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## INTRODUCTION

### PALATINATE CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION IN THE PORT OF CHESTER

First as an independent earldom, and then as a county palatine, Chester, in the main, lay outside the scope of the central administration throughout the Middle Ages. From the late eleventh century onwards organs of regional administration, in the form of an exchequer and chancery, were developed and these functioned until the reforms of the vigorous Tudors swept away palatinate privileges.<sup>1</sup> The key factor, therefore, in the customs organization of the medieval port of Chester is its independence from direct royal control. During this long period Chester stands as a fine example of a franchise port and has more in common with the ports of the principality of Wales, the palatinate of Durham and the duchy of Cornwall than with the royal ports that, from the late thirteenth century, were brought into a national customs system.<sup>2</sup> Before the middle of the sixteenth century royal exchequer and chancery sources yield infrequent matter on the port of Chester and it is the financial records of the palatinate that provide details of customs collection in the port.

<sup>1</sup> R. Stewart-Brown, *The Exchequer of Chester*, *English Historical Review*, Vol. 57 (1942), pp. 289, 291; *Charters in the Administrative History of Medieval England*, ed. T. F. Tout, Vol. 5 (1930), pp. 296-97.

<sup>2</sup> The ports of Wales, Chester, Cornwall, Lancaster and Durham served the least prosperous regions of the country and were not subject to systematic central control until the middle of the sixteenth century. E. A. Lewis has calendared the Welsh accounts to 1547 in *Y Cymmrodor*, Vol. 24 (1913). From 1337 many of the returns for the Cornish ports are enrolled in P.R.O., *Ministers Accounts, Duchy of Cornwall*. In Durham neither the bishop nor the king pursued a policy of regular customs collection. G. T. Lapsley, *The County Palatine of Durham* (1900), pp. 276-77; *England's Export Trade, 1275-1547* ed. E. M. Carus-Wilson and O. Coleman (1963), pp. 40-46, 187, 193. P.R.O., *Ministers Accounts, Duchy of Lancaster*, contain no customs enrolments for the Lancashire ports. Customs organization in these ports was extremely sketchy and was largely concerned with the prevention of illegal exports. R. C. Somerville, *History of the Duchy of Lancaster*, Vol. I (1953), pp. 314-15. Customs policy in the franchise ports was never formulated in the precise way that it was for the royal ports after 1275. Customs varied from one franchise port to another and the imposition of duties depended largely on the character and volume of trade of any one port. When collection of customs was not authorized by cocket seal the ports were officially closed to imports and exports but, as in the case of cloth exports from Chester in the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries, theory did not always match practice.



## INTRODUCTION

### CUSTOMS COLLECTION BEFORE 1301

Little is known about the customs taken at Chester in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Before 1301 financial records relating to the earldom are meagre. During the period of the earldom's independence from the crown (1071-1237) nothing has survived to illustrate the workings of the regional exchequer of Chester. On two occasions, during the minorities of earl Hugh (1158-62) and earl Ranulph Blundeville (1181-87), details of Chester revenue were enrolled on the Pipe Rolls; but in both sets of minority accounts no provision was made for the separate receipts of the city.<sup>1</sup> Despite the lack of evidence it is probable that some customs duties were collected in the port at this time. A rudimentary form of customs organization had existed in the time of Edward the Confessor. Ships arriving or departing without royal licence paid a fine of 4d. to the king and earl and a duty of 4d. was taken on every last of merchandise shipped out of the port.<sup>2</sup> It is probable that between 1071 and 1237 these, or similar, customs were levied solely in the name of the earl of Chester.

After the earldom of Chester became a crown fief its receipts were enrolled on the Pipe Rolls for the years 1237-54 and 1272-1301. In the year 1275-76 mention was first made of the *recta pris*a or the prise of wine taken on behalf of the king as earl of Chester. After 1275 prisage of wine of denizen merchants became a regular custom exacted in the port.<sup>3</sup> This is the only custom on a particular item of merchandise known to have been collected at Chester before the end of the thirteenth century. Details of its exaction only come to light after 1301 when the accounts of the chamberlain of the exchequer at Chester begin to survive.

After 1301 Chester revenue "passed for ever off the Pipe Rolls on to the annual accounts rendered by the chamberlain of Chester at the local exchequer".<sup>4</sup> It is evident that at some time between 1237 and 1301 a thorough reorganization of the financial machinery of the earldom had taken place. The first extant chamberlain's roll for 1301 constitutes a detailed and sophisticated record of the financial affairs of the county and bears the stamp of exchequer clerks schooled in the ways of Westminster. Rather than weakening the regional administrative machine the acquisition of Chester by the crown served to strengthen it. With efficient regional government as a goal exchequer procedures were reformed, revitalized and brought into line with royal practice by personnel trained in the king's service.<sup>5</sup> It is thus ironic that the concept of a palatinate—a semi-regal franchise—which

<sup>1</sup> *Cheshire in the Pipe Rolls, 1154-1301*, ed. R. Stewart-Brown, Lancs. and Cheshire Record Society, Vol. 92 (1938), *passim*.

<sup>2</sup> *The Domesday Survey of Cheshire*, ed. J. Tait, Chetham Society, N.S., Vol. 75 (1916), p. 83.

<sup>3</sup> *Cheshire in the Pipe Rolls, 1154-1301*, *op. cit.*, pp. 118, 135; *Cal. Close Rolls, 1272-79*, p. 297; 1279-88, pp. 308, 499; 1288-96, p. 2; 1296-1302, pp. 180, 270; *Cal. Liberate Rolls, 1257-1300*, p. 198; *Cal. Fine Rolls, 1272-1307*, p. 350.

<sup>4</sup> *Cheshire in the Pipe Rolls, 1154-1301*, *op. cit.*, p. x.

<sup>5</sup> G. Barraclough, *The Earldom and Palatinate of Chester*, *Trans. Hist. Soc. Lancs. and Cheshire*, Vol. 103 (1951), pp. 38-39.

developed at Chester after 1237 rested on an administrative system called into being by the crown.

#### CUSTOMS COLLECTION BETWEEN 1301 AND 1559

##### *Chester and the Evolution of a National Customs System*

During the late thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries the framework of a national customs system, embracing the main ports in the kingdom and organized from the exchequer at Westminster, was laid down. This system was developed in three stages. The so-called ancient custom of 1275 on wool, woolfells and hides exported by native and alien merchants marked the first phase. The second phase came with the so-called new custom of 1303. The new custom of 1303 increased the customs on wool, woolfells and hides payable by aliens; commuted the prise of wine on aliens to a custom of 2s. on each tun imported; introduced a custom on cloth and wax carried by alien merchants; and also introduced an *ad valorem* custom of 3d. in the pound sterling on general merchandise imported and exported by aliens. The third and final phase occurred in 1347 when the custom on cloth, payable by aliens from 1303, was extended to native merchants. By 1347 the customs system as it was to operate in the royal ports throughout the later Middle Ages was complete except for the subsidies of tunnage on wine and poundage on general merchandise which were grafted on to the customs from about the middle of the fourteenth century.<sup>1</sup>

In the development of the English customs system Chester occupied a somewhat ambiguous position. Unmentioned until 1303, between then and 1343 a number of royal instructions relating to the collection of the ancient and new customs were issued for the port. For the most part Chester was grouped with the north Welsh ports, but occasionally she was included in appointments that covered the whole of the Welsh coast to Haverford.<sup>2</sup> These instructions give a misleading picture of Chester's position. If Chester had been fully integrated into the national customs system at this time it would follow that a continuous sequence of appointments of officials would exist. There is no such sequence. Furthermore, even when royal appointments to collect customs at Chester were issued, at no time did royal exchequer clerks handle customs revenue from the port. On the other hand, there is no body of evidence to suggest that the responsibility for the receipt of these customs was merely transferred from the central exchequer at Westminster to the local exchequer at Chester. On only one occasion, for the year 1302-03, did the chamberlain submit a return for the custom of wool, woolfells and hides. Indeed, from 1320 onwards, he began to note that since the cocket seal had not been issued, this custom had not been

<sup>1</sup> The whole matter has been explored in the pioneering work of N. S. B. Gras, *The Early English Customs System* (1918), *passim*.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Fine Rolls, 1272-1307*, pp. 466-67, 475-76; *1307-19*, pp. 10, 33, 34, 68, 336-38; *1327-37*, p. 57; *Cal. Close Rolls, 1307-13*, p. 181; *1313-18*, pp. 498-99; *1318-23*, p. 16; *1323-27*, p. 410; *Cal. Patent Rolls, 1307-13*, p. 149; *1313-17*, p. 15.

taken in the port. Despite this, royal appointments for the collection of customs on wool, woolfells and hides were issued in 1322, 1327 and 1328. Only from 1343 did central and regional sources come to agree that the port of Chester was officially closed to the export of this merchandise.<sup>1</sup>

The ambiguous position of Chester in relation to the early English customs system arises from a combination of two quite separate factors: firstly administrative inconsistency in the dealings between crown and palatinate, and secondly the commercial backwardness of Chester as a port. In theory the king's writ did not run in Chester, but, in practice, the earldom was never entirely immune from the workings of the central administrative machine. Many instances can be found of orders being issued through the royal chancery without any corresponding record in palatinate sources. During the formative years of the customs system, when adjustments in royal policy to suit local conditions were called for, the earldom, in the main, was held either by the king himself or by an earl in minority; and fine distinctions between the king and the king as earl must have seemed somewhat academic to busy officials. Yet the crown did not pursue a vigorous customs policy in the port. To install and maintain customs machinery at Chester, along the lines laid down in the major ports of the kingdom, would almost certainly have ranked as a costly gesture towards national policy. Chester could not be classed as a major wool-producing region, nor, in the fourteenth century, did the hinterland develop as an important cloth centre. In addition, the port was fairly remote from continental markets. Even allowing for a regular trade with the Irish ports it seems certain that Chester was simply not busy enough to warrant inclusion in the national customs system.<sup>2</sup> The cocket seal was withheld and this, in theory, rendered the export of merchandise illegal. The wine trade with Gascony, the only regular contact which Chester enjoyed with a continental market in the fourteenth century, had already been brought under customs surveillance before the ancient custom of 1275 introduced a new phase in national customs policy.

### *Prise and Custom of Wine*

The prise of wine had become established as a permanent custom at Chester in the late thirteenth century. From 1301 to 1554 details of prisage can be followed in the accounts of the chamberlain of the exchequer of Chester. Prisage, in the first instance, belonged to the earl and was treated

<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Fine Rolls, 1319-27*, pp. 145-47; *1327-37*, p. 55; *1337-47*, pp. 222-23, 264-65, 336; *Cal. Close Rolls, 1327-30*, p. 390; *1339-41*, pp. 450-51; *1341-43*, pp. 647-48; *1343-46*, p. 78; *1346-49*, pp. 290-91; *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts, 1301-60*, ed. R. Stewart-Brown, Lancs. and Cheshire Record Society, Vol. 59 (1910), pp. 91, 102, 121, 159-60, 224, 263. In 1378 Chester resisted the exaction of poundage on the grounds that it had been sanctioned by a parliament in which the palatinate was not represented. No further attempt was made to impose subsidies at Chester until the port was brought into the national customs system. *Cal. Fine Rolls, 1377-83*, p. 122; *Cal. Close Rolls, 1381-85*, p. 289.

<sup>2</sup> *England's Export Trade, 1275-1547*, ed. E. M. Carus-Wilson and O. Coleman (1963), p. 175; H. J. Hewitt, *Medieval Cheshire*, Chetham Society, N. S. Vol. 88, pp. 141-42.

as revenue issuing from the earldom. After 1301, even when the king retained the earldom in his own hands, the chamberlain of Chester always accounted for the prise of wine. Prisage was exacted on denizens at the rates of 1 tun on ships laden with between 10 and 20 tuns and 2 tuns on ships with a cargo of 20 tuns or more. Some wine ships touched at ports on the Cornish, Welsh and Irish coasts before making their final discharge at Chester. In these instances prisage was paid at the first port of call and certificates were issued to avoid double imposition.<sup>1</sup> Thus the prisage returns tend to under-record the total tunnage of wine shipped into the port.

The chamberlain also accounted for the custom on alien wine imports after 1303; though aliens were infrequent visitors to Chester in the fourteenth century and the first instance of revenue from this source occurred as late as 1386-87. The rate was 2s. per tun. The subsidy of tunnage was never accounted for by the chamberlain. In 1511 the prise and custom of wine at Chester was put out to farm for a term of 41 years but particulars continued to be recorded in the chamberlains' accounts.<sup>2</sup>

### *Custom of Iron*

Until the reign of Edward IV the chamberlain of the exchequer of Chester accounted for the receipts of the prise and custom of wine only, although yearly he rendered a nil return for the custom of wool, woollfells and hides. In the financial year 1464-65 the chamberlain, for the first time, accounted for a custom on imported iron. It was introduced without any preamble and, thereafter, became a regular palatinate duty. The rate of 2s. the tun never varied; it was levied equally on aliens and denizens and it never bore subsidy. It is not surprising that such a custom emerged at this time. During the reign of Edward IV Chester became regularly involved in the Anglo-Spanish trade and, since iron was a major import from Spain, a custom on this commodity was the obvious way of increasing palatinate revenue.<sup>3</sup> Imports of Spanish wine were already liable for custom.

### *Custom of Leather*

In 1536 Chester was included in the general order authorizing new tariffs on exports of leather. The chamberlain of Chester did not account for this custom in the financial year 1536-37 on the grounds that the port enjoyed exemption from customs impositions under the charter of 1506. The respite was used by the citizens to petition for the suspension of the statute; but, despite the voicing of their prescriptive rights and the brandishing of their palatinate charters, they were unsuccessful. Merchants of Chester who had

<sup>1</sup> *Chester Recog. Rolls*, Vol. I, 36th Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 2, 34, 38, 62, 81, 249, 265, 270, 356, 379, 504, 529, 544.

<sup>2</sup> P.R.O., *Ministers Accounts, Chester*, Henry VIII/343, m. 2d.

<sup>3</sup> A comparable custom was taken in the north Welsh ports in the reigns of Henry VII and Henry VIII. A Contribution to the Commercial History of Medieval Wales, ed. E. A. Lewis, *Y Cymmrodor*, Vol. 24 (1913), pp. 170-88. The iron custom in the port of Chester was described in 1561 as a custom, "paid in no other port of our realm but only there". Chester R.O., *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, f. 99.

shipped leather contrary to the statute were pardoned but, as from the financial year 1537-38, they were obliged to pay this custom to the chamberlain at the standard rate for denizens of 4/1d. the dicker. Aliens paid at the rate of 4/9d. the dicker.<sup>1</sup> A yield of more than £250 perhaps indicates why the crown resisted Chester's pleas for exemption; it had been known for some time that large consignments of leather had been leaving the port.<sup>2</sup> Even after this custom had become established in the port the mayor and corporation paid suit to various members of the royal administration in the hope of obtaining new confirmation of their old liberties, but it was all to no avail. This custom on leather was the first export from Chester to carry a palatinate duty since the exaction, in the year 1302-03, of the custom of wool, woolfells and hides; and whereas the latter was levied for one year only, the duty on leather, when the crown permitted its export, became a regular custom in the port. After 1537, the chamberlain continued to submit a nil return for the custom of wool and woolfells.

### *Integration of Chester into the National Customs System*

In 1559, as a result of processes begun in the reign of Henry VIII, Chester was brought into the national customs system. Yet as late as 1506 a royal charter had confirmed that only wine and iron were liable for customs duty in the port.<sup>3</sup> This proved to be the last time that the crown reinforced palatinate status. Henceforward, as the whole question of the administrative separateness of the franchises came under review, the royal exchequer began to show an increasing concern over customs' collection at Chester. In 1532 an enquiry was initiated on the grounds that customs due to the king as earl were being concealed at Chester. The mayor and corporation carried out a full investigation and issued a strong denial.<sup>4</sup> Nevertheless the privileges of the port, fully elaborated in this rebuttal, counted for nought when the custom of leather was extended to Chester after 1536.

The inclusion of Chester among the ports collecting the leather custom showed that the crown was prepared to impose national tariffs on the palatinate. It was not yet ready to curtail the competence of the palatinate exchequer in customs matters. Responsibility for the collection, receipt and audit of the custom of leather was placed in the hands of the chamberlain. Oversight of this custom was added to his existing commitments with regard to the prise and custom of wine and the custom of iron.

<sup>1</sup> *Statutes of the Realm*, 27 Henry VIII, c. 14; P.R.O., *Ministers Accounts, Chester*, Henry VIII/361, m. 2; *Letters and Papers Foreign and Domestic*, Vol. 11, No. 1453; Vol. 12(2), No. 758.

<sup>2</sup> P.R.O., *Ministers Accounts, Chester*, Henry VIII/362, m. 3; *Letters and Papers Foreign and Domestic*, Vol. 6, No. 1607.

<sup>3</sup> R. H. Morris, *Chester in the Plantagenet and Tudor Reigns* (1894), pp. 524-32.

<sup>4</sup> Below, Section 2, pp. 63-64. In 1541 another writ of enquiry into customs concealment was sent to the mayor and corporation of Chester, P.R.O., *K.R. Customs Accounts*, 31/1. Details of wine and iron imports covering the years 1530-41, and based on the local customs accounts kept by the sheriffs, must have constituted part of the city's answer to this enquiry. *Ibid.* 31/1A, *passim*.

Despite the continuance of separate customs machinery in royal and franchise ports, noteworthy attempts were made during the reign of Henry VIII to bring the franchises into administrative conformity with the rest of England. A statute of 1536 entitled, "an acte for the recontynuing of certayne liberties and franchises heretofore taken from the Crowne", authorized the transfer of wide judicial powers, including the appointment of officers, the issuing of writs and the imposition of fines, from the franchise lord to the king.<sup>1</sup> In the case of Chester such a course of action did not enlarge the king's sovereignty since the earl and the king were one and the same person, but it did entail considerable administrative reorganization. In 1543 a further decisive step was taken in bringing Chester into line with the rest of the kingdom when both the city and county were granted representation in parliament.<sup>2</sup> From late in the reign of Henry VIII much of the financial administration of the palatinate was transferred from the exchequer of Chester to the court of augmentations and became the responsibility of the auditors and receivers of the land revenues of the crown. The accounts of the chamberlain from the first year of Edward VI onwards are shorn of much of their previous matter and are concerned mainly with the profits and fees of the seal and the receipts of the exchequer as a court of justice.<sup>3</sup> The Chester exchequer continued to handle customs receipts from wine, iron, and leather, but its days as receiver of palatinate customs were numbered. The end came on 16 November 1559 when William Glaseour, vice-chamberlain of the exchequer of Chester, was appointed collector of customs, subsidies, tunnage and poundage in the port and ordained to render account of his office in the royal exchequer at Westminster.<sup>4</sup>

The transition from palatinate to royal port was not effected smoothly. Difficulty was experienced in establishing the correct poundage rates and matters were made worse by the controller's insistence on the retention of the palatinate custom of iron. The merchant community of Chester, bitterly annoyed at the intransigence of the controller, successfully petitioned the queen for redress. The old palatinate custom on iron was discontinued and poundage was brought into line with standard rates, but it was made quite clear that national customs' rates were to be applied in the port.<sup>5</sup>

From 1559 the machinery of the national customs' system began to operate along the north western coast of England. Chester became the head port of the north west and Liverpool, Beaumaris and Conway were classified as member ports. Later, Caernarvon and Lancaster were taken into its embrace. Several particulars of account are extant for Chester in the early 1560s and when, in 1565, the royal port books replaced the particulars of account,

<sup>1</sup> *Statutes of the Realm*, 27 Henry VIII, c. 5; G. T. Lapsley, *op. cit.*, pp. 196-97.

<sup>2</sup> *Statutes of the Realm*, 34 & 35 Henry VIII, c. 15.

<sup>3</sup> R. Stewart-Brown, The Exchequer of Chester, *English Historical Review*, Vol. 57 (1942), p. 296; P.R.O., *Ministers Accounts, Chester*, Edward VI/62, Philip and Mary/45.

<sup>4</sup> P.R.O., *K.R. Customs Accounts*, 31/2.

<sup>5</sup> Chester R.O., *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, ff. 95-96.



## INTRODUCTION

port books exist for Chester as well as the other ports in the kingdom. The port of Chester had lost its separate identity.<sup>1</sup>

### LOCAL CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION IN THE PORT OF CHESTER

Throughout the long period that Chester existed as a palatinate port, *custuma ville*, or local customs, were exacted on merchandise entering and leaving the city. The origins and early working of the local customs system at Chester are obscure because hardly any records of civic administration have survived before the fifteenth century. It is certain, however, that local customs were being taken in the port long before details of their collection have come to light. Between 1274 and 1280, when the receipts of the earldom belonged to the king as earl, the Pipe Roll accounts for Cheshire indicate that "small tolls and custom of ships and boats" comprised part of the issues of the city. In the year 1300 the citizens of Chester obtained the fee-farm of the city in perpetuity. In return for an annual payment to the earl of £100 the city received all "appurtenances, liberties and free customs" and this grant would undoubtedly have included the right to levy tolls and customs on commercial traffic in the port.<sup>2</sup>

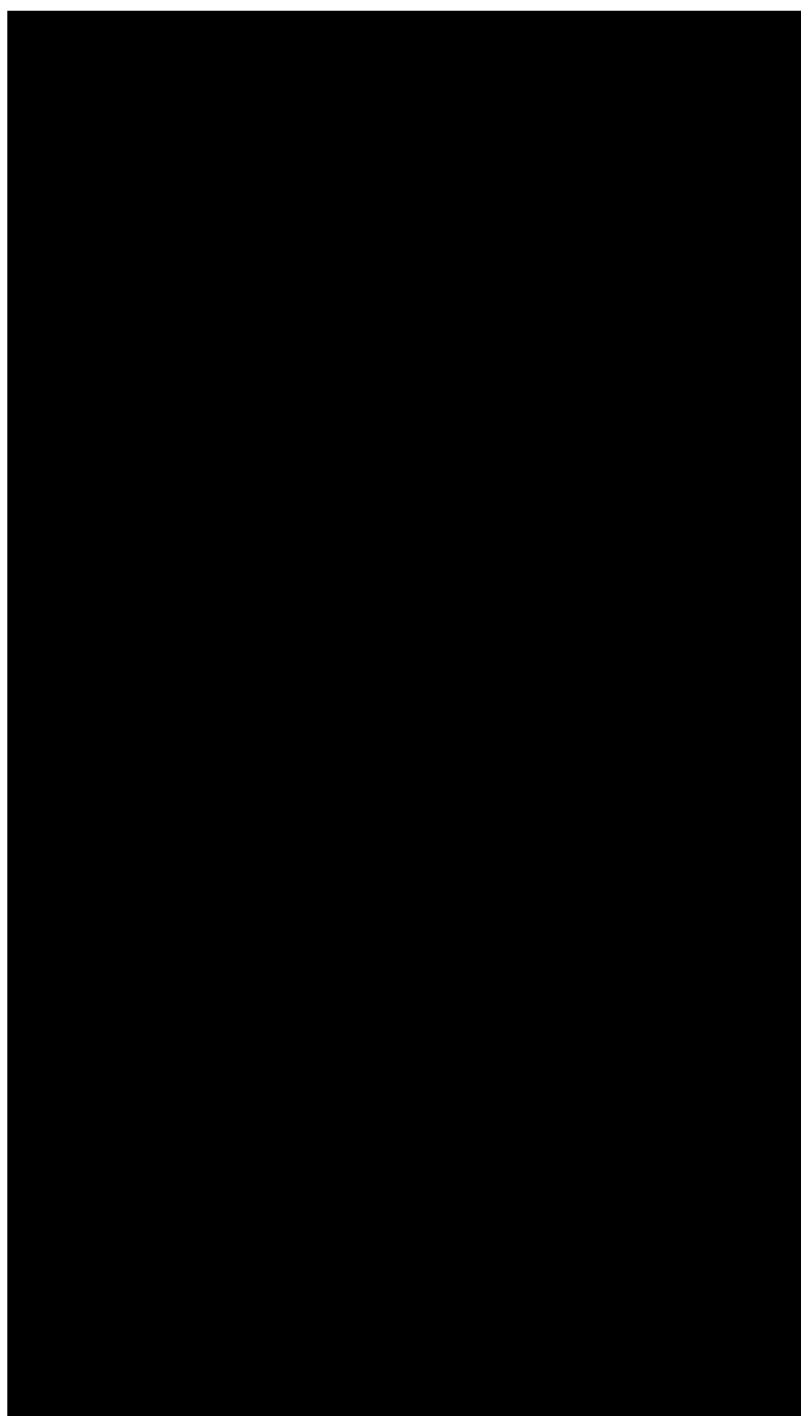
Between 1300 and 1398 there is no contemporary evidence to illustrate the nature of local customs organization and administration in the port. Chester is neither as fortunate as Southampton, which boasts of a schedule of local customs rates drawn up about 1300, nor Exeter and Sandwich which possess late thirteenth century and early fourteenth century customs rolls. The first comprehensive schedule of customs rates to have survived for Chester belongs to the reign of Henry VIII. However some light is shed on the early town customs by a copy of a late fourteenth or early fifteenth century set of customs charges. This early schedule, hereafter referred to as Schedule 1, is printed below in Section 11, p. 143. The schedule in the time of Henry VIII, hereafter referred to as Schedule 2, is printed below in Section 12, pp. 144-46.

### THE LOCAL CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS

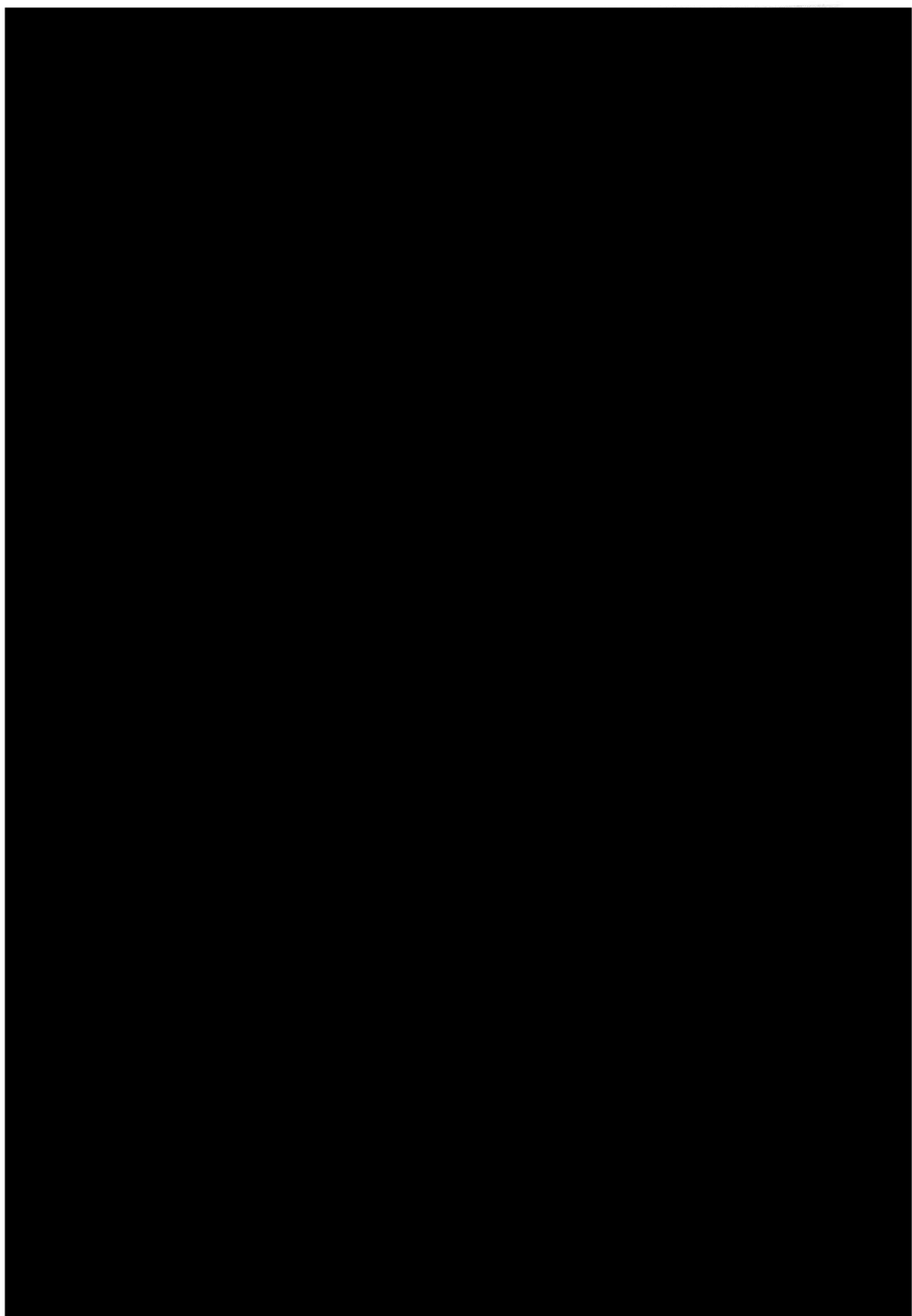
The first surviving local customs account for Chester belongs to the year 1398-99. Much of this account is missing. The remains of nine accounts exist for the reigns of Henry IV and Henry V. All are damaged and only 5 can be ascribed to a specific year. From the reign of Henry VI to the end of the fifteenth century 26 accounts have survived, but all the accounts prior to 1451-52 have been adversely affected by damp. From 1500 to 1566

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O., *L.T.R. Customs Accounts*, 28, *passim*; P.R.O., *Q.R. Customs Accounts*, 31/5, *passim*; 200/4, *passim*; R. C. Jarvis, *The Head Port of Chester; and Liverpool its Creek and Member*, *Trans. Hist. Soc. Lancs. and Cheshire*, Vol. 102 (1950), p. 75; T. S. Willan, *Studies in Elizabethan Foreign Trade* (1959), pp. 87-89; below, Section 6, pp. 73-99.

<sup>2</sup> R. H. Morris, *op. cit.*, pp. 481-82, 490-93, *Cheshire in the Pipe Rolls, 1154-1301*, *op. cit.*, pp. 117, 122, 133, 134, 138.







a further 40 accounts are extant and most of these cover a full civic year. The several accounts for the early fifteenth century and the 66 accounts covering the period from 1422 to 1566 reveal the workings of the machinery of local customs over a fairly long period and give body to a system outlined in Schedules 1 and 2.

### COMPILATION AND FORM

The sheriffs of the city were responsible for the collection of local customs at Chester. The accounts were written up in books but, for the fifteenth century, they do not warrant the title of local port books as do the accounts of the Southampton water-bailiff. The Chester customs' returns take their place alongside proceedings in the civic courts, recognizances for debt, fines from the four streets and other matters in the mayor's and sheriffs' books. During the early sixteenth century much of the non-trading matter disappeared from the sheriffs' books. By the reign of Henry VIII they are almost exclusively concerned with customs' entries and can be regarded as local port books.<sup>1</sup>

Technically the sheriffs' accounts cover a year from the Friday after the feast of St. Denis (9 October). It is clear from the style of the fifteenth century accounts that they are not original returns. They are written in a fair hand; shipping is sometimes recorded out of chronological sequence; and, between 1422 and 1514, the yearly list of landborne traffic entering the port is always written up before the section dealing with seaborne traffic. Occasional evidence points to the existence of rough original returns from which the accounts in the fifteenth century sheriffs' books were probably compiled. As the notion of a customs entry book developed the local customs accounts take on the appearance of original returns. From late in the reign of Henry VIII entries are written in a rough hand with frequent crossings-out and marginal additions and are probably a day-to-day record of the enrolments of the sheriffs' clerk.<sup>2</sup>

Ships arriving in the port were not allowed to break bulk until their cargoes had been registered in the Pentice, the headquarters of the sheriffs. Landborne merchandise destined to be shipped from the port had also to be registered there. Perhaps when these declarations were made merchants or their agents paid custom or nominated approved sureties. Cockets were probably issued by the sheriffs' clerk giving authorization for merchandise to enter and leave the city. Evidence of the issue of cockets comes to light in 1539 when a Spanish merchant paid 16d. for a cocket on a consignment

<sup>1</sup> Chester R.O., *Murage Accounts*, Vol. I, f. 25; *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, f. 104; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. XI, f. 3; *Sheriffs' Court Books*, Vol. I, *passim*. The only matter not concerning customs to remain in the sheriffs' books was pleas in the county court for the city. This court, established by the charter of 1506, never became important.

<sup>2</sup> *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. II, ff. 8d., 98-98d.; Vol. IV, ff. 82-82d.; *Mayor's Book*, Vol. IV, ff. 28, 33. The murage account for 1556-57 reveals the marked difference in style between daily entries and a fair copy. *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. X, ff. 147-158d.

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of cloth and fish leaving the city to be loaded aboard a ship anchored in the Dee estuary.<sup>1</sup>

Besides assistance from clerical staff the sheriffs were very likely helped, at least during the sixteenth century, by a water-bailiff. For the reign of Henry VIII there exists a set of fees relating to this office which reveals that the water-bailiff acted as searcher for the city having the power to arrest ships, merchandise and individuals in the Dee estuary. Undoubtedly the water-bailiff would work in close co-operation with the sheriffs who carried the ultimate responsibility for the collection of customs revenue.<sup>2</sup>

The form of the local customs accounts to *circa* 1420 is somewhat unsettled. Ships arriving in the port are infrequently recorded and the account for 1404-05, the first complete account to survive, omits the arrival of ships altogether. Despite the absence of shipping particulars the movement of merchandise into and out of the city can be ascertained, in many instances, by the inclusion of directions in the body of the account. The account for 1404-05 is printed in Section 8 below, pp. 103-16. The account for 1408-09 is presented along similar lines—that is to say landborne and seaborne traffic are combined to form one account—but on several occasions the arrival of ships is noted. A later account, *temp.* Henry IV, is headed "Custom towards Ireland" but traffic to and from Ireland is listed indiscriminately. Again, in 1416-17, landborne and seaborne traffic are grouped together but, in this year, shipping entering the port is more carefully noted and attempts have been made to list merchants under the ships that carried their goods. The remains of the accounts for 1418-19 and 1419-20 follow a similar pattern.<sup>3</sup>

From 1422-23 distinction is decisively drawn between landborne and seaborne traffic. In this account seaborne traffic is arranged under the heading, "Those who came from Ireland this year". The body of the account records the name, home port and master of each ship and the date of arrival at Chester. Beneath the sub-heading noting the arrival of each ship is listed the names of merchants, or their agents, the quantity of merchandise carried (expressed in terms of horseloads and cartloads) and the custom paid. Landborne traffic is catalogued under the heading "Towards Ireland" and provides the name of each merchant, sometimes his town of origin, the quantity of merchandise carried (also expressed as horseloads and cartloads) and the custom paid. Thereafter the local customs accounts for the fifteenth century broadly follow the style of the 1422-23 account.<sup>4</sup> The account for year 1467-68 is fairly typical of the two-way presentation of the Chester local customs accounts in the fifteenth century. It is printed in Section 9, pp. 117-31.

<sup>1</sup> B.M., *Harl. MSS.* 2057, ff. 121-121d., 143; 2150, ff. 109d.-110; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. III, ff. 62d., 63; Vol. VII, ff. 125, 127; *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, ff. 48-48d., 69d.-70.

<sup>2</sup> *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, f. 64d.; B.M., *Harl. MS.* 2150, ff. 106d.-107.

<sup>3</sup> *Mayor's Book*, Vol. II, ff. 79d.-82d., 90-90d.; Vol. III, ff. 31-35, 58-63d., 92-97d.

<sup>4</sup> *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. I, ff. 24-24d., 54-61; *passim*.

From the turn of the sixteenth century the accounts begin to change in character. Landborne traffic was carelessly entered into the books and disappeared altogether after 1513-14 and the practice of describing imports mainly as horseloads and cartloads began to give way to a detailed itemization of commodities. Thus, after 1513-14, the Chester local customs accounts are concerned solely with merchandise shipped into the port. This merchandise is described in full but all reference to its departure for the hinterland disappeared. Details of payments of custom also disappeared but it is clear from the frequent notes of pledges and sureties that customs continued to be taken. From the mid 1550s the clerks began to summarize the receipts folio by folio and the practice developed of providing a half-yearly, and then a yearly statement which was counter-signed by the sheriffs. Payments of custom, however, by individual merchants continued to be omitted. The account for the year 1525-26, printed in Section 10, pp. 132-42 is fairly typical of the Chester local customs returns for the first half of the sixteenth century.

### THE RATES OF THE LOCAL CUSTOMS

#### *Specific Duties*

Wine was the only item of merchandise to be singled out for a specific customs duty in Schedules 1 and 2. The accounts for the fifteenth century support the statements that wine on entering the port paid a fixed custom of 4d. the tun.<sup>1</sup> Wine leaving the city also paid at the rate of 4d. the tun. This custom tended to merge with the general custom of 4d. for the departure of a cartload of merchandise. Entries in several fifteenth century accounts reveal that rates of 4d. the tun and 4d. the cart exist side by side.<sup>2</sup> Schedule 1 is silent on specific customs other than wine. Schedule 2, besides wine, lists iron, woad, train-oil and similar merchandise as being liable for a custom of 4d. per tun on entering the city and 4d. per tun on leaving. Scattered references in the accounts suggests that merchandise classified by the measure paid at fixed rates throughout the fifteenth century.<sup>3</sup>

Yet, by comparison with ports such as Southampton, Exeter, Sandwich and Yarmouth, the number of specific duties on import and export traffic at Chester was small.<sup>4</sup> Even the muragers and the leavelookers levied specific duties on more items of merchandise than the sheriffs.<sup>5</sup> The fact,

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book*, Vol. I, ff. 50-51d.; Vol. II, ff. 80d., 93d.; Vol. III, f. 33; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. II, ff. 12d., 81; Vol. III, ff. 55. Besides corroborating the rates laid down in Schedules 1 and 2 the accounts show that charges both higher and lower than the standard rate were exacted.

<sup>2</sup> *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. I, ff. 24, 71d., 141, 164; Vol. II, ff. 30, 30d., 67; Vol. III, ff. 26d., 47, 48d., 72; Vol. IV, ff. 54, 77d., 101d., 105d.

<sup>3</sup> *Mayor's Book*, Vol. I, f. 53; Vol. II, f. 82; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. I, ff. 71d., 164; Vol. II, ff. 9d., 30d., 49, 67; Vol. III, ff. 54, 80d.; Vol. IV, ff. 15d., 16, 16d., 38d., 39, 40d., 77d., 101d., 105d.

<sup>4</sup> *The Local Port Book of Southampton for 1439-40*, ed. H. S. Cobb, Southampton Record Series, Vol. 5 (1961), pp. xvi-xvii.

<sup>5</sup> Below, Section 12, pp. 144-46. Unlike the sheriffs, the muragers and the leavelookers also collected poundage on miscellaneous merchandise.

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however, that the sheriffs levied double custom on some items of merchandise (once on entering and once on leaving the city) gives a distinctive character to local customs rating at Chester in the late medieval period.

### *Custom on Carts and Horses*

Apart from the few specific customs already outlined, the bulk of merchandise entering and leaving the city in the fifteenth century was assessed, for customs purposes, in terms of cartloads and horseloads. From the earliest surviving accounts distinction was drawn between merchandise entering the city from inland and merchandise entering the city from the sea.<sup>1</sup> Custom was assessed at the following rates:—

Landborne traffic. Merchandise from inland, en route for the port, paid custom at the rate of 4d. per cartload and 1d. per horseload on entering the city and 4d. per cartload and 1d. per horseload on leaving.

Seaborne traffic. Merchandise entering the city from the port paid at a flat-rate of 4d. Thereafter, if this merchandise left the city for inland markets, a charge of 4d. per cartload and 1d. per horseload was exacted.<sup>2</sup>

These charges on landborne and seaborne traffic remained unaltered during the fifteenth century. From the early sixteenth century the method of recording merchandise entering and leaving the city changed and it is not clear whether fifteenth century ratings continued to operate. Schedule 2 lists a custom for the "outgate" of horseloads (surprisingly, no mention is made of the "outgate" of cartloads) but the style of the post 1514 accounts would suggest that local customs were levied mainly on merchandise carted into the city from quays and landing places on the Dee, and that collection of custom on trans-city traffic ceased to be the concern of the sheriffs.

### *The Value and Interpretation of the Local Customs Accounts*

In assessing the worth of the Chester local customs accounts it is important to bear in mind that, until at least the reign of Henry VIII they constitute a financial record of part of the office of sheriff of the city. By their very nature they omit much that would be of value for the history of the port and hinterland. They are not concerned with the provenance of shipping entering the port, with shipping leaving the port, and the ultimate destination of merchants using the port because these considerations had no bearing on the duties taken. In addition to this inevitable limitation there is the fundamental question of how much of the trade of the port was actually recorded in the accounts. An answer to this question involves a consideration of exemptions, evasions and clerical efficiency at Chester.

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book*, Vol. II, ff. 72, 80, 82.

<sup>2</sup> At certain times in the year double customs payments could be charged on both landborne and seaborne traffic.

The exemption of non-freemen from payment of customs does not seem to have been widespread at Chester.<sup>1</sup> However, exempt merchants (including freemen), were never recorded in the landborne section of the accounts. Hence it is impossible to estimate the total volume of exports and the role of Chester merchants in the export trade of the port. This section of the account, therefore, stands as an incomplete record. Imports fare more favourably. Although for the early fifteenth century, Chester merchants and, by implication, all exempt merchants were largely omitted from the import lists, from about 1450 to the reign of Henry VIII it was usual for the clerks to give a blank entry (just the name and nothing else) to those merchants who, for one reason or another, did not pay custom. Thus from the mid-fifteenth century the numbers of merchants engaged in the import trade can be calculated. From the reign of Henry VIII onwards full details of imports of freemen and non-freemen alike are recorded in the shipping lists.

Customs' evasion, undoubtedly, went on at Chester. The long estuary of the Dee must have provided ample opportunity for the determined smuggler and the odd case of evasion brought before the magistrates would imply that a trickle of merchandise moved through the port without paying custom.<sup>2</sup> Yet those who sought to avoid customs duties denied themselves the use of recognized lightering and carting services, found *bona fide* storage and market facilities closed to them, and risked prosecution in the courts. The saving involved could not have compensated for the inconvenience caused to the established merchant. As it was, the rate of duty was not punitive and the light palatinate customs meant that the total payments on merchandise at Chester would have been smaller than in many ports. Some merchants were tempted to make false declarations yet, once allowance is made for under-recording, there is nothing to suggest that evasion was so widespread as to invalidate the recorded evidence.<sup>3</sup>

Accountancy methods and administrative technique at Chester seem crude and unsophisticated even by the standards of the time. During the late medieval period no single office was responsible for the over-all receipt and disbursement of the revenues of the city. The treasurers only handled revenue issuing from civic rents and admissions into the freedom and did not take cognizance of the accounts of the sheriffs, muragers and leave-lookers.<sup>4</sup> Thus it is impossible to discover the exact state of the city treasury at any precise moment; and, more important for its bearing on the value of the local customs accounts, at no time is it possible to check the sheriffs' returns against totals provided in other civic sources. While auditors appointed by the mayor inspected the accounts of the treasurers, the office of sheriff seems to have escaped official scrutiny. The work of an audit

<sup>1</sup> In the absence of civic ordinances on the matter of exemptions, deductions have to be made from the local customs accounts themselves.

<sup>2</sup> *Mayor's Book*, Vol. II, ff. 5d., 6; Vol. III, f. 37; Vol. IV, f. 6d. *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. I, ff. 133d., 155; Vol. II, f. 56; Vol. III, ff. 62d., 63.

<sup>3</sup> *Mayor's Book*, Vol. II, f. 24; *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, f. 104; R. H. Morris, *op. cit.*, pp. 394-95; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. XI, f. 141.

<sup>4</sup> *Chester R.O., Treasurers' Accounts*, 1/2; 1/8-12.

hand cannot be detected in the local customs accounts and it was not until the mid sixteenth century that the clerks bothered to give totals of customs receipts.<sup>1</sup>

The style of the local customs accounts and the absence of an audit does not inspire confidence in the book-keeping methods of the sheriffs and must inevitably cast some doubt on the validity of the accounts as an accurate guide to the volume of commercial traffic handled in the port. Yet it must be said in defence of the sheriffs that the accounts tend to run in acceptable sequence and the numbers of ships recorded as entering the port year by year are not subject to wild fluctuations. The sheriffs also emerge well from the one possible cross-check that can be made against the local customs accounts over a long period. For the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries numerous comparisons can be drawn between parallel local and palatinate customs accounts and these show a high correlation of ships, carrying wine and iron, recorded by both the sheriffs and the chamberlain. To some extent the two separate exchequers—one in the Pentice, the other in the Castle—provide an independent check on each other. After the integration of Chester into the national customs system, royal and civic exchequer evidence regarding Irish and overseas trade corresponds favourably.<sup>2</sup>

Despite these provisos, doubts about the validity of the Chester local customs accounts as source material can largely be assuaged. In view of the limited character of the palatinate customs returns and the loss of the Irish customs accounts, these accounts provide the best insight into the working of the port in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries when Chester was the main commercial outlet of north-west England.

## SPECIAL TOLLS

Besides the local customs duties other tolls were taken on merchandise entering and leaving the city in the later Middle Ages. The most common were: toll on shipping, murage, leavelookers' custom, recorder's custom.

### *Toll on Shipping*

All vessels entering the port, except boats carrying mussels, oysters and fresh fish, were liable for a toll of 4d. Ships of freemen were not exempt. The charge applied equally to ships engaged in coastal and overseas trade and never varied according to the tonnage of the vessel. This toll applied

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book*, Vol. V, ff. 46d.-47; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. X, ff. 39, 108, 130d., 201. From about this time procedures in the receipt and audit of civic revenue were re-examined. In 1567 the auditors were ordained to keep a more careful eye on the treasury and by 1577 the treasurers were accounting for a number of items in addition to rents and admissions into the franchise. A later copy of treasurers' receipts shows that the treasurers extended their competence to include oversight of the office of sheriff. *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, ff. 69d.-70, 119; *Treasurers' Accounts*, 1/16, *passim*; B.M., Harl. MS. 2004, ff. 45-46d.

<sup>2</sup> P.R.O., *Q.R. Customs Accounts*, 200/4, *passim*; below Section 6, pp. 73-99; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. XI, ff. 49-77; 128-141d.



only when ships arrived in the port—toll on ships leaving the port was never taken at Chester—and is similar to the charge of “keelage” levied in many English medieval ports. It appears to have developed at Chester in the early fifteenth century. Schedule 1 fixed a charge on the merchandise carried by ship and not on the ship itself and some of the earliest surviving accounts do not record shipping entries. It may well be that the practice of listing the arrival of shipping in the local customs accounts came about as a result of the introduction of this toll on ships. Confirmation of this toll comes from Schedule 2.

### *Murage*

Murage (payments towards the upkeep of the walls and pavements of the city) was at first a temporary duty levied on merchandise entering the city but, from the late fourteenth century onwards, became a frequent imposition. In 1506 a royal charter established it as a permanent custom in the city with two officials elected yearly to supervise its receipt and allocation. In all probability this charter merely confirmed long-standing practice.<sup>1</sup>

Only three muragers' accounts, for the years 1440-41, 1476-77 and 1477-78, have survived for the period prior to the reign of Edward VI.<sup>2</sup> In these accounts distinction was made between “Portage Receipts” and “Receipts of Merchants”. Portage receipts were compiled as weekly returns from the four gates of the city and may have been collected as poundage on miscellaneous merchandise. Receipts of merchants for 1476-78 included charges on wine, iron, cloth, yarn and goatfells and this section probably dealt with specific duties. Schedule 2 reveals that a specific murage custom was charged on these and other commodities and that an *ad valorem* duty of 2½d. in the pound was exacted on miscellaneous merchandise of non-freemen passing through the city.

