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THE GOVERNANCE OF THE OFFICE OF ARMS: ORDINANCES AND DECREES, 1417-1600

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An attempt has been made here to list all the significant rulings, agreements and other corporate *acta* of the officers of arms, as well as those of the Constable and Earl Marshal, between 1417 and 1600. No Chapter Act Book survives from this period (the College's existing sequence of such books not being initiated until 1623), although in around 1590 Sir William Dethick cited in evidence of his complaints about two of his fellow officers 'the booke of Chapters and petitions.'¹ Possibly he merely meant the Partition Books. The earliest surviving Partition Books do indeed contain a number of Chapter decisions—logically enough, since partitions and chapter rulings were all matters that needed the agreement of at least a majority of the officers of arms. As early as 1487, Sir Thomas Writhe in his chronicle which is now Cotton MS Julius B. xii referred to the New Year's Day largess of the King and other lords and ladies as being recorded 'in our regestre'.² Be that as it may, it is clear that in the second half of the sixteenth century the Partition Books were felt to be in some sense a natural place in which to preserve copies of significant Chapter decisions, and especially those that related to the officers' income.³ As will be seen below, the herald Robert Glover was an active transcriber of significant *acta* into the Partition Books (even though it was by custom only the junior officer of arms of the day who was responsible for maintaining the Books).

Some copies of Chapter decisions are signed by those officers who were present, and it seems reasonable to describe these as 'original'; it cannot, however, be assumed that particular authority was attached to these copies. On the other hand, the question of who it was that made the decision undoubtedly was important. Rulings by the Constable or Earl Marshal must always have had an overriding force and have been ranked accordingly; equally, it will have mattered whether all the kings and heralds had assented, or only a majority. For instance, as Stephen Martin Leake, Garter, observed,⁴ the very questionable ruling made in 1474 (allowing Henry, Duke of Buckingham, to bear the arms of Thomas, Duke of Gloucester) was agreed to by only

¹ BL MS Lansdowne 108 fos 183-184r at 183v.

² *The Herald's Memoir, 1486-1490*, ed. E. Cavell (Donington 2009), p. 61.

³ See, for instance, the decree of the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, 6 June 1563: one version of this refers to it being 'registred in the great booke of partytion', and the actual decree was indeed entered in Partition Book I, for 1527-83.

⁴ CA MS SML. 56 p. 25.

two members of the Office of Arms: Clarenceux and Windsor. (The other signatories were March and Guyenne Kings and Falcon and Hereford Heralds, of whom at least the latter two were what a later generation would call extraordinaries.)

By the later sixteenth century it was well established that the books with grants of arms, records of visitations and so forth that were classed as 'office books' all belonged to the College as a whole; but loose documents, even if relating directly to the College, seem still to have been kept in the custody of the individual kings of arms. That this remained the case throughout the seventeenth century, and perhaps even well into the eighteenth century, can be seen from the way in which such documents passed into the collections of William Camden, Clarenceux (whence the presence of even such a record as Richard III's letters patent of incorporation of the Office of Arms, 1484, in MS Faustina E. i in the library of his friend and legatee, Sir Robert Cotton), Augustine Vincent, Windsor (e.g. CA MS Vincent 92), Elias Ashmole, Windsor (in various Ashmole manuscripts, now in the Bodleian Library), and John Anstis, Garter (e.g. CA MSS Heralds I-IX). In c. 1595 Lord Burghley made this note in the course of his enquiries into the College's books and records: 'A wrighting with manie seales and handes, and Broade seale of the office, beyng the D[uke] of Norfolks order. If we wil giue our handes for the receate, Mr Clarentiaux profereth them. In the possession of Mr Woodnet who married Clar[entiaux] daughter.'⁵

This attempt to list ordinances and decrees by and about the Office of Arms was begun as part of a larger project, to locate and assess the numerous writings of Robert Glover (d. 1588 as Somerset Herald).⁶ It soon became evident, however, that as with other source materials (such as rolls of arms), he himself was both a keen copyist of earlier rulings and an active initiator and transcriber of collegiate activities of this sort during his own time in office. To attempt to list Glover's transcripts was thus to set about listing most rulings—and so, inevitably, it became necessary to locate any other rulings from before, during and after his lifetime, so as to see what he had omitted, purposely or otherwise. Those rulings that predate his years in office formed the basis of the rules that the Office continued to live by, and form part of the essential context for those from his own years as an officer of arms, from 1568 to 1588. The few ordinances and rulings that are recorded from between 1588 and 1600 reflect the state of the Office as it continued to suffer from the dissensions that had marked Glover's time as Somerset Herald; by their paucity they also highlight the torrent of ordinances that had been made during the Earl Marshalship, 1554-72, of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk. It is evident, too, that Glover took a particular interest in Chapter ordinances: in the Office's Partition Books and in his own notebooks and elsewhere, he made numerous copies of them (orders of c. 1566×70, 26 April 1569, 12 April 1572, 14 Nov. 1572, 7 Jan. 1574, 13 Nov. 1577, etc.)—in some cases perhaps because he had initiated them (e.g., the orders of c. 1571, April 1572, 12 Nov. 1576 and 29 Nov.

⁵ BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 68 (formerly 57); a memorandum by Burghley in the same manuscript fo. 110, identifies the possessor as John Woodnet of Lincoln's Inn; his father-in-law was Robert Cooke, Clarenceux 1567-93.

⁶ The main part of this work will be published by the Harleian Society; it is cited below as Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

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1577). It is rather as if he was seeking to build up a *corpus* of Office rulings, as part of the legal underpinning of English armory.⁷

Repositories and archives referred to in the listing below are as follows:

Alnwick Castle	Alnwick Castle (Northumberland), Duke of Northumberland's Library
Arundel Castle	Arundel Castle (W. Sussex), Duke of Norfolk's Library and Earl Marshal's Papers
BL	London, the British Library
Bodl.	Oxford, the Bodleian Library
CA	London, the College of Arms
Cambs. Archives	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire Archives
CUL	Cambridge, Cambridge University Library
LPL	London, Lambeth Palace Library
Folger Shakespeare Lib.	Washington (D.C.), Folger Shakespeare Library
Northants. Archives	Northampton, Northamptonshire Archives
Royal Armouries	Leeds and London, the Royal Armouries Archives
Soc. Ant.	London, Society of Antiquaries
TNA (PRO)	London, The National Archives (Public Record Office)
Windsor	Windsor, the Royal Library
Yale Beinecke Lib.	New Haven (Conn.), Yale University Beinecke Library

Recurrent short titles and abbreviations (some of them standard to this journal) are as follows:

Anstis, <i>Garter</i>	John Anstis (ed.), <i>The Register of the Order of the Garter from its cover in Black Velvet usually called the Black Book: with notes and an introduction by the editor</i> (2 vols., London 1724).
APC	<i>Acts of the Privy Council of England</i> (1542-1631). New series, edd. J. R. Dasent et al. (46 vols., London 1890-1964).
<i>Copies of Patents</i>	<i>Copies of Patents Granted to the Earl Marshal, the College of Heralds, the Kings of English Arms: Garter, Clarenceux, Norroy</i> (confidential print for HMG; n.p. [1906]).
CPR	<i>Calendars of Patent Rolls</i> .
CSP Dom.	<i>Calendars of State Papers, Domestic. Edward VI, Mary, Elizabeth I and James I</i> , edd. R. Lemon and Mrs Everett Green (12 vols., 1856-72).
GEC	G. E. C[okayne], <i>The Complete Peerage</i> , revised and enlarged by Vicary Gibbs et al. (13 vols. in 14, London 1910-59).
Godfrey & Wagner, CA	W. H. Godfrey and A. R. Wagner, with H. S. London, <i>The College of Arms</i> (London Survey Committee monograph 16: London 1963)
HCEC	<i>Heralds' Commemorative Exhibition 1484-1934. Illustrated Catalogue</i> (London 1937).
HMC	Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, folio series of Reports (1870-84).
LPFD	<i>Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII</i> , edd. J. Gairdner and R. H. Brodie (22 vols. in 37 parts, London 1861-1932).

⁷ My thanks to Lynsey Darby, Archivist of the College of Arms, and the caretaker editor of this journal for their assistance with this article.

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Ramsay, *Heralds & Heraldry*
 Rymer, *Foedera*

Squibb, *High Court of Chivalry*
 Squibb, *Munimenta Heraldica*
 Steer & Campbell, *CA MS Cat.* 1.
 Stevenson, *Herald in Late Medieval Europe*
 Wagner, *HE*
 Wagner, *H&H*

N. L. Ramsay (ed.), *Heralds and Heraldry in Shakespeare's England* (Donington 2014)
 T. Rymer et al. (edd.), *Foedera, conventiones, literæ, et cujuscunque generis acta publica* [etc.] (20 vols., London 1704-35).
 G. D. Squibb, *The High Court of Chivalry. A study of the Civil Law in England* (Oxford 1959).
 G. D. Squibb (ed.), *Munimenta Heraldica* (Harleian Soc. pubns. new ser. 4: London 1985).
 F. A. Steer and L. Campbell, *A Catalogue of Manuscripts in the College of Arms. Collections*, vol. 1 (London 1988).
 Katie Stevenson (ed.), *The Herald in Late Medieval Europe* (Woodbridge 2009).
 A. R. Wagner, *Heralds of England* (London 1967).
 A. R. Wagner, *Heralds and Heraldry in the Middle Ages* (2nd edn., London 1959).

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1. 3 Sept. 1417: Ordinance of Thomas of Lancaster (d. 1421), Duke of Clarence, Constable of England, regulating the fees of the officers of arms due at the first display of banners (i.e. of armorial bearings) by noblemen and knights. Issued before the town of Caen, probably on 3 Sept. 1417 (but commonly misdated 13 Sept. and 1408 or 1418). Sometimes confused with another ordinance issued by the Thomas of Lancaster on the same day, about the relative precedence of heralds and serjeants at arms.

COPIES: BL MS Add. 34801 fo. 60v (mid 15th cent., although not before 1451)⁸; BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 272v (transcribed by Robert Glover, with his initials at the foot, and written in his most formal or set hand, as if in imitation of an original; Glover has also incorporated an attractive sketch of Thomas of Lancaster's arms, drawn on a shield hanging from the top of the text's initial 'N', and with an archer standing at the left; dated 3 Sept. 1408); Royal Armouries MS RAR.0035(1.35) fos 13v-14 (before 1485); Windsor, 'Wriothesley MS' RCIN 1047414 fo. 41r-v (*temp.* Thomas Wriothesley [d. 1534]; dated 3 Sept., no year).

PRINTED: Anstis, *Garter* vol. 2, p. 322 note k (with comment, 'if genuine'); J. Guillim, *Display of Heraldry* (6th edn., London 1724), penultimate sequence of pagination, pp. 54-5 (in English translation); R. D. Moffat, 'The medieval tournament: chivalry, heraldry and reality. An edition and analysis of three fifteenth-century tournament manuscripts', PhD thesis, Leeds 2010, p. 119 [from Royal Armouries MS RAR.0035(1.35)] and pp. 252-3 [English translation].

DISCUSSED: S. Anglo, 'Financial and heraldic records of the English tournament', *Journal of the Society of Archivists* 2 (1960-4), pp. 183-95 at 189, 195; Wagner, *HE* pp. 66, 74-122; G. A. Lester, *Sir John Paston's 'Grete Boke': a descriptive catalogue, with an introduction, of British Library MS Lansdowne 285* (Cambridge 1984), pp. 145-6 (with list of copies); Steer & Campbell, *CA MS Cat.* 1, p. 35 (CA MS L. 8a); A.

⁸ For this dating of MS Add. 34801, see R. E. Archer, 'Parliamentary restoration: John Mowbray and the Dukedom of Norfolk in 1425', in *Rulers and Ruled in Late Medieval England: Essays Presented to Gerald Harriss*, edd. R. E. Archer and S. Walker (London and Rio Grande, Ohio, 1995), pp. 99-116, at 108(-9), n. 40.

Ailes, 'Ancient precedent or Tudor fiction? Garter King of Arms and the Pronouncements of Thomas, Duke of Clarence', in Stevenson, *Herald in Late Medieval Europe*, pp. 29-39 at 31-2.

