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CALL NUMBER: OSBORN FB162

TITLE: [Commonplace book, anonymous manuscript]

DATES: [16th century]

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Subjects include chivalry, tournaments, coronations, and heraldry.

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Scope and Contents

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| b. 1 | [Account of the coronation of Richard II, King of England (1367-1400)]
8 p.
A contemporary account copied in the late 16th century. Includes lists of peers and knights who did homage at the coronation, 1377 July 16.
p.1-4. | [n.d.] |
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| b. 1 | "The manner and forme of ye Kinges and Quenes Coronacion in England"
9 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Instructions for coronations.
p.5-8. | [n.d.] |
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| b. 1 | [Account of the coronation of Henry VII, 1485]
19 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Plans and descriptions of the coronation.
p.9-18. | [n.d.] |
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GLOUCESTER, THOMAS DE WOODSTOCK, DUKE OF, 1355-1397

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| b. 1 | "The order and forme of feighting within lists"
[c.1385]
9 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
A treatise written for King Richard II on the rules of tournaments.
p.19-23. | [n.d.] |
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BOYLE, SIR PHILLIP

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| b. 1 | [Challenge of arms, 1442]
2 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Rules of combat and a note of the arms accomplished by John Astley.
p.23. | [n.d.] |
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MASSE, PIERES DE

MASSE, PIERES DE (continued)

- b. 1 [Challenge of arms to John Astley, 1438] [n.d.]
 2 p.
 Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
 Rules of combat and notice of the
 arms won by John Astley.
 p.24.

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- b. 1 "The Challenge of an Ancestor of the Earl of Warwick" [n.d.]
 [15th century?]
 5 p.
 Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
 An account of a tournament between
 English and French knights.
 p.24-26.

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- b. 1 [Documents on a tournament, 1465-1467] [n.d.]
 38 p.
 Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
 Tournament between Anthony Woodville,
 2nd earl Rivers (1442?-1483), and the
 Bastard of Burgundy. The answer to
 the challenge, and other documents
 relating to the tournament.
 p.26-42.

HENRY V, KING OF ENGLAND, 1387-1422

- b. 1 [Rules of war] [n.d.]
 14 p.
 Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
 Statutes and ordinances for the army,
 the taking of prisoners, etc.
 p.42-49.

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- b. 1 [An account of the meeting between King Henry VIII and King Francis I, 1520 [n.d.]
 May-June]
 14 p.
 Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
 2 copies (one incomplete). Two
 documents, the first a complete list
 of those who accompanied Henry VIII
 and Catherine to France, including
 numbers of servants and horses. The
 second is an account of the meeting
 itself. Francois I, King of France
 (1494-1547); Catherine of Arragon,
 Queen Consort to Henry VIII
 (1485-1536).
 p.53-57 and p.153-160.

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| b. 1 | <p>[Rules of the tournament and for the awarding of prizes]</p> <p>[n.d.]</p> <p>3 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Includes a list of actions by which prizes are forfeited, and a hierarchy of skills which are to be awarded prizes.
p.57-58.</p> |
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| b. 1 | <p>[Ordinances of the field in war to be enforced by the High Marshall according to the ancient custom of France, Spain, Portugal, etc.]</p> <p>[n.d.]</p> <p>4 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
The responsibilities of the Marshall and other rules for the army.
p.58-60.</p> |
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| b. 1 | <p>[The powers of the provost marshal and his lieutenant in the jurisdiction of the artillery]</p> <p>[n.d.]</p> <p>3 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
List of privileges and responsibilities of the provost marshal.
p.60-61.</p> |
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RICHMOND, MARGARET (BEAUFORT) TUDOR, COUNTESS OF, 1441-1509

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| b. 1 | <p>"An Ordenance for Ladies and gentlewomen during the time of their mourning after their estates"</p> <p>[n.d.]</p> <p>2 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Rules of mourning dress for the court.
p.61.</p> |
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| b. 1 | <p>[A discours of the succession of the crown of Portugal, proving the right of King Emmanuel to the throne]</p> <p>[n.d.]</p> <p>1 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
A narrative of the genealogy of the Portuguese royal family, 1385-1521.
p.62.</p> |
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GREAT BRITAIN. COLLEGE OF ARMS.

GREAT BRITAIN. COLLEGE OF ARMS. (continued)

- b. 1 [\[Bill relating to the duties of members, 1489 Nov 19\]](#) [n.d.]
- 2 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Duties of the Kings of Arms and heralds and their attendance upon the King. At the end of the bill is a memorandum dated 1528 noting that the bill was entered in "the Book".
p.63.

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- b. 1 "Orders for placing Lords and Ladies according to their degrees" [n.d.]
- 3 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
The proper precedent for peers, their wives and children.
p.63-64.

ENGLAND. COLLEGE OF ARMS.