The character of the murage accounts for the years 1551-67 is very different from that of the three fifteenth century accounts. The muragers record the arrival of foreign shipping in the port and the detailed shipments of all non-freemen in a style that closely follows the contemporary local customs accounts. The murage accounts, by the middle of the sixteenth century, were almost exclusively concerned with merchandise shipped into the port. Thus the deficiency in the local customs returns with regard to exports from Chester is not made good by any continuous evidence in these accounts.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Chester Recog. Rolls*, Vol. I, pp. 91, 94, 97-98, 104; R. H. Morris, *op. cit.*, pp. 503-08, 527, 562-64; B.M., *Harl. MS.* 2043, f. 33d.; *Mayor's Book*, Vol. II, f. 94; Vol. III, f. 3; Vol. IV, f. 6d.; Vol. V, f. 176; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. II, f. 73; Vol. III, ff. 102d., 103; Vol. IV, f. 20d.

<sup>2</sup> *Murage Accounts*, Roll V, *passim*; *Murage Accounts*, Vol. I, ff. 1-17d. The account for 1476-77 is incomplete and undated. It is possible to date it from evidence in the local customs account for this year.

<sup>3</sup> The murage account for 1560-61 records the arrival of 70 ships but only two export consignments, both cloth, are mentioned for the whole year. In 1561-62 the muragers made only one reference to the “outgate” of merchandise despite the fact that the royal customer recorded the departure of 34 ships that year. *Murage Accounts*, Vol. II, ff. 5-21, 22-40, 41-60; P.R.O., Q.R. *Customs Accounts*, 200/4, *passim*.



They can, however, be compared with contemporary local customs accounts to ascertain the proportion of imports handled by freemen and non-freemen.

### *Leavelookers' Custom*

According to Schedule 2 the leavelookers were responsible for the collection of custom on the sale of merchandise of non-freemen sold in the city. Custom consisted of specific duties on several commodities and an *ad valorem* duty of 2½d. in the pound on all other merchandise. Only one leavelookers' account has survived for the later medieval period. This account, for the year 1474-75, shows that custom on cloth, hides, iron and fish was levied at rates generally below those indicated in Schedule 2. The amount of money involved was small—total receipts came to less than £3—and disbursements were mostly allocated towards expenses and the entertainment of distinguished visitors to the city. Besides taking custom on merchandise sold in the city, the leavelookers also accounted for payments made by non-freemen on entering the gild merchant.<sup>1</sup> Subscription to the gild merchant must have given these non-freemen certain trading privileges but, evidently, it did not exempt them from the customs exacted by the leavelookers. These merchants who joined the gild merchant in 1474-75 also continued to pay local customs duties on the merchandise they imported and exported. Thus, by this time, entry into the gild merchant was quite distinct from entry into the franchise.<sup>2</sup>

The leavelookers, as wardens of the gild merchant, continued to collect custom during the sixteenth century but none of their accounts have survived. The character of this custom—a toll on the sale of merchandise of non-freemen sold in the city—suggests that the leavelookers' custom, whether or not it was always known by this name, may well have been coeval with the gild merchant.<sup>3</sup>

### *Recorder's Custom*

A recorder of the city was first appointed in 1506.<sup>4</sup> This custom was, therefore, the last of the customs outlined in Schedule 2 to emerge. The recorder was authorized to take a toll of 1d. for the arrival of every ship,

<sup>1</sup> B.M., *Harl. MS.* 2091, ff. 57-58d. This account, written in a fifteenth century hand, appears to be an original. A later hand notes that the account was found in the parchment book of John Sotheworthe, mayor in 1474-75. The same merchants listed by the leavelookers as paying "chapmons yilde" are recorded in the mayor's book this year as entering the gild merchant. *Mayor's Book*, Vol. V, f. 180.

<sup>2</sup> *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. III, ff. 42-58d. Two separate lists of those who entered the gild merchant and those who entered the franchise exist for the year 1474-75. *Mayor's Book*, Vol. V, ff. 180, 184-90. J. H. E. Bennett, *The Rolls of the Freemen of the City of Chester*, Part I, 1392-1700, Lancs. and Cheshire Record Society, Vol. 51 (1906), assumed that entry into the gild merchant was synonymous with entry into the freedom.

<sup>3</sup> *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, ff. 78d., 102; *Mayor's Book*, Vol. VI, f. 33; *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. XI, f. 131. The citizens of Chester claimed that they had formed a gild merchant before the Conquest. *Sheriffs' Book*, Vol. VII, f. 79d. A charter, dated 1200-02, confirmed the right of the citizens to hold a gild merchant. R. H. Morris, *op. cit.*, pp. 481-82.

<sup>4</sup> R. H. Morris, *op. cit.*, p. 525.

1d. for the entry of every merchant with his goods, and 1d. for the "ingate" and "outgate" of every tun of wine, iron, train-oil and similar merchandise. One of the functions of the recorder was to act as clerk of the market; another was to serve as clerk to the sheriffs in the Pentice Court. In his capacity as sheriffs' clerk the recorder may have been obliged to collect tolls to offset the cost of the local customs' machinery. The fees of the sheriffs' clerk, outlined in a copy of a sixteenth century schedule, bear a similarity to the recorder's custom.<sup>1</sup> No accounts relating to this custom are extant.

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<sup>1</sup> *Assembly Book*, Vol. I, ff. 69d.-70; B.M., *Harl. MS.* 2150, f. 110.

PALATINATE CUSTOMS RETURNS OF THE PORT OF CHESTER  
1301-1554

The customs evidence for the port of Chester is enrolled on the accounts of the chamberlain of the exchequer of Chester. The chamberlains' accounts, beginning in 1301, extend to the middle of the 16th century when palatinate privileges were largely curtailed and the independent exchequer of Chester virtually dismantled. The following tabulated list constitutes a record of all the extant palatinate customs returns during the time of the port's independence from the national customs system. The earliest account dates from 7 February 1301 and the last surviving account ends at Michaelmas 1554.

As titular head of the Chester exchequer the chamberlain was responsible for the receipts of the county and for the necessary payments and expenses relating to his office. In practice this responsibility often passed to his deputy the vice-chamberlain. The accounts that follow are not customs accounts as such. Customs revenue from the port of Chester represented only a fraction of the general receipts of the county and can be classified as miscellaneous receipts.<sup>1</sup>

During the period from 1301 to the time when Chester was brought into the national customs system in 1559 only three commodities, wine, iron and hides, paid custom in the port<sup>2</sup>. Needless to say the format of the customs accounts printed below differs considerably from the original accounts. To present the accounts as they appear on the chamberlains' rolls would require a great deal of space and would render the information they contain less easily accessible to the reader. For example a ship entering the port carrying wine of both denizen and alien merchants and also iron appears three times on the account: once in the prise of wine, once in the custom of wine and once in the custom of iron. Such unnecessary repetition has been avoided by abandoning the distinction drawn by the chamberlain between wine and iron shipments in favour of listing full details of cargo against the name of each ship. Unless otherwise stated the account runs from Michaelmas to Michaelmas and the ships arriving in the port in any one year are entered, wherever possible, in chronological order.

<sup>1</sup> The style of the early chamberlains' accounts can be seen in *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts 1301-1360*, ed. R. Stewart-Brown, Lancs. and Cheshire Record Society, Vol. 59 (1910), *passim*.

<sup>2</sup> Apart from the one year 1302-03 when wool, woolfells and hides were customed on leaving the port.

The term "sailing particulars" includes the name and the home port of the ship and, when given, the name of the master. The chamberlain never records the port of shipment but this information can, at times, be obtained from the customs registers of the constable of Bordeaux and from various charter parties enrolled in the Chester recognizance rolls<sup>1</sup>. Similarly these two sources sometimes supply the name of the master of a ship as do the shipping lists in the mayors' and sheriffs' books of the city. When the sailing particulars can be extended in this way the information given has been placed in brackets, e.g. ( ), and the source noted. The names of the shippers have been taken solely from the chamberlains' accounts, notwithstanding the fact that when a local customs account coincides with a chamberlain's roll the lists of shippers are often seen to be more numerous and, at times, contradictory to the details supplied by the chamberlain. The number of tuns of wine imported by alien merchants and the number of tons of iron imported by denizens and aliens alike is always given in the account because the custom charged was 2s. for every tun/ton imported. Details of the prise of wines are less precise and it is not before 1513 that the chamberlain begins to record the actual tunnage of wine imported by denizens as well as the prise taken. From time to time, however, the details of a wine shipment can be ascertained from another source and this has been done wherever possible and the source duly noted. By collating the palatinate customs accounts with the local customs evidence it would have been possible to introduce into the following accounts a variety of merchandise carried by ships paying the prise and palatinate custom at Chester. This line of approach has not been followed because to have done so would present a great many editorial problems and, further, would tend to alter the character of the palatinate accounts. It is worth remembering however that these ships, at least from the late 15th century onwards, besides carrying wine and iron to Chester, often brought in woad, pitch, resin, salt, train, fruit and other merchandise not liable for palatinate duty.

The entry termed "anchorage" simply denotes the point in the Dee estuary at which the ship discharged its cargo. From there the wine and iron were brought up to the city by lighters and barges. No palatinate fee was charged for the privilege of anchoring within the franchise.

The accounts themselves are written in the neat and economical hand of exchequer clerks employing a corrupt and abbreviated Latin. In expressing these accounts in tabulated form the following rules of transcription have been followed:—

The name of the ship and the port of origin have been rendered, wherever possible, in modern English. Christian names have also been put into modern English and this includes common christian names, for example, John, Peter, of alien merchants. The original spelling of surnames has been retained. Similarly when the christian name of an alien merchant is more unusual the

<sup>1</sup> The original rolls, classified in the Public Record Office under the reference Ministers Accounts, *Chester* 2, have been consulted. The rolls are calendared in the Appendices to the 36th., 37th. and 39th. *Reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records*.

name has been left as it stands. Abbreviations have been extended when the extension is obvious; otherwise an abbreviation sign (a simple apostrophe) is indicated. In the case of foreign place names and alien merchants the letters "n" and "u" are sometimes doubtful because of the practice of the exchequer clerks of not distinguishing between these two letters. Brackets [ ] indicate that a blank has been left in the account.

The chamberlains' accounts from 1301 to 1360 have already been published.<sup>1</sup> It was thought worthwhile to extract the customs evidence from these accounts and so group together in sequence all the surviving custom returns for the palatinate port of Chester. The chamberlains' accounts are classified in the Public Record Office under Ministers' Accounts and the reference to each roll is indicated in the following accounts. Each reference is prefaced by the pressmark S.C.6 and this therefore has not been included in the references below. There are gaps in the accounts for certain years when the chamberlains' rolls have not survived.

TABULATED LISTS OF THE PALATINATE CUSTOMS RETURNS  
OF THE PORT OF CHESTER, 1301-1554

[Note: The information is set out as follows:

Date (reference)

(1) Sailing particulars; (2) Shipper; (3) Cargo; (4) Prise; (5) Custom in £ s. d.; (6) Anchorage.]

7 Feb. 1301 to Mich. 1301

Prise of wine not referred to in this account.

1301-2

Prise of wine not referred to in this account.

1302-03

Nov. (1) "*Nandeu*" of Dartmouth; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Heswall.

June (1) "*Ship of Lyme*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

OUTWARDS

(1) Diverse ships going to foreign parts; (2) William de Doncastre, David ap Eignon and others; (3) 27 lasts, 4 dickers, 2 hides, 1 sack wool, 563 lamb fells; (5) 19.1.8½.

1303-04

Oct. (1) "*Redecog*" of Chester; (2) Richard Spirling, Geoffrey de Tervyn; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

March (1) "*Ship of William de Doncastre*"; (3) 70t. Wine; (4) 1t.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Cheshire in the Pipe Rolls*, ed. R. Stewart-Brown, Lancs. and Cheshire Record Society, vol. 92 (1938), pp. 193-216 where the chamberlain's account from 7 February 1301 to Michaelmas 1301 is introduced as an appendix. *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts 1301-1360*, *op. cit.*

<sup>2</sup> Of a total cargo of 70 tuns of wine, 50 belonged to the earl of Lincoln who was exempt from prisage. A prise of 1 tun was taken on the 20 remaining tuns which belonged to diverse merchants.

1305-06<sup>1</sup>

(3) Wine; (4) 8t.

1312-13

(1) "*Ship of Richard Russel*" from Gascony; (2) the owner; (3) Wine; (4) 1t.

(1) "*Ship of Richard Falays*" from Gascony; (2) the owner; (3) Wine; (4) 1t.

1315-16<sup>2</sup>

(3) Wine; (4) 6t.

1319-20 (26 May 1320-30 Sept. 1320)

July (1) "*Holirodecogge of William de Doncastre*"; (2) the owner; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Aug. (1) "*Ship of John Gabriel and John le Bernoun of Winchester*"; (2) the owner; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

1326-27<sup>2</sup>

March (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

1334-35<sup>2</sup>

(3) Wine; (4) 10t.

1335-36<sup>2</sup>

(3) Wine; (4) 8t.

1347-48<sup>3</sup>

(1) "*Ship of Richard le Bruyn of Chester*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

(1) "*Ship of Bartholomew de Northworthyn*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

(1) "*Ship of Thomas de Heghegreve*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

(1) "*Ship of Richard de Capenhurst*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

(1) "*Ship of John de Smethyngton*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

(1) "*Ship of Roger de Shardelowe*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

(1) "*Ship of David Galuerne*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.

1349-50<sup>2</sup>

(2) William de Derwoldesshagh; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Neston Park.

1350-51

No wine imported this year.

1353-54

(1) "*Ship of Stephen de Keleshale of Chester*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

(1) "*Ship of Henry Esmond*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> Bordeaux customs register records that the "Holy Cross of Chester", master Henry de Bigosye, left Bordeaux on 5 January 1306 with a cargo of 84 tuns wine. P.R.O., (*K.R. Exch. Acc. Var. 161/3*, f.30). Some of this may have been destined for Chester. Similarly in the year 24 September 1310-2 September 1311 the "Holy Cross of Chester", master Richard Lelong, made two journeys from Bordeaux, on one occasion carrying 113 tuns of wine and on the other 111 tuns. P.R.O. (*K.R. Exch. Acc. Var. 163/4*, ff.11, 95d.). Other evidence points to Chester's wine trade with Gascony when the accounts of the chamberlain of Chester have not survived. Thus in 1322 eight Chester merchants chartered the Nicholas of "Lymington" to carry 105 tuns and 7 pipes of wine from Bordeaux to Chester. (*Cal. Close Rolls, 1318-23*, p. 453).

<sup>2</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>3</sup> Ships this year anchored at Neston and Gayton Park.

1354-55

(1) "*Ship of John Wylm*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

1356-57<sup>1</sup>

(3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1357-58<sup>1</sup>

(3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1358-59

(1) "*Ship of Roger del Reulle*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1359-60

(1) "*Ship of Roger de Chepestowe*"; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1360-61 (772/2 m. 2)

No wine imported this year.

1361-62 (772/3 mm. 3, 3d., 6d.)

(1) *Walter of Dartmouth*; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1369-70 (772/5 mm. 2, 4d., 6d.)

March (1) *Michael of "Hook"*; (2) Geoffrey de Flynt; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.

March (1) *Cog Thomas of Fowey*; (2) Ralph de Thorp; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.

1370-71 (772/6 mm. 1, 2d., 3d.)

(1) *Katharine of Bristol*; (2) Geoffrey de Flynt; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.

1372-73 (772/8 m.1)

No wine imported this year.

1373-74 (772/9 m. 1; 772/10 m. 1)

No wine imported this year.<sup>2</sup>

1377-78 (772/11 m. 1)

No wine imported this year.

1378-79 (772/13 m.1)

No wine imported this year.

1379-80 (772/15 m. 1)

No wine imported this year.

1380-81 (1302/9 (Min. Accts: Addenda) mm. 1, 3d.)

(1) "*Ship of John Kendene and John Cloude*"; (2) the owners; (3) Gascon wine;  
(4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1381-82 (772/16 m. 1)

No wine imported this year.

1382-83 (1302/11 (Min. Accts: Addenda) m. 1)

No wine imported this year.

1383-84 (772/16 m. 1)

No wine imported this year.

<sup>1</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>2</sup> Underneath the heading "Custom of wool and hides" is the following entry:—"3s. 4d. received from John Peicesbury for his wool customed at Rothel' this year."

1384-85 (772/19 mm. 1, 3d.)

- (1) "*Ship of John Cloude of Bristol*"; (2) the owner; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1385-86 (772/20 mm. 2, 2d., 5d.)

- (1) *Mary of Fowey* (William Lingam from Bordeaux)<sup>1</sup>; (2) John del Hall of Chester, Robert Coly of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Julian of Dartmouth* (Richard Molongie from Bordeaux)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Richard Clok of Dartmouth; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1386-87 (773/1 mm. 1, 2d., 6d.)

- (1) "*Mes de Seint Crois*" of Bayonne; (2) William Racchedale of Worcester<sup>2</sup>; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Julian of Dartmouth*; (2) Richard Molangar of Bayonne; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Julian of Bristol*; (2) Thomas Graunt of Bristol; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (2) John Franket of Bordeaux<sup>3</sup>; (3) 35t. Gascon wine; (5) 3.10.0.

1387-88 (775/13 m. 1)

No wine imported this year.

1388-89 (773/4 m. 1)

No wine imported this year.

1389-90 (773/6 mm. 1, 2d.)

- (1) (*Katharine of "Lim"*, John Elle from Bordeaux)<sup>4</sup>; (2) John Argnaignell of Bordeaux; (3) 23t. Gascon wine; (5) 2.6.0.

- (2) William de a Mountaigne of Bordeaux; (3) 6t. Gascon wine; (5) 12.0.

1390-91 (773/7 m. 1)

No wine imported this year.

1391-92 (773/8 mm. 1, 2d.)

- (1) *St. George of Teignmouth* Robert Boulton from Rochelle<sup>5</sup>; (2) Henry de Briccheye (of Chester)<sup>5</sup>; William Richedal (of Chester)<sup>5</sup>; (3) (74t.)<sup>5</sup> Rochelle wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *George of Chester* (from Bordeaux)<sup>6</sup>; (2) Peter Reynand of Bordeaux, Elia P[ ] of Bordeaux; (3) 29t. Gascon wine; (5) 2.18.0.

1392-93 (773/10 mm. 2, 3d.)

- (1) *Mary of Bristol* (John Boulton from Rochelle)<sup>7</sup>; (2) Innocent de Chestrefeld (of Chester)<sup>7</sup>; (3) Rochelle wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O., K.R. Exch. Acc. Var. 183/11 ff.12, 35d.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps for Westchester; a William Rachedale was a leading Chester merchant.

<sup>3</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>4</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 118; *Chester 2/63* m. 2. The date of this charter-party is 24 October 1390 and would, therefore, place the arrival of the ship at Chester in the financial year 1390-91.

<sup>5</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 57; *Chester 2/65*, m. 2. The date of this charter-party is 22 November 1392 and would place the arrival of the ship at Chester in the financial year 1392-93.

<sup>6</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 402; *Chester 2/64*, m. 3d. This charter-party is dated 6 March 1391.

<sup>7</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 105; *Chester 2/66*, m. 1d. The date of this charter-party is 14 November 1393 and would place the arrival of the ship at Chester in the financial year 1393-94.



- (1) *George of Chester* (John Lenne from Bordeaux)<sup>1</sup>; (2) John Coly of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1393-94 (773/12 (Mich. 1393-20 July 1394) mm. 1d., 2d.; 774/2 (20 July-Mich. 1394) m. 2d.)

- (1) *Christopher of Newcastle* (Huchon Byker from Bordeaux)<sup>2</sup>; (2) Innocent de Chestrefeld; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1394-95 (774/3 mm. 2d., 3d.)

- (1) *Leonard of Dartmouth* (John Dournyng from Bordeaux)<sup>3</sup>; (2) Henry Birchynshagh; (3) (24t.)<sup>3</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Holy Ghost of Brest*; (2) Gilbert Camberton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Magdalene of Drogheda* (Thomas Towynaham from Bordeaux);<sup>4</sup> (2) Innocent de Chestrefeld; (3) (50t.)<sup>4</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Julian of Dartmouth*; (2) William de Rachedale; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Katharine of Plymouth*; (2) John de Overton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1395-96 (774/4 mm. 2d., 4d.)

- (1) *George of Chester*; (2) John Coly; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Margaret of Dartmouth* (Robin Fegowe from Libourne);<sup>5</sup> (2) Nicholas Cotel; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1396-97 (774/6 mm. 2d., 4d.)

- (1) *James of Waterford*; (2) Robert Coly; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1397-98 (774/8 mm. 2d., 5d.)

- (1) *Mary of Guernsey*; (Philip John)<sup>6</sup>; (2) John Harre; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Pull<sup>7</sup> in Wirral<sup>7</sup>.

1398-99 (774/10 (Mich. 1398-26 Aug. 1399) m. 1d.)

No wine imported this year.

1399-1400 (774/11 mm. 2d., 6d.)

- (1) *Mary of Dartmouth*; (2) Innocent de Chestrefeld; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

- (1) *Trinity of Dublin*; (2) John de Overton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1400-01 (774/13 mm. 2d., 6d.)

- (1) Dec. *George of Chester*; (2) John Coly; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 142; *Chester 2/66*, m. 1d. Dated 20 November 1393, placing the arrival at Chester in the year 1393-94. The charter-party gives a cargo of 48t. 1 pipe leaving Bordeaux for England.

<sup>2</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 105.

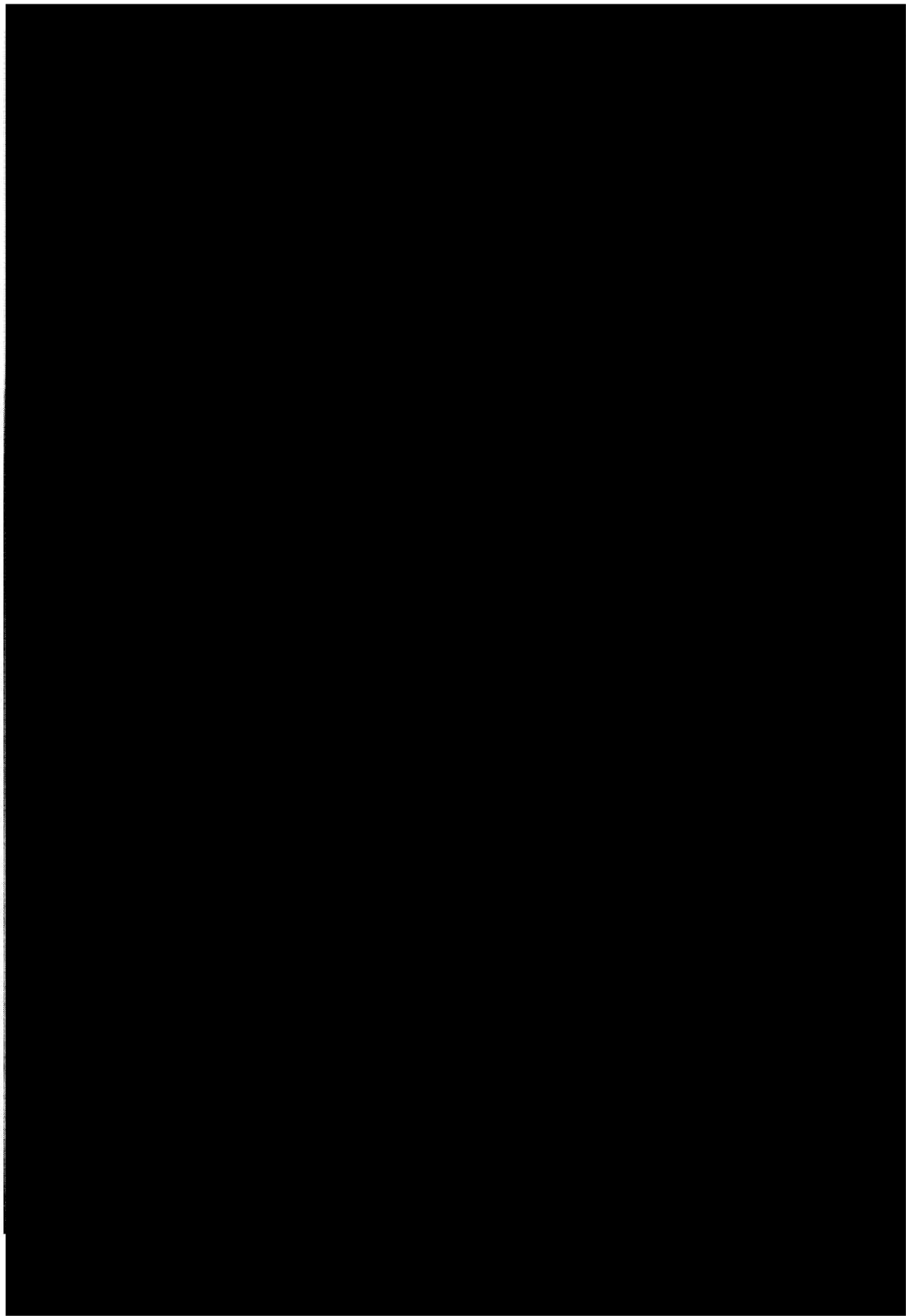
<sup>3</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 157; *Chester 2/68*, m. 2d. This charter-party lists a further 54 tuns of wine belonging to 5 other merchants.

<sup>4</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 474; *Chester 2/68*, m. 2d.

<sup>5</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 277; *Chester 2/69*, m. 8. A total cargo of 64 tuns 1 pipe was freighted from Libourne to different ports in England.

<sup>6</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 265; *Chester 2/71*, m. 2. This ship paid prisage at Dublin.

<sup>7</sup> Possibly Portpool.





Dec. (1) "*Bussh*" *alias Christopher of Boston* (Peter Stokes from Libourne)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Richard Kylyngton, David Archer; (3) Rochelle wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
March (1) *George of Chester* (from Bordeaux)<sup>2</sup>; (2) John Coly; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1401-02 (774/14 mm. 2d., 6d.)

(1) *George of Hull*; (2) John de Overton, Elye Trevor; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

(1) *George of Plymouth* (William Thomas from Bordeaux)<sup>3</sup>; (2) Thomas Persone, John Hokes; (3) (67t.)<sup>3</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

(1) *Katharine of Plymouth*; (2) John de Overton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

(1) *George of Dartmouth*; Elie Trevor; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1402-03 (774/15 m. 4d.)

(1) *Nicholas of "Otermouth"*; (2) Thomas Persone, John Castell; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1403-04 (775/3 m. 4d.)

No wine imported this year.

1404-05 (775/4 mm. 3d., 6d.)

(1) *George of Dartmouth*; (2) William Sydeburgh, John Leg, John Olyver, Robert Maundervill; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1405-06 (775/5 m. 4d.)

No wine imported this year.

1406-07 (775/6 m. 3d.)

(1) *Cog John of Milford*; (2) John Overton, John Castell; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1407-08 (775/9 mm. 3d., 5d.)

No wine imported this year.

The date at the head of this roll is given as Mich 1407-Mich, 1408. However, the details of the prise of wine on mm. 3d., 5d. indicate that the 3 ships recorded on this roll entered in December 1408. These ships have, therefore, been taken as entering during the year Mich. 1408-Mich, 1409.

1408-09 (775/9 mm. 3d., 5d.)

Dec. (1) *Christopher of Dartmouth* (John Reper from Bordeaux)<sup>5</sup>; John Legg + co.<sup>4</sup>; (3) (31t.)<sup>5</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, pp. 270, 527; *Chester 2/75*, mm. 3d., 5, 8d. The date of this charter-party, 13 February 1401-02, would place the arrival of the ship at Chester in the financial year 1401-02. The charter-party lists a cargo of 45 tuns of wine carried on behalf of 4 Chester merchants. The ship paid prisage at Beaumaris.

<sup>2</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 119. *Chester 2/75*, m. 3d.

<sup>3</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, pp. 375, 529; *Chester 2/76*, mm. 1d., 2. The date of this charter-party, 18 October 1402, would place the arrival of this ship at Chester in the financial year 1402-03. The charter-party lists a further 25 tuns of wine in the name of another merchant.

<sup>4</sup> '+ co.' has been used to translate the phrase "et sociis suis".

<sup>5</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I*, p. 529; *Chester 2/81*, m. 3d. Three others shipped a further 29 tuns of wine but the charter-party quotes rates of freightage to other ports besides Chester.

Dec. (1) *Trinity of Dartmouth*; (2) John de Overton, John Hokes; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Dec. (1) *Mary of Dartmouth*; (2) John de Overton, John Hokes, John Drymer; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1409-10 (775/11 mm. 1, 3d.)

No wine imported this year.

The date at the head of this roll is given as Mich. 1409-Mich. 1410. The information concerning the prise of wine from 1 ship on m. 3d. is dated December 1410. This ship has, therefore, been included in the account for the year Mich. 1410-Mich. 1411. 775/10, a duplicate roll for the year Mich. 1409-Mich 1410 also gives the date of entry of the ship as December 1410.

1410-11 (775/11 mm. 1, 3d.)

Dec. (1) *Mary of Dartmouth* (Walter Hillyng from Bordeaux)<sup>1</sup>; (2) John Leg, Robert Mondeville; (3) (65t. 1 pipe)<sup>1</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

April (1) *Mary John of Dartmouth* (John Payn)<sup>2</sup>; (2) John Barbour of London; (3) Rochelle wine; (4) 2t.; (6) "les Wythyns" in Wirral.

(2) Mounat Mouney of Bordeaux, Anthony de Tournou of Bordeaux, Goubert de Lyse of Bordeaux;<sup>3</sup> (3) 65t. wine; (5) 6.10.0.

1411-12 (775/14 (Mich. 1411-16 Dec. 1412) mm. 1, 3d.)

Dec. (1) *Trinity of Dartmouth*; (2) Robert Mondeville; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

A ship called the *Holy Ghost of Newcastle* is recorded as entering in January 1413. This ship has been included in the account for the year Mich. 1412-Mich. 1413.

1412-13 (775/14, 775/15)<sup>5</sup>

Jan. (1) *Holy Ghost of Newcastle*; (2) Thomas Spenser + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Katharine of Salisbury* (John Gerdeler from Bordeaux)<sup>4</sup>; (2) Thomas Spenser; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1413-14 (1302/15 (Min. Accts. Addenda) mm. 1, 4d.)

Dec. (1) *Mary Cog of Dartmouth*; (2) Robert de Mondavill + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Dec. (1) *Mary John of Dartmouth*; (2) Thomas Spenser, John Orton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

March (1) *Leonard of Newcastle*; (2) John Orton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1414-15 (776/1 mm. 1, 3d.)

Feb. (1) *Cog John of Milford*; (2) John de Overton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I.* p. 530; *Chester 2/83*, m. 1d.

<sup>2</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll I.* p. 530; *Chester 2/83*, m. 3d.

<sup>3</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>4</sup> P.R.O., *K.R. Exch. Acc. Var. 185/7*. f. 55d. This ship left Bordeaux laden with 165 tuns of wine.

<sup>5</sup> 775/14 (Mich. 1412-16 Dec. 1412) mm. 1, 3d.

775/15 (16 Dec. 1412-Mich. 1413) mm. 2, 3d.

Feb. (1) *Katharine of Bayonne*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

March (1) *Barge of "Orry"*; (2) Thomas de Wotton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1415-16 (776/3 mm. 1, 3d., 4d.)

Dec. (1) *Anthony of Dartmouth*; (2) Robert Maundevill + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Dec. (1) *Margaret of Fowey*; (2) Richard Thornley + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Peter of Chester*; (2) Richard Thornley + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Margaret of "la Toure"*; (2) Thomas Spenser + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

March (1) *Katharine of Bordeaux*; (2) Thomas de Wotton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

April (1) *Gabriel of "Asshe"*; (2) John Legge + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

April (1) *Margaret of "la Toure"*; (2) John de Overton + co.; (3) Gascon and Rochelle wine; (4) 1t. Gascon, 1t. Rochelle; (6) Redbank.

(2) Peter Aruabton + co. of Bordeaux;<sup>1</sup> (3) 4t. Gascon wine; (5) 8.0.

1416-17 (776/4 mm. 1, 4d., 5d.)

Dec. (1) *St. John of Dartmouth*; (2) William Ratchedale + co. (3) (31t.)<sup>2</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Dec. (1) *Peter Castle of Bordeaux*; (2) Thomas Wotton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *"La Bargesoyne"*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2 t.; (6) Redbank.

Feb. (1) *Mary of Howth*; (2) Robert Coly + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Feb. (1) *Katharine of Bayonne*; (2) Thomas Scot + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1417-18 (776/5 mm. 1, 2, 3d.)

Jan. (1) *Patrick of Dartmouth*; (2) Robert Maundevill + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Trinity of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmer + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Mary of Howth*; (2) Richard Thornley + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *"George Furnyvall"*; (2) Robert Coly + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1418-19 (776/6 mm. 1, 4d.)

Dec. (1) *Katharine of Dartmouth*; (2) John Asshe + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>2</sup> *Mayor's Book* (henceforth abbreviated *M.B.*) III f.33.

- Dec. (1) *Gabriel of Dartmouth*; (2) Robert Coly + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Jan. (1) *Christopher of Bridgwater*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- 1419-20 (776/7 mm. 1, 2)
- Dec. (1) *Trinity of London*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) (48t. 2hh.)<sup>1</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Dec. (1) *Gabriel of Dartmouth*; (2) Robert Coly + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- March (1) *George of "Asshe"*; (2) John de Overton, Thomas Spencer; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- 1420-21 (776/8 mm. 1, 2, 4d.)
- Jan. (1) *Margaret of Dartmouth*; (2) John Legge + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- 1421-22 (776/9 mm. 1, 4d.)
- Dec. (1) *Trinity of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- 1422-23 (776/10 mm. 1, 3d.)
- Dec. (1) *Mary of Plymouth*; (2) John de Overton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Dec. (1) *Trinity of Dartmouth*; (2) Robert Draan + co.; (3) (50t.)<sup>2</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Jan. (1) *James of Boston*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- 1423-24 (776/11 mm. 1, 3d.)
- Dec. (1) *Peter of Dartmouth*; (2) John de Overton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Jan. (1) *Mary of Dartmouth*; (2) John de Overton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Feb. (1) *George of Chester*; (2) Thomas Wotton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- March (1) *Trinity of Dartmouth*; (2) Roger Dedwode + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- [ ] (1) *James of Bristol*; (2) William Stanmer + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- 1424-25 (776/13 mm. 1, 3d.)
- Dec. (1) *Mary of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmer + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Dec. (2) *Mary of Newcastle*; (2) William Stanmer + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Jan. (1) *Mary of Plymouth*; (2) John Walshe; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> *M.B.III* f.94.

<sup>2</sup> *Sheriffs' Book* (henceforth abbreviated *S.B.*) I f. 56d.



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1425-26 (776/15 mm. 1, 3d.)

Dec. (1) *Mary of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Dec. (1) *Christopher of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1426-27 (777/2 mm. 1, 3d.)

Jan. (1) *Trinity of "Asshe"*; (2) Thomas de Wotton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Michael of Dartmouth*; (2) Thomas de Wotton + co. (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Christopher of Dartmouth*; (2) Thomas and William Rogerson; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1427-28 (777/4 mm. 1, 3d.)

Jan. (1) *Patrick of Dartmouth* (David Roche)<sup>1</sup>; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) (20t. 1 pipe)<sup>1</sup>; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Trinity of "Asshe"* (John Kysheton)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Thomas de Wotton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) (*Trinity of*)<sup>1</sup> *Asshe*; (2) John Walshe + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1428-29 (777/6 mm. 1, 3d.)

Jan. (1) *Thomas of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

[ ] (1) *Mary Welfare of Dartmouth*; (2) Thomas de Wotton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1429-30 (777/7 mm. 1, 4d.)

Jan. (1) *Trinity of Exeter*; (2) William Stanmer; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Thomas of Dartmouth*; (2) Robert Draven; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1430-31 (777/8 mm. 1, 3d.)

Jan. (1) *Trinity of Hull*; (2) William Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *George of Fowey*; (2) Thomas de Wotton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1431-32 (777/9 mm. 1, 4d.)

Jan. (1) *Trinity of Hull*; (2) Thomas Stanmere + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Edward of Fowey* (John Parkyn from Bordeaux)<sup>2</sup>; (2) Thomas Wotton + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1432-33 (777/10 mm. 1, 4d.)

Jan. (1) *John of Portsmouth*; (2) William Stanmere; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> S.B. I f. 73-85d.

<sup>2</sup> P.R.O., K.R. Exch. Acc. Var. 191/3 ff. 31-32.

- March (1) *James of "Kyngesware"*; (2) William Rogersone; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1433-34 (777/11 mm. 1, 4d.)  
 Dec. (1) *James of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmere; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 Dec. (1) *John of Portsmouth*; (2) William Hawardyn; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 Jan. (1) *Michael of Hull*; (2) William Rogersone + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1434-35 (777/12 mm. 1, 4d.)  
 Feb. (1) *Anthony of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmer; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 March (1) *Katharine of Dartmouth*; (2) John Walshe; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1435-36 (777/13 mm. 1, 4d.)  
 Feb. (1) *George of Lynn* (Edmund Papill from Bordeaux)<sup>1</sup>; (2) William Stanmere, John Walshe, William Rogersone and others; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1436-37 (777/14 mm. 3, 8d.)  
 Feb. (1) *Nicholas of "Asshe"*; (2) William Stanmere, John Walshe + co. and others; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 Feb. (1) *Thomas of Dartmouth*; (2) John More, Henry Gairstan and others; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1437-38 (777/15 mm. 1, 4d.)  
 Feb. (1) *Nicholas of Dartmouth*; (2) John More, William Hampton and others; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1438-39 (778/1 mm. 1, 5d., 778/2 mm. 2, 5d.)<sup>2</sup>  
 [ ] (1) *Mary of Chester*; (2) William Hampton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) [ ].  
 1439-40 (778/2 mm. 2, 5d.)<sup>2</sup>  
 March (1) *Thomas of Dartmouth*; (2) William Stanmer + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1440-41 (778/3 mm. 3, 5d.)  
 Feb. (1) *Christopher of "Assh"*; (2) William Rogerson; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 April (1) *Michael of Barnstaple*; (2) John Port, William Park; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1441-42 (778/4 mm. 1, 3d.)  
 Jan. (1) *Christopher of "Assh"* (2) William Rogerson; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 1442-43 (778/5 mm. 1, 5d.)  
 April (1) *Trinity of "Courtney"*; (2) Richard Massy; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2 t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid.* 192/1 ff. 17d.-18. This ship left Bordeaux laden with 105 tuns of wine.

<sup>2</sup> 778/1 (Mich. 1438-17 June 1439) 778/2 (17 June 1439-Mich. 1440).

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1443-44 (778/6 mm. 1, 5d.)

Feb (1) *Nicholas of "Asshe"* (Robert Raulin from Bordeaux)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Edward Lappynche; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2 t.; (6) Redbank.

1444-45 (778/8 mm. 1, 3d.)

[ ] (1) "*Katharine*"; (2) John Graunte, Alan Trullyons of St. Malo; (3) 15t. wine; (5) 1.10.0; (2) Robert Breton of Spain; (3) 15t. wine; (5) 1.10.0; (6) Portpool.

March (1) "*Margaret Talbot*"; (2) William Stanmere; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1445-46 (778/9 mm. 2, 5d.)

[ ] (1) *James of Chester*, Isebrand John; (2) the master; (3) 19t. wine; (5) 1.18.0; (6) Portpool.

March (1) "*Margaret Talbot*"; (2) Richard Masi; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1446-47 (778/10 mm. 1, 4d.)

Nov. (1) *Mary of Chester*; (2) Edward Lappynch; (3) Sweet wine; (4) 1t. 1hh.; (6) Redbank.

Jan. (1) *Edward of Fowey*; (2) Richard Mascy, vintner; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1447-48 (778/11 mm. 1, 5d.)

Jan. (1) "*Margaret Talbot*"; (2) Richard Massy; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1449-50 (778/12 mm. 2, 6d.)

March (1) "*Michael Pensens*"; (2) John son of John Dedewode, John Dedewode, goldsmith; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

March (1) *Katharine of Chester*; (2) Roger Rogerson; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1450-51 (778/13 mm. 1, 5d.)

March (1) *Mary of "Welifot"*; (2) Richard Mascy; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1451-52 (778/15 mm. 2, 7d.)

March (1) *Mary "del Toure"*; (2) Edward Lappynch; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

March (1) *Katharine of Bristol*; (2) Henry Faukener; (3) Sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Neston.

1452-53 (778/14 mm. 2, 7d.)<sup>2</sup>

Feb. (1) *Cok John of Fowey*; (2) Richard Mascy; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1453-54 (779/3 mm. 2, 10d.)

Dec. (1) *Mary of Talbot*; (2) Richard Hayner; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1454-55 (779/4 mm. 2, 8.)

Jan. (1) *Magdalene of London*; (2) Henry Gerston; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O., *K.R. Exch. Acc. Var.* 194/3. ff. 14d.-15d. This ship left Bordeaux laden with 66 tuns 1 pipe of wine.

<sup>2</sup> This roll is wrongly dated in P.R.O. Index to Ministers Accounts.

March (1) *Margaret of Plymouth*; (2) Janycot Brakynyak; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1455-56

No wine imported this year.<sup>1</sup>

1456-57

No wine imported this year.<sup>2</sup>

1457-58 (779/6 (21 Feb. 1456-Mich. 1458) m. 10.)

Feb. (1) *Katharine of Southampton*; (2) John Dedwode, Thomas Marshall; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1458-59 (779/7 mm. 2, 10.)

No wine imported this year.

1460-61 (779/10)

No wine imported this year.<sup>3</sup>

1461-62 (779/10)

No wine imported this year.<sup>4</sup>

1462-63 (779/12 m. 2.)

(Aug.)<sup>5</sup> (1) *Mary of Brittany* (Gillam Pelot)<sup>5</sup>; (2) Peter Gerle + co. of Brittany; (3) 46t. 1 pipe, 1 hh. wine; (5) 4.13.6; (6) Redbank.

(Aug.)<sup>5</sup> (1) *Mary of Guérande*<sup>6</sup> (Maurice Stanewys)<sup>5</sup>; (2) Maurice Devyas of Brittany; (3) 47t. 1 pipe wine; (5) 4.15.0 (6) [            ].

1463-64 (780/2 m. 1.)

No wine imported this year.

1464-65 (780/4 m. 1.)

Jan. (1) *Christopher of St. Malo* (Bertram Johan)<sup>7</sup>; (2) (the master, Phelipot Monenot);<sup>7</sup> (3) 82t. 1 pipe wine, (5) 8.5.0; (3) 6t. iron; (5) 12.0; (6) Redbank.

Feb. (1) (*Margaret of Le Conquet*)<sup>8</sup> John Perwyn; (2) the master; (3) 12t. 1 pipe wine; (5) 1.5.0; (2) John Maynes; (3) 85t. wine; (5) 8.10.0.; (6) Redbank.

June (1) *Christopher of St. Malo*; (2) Richard Cercell of Spain; (3) 60t. 1 pipe, 1 hh. wine, (5) 6.1.6; (3) 16t. iron; (5) 1.12.0; (6) Redbank.

1465-66 (780/5 mm. 1, 8d.)

April (1) *John of Fowey*; (2) Robert Smyth, James Ogan, Bernard Surnette; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1467-68 (780/6 mm. 1, 7.)

March (1) "*Marycode*" of *Dartmouth*; (2) Thomas Jaco, Thomas Soper; (3) (64t.)<sup>9</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> 779/5 (Mich. 1455-21 February 1456) mm. 1, 7; 779/6 m. 10. Nothing entered between 21 February 1456-Mich. 1456.

<sup>2</sup> 779/6 m. 10. Nothing entered between Mich. 1456-Mich. 1457.

<sup>3</sup> 779/10 (Mich. 1460-Mich. 1462) m. 10. Nothing entered between Mich. 1460-Mich. 1461.

<sup>4</sup> 779/10 (Mich. 1460-Mich. 1462) m. 10. Nothing entered between Mich. 1461-Mich. 1462.

<sup>5</sup> *S.B. II* ff. 10-14.

<sup>6</sup> Guérande, dept. Loire-Inférieure, France.

<sup>7</sup> *Chester Recog. Roll II*, p. 140. St. Malo, dept. Ille-et-Vilaine, France.

<sup>8</sup> *S.B. II* f. 50d. Le Conquet, dept. Finistère, France.

<sup>9</sup> *S.B. II*, f. 75d.

Sept. (1) "*Marycode*" of *Dartmouth*; (2) Nicholas Loker, Robert Sowden, Richard Birkedale; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 1t. + 1 pipe; (6) Redbank.

1468-69 (780/7 mm. 1, 6d.)

[ ] (1) *Katharine* of "*Geratyn*" and *Mary* of *St. Malo*; (2) Edmund Carrdo, Bartholomew Fret; (3) 25t. wine; (5) 2.10.0; (6) Redbank.

April (1) *Mary* of *St. Malo*; (2) Thomas Fernes; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

May (1) *Michael* of "*Hampull*"; (2) Thomas Litteley; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

June (1) *Mary Forster* of *Dartmouth*; (2) Thomas Jacowe; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1469-70 (780/8 mm. 1, 5.)

Feb. (1) *Mary* of *Southampton* (Richard Lok)<sup>1</sup>; (2) John Holman; (3) (62t.)<sup>1</sup> wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

April (1) (*Trinity* of *Dartmouth*, Walter Cullock); (2) John Harold; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1470-71 (780/9 m. 1.)

No wine nor iron imported this year.

1471-72 (780/10 m. 1)

No wine nor iron imported this year.

1472-73 (781/1 mm. 1, 7d.)

May (1) *Mary* of "*Pennok*"<sup>3</sup> (Yenn' Molet)<sup>2</sup>; (2) Bernard Forget of Bordeaux; (3) 92t. wine; (5) 9.4.0; (3) 1t. 1 pipe iron; (5) 3.0; (6) Redbank.

June (1) "*Synacles*"; (2) Thomas Thyngwall of Bristol; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Aug. (1) "*Mary*"; (2) John Runcorne of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Aug. ([ ] of *Fuenterrabia*<sup>4</sup>, Gemote de la Via)<sup>2</sup>; (2) William Cornell, John Armelet, both of Spain; (3) 12t. wine; (5) 1.4.0; (3) 28t. iron; (5) 2.16.0; (6) Redbank.

1473-74 (781/3 mm. 1, 6.)

[ ] (1) *Katharine* of *Spain* and *Nicholas* of *Spain*; (2) John de Derydea, alien; (3) 70t. iron; (5) 7.0.0; (6) [ ].

May (1) *Katharine*<sup>5</sup>; (2) Thomas Jay; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1474-75 (781/5 m. 1.)

No wine nor iron imported this year.

1475-76 (781/6 mm. 1, 7.)

May (1) *Katharine* of *St. Malo* Richard Salaman; (2) the master; (3) 24t. wine; (5) 2.8.0; (3) 15t. Spanish iron; (5) 1.10.0; (6) Neston.