2. [1417×21(?): Ordinances issued by Thomas of Lancaster (d. 1421), Duke of Clarence, Constable of England, in which the privileges of Garter King of Arms are defined, and the rights and duties of all four kings in the granting and registration of arms, the holding of chapters and the conducting of funerals are set out. There has been a degree of doubt as to the authenticity of these ordinances since at least the time of Elias Ashmole (who noted that John, Duke of Bedford, was Constable of England from 4 Henry IV until his death in 14 Henry VI [1435]); these doubts seemed to be reinforced by the fact that no manuscript containing them was thought to be of earlier date than the early sixteenth century, the very time when it has been suspected that they were either fabricated or had interpolations incorporated in their text by Sir Thomas Wriothesley, Garter. The copy (in French) in BL MS Add. 4101 fos 62-64 is, however, datable to 1477, being by a French hand and possibly by the same scribe, Jehan Pelhisser, as fos 1-56v.

OTHER COPIES: BL MS Lansdowne 285 fos 207-209; and CA MS Vincent 151 (Vincent's Precedents) pp. 64-8 (early 17th cent.).

PRINTED: Wagner, *H&H* pp. 136-8, Appx. C [from the three known mss, their texts being 'practically identical'].

DISCUSSED: Anstis, *Garter* vol. 2, pp. 323-4 [doubtful of the text's veracity]; Wagner, *H&H* pp. 59-63 and 162, item 21 [accepts as genuine, 'failing new evidence to the contrary']; Wagner, *HE* p. 68; M. H. Keen, *Origins of the English Gentleman* (Stroud 2002), p. 173 n. 28 [gives reasons for believing in the text's 'basic authenticity']; A. Ailes, 'Ancient precedent or Tudor fiction? Garter King of Arms and the Pronouncements of Thomas, Duke of Clarence', in Stevenson, *Herald in Late Medieval Europe*, pp. 29-39 at 31-9 [suggests that the ordinances are an adaptation of those issued by Richard, Duke of Gloucester, 1469×83].

3. 5 Jan. 1419/20 or 1420/1: Ordinances made by the kings and heralds of arms in chapter, at Rouen: 28 articles, forming a set of rules for the governance of the Office of Arms. In French or Anglo-Norman.

COPIES: BL MS Add. 4101 fos 57-61 (transcript, 1477, which belonged to Sir Thomas Wriothesley), with English translation by a slightly later hand at fos 71-5; CA MSS L. 6 fos 131-135 (early 16th cent.), L. 14.2 fos 211-214 (early 17th cent.), with English translation at fos 216-219, and Vincent 151 (Vincent's Precedents), pp. 69-76, with English translation at pp. 77-85; Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 pp. 58-65 (transcribed by Elias Ashmole from Nicholas Charles's 'Collectanea', then in the possession of William Ryley); Cambridge, Sir John Baker, MS 581 fo. 3v (c. 1730).

PRINTED: H. S. London, *The Life of William Bruges, the first Garter King of Arms* (Harleian Soc. pubns. vol. 111-112: London 1970, for 1959-60), pp. 98-103, 103-7, appx. xii [from BL MS Add. 4101, mis-cited as Harl. 4101; with English translation, printed from the same MS].

DISCUSSED: *HCEC* p. 87, no. 160; Wagner, *H&H* p. 64; Wagner, *HE* pp. 68-9; Steer & Campbell, *CA MS Cat.* 1, pp. 31, 68 [list of other copies]; J. W. Armstrong, 'The development of the Office of Arms in England, c. 1413-1485', in Stevenson, *The Herald in Late Medieval Europe*, pp. 9-28 at 26; A. Ailes, 'Ancient precedent or Tudor fiction? Garter King of Arms and the Pronouncements of Thomas, Duke of Clarence', *ibid.* pp. 29-39 at 37-9 [develops suggestion that the ordinances are a hybrid, partly based on the orders issued by Richard, Duke of Gloucester, 1469×83].

4. [before 18 Dec. 1439]: Petition of the Kings of Arms for livery clothing out of the Great Wardrobe, 'lyk to other squiers of the kyngges court', at every Christmas (as in the past had been given by previous kings); 'and this in honneur of gentillesse and way of charite'. This was granted on 18 Dec. 1439.

PRINTED: *Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council of England*, ed. N. H. Nicolas, vol. 5 (London 1835), p. 114 [from BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 160v].

5. 22 Nov. 1446: Letter of Garter, Lancaster and Guienne Kings of Arms and the heralds and [other] officers of arms of England to Normandy and Berry Kings of Arms, asking them to intervene—in accordance with the rights of the heraldic office—on behalf of Huntingdon Herald, 'notre frere en office ... serviteur en particulier de hault et puissant prince Monsieur le Duc de E[xeter]', who has been long imprisoned and harshly treated in France, where he had been bearing certain messages.

COPY: BL MS Add. 9020 fo. 199 [transcribed by J. Anstis (d. 1744) from a Cotton MS, 'inter libros nondum in oculis positos n. x', p. 185].

DISCUSSED: H. S. London and A. R. Wagner, 'Heralds of the nobility', in *GEC* vol. 11, Appx. C, pp. 39-104 at 72.

6. 18 Feb. 1473/4: Chapter ruling that where a nobleman has a claim by descent to three or four coats of arms, and then acquires a further claim by descent to quarter a royal coat, he may bear that coat alone (not quartered with any of lesser dignity). This ruling was evidently made in support of the desire of Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, to bear the arms of Edward III's son, Thomas of Woodstock, Earl of Buckingham; as Stephen Martin Leake observed, the ruling was made just a few days before Stafford was elected K.G., and it was probably intended to justify his bearing on his Garter stallplate the arms of Thomas of Woodstock only, 'wherein the border is so narrow as hardly to be distinguished' [CA MS SML. 56 p. 25].

COPIES: BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 197v (early 16th cent.), and Cotton MS Titus C. i fo. 404 (late 16th cent.); CA MS Heralds III fo. 1014, and MS Vincent 151 (Vincent's Precedents) p. 164 [in English]; LPL MS 318 fo. [2v] (late 16th cent.); Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 pp. 50-1 [transcribed by Elias Ashmole from fo. 14 of a book of Nicholas Charles's collections belonging to William Ryley, Clarenceux].

PRINTED: F. Sandford, *A Genealogical History of the Kings of England* (London 1677), p. 232 [2nd edn. (1707), p. 234; from CA MS L. 1 (i.e. L. 1bis, now lost) fo. 15 (fo. 14v, according to Anstis in BL MS Add. 9020)]; A. C. Fox-Davies, *Complete Guide to Heraldry* (London 1909), p. 556 [from BL Cotton MS Titus C. i]; R. Dennys, *Heraldry and the Heralds* (London 1982), p. 110 [apparently from CA MS Heralds III].

DISCUSSED: W. H. St J. Hope, 'On a grant of arms under the Great Seal of Edward IV to Louis de Bruges, Seigneur de la Gruthuyse and Earl of Winchester, 1472', *Archaeologia* 56.1 (1898), pp. 27-38 at 38; J. H. Round, *Peerage and Pedigree: studies in peerage law and family history* (2 vols., London 1910), vol. 2 pp. 357-8; Wagner, *HE* p. 69; C. Rawcliffe, *The Staffords, Earls of Stafford and Dukes of Buckingham, 1394-1521* (Cambridge etc. 1978), p. 31; R. A. Griffiths, 'The Crown and the royal family in later Medieval England', in *Kings and Nobles in the Later Middle Ages*, edd. R. A. Griffiths and J. W. Sherborne (Gloucester and New York 1986), pp. 15-26 at 19-20.

7. [1469×83, these being the years when Richard, Duke of Gloucester, was Constable]: Orders issued by Richard, Duke of Gloucester, Constable of England (later Richard III), for the reformation of the Office of Arms. These ordinances were at one time attributed to Henry V's brother, Thomas of Lancaster (d. 1421), Duke of Clarence; latterly, Wagner accepted that they seem to be Richard's and 'may have been the genuine original on which spurious orders of the Duke of Clarence may have been built up by Wriothesley' [*HE* p. 68].

COPIES: CA MS Herald's II fos 700 (four paragraphs only; early to mid 16th cent.), 701-704v (17th cent.), 705-706v (17th(?) cent.; incomplete); MS Herald's V fo. 120v [articles 1 and 4 only; early 17th cent.; seemingly copied from 'the latter part' of a roll marked with a five-pointed star or mullet]; BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fos 36-37; Cotton MS Julius C. ix fos 150-151 (early 16th cent.); Cotton MS Tiberius E. viii fos 158-159 (mid(?) 16th cent.); Bodl. MS Ashmole 840 pp. 57-9 (copied from Cotton MS Julius C. ix); Dugdale family collection MS *sine numero* [copied 'ex vet. charta in Bibl. Cotton.'].

PRINTED: N. L. Ramsay, 'Richard III and the Office of Arms', in *The Yorkist Age*, edd. H. Kleineke and C. Steer (Donington 2013), pp. 142-63 [based on Julius C. ix; collates other mss].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *H&H* pp. 136-8; Wagner, *HE* pp. 39, 67-8; Anne F. Sutton and L. Visser-Fuchs, *Richard III's Books: Ideals and reality in the life of a medieval prince* (Stroud 1997), pp. 143, 185 (dating the orders to the late 1470s); A. Ailes, 'Ancient precedent or Tudor fiction? Garter King of Arms and the Pronouncements of Thomas, Duke of Clarence', in Stevenson, *Herald in Late Medieval Europe*, pp. 29-39 at 31-5.

8. 2 March 1484: Charter of Richard III, granting the officers of arms corporate status and giving them the house called Coldharbour (on the site of today's 89 Upper Thames Street) and a licence in mortmain to acquire property worth up to £20 a year for the maintenance of a chaplain. The grant was made without any fine or fee being charged: *British Library Harleian Manuscript 433*, edd. R. Horrox and P. W. Hammond (4 vols., London 1979-83), vol. 1, p. 157.

ORIGINAL: BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 23; enrolled on the Patent Roll, 1 Richard III, pt. 3, C 66/554, m. 5.

PRINTED: Rymer, *Foedera*, vol. 12, pp. 215-16 [full text], whence reprinted by M. Noble, *History of the College of Arms* (London 1805), appx., pp. i-iii [incomplete, omitting the grant of Coldharbour]; [A. C. Fox-Davies], *The Right to Bear Arms* (2nd

edn., London 1900), pp. 95-9 [in English translation]; *Copies of Patents*, pp. 10-12; Squibb, *Munimenta Heraldica*, pp. 14-19, no. 1 [with English translation].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* pp. 130-1, 134.

9. 8 Nov. 1487: Order of Thomas Stanley, Earl of Derby, Constable of England, regulating (and increasing) the fees due to the officers of arms at the first displaying of the banner [i.e., at the creation] of a duke (£20), marquis (20 marks), earl (£10), viscount (10 marks), baron (£5) and knight banneret (5 marks).

COPIES: CA MSS L. 12b fo. 8v [early 16th cent., being a transcript made for Sir Thomas Wriothesley, who d. as Garter 1534], WC p. 40, WH fo. 345, and SML. 15 p. 25; BL MS Harley 6064 fo. 49v [by Robert Glover's hand]; CUL MS Add. 9532 fo. 67v (early 17th cent.).

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* p. 74.

10. 14 Nov. 1487: Chapter ordinances, setting out a timetable for the attendance at court of all the officers of arms (including March and Falcon), each king, herald and pursuivant being assigned a 'waytinge season' of a month and a half (beginning with Garter, Windsor and Bluemantle, for December and half of January); together with a note of the 'livery' to be assigned to the officers at each principal feast, by signet bill signed by Spelman.

COPIES: CA MS Heralds I fos 220-221 (17th cent.), MS Heralds II fos 545-546 [in the hand of Richard Turpyn, d. 1581 as Windsor Herald; dated—impossibly—Wed. 19 Nov.], MS L. 5bis fo. 128r-v [16th cent.; as Wed. 19 Nov., and with date 2 Jan. 1528/9, and so presumably taken from Thomas Wall's transcript] and MS R. 36 (Hare's MS I) fos 214v-215 [also dated as Wed. 19 Nov.; transcribed in the later 16th cent. from a copy made by Thomas Wall, Windsor Herald, 2 Jan. 1528/9]; BL MS Add. 9020 fo. 69, and MS Harley 1499 fos 73v-74 [perhaps written by or for Thomas Tong, c. 1530s; dated as Wed. 19 Nov.]; Yale Beinecke Lib. Osborn MS fb 162 fo. 63r-v [16th cent.; dated Wed. 19 Nov. and purportedly copied from a transcript made by T. Wallis (*sic*), 2 Jan. 1528/9]; Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 pp. 541-3 [17th cent.; dated Wed. 19 Nov. and purportedly copied from a transcript entered by Thomas Wall into a book of his own, 2 Jan. 1528/9, in which it is stated that this bill was signed H, 'as Kinge Henry the viith did vse to signe'].

