

VIII.—*Account of Papers relating to the Royal Jewel-house in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries, in the possession of Captain HERVEY GEORGE ST. JOHN-MILDMAY, R.N., of Hazelgrove House, Somerset. Communicated by the Rev. JAMES ARTHUR BENNETT, B.A., F.S.A.*

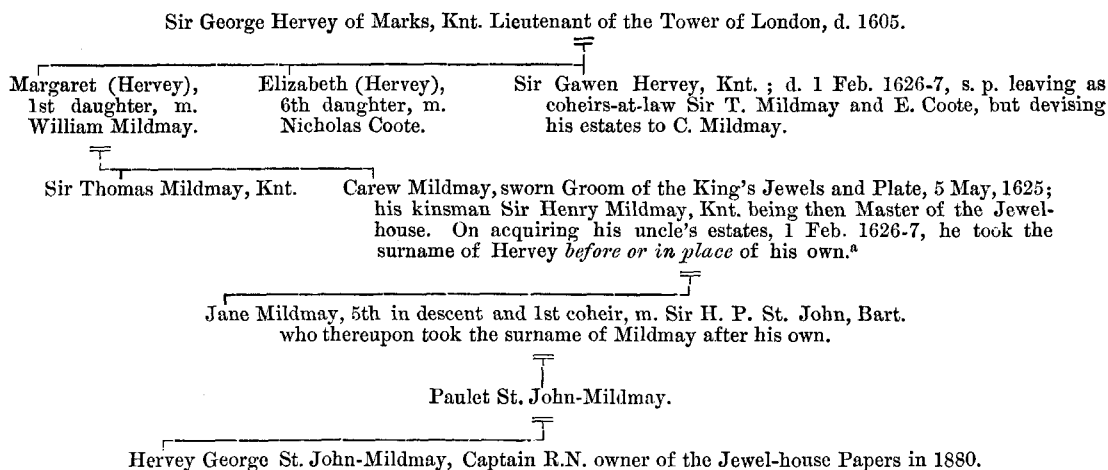
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THE following Papers, relating to the Crown Jewels and Plate in the times of Elizabeth, James I., and Charles I., are a selection from a number of Jewel-house Accounts and Papers, which are now in the possession of Captain Hervey George St. John-Mildmay, R.N., of Hazelgrove House, Somerset. The full catalogue will be found in the Seventh Report of the Hist. MSS. Commission.

This collection has but lately come to light, and is, I believe, the most complete, if it is not the only, set of documents now known to be in existence, which relate to the times when the magnificent gold and silver plate, which belonged to the Crown at the beginning of the reign of Charles I., was dispersed.

Before going further into any account of these papers, I should wish to acknowledge the obligations that I am under to our Fellows, Mr. John Charles Robinson and Mr. Charles Trice Martin, for assistance and information, and to Mr. Samuel Rawson Gardiner for his kindness in adding some historical notes.

Mr. Carew Hervey Mildmay, of Marks, in the Liberty of Havering, Essex, was the original owner of the papers. The following Pedigree explains his name, and their transmission to the present time.



When King Charles left London in 1642, the other officers of the Jewel-house followed him, but Carew Hervey Mildmay remained in London, and kept his charge until he was forcibly turned out of it in 1649. It was in this year that a Parliamentary Committee called upon Sir Henry Mildmay to render accounts of his charge. The materials for these accounts were supplied by Mr. Mildmay, and it would seem that some of these papers now under consideration are either such materials—namely, rough notes and extracts from the office-books which were made for the purpose of these returns—or copies of the accounts rendered. It is quite possible that some of the office-books are still in existence, for Mr. Mildmay complains in one of his notes that the books which remained were taken from him in 1649 by the Parliamentary Committee. But these books, if they ever should be found, would give but a very imperfect account of the Jewel-house, for Mr. Mildmay complains in another paper that even he found it difficult to make an accurate return, for that many of the office-books had been destroyed “when the soldiers first came to London, and the office was made a suckling-house, common to all sorts.”

As to Mr. Mildmay himself, it would appear that he occupied a difficult and uncertain position. Though nominally a servant of the King, and left in charge of the Jewel-house by him, and executing orders transmitted to him from the King, yet he is not without sympathy for the Parliament; he held a command for

^a He became a Verderer of the Forest of Essex, *State Papers, Dom.* 1639, Mar. 26.

a time upon the Parliamentary side in Essex, and also contributed money and arms. His own explanation, in a memorandum of his services and claims, drawn up at the Restoration, is, that he only accepted the command for the purpose of maintaining tranquillity in Essex; and he says that he never fought, nor ever would fight, against the King; and he declares that at a later time he opposed, at the risk of his life, and opposed with success, "the develish petition" desiring the execution of the King, which Colonel Pride and others had brought before a meeting of the gentlemen of Essex.

But whatever may have been his difficulties in striving to reconcile the conflicting claims of his absent master, the King, and the powers in possession, it is at least clear that he is determined to be faithful to his charge of the Jewel-house. He may be ready to co-operate with the Parliamentary powers for the recovery of valuables which have been taken away, or not returned, by some of the King's servants, but he is not at all inclined to admit the claim of the Parliament itself, when its Commissioners seek to put themselves into the place of the King. Letters from the Commissioners, and peremptory orders from them, desiring him "to deliver up the offices," "to appear before them," "to deliver up his keys," &c. come to Mr. Mildmay one after another in the year 1649, but upon letter after letter appears the endorsement, in Mr. Mildmay's own hand, "not obeyed," "not obeyed," "Sir Henry Mildmay came himself and delivered up the keys"; and then, at last, it is noted, "They break into the office and commit me to the Fleet."

