chamber next comyng into the galarie*.
- Item a tester and sparver of grene velvet embrothered with redd and white roses and sonnes† in the *chamber next the same chamber comyng into the galarie*.
- Item a sparver of grene velvet with roses and portouleses‡ and outwerks embrothered in the *Quene's dynyng chamber*.
- Item a sparver and testar of right crymesen satten embrothered with the armes of the said Sir Henrie Guldeford frynged with gold of venes§ and silke in the *Quene's bed chamber*.
- Item a rounde testar canapie fassion of blew and crymesen satten of brigges|| in the *Quene's Inner chamber*.
- Item a testar and sparver of tapessarie Imaged in the *Kyng's dynyng chamber*.
- Item a sparver of cloth of sylver and cloth of golde in the *Kyng's brekefast chamber*.
- Item a sparver of crymesyn velvet and grene satten with outworke of cloth of golde in the *Kyng's bed chamber*.
- Item a testar and sparver of yelow and blew damaske in the *Kyng's ynner chamber*.
- Item a testar of right crymesyn velvet pirded and blake gold chamlet in the *chamber of the said Sir Henrie*.
- Item a sparver of russet damaske embrothered with H^{is} and M^{is} in the *maydens' chamber*.
- Item a sparver of yelow and white sarsenet in the *conduyt chamber*.

COURTENS. xxvj in sight.

- Item v courtens of purple sarsenet in the *chamber within the parlour*.
- Item iiij courtens of grene and yelow sarsenet in the *chamber next the same chamber, comyng into the galarie*.
- Item iiij courtens of grene and white sarsenet in the *Quene's dynyng chamber*.
- Item iiij courtens of crymesyn sarsenet in the *Quene's bed chamber*.
- Item j courten of grene and chaungeable sarsenet in the *Quene's Inner chamber*.
- Item iiij courtens of yelow sarsenet in the *Kyng's brekefast chamber*.
- Item iiij courtens of grene and yelow sarsenet in the *Kyng's bed chamber*.
- Item iiij courtens of sarsenet of yelow and blew in the *Kyng's Inner chamber*.
- Item iiij courtens of sarsenet of yelow and white sarsenet in the *conduyt chamber*.

COUNTERPOYNTS¶. xxxj.

- Furst a old pece of tapessarie hanged over the Jakis** in the *Inner chamber next the parlour*.
- Item v peces of Tapessarie gret and small hanged in the *Quene's dynyng chamber*.
- Item iiiij peces of hangyngs of old Imagery of Counterfet Aras in the *Quene's bed chamber*.
- Item iiiij peces of old Tapessarie of Images hanged in the *Kyng's dynyng chamber*.
- Item iiij peces of fyne tapessarie and one course pece of tapessarie hanged in the *Kyng's brekefast chamber*.
- Item iiij peces of Imagery of tapessarie hanged in the *Kyng's bed chamber*.
- Item iiij peces of tapessarie hanged in the *Kyng's Inner chamber*.
- Item iiij peces of old for worne tapessarie hanged in *M^r Browne's chamber*.
- Item v peces of hangyngs of verdours and Fountens†† whereof on hadd to London.

* Beacons and Bourchiers knots—badges of the Bourchier family.

† Roses and suns—badges of King Edward IV.

‡ The portcullis, a badge of Henry VII. and Henry VIII., was a defensive adjunct of the "outworks" of a castle.

§ Venice.

|| Bruges, celebrated for its satin.

¶ Counterpanes.

** The W.C.

†† Tapestry representing fountains. One of these pieces had been sent to Sir Henry's house in London.

LYNEN.

- Item a pair of shetis of cambrike of ij levis.*
 Item v pair of Holand shetis of iij levis.
 Item iiij pair of Holand shetis of ij levis di.
 Item x fyne pillow beris.†
 Item one pair of hed shetis of ij levis.
 Item a gret diaper table cloth of Damaske worke of Crownes and flour de luces.
 Item a smaller table clothe of the same worke.
 Item iiij table clothes of Damaske worke of pawnees whereof ij hath bene occupied‡ and ij unoccupied.‡
 Item a fyne Diaper table cloth of losenges.
 Item a fyne towell to the same of Diaper cloth.
 Item a gret towell of Damaske worke of gilofers and roseis.
 Item ij new towells of Damaske worke of Diaper.
 Item a towell of Diaper knots.
 Item ij Diaper coberd clothes of Diaper knotts.
 Item ij dossen of new Damaske napkyns.
 Item one dossen of old Damaske napkyns.
 Item iiij cover panys.§
 Item ij shaving clothes.
 Item iiij playne coberd clothes.
 Item ij playne clothes for the gret round tabill of ij levis.
 Item ij dossen of new Diaper napkyns.
 Item xix playne Towells whereof xvij new.
 Item iiij Diaper towells.
 Item iiij playne coberd clothes.
 Item ij dossen Diaper napkyns. } New made stuff.
 Item a Dresser cloth.

LYNEN GOYNG ABRODE FOR CHAMBERS.

- Item ij pair of shetis of iij levis di. for the gret bedde.
 Item xx pair of white shetis.
 Item xxj pair of canvas shetis.
 Item xvj pillow beris.

LYNEN STUF BELONGING TO THE PANTRIE.

- Item ix tabill clothes of Diaper.
 Item v Diaper towells.
 Item iiij playne tabill clothes and a brekefast cloth for the hall.
 Item vj playne coberd clothes.
 Item ij playne tabill clothes for the great rounde bourde of ij levis.
 Item one playne towell for the bourde.
 Item iiij new worke towells.
 Item iiij playne tabill clothes for S^r Henry's bourde.
 Item ij dossen di. of Diaper napkyns.
 Item ij dossen di. of playne napkyns.
 Item v wipers.

* *Breadths*, probably. Some of these sheets contained two breadths of cambric, others had three breadths of Holland, while others had only two breadths and a half of Holland. The "great bed" required sheets of three breadths and a half.

† Pillow-cases.

‡ Occupied means "used." Two of these were quite new, "unoccupied."

§ Coverpanys were linen counterpanes.