DISCUSSED: Anstis, *Garter*, I, p. 473; Wagner, *HE* pp. 97, 136.

11. [before 21 May 1516]: Petition to the King by Thomas Wall, Lancaster 1509-16, on behalf of all the officers of arms, for their accustomed largess at coronations and marriages of his progenitors and for 'other certeyne privileges'.

COPY: BL MS Add. 9019 fo. 4 [transcribed from Sir Chumley Dering's MS L.6.15 p. 30].

12. 26 April 1509: Chapter ordinance (made in a meeting in the Chapter House of the Augustinian Friars, north of Old Broad Street) providing for daily attendance by the officers of arms upon the King, in monthly rotation, and about their maintenance as part of the royal household. The text of the ordinance is followed by a copy of a note

requesting the King to sign the document and thus turn it into a bill that will direct the Lord Steward of the Household etc. to provide the officers of arms who are in daily attendance with their due liveries.

COPY: CA MS D.4 fo. 148r-v (c. 1520×50).

13. 23 May 1523: Chapter agreement (in a meeting held at the Friars Observant of Greenwich) confirming previous ordinances about fees, to be observed by the kings and heralds of arms, 'wherunto the then officers at armes did set their signes manuel'. Anstis seems to have understood the reiterated ordinances to be those of Thomas of Lancaster, 1417×21: see Windsor, 'Wriothesley MS' RCIN 1047414 fo. 41r-v (*temp.* Thomas Wriothesley [d. 1534]), note to text at fos 62-4 [citing the now-lost MS of Sir Chumley Dering, L.6.1 fo. 161v]. Anstis's supposition seems borne out by the copy in Richard Lee's notebook, BL MS Add. 11320 fos 24-26v; cf. CA MS A.9 fo. 18v-19.

COPIES: CA MS Heralds II fo. 967v (17th cent.); BL MS Harley 1123 fos 11v-12v (early 17th cent.); Bodl. MS Ashmole 763 fos 181v-182v (late 16th cent.); Dublin, Trinity College MS 518 p. 108 (16th cent.; dated 13 May, year unclear; with contemporary note that these articles were sorted after another manner by Charles, Duke of Suffolk, Lord Marshal of England, in 20 Henry VIII [1528-9]).

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *H&H* pp. 62, 162; A. Ailes, 'Ancient precedent or Tudor fiction? Garter King of Arms and the Pronouncements of Thomas, Duke of Clarence', in Stevenson, *Herald in Late Medieval Europe*, pp. 29-39 at 35-7 [suggesting that these ordinances were altered and put forward by Thomas Wriothesley, Garter; and listing other copies].

14. [1524×33, these being the years when Brandon was Earl Marshal; possibly 1528×9: see no 13 above]: Orders of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, Earl Marshal, directing who may be granted arms and regulating the fees to be paid for patents of arms.

COPIES: BL MS Add. 11320 fos 136v-137v [transcribed by Richard Lee, 18 Oct. 1591, from the original 'with the hande and Seall' of Brandon, in the possession of Robert Cooke, Clarenceux]; CA MS R.36 (Hare's MS I) fos 179v-180 [transcribed on 20 Oct. 1591 from original belonging to Robert Cooke, Clarenceux]; MS R.37 (Hare's MS II) fo. 82 (early 17th cent.); MS Heralds II fo. 552 [early 17th cent.; with added note by John Anstis of there being a copy in Sir Chumley Dering's MS L.6.15 fo. 9v]; MS Heralds V fos 120v-121 (early 17th cent.; perhaps copied from a book or roll marked with a five-pointed star or mullet and a bird); and MS SML 15 pp. 271-2 [transcribed from R.36].

PRINTED: J. Dallaway, *Inquiries into the Origin and Progress of the Science of Heraldry in England* (Gloucester 1793), pp. 170-1 [from Heralds II fo. 552].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *H&H* p. 79; Wagner, *HE* pp. 119, 166-7; S. J. Gunn, *Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, c. 1484-1545* (Oxford 1988), p. 123.

15. [1524×33, these being the years when Brandon was Earl Marshal]: Petition of the officers of arms to Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, Earl Marshal, that the King might grant them a house in which to hold their chapters and keep their libraries, and that they may only be sued in the Earl Marshal's court.

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COPIES: BL MS Add. 9020 fo. 37; Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 pp. 510-16 (17th cent.).

DISCUSSED: Squibb, *High Court of Chivalry*, p. 39; Wagner, *HE* pp. 98, 181; S. J. Gunn, *Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, c. 1484-1545* (Oxford 1988), p. 123.

Similar to this in various ways is a petition to the King (unnamed) by the kings, heralds and officers of arms, pointing out that they no longer have a house, their books and registers are dispersed, and they have suffered abridgement of their liveries and bouche of court; they seek some augmentation of the latter, and also a house (with rents thereto, to support it), as was promised by the King's father.

COPIES: CA MS M. 16 *bis* fo. 106 [mid 16th cent.; perhaps in the hand of Thomas Hawley, d. 1557, as Clarenceux] and MS Heralds II fos 539-544 [in the hand of Richard Turpyn, d. 1581 as Windsor Herald]; BL MS Add. 5758 fo. 248 [mid 16th cent. or earlier].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* p. 98; Steer & Campbell, *CA MS Cat* 1, p. 149 [giving grounds for dating the petition to 1526 or later].

Similar too is a petition to the King (unnamed) by the kings, heralds and pursuivants of arms, requesting only the restoration of their liveries and bouche of court; Anstis suggested that this was made after these had been omitted from Henry VIII's Eltham Ordinances of Jan. 1526 [cf. *LPFD* IV pt. 1, no. 1939 and IV pt. 3, p. 3096, Appx. no. 63].

PRINTED: Anstis, *Garter* 1, p. 474 note g [from Anstis's MS E. 9, p. 3].

Also extant is: 'A byll of Peticyon made to the duke of Suffolke highe Marshall of England by thofficers of Armes', seeking the confirmation or restoration of their privileges (unspecified) from the Crown, in part as set down by Thomas of Lancaster; comprises 35 unnumbered articles.

COPY: CA MS R. 36 (Hare's MS vol. I) fos 211v-214 (early 17th cent.).

PRINTED: Anstis, *Garter* 1, pref., p. xxix [the 29th art.].

16. *Temp.* Henry VIII: Draft ordinances for the Office of Arms.

COPY: Alnwick Castle MS F. 367 fo. 24 (16th cent.; possibly once belonged to Thomas Wriothesley, d. 1534 as Garter); bought by the Duke of Northumberland at Anstis's sale; cf. *HMC Third Report* (1872), appx., p. 113].

PRINTED: [A. Way(?)], 'Regulations proposed for the Office of Arms in the reign of Henry VIII', *Archaeological Journal* 13 (1856), pp. 164-70 [from the Northumberland MS].

17. 19 July 1529: Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy kings of arms testified as to the authenticity of documents gathered by Abbot Islip, at the legatine tribunal that had been authorised by Pope Clement VII to investigate the marriage of Henry VIII and Katharine of Aragon [H. A. Kelly, *The Matrimonial Trials of Henry VIII* (Stanford, Calif., 1976), p. 125, citing the record of this tribunal, CUL MS Dd.13.26 fo. 67r-v].

18. After Christmas 1530: Memorandum that it was 'accorded' among the kings and heralds that no officer extraordinary should henceforth share in a partition, unless by special favour. Undated, but follows Christmas entry.

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COPY: CA MS entitled on spine 'Partition Book, Temp. Hen. VIII & Edw. VI,' second section fo. 20v.

19. 5 Jan. 1531 ('Twelfth Day'): Chapter decree that no extraordinary officer should henceforth have 'any parte' [of largess], except by favour of the Office.

COPY: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 35v.

20. 18 Aug. 1532: Order of Henry VIII to Thomas Wriothesley, Garter, that he and either Clarenceux or Norroy, each with three servants, and Carlisle, Richmond, Lancaster and Windsor Heralds, each with two servants, and Rouge Croix, Portcullis, Bluemantle, Rouge Dragon and Berwick Pursuivants, each with one servant, come to attend upon him at Canterbury on 26 Sept. (in preparation for his meeting with Francis I, king of France, at Calais in October).

COPIES: BL MSS Harley 69 fos 56v-57 (c. 1610s) and Harley 4900 fo. 46.

PRINTED: *The Chronicle of Calais in the Reigns of Henry VII and Henry VIII to the year 1540*, ed. J. G. Nichols (Camden Soc. pubns. o.s. 35: London 1846), p. 116 [from Harley 69]; *LPPD* vol. 5 p. 537, no. 1232 [calendared, from Harley 4900].

21. 1 Nov. 1533: Chapter decree that any officer who owes money must bring it in before he can receive any largess.

COPY: CA MS entitled on spine 'Partition Book, Temp. Hen. VIII & Edw. VI,' second section fo. 39.

22. June×Aug. 1534: Petition of the heralds to Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, about the next appointment to the office of Carlisle herald. Datable to between June (when Thomas Hawley received his patent as Norroy) and 2 August (when Leonard Warcop was created Carlisle).

COPY: Alnwick Castle MS F. 367 fo. 16 [16th cent. (possibly once belonged to Thomas Wriothesley, d. 1534 as Garter); bought by the Duke of Northumberland at Anstis's sale; cf. *HMC Third Report* (1872), appx., p. 113].

23. Aug.×Dec. 1534; datable from relative seniority of petitioning heralds]: Remembrance to Master [Henry] Norris [chief of the Privy Chamber and keeper of the privy purse], in which the officers of arms (seven heralds, ending with Montorgueil and Somerset) request their accustomed livery of coats of arms and largess; they remit the £50 for the King's marriage [to Anne Boleyn, in Jan. 1533], because they were not present at this.

COPY: TNA (PRO) Exchequer TR Books, E 36/11 fos 34-35 [contemporary].

24. 18 Oct. 1535: 'Certificacion' or declaration by Clarenceux and Norroy kings of arms and Richmond, Lancaster and Windsor Heralds that Sir Charles Brandon on 17 May 1513 was created Viscount de L'Isle at the King's house at Greenwich and that on 2 Feb. following he was created Duke of Suffolk at Lambeth Palace. In French. Brandon's creation as Duke of Suffolk is dated 1 Feb. in GEC vol. 12.1, p. 455.

COPY: CA MS R. 36 (Hare's MS, vol. I) fo. 98v (contemporary).

25. 23 April 1537: Agreement that the fees from knights shall 'be put in a Box and soo

kept vntill the next tyme of partition, the said Box to haue ii keyes, which keyes to be in the keepinge of Mr Garter and Mr Clarencieulx.'

COPY: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 64v.

26. 3 June 1538: Oath taken to obey their superiors and to keep the old statutes and articles of the Office of Arms, 'in playne Chapter holden and kept at the graye frieres in London', by all the (unnamed) officers who were present. It is further stated that in the Duke of Norfolk's absence, his representative is Garter, chief and principal king at arms of all Englishmen.

COPIES: TNA (PRO) E 36/113 fo. 31 [contemporary copy, rather calligraphic, bound into a book of papers relating to the office of Garter etc.]; BL MS Harley 6064 fo. 40 [transcribed by Robert Glover].

27. April 1539 × April 1540: Articles of the officers of arms 'put unto the Lorde Marshall for a redresse and reformation to be hadde in the Offyce of Armes', expressing their wish for the recovery of Coldharbour or any other house in which to keep their books, the restoration of bouche of court, the banning of painters and waxchanders from involvement in funerals except with the advice of the Office, the sending of a herald or pursuivant with any embassy to foreign parts 'to haue the bettre knowlege therbie in languages', the reformation of mourning apparel (only gentlemen of name and of arms to wear hoods), etc.

COPY: BL MS Add. 9019 fos 8-10 [transcript by J. Anstis from the now-lost MS of Sir Chumley Dering, L.6.1 p. 166].