As a specimen of the correspondence a copy of one of these letters is inserted here:—

SIR,

Wee were waitinge at the Tower this morning to have delivered over to the contractors the plate in your custody, where wee received an unsatisfactory answer from you, whereby wee are put upon such a strait as wee know not what to doe, the publication beeing past for the sale of it, the plate beeing the first resolved upon for sale, before either the Upper Jewel-House or any other duplicate bee meddled with, and the publication cannot bee now recalled. Wherefore wee, with the contractors, beeing sensible of the very great prejudice that is likely to fall out to the publike by your failinge to meet with us, we concluded to send our messenger on purpose to you to desire you not to faile to meet us at the Tower on Saturday next, aboute nine of the clock in the morninge, where wee may doe what should have been done this day. If you come not then, or send not your keys, which you have direction from Sir Hen. Mildmay to doe, we must be forced against our wills to follow the direction of the Act. Wee hope wee so well understood our

business that wee shall doe what may bee most advantagious to that service wee are employed in.
Wee remaine this 20 Septemb. 1649,

Yours,

N. LEMPRIÈRE.

HENRY . . .

JOHN FFOCHE.

PH. CARTERET.

WILL. ALLEN.

HENRY PARRE.

JOHN HEILES.

Sir,—You must please to take notice that there must be a good deale of time in sortinge the plate before it can bee fit to shew, and after that some days for the buyers to looke upon it.

Before coming to any remarks upon the several papers which are presented here, I should wish to point out that, though the originals are many in number, yet that they do not form any connected general statement of the affairs of the Jewel-house between 1625 and 1649. They are evidently only a part of a much larger number of extracts and notes from the office-books. Many of the entries also occur again and again. Instead, therefore, of copying out all the papers, a few only of the most complete, or of those which seem to be the most interesting, are presented here; but these are copied verbatim from the originals, even though this may involve some repetition.

The papers are of two kinds or periods; those which existed before, and those which were drawn up in consequence of, the Parliamentary inquiry—those which record objects and transactions in the reigns of Elizabeth, James I. and Charles I., and those which record the like during the Commonwealth and at the Restoration.

The only papers in the collection which give any account of plate in the time of Elizabeth are four in number; being three “certificates” in different hands of certain presents given by her from the 30th to the 44th years of her reign, and a list of christening gifts from her, the first dated as of her 30th year. For illustration of the names in these papers see Nichols’s *Progresses of Queen Elizabeth*.

1.

A Certyficat of Presents given by Queene Elizabeth from the thirtieth until the last year of her raigne to Ambassadors, Agents and Gent^l, sent from fforaine Princes & att Christenings.

Sweden.	Given to an Ambassador from Duke Charles of Sweeden, A° 30 Eliz. A chaine	oz.	
	of gold	po3.	16 gold
Fesse.	To an Ambassador from the kinge of ffesse, A° 31 Eliz. A chaine of gold	po3.	45 gold

		oz.
Wettemberg.	To the Duke of Wettemberg, A° 32 Eliz. in gilt	400 plate
France.	To Mons ^r vidam de Chartoys, Ambassad. from the kinge of France, 36 Eliz. in gilt plate	p ^o 3. 650 plate
France.	To Mons ^r d'Beauvois Ledger Ambassad. from the kinge of France, 37 Eliz. in gilt plate	p ^o 3. 2200 plate
Bullon.	To the Duke of Bullen, A° 39 Eliz. in gilt plate	3000 plate
Denmarke.	To the Chancell ^r of Denmarke, Ambassad. A° 40 Eliz. in gilt plate	p ^o 3. 900 plate
	To Christian Barracowe, Ambassade ffrom the kinge of Denmarke, A° 40 Eliz. in gilt plate	p ^o 3. 850 plate
Italian.	To John Virginio, duke of Bracciano, an Italian, A° 43 Eliz. A cupp and cover of gold	26 gold
France.	To Mons ^r Boysire Ledger Ambassador from the kinge of France, A° 44 Eliz. in gilt plate	1500 plate

2.—Gent^l and Messengers.

		oz.
Germany.	Given to a Gent ^l sent from Duke Cashmere, A° 30 Eliz. A chaine of gold	p ^o 3. 22
Denmark.	Given to a Gent ^l sent from the kinge of Denmarke, A° 31 Eliz. A chaine of gold	p ^o 3. 10
Denmark.	To a gent ^l sent from the kinge of Denmark, A° 31 Eliz. A chaine of gold	p ^o 3. 14
Sweedn.	To Theophilus Homodius, D ^r of the law, sent from Duke Charles of Sweeden, A° 33 Eliz. A chaine of gold	p ^o 3. 14
Holland.	To Mr. Burylake, a Gent ^l sent out of the Lowe Countries, A° 33 Eliz. A chaine of gold	p ^o 3. 18
Denmark.	To Geo. Schomaker, D ^r of the law, sent from the kinge of Denmark, A° 33 Eliz. A gold chaine	p ^o 3. 14
France.	To Mons ^r Gedenere, a gent ^l sent from the kinge of France, A° 36 Eliz. A chaine of gold	20
France.	To a ffrench gent ^l , A° 39 Eliz. A chaine of gold	18
Denmark.	To Hanse Reweam, secretary to the Chancellor of Denmark, Ambassad. A° 40 Eliz. A chaine of gold	22
Wettemberg.	To Adam Vinam, a gent ^l sent from the Duke of Wettemberg, 40 Eliz. A chaine of gold	p ^o 3. 10
Sweedn.	To John Nicholai, a gent ^l sent from the Duke of Sweeden, A° 41 Eliz. A chaine of gold	p ^o 3. 17
Holland.	To Mons ^r Caron, agent for the state of Holland, A° 42 Eliz. A chaine of gold	p ^o 3. 68

3.—Presents to Gent! & Ambassadors.