June (1) *Nicholas* (of *London*)<sup>6</sup>, William Richeford; (2) the master; (3) (54t.)<sup>6</sup> wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> *S.B. II. ff. 93-99.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid. ff. 78-82.*

<sup>3</sup> Probably Penmarch, dept. Finistère, France.

<sup>4</sup> Fuenterrabia, prov. Guipuzcoa, Spain.

<sup>5</sup> *S.B. III. f. 33.* gives the *James* of *Falmouth*, master Peter Bonamy, merchants John Gyles and Thomas Jay, cargo 36 tuns of wine, date of entry (2)4th May.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid. f. 56d.*

1476-77 (781/9 mm. 2, 7.)

Jan. (1) *Katharine of Totnes* (Nicholas Gobe)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Peter Cary; (3) (36t.)<sup>1</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

Jan (1) *John of Ilfracombe* (Richard Fichet)<sup>1</sup>; (2) John Duke; (3) (21t.)<sup>1</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
(3) 10t. iron<sup>2</sup>; (5) 1.0.0; (6) Redbank.

1477-78 (782/1 m. 1.)

Dec. (1) *Martin "de Crossewyk de Britan"*<sup>3</sup>; John de Dydo; (2) the master; (3) 20t. wine; (5) 2.0.0; (3) 10t. iron; (5) 1.0.0; (6) Redbank.

1478-79 (782/2 mm. 1, 7d.)

May (1) *Mary of St. Malo*, Richard Mynere; (2) the master; (3) 30t. wine; (5) 3.0.0.; (3) 5t. iron; (5) 10.0; (6) Redbank.

[ ] (1) *Bonaventure of Brittany*, John Marke; (2) the master; (3) 3t. wine; (5) 6.0; (3) 12t. iron; (5) 1.4.0; (6) Redbank.

1479-80 (782/3 mm. 1, 8.)

June (1) *Trinity of Chester*; (2) Robert Graunt, Thomas Fichet; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1480-81 (782/4 m. 1.)

No wine nor iron imported this year.

1481-82 (782/5 m. 1.)

No wine nor iron imported this year.

1482-83 (782/8 mm. 1, 6d.)

(3) Gascon wine<sup>2</sup>; (4) 2t.

1483-84 (782/9 mm. 1, 2, 7.)

Dec. (2) Thomas Walesy<sup>2</sup>; (3) Wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

March (1) "*Trinity*", John Beleram; (2) the master; (3) 21t. wine; (5) 1.2.0; (3) 5t. iron; (5) 10.0; (6) Redbank.

1484-85 (782/10 mm. 1, 2, 7d.)

(Nov., July)<sup>5</sup> (1) *Anthony of "Legatiua"*<sup>4</sup> (John de Lacata)<sup>5</sup>, *Peter of "Dunao"*<sup>6</sup> (John Martinus)<sup>5</sup>, *Trinity of "Lagatiua"*<sup>4</sup> (John Beltram)<sup>5</sup> and *Trinity of "Mountrige"*<sup>7</sup> (John Eveynes)<sup>5</sup>; (2) John Loyta, John Martyn, John Beliram, John Ovaunysshe; (3) 137t. wine; (5) 13.14.0.; (6) Redbank.  
(2) John Loyta, John Martyn; (3) 14t. iron; (5) 1.8.0.  
(3) Gascon wine<sup>2</sup>; (4) 2t.

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid.* ff. 75-83d.

<sup>2</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps Le Croisic, dept. Loire Atlantique, France.

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio, prov. Biscay, Spain.

<sup>5</sup> *S.B. III.* ff. 105-112d. The Sheriffs' Book gives the cargoes of the ships as follows:—

(i) the *Anthony* —25t. wine (ii) the *Peter* —50t. wine (iii) the *Trinity* —43t. wine  
(iv) the *Trinity* —45t. [ ]

The Spanish merchants listed in the above account left Chester with woollen cloth, kersey, packs of frieze, hides and goat skins. *Ibid.* ff. 102d-104.

<sup>6</sup> Perhaps Deva, prov. Guipuzcoa, Spain.

<sup>7</sup> Perhaps Motrico, prov. Guipuzcoa, Spain.

1486-87 (Hen. VII/1480 m. 1.)

[ ] (1) "*Christopher*"; (3) 40t. wine; (5) 4.0.0.

1487-88 (Hen. VII/1481 mm. 1, 7.)

Nov. (1) *Trinity*, John Leiot; (2) the master; (3) 46t. iron; (5) 4.12.0; (6) Redbank.

March (1) *St. John of "La Ouiten"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) Peter Salday + co. (3) 30t. wine (5) 3.0.0; (3) 45t. iron; (5) 4.10.0; (6) Redbank.

March (1) *James of Plymouth*; (2) John Bole, Thomas Broke; (3) wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.

1488-89 (Hen. VII/1482 m. 1.)

Oct. (1) "*Anthony*"; (2) John Lacute; (3) 40t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.0.0.; (6) Burton.

Oct. (1) *Mary of "Lacute"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) Martin Garse; (3) 34t. Spanish iron; (5) 6.8.0.

March (2) Thomas Walase<sup>2</sup>; (3) wine; (4) 2t.

1489-90 (Hen. VII/1483 m. 1.)

[ ] (1) *Katharine of "Roderyawem"*; (2) John del Riche; (3) 70t. Spanish iron; (5) 7.0.0; (6) Redbank.

[ ] (1) *Anthony of "Lakuto"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) John de Layto; (3) 40t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.0.0.

1490-91 (Hen. VII/1484 m. 1, 2, 7d.)

Nov. (1) *Mary of "Sos Magy"*; (2) John Campaigne; (3) 40t. wine; (5) 4.0.0; (3) 16t. iron; (5) 1.12.0; (6) Redbank.

Nov. (1) *Anthony of "Lacute"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) John de Layte, John de Galuila; (3) 50t. Gascon wine; (5) 5.0.0.

May (1) *Mary of "Lacute"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) Martin de Renuege; (3) 1t. wine; (5) 2.0; (3) 39t. Spanish iron; (5) 3.18.0.

May (1) *Anthony of "Lacute"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) Richard [ ]; (3) 1t. wine; (5) 2.0; (3) 39t. Spanish iron; (5) 3.18.0.

May (1) "*Magdalene*"; (2) John Nurtes; (3) 25t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.10.0.

[ ] (1) "*Mary*"; (2) Richard Popeley; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) [ ].

1491-92 (Hen. VII/1485 m. 1.)

April (1) *St. Mary of "Lacute"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) John Nurtes; (3) 31t. wine; (5) 3.2.0; (3) 39t. Spanish iron; (5) 3.18.0; (6) Redbank.

1494-95 (Hen. VII/1488 m. 1.)

April (1) *Mary of Winchelsea* (Cornelius (*sic*))<sup>3</sup>; (2) John Huddleston, Henry Pedill, denizens; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

March (1) *Michael of Bermeo*<sup>4</sup> (Michael Johnes)<sup>3</sup>; (2) Michael Dorensley; (3) 30t. wine; (5) 3.0.0; (6) Denhall.

May (1) *St. Michael of "Lacute"*<sup>1</sup> (John Urtes)<sup>3</sup>; (2) John Nurtes, John Martyn; (3) 2t. Spanish wine; (5) 4.0; (2) John Martyn, Ocheo de Lacon; (3) 50t. Spanish wine; (5) 5.0.0; (6) Denhall.

May (1) *Mary of St. Jean de Luz*<sup>5</sup> (Martin de Swedura)<sup>3</sup>; (2) Martin de Sweagrayne; (3) 40t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.0.0.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>2</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>3</sup> *S.B. IV*, ff. 56-62d. The merchants listed as shippers aboard the Spanish ships left Chester with woollen cloth, hides, goat skins, calf skins and tallow. *Ibid.* f. 34d.

<sup>4</sup> Bermeo, prov. Biscay, Spain.

<sup>5</sup> St. Jean de Luz, dept. Basses Pyrénées, France.

- June (1) *Lazarus of Bermeo* (Seynt Johnn)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Roger Romyon of Spain; (3) 36t. Spanish iron; (5) 3.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *Anthony of "Lacuytyna"*<sup>2</sup> (James de la Kittua)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Ocheo (de Rangoryn)<sup>1</sup>; (3) 40t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.0.0; (6) Burton.
- July (1) (*Michael of Bermeo*, Michael Johns)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Ralph Davenport of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) [      ].
- 1495-96 (Hen. VII/1489 m. 1.)
- (2) Ralph Davenford (*sic*), Richard Goodeman of Chester<sup>3</sup>; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Dec. (1) *Lewis of Landerneau*<sup>4</sup>; (2) John Bosu; (3) 52t. wine; (5) 5.4.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *St. Mary of "Lacute"*<sup>2</sup>; (2) John Marden, alien; (3) 30t. Spanish iron; (5) 3.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1496-97 (Hen. VII/1490 mm. 1, 7.)
- [      ] (2) Ralph Davenport of Chester, John Heuster of Chester<sup>3</sup>; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- [      ] (2) Richard Goodeman of Chester<sup>3</sup>; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (3) 20t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.0.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Anthony of "la Cute de Britanea"*<sup>6</sup> (James Renteria)<sup>5</sup> (2) John Launde; (3) 8t. wine; (5) 16.0; (3) 20t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.0.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *St. Mary of "la Cute"*<sup>6</sup> (John de Laramayona)<sup>5</sup>; (2) John Dereme; (3) 8t. wine; (5) 16.0; (3) 20t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.0.0; (6) Burton.
- 1497-98 (Hen. VII/1491 m. 2.)
- [      ] (1) "*Mary*"; (2) Ralph Davenport of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- [      ] (2) Thomas Smyth of Chester<sup>3</sup>; (3) Wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Magdalene of "la Cuta de Britan"*<sup>9</sup> (Martin de Rayne)<sup>8</sup> (2) Martin Reynus; (3) 8t. wine; (5) 16.0; (3) 34t. iron; (5) 3.8.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *St. Mary*; (2) Jonccok de la Cona; (3) 30t. Spanish iron; (5) 3.0.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *John of "Pulmylake"* (John Thomas)<sup>8</sup>; (2) John Cona, John Chesey; (3) 25t. wine; (5) 2.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *St. Mary of Biscay*; (2) Roger Armyon; (3) 24t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.8.0; (6) Burton.
- Aug. (1) *Mary of Falmouth*; (2) John Heuster, James Hurleton, William Jannyn; (3) 51t. iron; (5) 5.12.0 (*sic*); (6) Heswall.
- Aug. (1) *Mary of Chester*; (2) Ralph Thomas, Richard Goodman; (3) 46t. iron; (5) 4.12.0; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> *S.B. IV*, ff 56-62d. The merchants listed as shippers aboard the Spanish ships left Chester with woollen cloth, hides, goat skins, calf skins, and tallow. *Ibid.* f. 34d.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>3</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>4</sup> Landerneau, dept. Finistère, France.

<sup>5</sup> *S.B. IV*, ff. 79-83d.

<sup>6</sup> Sheriffs' Book describes this ship as being "de partibus Hispaniae."

<sup>7</sup> Sheriffs' Book describes this ship as being "de La Kitiua de partibus Hispaniae."

<sup>8</sup> *S.B. IV*, ff. 104d.-108d.

<sup>9</sup> Sheriffs' Book describes this ship as being "de Lakatiua de partibus Hispaniae."



Sept. (1) *Magdalene of "Malo Doycuve"*<sup>1</sup> (Martin de Rayne)<sup>2</sup>; (2) Ralph Davenport, Richard Goodman; (3) 52t. iron; (5) 5.4.0; (6) Burton.

1498-99 (Hen. VII/1492 mm. 1, 2, 9.)

[ ] (1) *Mary of Chester*; (2) Thomas Smyth + co. of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

April (1) *John of Crozon*<sup>3</sup> (John Bocharé)<sup>5</sup>; (2) Roger Smyth of Chester, William Clerk of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

May (1) *Trinity of "Lacuta"*<sup>4</sup> (Sanceo de la Serango)<sup>5</sup>; (2) John Mardewe, alien; (3) 20t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.0.0; (6) Burton.

[ ] (1) *Trinity of Chester*; (2) John Houster of Chester; (3) Wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.

May (1) *Holy Cross of ("Lakutiua")*<sup>4</sup>, Sanceo de le Serango)<sup>5</sup>; (2) Seyn. John of Tarrecha, John Stevyn, alien; (3) 26t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.13.0; (6) Denhall.

July (1) *Trinity of ("Lakatiua")*<sup>4</sup>, Sanceo de le Serango)<sup>5</sup>; (2) John Dormyon, alien; (3) 21t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.2.0; (6) Denhall.

(Oct.)<sup>5</sup> (1) *Mary of Chester* (Thomas Tubbes)<sup>5</sup>; (2) Ralph Davenport of Chester, Richard Goodman of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

1499-1500 (Hen. VII/1493 mm. 1, 2, 10, 11, 12d.)

[ ] (1) *"Golien" of Chester*; (2) John Heuster of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

Nov. (1) *Mary of Chester*; (2) Thomas Smyth of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

Jan. (1) *Trinity of "Lacuta"*<sup>4</sup>; (2) John Mardeo; (3) 5t. wine; (5) 10.0; (3) 15t. Spanish iron; (5) 1.10.0; (6) Burton.

July (1) *Mary of Chester*; (2) Ralph Davenport of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (2) Richard Goodman, Ralph Davenport, Thomas Barrow; (3) 46t. iron; (5) 4.12.0; (6) Denhall.

1503-04 (Hen. VII/1494 mm. 2, 3, 7.)

Jan. (1) *Gabriel of Chester*; (2) William Ball of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

Feb. (1) *Michael of Chester*; (2) Roger Founder of Chester, John Leonarde of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

Feb. (1) *Mary of Chester* (John Jacoke); (2) Ralph Davenport and others of Chester; (3) 56t. Spanish iron; (5) 5.12.0; (6) Denhall.

May (1) *Gabriel of Chester*; (2) William Ball of Chester, Charles Eton of Chester; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

May (1) *Julian of Chester*; (2) Thomas Barowe + co.; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (2) Richard Wright and others of Chester; (3) 62t. Spanish iron; (5) 6.4.0; (6) Denhall.

June (1) *George of Chester* John Vaghan; (2) Richard Wright + co. of Chester; (3) 40t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.0.0; (6) Heswall.

<sup>1</sup> Sheriffs' Book describes this ship as being "de Lakatiua."

<sup>2</sup> S.B. IV. ff. 104d.-108d.

<sup>3</sup> Crozon, dept., Finistère, France.

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>5</sup> S.B. IV. ff. 126d.-132

- Aug. (1) *Gabriel of Chester* John Browne; (2) Thomas Barowe + co. of Chester; (3) 48t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.16.0; (6) Denhall.
- Aug. (1) *Julian of Chester* Robert Tyrer; (2) Thomas Barowe + co. of Chester; (3) 40t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.0.0; (6) Burton.
- Sept. (1) *James of "Haylebourde"*; (2) John Cristofer; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 3 pipes; (6) Denhall.
- 1508-09 (Hen. VIII/337 mm. 3, 4.)
- Nov. (1) *Nicholas of Chester*, Richard Bruer; (2) William Davidson, Thos. Runcorne, Thos. Golborne; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Dec. (1) *George of Chester*, James Stubbes; (2) William Davidson, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- Dec. (1) *Mary of Chester*; (2) Hugh Clerk, Hugh Davenport; (3) Sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Francis of Padstow*, Share Trolley; (2) Thomas Barro, Hugh Clerk; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Feb. (1) *Katharine of Chester*, Thomas Stubbes; (2) Richard Goodman, Hugh Davenport; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Trinity of Chester*; (2) Thomas Coke, Richard Fletcher; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) "*Colier*" of *Chester*, William Stubbes; (2) Richard Goodman; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Katharine of "Alicute"*<sup>2</sup> (Anthony de Searte)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Ocheo de la Cona; (3) 31t. Spanish iron; (5) 3.2.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Mary of "Alicute"*<sup>2</sup> (John Ochoa Deormaigo)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Peter Fernandus; (3) 22t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.4.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Nicholas of Chester*; (2) Thomas Barro, William Davidson; (3) 16t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.2.0 (*sic*); (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *George of Chester*, John Blaken; (2) Richard Wright, John Bikdale, Edward Houghton, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 15t. 1 pipe Spanish iron; (5) 1.11.0; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *Katharine of Chester*, Gwilmyn Gran'; (2) Richard Goodman, Richard Wrights; (3) 59t. 1 hh. Spanish iron; (5) 5.18.6; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) "*Bonaventure*", John More; (2) Thomas Barro, Richard Wright; (3) 32t. Spanish iron; (6) Burton.
- 1509-10 (Hen. VIII/339 mm. 3, 4.)
- Jan (1) *Trinity of Chester*, William White; (2) Hugh Hurleton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) "*Bonaventure*", Thomas Stubbes; (2) Thomas Barrowe, Richard Wright; (3) Sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Mary of Isle of Man*, James Thomson; (2) Thomas Coket; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Jan. (1) *Mary of "Alcitude"*<sup>2</sup>; (2) Hamo Goodman, Hugh Clerk, William Goodman, Hugh Hurleton, John Yonge, Robert Moton; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> S.B. V. f. 69d.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

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- Jan. (1) *George of Chester*; (2) Hugh Davidson, John Heuxster; (3) Wine of "Angeo"; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Feb. (1) *Nicholas of Chester*; (2) Richard Goodman, Hamo Goodman; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Mary of "Alicute"*,<sup>2</sup> Anthony de Cerato; (2) Martin Parys; (3) 46t. Spanish iron; (5) 4.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Mary Magdalene of "Alicuta"*,<sup>1</sup> John Durmyka; (2) John Durmyka, Peter Lopus, Peter Ferandiche; (3) 40t. Spanish iron; (4) 4.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Mary of Chester*, Richard Lytell; (2) William Rogerson, Thomas Runcorne; (3) 24t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.8.0; (6) Heswall.
- May (1) *Mary of St. Jean de Luz*, John Albas; (2) John Albas; (3) 31t. Spanish iron; (5) 3.2.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Trinity of Chester*; (2) Robert Barro, Thomas Smyth; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *George of Chester*; (2) Richard Grymesdiche; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 1t.
- July (1) "*Bonaventure*", John Rogers; (2) Richard Wright, Thomas Barowe, Hamo Goodman, William Davidson, John Birkedale, Richard Grymesdyche, Charles Eton, Thomas Colborne; (3) 97t. Spanish iron; (5) 9.14.0; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *Mary of Bermeo*, Pascal de Reigo; (2) Thomas Runcorne, James Fletcher; (3) 10t. Spanish iron; (5) 1.0.0; (6) Portpool.
- 1510-11<sup>3</sup> (Hen. VIII/ 340 m. 12d., Hen. VIII/365 m. 1.)
- (3) Gascon and sweet wines; (4) 10t.; (3) 270t. iron; (5) 27.0.0; (6) Burton & Denhall.
- 1511-12 (Hen. VIII/341 mm. 3, 4, 18d.)
- Nov. (1) *Nicholas of Chester*; (2) Richard Goodman, Hugh Clerke; (3) 19t. sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- Dec. (1) *Margaret of Chester*; (2) Charles Eton, Hamo Goodman, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Jan. (1) *George of Chester*, John David; (2) Thomas Barro, William Davyson, John Lowe, William Goodman; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- Jan. (1) *Nicholas of Chester*, Jenn Kenrick; (2) Roger Barro, John Pike; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 1t. 1 pipe; (6) Burton.
- Jan. (1) *Magdalene of Chester*; (2) Hamo Goodman, William Goodman; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Jan. (1) *Mary of Chester*; (2) William Rogerson, William Davyson, Charles Eton; (3) Sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- March (1) *Nicholas of Chester*, Thomas Stubbes; (2) Richard Goodman, Edward Houghton, Rowland Goodman; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- March (1) *Margaret of Chester*, James [ ]; (2) Thomas Barrowe; Richard Wright and others; (3) 80t. Spanish iron; (5) 8.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *St. Anne of Chester*, Walter Underwode; (2) Richard Goodman, William Davyson; (3) 26t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.12.0; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> S.B. V. f. 69d.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>3</sup> The account Hen. VIII/340 is mutilated. Totals are given in Hen. VIII/365, a summary of account.

- May (1) *St. Anne of "Alacuto"*<sup>1</sup>, Martin Arestateyn; (2) Peter de Ferande; (3) 60t. Spanish iron; (5) 6.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *St. Mary of Candelaria*,<sup>2</sup> Martin Romygall; (2) Ochio Agrome, Domyngo de Roma; (3) 52t. Spanish iron; (5) 5.4.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Magdalene of Chester*, John Broune; (2) Hamo Goodman, John Birkedale, William Goodman; (3) 55t. Spanish iron; (5) 5.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Mary of Chester*, David John; (2) Richard Goodman, William Rogerson and other merchants; (3) 80t. Spanish iron; (5) 8.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- July (1) *Katharine of Chester*, John Vaughan; (2) Thomas Barrow, Richard Wright and others; (3) 60t. Spanish iron; (5) 6.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- 1512-13<sup>3</sup> (Hen. VIII/342 m. 2.)  
No wine imported this year; (3) 273t. iron; (5) 27.6.0.
- 1513-14 (Hen. VIII/343 m. 2d.)
- May (1) *St. Mary of "Lecuta"*<sup>1</sup>, (Sebastian de la Porta)<sup>4</sup>; (2) Domyngo de Roma; (3) 29t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.18.0; (3) 1t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (5) 3.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *St. Mary of Candelaria* (Martin de Raynego)<sup>4</sup>; (2) Martin de Ranego; (3) 56t. Spanish iron; (5) 5.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) (1) *St. Anna of "Lacuta"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) Domyngo de Ressa; (3) 63t. Spanish iron; (5) 6.6.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Corpus Sanctus (of Viana)*<sup>5</sup>, John del Scota<sup>4</sup>; (2) John Marten, John Salarus; (3) 27t. wine; (5) 2.14.0; (6) Denhall.
- Sept. (2) [ ] de Bexwicke de Manchester<sup>6</sup>; (3) 10t. sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Portpool.
- 1514-15 (Hen. VIII/344 mm. 2, 3.)
- Dec. (1) *Mary Grace of [ ]*, John Lewes; (2) Richard Goodman, William Davidson; (3) 19t. Rochelle wine (4) 1t.; (2) William Davison; (3) 4t. Spanish iron; (5) 8.0; (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *Magdalene of Chester*, Walter Furlonge; (2) William Goodman, Ranulph Brereton of Chester; (3) 44t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (2) William Goodman; (3) 6t. Spanish iron; (5) 12.0; (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *Mare Rose of [ ]*, Thomas Preston; (2) Hamo Goodman, Charles Eton, William Goodman, Edward Davenport; (3) 3t. iron; (5) 6.0; (6) Portpool.
- March (1) *Margaret of Chester*, John Stanlowe; (2) William Davidson, David Middlton, John Pikke, Thomas Marten, James Fletcher, Peter Smyth; (3) 36t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (2) John Pik, Thomas Marten; (3) 3t. Spanish iron; (5) 6.0; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *George of Chester*, David ap John; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Richard Grymsdich; (3) 38t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (2) William Davison; (3) 3t. Spanish iron; (5) 6.0; (6) Burton.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>2</sup> Candelaria, prov. Galicia, Spain.

<sup>3</sup> Summary of account only.

<sup>4</sup> S.B.V. ff. 143-151.

<sup>5</sup> Viana, prov. Minho, Portugal.

<sup>6</sup> No sailing particulars given.

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- April (1) *John of "Lacuto"*,<sup>1</sup> Domyngo Dormyng; (2) William Rogerson, Richard Hoke; (3) 46t. 1 pipe Spanish iron; (5) 4.16.0 (*sic*); (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *St. Mary of "Lacuto"*,<sup>1</sup> Sebastian de Portu; (2) William Rogerson, John Petriche; (3) 44t. Spanish iron; (4) 4.8.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Andrew of Deva*, Peter Gorsell de Roncevall; (2) William Davidson of Chester; (3) 75t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Peter of Bilbao*,<sup>2</sup> Martin de Somocheu; (2) William Rogerson, Richard Wright, William Davidson; (3) 99t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *Holy Cross of Viana*, John de Fernand'; (2) Gonsolon Denor, [ ] Turvile; (3) 4t. Portuguese wine; (5) 8.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *St. Salvador of "Camera"*,<sup>3</sup> John Gonsolus; (2) Gonsolo (*sic*), Peter Dewe, Peter Babreo; (3) 33t. Portuguese wine; (5) 3.3.8 (*sic*); (6) Heswall.
- May (1) *Mary Grace of Chester*, John Blakyn; (2) Richard Goodman, Roger Grene; (3) 20t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Mary Pike of Chester*, Richard Hicok; (2) William Rogerson, Robert Aldersey, Adam Ager, John Pikke; (3) 30t. 1 pipe Spanish iron; (5) 3.0.0 (*sic*); (6) Portpool.
- May (1) *St. Mary of Candelaria*, Martin de Viarta; (2) Martin de Southes; (3) 53t. 1 pipe Spanish iron; (5) 5.6.0; (6) Denhall.
- Sept. (1) *John of "Lacuto"*,<sup>1</sup> Peter de Saraga; (2) Adam Agar; (3) 51t. Spanish iron; (5) 5.2.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1515-16 (Hen. VIII/346 mm. 2, 3.)
- Dec. (1) *Peter of Chester*, Peter Lee; (2) Thomas Baroo, John Heuxter, James Fletcher; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- Dec. (1) *Trinity of Chester*, Thomas Ingram; (2) Richard Goodman, Richard Grymesdicke and others; (3) 18t. 1 pipe Rochelle wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Portpool.
- March (1) *"Tryminore" of Penmarch*, John Deane; (2) William Davydson, Robert Baroo, Thomas Marten, John Andrew; (3) 50t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- April (1) *George of Chester*, David Johns; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Robert Baroo, Robert Moton; (3) 36t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- April (1) *Magdalene of Chester*, John Lewes; (2) Ranulph Brereton of Chester, Hamo Goodman and others; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Margaret of Chester*, John Vighan; (2) William Davydson, David Midelton and others; (3) 18t. sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (2) Hugh Clerke, James Fletcher; (3) 14t. Spanish iron; (5) 1.8.0; (6) Burton.
- [ ] (1) *Mary of Candelaria*, Ocheo de Areagon; (2) Martin de Ramago; (3) 52t. Spanish iron; (5) 5.4.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Holy Cross of Portugal*, Martin de Circa Mara; (2) William Rogerson, Richard Wryght and others; (3) 33t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *Alien ship*<sup>4</sup>; (3) 3t. Gascon wine; (5) 6.0; (6) Portpool.
- June (1) *Magdalene of "la Cut"*,<sup>1</sup> Martin Sothes; (2) Martin Southes; (3) 50t. Spanish iron; (5) 5.0.0; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps Caminha, prov. Minho, Portugal.

<sup>2</sup> Bilbao, prov. Biscay, Spain.

<sup>4</sup> No sailing particulars given.

- June (1) "*Bounte Raby*", James Lakasha; (2) William Davyson, Robert Aldersey; (3) 56t. Spanish iron; (5) 5.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *St. Mary of "Confison"*, Fernando Albinis; (2) Consalvo Petre; (3) 15t. Portuguese wine; (5) 1.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- [ ] (1) *Trinity of Chester*, Gilbert Mason; (2) Richard Goodman and others; (3) 20t. Spanish iron; (5) 2.0.0; (6) [ ].
- [ ] (1) *Mary Grace of Chester*, Thomas Ingram; (2) Roger Grene, Adam Agar; (3) 16t. Spanish iron; (5) 1.12.0; (6) [ ].
- 1517-18 (Hen. VIII/347 mm. 1d., 2.)
- Dec. (1) "*Jak Crowswik*", Jack Olyver; (2) William Davidson, William Rogerson, David Middleton, Thomas Bomvile; (3) 30t. sweet wine; (4) 2t. (6) Denhall.
- Feb. (1) *Margaret of Chester*, Thomas Ingram; (2) Thomas Marten, Peter Ledesham, Richard Shae, Richard Grymesdych; (3) 35t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Feb. (1) *Magdalene of Chester*, [ ] Hycoke; (2) Ranulph Brereton of Chester, William Goodman, Hamo Goodman, Richard Grosvene, Robert Motton; (3) 47t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *Mary Pike of* [ ], Thomas Preson; (2) John Pik; (3) 18t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Shotwick.
- Feb. (1) *Peter of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davidson; (3) 33t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Shotwick.
- March (3) Sweet wine<sup>1</sup>; (4) 2t.; (6) [ ].
- April (1) *James of London*, William Goldanker; (2) William Davidson, Robert Goodman, Robert Motton, William Goodman, Thomas Marten, Edward Smyth; (3) 80t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- April (1) *Mary Rose of* [ ], Maurice Maderer; (2) William Goodman, Edward Davenport, Henry Hamnet, Richard Goodman; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Shotwick.
- April (1) *Mary Grace of Chester*, Gilbert Mason; (2) Richard Goodman, Richard Shae; (3) 18t. 3 hh. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Shotwick.
- May (1) *Lucas of Brest*<sup>2</sup>, [ ]; (2) William Davidson, William Goodman, Thomas Marten, Edward Smyth, Charles Eton; (3) 74t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Anna of Chester*, John More; (2) William Rogerson, Richard Broster, Thomas Marteyn, John Salsedo; (3) 29t. iron; (5) 2.18.0; (6) Redbank.
- July (1) [ ] of *Le Croisic*, "Jak"; (2) William Rogerson; (3) 18t. sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Redbank.
- July (1) *Gregory of Vigo*,<sup>3</sup> Edward Light; (2) Roger Rygo; (3) 52t. 1 pipe Spanish wine; (5) 5.5.0; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *Mary of Renteria*,<sup>4</sup> Martin Tolosa; (2) Roger Barrowe of Chester; (3) 65t. iron; (5) 6.15.0; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> No sailing particulars given.

<sup>2</sup> Brest, dept. Finistère, France.

<sup>3</sup> Vigo, prov. Galicia, Spain.

<sup>4</sup> Renteria, prov. Guipuzcoa, Spain.

CHESTER CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS

- Sept. (1) *Magdalene of Chester*; (2) William Rogerson, Ranulph Brereton, William Goodman, Robert Goodman; (3) 54t. iron; (5) 5.8.0; (6) Denhall.
- Sept. (1) *Peter of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davidson; (3) 38t. iron; (5) 3.16.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1518-19 (Hen. VIII/348 mm. 1d., 2, 2d.)
- Dec. (1) "*Jak*" of *Le Croisic*, Jak Olyver; (2) William Davidson, William Rogerson, David Middleton, Thomas Bamville; (3) 34t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Dec. (1) *Mary of Le Conquet*, Olyver Jak (*sic*); (2) Robert Goodman, Ralph Rogerson, Adam Agart; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *Magdalene of Chester*, William Honde; (2) William Goodman, David Midelton, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 42t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *Mary Rose of* [ ], Richard Hicoke; (2) William Goodeman, Robert Goodeman, Henry Hamnet, Richard Goodeman; (2) 18t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *Mary Grace of* [ ], John More; (2) Richard Goodeman; (3) 18t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *Peter of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davidson; (3) 33t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *John the Baptist of Harwich*, Robert Motte; (2) David Midelton, Richard Grymesdiche, Robert Mutton, Roger Pikke, Thomas Martyne; (3) 60t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) "*Triamore*" of [ ], John Marwart; (2) William Goodman, Robert Goodman, Henry Hamnet; (3) 60t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *George of Chester*, John Houbekke; (2) William Offeley, Richard Grymesdich, Richard Jennson, Peter Ledesham; (3) 30t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *Margaret of Chester*, Thomas Ingram; (2) William Davyson, Richard Broster, Robert Aldersey, Thomas Marteyn, John Loker, Adam Agar; (3) 35t. iron; (5) 3.10.0; (6) Burton.
- May (1) *Mary Magdalene of Viana*, Peter Gerrard; (2) Garcifall (*sic*); (3) 16t. Portuguese wine; (5) 1.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) "*Landarlan*" of *Le Conquet*, Paul Donorth; (2) William Rogerson, William Davyson; (3) 80t. iron; (5) 8.0.0; (6) Heswall.
- May (1) *Mary Pike of Chester*, John Blaken; (2) Richard Grymesdich, Adam Agar, John Pikke; (3) 28t. iron; (5) 2.16.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *St. John of "la Kytue"*,<sup>1</sup> Domyngo de Dorunga; (2) Domyngo de Roma, Martin de Organt, Roger Baroo; (3) 46t. iron; (5) 3.12.0 (*sic*); (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Nicholas of "la Kytu"*,<sup>1</sup> John Martinus; (2) Martin de la Kytue, Ochea de la Cona; (3) 54t. iron; (5) 5.8.0 (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Lucian of Motrico*, Andrew de Barrett; (2) William Davyson, Ralph Rogerson, Adam Agar; (3) 50t. iron; (5) 5.8.0 (*sic*); (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.



- July (1) *Peter of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davyson, Richard Broster, Adam Agar, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 37t. iron; (5) 3.14.0; (6) Denhall.
- Aug. (1) *Lazarus of Bermeo*, Nicholas de Arigo; (2) William Davyson, Ralph Rogerson, David Midelton, Robert Aldersey, John Walley, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 90t. iron; (5) 7.0.0 (*sic*); (6) Redbank.
- Aug. (1) *St. John the Baptist of Harwich*, Robert Mote; (2) Richard Grosvenor, Hamo Godeman, William Goodeman, Robert Goodeman, Henry Hamnet; (3) 66t. iron; (5) 6.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1519-20 (Hen. VIII/349 mm. 1d., 2.)
- Dec. (1) "*Penmarke*" of [      ], Gian Cutler; (2) Peter de Salsedo, Roger Barrowe; (3) 10t. Gascon wine; (5) 1.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- Dec. (1) "*Tryemor*" of *Penmarch*; (2) William Goodman, Ranulph Brereton, Richard Goodman, Robert Goodman; (3) 42t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Dec. (1) *Margaret of Chester*, Geoffrey [      ]; (2) William Davidson, Richard Grymesdich, David Midelton, John Pyke; (3) 32t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Nicholas of Chester*, George Leche; (2) Charles Eton, Richard Grymesdych, Thomas Bamvile; (3) 19½t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan (1) *Trinity of Chester*, Thomas Ingram; (2) Richard Goodman, Roger Grene, Richard Shawe; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Lewis of Blaye*,<sup>1</sup> John de Verge; (2) William Davidson, Roger Grene, Richard Shawe, Edward Davenport; (3) 30t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Michael of Blaye*, Nicholas Gallo; (2) William Goodman, Peter Leddesham, Henry Hamnet, Edward Davenport, Robert Goodman; (3) 50t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Christopher of Concarneau*,<sup>2</sup> Christopher Bolen; (2) William Goodeman, Ranulph Brereton, Robert Goodeman; (3) 48t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Feb. (1) *John the Baptist of* [      ], Robert Mote; (2) William Goodeman, Robert Goodeman, Richard Goodeman, Henry Hamnet, David Midelton, Adam Agar, Richard Grymesdiche, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 47t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- March (1) *Mary of Penmarch*, Hapscute Largor; (2) David Middleton, Richard Grymesdiche, Thomas Merteyne, Robert Mutton; (3) 82t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Andrew of Motrico*; (2) William Davison, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 50t. iron; (5) 5.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *John the Baptist of Harwich*, Robert Mote; (2) Richard Grymesdiche, Richard Broster, Henry Radford, Adam Agarde, Ranulph Brereton, Ralph Rogerson, John Pykke, William Goodman, William Hole; (3) 62t. iron; (5) 6.4.0; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> Blaye, dept. Gironde, France.

<sup>2</sup> Concarneau, dept., Finist re, France.



June (1) *Nicholas of "Alakytu"*,<sup>1</sup> Ochea Marten; (2) Martin Ochea, Roger Barrowe; (3) 40t. iron; (5) 4.0.0.; (6) Denhall.

[ ] (1) *Peter of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davison, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 35t. iron; (5) 3.10.0; (6) Denhall.

July (1) *Mary of Chester*, John More; (2) David Midelton, William Davidson, Hugh Aldersley; (3) 43t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.

July (1) *Mary of "Alakytu"*,<sup>1</sup> John Martinus; (2) John Marten, Martin de Ruola; (3) 52t. iron; (5) 5.4.0; (6) Denhall.

[ ] (1) *Mary of Bilbao*, Ochea de Rusea; (2) Ochea de Rusea, John de Salsedo, John Pares; (3) 20t. iron; (5) 2.0.0; (6) Denhall.

Aug. (1) *Christopher of* [ ], Adrian Glasse; (2) David Middelton; (3) 15t. Malmsey; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.

Sept. (1) *Margaret of Chester*, Geoffrey Coke; (2) Robert Aldersley, Henry Radford, William Goodman, Ralph Eggerson, William Hole; (3) 30t. iron; (5) 3.0.0; (6) Denhall.

1523-24 (Hen. VIII/350 m. 1d.)

May (1) *Holy Cross of "Lakytue"*,<sup>1</sup> Martin de Sothes; (2) Peter de Port, Ocheo de Lacona, Martin Domesketa; (3) 5t. Biscay wine; (5) 10.0; (2) Peter de Port, Ocheo de Lacona; (3) 50t. iron; (5) 5.0.0; (6) Redbank.

May (1) *St. Mary of "Lakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> Peter de Meave; (2) John Miltana, Martin de Savala; (3) 1t. 1 pipe Biscay wine; (5) 2.6; (3) 33t. iron; (5) 3.6.0; (6) Denhall.

May (1) *St. John of "Alakytue"*,<sup>1</sup> James de Renterea; (2) Martin de Reniga de Lakytue; (3) 2t. Spanish wine; (5) 4.0; (3) 35t. iron; (5) 3.10.0; (6) Denhall.

May (1) *Magdalene of Motrico*, Pasquale de Vasceta; (2) Roger Barrow, Thomas Longley; (3) 8t. Spanish wine; (2) John Lopes, John Snell; (3) 2t. Spanish wine; (5) 4.0; (2) John Barrowe, Thomas Longley, John Lopes; (3) 36t. iron; (5) 3.12.0; (6) Denhall.

May (1) *"Sancta Catallina" of "Alakytue"*,<sup>1</sup> John Worthes; (2) Martin de Wortawe, John Martinus de Traue; (3) 42t. iron; (5) 4.4.0; (6) Denhall.

1525-26 (Hen. VIII/351 mm. 1d., 2.)

April (1) *Mary of Penmarch*, Henry le Tantor; (2) David Midelton, Thomas Rogerson, Edward Smyth, John Dymok; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Portpool.

April (1) *Nicholas of Chester*, Geoffrey Coke; (2) Hugh Aldersey, Henry Johnson, Peter Ledesham; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.

April (1) *St. Barbara of "Allakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> John Res; (2) Hugh Aldersay, Peter Ledesham, Henry Hamnett, Hugh Bolde; (3) 16t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (2) Hugh Aldersey; (3) 1 pipe iron; (5) 1.0; (6) Portpool.

April (1) *St. Mary of "Alakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> (Peter Meane)<sup>2</sup>; (2) Hugh Aldersey; (3) 2 h.h. Spanish wine; (5) 1.0; (3) 33t. iron; (5) 3.6.0; (6) Denhall.

May (1) *Mary of Bermeo*, John Peris; (2) Peter de la Porte, Martin de Saratha, Peter Vita; (3) 2t. Spanish wine; (5) 4.0; (2) Martin de Strate; (3) 88t. iron; (5) 8.16.0; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>2</sup> S.B. V. f. 174d.

- May (1) *Holy Cross of "Alakitu"*,<sup>2</sup> John Maidan; (2) Michael de Viota, Francis de Aspe; (3) 2t. Spanish wine; (5) 4.0; (3) 40t. iron; (5) 4.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *St. Mary of "Leo de Camena"*,<sup>3</sup> (Martin Alnereanus)<sup>1</sup>; (2) Rotrigamus Massell, Gregory Consalves, Anthony Peris, Anthony Martin, Thomas Dayes; (3) 19t. Portuguese wine; (5) 1.18.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *St. James of "Dunderwey"*,<sup>4</sup> John White; (2) Richard Grymesdiche, Roger Hurleton, Roderigo de Renterea; (3) 2t. 1 hh. Spanish wine; (5) 5.0; (3) 31t. iron; (5) 3.2.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Mary Rose of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davison, Roger Rogerson; (3) 36t. iron; (5) 3.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *Margaret of Chester*, John Vichan; (2) David Midelton, Hugh Aldersey, John Dymmok, Robert Mutton; (3) 42t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *Mary Katharine of Chester*, Richard Hycok; (2) Richard Grymesdiche, John Dymmok; (3) 16t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Shotwick.
- July (1) *Mary James of Southampton*, David Barry; (2) David Midelton, Thomas Rogerson, Edward Smyth, (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- July (1) *Mary Magdalene of Motrico*, Pasquale de Vasceta; (2) David Midelton, John Lope; (3) 41t. iron; (5) 4.2.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1526-27 (Hen. VIII/352 m. 1d., 2.)
- Nov. (1) *"Tryemour" of Penmarch*, Jenn le Breall; (2) David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey; (3) 40t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Nov. (1) *Mary of Poole*, John Oliver; (2) Hugh Aldersey; (3) 30t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Nov. (1) *Clement of Poole*, Deovanus Tallator; (2) Hugh Aldersey, John Dymmok; (3) 40t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- (Nov.)<sup>5</sup> (1) *St. Mary of "Dunderra"*,<sup>6</sup> Juigo de la Coya; (2) Dormmigo de Orriga; (3) 34t. iron; (5) 3.8.0; (6) Denhall.
- Dec. (1) *Mary of "Lotodye"*,<sup>7</sup> Martin Gwegyn; (2) David Middleton, Thomas Rogerson, Edward Smyth; (3) 40t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t. (6) Burton.
- Dec. (1) *Nicholas of "Lotodie"*,<sup>7</sup> John Starlyng; (2) David Middleton, Richard Grymesdiche, Thomas Rogerson, Laurence Dutton; (3) 70t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Dec. (1) *"Gallion" of "Hodiorne"*, Jakes Coole; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Thomas Rogerson; (3) (1) (39t.)<sup>5</sup> Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Jan. (1) *Anna of Penmarch*, Gulam Tattock; (2) John Dymmok, Thomas Rogerson; (3) 29t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> S.B. V. f. 176d.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>3</sup> Probably Caminha.

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa, prov. Biscay, Spain.

<sup>5</sup> S.B. V. ff. 162-172d.

<sup>6</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa.

<sup>7</sup> Perhaps Lactudy, dept. Finistère, France.

- Jan. (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) David Middelton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Rogerson, Thomas Langley; (3) 17t. 1 pipe sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Chester.
- Jan. (1) *Mary of Le Conquet*, John le Geron; (2) Robert Goodman, Edward Davenport; (3) 18t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- Feb. (1) *Michael of Dublin*, William Eward; (2) John Dymmok, Ralph Bostock; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- Feb. (1) *Mary of Motrico*, Pasquall de Vesita; (2) David Middelton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Langley; (3) 40t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Mary of "Lakitua"*,<sup>2</sup> Martin de Savarra; (2) John de Vascat; (3) 1 h.h. Spanish wine; (5) 6; (3) 30t. iron; (5) 3.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) (*Mary*)<sup>1</sup> of "*Kympercoradyn*", John Sarres; (2) William Goodman, Peter Ledesham; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Portpool.
- April (1) *Margaret of Chester*, William Free; (2) Roger Pikk, Henry Hamnet, William Snede, Peter Ledesham, William Offeley, Thomas Doode; (3) 24t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Nicholas of Chester*, Patrick Allot; (2) Henry Hamnett, Peter Ledesham, Hugh Bolt; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *St. Mary of "Dagena"*, Fernandus Fonc'; (2) Fernandus Fonse; (3) 36t. 1 pipe wine; (5) 3.13.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Trinity of Motrico*, Pasquall de Camboa; (2) John Lopis; (3) 3t. wine; (5) 6.0; (3) 77t. iron; (5) 7.14.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Jesus of Falmouth*, William Davy; (2) Thomas Condoro, William Cay, Martin Daniell; (3) 44t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) "*Sancta Maria de Gardilopa*" of *Bilbao*, Peter de Lasaua; (2) William Goodman, Thomas Longley, William Hull; (3) 62t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (2) William Goodman, William Hool, Thomas Longley, Richard Huy; (3) 61t. iron; (5) 6.2.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *St. Barbara of "Allakitue"*,<sup>2</sup> John Roose; (2) Martin de Allakitue; (3) 15t. iron; (5) 1.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) "*Rosebek*" of *Plencia*,<sup>3</sup> Martin Dias; (2) Martin de Sarratua; (3) 79t. iron; (5) 7.18.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Mary Katharine of Chester*, Richard Hikcok; (2) Richard Grymes-diche; (3) 17t. iron; (5) 1.14.0; (6) Burton.
- May (1) *Mary Rose of Chester*, John Peris; (2) William Davison, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 24t. iron; (5) 2.8.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Nicholas of Bermeo*, Sancio de Sarranaga; (2) Rotrigo de Renterea, John Hurtes, John de Lanchea; (3) 2t. wine; (5) 4.0; (2) Retrego de la Renterea; (3) 73t. iron; (5) 7.6.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Holy Cross of "Lakitue"*,<sup>2</sup> John Medan; (2) Francis Apho, Randell de Durtkytea; (3) 42t. iron; (5) 4.4.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) ("*Sancte Marie de Candelera de Alakitue*")<sup>1</sup> Peter de Burgarra; (2) Martin Renago; (3) 65t. iron; (5) 6.10.0; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> S.B.V. ff. 162-172d.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>3</sup> Plencia, prov. Biscay, Spain.

- June (1) *Mary Magdalene of* [ ], Pasquale de Vescet'; (2) David Middleton, Richard Grymesdiche, John Dymmok, Hugh Aldersey, Thomas Longley; (3) 44t. iron; (5) 4.8.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Marteyn; (3) 50t. iron; (5) 5.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1527-28 (Hen. VIII/353 mm. 1d., 2.)
- Jan. (1) *Magdalene of Motrico*, Pasquall de Viseta; (2) William Davison, Henry Gee, Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Langley; (3) 31t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *St. John the Baptist of Chester*, James Rumpney; (2) Hugh Aldersey, John Dymmok, Thomas Langley, Robert Forster; (3) 19t. sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Coke; (2) Robert Goodman, Thomas Marten; (3) 3t. iron; (5) 6.0; (6) Redbank.
- 1528-29 (Hen. VIII/354 mm. 1d., 2, 2d.)
- Oct. (1) *Katharine of Dieppe*,<sup>1</sup> Roger le Briarte; (2) Jakys de Bruys; (3) 14t. sweet wine; (5) 1.8.0; (6) [ ].
- Feb. (1) *John the Baptist of Chester*, William Marychurche; (2) Thomas Longley, Thomas Rogerson; (3) 18t. sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Holy Cross of* [ ], Consallo Martinus; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Henry Gee, John Thorneton, Robert Forster, Thomas Rogerson, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 40t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- April (1) *Mary of "la Kitue"*,<sup>2</sup> John Reva; (2) Martin de Urtkytsa; (3) 3t. Spanish wine (5) 6.0; (3) 47t. iron; (5) 4.14.0; (6) Burton.
- April (1) *Nicholas of Chester*, Thomas Smyth; (2) Henry Hamnet, Hugo Bolte; (3) 18t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) [ ].
- April (1) *Peter of Chester*, Patrick Gall'; (2) William Goodman, Robert Goodman; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) [ ].
- April (1) *Mary Katharine of Chester*, Richard Hicok; (2) Thomas Longley, Thomas Ball, William Langley, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 18t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) [ ].
- April (1) *St. Mary of "Alakitue"*,<sup>2</sup> Martin Ochea de Niceragra; (2) Anthony de Juarroe, Martin Royse, Lope de Saloveryn; (3) 88t. iron; (5) 8.16.0; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Holy Spirit of "Dunderowe"*,<sup>3</sup> Domyngo de Anchona; (2) John Sabon, Martin de Icoarte; (3) 36t. iron; (5) 3.12.0; (6) Burton.
- May (1) *Mary Pike of* [ ], John Colly; (2) William Goodman, Henry Gee, Robert Goodman, William Hull; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) [ ].
- [ ] (1) *Michael of Dublin*; (2) Francis Harbarte, Nicholas Gayton of Ireland; (3) 7t. wine; (5) 14.0; (6) Portpool.

