

COPY OF AN INVENTORY OF QUEEN KATHERINE'S WARDROBE.

THE following copy of an inventory of robes belonging to Queen Katherine has been communicated to the Sussex Archaeological Society by the Right. Hon. the Earl of Chichester. The original has been placed by his Lordship in the British Museum (Add. MS. 32,645, f. 15):—

THESE BEN THE PARCELL OF THE ROBES AND FOURRURES THAT JOHAN WARTHALL HATH RECEIVED OF THE QUENE OURE SOUVERAINE LADYE THE WHICHE BEN IN HIS ENDENTURE OF THE WHICHE ROBES AND FOURRURES WAS DELIVERED TO CERTAINES PERSONYS BE THE QUENE COMMANDEMENT.

Firste and formost delivered be the quene commandement to Katherine Mayfeld a gowne of damaske fourred with ermines and that ermines that the gowne was fourred with that was a fourrure of a gowne of wyngys and for the performing of the same fourrure was taken iii. tyrys of the surcot

Item delivred to Guillemette de Rewe the fourrure of sables that was withynne the said gowne of damaske

Item delivred to Johan Warthall a gowne of blak velvet fourred with gray with ryven slyves

Item delivred to maistresse Darcy a gowne of blak velvet upon satyn fourred with gray with trompes slyves

Item delivred to my lady Leynthall a gowne of velvet upon velvet fourred with ermynes with ronde slyves

Item delivred to Specyng a gowne of purpull velvet fourred with ermynes with greet slyves

Item delivred to the confessor a gowne of blak velvet upon velvet that was single with rond slyves and the

said gowne was fourred with a lytil fourrure of ermynes withouten slyves and to the performyng of the said fourrure went iii. tyrys of the surcot

Item delivred to my lady Harpedeyne a gowne of velvet upon velvet fourred with ermynes with trompe slyves

Item delivred to Katherine Mayfeld a fourrure of gray with trompe slyves and a paire of gret slyves of gray and half of a gret slyve of gray agayn Whithsonneday

Item delivred to Katherine Stanley agayns Michelmasse a gowne of blak cloth with smalle slyves fourred with gray

Item delivred to Agnes Hulfeld a gowne of blak cloth fourred with gret menuver with trompes slyves

Item delivred to Elyzabeth Asteley agayn Michelmasse a gowne of blak cloth fourred weth pured menuver with ronde slyves

Item delivred to Elyzabeth Asteley a gowne of blak cloth lyned with satyn with trompes slyves

Item delivred to Hance of the warderobe a gowne of blak cloth with trompes slyves fourred with bougie¹

Item delivred to Jehannette Kempe at Estre a gowne of blak cloth lyned with bokeram with ronde slyves

Item delivred to the quene before mysommer a gowne of blak cloth sengle and that gowne was fourred with a fourrure of gray the whiche was bought of Raoulin Skener and to performed (*sic*) the said fourrure went a remenant that was left of a gowne of the quene

Item delivred to Guillemyn David a manntel of damaske fourred with ermynes and the said mantel was fourred before with a fourrure of gray and to the parformyng of the said manntel fourred with ermynes went a paire of gret slyves and a tyre and half of the surcot

Item delivred to Symkyn Potikary the fourrure of grey that was in the manntel of damaske abovesaid the whiche fourrure was putted in a lytil gowne of cloth and the said gowne was gyven to the said Potikary

¹ *Bougie* is lambskin with the wool dressed outwards, commonly called *Budge*.
—E. M. T.

Item delivred to my lady Pelham a mantel of dueil fourred with menuver the whiche was gyven to her

Item delivred to Johanette Potwo a kyrtyl of blak velvet benethe and damaske above.

Item delivred to Elizabeth Asteley a kyrtyl of damaske lyned with scarlet

Item delivred to Guillemette de Rewe a kyrtyl of blak cloth lyned with scarlet

Item delivred to Johan Warthalle a kyrtel of blak cloth lyned with scarlet and that same kyrtyl was gyven afore Estre

Item delivred to Jehannette Kempe a kyrtil of blak cloth sengle and that was gyven before Estre

Item delivred to Jehannette Potow a kyrtil of violet sengle and that was gyven at Michelmasse

Item delivred to Stallowrth a gowne of satin and therto went to the fourring of the said gowne a paire of gret slyves of sable and a paire of gret slyves of sables jagued

Item delivred to Thomas Hull a fourrure of kyngys at castel of Hartford and that fourrure was with trompes slyves

Item delivred to Katherine Stanley a gowne of satin fourred with ermynes the whiche fourrure was taken of the mantel of vi. tyrys and xxxvi. bakys of ermyne and to the performyng of the same fourrure was taken of the mantel of viii. tyrys the whiche mantel is in my maistre chamberlan keppynge

Item delivred to the quene at Hartford a book of the passion covured with clooth of gold

Item delivred to my maistre chamberlan a mantel of ermyne of viii. tyres the whiche mantel is reshersed before

Item delivred to Jankyn Potikary a gowne of blak cloth fourred with the fourrure of trompes slyves of sables the whiche fourrure is writen withynne the endenture

Item delivred to the quene at the Hartford a lytel before Mychelmasse a book of the doctrine of the maydenys in franche in quoyers of parchemyn.

Endorsed in a hand of the 17th century:—"Concerning Queen Katherine her Robes delivered by Sir John Pelham² y^e younger her chamberlayne."

[I have to thank the Librarian and Secretary of the British Museum (Edward Maunde Thompson, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., F.S.A.) for kindly correcting this proof and collating it with the original MS.]—ED. "S. A. C."

² Mr. C. T. Phillips writes as follows:—"Having been informed that this inventory related to the property of Katherine, Queen of Henry V., I think the subjoined historical notes may be of service.

"Henry V. (of Monmouth) was born 1389, and married 3rd June, 1420, Katherine of Valois, daughter of Charles VI. of France, by whom (on St. Nicholas Day, 1421) he had only one child, Henry VI. Henry V. died 31st Aug., 1422, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

"Katherine was born 27 October, 1401; crowned in Westminster Abbey, 21st February, 1421. After Henry's death she married secretly one of the King's gentlemen-at-arms, Owen Tudor, a Welshman, by whom she had three sons ('and a daughter that lived but a while.—Sir R. Baker's Chron.). The Queen died Jan. 3rd, 1437, in the thirty-fifth year of her age, and was buried firstly in the Church of St. Katherine by the Tower, and, secondly and lastly, in Westminster Abbey (ex 'Catherines of History'). She was Shakespeare's 'Kate' (see 'Henry V.').

"To him (Sir John Pelham, who was with Henry V. at the siege of Rouen, 1418-1419, and who died in 1429) succeeded another Sir John Pelham, also Constable of Pevensey Castle, and *Chamberlain of the Household to the Consort of Henry the Fifth*. He used in his deeds a beautiful and elaborate seal, on which the two buckles and the 'cage,' an emblem of the captivity of the French King (John), are conspicuous (ex. M. A. Lower's 'Worthies of Sussex,' p. 43).

"The above appears to me conclusive evidence that the Sir John Pelham is the one mentioned in the document, and that its date must be between 1420 and 1437."