Swede.	30 Eliz.	To a Ambassador from Duke Charles brother to kinge of Sweeden, A chaine of gold	oz.	
			p03.	xvi gold
fesse.	31 Eliz.	A Ambassador from the kinge of ffesse, A chaine of gold		xlvi gold
		To Count Whittembirge, in gilt plate		iiij ^c
		To Duke Philip, in gilt plate		cc
		To Mons ^r Durant, in gilt plate		cxiiij
		To Mons ^r Vidam de Chartois, in gilt plate		vi ^l vij
		To Mons. de Beauvois, Ambass. from y ^e ffrench king, in gilt plate		iii iii cc
		To the Duke of Bullion, in gilt plate	ij ij ij	iiij ^{xx} x
		To Christian Barracow, sent from y ^e kinge of Denmark, in gilt plate		viiij ^{cl}
		To Mons ^r Bloysire, in gilt plate		ij v ^c

Christninge.

			oz.	
30 Eliz.		To the Lord S ^t John Hallatt his child, in gilt plate		xxviij
		To M ^r Harrington's child, in gilt plate	p03.	xxx ^l
		To Sir Richard Knightley sonne, in gilt plate		xxiiij
		To the Lord Ritches child, in gilt plate		li
		To the Lord Wentworth his child	p03.	xxvj
		To the Sir Oratio Palavisino his child		liiiij
		To Sir Robert Sydney his child		xliij
		To M ^r Henry Mordaunt child	p03.	xl
		To Sir Thomas West his child		lv
		To the Earl of Northumberland his child		clxviij
		To Sir Edward Winter his child		lxiiiij
		To M ^r Barkley his child	p03.	lxx
		To the Lord Winsor his child	p03.	liiiij
		To M ^r Henry Colford his child		cviiij
		To Sir Thomas Germaine his child		l
		To the Lord Herbert his child		lx

Earl of Ormond, Robert Sewell, Earl of Kildare, Earl of Darby, the Landesgrave von Hest, Arnold Whitfield, Earl of Northumberland, & Count de Beaumont, *all scratched out.*

Endorsed—A copy of little use, for one more perfect of 18 Dec. 1629.

The occasion of the issue of plate for the service of Anne of Denmark, Queen of James I., by the list and letter following, is noticed in Nichols's *Progresses of James I.* (1828), vol. ii. p. 460, as follows:—

From London, on the 11th of August, 1612, Mr. [John] Chamberlain thus writes to Sir Dudley Carleton:—

“The Queen begins her Progress to-morrow to Windsor; and so by Sir Robert Dormer's Ascot House, in Wing, Bucks, and Sir Richard Blount's, Mapledereham, Oxfordshire, to [meet the King at] Woodstock.”

It further appears from the present letter, that the Queen was officially attended on her progress by John Lord Harrington of Exton. The signature to the letter is that of Sir Henry Cary, Master of the Jewel-house at the time. His name, and that of Mr. Pigeon, appear at the foot of a Jewel-house document, printed in Nichols's *Progresses of James I.* vol. i. p. 607.

Plat for her grac service this pgrac to Woodstocke:

Basons ij.
Ewers ij.
Flagons for bere ij.
Flagons for wine ij.
Boles iiij.
Salts ij.
Spounes xij.
Candelsticks vj.

Mr Pidgeon—I praye fayle not to [*illegible*] theise pcells for her Grace's service, and lett this remayne with you for a warrant, that whensoever my Lord Harrington shall send for anything in the office you make no scruple of my absence or farther privitye but deliver it as if my Lord Chamberlayn sent his warrant, and I will undertake to get it allowed afterwards.

Soe I rest

Y^r well wishing ffreind,

H. CARYE.

Maribone p'ke this

20th of August, 1612.

The first paper of Charles's reign is dated October 26, 1625, and consists of five pages, containing a minute description of each one of forty pieces of rich plate, “wonderful masterpieces of goldsmith's work.” All this great treasure is said to be given by the King's “express command to the Duke of Buckingham, and carried into Holland.” An enormous value is put upon it, 200,000*l.*

And there is no slip or mistake in these figures, for the same thing is repeated in several different papers, and once the value is given in words as well as in figures. Indeed, that the value of the Crown jewels was very great, and that this transaction was known and not approved of, is well put by Sir John Eliot, in his great speech in Parliament on the 27th of March, 1626 :—

That we might view [he says] that ancient garden, and those sweet flowers of the crown! That we might see them even what they are now become; and how, the enclosure being let down, it is made a common pasture! Would that such a commission might be granted, if only that we then could search for the treasures and jewels that were left by that ever blessed princess of never dying memory, Queen Elizabeth! Oh, those jewels! The pride and glory of this kingdom! which have made it so far shining before others! Would that they were here, within the compass of these walls, to be viewed and seen by us, to be examined in this place! Their very name and memory have transported me.—Forster's *Sir John Eliot*, 1864, vol. i. p. 523.

There are two patents, dated respectively the 7th and 16th December, 1 Car. 1625, in favour of George Duke of Buckingham and others, each containing the list of plate and jewels delivered out of the Jewel-house on the 26th October previous, of which list that among the Mildmay papers is doubtless a draft.^a These patents being printed, the first with the list as finally settled, in Rymer's *Fœdera*, 1726, vol. xviii. pp. 236 and 246, it seems superfluous to print a draft list now. The later patent authorised the pledging of the plate and jewels to the Lords of the United Provinces for 300,000*l.*^b

In *Hist. MSS. Commission Report*, VIII. App. Pt. i. p. 209, is printed in full length a royal warrant, dated December 5, 1634, for a commission to Sir W. Boswell and Nathaniel Gerrard to redeem certain jewels remaining in Holland impawned for 13,000*l.* and yet unsold or undisposed of, to sell them, and with

^a The very interesting fact that two of these splendid pieces were at least as early as the time of Henry VIII. has been pointed out to me by our Fellow, Mr. Martin. He has informed me that "the cup of golde called 'the Dreame of Parris'," and "the Salte of golde called the 'Morris Dance,'" are both described in the "Account of the Jewels delivered by the widow of Rob^t Amadas, late Master of the Jewels, to Tho^s Cromwell on his appointment in 1532."—*Chapter-house book*, $\frac{A}{22}$. Since Mr. Martin gave me this information I have myself examined the Inventory, but have not been able to identify any other pieces.

^b A patent dated 29th August, 5 Car. 1629, authorised the redemption of some of the jewels pledged in Holland out of the proceeds of the sale of some ordnance to the Lords of the United Provinces.—*Ibid.* vol. xix. p. 99.

the proceeds of sale to redeem certain other jewels there, worth 64,000*l.* All these jewels are said to be part of those entrusted to the Duke of Buckingham "in the first year of our reign to dispose of for taking up money in the Low Countries for our use."

It is certain, as Mr. Gardiner points out in the note below, that the project of 1625 was never carried out in its entirety.^a

The next step in the dispersion of the Crown jewels and plate is a sale authorised by patent under the Great Seal to take place at the Tower in 1626.