<sup>1</sup> Dieppe, dept. Seine Inférieure, France.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa.

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- May (1) *Magdalene of "Dundarrow"*,<sup>1</sup> Nicholas de Gwiochochea; (2) Rothego de Renterea, Andrew de Lakalue; (3) 42t. 2 tierces iron; (5) 4.5.8; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *St. Francis of "Dundorrow"*,<sup>1</sup> Juigo de Lacoia; (2) John de Ulceta; (3) 24t. iron; (5) 2.8.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *St. Julian of Deva*, John Snell de Deva; (2) John Martinus, Henry Gee, John Dymmok; (3) 16t. 1 pipe wine; (5) 1.13.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Francis of Chester*; (2) Richard Talbott of Ireland; (3) 5t. 1 pipe wine; (5) 11.0; (6) Portpool.
- July (1) *George of Drogheda*; (2) James Bath of Ireland; (3) 7t. wine; (5) 14.0; (6) Portpool.
- July (1) *St. Mary of "Alakitue"*,<sup>2</sup> Anthony de Vara; (2) David Middleton, Thomas Rogerson; (3) 65t. iron; (5) 6.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- Sept. (1) *Mary Rose* [ ], William Frere; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 26t. iron; (5) 2.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- Sept. (1) *Mary Grace* [ ], John Vaughan; (2) Ralph Rogerson, Richard Grymesdich, Roger Barrlowe, Robert Forster; (3) 27t. iron; (5) 2.14.0; (6) Denhall.
- Sept. (1) *Peter of Chester*, Richard Elcok; (2) William Goodman, Richard Grymesdiche, Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee; (3) 33t. iron; (5) 3.6.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1529-30 (Hen. VIII/355 mm. 1d., 2.)
- Oct. (1) "*Claudo*" of *St. Malo*, John Yong; (2) the master, William Longley; (3) 6t. Rochelle wine; (5) 12.0; (6) Denhall.
- Nov. (1) *Magdalene of Motrico*, Pasquale de Vesica; (2) David Middleton, Henry Gee, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 36t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Dec. (1) *Michael of Le Conquet*, Nowell Cayrys; (2) the master; (3) 34t. Gascon wine; (5) 3.8.0; (6) Burton.
- Dec. (1) *Katharine of Chester*, Patrick Colly; (2) Thomas Rogerson, Thomas Ball, William Longley, Robert Forster; (3) 17t. sweet wine; (4) 1t., (6) Denhall.
- Dec. (1) *Julian of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) David Middleton, Henry Gee, Richard Grymesdiche, Thomas Rogerson; (3) 35t. 1 pipe iron; (5) 3.11.0; (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *Mary of "Alakytue"*,<sup>2</sup> John de Madana; (2) David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, William Goodman, Robert Forster, Henry Gee, William Hole, William Davidson; (3) 70t. sweet wine; (4) 2t. (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *Mary of "Alakytue"*,<sup>2</sup> Anthony de Vara; (1) William Davidson, David Mydelton, Hugh Aldersey, William Goodman, Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee, Thomas Longley, Robert Forster, David Girat; (3) 73t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *Margaret of Chester*; (2) William Goodman, Henry Gee; (3) 19t. 1 hh. wine; (4) 1t.; (2) Michael de Landmowe of Brittany; (3) 12t. wine; (5) 1.4.0; (6) Burton.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Ondarrao.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

- March (1) *John the Baptist of Chester*, Anthony Feryngton; (2) William Davidson, Richard Woodward, Robert Woodward, Richard Costerdyne; (3) 18t. sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- March (1) *Mary Rose of Chester*, William Davydson; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Mary Walsingham of Chester*, Davy John; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee, Thomas Rogerson; (3) 36t. iron; (5) 3.12.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) "*Fygg*" of *Dieppe*, John Mermeke; (2) Mathew Quart; (3) 7t. wine; (5) 14.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Michael of Chester*, Rowry Cally; (2) Ralph Rogerson, Richard Grymesdicke, William Goodman; (3) 18t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Mary Katharine of Chester*, Richard Hycok; (2) Richard Grymesdicke; (3) 26t. iron; (5) 2.12.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Peter of Chester*, Patrick Allor; (2) Hugh Aldersey, William Goodman, Thomas Longley; (3) 30t. iron; (5) 3.0.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Magdalene of Motrico*, Pasquale de Veseta; (2) Henry Gee, Thomas Rogerson, Ralph Rogerson, Roger Barlowe, John Thorneton; (3) 35t. iron; (5) 3.10.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Mary Grace of Chester*, John Vichan; (2) William Davyson, Roger Rogerson, Henry Gee, Alicia Dymmok, widow; (3) 18t. iron; (5) 1.16.0; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Julian of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) David Midelton; (3) 1t. iron; (5) 2.0; (6) Shotwick.
- June (1) *St. Clara of "Dunderowe"*,<sup>1</sup> John Otis; (2) Roderigo de Renterea; (3) 103t. iron; (5) 10.6.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Francis of "Dunderowe"*,<sup>1</sup> Juygo de Coia; (2) the master, Henry Gee; (3) 43t. iron; (5) 4.6.0; (6) Burton Head.
- Sept. (1) *Magdalene of Motrico*, Pasquaile de Viseca; (2) Thomas Rogerson, Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee, John Thorneton; (3) 45t. iron; (5) 4.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1530-31 (Hen. VIII/356 m. 2.)
- Nov. (1) *Michael of Le Conquet*, Nouell Care; (2) David Midelton, Hugh Aldersey; (3) 64t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Jan. (1) *Margaret of Chester*, Gilbert Quirk; (2) William Goodman; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (2) William Goodman, Richard Dycon, Nicholas Blake; (3) 12t. 1 pipe iron; (5) 1.5.0; (6) Burton.
- Jan (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Rogerson, Henry Gee; (3) 38t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Shotwick.
- Jan. (1) *Magdalene of Motrico*, Pasquall de Viseto; (2) Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee; (3) 40t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Jan. (1) *Mary of "Crodon in Brittany"*,<sup>2</sup> Harvy Gosegoth; (2) David Middelton, Hugh Aldersey; (3) 31t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Crozon, dept. Finistère, France.

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- Jan. (1) *Mary Walsingham of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 40t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- April (1) *St. Mary of "Alakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> John de Medena; (2) John Attegora, Thomas Longley; (3) 50t. iron; (5) 5.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *Michael of Le Conquet*, Noel Care; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey; (3) 18t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (2) the master; (3) 5t. Gascon wine; (5) 10.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Mary Katharine of Chester*, Richard Hycok; (2) Richard Grymesdich, Thomas Ball, Richard Thorneton; (3) 24t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (2) David Midelton, Richard Grymesdiche, Henry Gee; (3) 3t. iron; (5) 6.0. (6) Shotwick.
- May (1) *Mary Walsingham of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, William Goodman, Henry Gee, Ralph Rogerson, John Thorneton, Robert Forster, Philip Costerdyn; (3) 61t. iron; (5) 6.2.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Trinity of Motrico*, John Lopez; (2) Martin de Urtawe, Apparicio de Aromaegie, Beltram de Mendea; (3) 63t. iron; (5) 6.6.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Cosmas and Damian of Marquina*,<sup>2</sup> John de Goytea; (2) Andrew de Markena, sen., Andrew de Markena, jun.; (3) 39t. iron; (5) 3.18.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *Bonaventure of Bermeo*, John de Piottsae; (2) William Davidson, William Goodman, Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee; (3) 48t. iron; (5) 4.16.0; (6) Burton Head.
- July (1) *Magdalene of Motrico*, Pasquale de Veseta; (2) Henry Gee, John Thorneton, Philip Costerdyn; (3) 43t. iron; (5) 4.6.0; (6) Burton Head.
- July (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) David Middleton, Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee, Robert Forster; (3) 47t. iron; (5) 4.14.0; (6) Redbank.
- July (1) *Francis of "Dunderrowe"*,<sup>3</sup> Juygo de la Coya; (2) Retrigo de Renterea; (3) 38t. iron; (5) 3.16.0; (6) Burton.
- Aug. (1) *St. Mary of "Alakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> John de Medana; (2) Peter Periby, David Middleton, William Goodman; (3) 60t. iron; (5) 6.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- 1531-32 (Hen. VIII/357 mm. 1d., 2.)
- Jan (1) *Peter of Chester*, Patrick de Gallway; (2) William Goodman; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Shotwick.
- Feb. (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) William Davidson, Henry Gee, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 19t. 1 pipe sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Shotwick.
- Feb. (1) *Mary Walsingham of [ ]*; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson, Richard Forestare, Philip Costerdyn; (3) 56t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>2</sup> Marquina, prov. Guipuzcoa, Spain.

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa.



- March (1) *Katharine of Chester*, John Vaughan; (2) David Middleton, Thomas Langley, Thomas Marten; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- March (1) *Mary Katharine of Chester*, John Carpentare; (2) Richard Grymesdiche, Thomas Smythe, Thomas Marten; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- March (1) *Julian of Chester*, William Johnson; (2) David Middleton, Thomas Langley, Thomas Marten; (3) 19t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- April (1) *Lewis of Le Conquet*, John Caragh; (2) John Mallowe; (3) 26t. Gascon wine; (5) 2.12.0; (6) Burton.
- April (1) *Sebastian of* [ ], Martin Osando; (2) Thomas Longley, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 15t. iron; (5) 1.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Veronica of* [ ], Estryven de Premalt; (2) Martin Revas; (3) 110t. iron; (5) 11.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- April (1) *St. Barbara of "Alakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> John Res de Alakitue; (2) Henry Gee, Thomas Longley; (3) 47t. iron; (5) 4.14.0; (6) Burton Head.
- April (1) "*Quos de Mavea*" of "*Dunderrowe*",<sup>2</sup> John Goytica; (2) John Toarte; (3) 37t. iron; (5) 3.14.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *Michael of "Durrderrowe"*,<sup>2</sup> John de Renderea; (2) Saynet John Auduecha; (3) 45t. iron; (5) 4.10.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *Magdalene of "Dunderrowe"*,<sup>2</sup> Nicholas Gochett; (2) Henry Gee of Chester; (3) 55t. iron; (5) 5.10.0; (6) Burton Head.
- July (1) *Mary Walsingham of* [ ], David John; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 59t. iron; (5) 5.18.0; (6) Denhall.
- Aug. (1) *St. James of "Underrowe"*,<sup>2</sup> Domyngo de Markena; (2) John Thegara; (3) 25t. iron; (5) 2.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- Sept. (1) *St. Trevor of Caminha*, Anthony Pipo; (2) Fonc' de Crast', Deges de Roche, John Farnados; (3) 23t. 1 hh. Portuguese wine; (5) 2.6.6; (6) [ ].
- Sept. (1) "*Sanctagiva*" of "*Dunderrowe*",<sup>2</sup> John Loday; (2) Pasquayle de [ ]; (3) 40t. iron; (5) 4.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- 1532-33 (Hen. VIII/358 mm., 1d. 2.)
- Jan. (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Richard Grymesdich, Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee, Richard Thorneton, John Thorneton; (3) 18t. 1 pipe sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Julian of Chester*, John Caesley; (2) William Davidson, David Myddelton, Ralph Rogerson, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 17t. 3 h.h. (4) 1t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Katharine Peter of Chester*, William Johnson; (2) William Goodman, David Middleton; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Portpool.
- March (1) *Barbara of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Thomas Longley; (3) 17t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (2) David Middleton; (3) 2t. iron; (5) 4.0; (6) Denhall.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa.



- March (1) *Margaret of Chester*, James Morte; (2) William Goodman, William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Thomas Longley, Philip Costerdyn; (3) 40t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- March (1) *Bonaventure of Chester*, William Eldon; (2) William Goodman, William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Thomas Longley, Philip Costerdyn; (3) 40t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- April (1) *James of "Underdale"*,<sup>1</sup> Domyngo de Markena; (2) David Middleton, Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Longley; (3) 25t. iron; (5) 2.10.0; (6) Denhall.
- April (1) *Mary of Plencia*, John Lusega; (2) William Goodman, Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Longley, Peter Perby; (3) 48t. iron; (5) 4.16.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *Bonaventure of Bermeo*, James de Salvase; (2) William Davidson; (3) 30t. iron; (5) 3.0.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) "*Sancta Maria de Gardelopp*" of *Bermeo*, Roderigo de Desea; (2) William Goodman, Ralph Rogerson, Peter de Salessare; (3) 55t. iron; (5) 5.10.0; (6) "Pott heire".
- May (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson, Henry Gee, John Thornteton, Richard Grymesdiche, Richard Poole; (3) 48t. iron; (5) 4.16.0; (6) Denhall.
- May (1) *St. Michael of "Dundarre"*,<sup>1</sup> John de Rendrea; (2) Pasquayle de Ormygo; (3) 42t. iron; (5) 4.4.0; (6) Denhall.
- June (1) *Katharine of Chester*, Patrick Alrell; (2) William Goodman, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, William Davidson, Thomas Langley, Thomas Anyon, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 60t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- June (1) *Katharine Thornteton of Chester*, John Vichan; (2) William Davidson, Richard Thornteton, Hugh Bolt; (3) 45t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- July (1) *Katharine of Le Conquet*, John Brodagh; (2) John Andreon; (3) 23t. 1 pipe wine; (5) 2.7.0; (6) Burton.
- July (1) *St. Mary of "Alakitue"*,<sup>2</sup> Martin de Urtall; (2) the master; (3) 39t. 1 pipe iron; (5) 3.19.0; (6) Burton.
- 1533-34 (Hen. VIII/359 mm. 1d., 2.)
- Dec. (1) *Katharine Goodman of Chester*, Patrick Aller; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, William Godeman, John Walley, John Thornteton, William Hull, Hugh Aldersey; (3) 53t. 1 pipe sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- Jan. (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) Thomas Marten, William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, Ralph Radford, the master; (3) 46t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.
- March (1) "*Sancta Maria de Gardelop*", James Millyns; (2) Henry Gee, William Davidson, David Middleton, Ralph Rogerson, John Thornteton; (3) 18t. sweet wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Portpool.
- March (1) *Saviour of Passajes*,<sup>3</sup> Thomas de Salavada; (2) Martin Ovesley, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 43t. iron; (5) 4.6.0; (6) Redbank.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>3</sup> Passajes, prov. Biscay, Spain.

- March (1) *Trinity of Drogheda*, Thomas Dromyge; (2) Thomas Longley; (3) 12t. wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Portpool.
- March (1) *Barbara of "Alakytue"*,<sup>1</sup> John Russ' de Beatea; (2) Lycona de Domyngo de Setoa; (3) 53t. iron; (5) 5.6.0; (6) Redbank.
- March (1) *Cosmas and Damian of "Underwall"*,<sup>2</sup> John de Goite; (2) Lope de Alsivendes, John Gaora de Underwall; (3) 112t. iron; (5) 6.4.0 (*sic.*); (6) Redbank.
- March (1) *William of Le Conquet*, Motton Sarbelok; (2) Nowell Carue; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (5) 1.18.0; (6) Portpool.
- April (1) *Peter of Chester*, William Johnson; (1) William Davidson, Hugh Aldersey, David Middleton, Richard Poole, Philip Costerdyne, William Aldersey; (3) 18t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) [        ].
- April (1) *Sancta Maria de Wathalopp* (*of Plencia*),<sup>3</sup> John de Lasita; (2) Peter Salsedo, Peter de Hotella, Lope de Salvena, John de Hotella; (3) 59t. iron; (5) 5.18.0; (6) Redbank.
- April (1) *Margaret of Chester*, Richard Hycok; (2) William Goodman, Richard Thorneton, William Aldersey; (3) 46t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) [        ].
- April (1) *Katharine of Mounts Bay*, William Godeale; (1) Richard Thorneton, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Richard Gutten, Philip Costerdyne, Hugh Bolt, James Hill, the master; (3) 89t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (5) 4t. iron; (5) 8.0; (6) [        ].
- May (1) *Peter of Penmarch*, Roulle Moell; (2) David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Richard Guttyn; (3) 28t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) [        ].
- June (1) *St. Bonaventure of "Aakytue"*,<sup>1</sup> John Rate; (2) Martin Urtiell; (3) 74t. iron; (5) 7.8.0; (6) Redbank.
- June (1) *William of "Allekewe"*,<sup>1</sup> Peter Armegy; (2) Domyngo Galleato; (3) 1t. 1 pipe iron; (5) 7.0; (6) [        ].
- July (1) *"Marie Duniven"*, John Gyle; (2) Manuell Sawrus; (3) 3t. 1 pipe wine; (5) 7.0; (6) [        ].
- (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, Ralph Radford, Thomas Marteyn, [        ] Johnson, the master; (3) 40t. iron; (5) 4.0.0; (6) Burton Head.
- 1535-36 (Hen. VIII/360 mm. 2, 2d.)
- Dec. (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Roger Rogerson, John Thorneton, Thomas Marten, Thomas Longley; (3) 60t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Dec. (1) *Margaret of Chester*, David ap John; (2) William Goodman, Richard Grymesdiche, jun., Robert Foster, Robert Chaloner, John Offeley; (3) 45t. 1 pipe sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Jan. (1) *Christopher of Yarmouth*, John Beamond; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 50t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa.

<sup>3</sup> *S.B.VII. f. 22.*

- March (1) *Katharine of Chester*, Patrick Galer; (2) William Davidson, [ ] Goodman, Ralph Rogerson, John Thorneton, Ralph Eton; (3) 60t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- March (1) "*Mare Rendre de Keposquo*",<sup>1</sup> John Berok; (2) David Middleton; Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, Martin de Ovela; (3) 70t. iron; (5) 7.0.0; (6) [ ].
- (April)<sup>2</sup> (1) *Margaret of Penmarch*, Edmund Symon; (2) David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Radford, Robert Forster; (3) 4t. wine; (2) the master; (3) 3t. wine; (5) 6.0; (6) [ ].
- April (1) *Margaret of Chester*, David Johns; (2) William Goodman; (3) 50t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- April (1) *St. Mary of "Allakitue"*,<sup>3</sup> John Ruse; (2) John Domyngo, Domyngo de Setia, David Middleton and others; (3) 64t. iron; (5) 6.8.0; (6) [ ].
- April (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Henry Gee and others; (3) 40t. iron; (5) 4.0.0; (6) [ ].
- May (1) *Lewis of Riantee*,<sup>4</sup> John Rowe; (2) Richard Cuttyn, William Aldersey; (3) 18t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.
- May (1) *St. Mary of Marquina*, Ortono de Achagy; (2) Lope de Alisiuens, William Davidson; (3) 25t. iron; (5) 2.10.0; (6) [ ].
- May (1) *Mary of "Mondacca"*, John Ochoa de Olaswall; (2) Domyngo de Galete, William Goodman, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 38t. iron; (5) 3.16.0; (6) [ ].
- May (1) *Christopher of Yarmouth*, John Bowman; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, William Goodman, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 62t. iron; (5) 6.4.0; (6) [ ].
- July (1) *Salvador of Bilbao*, Martin Jaragy; (2) Peter Salcedo, the master; (3) 83t. iron; (5) 8.6.0; (6) Denhall.
- Sept. (1) *Christopher of Yarmouth*, John Bowman; (2) William Davidson, Hugh Aldersey, Henry Gee, John Thorneton, Thomas Longley; (3) 78t. iron; (5) 7.16.0; (6) Burton Head.
- 1536-37 (Hen. VIII/ 361 mm. 1d., 2, 2d.)
- Jan. (1) *Clement of* [ ], Peter Barrowe; (2) William Aldersey Robert Chaloner; (3) 19t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton Head.
- Jan. (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson, John Thornton, Thomas Marten, Thomas Grymesdiche; (3) 40t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- (Feb.)<sup>5</sup> (1) *Margaret Goodman of Chester*, David John; (2) David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, William Goodman, John Offeley, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 44t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Renteria, prov. Guipuzcoa, Spain.

<sup>2</sup> *S.B. VII. f. 59.*

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

<sup>4</sup> Riantee, dept. Morbihan, France.

<sup>5</sup> *S.B. VII. f. 74.* In addition to wine this ship brought in 17 tuns of figs and sugar. It left Chester laden with leather, cottons and kersey. *Letters and Papers*, vol. 12 (2). No. 469.

- Feb. (1) *Katharine Goodman of Chester*, Patrick Galler; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, John Thornton, Richard Pole, William Goodman, William Bexwik, Richard Guttyn, Ralph Thornteton; (3) 51t. sweet wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- April (1) *Trinity of Dartmouth*, Nicholas Parkyn; (2) William Davidson, William Goodman, David Middleton, Thomas Marten, Thomas Longley, Thomas Aldersey, Richard Snede, Hamo Johnson, Roger Barrowe; (3) 58t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- April (1) *James of Newcastle*, Robert Thomson; (2) William Aldersey, Richard Grymesdiche, Robert Forstar, Richard Guttyn, William Goodman; (3) 56t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- May (1) *Guthlac of Chester*, (Thomas Hog)<sup>1</sup>; (2) John White, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 1t. 3 h.h. wine; (6) Burton Head.
- May (1) *Cosmas and Damian of "Underdale"*,<sup>2</sup> John de Gyeota; (2) Martin de Ovela, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 58t. iron; (5) 5.16.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *St. Barbara of "Alakitue"*,<sup>3</sup> Peter Ursarte; (2) Paroseo de Lycona; (3) 49t. iron; (5) 4.18.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *St. Barbara of "Alakitue"*,<sup>3</sup> John Ruse; (2) John Audiecha; (3) 67t. iron; (5) 6.14.0; (6) Redbank.
- June (1) *Francis of Southampton*, John Tuttyng; (2) John Offeley, Robert Forster, Robert Chaloner, Richard Grymesdiche, John Overy de Hampton; (3) 62t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- June (1) *Margaret of Chester*, David Johnson; (2) Thomas Longley, Robert Forstar, William Goodman; (3) 57t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- June (1) *Christopher of Yarmouth*, John Bowman; (2) William Goodman, William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Longley, John Thornton, Thomas Marten, Richard Snede, Thomas Aldersey; (3) 91t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton Head.
- July (1) *Katharine Goodman of Chester*, Patrick Auler; (2) William Goodman, William Davidson, David Middleton and others; (3) 70t. iron; (5) 7.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- July (1) *Katharine Grey of London*, John Johnson; (2) Ralph Rogerson, John Thornteton, Thomas Longley and others; (3) 55t. iron; (5) 5.10.0; (6) Heswall.
- Sept. (1) *James of Newcastle*, Robert Thomasson; (2) William Aldersey, Richard Grymesdiche and others; (3) 47t. 1 pipe iron; (5) 4.15.0; (6) Heswall.

1537-38 (Hen. VIII/362 mm. 2, 2d., 3, 11d.)

#### INWARDS

- Oct. (1) *Katharine of Chester*, Patrick Galle; (2) William Davidson, David Middleton and others; (3) 60t. iron; (5) 6.0.0; (6) Heswall.

<sup>1</sup> *S.B. VII. f. 75.*

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Ondarroa.

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

# CHESTER CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS

- Dec. (1) *Katharine Grey of London*, William Johnson; (2) Thomas Longley; (3) 44t. iron; (5) 4.8.0; (6) Heswall.
- March (1) *Bonaventure of Penmarch*, William Biggen; (2) John Riglatt, John de Augustinius; (3) 70t. Gascon wine; (5) 7.0.0; (6) Burton Head.
- April (1) *James of Chester*, Edward Morgan; (2) William Davidson, Thomas Longley, William Aldersey, Robert Chalnor, John Poole, Richard Grymesdiche; (3) 54t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Heswall.
- April (1) *Francis of Landerneau*, Peter de Moilk; (2) the master; (3) 26t. Gascon wine; (5) 2.12.0; (6) Portpool.
- May (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) Thomas Longley, Richard Snede, Thomas Aldersey, John Offeley, Thomas Marten; (3) 68t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Heswall.
- May (1) *Margaret of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davidson, David Middelton, Hugh Aldersey, William Goodman, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 49t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Heswall.
- May (1) *St. Anne of Renteria*, John Surrey; (2) David Middelton, Hugh Aldersey and other merchants; (3) 75t. iron; (5) 7.10.0; (6) Heswall.
- May (1) *Saviour of Bilbao*, Melcheor de Loreaga; (2) Peter Salsedo; (3) 98t. iron; (5) 9.16.0; (6) "le Pott Heir".
- May (1) *St. Barbara of "Alakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> John Ruse de Vita; (2) David Middelton, William Goodman and others; (3) 80t. iron; (5) 8.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *St. Mark of Bilbao*, Martin Sartiseo; (2) Martin de Sarratta; (3) 44t. iron; (5) 4.8.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *St. Barbara of "Alakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> Preora de Briarte; (2) William Davidson, John Thorneton and others; (3) 48t. iron; (5) 4.16.0; (6) Redbank.
- June (1) *Katharine Goodman of Chester*, Patrick Allor; (2) William Davidson, David Middelton and others; (3) 70t. iron; (5) 7.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- June (1) *Katharine Langley of Chester*, Gilbert Quirk; (2) David Middelton, Ralph Rogerson and others; (3) 50t. iron; (5) 5.0.0; (6) Redbank.
- Sept. (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) Thomas Longley, Philip Costerdyn and others; (3) 45t. iron; (5) 4.10.0; (6) Heswall.
- Sept. (1) *James of Chester*, Edward Morgan; (2) William Davidson, David Middelton and others; (3) 53t. iron; (5) 5.6.0; (6) Heswall.
- Sept. (1) *Margaret of Chester*, David John; (2) William Davidson, David Middelton and others; (3) 42t. iron; (5) 4.4.0; (6) Heswall.

## OUTWARDS

### HIDES: Custom

- July (1) *St. Salvador of Bilbao*, Melcheor de Elercatha; (2) Andrew Turreta, alien; (3) 83 dickers, 3 hides; (5) 19.15.8 $\frac{1}{4}$ .
- July (1) *St. Anne of "Larencia"*, John Surrey; (2) John Gartesea, alien; (3) 138 dickers, 8 hides; (5) 32.19.4.
- July (1) *St. Barbara of "Alakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> Peter de Briarte; (2) Martin de Ovila, alien; (3) 80 dickers, hides; (5) 19.0.0.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.

- July (1) *St. Barbara of "Alakitue"*,<sup>1</sup> John Ruse; (2) Martin de Euyta, alien; (3) 9 dickers, 7 hides; (5) 2.6.1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; (2) John de Audebita, alien; (3) 127 dickers, 4 hides; (5) 30.5.2; (2) Roger Barrowe, ind.; (3) 6 dickers, 8 hides; (5) 1.7.10.
- July (1) *St. Mark of Bilbao*, Martin de Sardochia; (2) Martin de Sarratso, alien; (3) 82 dickers hides; (5) 19.9.6.
- July (1) *James of Chester*, Edward Morgan; (2) William Davidson, Hugh Aldersey, David Middleton, Thomas Aldersey, Richard Snede, John Thorneton, Richard Poole, Ralph Rogers, ind. merchants; (3) 124 dickers, 9 hides; (5) 25.10.1.
- July (1) *Margaret of Chester*, David John; (2) William Goodman, Ralph Rogers, William Davidson, David Middleton, Hugh Aldersey, Hamo Johnson, Adam Goodman, John Pike, ind. merchants; (3) 220 dickers, 8 hides; (5) 45.1.8.
- July (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cooke; (2) Thomas Aldersey, Richard Snede, Philip Costerdynne, Richard Grymesdiche, Thomas Longley, Richard Poole, ind. merchants; (3) 94 dickers, 7 hides; (5) 19.6.9.
- July (1) *Katharine Goodman of Chester*, Patrick Gallor; (2) William Newhall, Richard Grymesdiche, Thomas Guthyn, ind. merchants; (3) 16 dickers hides; (5) 3.15.4.
- July (1) *Katharine Goodman* [      ], John Carpenter; (2) Edward Gee, Thomas Langley, Richard Poole, Richard Grymesdiche, ind. merchants; (3) 29 dickers, 7 hides; (5) 6.1.4.

1538-39 (Hen. VIII/363 mm. 2, 2d.)

#### INWARDS

- Dec. (1) *Peter (of Torbay)*,<sup>2</sup> Robert Marchaunt; (2) Hugh Aldersey, William Goodman, Adam Goodman, Ralph Aldersey; (3) 40t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Denhall.
- Jan. (1) *Michael of Chester*, Geoffrey Cok; (2) Thomas Aldersey, Richard Grymesdiche, Thomas Marten and others; (3) 56t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *Katharine Goodman of Chester*, David John; (2) William Goodman, Ralph Aldersey, Richard Grymesdiche and others; (3) 53t. sack; (4) 2t.; (6) Heswall.
- Feb. (1) *Katharine Langley (of Chester)*,<sup>2</sup> John Carpenter; (2) Thomas Longley, Richard Grymesdiche, Ralph Maynwaryng and others; (3) 40t. sack; (4) 2t.; (6) Burton.
- Feb. (1) *Margaret of Chester*, Patrick Hawler; (2) William Davidson, Hugh Aldersey, William Goodman, Ralph Rogerson; (3) 49t. iron; (5) 4.18.0; (6) Redbank.
- March (1) *James of Chester*, Edward Morgan; (2) William Davidson, Ralph Rogerson, William Aldersey, Robert Challoner, the master; (3) 16t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.; (6) Burton.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio

<sup>2</sup> *S.B. VII. f. 91.*

# CHESTER CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS

- April (1) "*Gardelopp*" (of *Bilbao*),<sup>1</sup> Bascian de Ermewe; (2) Bascian de Domyngo; (3) 36t. iron; (5) 3.12.0; (6) "Pott de Eyre".
- May (1) *John of Passajes*, Stephen de Clara; (2) Retrego de Atagoria; (3) 67t. iron; (5) 6.14.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *Mary of Plencia*, Martin de Amagia; (2) Peter de Averra; (3) 59t. iron; (5) 5.18.0; (6) Redbank.
- May (1) *Trinity of "Alakitue"*,<sup>2</sup> Martin de Aura; (2) Domyngo de Oringa; (3) 44t. iron; (5) 4.8.0; (6) Redbank.
- July (1) *St. Mary of "Gardepoole"*, John Echuasa; (2) Gartesia de Balle; (3) 46t. iron; (5) 4.12.0; (6) Redbank.
- July (1) *St. Salvador of Bilbao*, Bascian de Aunaco; (2) Peter Salsedo; (3) 100t. iron; (5) 10.0.0; (6) [      ].
- Sept. (1) *St. Mary of "Allekitue"*,<sup>2</sup> Peter Etwarte; (2) John Etwarte; (3) 94t. iron; (5) 9.8.0; (6) Redbank.

## OUTWARDS

No hides exported this year.

1542-43 (Hen. VIII/364 mm. 2, 2d.)

## INWARDS

- March (1)\* *Nicholas of Chester*, Robert Callon'; (2) Adam Goodman, Edmund Gee, Ranulph Maynwaryng, Ralph Aldersey and others; (3) 38t. iron; (5) 3.16.0; (6) Heswall.
- March (1) *Michael of Chester*, Thomas Tukker; (2) Richard Radford, Ranulph Walley and others; (3) 34t. iron; (5) 3.8.0; (6) Heswall.
- April (1) *Katharine Goodman of Chester*, Geoffrey Coke; (2) Adam Goodman, Edmund Gee, Philip Constantyn, Richard Bunbury and others; (3) 120t. sack; (4) 2t.; (6) Heswall.
- April (1) *Gabriel of Chester*, Patrick Caly; (2) Thomas Bavan'; (3) 42t. iron; (5) 4.4.0; (6) Heswall.

## OUTWARDS

No hides exported this year.

1546-47 (Ed. VI/62 mm. 14, 14d.)

## INWARDS

WINE: Prise

- (1) "*Turmethe*" of *Penmarch*; (2) Edmund Gee, Ranulph Manwaring, Ralph Gudman; (3) Gascon wine; (4) 2t.
- (1) *Julian of Penmarch*; (2) John Offeley, Ralph Rogerson, Thomas Bavan'; (3) 13t. Gascon wine; (4) 1t.
- (1) *Christopher of Chester*; (2) Ralph Aldersey, Anna Beeke, Ralph Sekerston; (3) sweet wine; (4) 2t.

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid.* f. 122d. The "*Gardelopp*", the *John of Passajes* and the *Mary of Plencia* left Chester with Manchester frieze, kersey, Northern dozens, cottons and goat skins. *Ibid.* ff. 125, 127, 130d.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Lequeitio.



- (1) *Mary of "Angove"*; (2) William Gudman, Richard Grymesdiche and others; (3) sweet wine; (4) 2t.

WINE: Custom

- (2) Melchior de Loriaga; (3) 4t. wine; (5) 8.0.  
 (2) Henry le Vescomite; (3) 52t. sweet wine; (5) 5.4.0.  
 (2) Alexander Pell'; (3) 9t. Gascon wine; (5) 18.0.

IRON: Custom<sup>1</sup>

- (2) Melcheor de Loreaga; (3) 32t. iron; (5) 3.4.0.  
 (2) Ralph Manwaryng; (3) 2t. iron; (5) 4.0.  
 (2) John Offeley and others of Chester; (3) 80t. iron; (5) 8.0.0.  
 (2) Sanceo de Ormechea; (3) 21t. iron; (5) 2.2.0.  
 (2) Adam Goodman and others of Chester; (3) 80t. iron; (5) 8.0.0.  
 (2) Richard Pole, Ralph Goodman; (3) 15t. iron; (5) 1.10.0.  
 (2) Richard Grymesdiche, jun., Thomas Bavant, John Offeley and others;  
 (3) 47t. iron; (5) 4.14.0.

OUTWARDS

HIDES: Custom of hides shipped to Spain.<sup>2</sup>

- (2) Richard Grymesdiche, sen. merchant of Chester; (3) 6 dickers tanned hides; (5) 1.4.6.  
 (2) Richard Grymesdiche, jun., merchant of Chester; (3) 6 dickers tanned hides; (5) 1.4.6.  
 (2) Sanceo de Ormechea, alien; (3) 45 dickers, 3 tanned hides; (5) 10.15.2½.  
 (2) Martin de Pochia, alien; (3) 6 dickers tanned hides; (5) 1.8.6.  
 (2) John Wyndor, ind.; (3) 13 dickers tanned hides; (5) 2.13.0 (sic).

1548-49 (Ed. VI/63 m. 20d.)

INWARDS

- (1) *Saviour of San Sebastian*;<sup>3</sup> (2) John de Arres; (3) 10t. 1 pipe Gascon wine; (5) 1.1.0; (3) 20t. iron; (5) 2.0.0.  
 (1) *Trinity of Portugalete*;<sup>4</sup> (2) John de Vassela; (3) 7t. Gascon wine; (5) 14.0.  
 (2) John Sadley, alien, John Affesay, ind.; (3) 85t. wine; (5) 8.10.0.  
 (1) *St. Mary of "Tallia"*; (2) John de Cantala, alien; (3) 25t. Gascon wine; (5) 2.10.0.  
 (1) "*Faircon Genytyll*"; (2) Thomas Offeley, Thomas Bavan', Ralph Aldersey and other merchants; (3) 50t. iron; (5) 5.0.0; (6) Redbank.  
 (1) *Peter Goodman of Chester*; (2) William Goodman of Chester, alderman; (3) 18t. iron; (5) 1.16.0.

<sup>1</sup> This appears to be an incomplete list of iron shipments. The sum of account gives customs receipts of £35.13.0 (sic) from 357 tuns of iron, whereas the above list reveals receipts of £27.14.0 from 277 tuns.

<sup>2</sup> The account for 1537-38 is the only one that gives sailing particulars concerning the export of hides.

<sup>3</sup> San Sebastian, prov. Guipuzcoa, Spain.

<sup>4</sup> Portugalete, prov. Biscay, Spain.



## OUTWARDS

HIDES: Custom of hides shipped to Spain

- (2) Andrew de la Saria, alien; (3) 44 dickers, 3 tanned hides; (5) 10.10.0.  
 (2) Richard Grymesdiche, sen. ind.; (3) 7 dickers tanned hides; (5) 1.8.7.  
 (2) Ralph Aldersey, ind., Adam Goodman, ind.; (3) 5 dickers tanned hides;  
 (5) 1.0.5.  
 (2) Andrew de la Sera, alien; (3) 36 dickers tanned hides; (5) 8.11.0.  
 (2) John Peres de Morca, alien; (3) 10 dickers tanned hides; (5) 2.9.10½.  
 (2) Thomas Saunder, ind.; (3) 3 dickers tanned hides; (5) 12.3.  
 (2) Domingo de Assava, alien; (3) 5 dickers, 3 tanned hides; (5) 1.4.6½.  
 (2) Martin de la Sara, alien, John Gamys, alien; (3) 36 dickers tanned hides;  
 (5) 8.10.0. (*sic*).  
 (2) Sanceo de Menshaka, alien; (3) 3 dickers, 3 tanned hides; (5) 15.5.  
 (2) Lope de Caveses, alien; (3) 2½ dickers, 3 tanned hides; (5) 11.11½.  
 (2) John Cantala, alien; (3) 12 dickers tanned hides; (5) 2.19.4½.  
 (2) William Gudman of Chester; (3) 5 dickers tanned hides; (5) 1.0.5.

1549-50 (Ed. VI/64 mm. 25, 25d.)

## INWARDS

WINE: Prise and Custom

- Jan. (1) "*Sancta Maria de Grace*" of Bermeo; (2) Adam Goodman, William Goodman of Chester; (3) 45t. Gascon wine; (4) 2t.; (6) Redbank.  
 (1) *St. John of "Crastr"*<sup>1</sup>; (2) Allowes de Victoria; (3) 17t. sack; (5) 1.14.0.  
 May (1) *Mary of "Tallia"*; (2) John de Cantala; (3) 75t. Gascon wine;  
 (5) 7.10.0.  
 May (1) *St. Katharine of "Vichiot"*<sup>2</sup>; (2) Peter de Annes and other aliens;  
 (3) 86t. sack; (5) 8.12.0; (6) Redbank.

IRON: Custom<sup>3</sup>

- (2) Adam and Thomas Saunder, ind.; (3) 80t. iron; (5) 8.0.0.  
 (2) William Goodman; (3) 16t. iron; (5) 1.12.0.  
 (2) John de Cantala; (3) 36t. iron; (5) 3.12.0.  
 (2) John Gerrecae; (3) 65t. iron; (5) 6.10.0.  
 (2) John Chalynor, Robert Dryhurste; (3) 5t. iron; (5) 10.0.  
 (2) Alloyes de Victoria, Richard Radford; (3) 10t. iron; (5) 1.0.0.  
 (2) Philip Costerdyne, Thomas Rychardson; (3) 1t. iron; (5) 2.0.  
 (2) Ralph Aldersey, Robert Bridde; (3) 25t. iron; (5) 2.10.0.  
 (2) William Goodman; (3) 17t. iron; (5) 1.14.0.

## OUTWARDS

HIDES: Custom of hides shipped to Spain.

- (2) William Gudman of Chester; (3) 5 dickers tanned hides; (5) 1.0.5.  
 (2) Peter de Matreaga of Spain; (3) 28 dickers tanned hides; (5) 6.13.0.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Castro-Urdiales, prov. Biscay, Spain.<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Vigo.<sup>3</sup> Part of this account seems to be missing. The sum total of custom received is stated to be £34.0.0, but above list amounts to only £25.10.0.

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- (2) Richard Grymesdiche, sen., ind.; (3) 7 dickers tanned hides; (5) 1.8.7.
- (2) Richard Poole, Thomas Saunder, ind.; (3) dickers tanned hides; (5) 12.3.
- (2) Thomas Saunder, ind.; (3) 1 dicker tanned hides; (5) 4.1.
- (2) Peter de Geya de Gilbade of Spain; (3) 10 dickers tanned hides; (5) 2.7.6.
- (2) Deago de Arteagra, alien; (3) 5 dickers 3 tanned hides; (5) 1.5.2 $\frac{1}{4}$ .
- (2) Richard Grymesdiche, ind.; (3) 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  dickers and 3 tanned hides; (5) 2.4.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- (2) Martin de la Serra, alien; (3) 19 dickers tanned hides; (5) 4.10.3.
- (2) Robert Emery, ind.; (3) 4 dickers tanned hides; (5) 16.4.
- (2) Adam Goodman, ind.; (3) 6 dickers tanned hides; (5) 1.6.6 $\frac{1}{2}$  (*sic*).
- (2) Richard Poole, ind.; (3) 2 dickers tanned hides; (5) 8.2.
- (2) Peter de Matriaga, alien; (3) 42 doz. calf fells; (5) 8.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

1553-54 (Ph. & M./45 m. 12d.)

INWARDS

WINE: Prise and Custom; No wine imported this year.

IRON: Custom

- (2) Diverse native and alien merchants; (3) 305t. iron; (5) 30.10.0.

OUTWARDS

No hides exported this year.

COPY OF AN ANSWER TO A ROYAL EXCHEQUER ENQUIRY  
INTO CONCEALMENT OF CUSTOMS AT CHESTER, 22 APRIL 1532<sup>1</sup>

the inquisicon and retorne uppon the same writt  
that no such small marchaundyse shuld be entred in  
the checkere butt before the Shirriff

An Inquisicon taken at Chestre in the Comen hall of plais of the Citie of Chestre the Monday next before the fest of Seynt George the Martere in the yere of the reigne of King H theight the XXIII before Wm. Sneyde Maire of that Citie, Robt. Brerewode and Thos. Barrow, Shirriffes of the Countie of the Citie aforesaid by vertue of a Writt of oure seid lord the king to theym dyrectyd and to this Inquisicon annexed by the othe of Thos. Haughton Wm. Goodeman, marchaunt, Rauff Rogerson marchaunt Thos. Bomville marchaunt Rd. Grymesdyche, marchaunt, Fulk Dutton draper Henry Heyton mercer, Rauff Goodeman, Wm. Bressy draper Rd. Hunt, Taileor, Rd. Ditton, John Thorneton, marchaunt, Thos. Marten marchaunt & John Cotgreve draper sworne whiche say appon their othez that the Citie of Chestre is an old Citie, and that in the forsaid Citie alwais from tyme aforeseid, it hath beyn usyd aswell of custome prescripton as of grauntys of dyvers Erles of Chestre and by the dede of H the VII late King of Ynglond to the Citizins of the forsaid Citie and their Successors among other thinges thereof playnely made and graunted that every ship loden or freghtyd with wyne and Iron arraving in the Ryver of Dee in the porte of the forsaid Citie, the maister and marchauntes of the same ship and marchaundyse ought and have used to entre the ship and the marchaundyse within the castell of Chestre, and thens had and alway obteyned of the counsell of the Lord Erle of Chestre Lycens to breke their Bulke their pleasure and thozе marchaundyse that is to witt wyne and Iron to be unlodyd, Because that the said Lord King now Erle of Chestre and all other his progenitours and predecessors Erlez of Chester fram the for said tyme out of mans remembrans naw, alsway have had and were paid custamez of such marchaundyse only, and that all shippys loden or freghted with any other marchaundyse that is witt trane oile rosen, pyche hony, spicibus sylk clothe lynen and woolen vitriis ffysshez and all other such small marchaundyse except Iran and wyne, Arraving in the Ryver of Dee in the port of the Citie of Chester afore said the maister and marchauntes of the same shipz and small marchaundyse ase said aw and

<sup>1</sup> B.M., *Harl. Ms.* 2057, ff. 121-121d. A copy of the writ of enquiry, dated 4 April 1532, can be found in *ibid.* f. 161d.

alway from all the tyme afore said usyd to entre the shipz and marchaundysez within the checker of the Citie of chestre before the shirryffe of the forsaid Citie, and in no other place, & have had and obteyned Lycens to breke the Bulke Alway of the shirryff of the Citie of chestre afore said and of non other, Because of suche small marchaundisez the shirryffes of the Citie afore said for the tyme being Alway have had perceyvid the right custame and other custamez of old tyme due to their awne proper usez as perteyning to ffee ferme of the forsaid Citie, and further the for said Jurors say that in the forsaid ship in the for said writt specified noo wyne or Iron was freghted or transported Butt in the same ship were transported and freghted three fardellz of Canvas one fardell of Bokeram, xv casez of vitrei xx centen. brasell to the value of fourtye markes of the goodes & marchaundisiz of Henry Gee citizin and Alderman of the Citie of Chester Afore said & eight barrell and a halff of hony iiij punchians de le vinarie ii barellz of blacke sope ii fardells of Canvas xxix centen. brasell xlvi pecys of Bokeram xv casez vitrii ii pecys of farsenett halff a yarde of velvett ii chestes xxiii gros of trenchers one Ronde table & one bedcase to the value of xl markys of the goodes & marchaundisez of Edward Mosseley & no more nor non other marchaundisez the whiche Gulyan le Dram mr. of the forseid ship called le Kateryn de Penmark & H. Gee & other marchauntes named in the forsaid writt have entred that ship and marchaundises in the same Canteyned or freghted in the exchequer of the for said Citie before Robt. Brerewood & T. Barrow shirryffes of the forsaid Citie as alway before for lyke small marchaundises they have usyd and aught to do and of theym had licens to breke the Bulk and at their will and pleasur to dispose, & sell butt in whoze handdys the forsaid marchaundyse now be the for said Jurors do not know In witnez whereof to ther inquisicon aswell the forsaid Mair and shirriffes as the for said Jurors their sealys have putt to yeven the day yere and place afore said.

## INTRODUCTION TO TABLES OF IMPORTS OF WINE AND IRON

### SECTIONS 3-5

Sections 3 and 4 are based on data supplied in the palatinate customs returns. Actual iron imports of denizen and alien merchants and actual wine shipments of aliens are always given in the accounts but it was not before the year 1513-14 that the chamberlain began to record the actual wine shipments of denizens. From time to time the tunnage of wine imported by native merchants can be obtained from the local customs accounts and from evidence in charter parties made in Bordeaux, Rochelle, and Libourne and this information has been introduced into the lists printed below.<sup>1</sup> In the main, the 14th and 15th century accounts simply give prisage and, for comparative purposes, some estimate of the tunnage of wine is necessary where the account gives only the prise.

The following estimates have been adopted:—

1. Ships paying prisage of 1 tun of wine: estimated cargo 15 tuns.
2. Ships paying prisage of 2 tuns of wine: estimated cargo 50 tuns.