28. 20 (or possibly 26)⁹ June 1539: Chapter held for the unity and concord of all the officers of arms and for reformation thereof, settling the rights of Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy kings of arms: Garter is allowed the conduct of funerals of Knights of the Garter and their wives, and the ordering of the lords of parliament; Clarenceux and Norroy are to give all patents of arms and crests and are alone to carry out visitations and to correct false arms. Also asserts that any proposed new officer of arms is to be called before Chapter, so that the existing officers can see if 'they fynd hym able by hys witte, learninge and auncientye to be admitted' to the post; only then will he be presented to the Earl Marshal. Signed by the three kings and seven heralds.

COPIES: CA MS R. 36 (Hare's MS, vol. I) fos 148v-150 (16th cent.; as 20 June), MS R. 37 (Hare's MS, vol. II) fos 60-61v [transcript, 1596, stated to be from the original in the hands of the officers of arms], MS Heralds VII, pp. 239-42 (early or mid 17th cent.), MS Heralds III fos 1275-1276 [in a Tudor hand, to the end of fo. 1276; completed in John Anstis's hand, from a copy in Sir Chumley Dering's MS L.6.15 fo. 52v] and 1269-1271 (later 17th cent.), and MS Vincent 431 [late 16th or early 17th cent.; dated 20 June, but with signatures dated 26 June] pp. 1-5; Bodl. MS Ashmole 858 pp. 280-2 [transcribed by Elias Ashmole 'ex Autogr. penes Ed: Walker Garter']; TNA (PRO) SP 12/42 fos 131-134v, art. 57 [Chapter, of three kings and seven heralds, dated 20 June, but with signatures, of six heralds, dated 26 June; early 17th

⁹ It is possible that 26 June was the date when the orders were signed and sealed, they having been agreed to on 20 June.

cent.); BL MS Add. 6297 fos 61v-64v (late 17th cent. or later; dated 20 June).

PRINTED: R. Dennys, *Heraldry and the Heralds* (London 1982), p. 148 [excerpt, about the appointment of officers of arms; from CA R. 36].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* pp. 179-80 (dating as 26 June).

On 25 June 1539, Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy entered into a bond for due observance of this set of articles [copy, late 17th cent. or later, in BL MS Add. 6297 fos 64v-69; another copy, by John Anstis, is in CA MS Heralds III fo. 1276v, transcribed from Sir Chumley Dering's MS L.6.15].

29. [1536×40]: Chapter complaints against Christopher Barker, Garter: 'Certaine Articles consented and agreed to in Chapter hertofore against the vsurping of Garter as shall appeare by the hands of the Officers subscribed to the same, and now newly in Chapter deliberated vpon.' Seventeen articles, critical of Garter, and in support of the rights of the provincial kings; undated, but after the time of Clarenceux Tong (d. 1536). In part, a reiteration of the nine 'Articles against the vsurped authortye of Christopher Barker, Garter', addressed to the King and his Council [Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 pp. 425-8].

COPY: Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 pp. 467-72 (17th cent.).

30. 19 Jan. 1540: Chapter decree that any officer who receives money that pertains to the whole Office is to hand it over for the next partition, on pain of loss of his share of largesses. Signed by the three kings and seven heralds. CA MS lettered on spine 'Old Partition. Miscell. Lanc. & Salop. F. Thynne' fo. 26v.

COPIES: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) p. 79 (dated 10 Jan); and MS Heralds III fo. 1273r-v (dated 10 Jan.; 17th cent.).

31. [1540s(?):] Petition of the officers of arms to 'your grace' (presumably the Earl Marshal—and most likely Charles Brandon [d. 1545], Duke of Suffolk) and the Council, for parts of the premises of St Paul's Cathedral, including 'the longe Chappell ... to keype our Chaptre in', Sherrington's Chapel (outside the north door) 'for our paynters' and the library-room set up by Sherrington.

COPY: CA MS lettered on spine 'Old Partition. Miscell. Lanc. & Salop. F. Thynne' fo. 6v [contemporary; by or at least for Christopher Barker, Garter].

32. 10 Jan. 1545: Chapter agreement to observe the ordinance of 31 Henry VIII (1539-40), and that Chester and Carlisle Heralds shall have no share of largesses etc. until they have paid in what they have received at Newcastle and in Scotland. Original, signed by Garter, Richmond and Somerset: CA MS lettered on spine 'Old Partition. Miscell. Lanc. & Salop. F. Thynne' fo. 49.

COPY: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 101v.

33. 16 Jan. 1549: Record of Chapter held at Clarenceux's house in the Barbican. Richmond Herald being called to make his purgation for wrongs done to the Office (not delivering to the officers the full measure of the black cloth and scarlet that he had received from the King's Great Wardrobe), he asked forgiveness and offered to pay 40s. in recompense.

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COPY: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 128 (contemporary; headed 11 Jan.; dated 16 Jan. in text).

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* p. 113.

34. 4 June 1549: Edward VI's grant to the officers of arms of exemption from subsidies, fifteenths and similar taxes, as well as a general confirmation of the Office's ancient privileges.

ORIGINAL: College of Arms. The letters patent and their container cost a total of £10 15s. 8d: Bodl. MS Ashmole 840 p. 479.

COPIES: TNA (PRO) Chancery Patent Roll, 3 Edward VI, pt. 3, C 66/817, mm. 48-49; the original is endorsed as enrolled in Exchequer K.R. Memoranda Roll, 4 Edward VI, Hilary Term, Recorda, and Exchequer L.T.R. Memoranda Roll, 3 Edward VI, Michaelmas Term, Recorda, rot. 3; CA MS Heralds II fos 840-842v, 846-848; Bodl. MS Ashmole 840 p. 459 [excerpt, in Robert Glover's hand, of the main section about tax exemption; in English translation]; BL MSS Add. 6284 fos 87-93 [c. 1610s; in English translation], and Add. 11388 fos 166-168 [by Francis Thynne (d. 1608); copied from an exemplification granted by Elizabeth, 30 Jan. 1576].

PRINTED: Rymer, *Foedera*, vol. 15, pp. 186-9 [from Patent Roll]; J. Guillim, *Display of Heraldry*, 6th edn. (London, 1724), penultimate sequence of pagination, pp. 55-6 (in English translation); Anstis, *Garter* 1, pp. xxiv-xxvii [from the original (letters patent), 'in a more complete and accurate state than what is given in the *Foedera* ... from the Patent Roll', according to W. H. Black, *Catalogue of the Manuscripts bequeathed unto the University of Oxford by Elias Ashmole, Esq.* (Oxford 1845), col. 838, art. 82]; M. Noble, *History of the College of Arms* (London 1805), appx., pp. iii-vii [from a very imperfect text, having numerous omissions]; *CPR 1548-9*, p. 203 [summarily calendared]; Squibb, *Munimenta Heraldica*, pp. 85-9, no. 26 [from the original letters patent].

DISCUSSED: *HCEC* p. 76, no. 115; Wagner, *HE* pp. 100-1; *Two Tudor Subsidy Assessment Rolls for the City of London: 1541 and 1582*, ed. R. G. Lang (London Record Soc. pubns. 29: London 1993), pp. xlviii-l.

35. 19 Jan. 1550: Chapter agreement that all gowns from noblemen's creations shall be divided among those of the Office that are present. Bodl. MS Ashmole 1113 fo. 79v [in the hand of Charles Wriothesley, Windsor; with the purported (but facsimile?) signatures of Clarenceux, Norroy, Windsor and York].

36. c. 1553: Petition of the officers of arms to Queen Mary, against the dean of Westminster, seeking the constituent elements of Edward VI's hearse.

COPIES: CA MS R. 37 (Hare's MS, vol. II) fo. 42 (early 17th cent.); BL MS Add. 9019 fo. 251 [transcribed by J. Anstis from Sir Chumley Dering's MS L.6.1 (*sic*)]; Bodl. MS Ashmole 840 p. 615 [contemporary copy].

PRINTED: Squibb, *Munimenta Heraldica*, pp. 90-1, no. 29 [from Ashm. 840].

37. 5 Dec. 1554: Chapter agreement that Ulster King of Arms [Bartholomew Butler] should not share in the partition for the Earl of Kildare's creation, 'inasmoche as that

he is an extraordinary here in Englande, and hath also sundry wayes mysvsed hym self towards the offyce of armes.'

COPY(?), with purported signatures of Garter and others: CA MS lettered on spine 'Old Partition. Miscell. Lanc. & Salop. F. Thynne' fo. 125.

38. 18 July 1555: Charter of King Philip and Queen Mary, making the three kings, six heralds and the other officers of arms a corporation with perpetual succession, and granting them [subject to an existing lease] the house called Derby Place [site of the present premises of the College of Arms].

ORIGINAL: College of Arms.

COPY: Patent Roll, 2 & 3 Philip & Mary, part 2, C 66/898, m. 5.

PRINTED: Rymer, *Foedera*, vol. 15, pp. 423-5 [Latin text, from Patent Roll], whence reprinted by M. Noble, *History of the College of Arms* (London 1805), appx., pp. vii-x; J. Guillim, *Display of Heraldry*, 6th edn. (London, 1724), penultimate sequence of pagination, pp. 57-8 (in English translation); *Copies of Patents*, pp. 13-16; *CPR 1555-7*, p. 31 [calendared]; Squibb, *Munimenta Heraldica*, pp. 20-7, no. 2 [from the original letters patent; with English translation].

DISCUSSED: *HCEC*, no. 114; Wagner, *HE* p. 182.

39. Late 1558 or early 1559: Petition to the Queen for payment of a largess of £86 13s. 4d, 'For the payment wherof the Treasurer of your highnes chamber, hath a warrant dormant', the money having been due since the time of Sir William Cavendish [d. 25 Oct. 1557] as Treasurer of the Chamber.

COPY: CA MS Vincent 92 p. 143.

40. 26 Jan. 1559: Decision to make an ex-gratia gift of 10s. to each pursuivant from the monies received at the making of Knights of the Bath at the Queen's coronation (although the number of such knights is less than in the past).

COPIES: CA MS lettered on spine 'Old Partition. Miscell. Lanc. & Salop. F. Thynne' fo. 135, and Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 199v (contemporary).

41. 13 June 1559: Declaration that it is unlawful for a foreign prince to bear the arms of England other than in pale (as in token of marriage), and that although the grandfather of Mary, Queen of Scots, married a daughter of Henry VII, she cannot bear any escutcheon of the arms of England; and that the escutcheon of arms (displayed by her) lately brought out of France and delivered to the Office of Arms by the Duke of Norfolk, is falsely marshalled and against the law of arms. [Copies of a painting of the arms displayed by Mary, 'Sent out of Fraunce in July 1559' are in e.g. Humfrey Dyson's collections of Elizabethan proclamations, Bodl. Arch.G.C.6 fo. 20, and Folger Shakespeare Lib. STC 7758.3 vol. 3, no. 5 (both c. 1600 or later). The arms were formally condemned in a royal proclamation, 24 Mar. 1560.]

COPIES: BL Cotton MS Titus D. xxi fo. 28 (beginning of the 17th cent.); BL MSS Add. 25247 fo. 304 (early 17th cent.), Harley 69 fo. 56v (early 17th cent.) and Harley 1123 fo. 10 (later (?) 17th cent.); CA MS Vincent 151 (Vincent's Precedents) p. 165; MS WZ fo. 199 [transcript, presumably made for Sir William Le Neve, c. 1635].

DISCUSSED: H. Ellis, 'Observations upon a presumed nuptial ring of Mary Queen of Scots', *Archaeologia* 33 (1849), pp. 354-8; C. W. Scott-Giles, *The Romance of Heraldry* (corrected reprint, London and New York 1957), pp. 162-5 [observing that Mary could legitimately bear the English royal arms quarterly with those of Scotland, but not as an escutcheon of pretence (whether whole or halved)]; N. J. Williams, *Thomas Howard, Fourth Duke of Norfolk* (London 1964), pp. 52-3; J. A. Guy, *'My Heart is My Own': the life of Mary Queen of Scots* (London 2004), pp. 95, 96, 464 and 509.