Two parcels of plate are sold, one of 20,000 ozs. the other of 20,325 ozs. A list of the latter remains among these papers, dated 25th August, being a draft of that printed, as finally settled, by Nichols in his *Manners and Expenses of Antient Times*, 1797.

In consequence of letters patent, dated 13th Sept. 2 Car. 1626, to Sir Henry Mildmay, for delivery of 20,000 ozs. or thereabouts of plate to John Acton, the King's goldsmith, indentures were made two days afterwards between those two persons on such delivery, mentioning the particular pieces and their weights. The indenture, signed by Mildmay and delivered to Acton, came into the possession of William Herrick, Esq. of Beaumanor, Leicestershire, who permitted it to be printed as above stated. It is well worth perusal.

There is "An Accompt of the Plate in general, total 22,737 : 3," dated 1626 ; whether made before or after the sale at the Tower does not appear. It contains no particulars of interest.

"A note taken out of the Jewel-house Book the last daie of January, 1632,

^a It appears from the despatches of Sir Dudley Carleton (*State Papers, Holland*) that it was found impossible to complete the transaction. Only a certain part of the plate was taken. In a paper in the Harleian MSS. 3796, fol. 27, it is stated that there were, in 1635, 40,000*l.* worth of jewels in pawn. There was a privy seal, dated December 15, 1635, for 47,500*l.*, for the redemption of jewels, and Job Harby, a London merchant, was employed to go into Holland to bring them back; and the following entry in the *Pells Declarations*, Mich. 1635-6, shows that the money was actually paid to him :

"Job Harby, merchant, on his accompt to be by him disbursed for the redemption of such his Ma^{ty}s Jewells as remaine impawned with divers merchants of Amsterdam and others in the Low Countries per breve dat. xvth Decembris, 1635 . . . 47,500*l.*" See also *State Papers, Dom.* 16 Dec. 1635.

As there is no entry of the money being repaid to the Exchequer we may conclude that the jewels were actually redeemed. It therefore follows that the statement in a letter of June 26, 1660—that "there is a Dutch ambassador coming over with very rich presents : a suit of gold plate, two of silver plate, and all the jewels of the crown that were pawned there" (*Hist. MSS. Report*, V. App. p. 154)—refers to a second pledging of the jewels at the time of the Civil War.—(S.R.G.)

of all the plate in the M^r's pⁿ." The weight is 3,410 ozs. Sir Henry Mildmay still had this plate, or a similar quantity, in his possession in 1649, and then paid the value of it to the Parliamentary Committee, and retained it as his own. No portion of it, however, is known to be now in the possession of the family. It was probably reclaimed by the Crown in 1660.

Plate delivered out of the office of the Jewel-house for the service of the Princesses, the King's children; the lists are merely of ordinary pieces for daily use, without special descriptions, and are headed and dated thus:—

1639, July 27. To Mrs. Susan Fulcher for the service of the Princess Elizabeth.

To Mr. Robert Carr, page to the Princess Elizabeth.

1639. To Mrs. Conant for the Princess Anne, in the hands of the Lady Rosebarrow.

More of it the Countess of Dorset had as governess.

1639. To Mrs. Mary De la Gard for the Princess Mary.

To Alexander Taylor, yeoman of the pantry to the Princess Mary.

To William Langley, yeoman of the Princess's chaundry.

To Jeremiah Gregory, yeoman of the field to the Princess.

1645, Nov. 21. Plate delivered out of the office of Jewel-house for the service of Henry Duke of Gloucester and the Princess Elizabeth, by order of both Houses of Parliament, 11th Sept. 1645.

1645, Sept. 11th, and }
1645/6, March 18th. } Delivered for the service of Henry Duke of Gloucester.

1646, { Aug. 30th. }
 { Oct. 29th. } For the service of the Duke of York.
 { Nov. 10th. }

1647, Sept. 29th. Taken out of the Jewel-house in the Tower by order of the Committee of Revenue for the service of His Majesty at Hampton Court.

1649, June 22nd. An account, signed by the Earl of Northumberland, of plate lost in the service of the King's children.

Plate delivered out of the Jewel-house of the charge of Sir Henry Mildmay (whose patent as Master began 1618):—

Plate to the value of 236,797*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* besides the Duke of Bucks.

25 July 1618.

Vicessimo quinto Julii xv Jacobi 1618. Given by his Ma^{tie} to Conde de Gondemer Amb^r Ledger from the king of Spaine in gilt plate of severall sorts parte of the charge of Sir Henry Mildmay of the Jewel House . . .

oz. dwt. grs.

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21 feeb. 1618.

Given by the Queen's Ma^{tie} 21st february xv Jacobi 1618 to be presented at the Christening of the Prince Palatine's second sonne one cupp and cover of gold