The first estimate is fairly accurate. A prise of 1 tun of wine was taken on cargoes of more than 10 but less than 20 tuns. The second estimate is a loose approximation. It is based on the average of shipments made by denizen merchants paying 2 tuns prisage as revealed in the local customs accounts and charter parties of the late 14th and early 15th centuries.<sup>2</sup> As a check against this estimate of 50 tuns, averages have been worked out for certain years when the palatinate accounts give actual shipments of wine paying the prise of 2 tuns. For the 3 years 1517-20 the average tunnage of wine imported by native merchants amounted to 47 tuns per shipment, and for the 3 years 1536-39, 52 tuns per shipment.

The wine totals in brackets represent maximum estimates when the chamberlain's account has survived only in summary. Thus for the year 1334-35, 10 tuns of wine came from prisage and assuming that the prise of

<sup>1</sup> The charter parties enrolled on the *Chester Recognizance Rolls* (P.R.O., *Chester 2*) have been used discriminately. It has not been assumed that all the wine freighted aboard any one ship was destined for Chester. However, when the same merchant is mentioned both in the charter party and in the palatinate account all his wine shipment has been regarded as entering Chester.

<sup>2</sup> In the early 14th century the average cargo of a wine ship has been estimated at about 100 tuns. Wine ships often called at several ports before finally discharging all their cargo. Cf. M. K. James, *The Non-Sweet Wine Trade of England during the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries* (D.Phil. thesis, Oxford, 1951), p. 125.

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10 tuns was taken from 5 ships and that each ship brought in 50 tuns, the estimated maximum total would be 250 tuns.

Section 5 is based on the details of English wine imports in G. Schanz, *Englische Handelspolitik gegen Ende des Mittelalters*, Vol. II (1881), pp. 128-50. The classification "English ports" does not include the ports of the principality of Wales and the ports of the duchy of Cornwall.

In all three tables the sign '—' represents a nil return. Fractions of a tun have been omitted from the totals. On the few occasions when denizens and aliens were associated with the same iron shipment the tonnage has been credited solely to denizen merchants. The accounts extend from Michaelmas to Michaelmas unless otherwise stated.

Statistics of wine imports for the 15th century, other than at Chester, have not been provided. For the years 1400-83 totals of wine shipments into the ports that belonged to the national customs system have been published in *Studies in English Trade in the Fifteenth Century*, ed. E. E. Power and M. M. Postan (1933), pp. 330-60. Totals of non-sweet wine brought into English ports between 1485 and 1509 have been compiled by P. Ramsey, *Economic History Review*, 2nd Series, Vol. VI (1953-54), pp. 128-50.

## 3

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF TUNS OF WINE AND ACTUAL NUMBER OF TONS OF IRON  
IMPORTED AT CHESTER BY DENIZEN AND ALIEN MERCHANTS, 1301-1513.

WINE				WINE			
Year	Denizens	Aliens	Total	Year	Denizens	Aliens	Total
1301 <sup>1</sup>	—	—	—	1378-79	—	—	—
1301-02	—	—	—	1379-80	—	—	—
1302-03	100	—	100	1380-81	50	—	50
1303-04	120	—	120	1381-82	—	—	—
1305-06	[200]	—	[200]	1382-83	—	—	—
1312-13	30	—	30	1383-84	—	—	—
1315-16	150	—	150	1384-85	50	—	50
1319-20 <sup>2</sup>	100	—	100	1385-86	100	—	100
1326-27	[50]	—	[50]	1386-87	150	35	185
1334-35	[250]	—	[250]	1387-88	—	—	—
1335-36	[200]	—	[200]	1388-89	—	—	—
1347-48	350	—	350	1389-90	—	29	29
1349-50	[50]	—	[50]	1390-91	—	—	—
1350-51	—	—	—	1391-92	74	29	103
1353-54	100	—	100	1392-93	100	—	100
1354-55	50	—	50	1393-94	50	—	50
1356-57	50	—	50	1394-95	224	—	224
1357-58	50	—	50	1395-96	100	—	100
1358-59	50	—	50	1396-97	50	—	50
1359-60	50	—	50	1397-98	50	—	50
1360-61	—	—	—	1398-99 <sup>3</sup>	—	—	—
1361-62	50	—	50	1399-1400	100	—	100
1369-70	100	—	100	1400-01	150	—	150
1370-71	50	—	50	1401-02	217	—	217
1372-73	—	—	—	1402-03	50	—	50
1373-74	—	—	—	1403-04	—	—	—
1377-78	—	—	—	1404-05	50	—	50

<sup>1</sup> 7.2.1301-Mich. 1301.<sup>2</sup> 26.5.1320-30.9.1320.<sup>3</sup> Mich 1398-26.8.1399.

# IMPORTS OF WINE AND IRON 1301-1547

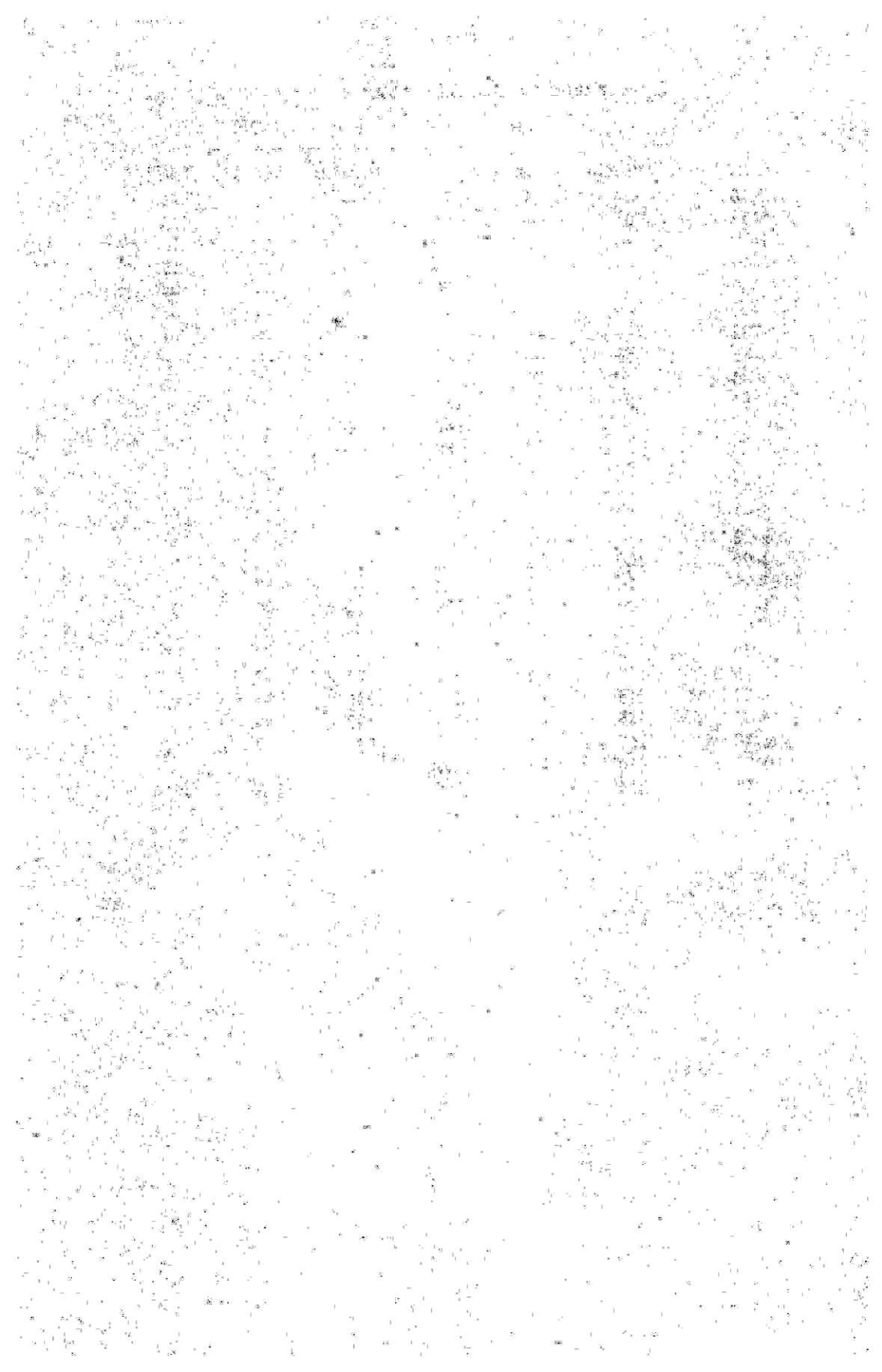
WINE				WINE			
Year	Denizens	Aliens	Total	Year	Denizens	Aliens	Total
1405-06	—	—	—	1434-35	100	—	100
1406-07	50	—	50	1435-36	50	—	50
1407-08	—	—	—	1436-37	100	—	100
1408-09	161	—	161	1437-38	50	—	50
1409-10	—	—	—	1438-39	50	—	50
1410-11	115	65	180	1439-40	50	—	50
1411-12	50	—	50	1440-41	100	—	100
1412-13	100	—	100	1441-42	50	—	50
1413-14	150	—	150	1442-43	50	—	50
1414-15	150	—	150	1443-44	50	—	50
1415-16	350	4	354	1444-45	50	30	80
1416-17	231	—	231	1445-46	50	19	69
1417-18	200	—	200	1446-47	65	—	65
1418-19	150	—	150	1447-48	50	—	50
1419-20	148	—	148	1449-50	100	—	100
1420-21	50	—	50	1450-51	50	—	50
1421-22	50	—	50	1451-52	65	—	65
1422-23	150	—	150	1452-53	50	—	50
1423-24	250	—	250	1453-54	50	—	50
1424-25	150	—	150	1454-55	100	—	100
1425-26	100	—	100	1455-56	—	—	—
1426-27	150	—	150	1456-57	—	—	—
1427-28	120	—	120	1457-58	50	—	50
1428-29	100	—	100	1458-59	—	—	—
1429-30	100	—	100	1460-61	—	—	—
1430-31	100	—	100	1461-62	—	—	—
1431-32	100	—	100	1462-63	—	94	94
1432-33	100	—	100	1463-64	—	—	—
1433-34	150	—	150				

Year	WINE			IRON		
	Denizens	Aliens	Total	Denizens	Aliens	Total
1464-65	—	240	240	—	22	22
1465-66	50	—	50	—	—	—
1467-68	79	—	79	—	—	—
1468-69	150	25	175	—	—	—
1469-70	112	—	112	—	—	—
1470-71	—	—	—	—	—	—
1471-72	—	—	—	—	—	—
1472-73	100	104	204	—	29	29
1473-74	50	—	50	—	70	70
1474-75	—	—	—	—	—	—



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Year	WINE			IRON		
	Denizens	Aliens	Total	Denizens	Aliens	Total
1475-76	54	24	78	—	15	15
1476-77	57	—	57	—	—	10
1477-78	—	20	20	—	10	10
1478-79	—	33	33	—	17	17
1479-80	50	—	50	—	—	—
1480-81	—	—	—	—	—	—
1481-82	—	—	—	—	—	—
1482-83	50	—	50	—	—	—
1483-84	50	21	71	—	5	5
1484-85	50	137	187	—	14	14
1486-87	—	40	40	—	—	—
1487-88	50	30	80	—	91	91
1488-89	50	—	50	—	74	74
1489-90	—	—	—	—	110	110
1490-91	50	92	142	—	119	119
1491-92	—	31	31	—	39	39
1494-95	100	82	182	—	116	116
1495-96	50	52	102	—	30	30
1496-97	100	16	116	20	40	60
1497-98	65	33	98	149	88	237
1498-99	165	—	165	—	67	67
1499-1500	150	5	155	46	15	61
1503-04	215	—	215	246	—	246
1508-09	245	—	245	123	53	176
1509-10	365	—	365	131	117	248
1510-11	[250]	—	[250]	—	—	270
1511-12	214	—	214	301	112	413
1512-13	—	—	—	—	—	273



## 4

ACTUAL NUMBER OF TUNS OF WINE AND OF TONS OF IRON IMPORTED AT  
CHESTER BY DENIZEN AND ALIEN MERCHANTS, 1513-1554.

Year	WINE			IRON		
	Denizens	Aliens	Total	Denizens	Aliens	Total
1513-14	10	28	38	—	148	148
1514-15	311	37	348	211	53	264
1515-16	225	18	243	106	102	208
1517-18	423	52	475	186	—	186
1518-19	315	16	331	432	54	486
1519-20	427	10	437	217	72	289
1523-24	8	10	18	36	160	196
1525-26	136	23	159	110	159	269
1526-27	551	42	593	196	415	611
1527-28	50	—	50	3	—	3
1528-29	150	36	186	151	237	388
1529-30	270	59	329	268	103	371
1530-31	274	5	279	333	140	473
1531-32	153	49	202	176	257	433
1532-33	257	23	280	208	81	289
1533-34	310	22	332	87	299	386
1535-36	287	3	290	377	83	460
1536-37	480	—	480	230	116	346
1537-38	171	96	267	567	142	709
1538-39	205	—	205	49	446	495
1542-43	120	—	120	114	—	114
1546-47	163	65	228	224	53	277
1548-49	—	127	127	18	20	38
1549-50	45	178	223	154	101	255
1553-54	—	—	—			305

## 5

## TUNS OF WINE IMPORTED AT CHESTER AND ENGLISH PORTS, 1509-1547.

Date	Chester	Bristol	South- ampton	London	Hull	Total Imports <sup>1</sup>
1509-10	365 <sup>2</sup>	544	407	1898	57	4195
1510-11	[250] <sup>2</sup>	2017	801	5037	505	10936
1511-12	214 <sup>2</sup>	1777	751	5257	416	10394
1512-13	—	770	687	3533	46	5946
1513-14	38	331	918	4343	130	7155
1514-15	348	1688	1284	4173	391	10304
1515-16	243	1787	1196	6642	394	8647
1517-18	475	1674	992	7583	413	12654
1518-19	331	2270	749	9754	372	17084
1519-20	437	1948	1083	6656	607	14097
1523-24	18	509	512	3669	44	5530
1525-26	159	1522	594	5875	389	11667
1526-27	593	1498	937	6236	389	12499
1527-28	50	835	501	3522	112	6351
1528-29	186	1309	369	6697	262	9937
1529-30	329	1636	602	7253	240	10889
1530-31	279	1556	456	7188	260	12141
1531-32	202	1604	704	5391	230	9444
1532-33	280	1599	591	5940	234	11205
1533-34	332	1794	958	5852	315	12007
1535-36	290	1593	699	4372	242	8372
1536-37	480	2044	1089	6249	278	12959
1537-38	267	1689	958	6507	294	11080
1538-39	205	1144	362	4523	100	7571
1542-43	120	1081	161	3343	55	5201
1546-47	288	1358	417	7077	179	10596

<sup>1</sup> Total imports for all English ports excluding Chester and parts of the principality of Wales and duchy of Cornwall.

<sup>2</sup> Imports at Chester, 1509-12, are estimates.

## 6

### THE CHESTER PORT BOOKS, 1565-66

On 16 November 1559 the royal exchequer assumed responsibility for the receipt and audit of customs revenue issuing from the port of Chester. From this date enrolled customs accounts exist for the port and a particular of account has survived for the year 1561-62.<sup>1</sup> However, for a day-by-day account of the trade of the port, no exchequer source is more informative than the port books. The port books, as a class of record, were the result of an exchequer order of 1564 after a detailed investigation into the customs system had been undertaken. The order sought to impose stricter control on officials in the customs service. All officials were henceforth obliged to render their accounts in detail in special port books sent out from the exchequer. The order was to take effect from Easter 1565.<sup>2</sup>

Four port books, covering overseas shipments only and extending from the year Michaelmas 1565 to Michaelmas 1566, are extant for the port of Chester.<sup>3</sup> Besides the returns from Chester itself they include returns from Liverpool, Conway and Beaumaris, ports which, since 1559, had been grouped together for customs purposes as members of the head port of Chester. The port books of the north Welsh ports for this year have already been calendared.<sup>4</sup> The following lists, therefore, treat only with Chester and Liverpool.

The port books are written in English. In transcribing the port books it was felt that at this comparatively late date little could be gained from retaining original spelling. Consequently, christian names, place names, the names of ships and items of merchandise have been expressed in modern English. Only surnames are written as they appear in the original accounts. Liberty has been taken in arranging the evidence in schematic form. "Sailing particulars" includes the name, home port and master of the ship, the ship's tonnage in brackets, and either the port of shipment or destination.

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O., *Exch. Q.R. Customs Accts.* 31/5; 200/4.

<sup>2</sup> For an introduction to this class of exchequer record see *Descriptive List of Exchequer, Queen's Remembrancer, Port Books, Part I 1565 to 1700* (Public Record Office).

<sup>3</sup> As a further attempt to prevent customs evasion, officials were obliged to enter both coastal and overseas traffic in their account. The earliest coastal information for Liverpool is contained in a searcher's account for Mich. 1573 to Mich. 1574 and for Chester in a searcher's account Mich. 1575 to Mich. 1576. (P.R.O., *Exch. Q.R. Customs Accts.* 1324/6; 1324/7.)

<sup>4</sup> *Welsh Port Books 1550-1603*, ed. E. A. Lewis, Cymmrodorion Record Series No. XII (1927), pp. 238-240. They comprise:—

- (i) Customer's entries for Conway, Mich. 1565 to Easter 1566.
- (ii) Customer's and controller's entries for Beaumaris, Mich. 1565 to Easter 1566.

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In the list of shippers, the merchant and the factor, when given, have been included. That part of the account giving financial details, that is to say customs valuation of merchandise imported and exported, and the custom and/or subsidy charged, has been omitted. The sum total of customs receipts. has been included.

CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNT FOR CHESTER—MICHAELMAS 1565 TO  
EASTER 1566

P.R.O., *Exch. Q.R. Port Book 1323/1*

[*Note.* The entries are set out as follows :

Date, *Ship's name* (tonnage), Master, Port of shipment.

Shipper, Cargo.]

OUTWARDS

7 Oct. *John of Hilbre* (16), Richard Rathbone to Dublin.

William Pursell of Dublin, diverse small wares val. £4.

Giles Allen of Dublin, sadler, 4 gross girth webs, 4 doz. bits, other small wares val. £6 13s. 1d. & 3 doz. Scottish saddle tores in 5 bundles.

James Galwaye of Cork, 1 short broadcloth, 2 pieces Yorkshire kersey, 8lbs. Irish silk, 3lbs. saffron, 1 piece calico cloth.

Edward White of Dublin, 2C hops, 4C wooden cups, 1M trenchers of the common sort,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C great raisins, 2 pieces yellow fustian, other small wares val. £5.

Simon Hand of Dublin, 2C hops, 4 firkins Flemish soap, other small wares val. £3.

Hugh Kenedine of Dublin, 1C 3qrs. hops, other small wares val. £4.

John Luttrell, 2C hops, 3 pieces Western kersey, 2 pieces Northern kersey,  $\frac{1}{2}$  short broadcloth, & other small merchandise val. £6 13s. 4d.

8 Oct. *Jesus of Hilbre* (14), Thomas Queyntrie to Dublin.

Hugh Kenedine of Dublin, 2 pieces Yorkshire kersey, 1 piece yellow Western kersey,  $\frac{1}{2}$  piece black Western kersey.

Edward White of Dublin, 3 firkins Flemish soap, other small wares val. £3.

Thomas Qentrie of Hilbre, master and owner, 8t. coal.

17 Oct. *Trinity of Chester* (26), William Davies to Andalusia.

John Myddleton & William Mascye of Chester, 18C Manchester cottons.

Michael Smyth of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

Randall Leeche of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons, 1 fother of lead.

John Shawe of Chester, 4C Manchester cottons.

Thomas Radford of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

John Myddelton of Chester, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

17 Oct. *Bride of Hilbre* (24), Thomas Queyntrie to Dublin.

The master, 10t. coal.

25 Oct. *Christopher of Newcastle* (46), Thomas Ledgard to Bordeaux.

John Pyllyn of Chester, 4C Manchester cottons.

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Gilbert Knolles & William Dodd of Chester, 12C Manchester cottons,  
30t. coal.

William Aldersey of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

22 Dec. *Nicholas of Douglas* (50), Robert Skaltock to Biscay.

Robert Barstowe of Chester, 4½C Manchester cottons.

John Myddleton by William Massy f., 2C Manchester cottons.

8 Feb. *Mary Magdalene of Chester* (50), John Jettar to Biscay.

John Middleton by William Massy f., 4C Manchester cottons.

John Basford of Chester, 2C Manchester cottons.

John Kyrck of Chester by Richard Weelde f., 2C Manchester cottons.

Simon Mounford of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

Peter Mutton of Chester by Henry Manwaring f., 3C Manchester cottons.

Thomas Nicholson & Richard Bavand of Chester, 6C Manchester cottons.

23 Feb. *Nicholas of Douglas*, Robert Skaltock to Biscay.

John Kirckes of Chester by Richard Weeld f., 2C Manchester cottons.

John Kirckes of Chester, 1½C Manchester cottons.

23 Feb. *Peter of Dublin* (8), Walter White to Dublin.

Walter White of Dublin, 5t. coal.

19 Mar. *Trinity of Chester* (26), William Davies to Vigo.

William Massy of Chester, 9½C Manchester cottons.

Edward Hanmer of Chester, 9½C Manchester cottons.

Richard Bavand of Chester, 3C 1qr. Manchester cottons.

John Shawe of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

19 March *Grace Jewett of Chester* (24), Brian Bland of Chester to Vigo.

William Jewett of Chester, 16C Manchester cottons.

23 March *Mary Fortune of Wexford* (12) Davy Gwen of Wexford to  
Wexford.

The master, 7 doz. hemp and other small wares val. 20s.

26 March *Mary of "Bloyt"* (12) Thomas Mylner of Neston to Dublin.

The master, 8t. coal.

27 March *George of Hilbre* (12), Thomas Momley of Hilbre to Dublin.

The master, 6t. coal.

27th March *William of Chester* (42), John Collier to Biscay.

John Kirckes of Chester, 5C Manchester cottons.

Thomas Radford of Chester, 5C Manchester cottons.

William Jewett of Chester, 1½C Manchester cottons.

27 March *Ellen of Hilbre* (12), Richard Rathbone of Hilbre to Dublin.

The master, 6t. coal.

27 March *Guthlac of Hilbre* (14), Richard Hogg of Hilbre to Dublin.

The master, 8t. coal.

Simon Hande of Dublin by Christopher Hand f., 2C hops, 3C wooden cups, 1M trenchers of the common sort, 3 pieces Kendal cottons, 1 piece great raisins, 2 firkins Flemish soap, other small wares val. 20s.

2 April *Sunday of Hilbre* (30), William Rattclyff.

John Fitzimonds of Dublin, 3 pieces Kendal cottons, 1 Northern kersey, 1 Western kersey,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Western kersey, 1C white wooden cups, other small wares val. £8.

Edward White of Dublin, 2C hops,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Castile soap, 2 firkins Flemish soap, 3C white wooden cups, 5C trenchers of the common sort, 2 doz. coarse felts, other small wares val. £6.

6 April *Katharine of Hilbre* (16), John Androwe of West Kirby, purser, to Dublin.

Robert Cutt of London, haberdasher, by Robert Brerewood f., 2 pieces great raisins,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C licorice,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C prunes,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed, 4 firkins Flemish soap, 12 doz. "Almayn" knives, 1 doz. sword hilts, 10lbs. comfits, 40lbs. sugar,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C green copperas.

Barnaby Halmon of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 1 piece Northern kersey, other small wares val. £3.

The purser, 12t. coal.

8 April *Bride of Hilbre* (24), Thomas Queyntrie to Dublin.

The master, 8t. coal

12 April *Michael of Wexford* (20), Thomas Routhe to Wexford.

Alexander Keting of Wexford, 1C. 1qr. hops, 5 doz. hemp, 12lbs. pewter.

## INWARDS

2 Oct. *Ellen of Hilbre* (14), Richard Rathbone from Wexford.

Garrett Synott of Wexford by John Harvie of Chester f., 3C sheepfells, 8C brockfells, 2C barrel boards, 5st. wool, 4st. flocks, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C checkers,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Irish frieze, 6 Irish mantles.

John Horton of Chester, 6C sheepfells, 6C brockfells.

3 Oct. *Ellen of Neston* (12), Thomas Milner from Wexford.

Robert Dryhurst of Chester, 10C sheepfells, 20C brockfells, 6 deerfells.

6 Oct. *Bride of Hilbre* (24), Richard Hogg from Waterford.

Christopher Morvell of Chester, 25C sheepfells, 20C brockfells, 3C yds. Irish frieze, 4 butts sack, 10 Irish mantles.

16 Oct. *Guthlac of Hilbre* (14), Richard Hogg master and owner from Dublin.

Richard Rowsell of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 6C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.

Richard Clerk of Dublin, 2C checkers,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 3C brockfells.

William Kelly of Dublin, 5C sheepfells, 8C brockfells, 1C checkers, 1 firkin honey, 28lbs. old brass, 2 Irish mantles.



- 17 Oct. *Nicholas of Hilbre* (16), Thomas Rattcliff from Dublin.  
 Patrick Garratt of Dublin by Robert Brerewood f., 3C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.  
 Thomas Dormant of Dublin by William Smythe of Chester f., 8C sheepfells, 8C brockfells.
- 29 Oct. *John of Hilbre* (16), Richard Rathbone from Dublin.  
 Edmund Devenysse of Dublin by Christopher Hand f., 4C sheepfells, 6C brockfells.  
 Richard Garrett of Dublin by William Smythe of Chester f., 2C sheepfells, 1C brockfells.
- 18 Dec. *Bride of Hilbre* (21), Thomas Queyntrie from Dublin.  
 Simon Hand of Dublin by John Harvie of Chester f., 2½C sheepfells, 1½C brockfells.  
 Robert Cutt of London ironmonger, 1½C checkers in 3 rolls.  
 Richard Rounsell of Dublin by Robert Brerewood f., 7C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.
- 8 Feb. *Trinity of Chester* (16), William Gyle from Dublin.  
 Patrick Garrett of Dublin by Robert Brerewood f., 3C sheepfells, 2½C brockfells.  
 Richard Garrett of Dublin by John Harvie of Chester f., 2½C sheepfells, 2C brockfells.  
 William Flettcher of Chester, sadler by Thomas Pershval f., 5st. flocks, ½C tallow.
- 12 Feb. *Trinity of Chester* (26), Nicholas White from Andalusia.  
 Michael Smith of Chester, 2t. sack, 17½ pieces figs.  
 John Shaw of Chester, 2t. sack, 17½ pieces figs.  
 Randall Leeche of Chester, 3t. sack, 52½ pieces figs.  
 Thomas Radford of Chester, 3t. sack, 52½ pieces figs.  
 John Middleton of Chester, 5t. sack, 35 pieces figs, 35 pieces great raisins, 1C pepper.
- 27 Feb. *Nicholas of Hilbre* (20), William Rattclyff from Dublin.  
 William Kelly of Dublin by John Harvie f., 8C sheepfells, 12C brockfells.  
 Simon Hand of Dublin, 3C sheepfells, 20st. flocks.  
 James Malone of Dublin by William Smythe f., 8C sheepfells, 8C brockfells.  
 John Golding of Dublin by William Smythe f., 4C brockfells.  
 Richard Rounsell of Dublin by Robert Brerewood f., 1C sheepfells, 1C calf fells, 5st. flocks.
- 4 March *Ellen of Hilbre* (12) Richard Rathbone from Dublin.  
 James Malowne of Dublin by William Smythe of Chester f., 12C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.  
 John Gaydon of Dublin by William Smythe of Chester f., 1C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.  
 Simon Hand of Dublin, 2C sheepfells, 3C brockfells, 2 checkers.  
 Edward White of Dublin by Simon Hand f., 2C sheepfells, 5st. flocks.

Patrick May of Dublin by Simon Hand f., 1 butt sack.

Thomas Cosgrave of Dublin by Simon Hand f., 2C calf-fells, 1C sheepfells.

8 March *Peter of Dublin* (8), Walter White.

Edward White of Dublin, 2C brockfells, 3C sheepfells, 2C checkers, 5st. flocks in 1 bed.

William Fletcher of Chester sadler, 3 butts sack, 3C tallow, 12 dickers salted hides.

Nicholas Gowshe of Athboy by Henry Rowick serv., 2 packs yarn.

Richard Fox of Manchester by Robert Brerewood f., 1 pack yarn.

21 March *Martin of Neston* (12), Thomas Milner of Neston from Dublin.

William Peeres of Carrickfergus by Thomas Milner f., 1t. sack.

26 March *Katharine of Hilbre* (16), John Howshe from Dublin.

John Luttrell jun. of Dublin by Christopher Hand of Dublin f., 10C sheepfells, 8C brockfells, 10st. flocks.

Robert Brerewood of Chester, 13C sheepfells, 100 brockfells, 10st. flocks, 1C tallow.

27 March *Anne of Castletown Isle of Man* (8), Thomas Lea of Castletown from Isle of Man.

The master, 3hh. beef, 5 barrels beef,  $\frac{1}{2}$  dicker hides,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  qrs. wheat, 3C wheat.

30 March *Jesus of Hilbre*, Thomas Queyntrie from Dublin.

John Luttrell jun. of Dublin by Christopher Hand f., 13C sheepfells, 11C brockfells, 2C checkers, 5st. flocks.

Edmund Devenisshe of Dublin by Christopher Hand f., 5C sheepfells, 3C brockfells, 3C checkers.

CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNT FOR CHESTER—EASTER 1566 TO

MICHAELMAS 1566

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INWARDS

7 April *Christopher of Newcastle* (46), Thomas Ledgard from Bordeaux.

William Dodd of Chester, 4t. 1hh. Gascon wine, 1t. vinegar.

John Hewer of Chester, 4t. 1hh. Gascon wine, 1t. vinegar.

John Pyllyn of Chester & James Fullen of Chester,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ t. Gascon wine, 1t. vinegar.

John Jones of London by John Allington of Chester f., 2t. Gascon wine, 4C prunes.

Gilbert Knolles of Chester,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ t. Gascon wine, 1t. vinegar.

William Aldersey of Chester, 3t. Gascon wine, 20 cakes pitch and resin, 14C prunes in 6hh.

Simon Mountford of Chester by Thomas Grymesdiche f., 2hh. Gascon wine.

Thomas Grymesdiche of Chester, 2hh. Gascon wine.

CHESTER CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS

- 18 April *Eagle of Hilbre* (10), Richard Little from Dublin.  
 Thomas Dormond of Dublin by Richard Taylor of Chester f., 6C sheepfells,  
 2C brockfells.  
 Ralph Crane of Chester, 1½C checkers.
- 19 April "*Sancta Maria de Tolaia*" of Bermeo (25), Domyngo Royse de  
 Bellota of Bermeo from Bermeo.  
 William Jewett of Chester, 3t. iron, 8t. train.  
 George Reynolds of Liverpool, 3t. iron, 8t. train.
- 28 April *Katharine of Douglas Isle of Man* (4), Thomas Matire from  
 Douglas.  
 The master, 4 [sic] 1qr. beef, 1C tallow, 4 bushels barley, 1 London quartz,  
 2 bushels wheat.  
 Henry Kallostorne of Douglas, 8 [sic] 3hh. beef, ½C tallow, 1 dicker salted  
 hides.  
 Patrick Brue of Douglas, 6 [sic] 2hh. beef, 1C sheepfells, 1C tallow.
- 2 May *Guthlac of Hilbre* (16), Richard Hogg from Dublin.  
 Walter Richeford of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 6C sheepfells.  
 Robert Cutt of London ironmonger by Robert Brerewood of Chester f.,  
 2C checkers, 5st. flocks.  
 William Kelly of Dublin by John Harvie of Chester f., 12C sheepfells, 12C  
 brockfells.
- 3 May *Katharine of Hilbre* (16), John Androwe from Dublin.  
 John Luttrell jun. of Dublin by Christopher Hand f., 1½C sheepfells, 4C  
 brockfells.  
 Patrick Milles of Dublin merchant, skinner by John Stounse of Chester f.,  
 12C grey coney fells.
- 3 May *Primrose of Chester* (30), Richard Hogg of Chester from Waterford.  
 James Fullen of Chester by William Pyllyn serv., 2 butts sack.
- 12 May *George of Hilbre* (14), Thomas Maniley from Dublin.  
 Walter Richford of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 6C sheepfells,  
 ½C checkers in 1 roll.  
 Patrick Garret of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 2½C sheepfells,  
 ½C calf-fells, 1C checkers, 5C brockfells.
- 16 May *Nicholas of Hilbre* (16), Thomas Ratcliff from Waterford.  
 Rovert Dryhurst of Chester, 10C sheepfells, 20C brockfells, 9 dickers salted  
 hides, 5C yds. Irish frieze, 32 barrels "Brittisshe" salt.
- 19 May *Bride of Hilbre* (24), Thomas Queyntrie from Dublin.  
 Patrick Garrett of Dublin by George Roche serv., 4C sheepfells, 2C brock-  
 fells, 3C black lambfells.
- 20 May *Jesus of Hilbre* (14), Thomas Queyntrie.  
 Walter Richford of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 3C sheepfells,  
 5 dickers salted hides, 5st. flocks.

20 May *Sunday of Hilbre* (36).

James Mallowne of Dublin by William Ratcliff of West Kirby f., 1 pack yarn, 3 dickers salted hides, 1C alum,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C old brass, 3st. flocks.

29 May *William of Chester* (42), John Collier from Bermeo.

William Jewett of Chester, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.

Christopher Morvell of Chester, 5t. iron.

Thomas Radford of Chester, 14t. iron, 2t. train.

William Dodd of Chester, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.

John Kirckes of Chester, 4t. iron.

John Basford of Chester, 4t. iron.

29 May *Magdalene of Chester* (50), John Jettar from Bilbao.

Henry Maynwarding of Chester, 6t. iron.

John Middleton of Chester, 7t. iron.

Simon Mounford of Chester, 5t. iron.

Thomas Nicolson of Chester, 5t. iron.

John Kirckes of Chester, 2t. iron.

John Fullen of Chester, 6t. iron.

31 May *Sunday of Wexford* (4), Michael Roche from Wexford.

Garrett Synott of Wexford, 24 barrels "British" salt, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 3C black lambfells, 12C brockfells, 15 Irish mantles, 30 yds. Irish frieze.

8 June "*Nostra Seigniora*" of *Portugalete* (20), John Symond of Chester from Bilbao.

Robert Barstowe of Chester, 12t. iron.

Edward Mosley of Blackburn by Robert Barstowe f., 2t. train, 2t. iron.

12 June *Guthlac of Hilbre* (16), Richard Hogg.

Patrick Garrett of Dublin by Richard Tailour of Chester f., 30C brockfells, 10C sheepfells.

Edward White of Dublin by John Harvie of Chester f., 1C sheepfells, 3st. wool.

16 June *Martin of Neston* (18), Thomas Milner from Dublin.

Richard Rounsell of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 3C sheepfells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C calf fells, 1C old brass, 15C brockfells.

19 June *Ellen of Hilbre* (15), Richard Rathbone from Dublin.

Walter Richford of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.

Edward Fitzimonds of Dublin by Richard Tirall of Chester f., 12C brockfells.

Richard Garrett of Dublin by John Harvie f., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 4C brockfells, 2st. wool, 1C lambfells.

19 June *Nicholas of Hilbre* (16), Thomas Ratcliff from Dublin.

Simon Hand of Dublin by Thomas Hervie of Chester f., 2C checkers, 3C brockfells, 1C sheepfells, 2st. flocks, 3st. wool.

James Malowne of Dublin by the master f., 4 dickers salted hides.

Ralph Crane of Chester, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C checkers, 2st. flocks, 2st. wool.

1 July *Trinity of Chester* (26), William Davies from Bermeo.

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William Massey of Chester & Edward Hanmer of Chester, 10t. iron, 3t. train.

Fulk Aldersey of Chester, 4t. iron.

John Shawe of Chester by Nicholas White f., 3t. iron.

2 July *Nicholas of Douglas* (50), Robert Skaltock from Bilbao.

Christopher Morvell of Chester, 6t. Spanish iron.

John Kirckes of Chester, 5t. Spanish iron, 1t. train.

John Flettcher of Chester by John Basford of Chester f., 5t. Spanish iron.

John Basford of Chester f., 2½t. Spanish iron.

8 July *Katharine of Hilbre* (14), John Hough from Dublin.

Thomas Llin' of Chester, glover, 1 butt sack, 5st. flocks, 1½C brockfells.

12 July *Jesus of Hilbre* (14), Thomas Queyntrie.

Patrick Garratt of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 9C sheepfells, 26C brockfells.

Simon Hand of Dublin by John Harvie of Chester f., 1½C checkers, ½C calf fells, ½C sheepfells.

16 July *Nicholas of Hilbre* (16), Thomas Ratsclyff from Dublin

Adam Goodman of Chester by William Goodman f., 4 butts sack

22 July *Martin of Neston* (18), Thomas Milner from Dublin.

Richard Rounsell of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 7C sheepfells, 10C brockfells, 6C checkers, 6st. wool, 5st. flocks.

Edward White of Dublin by John Harvie of Chester f., 3C checkers, 1½C sheepfells, 4C brockfells, 8st. wool.

11 Aug. *Guthlac of Hilbre* (16), Richard Hogg.

Richard Rounsell of Dublin by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 1½C sheepfells, 2C brockfells, ½C & 30 calf fells, 2C checkers.

Patrick Garrett of Dublin, 1½C sheepfells, 3C brockfells.

John Richford of Dublin, 6C brockfells, 2C sheepfells.

Edmund White of Dublin by John Harvie f., 8C sheepfells, 10C brockfells.

Simon Hand of Dublin by John Harvie f., 6C sheepfells, 8C brockfells.

13 Aug. *William of Chester* (42), John Simonds from Rochelle.

William Jewett of Chester by his son and f. Randall, 300 barrels "Brittisshe" salt.

William Smyth of Chester, 2t. Rochelle wine, 3t. vinegar, 1t. iron, 12 barrelstar.

Walter Fox of Chester, 1t. Rochelle wine, ½t. vinegar, 12 barrels tar, 1t. iron.

28 Aug. *Bride of Hilbre* (24), Thomas Quenitrie from Dublin.

John Luttrell of Dublin, 23C brockfells, 20C sheepfells, 3C checkers, 1C old brass.

John Lennan of Dublin by John Luttrell f., 26C brockfells, 10C sheepfells, 1½C checkers.

Edmund Devonishe of Dublin by John Luttrell f., 2C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.

Edward White of Dublin, 3C sheepfells, 7C brockfells, 1½C checkers, 1C old brass.

Mathew Gaydon of Dublin, 2C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.  
 Richard Garrett of Dublin, 1C old brass,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 1C brockfells.  
 John Blackney of Dublin,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ C checkers, 2 Irish mantles.  
 Patrick Milles of Dublin, skinner, 10C lamb fells, 20 fox cases, 25 otter skins,  
 1 doz. marten skins.  
 John Gough of Dublin, 3C sheepfells, 1C brockfells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C old brass,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C  
 checkers in 1 roll.  
 Simon Hande of Dublin, 4C brockfells, 10 sheepfells, 1C old brass, 2 russet  
 mantles, 6C checkers.  
 30 Aug. *George of Poole* (55), John Whittell of Poole from "Armuster" in  
 France.  
 George Jaxon & Nicholas Nueman of Poole, 300 barrels "Brittisshe" salt.

### OUTWARDS

23 April *Jesus of Hilbre* (14), Thomas Queyntrie to Dublin.  
 Richard Clerk of Dublin, 1 piece great raisins,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C currants, 2C hops,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C  
 Castile soap,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C licorice,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C white sugar, 3 pieces Mockado, 2 pieces  
 yellow fustian, 15 yds. sack cloth thread,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. saffron, other small wares  
 val. £8.  
 Andrew Luttrell of Dublin, 2C hops,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C licorice,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Castile soap,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C currants,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C white sugar, 1 piece great raisins, 2 lbs. nutmeg, 1lb. cloves,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. saffron, 1 piece yellow fustian, 1 piece Mockado, 1 doz. coarse felts,  
 other small wares val. £9.  
 Nicholas Duff of Dublin, 1 short broadcloth,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pieces Western kersey,  
 1C licorice,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C currants, 1C prunes,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C almonds, 5lbs. white sugar, 2lbs.  
 saffron, 1C aniseed, 1 piece great raisins, 3C wooden cups, 5C trenchers of  
 the common sort, other small wares val. £10.  
 Richard Rounsell of Dublin, 2 "shorr" cloths in 4 remnants, 1 piece yellow  
 fustian, 2 gross "Almayne" knives, 2 lbs. English saffron, 3 firkins Flemish  
 soap, 1C licorice, other small wares val. £4.  
 Christopher Sedgrave of Dublin by Nicholas Ball f., 2 short broadcloths,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  piece frizado, 1 piece lockram, 2 Northern kerseys, 2 pieces yellow  
 fustian, 2 firkins Flemish soap, 1 piece great raisins, 3 rolls buckram, 1  
 ream white paper,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  doz. children's caps, 1 gross "cruell" girdles,  $\frac{3}{4}$ C  
 licorice, 1C prunes,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum, other small wares val. £3.  
 2 May *Martin of Neston* (18), Thomas Milner to Dublin.  
 Christopher Sedgrave of Dublin by Nicholas Ball f., 4 Yorkshire dozens, 10  
 Yorkshire straits.  
 Richard Rounsell of Dublin, 4C hops.  
 John Leman of Dublin, 6C hops, 7 firkins Flemish soap, 1C prunes,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C  
 Castile soap, 2C white wooden cups, 5C trenchers of the common sort,  
 other small wares val. £8.  
 11 May *Ellen of Hilbre* (10), Richard Rathbone to Dublin.  
 John Penteny of London merchant-tailor, 2C hops, 6 firkins Flemish soap,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed, 1 piece great raisins, other small wares val. £6.

CHESTER CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS

16 May "*Santa Maria de Tolaia*" of Bermeo (25), Domyngo Royse de Bellota to Bermeo.

William Jewett of Chester, 7C Manchester cottons.

George Rainsford of Liverpool, 8C Manchester cottons.

18 May *Guthlac of Hilbre* (16), Richard Hogg to Dublin.

Robert Pavie of London merchant-tailor, diverse small wares val. £12.

18 May *Ellen of Hilbre*, Richard Rathbone.

James Malowne of Dublin by Robert Bathe f., 8C hops,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed, 1 piece great raisins, 3 Western kerseys, 16 lbs. Irish silk, other small wares val. £11.

William Fox of London haberdasher by John Grymesdiche of Chester f., 3C sumach.

Robert Crane of Chester, 2C wooden cups, 5C trenchers of the common sort.

11 June *William of Chester* (42), John Collier to Rochelle.

William Jewett by Randall, his son and f., 50t. coal.

William Smythe of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

William Fox of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

12 June *Jesus of Hilbre* (14), Robert Queyntrie to Dublin.

Robert Cutt of London ironmonger by Robert Brerewood of Chester f., 6C hops, 2 pieces great raisins, 6 reams white paper,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C currants.

Nicholas Baron of Dublin, 2C hops, 1 piece great raisins, 2 firkins grey soap,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C Castile soap,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C licorice,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C prunes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gross "Almaine" knives, other small wares val. 30s.

Nicholas Drumgowll of Dublin, 1 gross thick trenchers, 1 piece great raisins,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C prunes, 1 gross "Almaine" knives, 1 lb. saffron,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum, 1 firkin grey soap, other small wares val. 30s.

18 June *Christopher of Newcastle* (46), Thomas Ledgard to Rochelle.

Edward Swinborne of Newcastle, 4C Manchester cottons.

1 July *Sunday of Wexford* (4), Michael Roche to Wexford.

Garrett Synot of Wexford,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  short broad cloths, 2 pieces Northern kersey, 2 lbs. saffron,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum, other small wares val. £6.

13 July "*Nostra Seigniora*" of Portugalete (25), John Deraviva to Portugalete.

Edward Mosley of Blackburn, 10 pieces Yorkshire straits, 4C Manchester cottons.

19 July *Primrose of Chester* (30), Richard Hogg to Rochelle.

Peter Mutton of Chester & Griffith Yevauns of Chester, 10C Manchester cottons.

John Pillin of Chester, 4C Manchester cottons.

6 Aug. *Trinitie White of* [ ] (25), William Coventre to Corunna.

John Hewer of Chester,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

John Kirkes of Chester, 5C Manchester cottons.

John Basford of Chester & John Fletcher of Chester, 5C Manchester cottons.

John Shawe of Chester,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

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29 Aug. *Anne of Douglas* (50), William Davies to Andalusia.

John Middleton of Chester, 5C Manchester cottons.

Randall Leeche of Chester, 6C Manchester cottons.

Thomas Radford of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

Christopher Morvell of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

29 Aug. *Ellen of Chester* (40), John Dakers to Bordeaux.

Christopher Morvell of Chester, 5C Manchester cottons.

Peter Mutton of Chester, 5C Manchester cottons.

Richard Bavand of Chester, 4C Manchester cottons.

Fulk Aldersey of Chester, 6C Manchester cottons.

17 Sept. *George of Poole* (55), John Whittel to Andalusia.

Edward Hanmer & John Thornton of Chester, 19C Manchester cottons.

George Jaxson of Poole, 4C Manchester cottons, 24t. coal.

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EASTER 1566

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OUTWARDS

3 Oct. *Michael of Liverpool* (24), Edward Nicholson to Dublin.

The master, 20t. coal.

Robert Baggot of Drogheda, 2hh. cups, 1 doz. Yorkshire [*sic*].

John Hurleston of Drogheda, 7 Yorkshire straits, 2 York [*sic*] kerseys, 3M  
"tassells".

Thomas Cheven of Drogheda, 6C hops, 4C cups, 4 Yorkshire straits, 4  
Yorkshire kerseys, 2C aniseed, 2C alum, 4 firkins soap, small wares val. £13.

9 Oct. *Peter of Liverpool* (14), William Ryesse to Dublin.

Peter Starcke of Liverpool, 8t. coal.

John Fisimons of Dublin, 1 short cloth, 2 Northern kerseys, 1 Northern  
dozen, small wares val. £5. 3. 4.

Thomas Walshe of Dublin, 6 pieces Northern kerseys, 1 Yorkshire strait.

Simon Hand of Dublin, 5 Kendal cottons,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Castile  
soap.

Richard Galtroppe of Dublin, 1 firkin grocery wares.

26 Oct. *Michael of Liverpool* (24), Edward Nycollson to Dublin.

The master, 18t. coal.

Richard Galtroppe of Dublin, 4C hops, 2 firkin soap, small grocery wares  
val. £10.

15 Nov. *Eagle of Liverpool* (30), Augusten Torner to Dublin.

The master, 3 pieces Manchester cottons, 8 Yorkshire kerseys, 4 Northern  
straits.

15 Nov. *Jesus of Hilbre* (16), Robert Coventre to Dublin.

John White of Dublin, 4 Northern kerseys.