- b. 1 [Regulations governing the Chapter of the office of arms agreed upon by the officers at Rouen in Normandy, 1420 Jan 15] [n.d.]
- 6 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
This copy is misdated 1620.
Includes a list of the officers of the Chapter of Arms.
p.65-69.

CLARENCE, THOMAS OF LANCASTER, DUKE OF, 1389-1421

- b. 1 [Ordinances and statutes made for the reformation and good government of the office of arms, 1420] [n.d.]
- 3 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
In French.
p.68-69.

DACRE, MARGARET LENNARD (DACRE), BARONESS, 1541-1612

- b. 1 [The claim of Margaret Dacre to the Barony of Dacre, c.1594-1604] [n.d.]
- 28 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
A statement of Margaret Dacre's claim to the barony and copies of supporting documents, including a letter from the Earl of Essex and the opinion of the Earl Marshall's court.
p.70-83.

ORDER OF THE GARTER

ORDER OF THE GARTER (continued)

- b. 1 [Letters of institution of the Garter King of Arms, 1421] [n.d.]
5 p.
Anonymous MS copy, early 17th c.
Two copies, one in French, one in English.
p.84-86.

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- b. 1 [Warrants for Payments to the Officers of the College of Arms, 1461-1603] [n.d.]
11 p.
Anonymous MS copy, early 17th c.
Authorizing allowances to the Kings of Arms, heralds, etc. for livery money, conduct money, attendance on ambassadors, services at coronations, etc.
p.86-91.

EDWARD VI, KING OF ENGLAND, 1537-1553

- b. 1 [Warrant to the treasurer of the Chamber to pay an allowance to Sir Gilbert Dethick during his attendance in France, 1551] [n.d.]
1 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Sir Gilbert Dethick (1519?-1584) was Garter King of Arms and on a mission to invest the French King into the Order of the Garter.
p.88.

RICHARD II, KING OF ENGLAND, 1367-1400

- b. 1 [The statutes, ordinances, and customs of the army made by the King and his councillors, 1386 June 16] [n.d.]
7 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Rules and punishments for soldiers.
p.92-95.

ENGLAND. COLLEGE OF ARMS.

- b. 1 [Oaths and rules for the Kings of Arms and other heraldic officials] [n.d.]
9 p.
Anonymous MS copies, late 16th c.
Includes "The Order of creating a King of Arms"; the oaths of the Garter and Provincial King of Arms and Herald of Arms.
p.95-99.

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| b. 1 | [A history of the office of herald]

6 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
A history of titles, offices, and
duties of heralds.
p.100-102. | [n.d.] |
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| b. 1 | [Instructions for heralds on diplomatic missions]

6 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
In French. Includes proper forms of
address for various dignitaries; how
an officer of arms in the service of
the Duke of Lorraine carried out his
mission to the Duke of Burgundy.
p.103-105. | [n.d.] |
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| b. 1 | [Petition of the officers of arms to the King regarding their rights and fees,
n.d.]

4 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
List of fees and duties at various
ceremonies and a section of the
"Rights due at the tournay."
p.106-107. | [n.d.] |
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| b. 1 | [A treatise of the bearing of arms]

4 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
The duties of heralds and the
principles of heraldry.
p.109-110. | [n.d.] |
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| b. 1 | [The proclamation for giving the prize at jousts, n.d.]

1 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
In Latin.
p.112. | [n.d.] |
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- b. 1 [The publication of the disgrading of Edward, late Duke of Buckingham, from the Order of the Garter, 1521 June 8] [n.d.]
3 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
The announcement of the degradation of Edward Stafford, 3rd Duke of Buckingham (1478-1521), and an account of the formal ceremony expelling him after he was convicted of high treason.
p.113-114.

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- b. 1 "The forme how that women should beare their armes" [n.d.]
1 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Rules concerning women's right to bear arms and special cases such as widows, etc.
p.114.

[ANONYMOUS]

- b. 1 [A treatise on the fees and prerequisites of herald according to ancient customs] [n.d.]
10 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Includes a list of gifts to heralds at Christmas, 1481, and other lists of appropriate gifts.
p.115-120.

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- b. 1 [Manual of court duties for gentlemen of the chamber and other servants of the King] [n.d.]
65 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
Complete manual covering topics from coronation duties to the setting of the King's table.
p.121-153.

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- b. 1 [A description of the trappings on King Henry VII's horses in 1485] [n.d.]
1 p.
Anonymous MS copy, late 16th c.
p. 153.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Coronations -- Great Britain
Heraldry -- Great Britain
Tournaments, Medieval -- England

Geographic Names

Great Britain -- Court and courtiers
Great Britain -- Politics and government

Genres / Formats

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Names

Beaufort, Margaret, Countess of Richmond and Derby, 1443-1509
Gloucester, Thomas de Woodstock, Duke of, 1355-1397
Henry, King of England, VII, 1457-1509
Richard, King of England, II, 1367-1400

Corporate Bodies

College of Arms (Great Britain)
Great Britain. Army