305 0 0

		oz.	dwt.	grs
17 ^o Jacobi 18 ^{gr} 1618.	Given 18 ^o November xvij Jacobi 1618 to Pietro Contarini Amb ^r from the State of Venice in gilt plate	1500	0	0
13 ^o Dec. 1620.	Delivered to Mr. John Aston the king's goldsmith xiiij Dec. 1620 by warrant from Henry Viscount Mandeville Lord High Treasurer of England and the Vice Chancellor in gold plate	827	0	1
Eod ^m die et anno.	Delivered more then by that order in silver plate set with stones and garnished with mother of pearl	2818	3	1
22 Marcii 1622.	Delivered xxij Marcii 1622, to Sir Nowell Caron Knt. one of the Com[mis- sioners] of the States from the Low Countries in faire gilt plate	503	0	0
2 ^o Maii 1623.	Given the second of May 1623 by the kinge's owne hands to the Ladie Marquesse of Buckingham a cupp of gold and cover enameled with a cupp of Assay suitable oz. 7966 : 3 : 1	14	0	0
2 ^o Maii 1623.	Delivered and given by his Ma ^{tie} the ij of May 1623 to Baron Dona Amb ^r from the Kinge of Bohemia in fayer gilt plate	1504	0	0
16 Nov. 1624.	Given by the King's Ma ^{tie} 16 Nov. 1624 to one Bonner keeper of the silk- worms, one gilt cupp and cover	17	0	0
5 April 1625.	Given by his Ma ^{tie} to the Earl of Kelly v ^o Aprill 1625 severall parcells of plate used in the Kinge's bedchamber at the time of his death	381	3	0
10 Junii 1625.	Delivered to the Kinge's owne hands x Junii 1625 a standish of silver gilt curiously wrought	49	0	0
28 Nov. 1625.	Delivered xxviiij November 1625 to the Duke of Buckingham by the Kinge's express comãands divers parcels of gold plate sett with stones by Indenture under the Duke's owne hand. <i>Valued at least to bee worth the some of 200,000l.</i>			
11 Junii 1626.	Delivered to the King's Ma ^{tie} and by him given to the Queen xi Junii 1626 one cupp and cover of christall ovall fashion with two lipps and yeares of gold and a ringe of christall	27	0	0
Eod ^m die et anno.	Delivered then to his Ma ^{tie} and by him given to the Queene one bowle of christall with a cover garnished with gold	20	0	0
Eod ^m die et anno.	Delivered then to his Majestie and by him given to the Queene a broken cupp of christall with a cover of gold garnished with ffroggs and wasps and dayzies and flowers in the topp of the cover	12	0	0
13 September 1626.	Delivered by vertue of the Kinge's L ^{res} Patents dated the xiiij day of Sep- tember 1626 to Mr. John Acton goldsmith to the Kinge in silver and gilt plate	20,022	0	1 ^a
28 Decem. 1626.	Delivered xxviiij December 1626 to his Ma ^{ties} own hande a silver standish with a drawer, box and dust box	83	3	0
13 Oct. 1626.	Delivered by vertue of the Kinge's Letters Patents dated xiiij Oct. 1626 to John Acton goldsmith to the Kinge in silver and gilt plate in divers parcells	20,003	0	0 ^b
12 ffebr. 1628.	Delivered to William Kirke, given him by a warrant under the Kinge's owne hand xij ffebruary 1628 in silver plate of severall parcells	397	19	0

^{a b} The two parcels mentioned two pages back.

		oz.	dwt.	grs.
	Given by his Ma ^{tie} owne hands to the Queene xxix of September 1629 one faier silver basket of wyer worke with the Kinge's armes in y ^e bottome .	414	0	0
Eod ^m die et anno.	Given then by his Ma ^{tie} owne hand to the Queene one gilt shipp and cover with a manikin on the topp .	411	3	1
13 Julii 1630.	Given xiiij July 1630 to Collonell Daniell Dumany sent from the Kinge of Sweden one chayne and meddall of gold .	58	8	0
24 July 1632.	Given by his Ma ^{tie} xxiiij July 1632 to the Lady Mary Crofts in faire gilt plate .	1750	0	0
24 Nov. 1634.	Given by his Ma ^{tie} warrant dated xxiiij Nov. 1634 to Sir Henry Wotton knt. severall parcellis of gilt plate .	715	1	1
	Delivered by his Ma ^{ties} warrant dated xi July 1638 to Henry Lawton Clerke of the Kinge's Closet two altar candlesticks .	57	3	0
30 April 1641.	Given by the Kinge to the Princess Mary at her marriage with the Prince of Orange a castinge bottle of christall garnished with gold rubies and diamonds and a chayne with letters AR. .	8	0	0

A list for the Parliamentary Trustees to aid them in recovering such of the King's plate and jewels as were outstanding in the hands of various persons:—

23 Nov. 1649.

This Lyst delv^d in to y^e Trustees for Sale of y^e K. Goods.

Plate belonging to y^e late King, remayning in the hands of the severall persons heerafter mençoned. Taken out of y^e Jewel-house.

Indent.
May 1635.Mr. G. Kirke, Gent. of y^e Robes.

oz. dwt. grs.

A collar of gold of y ^e Order	pōj.	35	0	0
A George of gold garnished w th dyamonds . . . . .	. . . . .	7	2	2

April 1635.

Sent back from Sweden.

A collar of gold of y^e Order contayninge 23 roses and 23 knotts.
 A George of gold set all over with faire dyamonds.
 A lesser George of gold sett all over on both sides wth dyamonds.
 A garter, richly set with dyamonds.

May 15 1620.

The Earl of Annandell.

A silver standish w th drawers	pōj.	78	1	8
A gilt standish	pōj.	34	2	0
One standish of gold presented to y ^e King by y ^e Countesse of Oxford	pōj.	35	0	0
A collar and George of gold, set w th stones . . . . .	. . . . .	42	2	2

		oz. dwt. grs.	
One standish of silver	. . . . .	. 78	1 2 } produced.
One gilt standish	. . . . .	. 34	2 0 }

14 March 1641.

The Lord Fawkland, Secretary.

A bason and ewer, 2 p ^r of flaggons, a pott, a gilt bole, 2 candlesticks, a salt,		oz. dwt. grs.	
12 trencher plates, 12 spoones, 14 dishes		p ^o z.	992 1 0

16 Aug. 1641.

Sir Peter Wich, Comptroller.

In plate and vessels, by y ^e hands of M ^r R ^t Squib, his secretary			1307 2 0
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20 Dec. 1641.

The Lord Savile, Tre^r.

Mr W. Rosse and Th ^o Grant hands for it.	Twenty dishes and one pott		1089 3 0
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Sir J^o Burrowes, K. at Armes.

1636.	A crowne of gold		p ^o z. 22 0 0
	A chaine of gold		6 0 0
	A jewel of gold and garnished		3 21 17

1628.

The Earle of Dorset as L^d Chamberlain to y^e Q.

Three dozen of trencher plats			482 0 0
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1628.

The Countesse of Dorset, as governess to the y^e Duke of Yorke.

In plate			267 1 0
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The Earle of Holland, Groom of y^e Stoole.

Eighteene silver dishes of severall sorts			1004 14 0
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1619.

Lord Wootton, Ambassador to Venice.

In plate			715 0 0
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1624.

Sir Isaac Wake, Ambassador to Venice.

In plate			711 0 0
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The Lord Moreton.

Lent him 6 silver dishes			261 3 0
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1619.

The Earle of Munmoth.

A rapier hilt chape and handle of gold		p ^o z.	17 1 18
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To M^r Th^o Watkins, for y^e service of y^e Prince of Orange.