# CHESTER CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS

- William Barnwell of Dublin, 1 horse pack small wares val. £5.  
 Robert Stevyns, 1 fardel small wares val. £6, 3 Northern straits, 3 dozens,  
 2 Yorkshire kerseys.  
 Edward Barnwell, 4C hops, 4 firkins soap, small wares val. £4.  
 Edward Fesimons, 1 firkin nails val. 20s.
- 16 Nov. *Falcon of Liverpool* (16), George Ashton to Ireland.  
 Robert Stevens of Dublin, 4C hops, 1hh. small wares val. £3.  
 James Valdre of Drogheda, 3 Yorkshire dozens, 5 Yorkshire kerseys.
- 20 Nov. *Mary George of Liverpool* (15), Thomas Fesher to Drogheda.  
 James Valdre of Drogheda,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron, 4 firkins soap, 2C cups, 3 Northern  
 kerseys, 2 Northern dozens,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C licorice, 2C pitch.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 3 Yorkshire dozens, 2 Yorkshire kerseys, 5  
 straits, 1 piece of linen val. 20s., 1 Northern kersey, 10 gross "rede pontes  
 nealles" of diverse sort.
- 24 Nov. John Bateman of Drogheda, 4 Northern straits, 2 Northern kerseys.  
 David Flemmynge of Drogheda, 4C hops, 3 firkins soap, 1 Northern kersey,  
 1 Northern strait, 1C alum, 1C aniseed, small wares val. £6. 10. 0.  
 Nicholas Conve of Drogheda, 4C hops, 1 firkin soap, 1C alum, 1C aniseed,  
 small wares val. £4. 6s. 8d.  
 Nicholas Elcoke of Drogheda, 3 bags nails val. 16s. 8d.
- 28 Nov. *George of Liverpool* (30), John Wenstanle to Ireland.  
 Patrick Fysimons of Dublin, 6C hops.  
 Patrick Belangh of Dublin, 1t. iron.  
 James Bregges of Kendal, 8 pieces Kendal cottons, 2 Northern straits, 1C  
 hops,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum, 2 pieces raisins, 1qr. orchil,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed, 1 doz. prunes.
- 1 Dec. *John of Wallasey* (24), John Robenson to Dublin.  
 John Ansdell of Wallasey, 20t. coal  
 John Londe of London purser in the bark, 4 doz. mule skins, 2 gross points.
- 3 Dec. *Saviour of Liverpool* (24), Thomas Martendall to Dublin.  
 David Flemmynge of Drogheda, 2 horse packs small wares val. £3, 3 firkins  
 soap.  
 Adam Traves of Drogheda, 3 pieces Yorkshire straits, 1 Northern dozen, 2  
 pieces Yorkshire kerseys.
- 15 Dec. *Michael of Liverpool* (24), Edward Nycolson to Ireland.  
 John Lottrell of Dublin, 8 pieces figs.  
 Richard Galltroppe of Dublin,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C prunes, 1C onion seeds.
- 12 Jan. *Bartholomew of Liverpool* (16), Edmund Lawrence of Ireland.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 2 short Coventry cloths.  
 Thomas Cheven of Drogheda, 1C onion seeds.
- 24 Feb. *Mary George of Liverpool* (16), Thomas Fesher to Drogheda.  
 Robert Cott of London, ironmonger, 2C hops, 1C onion seeds, 4 firkins soap,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed.

Richard Dodinge of Drogheda, 3C cups, 2 Yorkshire dozens, 4 Yorkshire kerseys, 3 Yorkshire straits.

Thomas Fesher owner of bark, 6t. coal.

24 Feb. *Sunday of Liverpool* (14), William Walker owner and master to Dublin.

The master, 6t. coal.

Robert Cutt of London, ironmonger, 6C hops, 1C aniseed, 2 pieces raisins, 3 "topmetes" figs, 12 lbs. pepper,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C licorice, 1 fardel nails val. £4, 1C onion seeds, 6 lbs. ginger, small wares val. 30s.

Richard Fox of Manchester, 1C alum, 1C aniseed, 3 gross "holonisher" knives, [faded], 3 firkins soap.

25 Feb. *Peter of Liverpool* (14), John Hynde to Dublin.

Peter Starky owner of the Peter, 6t. coal.

Richard Foxx of Manchester, 4C. hops.

Robert Wetter of Liverpool, 2 Yorkshire dozens, 2 Yorkshire kerseys.

John Rossell of Drogheda, 6 pieces Yorkshire dozens, 6 Yorkshire straits, 3 Yorkshire kerseys.

Patrick Malonne of Dublin, 4 bags nails val. 13s. 4d., 2 gross "holonisher" knives.

28 Mar. *Bartholomew of Liverpool* (16), Edmond Lawrans master and owner to Drogheda.

The master, 6t. coal

Christopher Grant of Manchester, 1C onion seeds.

Richard Hareson of Manchester, 1 Yorkshire dozen.

John Begge of Athboy, 2C hops, small wares val. 25s.

29 Mar. *Henry of Liverpool* (26), Henry Gyll to Bilbao.

John Gylebornde of Liverpool, 10C Manchester cottons.

Robert Corbet,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

Ralph Burscogh of Liverpool,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

John Tarlton of Walton, 1C Manchester cottons.

John Meddelton of Chester, 1C Manchester cottons.

Robert Wetter of Liverpool,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

## INWARDS

3 Oct. *Peter of Liverpool* (14), William Ryesse from Ireland.

John Luttrell of Dublin, 9C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.

William Fysimon, 3 butts sack.

Thomas Wallshe, 4C sheepfells, 1 roll checkers, 1C old brass.

15 Oct. *Falcon of Liverpool* (16), George Asheton from Drogheda.

Robert Caris of Drogheda, 3C sheepfells.

Robert Pereson, 3C sheepfells.

John Bateman of Drogheda, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ st. flocks.

James Vadre of Drogheda, 3C sheepfells, 1C calf fells.

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16 Oct. *John of Wallasey* (24), John Robenson from Ireland.

John Luttrell of Dublin, 9C sheepfells, 3 rolls checkers.

Edmund Barnwell of Dublin, 18C sheepfells, 4C brockfells.

Patrick Belagh of Dublin, 10C sheepfells, 5C brockfells.

Robert Stevens of Dublin, 23t. flocks.

Thomas Whyt of Dublin, 6C sheepfells.

Nicholas Gough of Athboy, 2 fardels yarn.

17 Oct. *Bartholomew of Liverpool* (16), Edmund Laurens from Ireland.

John Batman of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn, 5C sheepfells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C tallow, 6st. flocks.

Robert Carres of Drogheda, 1 pack 1 fardel yarn.

John Begge of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.

Nicholas Convey of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells, 40st. flocks, 10st. wool.

David Flemynge of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn.

Edward Hamling of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.

Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 3C sheepfells.

James Brygge of Kendal, 40st. flocks.

James Vadre of Drogheda, 3C calf fells.

18 Oct. *Michael of Liverpool* (24), Edward Nycolson from Ireland.

Nicholas Gough of Athboy, 1 fardel yarn.

Richard Galtrope of Dublin, 2C sheepfells.

28 Oct. *Eagle of Liverpool* (30), William Halwood from Spain.

Robert Corbet of Liverpool, 2t. iron.

Sir Thomas Stanle, 1t. iron.

Ralph Sekerston of Liverpool, 2t. iron.

Peter Motton of Chester, 6t. iron, 5C Castile soap.

Simon Montfort of Chester, 4t. iron.

Griffith Evens of Chester, 5t. iron.

John Meddelton of Chester, 4t. iron.

Alexander Garnet of Liverpool, 2t. iron.

William Secome of Liverpool, 1t. iron.

Peter Starkey of Liverpool, 1t. iron.

Thomas Benson of Liverpool, 1t. iron.

2 Nov. *Peter of Liverpool* (14), William Rysse from Ireland.

Richard Galtrop of Dublin, 8 barrels Bay salt.

John Fysimons of Dublin, 12st. wool, 12 flocks, 3C brockfells.

Thomas Betgh of Dublin, 5C sheepfells, 2 fardels yarn.

James Bedlow of Dublin, 1 pack yarn, 15C sheepfells.

George Rossell of Dublin, 2C sheepfells.

5 Nov. *Michael of Wallasey* (14), Percy Gregery from Drogheda.

John Begge of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.

Nicholas Elcoke of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn, 1C tallow,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells.

Patrick Elcoke of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn, 2C calf-fells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C old brass.

Henry Greffyn of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.

Robert Carris of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn, 3C sheepfells.  
 Thomas Bolton of Liverpool,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C tallow.  
 Adam Traves of Drogheda, 2hh. beef, 1 fardel yarn, 1C tallow.  
 Nicholas Convey of Drogheda, 2C calf fells.  
 Robert Baggot of Drogheda, 3C calf fells.  
 Alexander Garnet of Liverpool, 2 dickers salted hides, 1C tallow.

8 Nov. *Jesus of Hilbre* (16), Robert Coventre from Ireland.  
 Edward Fysiomons of Dublin, 9C sheepfells, 15hh. salt.  
 Patrick Fesiomons of Dublin, 15hh. salt.

5 Dec. *Michael of Liverpool* (20), Edward Nicholson from Dublin.  
 Richard Foxxe of Manchester, 1 fardel yarn.  
 James Leselur of Chester, 6 Irish mantles,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Irish frieze.  
 Nicholas Gough of Athboy, 1 pack yarn.  
 William Brown of Athboy, 5 packs yarn.  
 Simon Grove of Dublin, 3 packs yarn.  
 Richard Donocke of Dublin, 2C calf fells.  
 Robert Cutte of London ironmonger, 1 dicker salted hides, 5C checkers,  
 4st. wool, 4C brockfells, 3C sheepfells, 1 doz. otter skins.

4 Jan. *Mary George of Liverpool* (16), Thomas Fyssher.  
 John Rossell of Drogheda, 3 packs 1 fardel yarn.  
 Robert Baggot of Drogheda, 2 pack 1 fardel yarn, 2C sheepfells.  
 Richard Doding of Drogheda, 3 fardels yarn, 6C sheepfells.  
 Robert Cares of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn, 3C sheepfells.  
 Henry Gressen of Liverpool, 2 packs yarn, 1C yarn, 1C sheepfells.  
 John Bateman of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn.  
 William Norris of Bristol, 1 pack yarn, 9C tallow, 10st. flocks.  
 Thomas Dermouth of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.  
 James Black of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.  
 Richard Pereson of Drogheda, 1hh. beef.

22 Jan. *Elizabeth of Liverpool*, Davy Allen from Ireland.  
 Patrick Malowne of Dublin, 13C sheepfells, 5C brockfells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C checkers,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C old brass.  
 Ralph Sekerston of Liverpool, 2C checkers.

29 Jan. *Henry of Liverpool* (26), John Dacare from Spain.  
 John Galebrond of Liverpool, 3t. iron, 1t. train.  
 William Secome of Liverpool, 1t. iron.  
 Ralph Sekerston of Liverpool, 5t. iron, 1t. train.  
 Ralph Burscogh of Liverpool, 5t. iron.  
 Alexander Garnet of Liverpool, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 Thomas Baven of Liverpool, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 Hugh Dycanson of Eccleston, 3t. iron.  
 Henry Stevens of Liverpool,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. train.  
 Robert Curbet, 1t. iron.

- 11 Feb. *Michael of Liverpool* (20), Edward Nicholson from Ireland.  
 Mathew Godyng of Dublin, 12C sheepfells.  
 Nicholas Veldon of Dublin, 2 packs yarn.  
 William Chamberlain of Athboy, 8 packs yarn.  
 Nicholas Gough of Athboy, 1 pack yarn.  
 Patrick Brady of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.  
 Thomas Belaugh of Dublin, 2 packs yarn.  
 Patrick Belaugh of Dublin, 4 packs yarn, 2C sheepfells.  
 Simon Grove of Dublin, 3 packs yarn.
- 12 Feb. *Mary of "Heall"<sup>1</sup>* (10), Robert Lawrens from Ireland.  
 Patrick Forlong of Wexford, 12 barrels white herring, 12M red herring, 40 small Newfoundland fish.  
 Richard Melle of Chester, 9 barrels white herring.
- 18 Feb. *Bartholomew of Liverpool* (16), Edmund Lawrens from Ireland.  
 Robert Carns of Drogheda, 1 pack & 1 fardel yarn, 4C sheepfells, 6st. flocks in 2 beds.  
 Adam Traves of Drogheda, 1 pack 2 fardels yarn, 2 qrs. rye, 5st. wool.  
 Richard Pereson of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn, 1C sheepfells.  
 Richard Dodall of Ardee, 2 fardels yarn.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 2C fells, 1 pack 2 fardels yarn.  
 Nicholas Thunder of Drogheda, 1½C yarn.  
 Walter Fyan of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn, 3hh. 2 qrs. wheat.  
 John Hurleston of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn.  
 John Whyt of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn, 2C sheepfells.  
 Michael Nauggle of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.  
 John Bygge of Athboy, 2 packs, 2 fardels yarn.  
 Barnaby Brady of Drogheda, 4 fardels yarn.  
 Richard Fox of Manchester, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Robert Bath of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells.
- 20 Feb. *James of Heswall* (8), Henry Brede from Isle of Man.  
 John Beadlo of Isle of Man, 2C sheepfells.  
 Geles Crosby of Isle of Man, 2qrs. wheat, ½ dicker salted hides.
- 25 Feb. *George of Wexford* (10), William Weddington  
 The master, 18 barrels white herring, 10M red herring, 1C small Newfoundland fish.
- 8 Mar. *John of Wexford* (12), Walter Torner of Wexford from Ireland.  
 The master, 10M red herring, 30 barrels white herring.
- 13 April *Peter of Liverpool* (14), John Wenstanle from Ireland.  
 John Luttrell of Dublin, 12C old brass in 1hh., 10st. flocks in 2 beds.  
 James Mawlon of Dublin, 2 packs yarn.  
 Simon Grove of Dublin, 2 packs yarn.  
 Thomas Botagh of Dublin, 1 pack yarn.  
 Richard Fox of Manchester, 2 packs 1 fardel yarn.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Heswall.

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14 April *Sunday of Liverpool* (14), from Ireland.  
 Thomas Betagh of Dublin, 1 pack 1 fardel yarn.  
 Simon Grove of Dublin, 4 packs yarn.  
 Henry Brown of Dublin, 5 packs yarn.  
 Philip Conrode of Dublin, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Nicholas Goughe of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.  
 James Malown of Dublin, 1 pack yarn, 4C sheepfells, 8st. flocks.  
 Richard Fox of Manchester, 3 packs 1 fardel yarn.  
 Patrick Malown of Dublin, 3C sheepfells.  
 Robert Cutt of London, ironmonger, 1 dicker salted hides.

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INWARDS

24 April *Mary George of Liverpool* (16), Thomas Fysher from Drogheda.  
 Robert Carns of Drogheda, 3 packs 3 fardels yarn.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 2 packs 1 fardel yarn.  
 Richard Persson of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.  
 John Nugent of Athboy, 1 pack 1 fardel yarn.  
 Thomas Chevin of Drogheda, 4 packs yarn.  
 Robert Fleming of Drogheda, 3 packs yarn.  
 Patrick Elkcok of Drogheda, 5 packs 1 fardel yarn.  
 Robert Bath of Ardee, 1 pack yarn.  
 Richard Raff of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.  
 James Black of Athboy, 1 pack 2 fardels yarn.  
 Barnaby Brady of Ardee, 2 fardels yarn.  
 John Hurleston of Drogheda, 1 pack 1 fardel yarn.  
 Walter Fian of Drogheda, 1 pack 2 fardels yarn.  
 Martin Barnwell of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn.  
 James Dudall of Athboy, 1 pack yarn.  
 Patrick Terrill of Athboy, 4 packs yarn.  
 William Naugell of Athboy, 1 pack yarn.  
 Robert Wittar of Liverpool, 1 dicker salted hides, 1C tallow.  
 Bartholomew Wooton of Ardee, 5 fardels yarn.  
 26 April *Bartholomew of Liverpool* (16), Edmund Lawrans from Drogheda.  
 Walter Fian of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Robert Carris of Drogheda, 2 packs 2 fardels yarn, 7st. flocks.  
 Thomas Rogers of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn, 4hh. beef, 3C tallow, 1C sheepfells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C calf fells.  
 John Bateman of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn, 1 butt sack.  
 Katheryn Fleming of Drogheda by Edmund Flemings, 1 pack 1 fardel yarn.  
 John Hurleston of Drogheda, 1 pack 3 fardels yarn.  
 John Russell of Drogheda, 3 fardels yarn.

John Myssett of Drogheda, 2 packs yarn.  
 Edward Dudall of Drogheda, 4 fardels yarn.  
 Robert Bath of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.  
 James Dudall of Athboy, 4 packs yarn.  
 Richard Harrison of Manchester, 1 butt sack.  
 Thomas Chevin of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells.  
 Barnaby Brady of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn.  
 John Brady of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn.  
 Hugh Bethell of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn.  
 Thomas Dermowth of Athboy, 3 packs yarn.  
 Thomas Pepart of Drogheda, 1C yarn.  
 Robert Wytter of Liverpool, 1 fardel yarn.

27 April *Michael of Wallasey* (14), James Robinson from Dublin.  
 Nicholas Veldon of Dublin, 4 packs yarn.  
 Patrick Bytaghe of Dublin, 3 packs yarn.  
 John Quyn of Dublin, 4 packs yarn.  
 Thomas Copperam of Dublin, 6C sheepfells, 5C brockfells, 5st. flocks.  
 Patrick Fitzmons of Dublin, 1 pack yarn, 4C sheepfells, 2C brockfells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C  
 checkers,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ C old brass.  
 Patrick Brady of Athboy, 2 fardels yarn.  
 Patrick Malowne of Dublin, 2C old brass, 1hh. beef.  
 William Kelly of Dublin, 1t. sack.  
 Thomas Darmowth of Athboy, 1 pack yarn.  
 Walter Clynton of Dublin, 1 butt sack.

28 April *Eagle of Liverpool* (35), Roger Allen from Dublin.  
 Richard Fox of Manchester, 2 packs yarn.

28 April *Patrick of Drogheda* (12), Thomas Butler from Drogheda.  
 Nicholas Bathe of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.  
 Richard Stokes of Drogheda, 2 packs 1C yarn, 3C sheepfells, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ st. flocks,  
 1hh. beef.  
 Martin Barnwell of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn, 2C sheepfells.

John Wotton of Drogheda, 2 packs yarn.  
 James Whit of Drogheda, 4 packs 1 fardel yarn.  
 John Mysset of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.  
 John Orton of Chester, 3C sheepfells.  
 Thomas Fian of Drogheda, 1C yarn.  
 John Russell of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.  
 John Bateman of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.  
 Richard Duding of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.

2 May *Ellen of Hilbre* (16), Richard Rathebon from Dublin.  
 Richard Yerars of Dublin, 13C sheepfells.

12 May *Michael of Liverpool* (20), Edward Nicholson from Dublin.  
 Thomas Cosgrar of Dublin, 11C calf fells.  
 John Quynn of Dublin, 2 packs 1 fardel yarn.  
 John Goughe of Dublin, 6C sheepfells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C old brass,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C yds. checkers, 1 butt sack,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C brockfells.  
 Richard Fox of Manchester, 2 packs yarn.  
 Richard Ivars of Dublin, 3C sheepfells,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ C yds. checkers,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ C brockfells,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C old brass.  
 William Browne of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.  
 Thomas Dermowth of Athboy, 1 pack yarn.  
 Thomas Bitaghe of Dublin, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Nicholas Goughe of Athboy, 3 fardels yarn.

21 May *Michael of Liverpool* (15), Richard Bolton from Drogheda.  
 Barnaby Brady of Drogheda, 3 fardels yarn.  
 Roger Cox of Ardee, 4 fardels yarn.  
 Robert Carns of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn, 3C sheepfells, 10st. flocks.  
 Robert Baggott of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn, 3C calf fells, 5st. flocks in 1 bed.  
 John Whit of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn.  
 Henry Gryffen, 1 pack yarn.  
 Thomas Rogers of Drogheda,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 5st. flocks in 1 bed.  
 James Valdry of Drogheda, 2 packs yarn, 3C sheepfells.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Richard Pereson of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.  
 James Dudall of Athboy, 2 fardels yarn.  
 Adam Travis of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.  
 Richard Harrison of Manchester, 10st. flocks.

27 May *Harry of Liverpool* (26), Harry Hille from Bilbao.  
 John Gillybrund of Liverpool, 5t. iron.  
 Robert Corbat of Liverpool,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 John Tarleton of Liverpool, 2t. iron.  
 Alexander Garnet of Liverpool,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 Ralph Burscough of Liverpool,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 Thomas Bavand of Liverpool,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 John Myddelton of Chester,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 Thomas Row of Liverpool,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 William Seacome of Liverpool, 1t. iron.  
 Ralph Sekarston of Liverpool, 5t. iron.

29 May *Saviour of Liverpool* (24), Thomas Martindall owner and master from Dublin.  
 Edmund Barnwell of Liverpool, 2 packs yarn, 2C sheepfells.  
 Patrick Myssett of Athboy, 3C sheepfells.  
 Katherine White of Athboy, 2 packs & 1 fardel yarn.  
 Thomas Bitaghe of Dublin, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Patrick Malowne of Dublin, 3C sheepfells.



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11 June *William of Liverpool* (25), William Allwood from Dublin.  
George Sherlock of Dublin, 3C sheepfells, 1 dicker salted hides.  
Thomas Dewmowth of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.

16 June *George of Wallasey* (8), Robert Lawrance from Wexford.  
The master, 5C brockfells, 20st. flocks.

16 June *Mary George of Liverpool* (16), Thomas Fysshier from Drogheda.  
John Russell of Drogheda, 6 fardels yarn.

Laurence Dudall of Drogheda, 1 pack, 3 fardels yarn.

James Wootton of Drogheda, 2 packs yarn.

Walter Fian of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn, 4C sheepfells.

Patrick Terrell of Athboy, 2 packs 1 fardel yarn.

Edmund Keny of Athboy, 1 pack yarn.

Nicholas Conwey of Drogheda, 1 pack 1 fardel yarn, 3C sheepfells, 20st. flocks.

Richard Harryson of Manchester, 12st. flocks,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C calf fells.

Patrick Fleming of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C calf fells, 3st. wool.

Leonard Browne of Drogheda, 2 packs yarns, 2C sheepfells.

Katherine White of Athboy, 1 pack yarn.

Davy Fleming of Drogheda, 3 packs 1 fardel yarn.

Thomas Rogers of Drogheda, 4C sheepfells.

17 June *Sunday of Liverpool* (14), William Walkar owner and master from Drogheda.

John Russell of Drogheda, 3 fardels yarn.

Patrick Terrell of Athboy, 2 packs 3 fardels yarn.

Edmund Kerry of Athboy, 2 packs 1 fardel yarn.

John Whit of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn, 3C sheepfells, and calf fells.

Michael Moore of Drogheda, 2 packs 1 fardel yarn.

Richard Harrison of Manchester, 24st. flocks.

Robert Carns of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn, 2C sheepfells.

Davy Fleming of Drogheda, 1 pack 1 fardel yarn.

Thomas Chevin of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells.

Adam Treavis of Drogheda, 10st. flocks.

18 June *Michael of Wallasey* (14), James Robinson from Dublin.

Harry Brown of Dublin, 5 packs yarn.

Nicholas Gowgh of Athboy, 1 fardel yarn.

Patrick Fitzmons of Dublin, 3C sheepfells.

John Gosnall of Coventry, 1C checkers, 4C brockfells.

Richard Galthram of Dublin, 3C sheepfells.

Thomas Welshe, 10st. flocks.

1 July *Michael of Liverpool* (24), Edward Nicholson from Dublin.

James Bedlow of Dublin, 1 pack 2 fardels yarn.

Thomas Bytagh of Dublin, 2 fardels yarn.

James Blake of Athboy, 2 packs & 1 fardel yarn.

Richard Naugell of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.

Richard Fox of Manchester, 2 packs 1 fardel yarn.  
 Robert Stevens of Dublin, 2C checkers.  
 Patrick Garrett of Dublin, 2C sheepfells.  
 Robert Cutt of London ironmonger, 5C brockfells, 1½ dicker salted hides,  
 2C yards checkers.

2 July *Patrick of Drogheda* (12), Thomas Buttlar from Drogheda.  
 Davy Fleming of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn, 3C calf fells.  
 Thos. Chevin, 3C sheepfells.  
 Laurence Dudall of Drogheda, 3C calf falls.  
 Peter Nugent of Athboy, 4 fardels yarn.  
 Robert Baggot of Drogheda, 10st. flocks, 3C sheepfells.  
 Robert Carns of Drogheda, 3C sheepfells.  
 Adam Trevis of Drogheda, 30st. flocks.

2 July *George of Liverpool* (30), John Winstanley from Dublin.  
 Richard Fox of Manchester, 1 pack yarn, 20st. wool, 30st. flocks.  
 James Blake of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.

11 July *Saviour of Liverpool* (24), Thomas Martendall from Dublin.  
 Richard Fox of Manchester, 4 packs yarn.  
 Simon Groav of Dublin, 3 packs yarn.

20 July *Elizabeth of Liverpool* (14), Richard Boltoun from Drogheda.  
 Patrick Brady of Athboy, 3 packs yarn.  
 William Hamlyng of Drogheda, 2 packs yarn.  
 Harry Gryssen of Drogheda, 2 fardels yarn, 1C calf fells.  
 Thomas Chevin of Drogheda, 3C calf fells.  
 Patrick Fleming of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells.  
 John Russell of Drogheda, 3C calf fells.  
 Richard Duding of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells.  
 Adam Trevis of Drogheda, 10st. wool, 20st. flocks.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 3C sheepfells.  
 Richard Pereson of Drogheda, 3C sheepfells.  
 Francis Pendilton of Manchester, 20st. wool, 20st. flocks.  
 Roger Cox of Athboy, 1C sheepfells.  
 Barnaby Brady of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.

22 July *Sunday of Liverpool* (14), William Walkar from Dublin.  
 Edmund Barnwell of Dublin, 2C sheepfells.  
 Patrick Savege of Dublin, 2 packs 2 fardels yarn.  
 Garrett Plonkett of Dublin, 1 pack 1 fardel of yarn.  
 Thomas Bitaghe of Dublin, 1 pack yarn, 3C sheepfells.  
 Richard Fox of Manchester, 1 pack 2 fardels yarn.  
 Thomas Qwin of Dublin, 4 packs yarn.  
 James Bedlow of Dublin, 3C sheepfells.  
 Nicholas Veldon, 6C sheepfells.  
 Nicholas Gowghe of Athboy, 2 fardels yarn.

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24 July *Mary George of Liverpool* (16), Thomas Fisher from Drogheda.

Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 6C sheepfells, 1 fardel yarn.

Hugh Beethell of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.

James Dudall of Athboy, 8 packs yarn.

William Naugell of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.

Francis Braugon of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells.

Adam Trevis of Drogheda, 3C sheepfells.

John Hurleston of Drogheda, 3C calf fells.

Roberts Carns of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells.

Nicholas Conwey, 3C sheepfells or calf fells.

John Mysett of Drogheda, 3C calf fells, 5st. flocks in 1 bed.

Davy Flemyng of Drogheda, 1C sheepfells.

James Tailor of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn, 2C sheepfells.

Nicholas Elkoke of Drogheda, 3C calf fells, 1 pack yarn.

Thomas Rogars of Drogheda, 3C sheepfells.

Richard Dardis of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.

Richard Dudall of Ardee, 3 fardels yarn.

27 July *Eagle of Liverpool* (36), Morgan Fostar from Bilbao.

John Hewer of Chester, 4t. train.

Richard Knee of Chester, 6t. train.

James Fullen of Chester, 6t. train.

Ralph Sekarston of Liverpool, 4t. iron.

Ralph Burscoghe of Liverpool, 1½t. iron, 1t. train.

Peter Motton of Chester, 3t. iron.

Robert Wytton of Liverpool, 2t. iron.

John Tarleton of Liverpool, ½t. iron, 1t. train.

Robert Corbet of Liverpool, 6t. iron.

30 July *Pelican of Le Conquet* (26), Peres de Vall', from France.

The master, 220 barrels Bay salt.

7 Aug. *Trinity of Hilbre* (15), William Curtis from Dublin.

Patrick Goughe, 60st. flocks.

Walter Russell, 30st. flocks.

Thomas Welshe of Dublin, 3C sheepfells, ½C old brass.

Richard Naugell of Athboy, 2 packs yarn.

Ralph Sekarston, 10st. flocks.

Thomas Bytaghe of Dublin, 1 fardel yarn.

William Duffe of Dublin, 4C sheepfells, 1C yds. checkers.

23 Aug. "*Wylleby*" of *Dublin* (35), Richard Waring from Rochelle.

The master, 170 barrels Bay salt.

26 Aug. *Michael of Wallasey* (14), James Robinson from Drogheda.

James Valdry of Drogheda, 1C old brass.

Nicholas Elkoke of Drogheda, 3 packs 3 fardels yarn, 4C sheepfells, 1C old brass, 1 tassell of "agoshawke".

Hugh Bethell of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.

Barnaby Brady of Drogheda, 1 fardel yarn.  
 Adam Treavis of Drogheda, 3C calf fells.  
 Robert Carns of Drogheda, 2C sheepfells.  
 Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 2C calf fells.  
 John Bateman of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn, 4C sheeptells,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C tallow.  
 John Hewis of Athboy, 3 packs yarn.  
 John Myssett of Drogheda, 1 pack yarn.  
 John Hurleston, 3C calf fells.  
 28 Aug. *Michael of Liverpool* (25), Henry Hill from Rochelle.  
 Edward Nichollson & John Williamson, 150 barrels Bay salt, 1 last tar,  
 pieces resin,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. vinegar.  
 13 Sept. *Katharine of Hilbre* (12), John Houghe of Hilbre from Drogheda.  
 Patrick Terrell of Athboy, 3 packs 1 fardel yarn.  
 William Naugell of Athboy, 1 fardel yarn, 25st. wool in 3 fardels.

# OUTWARDS

18 April *Michael of Liverpool* (20), Edward Nicholson to Dublin.  
 The master, 20t. coal.  
 Robert Cutt of London ironmonger, nails val. 40s.  
 John Fitzimons of Dublin, 2C hops, 1C prunes,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C licorice,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C currants.  
 20 April *Saviour of Liverpool* (20), Thomas Martendall to Dublin.  
 The master, 18t. coal.  
 Robert Carns of Drogheda, 3 short Coventry cloths.  
 Thomas Bitagh of Dublin, 3 Northern straits, 8 pieces Kendal cottons.  
 Simon Grove of Dublin by Patrick Branden serv., 4C hops.  
 Nicholas Bathe of Drogheda, 5 Kendal cottons, 2 pieces Northern straits,  
 1 piece Northern kersey, 1 piece Western dozens.  
 John Gosnall of Coventry, 4 pieces Yorkshire dozens, 2C white lamb skins.  
 2 May *Patrick of Drogheda* (12), Thomas Butler to Drogheda.  
 Richard Stoke of Drogheda, 1t. iron.  
 Nicholas Bathe of Drogheda, 3 Kendal cottons, 2 pieces Northern straits,  
 2 pieces Northern kersey.  
 11 May *Mary George of Liverpool* (16), Thomas Fysshier to Drogheda.  
 The master, 6t. coal  
 Walter Fian of Drogheda,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 John Mysset of Drogheda, 5C lbs. iron.  
 Richard Stoaks of Drogheda, 2C hops, 5C iron, 1M teasels  
 Martin Barnewel of Drogheda,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 21 May *Sunday of Liverpool* (14), William Walker to Dublin.  
 The master, 6t. coal.  
 Robert Corbett of Liverpool, 5C lbs. iron.  
 21 May *Michael of Liverpool* (20), Edward Nycholson to Dublin.  
 The master, 16t. coal.  
 Thomas Pepart of Liverpool, 2C hops.

John Begge of Athboy, 2C hops, 2 firkins Flemish soap,  $\frac{1}{2}$ M trenchers of the common sort, 2 score red points, 2 score "Hollomshir" knives,  $\frac{1}{2}$  score English purses.

James Whit of Drogheda, 3 doz. scythes.

Partick Elkoke of Drogheda, 4 doz. scythes.

30 May *Michael of Wallasey* (14), James Robinson to Dublin.

The master, 6t. coal.

Nicholas Velden of Dublin, 3 firkins Flemish soap, 1 piece Western kersey,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C Castile soap, 1C alum, small wares val. £6.

John Hurleston of Drogheda,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C hops, 4 score "Hollomshir" knives.

1 June *Eagle of Liverpool* (36), Morgan Foster to Bilbao.

Peter Motton of Chester, 7C Manchester cottons.

James Fullen of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

John Hewar of Chester, 3C Manchester cottons.

Ralph Burscoughe of Liverpool, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

John Tarleton of Liverpool, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

Robert Corbet of Liverpool, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

Robert Wytter of Liverpool, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C Manchester cottons.

15 June *Saviour of Liverpool* (24), Thomas Martendall to Dublin.

The master, 18t. coal.

Patrick Malowne of Dublin, 2C lbs. hops, 3 firkins Flemish soap, 1C alum, 3 doz. English felts, small wares val. £5.

John Fitzimons of Dublin, 4 pieces Yorkshire kersey, 15 Kendal cottons.

John Gough of Dublin, 1C hops, 3 firkins Flemish soap, 4 bags nails, 8 pieces Kendal cottons, 4 pieces Yorkshire kersey, 1 piece "lynig", 1 piece yellow fustian, 3 doz. scythes, 4 score "hollomshire" knives, small wares val. £10. 6. 8.

John Bateman of Drogheda, 3 Kendal cottons, 4 pieces Yorkshire kersey.

19 June *Mary George of Liverpool* (16), Thomas Fyssher to Drogheda.

Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 6 pieces Yorkshire kersey, 8 pieces Yorkshire strait.

Thomas Rogars of Drogheda, 4 pieces Yorkshire dozens, 5 pieces Yorkshire kersey, 2 pieces Yorkshire straits, 2C wooden cups, gloves girdles and purses val. 13s. 4d.

Robert Carns of Drogheda, 2 Yorkshire dozens, 2 pieces Yorkshire straits, 2 pieces Kendal cottons.

Leonard Brown of Athboy,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.

Thomas Dermowth of Athboy, 2 Yorkshire dozens, 2 pieces Yorkshire kerseys.

John Bateman, 4 pieces Yorkshire kerseys.

Barnaby Brady of Drogheda, 1 Yorkshire dozen,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum, 1 Yorkshire kersey, 2 score red points, 1 firkin Flemish soap, 4C hops, small wares val. £2. 3. 4.

Nicholas Conway of Drogheda,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.

Robert Bathe of Drogheda, 2C hops, 3C cups.

Robert Fleminge of Drogheda, 3 Yorkshire kerseys, 2C cups.

27 June *Sunday of Liverpool* (14), William Walker to Dublin.

The master, 6t. coal.

Walter Fian of Drogheda, 6 pieces Kendal cottons, 4 pieces Yorkshire straits.

John Wotton of Drogheda, 5 pieces Yorkshire straits.

Michael Moore of Drogheda, 1 piece Yorkshire dozens, 4 pieces Yorkshire straits.

Robert Pryket of Kendal, 12 pieces Kendal cottons.

Richard Galthram of Dublin, 2C hops, grocery wares val. £2.

8 July *William of Liverpool* (24), William Allwood to Dublin.

The master, 15t. coal.

Edward Barnewell of Dublin,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed, small wares val. £2. 10. 0.

11 July *Michael of Liverpool* (24), Edward Nycholson to Rochelle "for salt".

The master, 16t. coal.

21 July *Patrick of Drogheda* (12), Thomas Butler to Drogheda.

Robert Carns of Drogheda, 1C alum, 2 pieces yellow fustian, 2 reams paper, 1 piece Mockado, 2 pieces Yorkshire kersey.

Peter Nugeatt of Drogheda, 2C hops,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C orchil.

Walter Fian of Drogheda, 1C alum, 1 "byppe" goatskins, grocery wares val. £1.,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed.

Katherine White of Athboy, 8C hops, 2C wooden cups, 1C aniseed, 2 pieces Western kersey, 3 firkins soap, small wares val. £3. 5. 0.

Robert Fleming of Drogheda, 2C hops, 1 firkin Flemish soap,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C aniseed, small wares val. £3 13. 4.

Nicholas Conwayne of Drogheda, 6C hops, 1 firkin Flemish soap, 1C alum, 1C aniseed, small wares val. £3.

John White of Drogheda, 2C aniseed, 1C alum, 3 score "hollomshir" knives, 4C hops, small wares val. £4.

Thomas Chevin of Drogheda, 4 firkins Flemish soap,  $\frac{1}{4}$ C currants,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C orchil in 2 firkins, 1 piece English worsted, 1C aniseed, small wares val. £10.

John Russell of Drogheda,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed, 2 score red points, 2 pieces yellow fustian, small wares val. £8. 5. 0., 4 pieces Yorkshire dozens, 3 pieces Yorkshire straits, 5 pieces Yorkshire kerseys, 3 firkins Flemish soap, 2C hops.

John Wootton of Drogheda, 5 pieces Yorkshire kerseys, 1 score "hollomshire" knives, 3 small bags nails val. 13s. 4d., 1 Northern strait.

26 July *Bartholomew of Liverpool* (20), Edmund Lawrance to Drogheda.

The master, 10t. coal.

Katherine Whit of Athboy, 2 pieces Western kersey, 2C aniseed, 1 score coarse "Almayne" knives, small wares val. £5. 5. 0.

Thomas Chevin of Drogheda, 2C alum, 4 pieces Yorkshire dozens, 5 pieces Yorkshire kersey, 6 pieces Yorkshire straits, 2 pieces Kendal cottons, 4C hops.

Robert Baggot, 3 Yorkshire straits, 2 score red points, 2 score "hollomshire" knives, 1M trenchers of the common sort.

Robert Carns of Drogheda, 2C hops.

Walter Fian of Drogheda, 6C hops.

Rogee Cockes of Ardee, 4C hops.

20 Aug. *George of Liverpool* (30), Morgan Foster to Dublin.

Thomas Wistanley, 28t. coal.

Thomas Welshe of Dublin, 2C hops.

Robert Cutt of London, ironmonger, small wares val. £2. 13. 4., 2 firkins Flemish soap.

Thomas Bytaghe of Dublin, 2C hops,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C alum, 1C aniseed.

John Queyn of Dublin, 4 score "hollomshire" knives.

20 Aug. *Pelican of Le Conquet* (26), Peres du Vall' to France.  
the master, 40t. coal.

2 Sept. *Harry of Liverpool* (26), Thomas Bayly to Lisbon.

Thomas Gillibrund of Liverpool, 11C Manchester cottons.

Thomas Bavan, of Liverpool, 1C Manchester cottons.

George Raigneford of Liverpool, 6C Manchester cottons.

William Seacom of Liverpool, 1C Manchester cottons.

Ralph Burscoghe of Liverpool, 1C Manchester cottons.

Robert Corbett of Liverpool, 1C Manchester cottons.

Robert Wytter of Liverpool, 1C Manchester cottons.

3 Sept. "*Willoby*" of *Dublin* (36), Richard Waring to Dublin.

The master, 20t. coal.

Walter Welsh of Dublin, 4C lbs. hops, 1C alum, 1C aniseed, 2 firkins Flemish soap, 2 score "hollomshire" knives, small wares val. £2. 13. 4.

William Ascrofte of Wigan, 3 pieces Northern dozens.

13 Sept. *Michael of Wallasey* (14), James Robinson to Drogheda.

The master, 6t. coal.

Barnaby Brady of Drogheda, 4 pieces Northern dozens, 2 pieces Northern kerseys, 2 pieces Northern straits.

Davy Fleming of Drogheda, 8C hops, 5 firkins Flemish soap, 1C aniseed, 1C alum, 2C wooden cups, 3 pieces Western kersey, 2 pieces Northern kersey, 2 pieces Northern straits, small wares val. £5. 3. 4.

Francis Braugon of Drogheda, 4C hops, 1 firkin Flemish soap.

John Huse of Athboy, 2C hops, 3 score "hollomshire" knives, 1 score red points, 1C alum,  $\frac{1}{2}$ C aniseed.

George Duffe of Drogheda, 1 pipe(?) goat skins, 4 doz. children's hats val. £1.

Robert Pereson of Drogheda, 4C hops, 4 firkins Flemish soap, 1 piece great raisins, 1C alum, 1 piece yellow fustian, 2 pieces Mockado, 10 lbs. Irish silk, 1 piece Northern straits, 1 piece Northern kersey, small wares val. £7. 10. 0.

Nicholas Elkoke of Drogheda, 5M teasels.

Patrick Brady, 2 score "hollomshire" knives, nails of diverse sorts val. 13s. 4d.

Hugh Bethell of Drogheda, 2 pieces Northern kersey, 1 Northern dozen, 2 pieces Kendal cottons.

FOOT OF ACCOUNT OF WILLIAM GLASEOUR, COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,  
SUBSIDIES, TUNNAGE AND POUNDAGE IN THE PORT OF CHESTER,  
MICHAELMAS 1565–MICHAELMAS 1566<sup>1</sup>

				£	s.	d.
<i>Ad Valorem</i>	Denizens	[       ]	Subsidy	249	8	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Aliens	£224 4s. 5d.	Subsidy	31	4	3
			Custom	7	16	0
<i>Cloth</i>	Denizens	79 $\frac{3}{4}$ cloths	Custom	26	10	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Aliens	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cloths	Custom	7	12	3
<i>Spanish Wine</i>	Denizens	43 tuns	Tunnage	6	9	0
	Aliens	6 tuns	Tunnage	1	18	0
<i>Gascon Wine</i>	Denizens	65 $\frac{3}{4}$ tuns	Tunnage	9	18	3
	Aliens	23 tuns	Tunnage	3	9	0
<i>Iron at 2s. the ton</i>	Denizens and Aliens	120 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	Subsidy	42	12	0
<i>Iron at 4s. the ton</i>	Denizens	95 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	Subsidy	19	2	0
<i>Iron at 8s. the ton</i>	Denizens	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons	Subsidy	1	18	0
Total				£377	4	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ [sic] <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> P.R.O., *Exch. Q. R. Port Book, 1323/10*. This includes Liverpool, Conway and Beaumaris.

<sup>2</sup> The sum comes to £407 17s. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.



## INTRODUCTION TO THE CHESTER LOCAL CUSTOMS ACCOUNTS

### Sections 8-10

The local customs accounts for the years 1404-05, 1467-68 and 1525-26 are calendared below. Each account, compiled on behalf of the sheriffs, nominally covers a year from the Friday after the 9th of October. The style of each account is different and, taken together, the three accounts are representative of the way in which local customs accounts were compiled at Chester from the reign of Richard II to the reign of Elizabeth I.

*1404-05 Account.* Although the 1404-05 account is badly affected by damp it is the only surviving account for the early fifteenth century which covers a full year. The account is presented as a single unit. Merchants are recorded either entering or leaving the port according to the date of their arrival or departure. All mention of sailing particulars and customs payments have been omitted by the clerk. Besides illustrating the method of compilation, the account, by listing the origins of merchants trading in the port, by giving the provenance and/or destination of merchandise and by noting, from time to time, the actual goods carried, gives some indication of the scope and character of Chester's trade in the early 15th century. It is, perhaps, the most informative 15th century account.

*1467-68 Account.* In contrast to the 1404-05 account the account for 1467-68 is presented in two parts, a practice first adopted in the account for 1422-23 and thereafter maintained throughout the fifteenth and the first years of the sixteenth centuries. The 1467-68 account is typical of the post-1420 fifteenth century accounts. It is written with a certain economy. The heading above each section of the account is the only indication of the direction of traffic entering and leaving the port. The origins of merchants are rarely given. Merchandise, in the main, is expressed in the quantitative terms of cartload and horseload. However, the customs payments are given and from these some estimate of the rating of merchandise can be made.

*1525-26 Account.* The account for 1525-26 illustrates the striking change which occurred in the compilation of the local customs accounts in the early sixteenth century. The account is concerned solely with ships and their cargoes arriving in the port. In contrast to the fifteenth century accounts, imported merchandise is written up in great detail. But customs payments are not recorded and the account is more an inventory of imported goods than a financial record. All the accounts from early in the reign of Henry VIII follow the style of the 1525-26 account.

In transcribing these three accounts the corrupt Latin used by the clerks has been translated into English and all English words have been modernized.

#### LOCAL CUSTOMS 1404-1526

Only surnames have been left in the original. In the 1404-05 account the blank spaces behind brackets on the dorse of the folio and the blank spaces in front of brackets on the recto side of the folio indicate the faded parts of the manuscript. Parts of the faded portion of the account have been made legible by using an ultra-violet lamp. The abbreviations "ca" and "eq" in the 1467-68 account stand for cartload and horseload respectively. The abbreviations used in the 1525-26 account have been used previously. Otherwise the style of the accounts printed below follows the original.

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THE LOCAL CUSTOMS ACCOUNT 1404-05<sup>1</sup>

[Names] of Merchants passing by sea or by land 6 Henry IV.

[f. 37d.]

] of Lichfield	custom for 2 carts honey 19 Oct. 1404.
	] custom to Ireland for 2 horse fardels 23 Oct.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 cart 23 Oct.
] of Drogheda	custom to Ireland for 4 packs in 1 cart 23 Oct.
] of Drogheda	custom to Ireland for 5 packs 23 Oct.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart salt 23 Oct.
	] custom from Ireland 24 Oct. for herring and out for 2 carts salt and 4 horseloads.
	] custom from Ireland 24 Oct. for herring and out for 1 cart salt and 4 horseloads.
	] custom from Ireland 24 Oct. for herring.
	] custom from Ireland 24 Oct. for herring and out for 9 horseloads salt.
	] custom from Ireland 24 Oct. for herring and out for 9 horseloads salt.
	] custom from Ireland 24 Oct. for herring and out for 4 carts salt.
	] custom from Ireland 24 Oct. for herring and out for 4 carts salt.
	] custom from Ireland 24 Oct. for herring.
	] custom from Ireland 25 Oct. for 3 barrels herring by sea 27 Oct. for herring.

<sup>1</sup> Taken from Chester Record Office, *Mayor's Book II*. All entries which have survived in full are preceded by a cross in the original text, here omitted.

[f. 38]

John Whyt of Rush  
 John le Wolf of Rush  
 John Roce of Rush  
 John Burbache [of Coventry]<sup>1</sup>

John Leder of Coventry

John Scarlet of Coventry

William Renet of Coventry

Nicolas Waspell

John Pycryng of Coventry  
 Thomas Blundell of Malahide

Walter David of Dublin

Thomas Beek of Dublin  
 Simon de Dodenall of Dublin

Thomas Dawe of Coventry

John Rondull of Lusk

] custom for 3 horse fardels from Ireland 3 Nov.  
 ] custom for [     ] horse fardels from Ireland 3 Nov.  
 ] custom from Ireland 3 Nov. for 2 horse fardels.  
 ] custom from Ireland 3 Nov. for 8 horse fardels.  
 ] custom to Ireland 3 Nov. for 1 cart in and out in one cart.  
 ] custom to Ireland for 3 packs in 1 cart 4 Nov.  
     ] Nov.  
     ] 2 packs in 1 cart 4 Nov.  
         ] in 1 cart 4 Nov.  
     ] 4 Nov. for 2 carts fish and 1 cart merc.  
     ] Nov. for 2 fardels in 1 cart.  
     ] 4 Nov.

custom to Ireland for 2 weys and 4 horse loads [

custom from Ireland for 1 horse fardel 4 Nov. [

custom from Ireland 5 Nov. for 1 horseload [

custom from Ireland 5 Nov. for 1 fardel in 1 cart [

custom from Ireland 5 Nov. for 1 fardel in 1 cart [

custom from Ireland 7 Nov. in and out for 1 cart and 1 fardel.

custom from Ireland for 1 fardel [ custom to the sea for 4 carts salt 17 Nov.

custom to Ireland for 2 packs in 1 cart.

custom to Ireland for 1 fardel [

custom to Ireland for 2 carts salt 17 Nov.

custom to Ireland for 3 fardels in 1 cart.

custom to Ireland for 3 carts salt 18 [Nov.]