42. 8 Dec. 1559: Record of Chapter discussion, at Garter's house, as to whether the Chapter could bind future decisions by the Office. It was agreed that Clarenceux and Norroy could call Chapters for their own provinces, and when Garter alleged that he could also call Chapters, this was also agreed to. It was also decided to appoint one of the officers as Treasurer and another as 'Register'; Martin Marrof, York, was appointed to the latter post.

43. 30 April 1560 (and 12 Nov. 1560, 24 Dec. 1560, undated, 2 or 3 Feb. 1561, 1 Mar. 1561, 11 Mar. 1561, 10 April 1561 and 21 or 22 May 1561): Chapter decisions that [Laurence Dalton] Norroy make his 'purgation' because of his allegedly having the French pox; his failure to do so, and the decision to exclude him from Chapter meetings and to allow him only a reduced share in partitions etc., followed by his rebuttal of these claims—which included his showing the Duke of Norfolk a testimonial signed by two physicians—and his subsequent efforts to reclaim his lost income. BL MS Harley 5826 fos 39-40 (drafts, for 11 Mar. and 10 April 1561).
 COPIES: CA MS lettered on spine 'Old Partition. Miscell. Lanc. & Salop. F. Thynne' fos 139v, 140, 143 (decision of 24 Dec., signed by Garter, Clarenceux and four heralds, and thus classifiable as an original), 143v-144, 144v-145, 145v, 146v and 151; CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fos 214v, 215v, 220v-223, 224, 226v-227 and 229v (contemporary; some dates different from those given above).

44. 10 or 11 April 1561: Chapter decisions that the old Office seal should be [re]-engraved and [re]-made [cf. *HCEC*, p. 87], that a quittance be made in the name of the whole Office for the receipt of money due from Sir Richard Sackville for Derby House, and that Derby House be viewed. CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 224 [as 10 April], and MS lettered on spine 'Old Partition. Miscell. Lanc. & Salop. F. Thynne' fo. 146v [as 11 April].

45. 22 April 1561: Chapter held at Christ Church [Newgate St., London], in the presence of Thomas Radcliffe, Earl of Sussex, at which Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, ordered that no patents of arms were to be granted without his consent, and that a book recording all the arms granted since the first year of Elizabeth's reign should be made and presented to him. Referred to by Sir Gilbert Dethick in CA MS Vincent 92 p. 482. A list of the sixteen grants made by Dethick, Garter, since the start of the reign, and down to 20 March 1561, 'wherof I haue heretofore delyvered a booke to the Duke of Norffolk in Collors', is in MS Vincent 157 no. 219; a similar list, of eleven grants made by him after 27 [*sic*] April 1561, and down to 1 Feb. 1565, is in MS Vincent 157 (Vincent's Old Grants) no. 193. A list of all those who were

granted arms by William Flower, Norroy, from the time of his creation, 8 Feb. 1562, until 1585, is in CA MS R.21 fo. 57.

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

DISCUSSED: P. Gwynn-Jones, 'Tudor enigmas', *CoA* 3rd ser. 1 (2005), pp. 73-104 at 79-81, 98 and 103-4, printing Vincent 92 pp. 482-5; C. E. A. Cheesman, 'Grants and confirmations of arms', in Ramsay, *Heralds & Heraldry*, pp. 68-104 at 73, 75.

46. [17 Nov. 1561 × 16 Nov. 1562, being the fourth regnal year of Elizabeth]: Chapter ruling, made at the Embroiderers' Hall, London, stating that women may bear neither any crest nor—save in a lozenge—their father's arms.

COPIES: BL MSS Harley 6064 fo. 37 [in Robert Glover's hand], and Add. 11320 fo. 86v [by Richard Lee, d. 1597 as Clarenceux]; CA MS R.21 fo. 139 (17th cent.), and MS Heralds V fo. 113 (early 17th cent.); Bodl. MSS Ashmole 837 fo. 55v, 857 pp. 133-4 [transcribed from MS belonging to Sir William Le Neve] and 858 p. 297, and Rawlinson B.46 (S.C. 11517) fo. 55v (early 17th cent.); TNA (PRO) SP 12/26 fo. 53, art. 31 [17th cent.; cf. *CSP Dom. 1547-80*, p. 214]; Soc. Ant. MS 213 fo. 1v (c. 1605).

PRINTED: A. C. Fox-Davies, *A Complete Guide to Heraldry* (rev. J. P. Brooke-Little, London 1985), p. 411 [from SP 12/26]; *Misc. Gen. & Her.* 5th ser. 8 (1932-4), p. 167 [from SP 12/26]; C. D. I. Forrester, 'The independent rights of married women in the Law of Arms', *CoA* n.s. 2 (1976-7), pp. 70-6 at 70 [from SP 12/26]; T. Woodcock and J. M. Robinson, *Oxford Guide to Heraldry* (Oxford 1988), p. 76 [from CA R.21].

47. 29 Jan. 1561/2: Record of a Chapter held in the presence of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, to settle controversies between Garter and Clarenceux kings of arms (who were present with the body of the Office). The Duke asked the heralds (Chester, Somerset, York, Richmond and Lancaster), taking with them the pursuivants, to consult together and to declare their 'greifes' in writing by 8 a.m. next Sunday (1 Feb.). The five heralds duly consulted and then presented to the Duke both a statement of Garter's claims, with their responses, and a statement of Clarenceux's claims, with their responses.

COPIES: CA MS Heralds III fos 1242 [Chapter of 29 Jan.], 1243 (Gilbert Dethick's claims as Garter) and 1244r-v [statement of griefs about the taking of visitations and funerals; with signatures of five heralds]; Bodl. MS Ashmole 858 pp. 286-90 [transcribed by Elias Ashmole 'Ex Autogr. penes Ed: Walker Garter', i.e., from MS Heralds III].

48. 6 June 1563: Decree of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, about the allocation between Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy of burial fees from the nobility. CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fos 244-245: original, signed by the Duke of Norfolk. Drafts of this are in CA MS Vincent 92 p. 486 and MS L. 15 fos 40-41 (dated 12 June; possibly to be considered an amended version). A response to the decree by Sir Gilbert Dethick, Garter, written after 16 Sept., is in CA MS Vincent 92 pp. 488-90.

COPIES: CA MS Heralds III fos 1221-1222, and MS WH fos 424-425v; BL MS Harley 5826 fo. 50r-v [part of a Dethick collection], and MS Harley 1107 fos 84v-85 [by William Penson, d. 1637]; Arundel Castle MS lettered on spine 'Heraldic M.S.' fo.

49 [volume stated to be mostly written in the hand of Thomas Lant: F. W. Steer, *Bibliotheca Norfolciana* (privately printed 1961), pp. 22-3].

DISCUSSED: *The Diary of Henry Machyn*, ed. J. G. Nichols (Camden Soc. pubns. o.s. 42, 1848), p. 309 [dating the decree to 10 June]; Wagner, *HE* p. 110.

49. 28 Oct. 1564: Chapter enactments for good order to be observed and kept in the Office of Arms.

COPIES: CA MS Heralds III fo. 1283 (contemporary); Arundel Castle MS lettered on spine 'Heraldic M.S.' fo. 47 [volume stated to be mostly written in the hand of Thomas Lant: F. W. Steer, *Bibliotheca Norfolciana* (privately printed 1961), pp. 22-3].

50. Early in 1565: Orders for placing of the Earl Marshal and the officers of arms in the house at Derby Place. Various rooms are specifically assigned to the Earl Marshal, Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy, etc., as well as a library for the registers; the record-keeping duties of each of the Kings of Arms are also prescribed. Presumably datable to soon after vacant possession of Derby Place had been gained.¹⁰

DRAFTS OR COPIES: TNA (PRO) SP 15/7 fos 74-75 (art. 28) [presumably a draft, since it has a few alterations]; BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fos 243-244 [also a draft, with alterations; datable to between 25 Jan. and 19 April 1565, Windsor and York Heralds being each described as 'elect']. Cf. also CA MS Heralds III fos 1148-1149.

PRINTED: *CSP Dom. 1601-3 with Addenda 1547-65* p. 436 [calendars SP 15/7; mis-dates to 'Dec.? 1554'].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* p. 184.

51. c. 1565: Orders for the good usage of the College, at Derby House. These comprise a general or introductory paragraph followed by fourteen numbered paragraphs; the points are general in nature and seem to date from soon after the time of the officers' gaining possession of Derby House (e.g. in the declaration that every herald and pursuivant is to have a study, that in each term some of the officers, 'as my lord [the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal] shall please, to wait in the general office', and that burials are to be orderly served, each man to have his turn). The orders are similar in theme to those mentioned immediately above, and should perhaps also be seen as a draft, intended for discussion.

COPY: CA MS Vincent 181 pp. 65, 69 (contemporary; perhaps a draft).

52. [1565 × c. 1584, the latter year being the last when there were still four officers of arms alive who had been officeholders in 1555; perhaps datable to about the later 1560s]: Draft Act of Parliament, clarifying the corporate status of each officeholder of the Office of Arms (as laid down in the royal charter of 1555) and confirming: the exemption of each officer from all subsidies and other taxes; the need to have all Office books brought in to the 'common office or general library'; the requirement of proper registration of grants of arms and funeral certificates; and the officers' right of be-

¹⁰ A partition of the largess given by the Queen on Christmas Day 1564 was made soon afterwards—say, in Jan. 1565—at the house of the Office of Arms: CA MS 'Old Partition. Miscell. Lanc. & Salop. F. Thynne' fo. 185.

ing sued only in the Earl Marshal's court. Specifically datable only from its mention of the officers as being at Derby House (i.e., 1565 onwards) and from its incidental mention that some of the officeholders who were named in the 1555 charter were still alive.

COPY: CA MS Heralds II fos 743-752v (early 17th cent.).

53. 20 Feb. 1565: Chapter orders, made at Derby House, laying down a system whereby officers of arms would serve at funerals in rotation and with other provisions about funerals. CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 281r-v; signed by Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, and the three kings of arms and six heralds. Another apparent original is CA MS Heralds III fos 1251v-1253, with the signatures(?) of the three kings and four heralds; in the hand of Richard Turpyn, who was not a signatory.

COPIES: CA MS H. 12 [Richard Turpyn's miscellaneous collections] fos 158-159v [stated to have been agreed by Garter, Clarenceux, and four of the heralds]; BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 172r-v (late 16th cent.); BL MSS Add. 12530 fos 189v-190 [by Francis Thynne, d. 1608], Harley 1107 fo. 85r-v [by William Penson, d. 1637] and Harley 6166 fos 81v-82 [later 17th cent.]; Bodl. MSS Ashmole 840 p. 722 (copy of art. 6 alone, by Robert Glover) and Ashmole 857 pp. 108-110 [by Elias Ashmole; stated to have been agreed in the absence of Sir Gilbert Dethick, Garter, and to have been signed by the three kings and four of the heralds].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* p. 110.

54. 13(?) Mar. 1565: Chapter orders, made at Derby House, comprising ten or eleven paragraphs regulating the calling of future Chapters and setting out the binding force of their acts, their quorum, the rights of Clarenceux and Norroy to hold Chapters for matters concerning their own province, and penalties for non-attendance. CA MS Heralds III fos 1248-1251: original(?), with the signatures(?) of Garter, Clarenceux and four heralds. In the hand of Richard Turpyn, who was not a signatory. The whole text has been lightly struck through, perhaps because these orders were superseded on 28 Oct. 1565.

COPIES: CA MS H. 12 (Richard Turpyn's miscellaneous collections) fos 155v-157v [orders not dated]; BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fos 170-171v [as 14 Mar.; later 16th cent.].

55. 1 June 1565: Letter sent by Sir Gilbert Dethick, Garter, William Flower, Norroy, and four heralds, by command of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, to William Hervey, Clarenceux, directing him forthwith to leave off and cease from visitation and to repair to London.

COPIES: BL MS Harley 5826 fos 94, 185, 239 (among papers of Sir Gilbert Dethick); CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 265.

56. 28 Oct. 1565: Chapter rulings about the calling of Chapters and the making and force of Chapter orders: for instance, that the presence of eight officers, or seven if two were kings, would constitute a quorum.

ORIGINAL: CA MS Heralds III fos 1256-1257v, signed by the three kings and six her-

alds (text perhaps in the hand of William Colbarne, York, who was the junior herald at this time).

COPY: CA MS Heralds III fos 1279-1281v (late 17th cent.).