In plate, 7 trencher plates			118 0 0
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1619.

To y^e L^d Chamberlin Pembroke.

A folding table covered all over with silver plate ingraven. Without weight.

		oz.		
	A gilt standish, with boxes and counters, w ^{out} w ^g ^{ht} .			
	A fountain of silver gilt cont. a bason with 3 satyrs y ^e one a woman w th a flagg		376	3 0
	My lord produceth a full discharge under y ^e hands of Fr. Layton and Aston upon y ^e payment of 150 <i>l</i> . to J ^o Acton.			
1645.	To y ^e E. of Northumberland and lost in service		212	0 0
June 1640.	Mr. E ^d Aston charge an officer in y ^e Jewel-house.			
	Suffolk cup and cover	25	0	0
	A cup of assay of gold	5	3	2
	A gold salt	16	2	2
	A gold cupp and cover	35	0	0
	And many others, chiefly members of the Household.			
	<i>Note at the end:—</i>			
	Y ^e p ^t iculars dd in to y ^e Trustees, 28 Dec. 1649.			
	In gold plate	314	3	2
	In silver plate	29150	1	0
			} Valued at 1000 <i>l</i> . in money 7300 <i>l</i> .	
Two statements concerning the royal plate and jewels drawn up in reference to the inquiry by the Parliamentary Trustees:—				
An Abstract and Collection of Plate taken out of Sir Hen' Mildmay's office of Jewel-house by several order & command of K. James & y ^e late K. Charles.				
30 Dec. 1620.	A warrant to deliver severall p'cells of gold & silver plate appoynted by y ^e king to be sold. To y ^e valewe of		1731	18 0
	This was but a remanet of Two other p'cells formerly delivered out, as appears by y ^e s ^d warrant.			
1 Charoli 1625.	A warrant under the K. hand to S. Hen. Mildmay to deliver to y ^e Duke of Buckingham the gold plate set w th rich stones Jewels being y ^e cheifest parte of y ^e Treas ^r remayning in his hands. To y ^e valewe as is conceaved of		200,000	0 0
	w ^h was accordingly done.			oz.
2 ^o Charoli 1626. 15 Sept.	A warrant to deliv ^r out of y ^e plate remayning in his charge, to be sold		20,000	
20 Jan. 2 Charoli.	A warrant to Sir Hen. Mildmay to deliver to y ^e goldsmith plate in his charge to be sold		20,323	
	Which was done.			
	3 warrants to Sir Hen Mildmay to discharge several persons y ^t had plate in th ^r hands, viz.:			
			E. of Kelly	381 0 0
			M ^r G. Kirke	397 0 0
			Hen. Lawton	50 0 0

		oz.
1634.	Delivered to y ^e Lords Commission ^r & to y ^e K ^s Attorney y ^e names of several persons y ^t had plate in their hands taken out of y ^e Jewel-house to be psecuted in the Exchequer to y ^e valewe of	10,304
	And in gold plate	90 2 0
1644.	Taken out of Sir Hen Mild: office by order of Parl ^t to be sold to pay y ^e sould ^s at Abbington	lb. wt. 500

The six Spanish Candlesticks & 500^l. w^t in gilt plate. oz. dwt. grs.

1650.	Delivered in a lyst to y ^e Trustees of plate to several persons taken out of y ^e office	In gold plate 314 3 0 In silver plate 29,150 0 0
1651.	An addiconall lyst delivered in to y ^e Trustees of plate belonging to y ^e office	In gold plate 82 2 0 In silver plate 12,923 0 0

Severall other pcells of gold & silver plate hath been given away by y^e King's owne hands to y^e Queene and other ladyes some of w^h there is no discharge for other pcells may be found discharged in y^e office rolls w^h requires a long & diligent search.

There was a great ppccon of plate given out for y^e service of y^e King in his journey towards Scotland anno 1641. As also at his going away from London to Yorke 1642 w^{ch} is credebly beleevd was never all set downe in charge upon any pson. Because two of y^e officers went away, one of them in y^e lifeguard to y^e King, the other stayed a while & then met y^e K at Oxford & there died. So that it is not possible to know what plate or books of discharge hath been conveyed away. Thereby utterly to disable Sir Hen. Mild: from making a pticular accompt.

There have been these severall officers in y^e Jewel-house since S^r Hen. Mild: was y^e M^r of it. For whose fidelity it is hard to answer.

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| | . . . Robinson |
| M ^r Pigeon | Sir Rob ^t Seymer |
| M ^r Rob ^t Hazard | M ^r Cranmore |
| M ^r Fran. Layton | M ^r E ^d Aston |
| M ^r Car. Mildmay | M ^r Wright |
| M ^r Chelsham | M ^r Acton |
| | M ^r Williams } Goldsmiths. |

Many office books and papers are missinge for in these tymes y^e office was common to all sorts, it being made a suckling house for y^e souldery at their first coming to London: and had they knowne of any plate of y^e King within y^e office noe question but it would have been judged good plunder.

Sir H. Mildmay after due allowance for waste is charged with 4344 oz. 1 dwt. 0 gr.

13 Oct. 1649. Y^e Trustees took away all y^e plate in y^e Jewel-house at Whithall, Sir H. Mildmay himself being thⁿ present.

7 Sept. 1649. Sir H. Mild. letter of command to me to deliver up all y^e plate in y^e office at y^e Tower & Whithall to y^e Trustees or my keyes.

- 25 Sept. 1649. A warrant from y^e Trustees to deliv up my keys of y^e Tower to them I refusing they committed me to y^e Fleete.
- 18 & 19 Feb. 1649. 2 orders from y^e Trustees to me to deliver up y^e office books & records.
19. Ordered that Sir H. Mild. send in y^e office books & treasure in his hand to y^e Trustees & that he command his officers & servants to attend them with it.
- 3 Jan. 1651. Orders to Sir H. Mildmay to deliver up y^e indent^e of y^e office.
- 30 Jan. An order to Sir H. Mildmay to deliver up y^e indent^e of y^e office.
- 10 Oct. 1651. An order to Sir H. Mildmay to bring all y^e books & papers to Trustees.
- 23 Nov. 1652. An order for me personally to appeere & bring in all y^e Jewel-house books.
- Ult. Nov. 1652. A peremtory order to me to bring in y^e books.
1641. 26 indent^s delivered in to M^r Bechamp's clarke of y^e committee. By their order.