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 42d.

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John Brampston of Coventry	custom to Ireland 18 [Nov.]
Roger de Moreton of Coventry	} custom to Ireland for 5 fardels [
Alexander de Moreton of Coventry	
Roger Hyde of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 fardel [
William le Cuttyler of Coventry	custom to Ireland for [
William Hawe of Dublin	custom to Ireland for [
Robert Fynglelace of Swords	custom to Ireland [
John le Botyller of Lincoln	custom from Ireland [
William le Walssh of Drogheda	and custom same day from Ireland for 1 tuntight [
Richard Yong of Drogheda	custom from Ireland [
William Brode of Drogheda	custom for 1 [
William Baret of Drogheda	custom for [
John Manus of Drogheda	custom [
John Renell of Coventry	[
Cook Hall of Coventry	[
John Neell of Coventry	[
[       ] of Coventry	[
[f. 38d.]	
	] custom from Ireland for 2 fardels in 1 cart out 24 Nov.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 2 fardels in 1 cart 24 Nov.
	] custom from Ireland for 1 fardel by horse 26 Nov.
] of Coventry	] custom from Ireland for 3 fardels by horse 27 Nov.
] of Dublin	custom from Ireland for 4 fardels in 1 cart 27 Nov. and out for 2 carts.
	] custom from Ireland for 1 fardel in 1 cart and to Ireland for 2 carts salt 27 Nov.
] of Rush	custom from Ireland for 1 pipe red herring 7 Dec. and out for 2½ weys.
] of Rush	custom from Ireland for 2 mease red herring 7 Dec. and nothing out.
] of Dublin	custom to Ireland for 5 horseloads salt 14 Dec.
	] custom from Ireland for herring custom for 1 cart salt 20 Dec.
] le Walsh	custom to Ireland for 4 horseloads 22 Dec.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart 8 Jan.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart 8 Jan.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart 8 Jan.

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- ] custom to Ireland for 1 cart 8 Jan.
- ] from Ireland 13 Jan. for 1 horseload.
- ] custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. 13 Jan.
- ] Ireland for merc. "suis exist" infra lib."
- ] custom from Ireland for 10 packs by horse 13 Jan.
- ] custom from Ireland for 3 packs by horse 13 Jan.
- ] Ireland for 3 packs cloth 12 Jan.
- ] custom from Ireland for 4 packs 13 Jan.
- ] from Ireland 4 Jan. for 2 lasts 7 mease and [ ] 2 carts salt and 7 horse-loads salt to wit for 1 cart [ ] 4 Jan.

[f. 39]

Simon Dryll [of Malahide]<sup>1</sup>  
John de Hokenhull of Dublin

came into the port of Chester 13 Jan.  
custom from Ireland for 1 pipe tun-  
tight iron.

John Bawdyn

custom from Ireland for  $\frac{1}{2}$  last  
herring and out [

John Adam

out for 1 cart salt 21 Jan.

Richard Coyne of Rush

custom to Ireland 21 Jan. [

Thomas Hamelyn of "Hamolyt"

custom from Ireland for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lasts  
27 Jan. [

John Lard

custom from Ireland for  $\frac{1}{2}$  last 27  
Jan. [

Thomas Hamelyn [of "Hamolyt"<sup>2</sup>]

custom to Ireland for 1 cart salt 27  
Jan. [

John Garce

custom to Ireland for 4 horseloads  
salt 27 Jan. [

Richard de Neuton of Malahide

custom from Ireland for 1 last herring  
28 Jan. [

Thomas Lede of Malahide

custom from Ireland for 1 last herring  
28 Jan. [

Simon Rele

custom from Ireland for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lasts  
28 Jan. [

Henry Dylcok

custom from Ireland for 1 cart and  
3 fardels merc. 5 Feb. [

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 41. This and the succeeding entry are not preceded by a cross.

<sup>2</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 39.

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John Burbage cardmaker	custom from Ireland for 3 horse-loads merc. [
Nicholas Palmer	custom from Ireland for 3 fardels merc. 5 Feb. [
Cok del Hall [of Coventry] <sup>1</sup> }	custom from Ireland for 4 packs merc. [
John Renell [of Coventry] }	custom from Ireland for 6 horse-loads [
John Lether of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 4 fardels [
John Crosse of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 3 fardels [
John Happesford of Coventry	custom from Ireland for [
Roger Merssh of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 3 [
John Broun of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 9 [
Robert Broumesgrose [of Coventry] <sup>2</sup>	custom from Ireland [
Thomas Daw of Coventry	custom to England for 3 fardels [
Robert de Olton	custom to Ireland [
Thomas Faypowe of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
William Wyott of Rush	custom from Ireland [
John Wyot of Rush	custom from Ireland [
John Passelow of Rush	custom from Ireland [
John le Cardemaker of Coventry	[

[f. 39d]

]	custom from Ireland for 3 lasts 2 mease herring and to Ireland for 14 horseloads salt 18 Feb.
]	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 21 Feb.
]	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 21 Feb.
]	custom to Ireland for 1 fardel merc. in 1 cart 21 Feb.
]	custom to England for 2 fardels by horse 21 Feb.
]	custom from Ireland for 3 fardels in 1 cart 21 Feb.
]	custom from Ireland for 1 fardel merc. 21 Feb.
]	custom for 1 fardel remaining in city of Chester 21 Feb.
]	custom to England for 1 cart and 3 fardels by horse 22 Feb.
]	custom to Ireland for 1 fardel merc. 23 Feb.

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 39.

<sup>2</sup> *Mayor's Book I*, f. 55.

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] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 23 Feb.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 23 Feb.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 23 Feb.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 23 Feb.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 23 Feb.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 2 fardels coming into Chester by horse and out by cart.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 2 fardels coming into Chester by horse and out by cart.
	] custom from Ireland for 1 crannock malt 7 March.
	] custom to Ireland in by 1 cart and out by 1 cart 7 March.
	] 2 pipes 1 hogshead wine 13 March.
	] custom to Ireland for 3 fardels in 1 cart 15 March.
	] custom to Ireland 15 March for 2 fardels in by horse and out by cart.
	] 15 March for 2 fardels in by horse and out by cart.
	] custom to Ireland for 5 fardels 18 March in by horse and out by cart.
	] custom from Ireland for $\frac{1}{2}$ last red herring 18 March.
	] Ireland for $\frac{1}{2}$ last red herring 18 March.
	] Ireland for $\frac{1}{2}$ last red herring 18 March.
	] custom for 1 fardel merc. remaining in Chester 20 March.
	] custom from Ireland for 1 fardel merc. 20 March.

[f. 40]

Thomas Russell of Coventry  
William Hall of Coventry }  
John Renell of Coventry }  
William Balf of Athboy

custom to Ireland for 2 fardels merc. [  
custom to Ireland for 6 fardels in by  
2 carts and out by cart.  
custom in from England for 6 fardels  
by horse and out [



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John Hauwode of London	custom to Ireland for 2 fardels merc. 26 March by [
Richard Coyne of Rush	custom from Ireland for white fish coming into Chester [
John Drakesspere of Drogheda	custom from Ireland for white fish.
Richard le Fysshier of Nantwich	custom from Ireland for white fish and out for 5 horseloads salt 26 March.
Thomas de Wyrvyn of Chester	custom from Ireland for white fish and out for 5 horseloads salt 26 March.
Simon de Thornebery [of Chester] <sup>1</sup>	custom from Ireland for 3 pipes Gascon wine 25 March.
Ralph Wauter of Balrothery	custom from Ireland for white fish[
William Busrarde of Balrothery	custom from Ireland for white fish [
Elias Comyn of Rush }	custom from Ireland for white fish [
John le Wolf of Rush }	custom to Ireland for 7 horseloads 2 April [
John le Ingelond	custom from Ireland for 5 mease herring 2 April.
John Zefford [of Drogheda] <sup>2</sup> }	custom from Ireland for white fish
John Macouw [of Drogheda?] <sup>2</sup> }	and to Ireland [
John Scarlet of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. [
John Happesford of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. [
John Burbache of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. [
William Crosse [of Coventry] <sup>3</sup>	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. [
William Fassemon of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
John Thwyng of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
John Swynley of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
Thomas Daw of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
John Fyssewyk	
Hugh Hardemon of Dublin	custom to Ireland [
John Gos	custom from Ireland for 3 mease herring [
John Stubbes	
[f. 40d.]	
] of Malahide }	custom from Ireland for red herring
] of Malahide }	and ½C white fish and to Ireland for 10 horseloads salt 6 April.

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 42.

<sup>2</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 42.

<sup>3</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 37.

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] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 4 fardels by horse 10 April.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. in and out 10 April.
	] custom to Ireland for 6 fardels merc. by horse 10 April and out by 2 carts.
] of Frome	custom to Ireland for 1 fardel merc. by horse and out by cart 10 April.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 fardel in by horse and out by cart 10 April.
	] custom to Ireland for 3 fardels in by horse and out 10 April.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. in and out in 1 cart 10 April.
] of Coventry	] custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. in and out for 1 cart and 4 [ ] 2 horseloads in by cart and out by 4 horses 10 April.
] of Coventry	custom for 3 fardels in 1 cart coming into Chester. The merchandise was
] of Coventry	sold in Chester; no custom to England.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for white fish and for 4 crannocks salt 12 April.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 12 April.
] of Worcester	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 12 April.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 12 April.
	] custom from Ireland for 1 crannock corn and out for 2 horseloads salt 12 April.
	] custom for white fish coming into Chester 14 April and out for 1 cart salt.
	] custom from Ireland for white fish coming into Chester 14 April.
	and out for 1 cart salt.
	] custom from Ireland for white fish coming into Chester.
	and out for 1 cart salt.
	] custom from Ireland for white fish coming into Chester.
	and out to Ireland for 3 horseloads salt.

	] white fish 13 April.
	] custom from Ireland for corn and salt 13 April.
	] custom from Ireland for corn and malt 13 April.
	] custom from Ireland for corn and malt 13 April.
	] John Ward for 4 horseloads of John de [     ] said salt 13 April.
[f. 41]	
Thomas Russell of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart 19 April [
Thomas Panell of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart 19 April [
John le Cardemaker of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart 19 April [
John Leder of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart 19 April.
Thomas Dawe of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart 19 April.
Robert le Walssh	custom to Ireland for 9 horseloads salt—14d. 20 April. [
Nicholas Eustace of Dublin	custom to Ireland in for 6 horseloads and out [
Lucas Doudale of Dublin	custom to Ireland for 2 fardels coming into Chester [
Lawrence Bower of York	custom for his merchandise coming into Chester [
William Thornton of York, bowyer	custom for his merchandise coming into Chester [
John Barret of Dublin	custom to Ireland for 2 fardels in 1 cart 6 May [
John Pycryng of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 2 fardels [
William Balf of Athboy	custom from England to Ireland for 4 fardels in 1 cart [
Henry filtz William	custom from England to Ireland for 4 fardels in 1 cart [
Patrick Balf [of Athboy] <sup>1</sup>	custom from England to Ireland for 4 fardels in 1 cart [
Thomas Graunt of Athboy	custom from England to Ireland for 4 fardels in 1 cart [
John Bery of Athboy	custom from England to Ireland for 4 fardels in 1 cart [
John Leder of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 fardel [
William Saresfeld of Dublin	custom from England to Ireland [

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 41. Son of William Balf of Athboy.

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John Whyt of Dublin	custom from Ireland for 1 fardel.
Simon Dryll of Malahide	
Nicholas Hunt [of Chester] <sup>1</sup> }	custom from Ireland for corn [
Richard de Wutton	
Peryn le Vynter of Gascony	custom for 4 tuns wine [
Thomas Russell of Coventry	custom to Ireland [
John Warre of Swords }	custom from Ireland for 8 qrs. corn
John Layce of Swords }	and from [
Alexander Page of Swords	
William de Lyce of Malahide	custom from Ireland.
[f. 41d.]	
] of Swords	custom from Ireland for 4 fardels
	merc. by cart 22 May.
] of Swords	custom from Ireland for 1 fardel
	merc. by horse 22 May.
] of Drogheda	custom for in with rope [?] 22 May.
	] custom for $\frac{1}{2}$ wey corn 27 May
	and out for 4 carts salt and 1
	horseload.
] of Malahide }	custom from Ireland for fish and corn
] of Malahide }	and to Ireland for 12 horseloads
	salt 31 May 6 Henry IV.
] of Caernarvon	custom to Chester for diverse merc.
	29 June.
] of Kinsale	custom for 18 tuns white Spanish
	wine 26 June.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 2 fardels in 1
	cart by 25 June.
] of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 cart and 3
	fardels by horse 25 June.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc.
	25 June.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc.
	25 June.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart and
	3 fardels merc. 25 June.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc.
	25 June.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart and
	1 fardel by horse 25 June.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart and
	3 fardels by horse 25 June.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart 25 June.

<sup>1</sup> A Nicholas Hunt, tailor, became a freeman of Chester in the year 1401-02 *Chester Freeman Rolls*, Part I, ed. J. H. E. Bennett, Record Society of Lancs. and Cheshire, Vol. 61 (1906), p. 1.

] of Dublin	<div> <div> ] } custom from Ireland for 3 carts and  ] } 3 fardels 25 June.  ] custom from Ireland for 2 fardels by  horse 25 June.  ] custom to Ireland for 8 horseloads  salt 25 June.  ] custom to Ireland for 1 fardel in 1  cart 25 June.  ] custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 25  June.  ] custom from Ireland for corn and malt  and to Ireland for 1 wey salt 26 June.  ] custom from Ireland for 1 wey corn  26 June. </div> </div>
] of Drogheda	<div> ] custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc.  26 June.  ] custom to Ireland for 1 fardel in 1  cart and out by horse 26 June.  ] fardels 27 June.  ] 1 cart merc. 28 June.  ] 1 cart 28 June. </div>
[f. 42]	
Richard Coyne of Rush	custom from Ireland for fish and out for 2 carts salt 2 July.
Ralph Wauter of Rush	custom from Ireland for 1 wey corn and 6 pipes fish.
Walter Borsard of Rush	1 cart salt 2 July.
John Burton of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. 7 July.
John Pykryng of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 4 horseloads woad 7 July.
John Drawespere of Drogheda	custom from Ireland for 16 cran- nocks salt 9 July.
Walter Miles of Drogheda	custom from Ireland for 3 carts salt and 5 horseloads salt.
John Virly of Drogheda	custom from Ireland for 3 doz. Scottish cloth and to Ireland [
John Zefford of Drogheda	custom from Ireland for 10 cran- nocks corn.
John Magaun of Drogheda	custom from Ireland for 10 cran- nocks corn.
Elias Comyn [of Rush] <sup>1</sup>	custom from Ireland for 1 wey corn and to Ireland for 1 wey salt.
John Roos of Rush	custom from Ireland for 1C fish 26 July and to Ireland [

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 40.

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John Wulf of Rush	custom for 5 horseloads salt 26 July.
John Snow of Dublin	custom from Ireland for 2 fardels merc. [
Simon Thornebery of Chester	custom to the sea for salt 27 July.
Michael Philip	custom from Ireland for diverse merc. 4 Aug.
William Gos	custom to Ireland for 1 cart salt 4 Aug.
Peter le Chapmon of Drogheda	custom to Ireland for 2 fardels [
John de Burton of Coventry	custom to Ireland for 1 horseload [
John Bron of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart to England.
Thomas Fypow of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. [
Alan le Clerk of Lincoln	custom for 24 stone wool [
James Fyfeld of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 cart merc. [
John Brawston of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
Thomas Russell of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
John Snaw of Dublin	custom from Ireland [
John Renell of Coventry }	custom from Ireland [
William Hall of Coventry }	
John Horbery of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
John le Leder of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
William le Smyth of Coventry	custom from Ireland [
Thomas Graunt of Athboy	custom from Ireland [
Thomas Balshemon [of Athboy] <sup>1</sup>	[
and	
Henry serv. of William Balshemon [of Athboy] <sup>1</sup>	
[f. 42d.]	
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 4 fardels by horse 2 Sept.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 3 fardels by horse 2 Sept.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 9 fardels by horse 2 Sept.
] of Coventry }	custom from Ireland for 1 fardel by horse and 4 fardels by cart 2 Sept.
] of Coventry }	
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 12 horse fardels merc. by 8 horses and 2 carts 2 Sept.
]	custom from Ireland for his incoming paid and for 10 fardels merchandise not customed 2 Sept.

<sup>1</sup> *Mayor's Book II*, f. 42. Both sons of William Balshemon of Athboy.

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] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 6 fardels by horse 5 Sept.
] of Drogheda	custom from Ireland for 1 horse fardel 4 Sept.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for in and out for 12 fardels by horse 4 Sept.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for 1 fardel by horse 4 Sept.
] of Coventry	custom from Ireland for in and out 4 Sept.
] of Bromsgrove	custom from Ireland for in and out 4 Sept.
] of Dublin	custom from Ireland for in and out 4 Sept.
] of Malahide	custom from Ireland for 1 pipe fish and to Ireland for 8 carts and 3 horseloads salt.
] of Rush	custom from Ireland 7 Sept. for 1C white fish and 1 barrel of salmon.
] of Rush	custom from Ireland 7 Sept. for 4 doz. white fish and out for 1½ crannocks salt.
] of Wallasey	custom from Ireland for 1 last herring 7 Sept.
] of Malahide	custom from Ireland for 3 lasts herring and to Ireland for 4 carts salt and 14 horseloads.
	] custom from Ireland for 12 fardels merc. in 2 carts and to Ireland for 1 cart salt 8 Sept.
	] custom from Ireland for 8 fardels merc. in 2 carts 8 Sept.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 8 Sept.
	] custom from Ireland for corn and to Ireland for 4 carts salt 8 Sept.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 8 Sept.
	] custom to Ireland for 1 cart merc. 8 Sept.
	] custom to Ireland for 6 fardels merc. 14 Sept.
	] } herring 15 Sept. and to Ireland for 5 carts salt
	] } for his incoming and to Ireland for 5 carts salt.
	] 2 carts salt 15 Sept.

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] 4 carts salt 15 Sept.  
] 1 horseload salt 15 Sept.  
] 15 Sept.  
] September.



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*Custom of merchants [going] to Ireland and other foreign parts.*

23 Oct.

John Walsh	in with 1 ca. <sup>2</sup>	and out with same	8d.
Thomas Roller	„ „ 1 ca.	„ „ „ „	8d.
William Frankysshe		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
Nicholas Barton		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
Thomas Vale		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
John Logan	in	and „ „ 2 eq.	6d.
Brian Wylkynson		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
John Lawles	in	and „ „ 1 ca.	6d.
Richard Snodenham	„	„ „ 1 ca.	5d.
Richard Veldon	„ with 1 eq.		1d.
Thomas Rude		out with 1 ca.	4d.

12 Dec.

Thomas Longe	in with 4 eq.	and „ „ 1 ca.	8d.
Robert Alen	„ „ 5 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca. & 1 eq.	10d.
Alexander Elstones		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
Richard Symmys		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
John Bernesley		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
Mathew Fowler	in	and „ „ 1 ca.	6d.
William Hyll		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
James Wellys	in with 4 eq.	and „ „ 1 ca.	8d.

12 Jan.

Michael Myryell		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
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20 Jan.

Thomas Roller	in with 4 eq.	and „ „ same	8d.
Henry Roger	„ „ 1 eq.	„ „ „ „	2d.

15 Feb.

John Kerdy	„ „ 2 eq.	„ „ „ „	4d.
Patrick Stevyn	„ „ 1 eq.	„ „ „ „	2d.
Martin Ustas	„ „ 5 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	9d.

<sup>1</sup> Taken from Chester Record Office, *Sheriffs' Book II*.<sup>2</sup> The abbreviations "ca." and "eq." have been used throughout for "cartload" and "horseload" respectively.

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Thomas Roller	in with 2 eq.	and out with 1 ca.	6d.
Robert Dycunson		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
Dennis, serv. of Nicholas			
Tege	in with 2 eq.	and „ „ same	4d.
Robert Bonkys	„ „ 2 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	[ ]
20 Jan.			
[f. 66d]			
25 Feb.			
Thomas Cokson		out with 1 ca.	4d.
Richard Corton		„ „ 1 ca.	4d.
John Wylde	in	and „ „ 1 ca.	6d.
Ralph Coke	„ with 2 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	6d.
William Mosse	„ „ 1 ca.	„ „ „ same	8d.
24 Feb.			
Richard Parker	„ „ 4 eq.	„ „ „ „	8d.
John Whyte	„ „ 2 eq.	„ „ „ „	4d.
Nicholas Clerk	„ „ 2 eq.	„ „ „ „	4d.
Robert Fitz Symond	„ „ 2 eq.	„ „ „ „	4d.
11 Mar.			
James Knolles	„ „ 4 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	12d.
John Cokson	in with 4 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	8d.
William Frythe	„ „ 6 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	10d.
John Byset	„ „ 1 ca. & 2 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	10d.
William Dawe	„ „ 4 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	8d.
Henry Smythe	„ „ 3 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	7d.
James Walker of Salford	„ „ 3 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	7d.
Henry Webster		„ „ „ 1 ca.	4d.
Thomas Wryght		„ „ „ 1 ca.	4d.
16 Mar.			
Germot Gorgan	in with 2 eq.	and out with same	4d.
Thomas Whyte	„	„ „ „ 1 ca.	8d.
William Kerkyn	„	„ „ „ 1 ca.	6d.
John Amblere		„ „ „ 1 ca.	4d.
John Caye	in with 2 eq.	„ „ „ same	4d.
Richard Blande	„ „ 2 eq.	„ „ „ „	4d.
8 April			
Thomas Roller	„ „ 8 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	12d.
William Smyth	„ „ 2 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	6d.
Germot Gorgan		„ „ „ 1 ca.	4d.
3 May			
William Dough	in with 2 eq.	and „ „ 1 ca.	6d.
[f. 67] To Ireland			
James Wellys	in with 1 eq.	and out with 1 ca.	5d.
Robert Dykenson	„ „ 2 eq.	„ „ „ 1 ca.	6d.

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William Hyll	in with 3 eq.		6d.
Henry Webster	" " 5 eq.		10d.
Richard Parker	" " 4 eq.	and out with 1 ca.	8d.
Arlonton Usher	" " 1 ca.	" " " same	16d.
John Cassell		" " " 1 ca.	4d.
Edward Talbot	in with 1 ca.	and " " same	8d.
Christopher Hegley	" " [ ]	" " " "	2d.

20 Aug.

Arlonton Usher		" " 1 ca.	4d.
Robert Rycheman	in with 1 ca.	and " " same	8d.
Mathew Fowler	" " 1 ca. & 3 eq.	" " 2 ca.	15d.
William Coke	" " 1 ca. & 2 eq.	" " 2 ca.	14d.

23 Aug.

John Dauston	" " 2 eq.	" " " 1 ca.	6d.
Nicholas Harrall	" " 2 eq.	" " " 1 ca.	6d.
William Baxter	" " 5 eq.	" " " same	10d.

31 Aug.

John Hyll of "Prestcote"		out with 1 pipe wine & 1 pipe iron	8d.
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2 Sept.

Henry Smyth	in with 6 eq.		6d.
John Symcok		out with 2 ca.	8d.
William Frith	in	and out with 2 eq.	4d.

3 Sept.

John Symcok		" " 1 ca.	4d.
Robert West	in	and " " 1 eq.	2d.
Robert Dycunson		" " 1 ca.	4d.
William Coke		" " 1 ca.	4d.

24 [Sept.]

Thomas Cokson	in with 2 eq.		[ ]
John Ballard	" " 1 ca.	and out with 2 ca.	2s.
Robert Fytzsymond		" " 1 ca.	4d.

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*Custom of merchants [coming] from Ireland and other places*

22 Oct. *The arrival of the* Nicholas of Chester

John Bekke	in	4d.
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22 Oct. *The arrival of "Jenicot Pykard", master "Blak Patrick"*

Robert West	in and out with 11 eq.	15d.
Thomas Roller	" " " " 2 eq.	6d.
John Paynell	" " " " 1 ca.	8d.
William Baxter,		
serv. of Richard Symys	" " " " 2 ca.	12d.
Henry Wytacres	" " " " 1 ca.	8d.

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Ralph Coke	in and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Robert Fitz Symond	„ „ „ „	4 eq.	8d.
John Lynsay			
Thomas Ilcok			
Robert Recheman	in		4d.
5 Nov. <i>The arrival of the Mary of Rushyn, master John Macguyn William More</i>			
9 Dec. <i>The arrival of "Jenicot Pykard", master "Blak Patrik"</i>			
Nicholas Tege	in and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Elias Coke	„ „ „ „	1 eq.	5d.
John Ryxton			
William Brymme			
Thomas Kay			
Thomas Walton			
Thomas Roller	in and out with	4 eq.	8d.
John Torton	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	4d.
John Stanes	in		4d.
William Brodehoke			
John Ballart	in and out with	4 eq.	8d.
William Dawe	„ „ „ „	10 eq.	14d.
Mathew Fowler	„		4d.
Gilbert, serv. of			
Thomas Cokysson	„ and out with	1 ca.	8d.
William Torton	„		4d.
[f. 68d]			
John Whyte	„ and out with	2 eq.	6d.
James Willys	„ „ „ „	1 pack	5d.
9. Dec. <i>The arrival of the Barge of Caernarvon</i>			
William Dawe	in and out with	22 eq.	2s. 2d.
John Wylde	„ „ „ „	30 eq.	2s. 10d.
John Whytaces	„ „ „ „	28 eq.	2s. 8d.
John Copse			
Mathew Fowler	in		4d.
Robert Fytz Symond	„ and out with	4 eq.	8d.
William Baxter	„ „ „ „	2 ca.	12d.
Thurstan Laumon			
Martin Ustas	in and out with	8 eq.	12d.
Thomas Elkot			
Robert West	in and out with	2 eq.	6d.
Richard Stanhirst	„ „ „ „	4 eq.	8d.
Richard Telan			
William Thomasson			
Mathew Quite of Trim			
Ralph Coke	in and out with	2 ca.	12d.
John Pynchebeke	„		

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Nicholas Clerk of Trim in and out with 2 eq. 6d.

13 Dec. *The arrival of the Katharine of Dublin, master John Milet*

William Fraunceys

William Thomasson

Germot Gorgan in and out with 1 ca. 8d.

James Wellys " " " " 1 pack 5d.

Thomas Rudy " " " " 2 eq. 6d.

John Kerney " " " " 1 ca. 8d.

Richard Parker " " " " 10 eq. 14d.

William Torton " " " " 1 ca. 8d.

David Parker " " " " 1 eq. 5d.

Thomas Bruere " " " " 6 eq. 10d.

Richard Saresfeld

John Whyte of Coventry in and out with 5 eq. 9d.

[f. 69] *The arrival of the Martin of "Portrane"*

Nicholas Lawlyes

Richard Byrmyncham

10 Feb. *The arrival of the Gregory of Howth*

William Longe

12 Feb. *The arrival of "Jenicot Pykard"*

William Baxtere in and out with 1 ca. 8d.

John Stenys " " " " 5 eq. 9d.

Arlonton Ussher " " " " 6 eq. 10d.

Nicholas Harroll " " " " 2 eq. 6d.

John Doge

William Torton in and out with 1 ca. 8d.

Alexander Staney

Nicholas Cordy in and out with 1 ca. 8d.

Nicholas Barton

Robert Rychemond in 4d.

James Wellys " 4d.

Thomas Rode " and out with 1 eq. 5d.

Robert Fysymond " 4d.

Richard Saresfeld

John Ballart in and out with 1 eq. 5d.

Mathew Fowlere " 4d.

Thomas Acton

[f. 69d.]

15 Feb. *The arrival of the Peter of Dublin, master John Brete*

John Paynell in and out with 1 ca. 8d.

John Whytakers " " " " 9 eq. 13d.

Nicholas Harrall " " " " 6 eq. 10d.

Christopher Dawe " " " " 12 eq. 16d.

William Cheney " " " " 6 eq. 4d.

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William Frankys	in and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Robert Fytz Symond	„		4d.
Thomas Acton			
Mathew Fowler	„ „ „ „	3 eq.	7d.
John Wyld	„ „ „ „	9 eq.	13d.
Thomas Caye			
John Brette			

24 Feb. *The arrival of the Mary of Drogheda, master Nicholas FitzWilliam*

William Davy	in and out with	1 ca.	8d.
John Symcok			
Nicholas Clerk	in and out with	5 eq.	9d.
Richard Nellson	„ „ „ „	2 ca.	12d.

24 Feb. *The arrival of the Patrick of Milford, master William Bertok*

William McQualteragh			
Roger Nelson	in		4d.
John Stevynson	„		4d.
Edmund Lake			
William Donkanson	in		4d.

25 Feb. *The arrival of the Mary of Baldule, master Thomas Walshe*

Thomas Walshe  
William Walshe

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1 March *The arrival of the Nicholas of Chester, master Gilbert Maccren*

Robert Gyle			
John Bek	in		4d.
John Logan	„ and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Patrick Doser			

8 March *The arrival of the George of "Regeston", master Richard Waren*

Thomas Roller	in and out with	6 eq.	10d.
John Wylde	„ „ „ „	5 eq.	9d.
Robert Rycheman	„ „ „ „	3 eq.	7d.
Patrick Fitzlenis	„ „ „ „	2 eq.	6d.
Robert Edward	„		4d.
Thomas Gunne	„		4d.
Nicholes Cordy	„		4d.
John Laundey	„ and out with	7 eq.	11d.
William Laynagh			
Thomas Acton			
John Whyte	in and out with	2 eq.	6d.

6 March *The arrival of the Katharine of Dublin, master John Milet*

Robert Alayn	in and out with	9 eq.	13d.
William Dawe	„ „ „ „	1 eq.	4d.
Robert Hyll	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	8d.
Thomas Rudde	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	8d.
Thurstan de Manchestre	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	8d.

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Lewis Gylbart					
John Cator	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
William Baxter	"	" " "	7 eq.		11d.
Alexander Brydde					
John Dogge					
William Hyll	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Elias Bundroyd	"				4d.
Thomas Acton					
Germot Gorgan	in				4d.
Gilbert Walker	"	and out with	2 eq.		6d.

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William Fraunkysh	"				4d.
John Paynell	"	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Richard Parker	"				4d.

16 March *The arrival of the Trinity of Malahide, master David Malyse*

John Mole					
Thomas Bawry					
John Fawkener					
John Flemmyng	in	and out with	3 eq.		7d.

19 March *The arrival of the Katharine of Dublin, master "Blak Patrik"*

Patrick Fylenys	in	and out with	2 eq.		6d.
John Dogge					
John Stanyshe	in	and out with	6 eq.		10d.
Robert Richeman	"	" " "	1 eq.		5d.
Alexander Staney					
Arlonton Usshare	in				4d.
John Concowoure					
James Wellys	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Mathew Fowlere	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
John Paynell	"	" " "	2 ca.		12d.
Richard Saresfeld					
Walter Wedrye	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Walter Calle	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Robert West	"	" " "	2 eq.		6d.
Gilbert Walkere	"	" " "	2 eq.		6d.
Elias Coke	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
William Cheney	"	" " "	2 eq.		6d.
Richard Morse					
Thomas Acton					
William Thomasson					

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6 April *The arrival of the Martin of "Portrane", master Nicholas Lawlyes*

Nicholas Whyte	in				4d.
Richard Calfe	"				4d.

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11 April <i>The arrival of the</i> Michael of St. Malo, <i>master Michael Meriell</i>				
William Thomasson				
Edward Kyrkeby	in	and [out with ?]	1 tun wine	8d.
Thomas Fernys				
Thomas Shorthall	in			4d.
[ ] April <i>The arrival of the</i> James of Leyton, <i>master Simon Naturfeld</i>				
Simon Naturfeld	in			4d.
27 April <i>The arrival of the</i> Peter of "Thurshed", <i>master Robert Whyte</i>				
William Corkeram				
Nicholas Whyte	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Philip Whytehed	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
Edward Talbot	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
29 April <i>The arrival of the</i> Peter of Dublin, <i>master John Brette</i>				
John Wylde	in	and out with	25 eq.	2/5d.
William Whytsyde,				
factor of Thomas Broke	"	" " "	5 eq.	9d.
Nicholas Harrall	"	" " "	1 eq.	5d.
John Ballarte	"	" " "	6 eq.	10d.
Mathew Fowlere	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
Thomas Longe	"	" " "	7 eq.	11d.
Thomas Champoner				
Robert Weste	in	and out with	7 eq.	11d.
Martin Vestes				
factor of John Pynchebek	"	" " "	10 eq.	14d.
Richard Mosse				
Robert Hyll	in			4d.
Arlonton Ushere	"			4d.
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William Brodehoke				
The prior of Kylmaynan				
John Barnesley				
John Kelle				
John Panell	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
William Hackeston	"	" " "	1 eq.	5d.
William Baxstere				
30 April <i>The arrival of the</i> Katharine of Dublin, <i>master "Blak Patryk"</i>				
Arlonton Ushere	in	and out with	2 eq.	6d.
Henry Whytaces	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
John Rossell				
Mathew Fowlere	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Richard Saresfeld	"	" " "	2 eq.	6d.
James Wellys	"	" " "	2 eq.	6d.
Richard Mors				
Thomas Lange	in	and out with	7 eq.	11d.



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Thomas Appulyard					
Edward Talbot	in	and out with	2 ca.		4d.
Richard Bankys					
Thomas Rollere	in	and out with	4 eq.		8d.
Thomas Mollcharn	"	" " "	1 eq.		5d.
John Panell	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Alexander Staney					
John Barnesley					

2 May *The arrival of the Mary of Drogheda, master Richard Thowryre*

John Symcok					
John Cassell	in	and out with	2 ca.		12d.
John Browne	"	" " "	2 ca.		12d.
Thomas Raffe	"				4d.

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10 May *The arrival of the Michael of Furness, master William Dausson*

Nicholas Cordy	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Robert Rychemond	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
William Coke	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
John Dogge					
Ralph Coke	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Thomas Robynson	"	" " "	2 eq.		6d.
Thomas Rode	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Thurstan Mamcestre	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Thomas Cokson	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
John Lawles	"	" " "	2 eq.		6d.
William Baxter	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Hugh Calveley, knight					
Simon Barnesley	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.

21 May *The arrival of "Janicote Pykard"*

Robert Weste	in				4d.
Brian Wylkynson	"	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Patrick Can	"	" " "	1 eq.		5d.
Richard Pykynton					
Thurstan Manchestre	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
	"per Salmon de Kelsall"				
Thomas Rudde	"	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Richard Holynhed					
William Bukestere	in	and out with	2 eq.		6d.
Nicholas Cordy	"	" " "	1 eq.		5d.
Thomas Wreght	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
James Wellys	"	" " "	1 pack		5d.
[ ] Wytesyde of "Girnoke"	"	" " "	5 eq.		9d.
Richard Blande	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Thomas Roller	"	" " "	6 eq.		10d.

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Jankyn Dogge					
John Stonys					
John Hoghfeld	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Thomas Walker	"	"	"	1 ca.	8d.
Edward Talbot	"	"	"	1 ca.	12d.

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3 June *The arrival of the Katharine of Drogheda, master Nicholas Fitz-Williams*

John Symcok	in				4d.
John Bathe					4d.
Robert Naturfeld }	"				
Henry White	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Robert Flemmyng <sup>1</sup>	"				4d.
Nicholas Cordy	"	and out with	2 eq.		6d.
Edward Kyrkeby	"	"	"	6 ca. double custom	4/8d.

William Corkeram

17 June *The arrival of the Katharine of Dublin, master John Milet*  
double custom

John Wylde	in	and out with	1 ca.		12d.
Mathew Fowlere	"	"	"	1 ca.	16d.
William Baxtere	"	"	"	1 ca.	8d.
John Dauston	"	"	"	1 ca.	16d.
John Ballart	"				8d.
Brian Wylkynson	"	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Thomas Wryght					
Richard Banke	in	and out with	1 [ ]		12d.
William Mosse	"	"	"	1 ca.	16d.
Martin Uestas	"	"	"	4 eq.	16d.
Robert Hyll	"				8d.
Harry Yonge	"				8d.

Thomas Appulyard					
Thomas Ellys	in	and out with	2 ca.		2/-
Ralph Coke	"				[ ]
Henry Whytaces					
William Turton	in	and out with	1 ca.		12d.
Alexander Staney					
William Thomasson					
John Lawles	in	and out with	2 eq.		6d.
William Howell					
Germot Gorgan	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Henry Rogerson	"				[ ]

<sup>1</sup> Marginal note: 2 tuns of wine with Lely.

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20 June *The arrival of the* Bride of Malahide, *master William Spencer*

double custom

Nicholas Gyford	in and out with	1 ca.	16d.
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John Phelip

John Broun	in and out with	1 ca.	
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Richard Parkere

4 July *The arrival of the* Peter of Dublin, *master John Brette*

double custom

John Panell	in		4d.
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John Wylde	„ and out with	1 ca.	12d.
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Alexander Brydde

Richard Pylkyngton

John Dogge

John Semon	in and out with	1 ca. <sup>1</sup>	12d.
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Elias Coke	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	16d.
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Robert Hyll	„		8d.
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Robert West

John Cokson	in and out with	1 ca.	12d.
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Richard Bland	„ „ „ „	2 eq.	10d.
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John Gayle	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	12d.
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William Goldsmyth

Richard Stanes	in and out with	1 ca. <sup>2</sup>	12d.
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William Mosse	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	12d.
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Patrick Steveson

Martin Uestas

Thomas Rollere	in and out with	9 eq.	17d.
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Mathew Fowlere	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	12d.
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Richard Bankes	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	12d.
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William Hyll	„		4d.
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Thomas Robynson,

serv. of Robert Dykenson	„ and out with	1 eq.	9d.
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William Hankyn

Thomas Molhane	in and out with	1 ca.	8d.
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18 July *The arrival of the* Peter of "La Hede", *master Robert Whyte*

John Symcok	in and out with	1 eq.	5d.
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Nicholas Whyte

John Bathe	in		
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Philip Whythed	„ and out with	1 ca.	8d.
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Henry Whyte	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	8d.
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Edward Talbot	„ „ „ „	1 ca.	8d.
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William Fraunceys

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<sup>1</sup> Pledge: wife of Naturfeld.

<sup>2</sup> For the muragers, for leaving with 6 packs by the wife of Naturfeld.

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21 July	<i>The arrival of the Michael of Furness, master Thomas Makyn</i>				
Thomas Roller	in	and out with	8 eq.		12d.
John Lawles	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Thomas Applyard	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Ralph Coke					
Robert Hycheman	in	and out with	2 eq.		6d.
Henry Yonge	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Alexander Staney					
Thomas Robynson					
Germot Gorgan	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Robert Hyll	"				4d.
James Welles	"	and out with	1 pack		5d.
John Gale	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Nicholas Barton	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Richard Pylkynton					
Nicholas Clerk	in	and out with	3 eq.		7d.
John Symond	"	" " "	2 ca.		12d.
James Knolles	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
John Dogge					
George Crossebowemaker	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Thomas Techet					
Patrick Cane	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.

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25 July	<i>The arrival of the Anne of Drogheda, master William Fesyn</i>				
John Bathe	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
Henry Whyte					
Nicholas Whyte	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
William Corkeram					
Philip Whythed	in	and out with	1 ca.		8d.
James Welles	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
Edmund Bekk	"				4d.
Andrew Hunt					
William Jay	in	and out with	1 eq.		4d.
Nicholas Cordy	"	" " "	1 ca.		8d.
William Keskyn	"	" " "	2 eq.		6d.

15 August	<i>The arrival of the Mary of St. Malo, master Colin Trohardy</i>				
John Graunt	3 pipes wine, 1C knives, 1 pipe iron				
Thomas Maryner	2 tuns wine				
Colin Trohardy	1 pipe wine, 2C glass, 20 yds. kerchiefs, 2C resin				
John Luf	1 pipe wine				

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19 August	<i>The arrival of the Katharine of Dublin, master Robert Clerke</i>				
Robert West	in				4d.
John Paynell	"				4d.

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Thomas Roller	in	and out with	3 eq.	7d.
John Ballard	"	" " "	2 ca.	12d.
George de Manchestre	"	" " "	2 eq.	6d.
Thomas Rodde	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
James Knolles	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
Ralph Coke	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
Richard Pylkynton	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
John Dogge				
Thomas Apulyard				
Thomas Fitz Symond	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Robert Fytz Symond	"			4d.
Richard Parker	"	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
John Whyte	"			4d.
John Whytaces	"	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
John Laundey	"	" " "	2 ca.	12d.
Mathew Fowler	"			[ ]
Richard Tankart	"			[ ]
Richard Staynhurst	"	and out with	1 eq.	5d.
James Welles	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
John Symcok	"			4d.
Henry White				
Lewis Smyth				
William Thomasson				
William Smyth				
John Wylde	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Robert Ratcliffe				
George Somyre	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.

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22 August *The arrival of the Mary of Dublin, master Patrick Tumlynson*

Martin Eustas				
James Knollys	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Thomas Rollere	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
John Dogge				
Thomas Apulyard				
Alexander Staney				
George Somyre	in			4d.
John Whytakers	"	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
William Torton	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.
Lewis Smyth				
Richard Staynhurst	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Ralph Coke	"			4d.
William Walker	"	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Thomas Shyrwode	"	" " "	1 ca.	4d.
William Smyth				
John Semon	in	and out with	1 ca.	8d.
John Laundey	"	" " "	1 ca.	8d.

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George de Manchestre	in and out with	2 eq.	6d.
William Thomasson			
Richard, Rector of Swords			
Richard Bankys	in and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Henry Yonge			
"Le Corvyser"			

24 August	<i>The arrival of the Mary of Drogheda, master Richard Sothern</i>		
John Symcok	in and out with	2 ca.	12d.
Nicholas Whyte	" " " "	1 ca.	8d.
William Corkeram			
Henry Whyte			
John Byssette	in and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Philip Whytehede	" " " "	1 ca.	8d.
John Flemmyng	" " " "	8d.	8d.
Robert Flemmyng	"		4d.
Thomas Hakket	"		4d.
William Kesryn	"		4d.
Thomas Shaw	"		4d.

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2 September	<i>The arrival of "Jenicot Pykard"</i>		
Robert West	in and out with	4 ca.	20d.
John Whytaces	"		4d.
Thomas Roller	" and out with	3 eq.	7d.
Thomas Fytz Symond	" " " "	3 eq.	7d.
Mathew Fowler			
Martin Uestas			
"Blak Tume"	in and out with	1 ca.	8d.
John Ballard	"		4d.
Christopher Heyge			
James Knolles	in		4d.
Robert Fytz Symond	" and out with	1 ca. & 2 eq.	10d.
Richard Pylkynton			
Richard Staney	in		4d.
Thomas Walker			
Richard Pylkynton			

15 September	<i>The arrival of the Trinity of Chester, master John Graunte</i>		
Edmund Bek	in and out with	1 ca.	4d.
Donald MacFayle			

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Richard Pylkynton			
Richard Bankes	in		4d.
James Knolles	" and out with	1 ca.	8d.
Jermot Corgan	"		4d.
William Brodehoke	" and out with	1 ca.	8d.
John Walker			

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William Turton			
William Hyll			
James Welles	in	and out with 1 ca.	8d.
John Wulnerley	„		[ ]
John Panell	„	and out with 1 ca.	12d.
John Wylde			
Robert Fytz Symond	in		4d.
Thomas Fytz Symond			
Thomas Mulhan			
John Barnesley,			
serv. of William Coke	in	and out with 1 ca.	8d.
Robert West			
John Laundey			
Mathew Foulter			
Thomas Roller	in	and out with 6 eq.	16d.
William Dawe			
Christopher Heggesley			

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*In the time of John Walley and Henry Heyton  
sheriffs of the city of Chester*

23 Sept. *The arrival of the* Patrick of Chester, *master Edmund ap Herry*

John White	}	14t. herring, 2 dickers hides.
Richard Costantyne		
Andrew Rathe		2 dickers hides.

30 Nov. *The arrival of the* Patrick of Howth, *master John Browne*

Edward Bek	5 butts salmon, 30 barrels salt.
Geoffrey Hopson	1 pack fledges, calf fells, hartfells, fledges and 1 fardel.

30 Nov. *The arrival of the* Mary of Chester, *master John Lucas*

John Lucas	1½t. herring, 1hh. salmon, 3 dickers hides.
John Smyth, mercer	2hh. meat oil, 6 barrels herring, 3 dickers hides, 2 barrels eels, 8 mantles, 4 caddows.
John Robynson	6 barrels herring, 3 dickers hides.

12 Dec. *The arrival of the* Guthlac, *master William MakConell*

William Godeman	5t. 1hh. salmon.
Guy Holande	1 fardel lambfells and wool.

19 Dec. *The arrival of the* St. Anne of St. Sebastian, *master Martin Peris*

William Davidson, alderman	6t. iron, 8t. woad, 4 barrels tar.
David Middleton, alderman	5t. iron.
Ralph Rogerson	7t. 1 pipe iron, 1t. wine, 4 barrels tar.
Thomas Langeley	11t. iron, 4t. wine, 4 barrels tar.

27 Dec. *The arrival of the* Katharine of Chester, *master Richard Hickok*

Richard Grymesdiche	25t. herring.
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11 Jan. *The arrival of the* Margaret of Chester, *master John Vaghan*

Roger Pik	12t. herring.
Richard Neuhouse, glover	4t. herring.

<sup>1</sup> Taken from Chester Record Office, *Sheriffs' Book V.*



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13 Jan. *The arrival of the Patrick of Chester, master Edmund ap Herri*  
 John White 5 packs 1 fardel yarn, fledges, fish, 1 hh.  
 wine.  
 Thomas Barbe 6 dickers hides, 1 pack [ ]  
 Alexander Bexwik 2 packs, 3hh. & 1hh. red herring.  
 John Ritchford 2 packs.  
 John Bennet 1 pack, 1 fardel.  
 James Fisymon 2 dickers hides, 1 fardel.  
 Richard Lynce 1 fardel, 2 barrels.  
 Thomas Walker 2hh. eels.  
 Christopher White 1hh. salmon.

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14 Jan. *The arrival of the Michael of Chester, master William Free*  
 Thomas Marten }  
 Robert Godeman } 20t. herring, 7 dickers hides.  
 Robert Cornell }  
 Robert Walley }  
 Geoffrey Cowper }

17 Jan. *The arrival of the "Marie Thikkens"*  
 Roland Thikkens 6t. wine.

27 Jan. *The arrival of the Michael of Meols, master John Davy*  
 Charles Pynnyngton 9C fish, 11hh. salmon, 20 salmon in a  
 barrel.

3 Feb. *The arrival of the Michael of Dublin, master William Brisell*  
 Nicholas Hankok 6 packs yarn, rugs, fells, 4 mantles, 2  
 fardels, 5 dickers hides.  
 Andrew Rathe 4 dickers hides, 1 pack sheepfells,  $\frac{1}{2}$  butt  
 salmon, 1 fardel wool.  
 Michael Yong 1 pack with sheepfells, fledges, wool, flocks,  
 2 packs with sheepfells and 7 hides.  
 Philip Ellyot 18 barrels herring.  
 Alexander Bexwik 7 packs.  
 William Newman 5 packs yarn, fledges, sheepfells, 12 dickers  
 hides, 1 fardel sheepfells, checkers, mantles.  
 Henry Gaidon 5 packs sheepfells, wool, flocks, fledges,  
 6 mantles.  
 John Bokebynder 10 dickers hides.  
 John Ritchford 2 packs sheepfells, frieze, 6 mantles, 5  
 dickers hides, 1hh. brass,  $\frac{1}{2}$  [ ] lamb-  
 fells.  
 John Bennet 2 packs yarn, sheepfells, mantles, checkers,  
 foxfells, otter fells, linen cloth.  
 Walter Fyzymonde 5 dickers hides.  
 Brander Forster 1 pack.  
 Nicholas Halse 1 pack 1 fardel sheepfells, yarn.