57. c. 11 Nov. 1565: Ruling (at the jousts held at the marriage of Ambrose Dudley, Earl of Warwick, to Lady Anne Russell) by Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, that (by precedent) the officers of arms are entitled to receive £20 for the redemption of the horse and armour of a joustier who has been overthrown.

ORIGINAL: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 268v; signed by the three kings of arms.

58. 2 Feb. '1565' [i.e., 1566(?): Chapter order, made at Derby Place, that to meet the charges incurred in connexion with the house, a levy would in future be paid from funeral fees (4s., 2s. and 12d, by kings, heralds and pursuivants, respectively. With the signatures(?) of the three kings of arms and six heralds. CA MS Heralds III fo. 1254.

59. 4 Feb. '1565' [i.e., 1566(?): Orders of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, at Howard House, with the consent of the three kings and certain of the heralds, as to who shall be granted arms (and directing that no new arms are to be granted until they have been seen and authorized by the Earl Marshal himself, or the Earl of Leicester, Sir William Cecil or other authorized person). He also directs that George Heneage's arms shall not be intermeddled with, except by the consent of the whole body of the Office of Arms, that the whole body of the Office is to agree upon a difference for the arms of Sir Richard Southwell, and that hereafter every bastard is to bear his true ordinary difference. The date of these orders must be presumed to be 4 Feb. 1566 by modern reckoning; and although there is a striking closeness of date and subject to the orders of 1 Feb. 1567, the dating of the orders to 1566 seems to be confirmed by the reference to them as of 8 Elizabeth (1565-6) in Robert Glover's 'Brief Rehearsal of the Cause of the Disorder in the Office of Arms'.

COPIES: BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fos 273r-v (later 16th cent.), 287r-v (later 16th cent.), and Faustina C. viii fo. 1a r-v (ink 2 r-v) [c. 1600; includes the three supplementary orders]; CA MS Heralds III fos 1224r-v (17th cent.) and 1414 [16th cent.; each of these copies ends with a variant second order, about disclaiming arms at visitations]; Soc. Ant. MS 476 p. 20 [later 16th cent.; text as in MS Heralds III].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* pp. 185-6, 187; C. E. A. Cheesman, 'Grants and confirmations of arms', in Ramsay, *Heralds & Heraldry*, pp. 68-104 at 75.

There follows in Faustina E. i fo. 287v, a report of how William Barker,¹¹ secretary to Duke, came to the Office on 7 Feb. '1565' and before the company said to Clarenceux that the Duke's pleasure and command was that he should not intermeddle in the office of Garter, and that on his return, if there were good and just occasion, he would respond to Norroy's supplication about the Duke's decree for the burial of noble estates.

¹¹ For an account of Barker, who was Norfolk's confidential secretary from c. 1554 until 1571 (when he betrayed his employer), see *Hist. Parl.: Commons 1558-1603*, vol. 1, pp. 396-7.

- 60.** 10 June 1566: Letter of the Privy Council to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs of London, stating that officers of arms should not be arrested (being 'persons privileged from all arrests and actions' in the City of London and elsewhere) and that suits against them ought to be in the Earl Marshal's court. See also below, nos **88** (May 1579) and **93** (28 Sept. 1584).

COPIES: BL MSS Add. 11320 fo. 113v [transcript by Richard Lee, d. 1597 as Clarenceux; dated only as June 1566], Harley 6064 fos 87v-88 [in Glover's hand; dated only as June 1566], Add. 15215 fo. 7 (contemporary; dated only as June 1566) and Add. 6284 fo. 58r-v (c. 1610s; dated 10 June); CA MS R.37 (Hare's MS vol. II) fo. 10v [early 17th cent.; copied from a book of William Segar's that once belonged to Richard Lee]; Bodl. MS Rawlinson B. 146 (S.C. 11517) fos 23v-24 (c. 1600); CUL MS Add. 9532 fo. 69 (early 17th cent.); Northants. Archives, Finch Hatton 26 art. 9 [17th cent.; transcribed from fo. 43a of some MS; dated only as June 1566]; TNA (PRO) SP 14/22 p. 15, no. 40.

PRINTED: *CSP Dom. Addenda 1566-79*, p. 10 [calendared; dated only as June 1566].

- 61.** 16 June 1566: Agreement by Thomas Percy, Earl of Northumberland, the Queen's Lieutenant, with Sir Edward Hastings, Lord Hastings of Loughborough, and others, that henceforth at feasts of the Order of the Garter the officers of arms who are present shall sit on the (previous) evening, and at supper on the day of the feast, at the table of the officers of the Order (i.e., with the Chancellor, Register etc.). CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 275.

- 62.** 23 Oct. 1566: Chapter agreement, by the three kings and Robert Cooke, Chester, that Thomas Sutton, of Over Haddon (Derbys.), could bear either of two crests.

COPIES: CA MS C.4 fo. 5 (Visitation of Derbyshire by Richard St George, 1611); BL MS Harley 1486 fo. 31 (early 17th cent.).

PRINTED: [J. G. Nichols], 'The arms and crest of Sutton', *Herald & Genealogist* 2 (1865), pp. 488-93 at 491 [from Harl. 1486].

- 63.** 31 Oct. 1566: Chapter agreement, in a meeting held at Derby House, to follow certain rules for the governance of the Office of Arms, and especially about the custody of the Office records, as ordered by Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal. Amends or varies the orders or ordinances of 6 June 1563 and 3 Feb. 1566. Nine orders; the 6th lays down that the consent of the Earl Marshal or his deputy is required for all new grants of arms, as are the seal of the Office of Arms and registration in the Office's library. On 7 May 1567, at Norwich, the Earl Marshal signed the orders himself, and demanded that the corporate seal of the Office be attached. CA MS Heralds III fos 1258-1260 (preceded by a letter to the Duke in which the officers of arms thank him for redeeming the lease of Derby Place and state that they have called a Chapter following his commandment); signed by Gilbert Dethick, Garter, William Flower, Norroy, and five heralds. Perhaps in the hand of William Colbarne, York, who was the junior herald at this time.

COPIES: BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 202v [order 6 only; copied from 'The originall in the custody of Ra: Brook, York herauld'; misdated 1565]; BL MS Harley 1107 fos

85v-86r [by William Penson, d. 1637], and MS Harley 2413 fos 56-63 [refers to the Earl Marshal's demand at Norwich, 7 May 1567; later 16th cent.]; TNA (PRO) SP 12/42, art. 58 fos 134v-138 [stated to have been signed and sealed by the Earl Marshal and by each king and herald at Norwich, 7 May 1567; ends 'Copia concordat cum originali, Yorke Herald'; early 17th cent.].

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

64. 17 Nov. 1566: Answer sent by the officers of arms to Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, giving it as their opinion that the issue of the two sisters of the whole blood to Thomas West, last Lord Laware (i.e., De la Warr), are heirs to his name and dignity. Cf. below, no 74 [1557×70].

COPY: CA MS Philipot 75 fo. 68v [transcript by Robert Glover, c. 1570]. Note also copies or variants, in CA MS WZ fo. 199v (c. 1630s), and in BL MS Add 6297 fos 7v-8 [late 17th cent. or later; an unreliable manuscript], each dated 25 Oct. 1566.

65. c. 1564×8: Ruling, made at a special meeting of 'divers officers of arms', that it was not allowable for a person descended of noble parents to quarter every coat which was lawfully descended to him; except that he might do so in a pedigree to prove his descent. Not dated; but at some point between Oct. 1580 and June 1584 it was stated to have been so ruled 'aboute some sixteen yeares past'.

COPY: CA MS WC fo. 100v [with copies of signatures of Cooke, Clarenceux, three heralds, including Glover, and two pursuivants].

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

66. 1 Feb. 1567: Record of Chapter held by Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, at Howard House, to determine the gentility of the Heneage family of Hainton (Lincs.).

ORIGINAL: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 280r-v [signed by the Duke, three kings and six heralds].

COPIES: CA MSS B. 20bis fos 37v-38 (c.1620), and WH fos 426-427 (early 17th cent.).

DISCUSSED: Squibb, *High Court of Chivalry*, p. 32; see also G. D. Squibb (ed.), *Reports of Heraldic Cases in the Court of Chivalry, 1623-1732* (Harleian Soc. pubns. 107: London 1956, for 1955), p. 3, for mention made in 1623 of the 'sentence' in the Heneage case as 'remayning in the office of Armes under the Dukes owne hand and subscribed by all the kinges and heraldes of Armes.'

67. 3 Feb. 1567: Record of a Chapter held by Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, at Howard House, when the ordinances of 20 Feb. 1565 were read and examined and ordered to be observed and kept for ever, 'vpon payne to encurre his said graces highe dyspleasuer'.

ORIGINAL: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 282, signed by the Duke, three kings and six heralds.

COPY: BL MS Add. 8934 fo. 78 [transcribed by J. Anstis from the MS book of Sir Chumley Dering, L.6.15].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* pp. 110, 188 n. 8.

68. 2 April 1567: Chapter decision to fine William Flower, Norroy, and Robert Cooke, Chester, for failing to come to Chapters.

ORIGINAL: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 284; signed by Garter and Norroy and five heralds.

69. 7 May 1567: Orders made at Norwich by Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, and subsequently signed by the three kings and six heralds, reciting Chapter orders of 31 Oct. 1566 and 28 Oct. 1565 (nos 63 and 56 above).

70. [before 16 May 1568]: Letter of certain of the officers of arms to Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, certifying that they cannot with clear conscience justify the purported descent [i.e. pedigree] of Hugh Fitzwilliams [or Fitzwilliam], made by William Hervey (d. 27 Feb. 1567 as Clarenceux). Not extant; referred to in a grant of deputation by the Earl Marshal to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, and Sir William Cecil, 16 May 1568, copied in CA MS WC fo. 122 [dated impossibly, 16 May 1567, 10 Elizabeth; transcribed c. 1630s], BL MS Add. 6297 fo. 8r-v [dated impossibly, 16 May 1576, 10 Elizabeth; transcribed late 17th cent. or later], Bodl. MS Rawlinson B.146 (S.C. 11517) fo. 89 [dated 16 May 1567], and LPL MS 3513 (Fairhurst Papers) fo. 68 [dated 16 May 1568; transcribed by, or at least for, John Selden]. See below, no 72 (20 July 1568), for the Earl Marshal's judgement.

DISCUSSED: Squibb, *High Court of Chivalry*, p. 32; and see also *The Visitation of Yorkshire in the Years 1563 and 1564, Made by William Flower* [etc.], ed. C. B. Norcliffe (Harleian Soc. pubns. 16: London 1881), p. 126, and J. H. Baker, 'Tudor pedigree rolls and their uses', in Ramsay, *Heralds & Heraldry*, pp. 125-65 at 156. See also *HMC 6th Report* (1874), pp. 453-4, describing a letter from a [King's] Bench judge directing the officers to bring books and records to the court in connexion with the suit brought by Philip Copley against Fitzwilliams.

71. 18 July 1568: Orders of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, for the general governance of the officers of arms. The original is CA MS Num. Sch. 4/3 (formerly Box 25 no. 3).

COPIES: Arundel Castle, Earl Marshal's Papers no. 535; CA MS R. 37 (Hare's MS, vol. II) fo. 96-98v (c. 1600); MS Heralds II fos 548-551 (late 16th cent.); MS I. 26 ('The Earl Marshal's Book'), pp. 3-8 [transcribed from the sealed original in the hands of Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton, 18 May 1611; a later note states that the original was given to the College by Henry, Duke of Norfolk, in 1678]; BL MSS Cotton Faustina E. i fo. 202v [single paragraph, copied from the original in the custody of Sir Robert Cotton, knight & baronet], Harley 1107 fos 86v-87 (by William Penson, d. 1637), Add. 6284 fos 99-108v (c. 1610s) and Add. 23747 fos 2-8 (17th cent.); Bodl. MSS Ashmole 846 fos 102-105 [copied from Ashmole 857] and Ashmole 857 fos 22-30; Northants Archives Finch Hatton 26 art. 99 (17th cent.).

PRINTED: J. Guillim, *Display of Heraldry* (6th edn. London 1724), penultimate sequence of pagination, pp. 47-9 [from a transcript certified by Nicholas Charles, Lancaster, 1611, as agreeing with the sealed original in the keeping of Henry Howard,

Earl of Northampton]; J. Edmondson, *A Complete Body of Heraldry* (2 vols., London 1780), vol. 1, pp. 143-7; Squibb, *Munimenta Heraldica*, pp. 97-105, no. 36 [perhaps reprinted from Guillim or Edmondson].