Plate of the late King in y^e office of Jewel-house for y^e use of the Counsel of State by order of Parl^t.

By order of Parl^t 1649 there was left in y^e office of Jewel-house for y^e use of
y^e Counsel of State severall parcells of plate to y^e value of 1023 0 0
oz. dwt. gr.

And one great Bible covered with silver gilt valued at 0 0 0

The Bible by (the order) was delivered in by order to y^e Counsell of State.

The other parcels of plate of divers sorts, viz. candlesticks & flaggons. Potts
g^t to y^e valew of 1023 oz. weare by order of y^e Counsell dated 3 Octob^r 1653
given & allowed unto me in liewe of a debt of 1047*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* due unto me from y^e
late King at Michael. 1649. By an order of Parl. 1649, y^e Trustees £6500 0 0

Plate & jewels of y^e late K. J. G. Taken out of the Jewel-house by y^e Trustees
at Somerset House & by oth. by ord. of Parl^t Goldsmiths' Hall £3000 0 0

June 1649. Plate for y^e use of y^e K. child by order of y^e Committee of Revenue to y^e La.
Leicester for y^e use of y^e late K. children at S^t James House & after at Harborrow
Castle 406 0 0
oz.

Oct. 1644. Plate pawned for 3000*l.* to y^e Com. at Goldsmiths' Hall worth as much more . £3000 0 0

Plate in y^e hands of severall Lords & other great officers of state servants of y^e
household to a very great valew. oz. dwt. gr.

In y^e Goldsmith's hand, W. J^o Acton 1109 0 2

More in a gold chaine 40 0 0

As for any other y^e goods of y^e late K. reserved for sale I have none in my custody or charge
nor know I any employed in y^e service of his Highness y^e Lord Protector of y^e Commonwealth.
But I bet there are other goods & plate of the late K. & Q. not yet accompted for, w^h may be a
great releife to y^e creditors & servants.

Certificates in favour of Sir Henry Mildmay and Mr. Carew Hervey Mildmay
in reference to the royal plate and jewels and an extract from a memorandum
of Mr. Mildmay's services :—

Sir H. Mildmay's Certificate from y^e Trustees.

These are humbly to certifie that Sir Henry Mildmay K^{nt} Master of y^e Jewel-house according to the Act of Parl^t for sale of y^e late King's goods hath caused to bee delivered unto us Trustees the King's & Queen's crowns & also one other crowne called Edward the Sixt, likewise gold & silver plate with divers vessels of christall & aggots &c. belonging as aforesaid valued by us at 20,320*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*; together with 15 parcells of rich plate w^h we are certiyed was by order of Parl^t dd. into Gouldsmith's Hall for y^e securinge 3000*l.* in money for y^e use of y^e publique w^h were by his faithfulness and care preserved in y^e late times of trouble: he hath likewise paid into y^e treasury for sale of y^e s^d goodes y^e sum of 1001*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* in full satisfaction for y^e plate as he is Master of y^e Jewel-house beelongs to his table: he hath also cheerefully taken great paines in searching & causing to be searched y^e books of y^e said Office for indentures & charges of plate owing by divers late Courte officers & severall other persons & caused them all to be delivered unto us amounting unto 54,759 ozs. 1 dwt. 0 gr. in silver & gilt plate & 373 ozs. 1 dwt. 0 gr. of gould plate in y^e performance of w^h wee humbly conceave he hath done soc careful & considerable a service to the comonwealth as we cannot but in justice present it he hath likewise further so exprest his uprightness and sinceere discharge of y^e s^d trust voluntarily taken his oath before us that beyond what he hath dd. to the two late Kings & for their use & by order of Parl^t unto us & paid for in money & returned in plate hee knows not of one ounce of plate y^e vallew of it owinge to y^e s^d office.

by their orders
before 1642.

. . . . you that he hath delivered in by order from y^e Parl^t in

Apparently a rough copy, with several erasures and interlineations.

Certificate presented by the Trustees Somerset House to Parl^t that Carew Mildmay hath served the late King & Parliament in y^e office of y^e Jewel-house for 25 years last past, the which place was worth unto him for wages, bord wages, liverye, & New Yeare's gifts, y^e summe of 129*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* of constant allowances, besides all other just belonging to y^e s^d place. We likewise certify that he hath not received any money since Michael^s 1640, nor any part of his wages since Mich. 1642, so that there is due unto him at Mich. 1649, 1,047*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* Wee likewise certify that wee found in his custody in y^e Lower Jewel-house in gilt & white plate to the value of 16,496*l.*, which is employed for y^e use of y^e state. All which plate we humbly conceve was by his care & faithfulness preserved, he staying & faithfully serving y^e Parliament when the rest of his fellows deserted the Parliament & went to y^e Kinge. All w^h hath made his trust, charge, and attendance farre greater since the beginning of y^e warre than formerly. As for his good affection to & suffering for y^e Parl^t we humbly certify y^t hee from y^e beginning freely served y^e Parl^t in all eminent places of trust in y^e country, both civil and military, at his owne charge, readily observing all their orders & comands & voluntarily bent upon the proposi 1642, in money & plate y^e summe of 382*l.*, besides large contribution for England & Ireland. Lastly, wee humbly certify y^t hee hath not only served y^e aforesaid Treasury of plate, but hath by his industry

Somerset House.
Feb. 1649.
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& paines discovered great quantities of plate concealed in y^e hands of others to a considerable valew, w^h may be recovered for y^e use of y^e State.

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JOHN FFOCHE. JO. HUMPHRY.
HENRY CREECH. H. MILDMAY.
RALF GRAFTON. JO. BELCHAMP.
DAVID POWELL. J. LEMPRIÈRE.

Certificate of Coll. Mannering.