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John Spendfil	2 packs 1 fardel sheepfells, calf fells, lambfells.
Thomas Barrowe	1 pack sheepfells, flocks.
Thomas Philippe	1 dicker hides, 1hh. salmon, 1 fardel.

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10 Feb. <i>The arrival of the Peter</i>	Grisseley of London, master James Runey
Roger Pik	5 butts salmon.
Guy Hollande	1 fardel lambfells, fledges, 1 barrel tallow, 1 barrel herring, 8 hides, 1 flagon honey, 4 doz. boards.

16 Feb. *The arrival of the St. Ninian*, master John Bridde

Thomas Dody	} 10 butts salmon.
John Hertford	
Henry Radford	9½ dickers hides.
John Bridde	} 1 butt salmon, 1C fish.
Richard Bridde	
Thomas Bridde	

25 Feb. *The arrival of the Michael* of Workington, master Richard Banke

Richard Banke	} 6C milwell, 7hh. salmon.
John Tomson	
Robert Curwyn	4hh. salmon, 4C fish, 2 doz. [      ]

27 Feb. *The arrival of the Bee* of St. Bees

William Gryndell	8C milwell, 2½ dickers hides.
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27 Feb. *The arrival of the St. Bee*

John Bende	5C fish, 3 cakes tallow.
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28 Feb. *The arrival of the* [                      ]

Michael ap Llu	2t. herring.
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28 Feb. *The arrival of the* [                      ]

William Mercer	4 butts salmon.
Richard Grymesdiche	1hh. wine.

4 April *The arrival of the Mary* of Penmarch, master Henry Tantor

David Middelton	} 90t. wine.
Thomas Rogerson	
Edward Smyth	
Thomas Bombell	
John Dymok	} 6 "balers" vinegar, 3 "harthes" pitch, 2hh. [sic] linen cloth.
Henry le Tantor	

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5 April *The arrival of the Nicholas* of Chester, master Geoffrey Coke

Henry Hamnet	9t. wine, 1t. woad.
Peter Ledesham	3t. 1 pipe wine, 1t. woad.
Hugh Bolt	7t. wine, 1t. woad.

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- 9 April *The arrival of the* St. Mary of "Alakytue", *master Peter Meane*  
 Hugh Aldersey 33t. iron, 2hh. wine.
- 16 April *The arrival of the* St. Barbara of "Alakytue", *master John Reys*  
 Hugh Aldersey }  
 Peter Ledesham } 16t. wine,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. woad,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t. iron.  
 Henry Hamnet }  
 Hugh Bolt }
- 16 April *The arrival of the* Patrick of Chester, *master Edmund ap Herri*  
 William Newman  $\frac{1}{2}$  last hides, 3 packs yarn, fledges, sheepfells, lambfells, 3 mantles.
- Thomas Ritchford  $\frac{1}{2}$  last hides, 3 packs sheepfells, lambfells, foxfells, other fells, 2 mantles, 1 piece canvas.
- Nicholas Gaidon 12 dickers hides, 2 packs lambfells, sheepfells, 13 mantles, 20lbs. yarn, 20 yds. fledges, otter fells, fox cases.
- Simon Lotrell 3 packs flocks, sheepfells, lambfells, wool,  $\frac{1}{2}$  [sic] fledges.
- John Pepart 3 packs sheepfells, lambfells, brockfells, calf fells, fledges.
- Walter Tirell 1 pack yarn, 6 doz. sheepfells, 1 fardel with 6 doz. sheepfells, lambfells, deerfells, calf fells.
- Alexander Bexwik 6 packs yarn containing  $4\frac{1}{2}$ C &  $13\frac{1}{2}$  doz. sheepfells, 11 deerfells.
- Thomas Barbe 8 dicker hides.
- Anthony Harrison 1 fardel lambfells.
- John Bastwell 1 pack.
- David Middolton 1 fardel.
- Thomas Barrowe 4st. flocks.
- 25 April *The arrival of the* Michael of Dublin, *master Richard Bersawe*  
 Robert Shilliford 4 packs with 16C &  $\frac{1}{4}$  yarn.  
 1 pack with 4C lambfells, 23 yds. blankets, 1C sheepfells.  
 1 pack with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 1 fardel blankets, linen cloth.
- [f. 175]  
 William Pepert 10 packs, 4 of them by Robert Bailiffe, 2 doz. mantles,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  doz. black lambfells,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 1C white lambfells, 40st. flocks, 120 yds. checkers, 40 yds. linen cloth, 1C black lambfells, 1C white lambfells, 9 mantles,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ C sheepfells, 1 doz. fox cases, 2C sheepfells,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ st. flocks, 2 bags flocks, 9 deerfells.
- Ralph Luster 2 packs lambfells, flocks, 1t. wine.
- Thomas Barbe 3 packs yarn, 47 yds. checkers, 10 doz. & 8 sheepfells.

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Robert Dunham	12 yds. frieze, 16 yds. linen cloth, 12 lbs. Irish silk.
William Newman	11½ dickers hides, 1 pack with 2½C sheepfells, 6 doz. fox cases.
Henry Gaidon	12 dickers hides, 4 packs 1 fardel 3C & 6 sheepfells, 40st. flocks, 44½st. wool, 37 yds. checkers, 10lbs. fine yarn.
Roger Brade	3 packs with yarn, 2C sheepfells, 3C & 2 doz. lambfells, 1C white lambfells, 1 clove of wool, 10 yds. checkers, 1 otter skin, 2 doz. goatfells, 1C calf fells.
Nicholas Hankok	6 packs yarn, sheepfells, lambfells, 8 dickers hides, 3 mantles.
Thomas Barrowe	1 fardel flocks.
Thomas Ritchford	3 packs 1 fardel sheepfells, 5 mantles, checkers, black lambfells, foxfells, otter skins, white lambfells, brockfells, calf fells, sheepfells, otter fells, 1 roll frieze.
John Colman	2 packs with 4C yarn, 1C & 8 doz. sheepfells, 2C black lambfells.
Christopher Waryng	1 pack.
John Bastwell	2 packs 1 fardel lambfells, sheepfells.
Nicholas Elkok	1 fardel yarn, lambfells.
Alexander Bexwik	5 packs.

8 May *The arrival of the Anne Corbet*  
 William Davidson, alderman }  
 Adam Agar } 26t. train.

[f. 175d.]

10 May *The arrival of the Trinity of Milford, master William Raynysche*  
 Philip Birmyncham 17 dickers hides, 1 fardel fledges, mantles.  
 John Smith, mercer 16 dickers hides.

24 May *The arrival of the Michael of Wallasey, master Henry Aynesdale*

John Raseson, prior of Kilmayns	7 dickers & 4 hides.
John Colman	1 pack with 3C yarn, 1C lambfells 1 fardel with 9 mantles, 20 yds. checkers and blankets.
Andrew Rathe	1 pack with 1C sheepfells, 4C & 3 doz. black lambfells. 1 fardel with 3C & 4 doz. brockfells, 6st. flocks, 10lbs. yarn.
Thomas Barbe	2 packs with 4½C fine yarn, 3C middling yarn, 2C & 3 doz. black lambfells, 16½ doz. & 10 sheepfells, 100 yds. checkers, 6 mantles.

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	1 fardel with 6 doz. brockfells, 4 doz calf fells, 2½ st. wool, 12 dickers hides.
John Coke	1 fardel with 2C black lambfells, 1 clove wool.
John Ellys, goldsmith	1 hamper with 1 fardel, 8 doz. marten skins, ½ doz. otterskins, 1C black lambfells, 2 mantles.
28 May	<i>The arrival of the St. Mary of Bermeo, master John Peris</i>
Peter de le Porto	} 88t. iron, 6 pieces chamlets, 1 barrel train.
Martin de Seracha	
Peter de Urta	
Ralph Rogerson	2t. iron
Richard Grymesdiche	2t. Iron
28 May	<i>The arrival of the Holy Cross of "Alakytue", master John Midana</i>
Michael de Viota	} 36t. iron, 2t. wine, 1C flocks.
Francis de Aspe	
Richard Grymesdiche	
	4t. iron.
[f. 176]	
31 May	<i>The arrival of the Patrick of Chester, master Edmund ap Herry</i>
Alexander Bexwik	9 packs yarn, 1 pack [      ]
John Chambor	6 packs.
Christopher Crossegrowe	6 packs with 3C sheepfells, 2½C calf fells, 4C lambfells, 4C brockfells, 2 doz. fox cases, 6st. flocks and wool, 10 score yds. checkers, 2 mantles, 40 yds. linen cloth, 60 yds. frieze, 3 doz. goat fells.
Robert Chorleton	1 pack yarn.
James Radcliffe	1 pack.
Robert Shilliford	1 fardel sheepfells.
Robert Bailiffe	1 fardel lambfells, 2 dickers hides.
John White	1½t. wine, 1 fardel.
7 June	<i>The arrival of the Mary Rose [of Chester]<sup>1</sup>, master David ap John</i>
William Davidson, alderman	} 37t. iron.
Ralph Rogerson	
16 June	<i>The arrival of the Michael of Dublin, master Richard Brissall</i>
Alexander Bexwik	11 packs with 25C yarn, 19C & 3 doz. black lambfells, 14C black lambfells, 70 yds. checkers, 78st. wool, 3C sheepfells.
Nicholas Hankok	5 packs with 2M lambfells, 5 score fox cases, 6 mantles, 6 deerfells, 4 doz. sheepfells, 16 otterfells, 2½C checkers, 1½C yarn.
John Burnell	1 pack with ½C black lambfells, 2C white lambfells, ½C calf fells, 2 doz. calf fells, 1 doz. calf fells, 20 yds. fledges.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 46.

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Lurcan Arthoure	2 packs with 15½C lambfells, 1½ doz mantles, 2 doz fox cases, ½C checkers, 3 marten skins.
Thomas Barbe	2 barrels tallow.
William Newman	1 pack, 1 barrel tallow, 2C lambfells, 3C white lambfells, 2C brockfells, 30 yds. checkers, 1 barrel tallow.
Robert Brerewood	1 fardel wool, ½C black lambfells.
17 June <i>The arrival of the</i> Margaret of Concarneau	
William Offeley	} 40t. salt, 5 fardels linen cloth.
John Dymok	
Richard Constantyne	
[f. 176d.]	
18 June <i>The arrival of the</i> St. Mary of Caminha, master Martin Alnereanus	
Rotrigo Masseill	} 38 pipes wine, 3hh. oil, 30lbs. wax, 20 kintals cork, 3lb. cloves, 2 doz. Cordovan skins.
Gregory Consalis	
Anthony Peres	3 coffers sugar.
Anthony Martinus	3 hh. oil, 1 kintal raisins.
Thomas Deys	20lbs. comfits.
29 June <i>The arrival of the</i> Francis of Dublin, master William Edward	
John Caudell	8 packs, 1 fardel.
Edward Bek	2 packs yarn, 3 packs lambfells, checkers, 24st. wool, 3 mantles.
Thomas Barbe	1 pack 2 fardels with 16st. wool, 4 doz. sheepfells, 2 doz. calf fells, 4 doz. brockfells, 160 yds. checkers and rugs.
James Radcliffe	2 packs checkers, lambfells.
Alexander Bexwik	4 packs.
John Pepart	2 packs.
John Chamber	1 pack.
Walter Fyan	2 packs, 1 fardel.
Nicholas Hankok	1 pack with 3C and 3 qrs. yarn, 24 yds. checkers, 1C sheepfells.
30 June <i>The arrival of the</i> James of "Dunwaye", master John Eneta	
Richard Grymesdiche	7t. iron.
Roger Hurlton	3t. iron.
Rotrigo de Reantrea	21t. iron, 2t. 1hh. wine.
9 July <i>The arrival of the</i> Mary Fortune, master Patrick Gall	
William Godeman	50t. salt.
Richard Costantyne	15 doz. resin, 20 "herthis" pitch, 6 barrels tar.

<sup>1</sup>See p. 46.

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9 July *The arrival of the Mary Magdalene* [of Motrico]<sup>1</sup>, *master Pascho de Veheta*

John Lopes	}	34t. iron, 80 "skoles", 7t. iron, 2t. 1 pipe
David Middleton		train.
Thomas Rogerson		
Thomas Rogerson		2t. 1 pipe resin.
Derangeo de Kocha		2hh. wine.

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10 July *The arrival of the Michael of Chester, master Gilbert Qwirke*

David Middleton, alderman	10t. iron.
Richard Grymesdiche	12t. iron.
William Godeman	10t. iron.
Hugh Aldersey	10t. iron.
Robert Godeman	4t. iron.

14 July *The arrival of the St. Mary of "Inda de Camyngo", master Gregory Ferrer*

Gregory Fruce	3hh. sugar.
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16 July *The arrival of the Margaret of Chester, master John Vaghan*

David Middleton, alderman	40t. wine, 2 carts resin and pitch.
John Dymok	2 carts resin and pitch.
Robert Mutton	2 carts resin and pitch.

17 July *The arrival of the Patrick of Chester, master Edmund ap Herri*

Nicholas Hankok	1 fardel with 2C fine yarn, $\frac{1}{2}$ C middling yarn, 44 yds. rugs and checkers.
John Pepart	1 pack, 1 fardel.
Thomas Walker	1 fardel.
Nicholas Gaidon	1 pack with 2C black lambfells, 5st. wool, 26 yds. checkers, 1C sheepfells, 1 pack with $2\frac{1}{2}$ C and 25 yds. checkers, 5st. wool, 1 piece of blanket.
Oliver Wrentche	1 pack with 1C sheepfells, 16st. wool, 1 fardel with 70 yds. checkers, 80 yds. linen cloth, 21lbs. fine yarn, 3 mantles.
Richard Nugent	3 packs with $1\frac{1}{2}$ C sheep fells, 4C & 3qrs. yarn, 10 deerfells, 10 fox cases.
William Imagemaker	9 hartfells, 89 yds. linen cloth, 17 yds. checkers, 11 mantles, 7 doz. black lambfells, 5 fox cases, 1 otterfell, 9 yds. russet frieze, 23 yds. white blankets, $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. "ormu'de" [almonds?].

<sup>1</sup>See p. 46.

[f. 177d.]

16 July *The arrival of the Mary James [of Southampton]<sup>1</sup>, master David Barro*

David Middleton, alderman 10t. wine.

Thomas Rogerson 10t. wine.

Edward Smyth 10t. wine.

24 July *The arrival of the Nicholas of Chester.*

Otnell Corbet }  
Ralph Rogerson } 80 butts salmon.

31 July *The arrival of the St. Mary of Bilbao, master Martin de Berres*

John Perres de Frones 23t. woad, 4t. iron, 10t. 1 pipe alum, 2t.  
1 pipe raisins.

Thomas Rogerson 20t. iron.

4 August *The arrival of the Anne Corbet*

Robert Cornell }  
Robert Walley } 60 butts salmon, 6 dickers hides.

13 August *The arrival of the Michael of Dublin, master Richard Birsall*

Walter Barbe 2 packs with 3C dry fish, 2½C sheepfells.

John Chambor 2 packs yarn, rugs, checkers, lambfells, 1  
doz. mantles.

William Newman 4 packs yarn, checkers, sheepfells, goatfells,  
foxfells, 7 dickers hides.

John Bennet 4 packs yarn, checkers, rugs, mantles,  
blankets, sheepfells, otterfells, foxfells, calf  
fells, linen cloth, 1 flock bed.

Nicholas Hankok 2 packs with 2C & 1 qr. yarn, 2½C checkers,  
1 doz. sheepfells and goatfells, 20 otter-  
fells, 1 doz. fox cases, 1 fardel with 1½ doz.  
mantles.

Robert Bailiffe 5 packs rugs, checkers, sheepfells, linen  
cloth, lambfells.

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Richard Lynce 1 pack sheepfells, fox cases, otterfells,  
checkers.

John Spendefeld 5 packs 1 fardel rugs, checkers, sheepfells,  
mantles, yarn, lambfells, blankets, flocks.

Nicholas Gaidon 5 packs rugs, checkers, yarn, linen cloth,  
sheepfells, 4 fox cases, 1 otter [ ], 4  
russet mantles, wool, black lambfells, white  
lambfells, 2 mantles in a little fardel.

John Pepart 4 packs, 3 fardels rugs, checkers, mantles,  
sheepfells, yarn, foxfells, otterfells, 4 doz.  
sheepfells.

Thomas Barbe 1 pack.

Thomas Philippe 1 pack.

Alexander Bexwik 5 packs.

<sup>1</sup>See p. 46.



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15 August	<i>The arrival of the Francis of Dublin, master William Edward</i>
Nicholas Hankok	2 packs 1C & 20 rugs and checkers.
John Pepart	4 packs 1 fardel 2C calf fells.
Andrew Rathe	1 fardel with 2C yarn, 5 doz. black lambfells, 21 doz. brockfells, 1 doz. goatfells.
Henry Gaidon	12 packs 1 fardel with 3C & 98 yds. checkers, 2M lambfells.
Thomas Philippe	1 pack 2 fardels with 10 score & 10 checkers, 60 yds. rugs, 22 mantles, 8 doz. sheepfells, 2 doz. brockfells, 2½ doz. black lambfells, 1C black lambfells, ½C linen cloth, 27 otterfells, 6 marten skins, 30 yds. checkers, 1 doz. ling.
Richard Snoden	1 pack 1 fardel with 350 yds. checkers.
Brander Forster	2 packs with 2½C sheepfells, 4 sheepfells, 26 fox cases, 9 doz. & 8 sheepfells, 100 & 7 doz. & 3 black lambfells, 98 yds. checkers and blankets, 5 russet mantles, 3 doz. & 8 brockfells.
William Neman	3 packs with 4C rugs and checkers.
[f. 178d.]	
John Bennet	2 packs with 3C & 7 doz. sheepfells, 2C brockfells, 6 doz. calf fells, 4 deerfells, 18 goatfells, 3lbs. yarn.
Thomas Barbe	1 fardel with 1½C sheepfells.
John Chambor	2 packs 1 fardel with 2½C yarn, 1 doz. mantles, 1C lambfells, 4C rugs and checkers.
Walter Fyan	2 packs 2 fardels with 2C sheepfells, 3 doz. lambfells, 67 yds. checkers and rugs, 5 doz. calf fells, 7 doz. ling, 2 doz. fish, 4st. wool, 2st. flocks, 7 mantles, 16 fox cases.
John Caudeld	3 packs with 16½st. wool, 1½C sheepfells, 17 yds. checkers.
James Fysymonde	1 pack with 2½C sheepfells.
Alexander Beswik	2 packs.
Thomas Tue	1 pack.
Nicholas Coytrod	1 fardel, 1 dicker hides.
28 August	<i>The arrival of the Trinity of Dublin, master John Massy</i>
Alexander Bexwik	11 packs, 9 fardels, 2 "cribbes" glass.
Michael Fysymonde	3 mantles.
William Coytrod	1 pack, 1 fardel.
4 Sept.	<i>The arrival of the Michael of Furness, master Thomas Wele</i>
William Coytrod	3 packs with 3½C sheepfells, 12st. flocks, 80 yds. checkers, 30 calf fells, 6st. tallow, 3 doz. calf fells, 3 russet mantles.

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Nicholas Pepart	8 packs, 1 fardel, $\frac{1}{2}$ C brass.
Thomas Humfrey	3 packs.
James Fysymonde	3 packs with 2C sheepfells, 2C calf fells, 2 bags flocks.
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Robert Bailiffe	1 pack.
Alexander Bexwik	1 fardel.
8 Sept. <i>The arrival of the Mary of "Regeston", master Edmund Lucas</i>	
Patrick Burges	14 packs with 3M & 4C sheepfells, 3C checkers, 4C black lambfells, 9C brockfells, 40 yds. linen cloth, 16st. flocks, 2st. wool.
Robert Brerewod	1 fardel.
Richard Lynce	2 fardels.
Nicholas Gaidon	3 dicker hides.
21 Sept. <i>The arrival of the Mary Rose, master David ap John</i>	
William Davidson, alderman	
Ralph Rogerson	
23 Sept. <i>The arrival of the Mary of Concarneau, master Alan Companyoie</i>	
William Offeley	38t. salt, 3t. resin and pitch, $1\frac{1}{2}$ t. oil, $\frac{1}{2}$ t. cork, 1 pack linen cloth, 1 "charge" paper, $\frac{1}{2}$ gross "cardell", 1t. tar, $\frac{1}{2}$ t. brasil, 4 pieces poldavy.
13 Oct. <i>The arrival of the Patrick of Chester, master Edmund ap Herry</i>	
John White	14t. herring, 14 dicker hides, $\frac{1}{2}$ M sheepfells, $\frac{1}{2}$ M linen cloth, $1\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt.
Richard Costantyne	
13 Oct. <i>The arrival of the Martin, master Edward Lightfote</i>	
Henry Hoper	9t. herring.
Guy Holande	
Richard Dekone	6 barrels herring.
Edward Lightfote	

# 11

## SUMMARY OF RATES OF LOCAL CUSTOMS AT CHESTER, c.1400<sup>1</sup>

The city of Chester claims to have custom of every ship entering the liberties of the city loaded with wine, herrings, fish, salmon corn, or any other merchandise; namely "any merchant exceeding the value of 5s. 4d. of his entry of strange parts shall pay 4d. and to the clerk 1d."

Any tun of wine 4d.

Any cartload of any merchandise 4d.

And if there be more than 1 merchant each shall pay 4d.

Any horseload or horse fardel 1d.

Any merchandise or victuals coming to the city "for cause of their business" or going out of the same 1d.

"Also there shall no man break the bulk without licence asked of the sheriffs. Also if any ships be freighted with victuals that it be lawful for the merchants of that ship all those victuals to sell to whom he will in retail for victualment and store of citizens and gentlemen of the county by 3 days immediately after the arrival of the said ships and after 3 days complete in gross and not in retail. And that no citizens nor any buy the same within those days under pain of forfeiture."

<sup>1</sup> This summary of customs duties was drawn up in answer to a quo warranto enquiry. The copy cited above, probably of seventeenth century origin, is to be found in *Harl. Ms. 2057*, ff. 141-44, where the date is given as 1339. R. H. Morris, *Chester in the Plantagenet and Tudor Reigns*, pp. 553-54, cites two further copies; one in the "Pentice Chartulary" (according to Morris a transcript of charters and other records of the city compiled in the late sixteenth century from an earlier sixteenth century collection), the other in Tibbits Ms. (according to Morris a collection of copies of civic records once in the possession of a Mr. Clement Tibbits). Neither of these copies bears a date. All three copies, however, include a list of tenants paying gable rents and one of these tenants was Henry, abbot of Chester from 1386 to 1410. The names of three other tenants can be found in the list of mayors and sheriffs of the city between 1382 and 1414. From this internal evidence it may be concluded that the set of customs charges belonged either to the late fourteenth century or the early fifteenth century and that the date on the copy in *Harl. Ms. 2057* has been added without justification.

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## SCHEDULE OF RATES OF LOCAL CUSTOMS, TEMP. HENRY VIII<sup>1</sup>

These customes foloyng be receved & taken within y<sup>e</sup> citie of Chestre most comonlye among ony costomes herin not named, by y<sup>e</sup> officers under wrytton, according to y<sup>e</sup> graunt of y<sup>e</sup> said citie & used tyme out of mynde to be taken as foloyth hereafter, by y<sup>e</sup> comaundement of Henry Gee mayre.

### *Muryngers*

Item of every tonne Iron, oyle, wyne, trane, honey or any other like merchandise	4d.
Item of everye hole Bale Waudde	5d.
Item of everye haulefe Bale Waudde	2½d.
Item of everye C. shepfeffell & Broks	2½d.
Item of everye C. flegges or rogges	2½d.
Item of everye stoune cole	½d.
Item of everye C. here, hynde, Bucke or doo felles	1d.
Item of everye C. lambe, kydder or Cony Felles	½d.
Item of everye Mantell	¼d.
Item of everye C. yertche calff Fell undight	½d.
Item of everye But Sammond	8d.
Item of everye barill heringes	2d.
Item of everye dikker ledder tanned or untanned	2½d.
Item of everye dousyne caulefe skynnes tannyd	½d.
Item of everye dossyne got skynes	½d.
Item of everye doussyn brode clothe	1d.
Item of everye pese carsaye	¾d.
Item of everye pese cottons or frese	½d.
And of all marchandres coming into this citie & goinge fourthe on thadventure of merchantes stranger or anye 20s. wourth of wayre	2½d.

### *Shereffes*

Item for thentry of everye vessyl aswell of Foremen as Forenrs aryving wythin this porte except botes with mustles, oistres or Freshe fyshe	4d.
Item for the entre of the goods of everye merchaunt stranger	4d.

<sup>1</sup> *Assembly Book I*, ff. 41–42d. The schedule in the *Assembly Book* bears no date. A copy, B.M., *Harl. Ms.* 2150, ff. 43d–44d., gives the date as 15 July 1534. The schedule must have been drawn up either in 1533–34 or 1539–40, the years when Henry Gee held mayoral office.

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Item for the ingate of everye tonne Iron, wyne, wadde Trane or anye other lyke marchandis	4d.
Item for the outgate of everye tonne Iron, wyne, wadd, trane or anye other lyke marchandis	4d.
Item for the outgate of everye hors lode	1d.
Item for the toule of everye hors bodght within this Citie	4d.
Item for the toule of every Mare	2d.
Item a fortnight afore Mydsomer and a fortnight after mydsomer, And a senyt afore Mihilmes and a Sennyt after Mihillmes ys Duple Coustome Due to the shirife of all marchandryes afor Rehercid except hors and mayre.	

*Recorder*

Item for the entre of everye vessill	1d.
Item for the entre of everye merchant with his goods	1d.
Item for the ingate of everye tonne Irne, wyne, wadde, trane or any other marchandres	1d.
Item for the out gate of everye tonne Irne, wyne, wadde, trane or any other marchandres	1d.

*Levelokers*

Item for every tonne Irne, wyne, oile, trane, honye or any other lyke marchandise sould within the libertie or ffranches of this citie by anye merchant stranger or other foryener	4d.
Item for everye bale wadd sould as is afore rehersid	5d.
Item for everye haulefe bale wad	2½d.
Item for everye dikker ledder tannyd and untannyd sould as is afore rehersed	2½d.
Item for everye barell heringes in lyke maner sould	2d.
Item for everye C. of sault ling, mylwyll or hawke	2½d.
Item for everye C. yenre [ <i>iron</i> ]	2½d.
Item for everye C. lynen clothe brod sould as afore ys specified	3d.
Item for everye C. lynen clothe narrowe	1½d.
And all other marchandise being sould within this Citie as is afore rehersid of everye pownde	2½d.

*Boutys or Lyghtures*

Item for every tonne Irne, wyne, wad, trane, oyle, honey or any other lyke merchaundise being carried by bote or lyghture from the red banke, heswall, denwaull or Burton hede to this citie of Chester, and to carye for a tonne of Irne v <sup>xx</sup> and 10 barres or ends, & all saulte caryed in boulke, 10 barles goith to a tonne, and to pay for the cariage of everye tonne.	10d.
And for everye tonne caryed from Shotwik	8d.

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Item that everye bowte or lighture shall bring with them or hym the thrid parte in balast of his bowte loode unto ye ship that he taykyth his looding, and for the bowtache of all other drie waris as clothe, ledder, or Lethe Caske to be caryed as the parties can agre, and what merchaundise or eneye other thinges that is delyverid by byll or by bale the owners of the bote shall delyver the same unto the merchauntes or his attorneye, and if anye thinges be a waye to make it good unto the marchaunt.

### *Carters*

Item for everye tonne Irne caryage by carte or wayne from the port-poule or the watergate into the Citie & to carye v <sup>xx</sup> ends of Irne for a tonne and to have for everye tonne	4d.
Item for everye M of sclates	4d.
Item for the removing of a tonne wythin the Citie from one place to an other	2d.
Item for everye lode of clay or sande	2d.
And what good that they receve of any mans that to be charged to deliver the same to the owner or his attorneye.	

### *Porters*

Item for everye tonne wyne, oyle, hony, trane ole or bere discharging forthe of the cartes and layinge within the sellars apon stylling trees	4d.
Item for everye tonne lowdinge into carte or wayne forthe of the sellers	4d.
Item for putting fourthe anye caske aforenamyd from one seller to an other and laynge on stylling tres	4d.
And if it so fortune that anye marchaundise afore named perysshe in defaulte of the portars that they shall make the same good on ther oune costes and charges.	

The table printed below provides a list of shipping entering the port of Chester between 1422 and 1556. It has been compiled from the local customs accounts in the Sheriffs' Books. All extant accounts from 1422 to 1566 have been included. The numbers in brackets are additional ships recorded in the palatinate customs returns but not given in the local customs accounts. The reference to each yearly account is included as a separate heading in the table. Technically each complete account covers the civic year which began on the Friday after the feast of St. Denis (9th October). The dates given in the table refer to the first and last ships arriving in the port for which a date is specifically noted. When shipping entered before the first recorded date or after the last recorded date details have been supplied in a footnote. The various ports have been grouped into several broad divisions. All ports classified below refer to the port of origin of the ship and not to the port from which the ship sailed. The method of classification is as follows:—

- Outports:* Ports in the Dee estuary, viz. Hilbre, West Kirby, Caldy, Heswall, Neston, Shotwick.
- Adjacent Ports:* Conway, Beaumaris and Caernarvon in North Wales; the Isle of Man; and ports on the Lancashire and Cumberland coast to Carlisle.
- Irish Ports:* In the main Irish ships belonged to Dublin, Howth, Malahide and Drogheda. Occasionally ships of Wexford, Waterford, Youghal and Kinsale reached Chester.
- Other Ports:* Includes English and Welsh ports not classified as "adjacent"; the Channel Islands; and Scotland.
- Foreign Ports:* Ports in France, Spain and Portugal. Most of the foreign ships reaching Chester belonged to ports on the Breton and Biscay coast.
- Unspecified:* Refers to ships when the port of origin is either not given or is missing because of damage. On occasion the origins of "unspecified" ships can be obtained from the palatinate customs returns. Ships that can be placed in this way have been included in the above classifications.

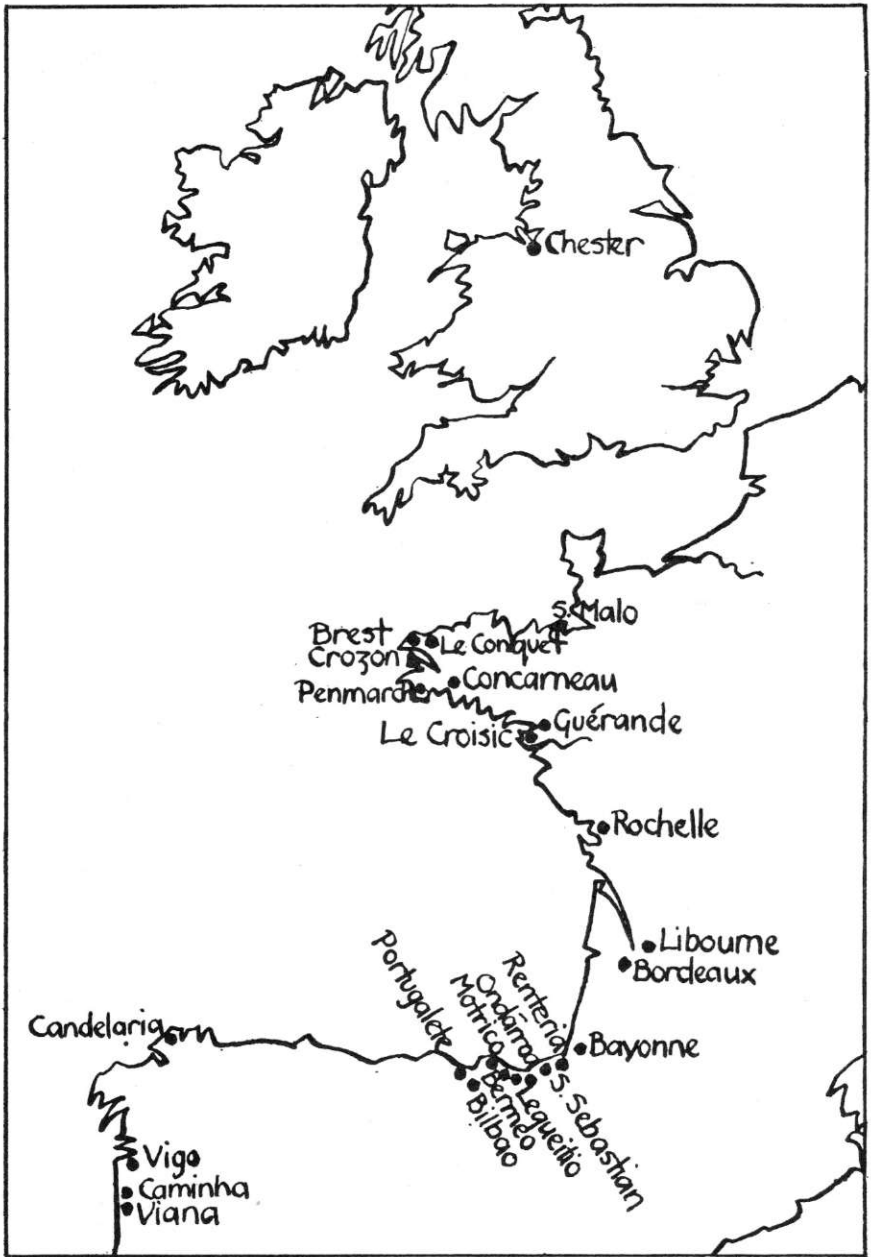


Figure 2 PORTS OF ORIGIN OF FOREIGN SHIPS ENGAGED IN THE OVERSEAS TRADE ARRIVING AT CHESTER, 1422-1566



Reference	Date	Chester	Outports	Adjacent	Irish	Others	Foreign	Un- specified	Total
S.B.I, ff.55d.-61d.	1422-1423 <sup>1</sup>	7	—	9	19	7 (+1)	—	3	45 (+1)
S.B.I, ff.73-85d.	11.10.1427-1.10.1428	10	—	6	28	4	—	6	54
S.B.I, ff.29-35d.	1429-1430 <sup>2</sup>	1	—	2	32	1	—	13	49
S.B.I, ff.121-128d.	1451-1452 <sup>3</sup>	1	—	8	24	3 (+1)	— (+1)	2	38 (+2)
S.B.I, ff.145d.-152	1454-1455 <sup>4</sup>	1	—	8	27	3 (+2)	—	2	41 (+2)
S.B.I, ff.167-172d.	1457-1458 <sup>5</sup>	8	—	8	14	6	—	4	40
S.B.II, ff.10-14	30.10.1462-23.8.1463 <sup>6</sup>	3	—	4	9	3	2	2	23
S.B.II, ff.32-35	20.11.1463-10.7.1464 <sup>7</sup>	2	—	2	10	4	—	1	19
S.B.II, ff. 49-54	12.11.1464-3.10.1465 <sup>8</sup>	5	—	5	8	1	4 (+1)	10	33 (+1)
S.B.II, ff.65-75	22.10.1467-15.9.1468 <sup>9</sup>	3	—	4	23	4 (+2)	2	5	41 (+2)
S.B.II, ff.93-99d.	21.10.1469-24.9.1470 <sup>10</sup>	4	—	2	16	4	—	5	31
S.B.III, ff.11-14d.	16.11.1470-12.10.1471 <sup>11</sup>	2	3	8	8	2	—	4	27
S.B.II, ff.78-82d.	30.10.1472-[ ]10.1473 <sup>12</sup>	5	—	5	9	4 (+2)	3	2	28 (+2)

<sup>1</sup> No dates given. The ports of only 18 of the 45 ships are recorded. For the remainder the name of the ship and its owner are given. Working on details given in the remains of the three accounts before 1422-23 and in the two following accounts a tentative classification can be made. After 1422-23 it became general practice to record the home port of the ship.

<sup>2</sup> No terminal dates given.

<sup>3</sup> No terminal dates given.

<sup>4</sup> No terminal dates given.

<sup>5</sup> No terminal dates given. The first folio of shipping entries is missing.

<sup>6</sup> Nothing recorded between 4 May-6 August.

<sup>7</sup> One ship entered after 10 July.

<sup>8</sup> One ship entered after 3 October.

<sup>9</sup> One ship entered after 15 September.

<sup>10</sup> Nothing recorded between 17 May-13 July.

<sup>11</sup> Two ships entered before 16 November. One ship entered after 12 October. Only one ship (undated) recorded as entering between 17 May-10 July.

<sup>12</sup> The year of this account is not given. It has been dated from the palatinate customs returns.

Reference	Date	Chester Outports Adjacent			Irish	Others	Un-		Total
							Foreign	specified	
S.B.III, ff.29.-36d.	18.10.1473-10.10.1474	3 <sup>n</sup>	—	4	17	8	— (+2)	—	32 (+2)
S.B.III, ff.42-58d.	9.2.1476-2.10.1476 <sup>13</sup>	2	1	8	22	3	1	3	40
S.B.III, ff.75-83d.	17.10.1476-26.9.1477	5	—	7	21	4	—	2	39
S.B.V, ff.52-66d.	21.10.1479-15.9.1480 <sup>14</sup>	6	—	5	10	—	1	3	25
S.B.III, ff.105-112d.	19.10.1484-[ ] 7.1485 <sup>15</sup>	1	3	14	10	3	6	2	39
S.B.IV, ff.13-19	19.10.1492-24.9.1493	2	4	12	7	8	6	3	42
S.B.IV, ff.36-41	14.10.1493-2.10.1494	—	5	15	10	4	5	1	40
S.B.IV, ff.56-63	2.11.1494-12.10.1495	6	—	15	11	4	7	4	47
S.B.IV, ff.79-83d.	24.10.1496-9.8.1497	5	1	14	8	—	2	3	33
S.B.IV, ff.104d.-108d.	26.10.1497-8.9.1498	8	3	13	11	2	4 (+1)	7 (+2)	48 (+3)
S.B.IV, ff.126d.-132	4.12.1498-1.10.1499	11	1	8	8	2	4	4	38
S.B.IV, ff.138-144d.	19.10.1500-10.8.1501	19	5	19	5	1	6	2	57
S.B.V, ff.10-16	20.10.1502-15.10.1503	20	1	10	9	4	—	1	45
S.B.V, ff.24d.-30	28.10.1504-15.9.1505	17	4	9	7	4	2	1	44
S.B.VI, ff.1-6	12.11.1505-12.10.1506 <sup>16</sup>	24	3	7	7	—	1	—	42
S.B.VI, ff.14-17d.	15.2.1507-20.9.1507	11	1	5	4	1	2	5	29
S.B.V, ff.67-72	3.11.1508-28.10.1509	11 (+6)	2	8	4	— (+1)	3	1 (+1)	29 (+8)
S.B.V, ff.79d.-94d.	7.5.1510-12.8.1510	4 (+5)	2	2 (+1)	4	1	5 (+2)	—	18 (+8)
S.B.V, ff.100-107d.	16.10.1510-27.9.1511	16	5	9	6	3	4	—	43
S.B.V, ff.122-129	22.1.1513-17.8.1513 <sup>17</sup>	9	1	5	5	1	4	1	26
S.B.V, ff.143-151	23.10.1513-1.9.1514	19	—	11	1	1	5	3 (+1)	40 (+1)

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<sup>13</sup> One ship entered before 9 February.

<sup>14</sup> Two ships entered after 15 September. The year of this account is not given. It has been dated from the palatinate customs returns.

<sup>15</sup> Six ships entered after [ ] July.

<sup>16</sup> Three ships entered before 12 November.

<sup>17</sup> Three ships entered after 17 August.

Reference	Date	Chester Outports Adjacent			Irish	Others	Un- Foreign specified		Total	
S.B.V, ff.152-155	29.12.1514-28.9.1515	11 (+4)	—	10	4	1	7 (+2)	3	36 (+6)	
S.B.V, ff.174-187d.	23.9.1525-13.10.1526	16 (+1)	1	5	9	3	13	9	56 (+1)	
S.B.V, ff.162-172d.	13.10.1526-30.8.1527 <sup>18</sup>	16	6	15	11	4	21	14	87	
S.B.VII, ff.3-8	21.10.1532-6.10.1533	13 (+1)	1	9	8	4	11	10	56 (+1)	
S.B.VII, ff.20-24	15.12.1533-21.9.1534	17	1	7	2	1	11	11	50	
S.B.VII, ff.57-62	15.10.1535-10.10.1536	22	2	10	2	9	12	7	64	
S.B.VII, ff.73-77	16.10.1536-4.10.1537	17 (+1)	4	7	3	7 (+1)	3	8	49 (+2)	
S.B.VII, ff.90-130d.	11.10.1538-[ ] 6.1539 <sup>19</sup>	15	8	10	3	2	7 (+3)	6	51 (+3)	
S.B.VII, ff.96-114	17.11.1539-4.10.1540	27	21	25	11	3	13	1	101	
S.B.VII, ff.132-148d.	15.10.1540-3.10.1541	26	25	16	3	5	12	4	91	
S.B.VIII, ff.2-23	16.10.1541-7.10.1542	47	29	13	5	3	9	5	111	
S.B.VIII, ff.35-54d.	19.10.1542-1.10.1543	29 (+1)	20	16	2	4	—	14	85 (+1)	
S.B.VIII, ff.59d.-99	13.10.1543-28.9.1544	38	64	32	8	12	4	5	163	
S.B.IX, ff.38-63d.	9.12.1544-27.9.1545	25	23	18	6	2	12	5	91	
S.B.IX, ff.2-33d.	20.10.1545-30.9.1546 <sup>20</sup>	23	43	34	6	—	3	3	112	
S.B.IX, ff.72-94	15.10.1548-10.10.1549	26	25	31	7	2	3	8	102	
S.B.IX, ff.95-117d.	10.10.1549-7.10.1550	25	30	45	3	1	8	4	116	
S.B.IX, ff.119-143	19.10.1551-14.10.1552 <sup>21</sup>	34	68	20	1	2	2	5	132	
S.B.IX, ff.203-233	24.10.1554-17.9.1555	18	54	41	—	2	1	25	141	
S.B.X, ff.31d.-59d.	12.10.1555-13.10.1556	23	61	54	1	10	3	7	159	
S.B.X, ff.65-108	20.10.1556-2.10.1557	29	91	35	5	14	2	10	186	
S.B.X, ff.112-141	21.10.1557-12.10.1558 <sup>22</sup>	21	54	50	4	3	—	1	133	

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<sup>18</sup> The year of this account is not given. It has been dated from the palatinate customs returns.

<sup>19</sup> The Sheriffs' Books for the years 1538-39 and 1539-40 have been wrongly bound.

<sup>20</sup> Three ships entered after 30 September.

<sup>21</sup> Entries from 19 October to 7 November given in *S.B. IX* ff.107-07d.

<sup>22</sup> One ship entered before 21 October.

Reference	Date	Chester	Outports	Adjacent	Irish	Others	Foreign	Un- specified	Total
S.B.X, ff.171-201	15.10.1558-7.10.1559	27	34	40	6	4	3	1	115
S.B.XI, ff.1-39	16.10.1559-31.9.1560	31	53	26	1	5	5	3	124
S.B.XI, ff.49-77	[ ] 10.1562-6.10.1563	25	42	29	1	10	5	4	116
S.B.XI, ff.85-120	23.10.1564-10.10.1565	28	47	38	8	8	1	3	133
S.B.XI, ff.128-141d.	[ ] 2.1566-28.8.1566	11	23	12	5	2	1	—	54

## GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

of some of the terms used in the text.

(    )	a blank in the account
—	a nil return
balet	probably half a bale
barrel	a measure of varying quantity; of wine $31\frac{1}{2}$ gals.
brasil	a red dye probably from the East Indies
brockfells	badger skins
buckram	a kind of coarse linen or cloth stiffened with gum or paste
butt	a measure equal to 1 pipe (126 gals)
C	100 lbs. or more; 100 or more varying with the commodity, e.g. of iron 100 lbs.; of herrings 120; of cod 124 etc.
ca.	cartload
caddow	a rough woollen covering
cade	a cask of 600 herrings
calico	a plain cotton cloth bleached or unbleached
checkers	a fabric with a chequered pattern
clove	a measure of wool equal to 7 or 8 lbs.
comfits	a sweetmeat made of some fruit, root, etc. preserved with sugar
coneyfells	rabbit skins
copperas (green)	a protosulphate of iron
cottons	a woollen fabric of the nature of frieze largely manufactured in Lancashire, Westmorland and Wales
crannock	a dry measure which varied greatly in different places and according to the commodity
dicker	a measure especially of hides; 10 hides to the dicker
doz.	dozen
dozens	cloth half the usual length i.e. broad dozens 12 yds. by 2 yds.; narrow dozens 12 yds. by 1 yd.
eq.	horseload
f.	factor
fardel	a bundle of unspecified size
fledges	a textile material

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flocks	wool refuse or cloth shearings
fother	a load; a weight especially of lead
frieze	a coarse woollen cloth made especially in Ireland and Wales
fustian	a thick-twilled, short-napped cotton cloth
grain	a scarlet dye
hartfells	male deer skins
hogshead (hh.)	a measure of wine, 63 galls.
ind.	native merchant
kersey	narrow cloth woven from long-staple combed wool made in Essex.
kintal	a weight of 100 lbs.
last	a measure especially of hides (= 20 dickers) and fish
lbs.	pounds
M	a thousand or a thousand-weight; 10 times C and thus varying with the latter
mantle	a loose, sleeveless cloak often made of coarse woollen cloth
mease, meize	a measure of fish, especially of red herrings; equal to 5 hundreds, usually long hundreds (120)
merc.	merchandise
milwell	cod
mockado	a kind of cloth made in Flanders
orchil	a red or violet dye prepared from certain lichens
piece	a measurement of tin ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$ C) and fruit (1C); also a measurement of cloth
pipe	a measure of wine (126 gals.); and a varying measure of other goods
points	points or tags for laces, hence laces or cords fitted with same, used for lacing bodices, fastening hose to doublet etc.
poldavy	a coarse canvas or sacking
quarter (qr.)	the fourth part of any measure
recog.	recognizance
R.O.	Record Office
roll	a measure of cloth varying with different kinds
rumney	a sweet wine
sack	a measure of wool containing 364 lbs.; also a sweet wine
sayme	fish or animal grease
serv.	servant
stone (st.)	a weight varying locally and for different commodities
straits	narrow cloth 1 yd. wide and usually 12 yds. long (narrow dozens); distinguished from broad cloths which measured 2 yds. by 24 yds.

# GLOSSARY

sumach	a dyestuff often used in tanning
tassell	a clasp for holding together two sides of a cloak
teasel	the head of the thistle used by fullers for raising the nap on woollen cloth
ton, tun (t.)	a large cask; a measure of wine (252 gals.); a measure of weight (= 2,240 lbs. i.e. 2M)
train	fish or meat oil
trenchers	flat pieces of wood on which meat etc. was served
wey	a measure of salt, coal, corn, etc. varying locally and for different commodities
woad	a blue dyestuff
worsted	a woollen fabric made of staple combed wool of many different sizes
yd.	yard

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