DISCUSSED: *HCEC*, no. 120; Wagner, *HE* pp. 110, 188-92, 197-8, 276, 345; S. Adams, 'The heralds and the Elizabethan court: Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, as Deputy Earl Marshal', in Ramsay, *Heralds & Heraldry* pp. 1-25 at 10, 19 and 24; N. L. Ramsay, 'William Smith, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant', *ibid.* pp. 26-67 at 39; C. E. A. Cheesman, 'Grants and confirmations of arms', *ibid.* pp. 68-104 at 68-104; J. H. Baker, 'Tudor pedigree rolls and their uses', *ibid.* pp. 125-65 at 142 n. 70.

This 'book of orders' was complained of in a letter to the Duke from Lancaster, Richmond, Chester and York Heralds, 3 August 1568. They asserted that it was contrary to the Office's accustomed form, and cited precedents to show that such orders ought to be made only at Chapter meetings with a quorum of seven, of whom five were heralds. 'Yf that boke [of orders] take place, there is left to vs almost nothing but our bare Fees.' [Contemporary copy in Bodl. MS Ashmole 840, pp. 601-2; printed hence by B. Danielsson, *John Hart's Works on English Orthography and Pronunciation [1551, 1569, 1570]*, Pt. 1 (Stockholm 1955), p. 81, Appx. 24a.]

This complaint was replied to in an undated letter to the Duke from the three Kings of Arms (with specific reference to the quorum for Chapter meetings, and the heralds' share in the Queen's largess and in the allocation of funerals) [contemporary copy in CA MS Vincent 92 pp. 147-8].

Lancaster, Richmond, Chester and York Heralds then addressed a further bill of complaint to the Duke about the governance of the College, which they signed at Howard House on 25 August 1568; this is referred to in the undated draft reply to it by the three Kings of Arms [CA MS Vincent 92 pp. 159-60].

Robert Glover wrote that the orders were procured by Garter Dethick 'and some of the Heraldes his adherentes, at the handes of the late duke of Norffolke' ['Brief Rehearsal', printed by Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming]; a generation later, William Penson (d. 1637, as Lancaster Herald) claimed that the orders were procured by the giving of a bribe to Barker, the Duke's 'chief man, and Councillor' [BL MS Harley 1107 fo. 87].

A further letter, about burials, was sent to the Duke by Gilbert Dethick, Garter, shortly after 16 Sept. [contemporary copy in CA MS Vincent 92 pp. 488-90].

The sealed original was lost to view by Dugdale's time, for he noted in the margin of Bodl. MS Ashmole 840 p. 810 that the orders 'are not extant nor doth anything of them appeare but from a later copy which is in Sir Edw: Bish his hands: whence all our copies are taken'.

72. 20 July 1568: Judgement by Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, in the form of letters patent, ordering a new descent to be made by the officers of arms, sealed and signed by them, for Hugh Fitzwilliams, who has refused to produce a false pedigree which he procured of Clarenceux Hervey (deceased). The Earl Marshal was acting on a bill of complaint from Richard Gascoigne, Dame Elizabeth Savill his

wife, and Philip Copley of Sprotborough Yorks.).

ORIGINAL: Cambs. Archives, Townley of Fulbourn and Upwell archive, R 52/24/44/3 (part of; by Robert Glover's hand).

COPY: LPL MS 3513 (Fairhurst Papers) fo. 67r-v (early 17th cent.).

73. 26 April 1569: Warrant or order of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, directing that the funeral hearse of Katharine, Lady Knollys, and all future hearses belonged to the officers of arms. This order followed a report by William Paulet, Lord Treasurer, and Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, 6 April 1569, which found that the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey had made no case for their claim to such hearses.

ORIGINAL: CA MS Num. Sch. 4/42 (formerly Box 25 no. 42). [The original report was 'found ... and deliuered ... to Sir William Le Neve' by one Watson: L. 2 ('Founders Kin') fo. 50v].

COPIES: CA MS L. 2 ('Founders Kin') fos 45-50v, 51-52 [report and order, transcribed by Henry Chitting, *Chester Herald*, c. 1635]; BL MS Harley 1195 fos 58-61v (order and report, in Glover's hand); Westminster Abbey Muniments 6415 [cf. *HMC 4th Report* (1874), appx., p. 179b].

PRINTED: N. Carlisle, 'A copy of the certificate of the Marquis of Winchester and of the Earl of Leicester, upon the contest between the Officers of Arms and the Dean and Prebendaries of Westminster, concerning the hearse of the Lady Catherine Knowles, deceased', *Archaeologia* 16 (1812), pp. 279-91 [incl. both the report (pp. 281-8) and the Earl Marshal's order (pp. 289-91), presumably printed from Harl. 1195, since stated to be from copies that are in Glover's hand].

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* pp. 114-15.

74. [1557×70, but perhaps not long before 5 Feb. 1570]: Certificate of the three kings and three of the heralds of arms to Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, in the presence of Henry, Earl of Arundel, and Henry, Earl of Sussex, about the title of Lord [De la] Laware, which William West claims to bear and have. The officers of arms deny West's claim to be heir, he being only of the half blood; the next heir of the whole blood was the late Jane, duchess of Northumberland. West was nevertheless successful in his claim, being knighted and made Baron Delaware by patent on 5 Feb. 1570. Either the original certificate or a copy was extant at the College of Arms, c. 1605×15, when its presence in press H. in the library was noted by Augustine Vincent [Bodl. MS Wood B. 8 (S.C. 8579) fo. 195v].

COPY: CA MS R. 37 (Hare's MS, vol. II) fo. 109r-v (transcript, contemporary).

DISCUSSED: C. G. Y[oung], 'Additions to Dugdale's Baronage; from the MS. Collections of Francis Townsend, Esq. Windsor Herald', *Coll. Top. & Gen.* 7 (1841), pp. 129-61 at 159-60.

75. 23 Feb. '1569' [i.e., 1570(?): Chapter decree that although officers of arms may not generally serve at any funeral by deputy, an exception is made for 'our Brother Somerset Herald' (Edmund Atkinson), he being aged and enfeebled.

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ORIGINAL: Bodl. MS Ashmole 836 p. 9 [signed by Gilbert Dethick, Garter, Cooke, Clarenceux, and three heralds].

PRINTED: B. Danielsson, *John Hart's Works on English Orthography and Pronunciation* [1551, 1569, 1570], Pt. 1 (Stockholm 1955), pp. 81-2, Appx. 24b [from Ashm. 836].

76. 28 July 1570: Letter of Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, stating that since the humble submission made on 19 July by Richard Turpyn, Windsor Herald, he now reinstates him in office—on condition that he frees Nicholas Dethick, Blue-mantle Pursuivant, and Stephen Rowley, painter, from all bonds, debts etc. and that he pays all the debts that he owes to York Herald [William Dethick]. The Duke also refers to a letter which he wrote to the College in the previous year, about Turpyn's evil misdemeanour.

COPY: CA MS Vincent 92 pp. 145-6.

77. [c. 1571]: pp. 5-7: Draft Chapter order, about the turn of the successor in office of a herald who has already (recently) served his turn at a funeral. Not dated, but evidently prepared soon after December 1570, when Robert Glover succeeded Edmund Atkinson as Somerset Herald.

DRAFT: Bodl. MS Ashmole 836 pp. 5-7 [in Glover's hand].

78. [17 Nov. 1571 × 16 Nov. 1572, being the fourteenth regnal year of Elizabeth]: Introduction (only) to a set of proposed Chapter ordinances for the general governance of the Office. It is rehearsed that Chapter meetings by long custom had a quorum of nine kings and heralds, the consent of seven of the nine being needed for any new ordinance etc.; this good order was first revived at the Chapter meeting held on 31 Oct. 1566, when the officers established what are now called the first orders, but these orders have since been found to be prejudicial and hurtful to the heralds, in debarring them of their ancient liberties. New articles are now agreed by all the officers, and each binds himself by an oath taken upon the Holy Gospels as well as by his signature and seal. Incomplete draft. No further text follows; presumably nothing came of this scheme of Glover's.

DRAFT: Bodl. MS Ashmole 840 pp. 693-5 [in Glover's hand].

79. 1572: Draft(?) orders for the College, including one order about its books; made by Sir Gilbert D[ethick], Garter, and others. Of uncertain status and authority.

COPY: Northants. Archives Finch Hatton MS 26 art. 34 (17th cent.).

80. 12 April 1572: Chapter decree about the funeral of Elizabeth, Lady Hungerford: that the ordering of the funeral of a peer's widow always belongs to Garter. CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 3, in Glover's hand. Signed by William Flower, Norroy, and five heralds.

DRAFT: Bodl. MS Ashmole 836 p. 8 (in Glover's hand; the day of the month has been left blank).

81. 14 Nov. 1572: Chapter meeting at which an oath was taken by the three kings, six

heralds and Rouge Dragon that they knew nothing about the removal of certain books from out of the Office.

COPIES: BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fos 159 [in Glover's set or formal script], 180 (early 17th cent.) and 242 [contemporary; with extra paragraph].

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

82. 7 Jan. 1573/4: Chapter order about the duties of the two junior heralds and two pursuivants to prepare the plate etc. for the table of the other officers of arms at the royal court on festival days.

ORIGINAL: CA Partition Book I (1527-83), fo. 325, in Glover's hand.

COPY: BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 242 (16th cent.).

83. 9 April 1574: Letter of the Privy Council to the Lord Mayor of London, complaining of the arrest and imprisonment of Nicholas Dethick, Bluemantle; the heralds and pursuivants should be free from all arrests, and any suit against them should be prosecuted before the Earl Marshal.

COPY: TNA (PRO) PC 2/10 p. 215.

PRINTED: *APC 1571-5*, pp. 221-2 [from PC 2/10].

84. [Jan. 1573 × 1576; perhaps 1575]: Letter of George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, Earl Marshal, dated at Sheffield, 24 May, to the heralds, in connexion with the suit of Hugh Fitzwilliam (d. by Feb. 1576) and the alleged tampering with of records at the College: he orders them to be present at the hearing of an action brought by Philip Copley in the court of Queen's Bench.

COPY: Sheffield City Archives, Bacon Frank MSS 2/112 [see R. Meredith, *Sheffield City Libraries, Calendar of the Arundel Castle Manuscripts* ([Sheffield] 1965), p. 187, where described as a contemporary copy]. The dispute between the Fitzwilliam and Copley families was of long standing; see above, nos 70 [before 16 May 1567] and 72 (20 July 1568), and cf. O. Barron, 'Our oldest families. XIV. The Fitzwilliams', *The Ancestor* 12 (1905), pp. 111-17 at 115-16.

85. 12 Nov. 1576: Chapter orders, settling the position of Rouge Croix and Rouge Dragon Pursuivants at the approaching funeral of the Earl of Essex, and fining Thomas Dawes, Rouge Croix, £2 for exhibiting a bill of complaint to the Lord Treasurer and for wearing his coat 'as a herald' at the funeral of Mr Metcalf the goldsmith, and because he slandered the Office by his complaint to Sir Thomas Lodge.

ORIGINAL: CA Partition Book I (1527-83) fo. 342v (in Glover's hand; he being the second most junior herald; signed by the three kings and five of the heralds).

DRAFT: Bodl. MS Ashmole 836 p. 1 (in Glover's hand).

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

DISCUSSED: Godfrey and Wagner, *CA*, p. 213.

86. 13 Nov. 1577: Chapter decision not to permit the borrowing of certain books. BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 159; in Glover's hand.

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PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

87. 29 Nov. 1577: Chapter declaration that William Dethick, York Herald, is guilty of taking certain books out of the Office of Arms. BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fos 159v (in Robert Glover's hand), 180v (early 17th cent.) and 242v (contemporary).

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

88. May 1579: Letter of [George Talbot, Earl of Shrewbury, Earl Marshal], to [the Lord Mayor of London], pointing out that the officers of arms are all 'persones pryvyleged, free and exempt from all Arests, actions or suits to be commenced ... in the Cytie of London', despite which 'Some of the said Officers of Arms haue ben' of late Arrested sued and troubled within the Cytie of London.' The Mayor is directed to give permanent order that they are not to be arrested; they may only be prosecuted before the Earl Marshal. Cf. above, no 60 (10 June 1566), and below, no 93 (28 Sept. 1584). In BL MS Add. 9020 fo. 111 Anstis refers to a Council order of the same month and to the same effect.