I doe hereby certify whome it may concerne that Carew Harvey al^s Myldmay of Marke in y^e county of Essex Esq. did upon severall Ordinances of Parl^t lend these severall somes following: On y^e 5th of July 1642 by plate & money payd to the treasurer att Guildhall the some of 60*l.* for which he had a receipt in the name of M^r Francis Harvey his sonne £ s. d.
60 0 0

On the 6th August 1642 by horse and armes valued by the commissary at 30*l.* for which hee tooke a receipt in the name of the said ffrancis Harvey 30 0 0

On the 8th Sept. 1642 by plate and money paid att Guildhall in the name of y^e saide ffrancis Harvey al^s Mildmay 50 0 0

And on 19 June 1644 for releivinge of the countyes of Radnor Hereford & Monmouth in the name of the s^d ffrancis Harvey al^s Mildmay the some of 2 0 0

All of w^h s^d severall somes of money together with interest due for the same amountinge to the some of 190*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* were doubled upon the Ordinance of Parl^t of 16 Nov. 1646 for the appointing the sale of Bpp^s lands ffor w^h the treasurers appointed by the s^d Ordinance have given their receipt as by severall certificates & receipts remaininge in my hands appeares. Given under my hand 14 Jan^{ry} A.D. 1649.

ROBT. MANNERING.

Extract from Mem. of C. H. Mildmay's Services.

"That your Petiçon^r was then necessitated often to petition the pretended Par^t & their Counsell for his arreares of wages due unto him before his Mat^{ies} death out of such monie as was raised by y^e sale of y^e s^d plate and goods (as other of y^e poore servants of his Ma^{tie}). And after 4 yeares solicitation 3 Oct. 1653 it was ordered by y^e then Counsell that y^e plate reserved for their owne use should be allowed y^r Petiçon^r w^h was valewed att 250*l.* in lieu of 1047*l.* w^h was made appeare to be then dewe w^h your Petiçon^r was forced to accept of rather than to loose all. But as soone as this glorious sunshine day appeared in bringing his Royal Ma^{tie} to his Throne, y^r Petiçon^r immediately resolved to bring again into y^e office of Jewel-house y^e s^d plate in kind. And that verie same day he brought in a good part of it, and had taken order for pviding y^e remainder with all speed had not Col. Halley and Coll. Loe pcured a warrant from his Ma^{ty} to receive y^e value of y^e plate in money —"

State Papers, Dom. 1653, July 25, "Councel of State" (19); Oct. 3, "C. of S." (7).

Two receipts for clocks taken from the Jewel-house at Whitehall, by order of the Parliamentary Trustees, soon after King Charles's death:—

18^o die february 1649.

Rec^d then by vertue of this order one Clocke with divers mo^ons, two Globes, one Case for a Clocke and a Glasse, one Bullet Clocke, one Clocke with five Bells & one other Clocke, all w^h were lyeing at Whithall late in the charge of David Ramsy. Witness our hands,

THOMAS GREENE.

JOSEPH MASHAM.

Rec^d the 18th of febr^y one other Clocke in a Bow by vertue of this order w^h with those above men^oned were all that were left at the Jewel-house by the above-named David Ramsey.

THOMAS GREENE.

JOSEPH MASHAM.

In *Archaeologia*, vol. xv. p. 271, was printed (from a MS. then (1804) in the possession of the Rev. John Brand, Secretary of the Society) a series of Inventories, forming a return made by the Parliamentary Trustees in or soon after 1649. The documents are as follows:—

(1.) An Inventory of the Plate in the Lower Jewel-house of the Tower in the custody of Mr. Carew Mildmay, taken 13th Aug. 1649. (2.) An Inventory of the Plate and Jewels, including the Regalia, in the Upper Jewel-house of the Tower, in the charge of Sir Henry Mildmay, taken 13th, 14th, and 15th Aug. 1649 (exclusive of an Inventory of the Plate in the Whitehall Jewel-house, delivered to the Council 3rd Aug. 1649). (3.) An Inventory of part of the Regalia removed from Westminster to the Tower Jewel-house. (4.) An Inventory of part of the Regalia in an iron chest in Westminster Abbey. (5.) An Inventory of several things remaining in Somerset House Closet in Mr. Browne's charge.

In *The Antiquarian Repertory*, ed. 1807, vol. i. p. 79, was printed an "Inventory of Plate in the Upper Jewel-house in the Tower, 15th August, 1649, from a loose sheet among Mr. Aubrey's MS. Collections relating to North Wilts, in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxon. Communicated by T. Astle, Esq., F.R.S. and F.A.S." This document is but another form of part of the *Archaeologia* Inventory (2) in *Archaeologia*, vol. xv. p. 285. The King's crown, the Queen's crown, King Edward the Sixth's crown, the globe, two sceptres, and the bracelets, are described and valued, and this note is added:—"N.B.—Colonel John Dove, of Surry, kept, in his chamber at the Middle Temple, the book of the King's plate and jewels. I transcribed this of the crown, for which Mr. Simpson, &c. were much beholden to me when King Charles the Second's crown was made.—J. AUBREY."

Among the Mildmay papers are drafts or notes from which this return was made up, incidentally informing us that the Whitehall Jewel-house, as well as the Lower Tower Jewel-house, was in the charge of Mr. Carew Mildmay, and

that the return was delivered to the Council of State in 165 $\frac{2}{3}$. There is also the following memorandum:—

Y^e Trustees names who took away the King's plate out of the Jewel-house, both at Whitehall and in the Tower.

Geo. Withers. Anth. Mildmay. P ^h Carteret. J ^o Forche. J ^o Belcampe. Hen. Creech. Ralph Grafton. David Powel. J ^o Humphreys.	} The keys of y ^e Tower to be deliv ^d to th ^m .
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25 Sept.
1649.

There are some points of difference between the account of the regalia in the Mildmay MS. and that in the fifteenth volume of *Archaeologia*, p. 271, and one quoted by the Rev. W. L. Blackley in a letter in *The Times* of Jan. 29, 1879, from a MS. of G. Vertue in the British Museum.

The King's and the Queen's crown are the same in all three lists. But a crown called King Edward's crown, valued at 428*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* is only mentioned in the Mildmay list. The gold however of this crown is of exactly the same value, 73*l.* 16*s.*, as a "small crown" in the *Archaeologia* list; and the jewels in King Edward's crown are of the same value, 355*l.*, as the diamonds, &c., which are given as a separate item in the Vertue list.