COPIES: Bodl. MSS Ashmole 840 p. 449 (contemporary; possibly in Glover's hand), and Ashmole 857 pp. 406-7 (17th cent.; perhaps copied from Ashmole 840).

89. c. 1580x4: Chapter ruling, allowing greater licence in the making of pedigree descents than for 'the lawful use of arms'.

COPY: CA MS WC fo. 100v.

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

90. 23 Oct. 1581: Letter of George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, Earl Marshal, dated at Sheffield, to the kings, heralds and pursuivants, seeking their opinion as to whether he should appoint Nicholas Dethick, Bluemantle, to Windsor's place; they are to inform the Earl of Leicester, to whom he has given his bill signed for Bluemantle.

COPY: LPL MS 3198 (Talbot Papers vol. G) fo. 90v.

PRINTED: *Calendar of the Talbot Papers in the College of Arms*, ed. G. R. Batho (Derbyshire Archaeological Soc. record ser. 4, 1971 (for 1968)), p. 116 (summarily calendared).

In a letter to the Earl Marshal from Gilbert Dethick and five other officers of arms, dated only as '1582', Nicholas Dethick's appointment was described as being his as of right (by ancienty), whilst he was also sufficient to serve 'both for his Language and Travaile'.

COPY: Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 p. 270 [transcribed by Ashmole 'from an old MS: in 4to: penes Wm. Le Neve mil.']

Nicholas Dethick's appointment was also welcomed as that of a fit person, in a letter to the Earl Marshal from Robert Cooke, Clarenceux, and William Flower, Norroy, Nov. 1581; but at the same time they asked him to require the Earl of Leicester to prohibit Garter (Gilbert Dethick) from meddling with their own offices [contemporary fair copy or draft in Bodl. MS Ashmole 840 p. 597]. In the event, Dethick was appointed Windsor only in April 1583.

91. 15 Jan. 1581/2: Chapter decisions about £10 in Garter's custody and monies due to the Office of Arms from each officer's funeral fees: arrears of the latter are forgiven and remitted but they are to be truly and faithfully paid by everyone in future. CA MS L. 16 fo. 31. In Robert Glover's hand; signed by Sir Gilbert Dethick, Garter, William Flower, Norroy, and five heralds.

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

92. [soon after 6 July 1583]: Opinion of the officers of arms about the funeral blacks in the great chamber, hall and courts of archbishops, dukes, marquesses, earls, viscounts, barons &c., 'to whom of right they doe belonge, and how adiudged.' This declaration was made in response to an enquiry from the executors of Edmund Grindal, archbishop of Canterbury.

COPY: CA MS Vincent 151 (Vincent's Precedents) pp. 295-6 (lacks the names or offices of the kings and heralds who subscribed to this opinion).

93. 28 Sept. 1584: Letter of George Talbot, Earl of Shrewbury, Earl Marshal, to the Lord Mayor of London, ordering the release from custody of Nicholas Dethick, Windsor Herald, who has been arrested and imprisoned within the City of London, the officers of arms being all under the Earl Marshal's 'defence and protection'. He promises to do justice in private suits against any officer of arms. A draft of the letter, by Glover's hand, is Bodl. MS Ashmole 840 p. 455.

COPIES: Bodl. MSS Ashmole 836 p. 353 (contemporary) and Ashmole 857 pp. 274-6 (by Elias Ashmole).

PRINTED: Ramsay, *Glover*, forthcoming.

DISCUSSED: Squibb, *High Court of Chivalry*, p. 40.

94. 4 June 1585: Warrant of George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, Earl Marshal, directing the whole Office to appear before him at Derby House, on 10 June, he having heard 'that the recordes of your offices be not so respected, nor [so] carefully kept as heeretofore they haue ben accustomed, and mynding the reformation heerof and of other abuses and disorders emonges yow.'

COPIES: BL MS Harley 6064 fo. 65v [in Glover's hand]; CA MS WH fo. 398 [transcript, 17th cent.; written in another hand, at the foot of this, is 'Glouer Philipott', which perhaps indicates that it had been transcribed from a Glover-Philipot manuscript]; CUL MS Add. 9532 fo. 67r-v (early 17th cent.).

95. [June(?)] 1585: The answer of Clarenceux and Norroy 'vnto the eight Article or Interrogatorie' of the Earl Marshal [George Talbot], in defence of their authority to grant new arms.

COPY: BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fos 166-169 [in Glover's hand, he having doubtless also drafted this text].

96. 2 April [1586]: Letter of Clarenceux King of Arms, and York, Chester, Somerset, Windsor and Richmond Heralds to the Earl Marshal [George Talbot], recommending the bearer, [Nicholas Paddy], Rouge Dragon Pursuivant, for the vacant post of Lancaster Herald. Datable with high probability to 1586 from the names of the heralds

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and from the date of death (17 Mar. 1586) of John Cocke, Lancaster Herald; Paddy was appointed Lancaster, but only in June 1588.

COPY: CA MS Heralds V fo. 344.

97. 21 July 1587: Draft letter of Clarenceux, Chester, Windsor and Richmond (and Somerset) Heralds, to Lord Burghley, asking for his 'favour and support', 'ther beinge some causes touchinge the funeralles now in hand'. No doubt this related to the funeral of Mary, Queen of Scots, which was to take place at Peterborough Cathedral on 1 August 1587. BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 103 (formerly 87); in Robert Glover's hand.

98. 23 July 1587: Letter of the Privy Council to the Lord Mayor and other commissioners for collecting the subsidy within the City of London, pointing out that the various individual officers of arms have obtained writs for their discharge from such payments, according to the grant to them by Edward VI.

COPIES: TNA (PRO) PC 2/14, p. 400; CA MS Vincent 92 p. 165.

PRINTED: *APC 1587-8*, pp. 221-2 [from PC 2/14].

99. 1590: Petition, apparently of the heralds of arms, and evidently addressed to the Deputy Earl Marshal, about 'The hard and distressed estate of the Office of Armes at this present: 1590'. It refers to the dissention between the three kings of arms, and the discontinuance of the 'ordinary office', with the result that 'Almost euerye Paynter is become a Broker in Armes', no Chapters are kept, and the 'mortuarye' books (books of funeral certificates) are not maintained; the addressee is asked, 'in this your honorable deputation of Earle Marshall' to re-establish 'good Orders for thamendment of our decayed estate.'

COPY: CA MS Heralds II fo. 544r-v (transcript, contemporary, or nearly so).

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* p. 209.

98. [Aug. 1593 × May 1594]: Letter of Nicholas Dethick, Windsor Herald, applying for the place of Clarenceux (void by his death); with the signatures of two other heralds and all four pursuivants: Nicholas Paddy, Lancaster; William Segar, Somerset; John Raven, Rouge Dragon; Thomas Lant, Portcullis; Robert Treswell, Bluemantle; and Thomas Knight, Rouge Croix.

COPY: Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 p. 276 (17th cent.).

99. 4 Nov. 1594: Agreement between the heralds and pursuivants about the observance of funeral turns: these are to be honestly kept and shared out henceforth. Refers to the dissolution of the general office in late years.

COPY: Bodl. MS Ashmole 857 pp. 277-8 (transcript, contemporary).

100. 16 Jan. 1594/5: Orders of Sir William Cecil, Lord Burghley, Charles, Lord Howard of Effingham and Henry, Lord Hunsdon, commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal (appointed 25 Jan. 1592), requiring the officers of arms to bring before them all such of their books, rolls and muniments as may serve for precedents and proof in the placing of different estates.

COPY: BL MS Harley 69 fo. 52v (early 17th cent).

- 101.** 9 Aug. 1595: Letter of Sir Edward Hoby and Sir George Carew, acting on behalf of Lord Burghley, Charles, Lord Howard of Effingham and Henry, Lord Hunsdon, commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal, requiring the whole Office to attend at the College on 13 August.

COPY: BL MS Add. 38823 fo. 84v (contemporary). Hoby and Carew had themselves been commissioned to act on 4 Aug.: *ibid.* fo. 84, and original in BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fos 70-71v.

Presumably of c. 1595 are the 'informations', addressed to 'your lordships', set down by 'the heralds and pursuivants' (unnamed) in defence of the general and necessary use of Derby House (as against the private offices of the kings of arms in their own houses), and complaining of the 'unsufferable dealing' of Garter. The [general] office is referred to as having been dissolved for 22 or 23 years. Criticisms are made of William Dethick and of the provincial kings and Somerset as Norroy's Deputy—i.e., looking back to Robert Glover's day.

COPY: BL Cotton MS Faustina E. i fo. 265r-v.

- 102.** [May 1594 × Sept. 1597; perhaps 1596]: Letter of all(?) the officers of arms to the commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal, certifying the sufficiency for office of William Smith, suitor for a pursuivant's post. Probably datable to after the death of Nicholas Dethick, Windsor Herald (Jan. 1596), since he was not a signatory of the letter.

COPY: CA MS Arundel 40 fo. 37 (page headed 1596) (transcribed by Thomas Lant, Portcullis Pursuivant).

- 103.** [Dated only as 1596]: Orders drawn up by Sir Edward Hoby and Sir George Carew, to be issued by William Cecil, Lord Burghley, Charles, Lord Howard of Effingham, and Henry Carey (d. 23 July 1596), Lord Hunsdon, Lord Chamberlain, as commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal. These provide for the safe keeping of the College's records and the daily attendance in the Office of a herald and pursuivant; they require arms to be given only with the Earl Marshal's consent; and they define the roles of Garter and the provincial kings.

ORIGINAL: BL MS Lansdowne 82 fos 227-233.

PRINTED: J. Edmondson, *A Complete Body of Heraldry* (2 vols. London 1780), vol. 1, pp. 151-2 [summary]. The covering letter of Hoby and Carew to Burghley and the other commissioners, in which they remark on the problem of the discontinuance of the Office, the factionalism or open warring of the officers and the neglect of the College's fabric, is dated 25 Sept. 1596; an original is in MS Lansdowne 82, fo. 226.

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* p. 209.

- 104.** 22 Oct. 1597: Order issued by William Cecil, Lord Burghley, and Charles Howard, Lord Howard of Effingham, as commissioners for the office of Earl Marshal; entitled 'An Order of the Placing of the Kings, Heralds and Pursuivants at Arms.'

COPY: CA Partition Book II (1583-1626), on first page of a bifolium bound in between

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fos 114 and 115.

PRINTED: W. H. Herendeen, *William Camden: A Life in Context* (Woodbridge 2007), p. 388 [list of all the officers of arms].

DISCUSSED: J. Edmondson, *A Complete Body of Heraldry* (2 vols., London 1780), vol. 1, p. 153.

- 105.** [after 23 Oct. 1597:] Chapter ordinances, about the right of Robert Treswell, Somerset, to have his funeral turn (due to him as Bluemantle, from which office he had just been promoted to that of Somerset) and about pursuivants' turns in taking funerals in general. Signed by the three kings and by four heralds. Treswell was created Somerset Herald on 23 Oct. 1597, although his patent was issued only on 20 Mar. 1603 [Godfrey and Wagner, *CA*, p. 157].

COPY: *CA* Partition Book II (1583-1626) fo. 121.

- 106.** 30 Nov. 1597: Chapter decisions, 'That the generall Office of Armes, lately discontinued, should be agayne erected, and recontynued onely within the appoynted place', that the books and records of Clarenceux Cooke and Clarenceux Lee be purchased, and that the officers of arms henceforth attend and wait in the general office on a monthly basis.

COPY: *CA* Partition Book II (1583-1626) fo. 115.

DISCUSSED: Wagner, *HE* p. 221.

- 107.** 4 March 1598: Chapter order, that Robert Treswell, Somerset, is entitled to a funeral turn, on Garter's side, which he had missed.

ORIGINAL: *CA* Partition Book II (1583-1626) fo. 121.

- 108.** 3 Nov. 1600: Chapter ordinance that officers' share in royal largess shall be forfeited in part or in whole for absence from the royal court on the eve of any festival day.

COPY: *CA* Partition Book II (1583-1626) fo. 137. No names are subscribed.