

SCOTLAND

TO

DENMARK

Hiram Morgan

TO DENMARK (1492)

Sir James Ogilvy of Airly, Lord Ogilvy; Master John of Liston; Rothsay  
herald

Left after 29 May 1492

Ambassadors

£216 13 4; £25 to Rothsay

Appointed by parliament to deal with treaty renewal, trade, piracy etc.  
Present for Danish king. Rothsay died in DK.

TA 1 pp. lvi, xciii, xciv, cviii, cxii, 199, 200; (as derived from Exchequer Rolls  
no.301).

TO DENMARK (1495)

Peter Merscyr

6 Nov. 1495

£20

TA 1 p.242

TO DENMARK (1496)

Lyon Herald

20 Mar. 1496 - date of payment of expenses

£40

TA 1 p.325

Hiram Morgan

TO DENMARK (1502)

Snowdon Herald

had returned by 5 Sept 1502

£7 - part reimbursement

In 1502 Swedes in revolt against DK. Summer 1502 Scottish ships rescue Queen Christina of DK held captive in Stockholm. Snowdon may have carried coat of gold sent by K of SC to k of DK. Trumpeters also sent to DK.

TA 2 pp. xc, 147, 159, 340.

TO DENMARK (1504)

Lyon Herald

1504?

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Lyon herald may have been sent to Sweden & DK to enquire as to the continued hostility between the Swedes and Danes.

TA 2 p.xci.

TO DENMARK (1505)

Thornton of Keillour, Henry, Lyon King of Arms

Got instructions from J4 at Holyrood on 3 Apr

Envoy

Lyon prepaid £56 expenses, 54s for his victuals and a captain of Leith given £55 for his passage.

Letters to Abp of Uppsala & Chan of DK. Instructed to help King John of DK reach an understanding with SW. Lyon who was described by J4 as 'an experienced councillor' and 'a man of much diplomatic skill' had been requested by King John as a mediator. To inform John that J4 is unable to send ships.

LJ4, 2-6; TA 3 pp. lxiv, 133; (Also derived from *Epistolæ Jacobi Quarti, Jacobi Quinti, et Mariæ Regum Scotorum*, I, 34,38)

TO DENMARK (1507)-1

Robert Forman, Dean of Glasgow & Chancellor of Moray, & Lyon herald

departing Jan 1507; home before 18 Sept

Ambassadors

reconciliation of dispute bet. Lubeck & DK. Conference after Apr 20. Also attended a disputation at CH university during lent. Joined by Mountjoy, the French herald, in May. On 20 July king John announced that negotiations with Lubeck were complete and that SC AMS & Mountjoy were ready to return to SC. AMs also carried letters to Charles of Castile & Burgundy & to MAX re D of Guelders. The following year the matter of Robert Forman and the unchaste behaviour of Danish matrons' came up. J4 wanted John to have Forman cleared from these accusations as Forman was chosen from the whole household as having mixed with the leading figures in Europe, who have, like John, commended him.'

TA 3 p.361; LJ4 59, 69-70, 73, 76-7 116-7



TO DENMARK (1507)-2

Thomas Lummesden

Leaving SC with J4's let of 10 Mar

Zeeland herald

Sent with secret instructions to J4 who requests accredited envoy.

LJ4 62

TO DENMARK (1508)

William Paterson

Carrying J's 4 letter of 4 April

Bad SC harvest - J4 wants an export license for Paterson to make grain purchases. J4 also refers to the dispute with Lubeck

LJ4 105-7

TO DENMARK (1509)-1

James Mackieson

leaving Sc end of march. In Dk in May

envoy

To confer with king John about confidential matters. Delivers king gift of couches & horses. Also to continue to Danzig and Poland

LJ4 143-5, 148

TO DENMARK (1509)-2

Andrew Jameson, a sailor

departing prob. March 1509

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Letter of credence to Christian & nobles of N. to allow J. to choose timber for ships' masts and have it shipped to SC

LJ4 143

TO DENMARK (1510)

Henry, James's chaplain

in DK in May

envoy?

To find out about Dk's proceedings with Lubeck. Sent back with Norge k of A  
who is to explain developments

LJ4 171

TO DENMARK (1512)-1

Murray created Carrick pursuivant on 29 Apr

received instructions on 22 Apr & 28 May which he presented on 6 June;  
not back by Aug 7

envoy

1st instructions - to announce the birth of a male heir, to report on Forman's diplomacy & general international situation. EN is threatening EN & FR. L12 wants SC support who in turn wants DK's support. 2nd instructions - H8 has declared war on Fr; how many ships & men can Dk supply Sc with in the event of war with EN. king John to send out peace emissaries. John replies on 12 June that he has sent envoys Rome to encourage peace but he urges SC to make peace with EN because he himself has disbanded & reduced his forces after peace with SW & LU.

LJ4 243-5, 247-50, 261-3

TO DENMARK (1512)-2

John or Henry White

leaving with king's letter on or after 7 Aug

messenger

Letter delivery re escalating situation and to discover why Carrick  
pursuivant has not returned.

LJ4 261-3

TO DENMARK (1512)-3

messenger

J4's letter of 12 Nov

Seeking Danish king's help to get redress for Scots merchants spoiled by  
Hamburgers

LJ4 271-2



TO DENMARK (1513)

Magnus Beilde (a nephew of Danish Chancellor, Oswald Beilde, educated among Scots nobility and described as 'a servant' of J4.

leaving SC after 12 Jan; returned in March 1513 with news of death of John & succession of Christiern

envoy

Received 48s on 12 Jan

Beilde to submit articles to J of Dk. J4 asks him to act as an intermediary with H8. J4 was forced to renew treaty with FR after pact bet EN & SP. Asks John to listen to Beilde who has full credence. John to send a fleet immediately which J4 will pay for. Beilde also carried a letter from De La Mothe to J of Dk & had credence to continue to Norway. Was accompanied by Andrew Jensoun & Arthur Bruce who were to do business for J4.

LJ4 280-5; TA 4 402.

TO DENMARK (1523)

1523?

Possible negotiations on marriage and military alliance.

TA 6 p.xxvi

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TO DENMARK (1544)

Master John Hay

April to June 1544 - in July Thomas Majoribanks reimbursed £220 for the furnishing of Hay.

'passing in Denmark in my lord governors affairs'. To make representations on Scottish affairs and to seek renewal of treaties.

TA 8 p.305; SCML pp.102-3; (Also derived from *Epistolæ Jacobi Quarti, Jacobi Quinti, et Mariæ Regum Scotorum*, II, xxxix).

TO DENMARK

Master James Johnston

1546

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£13 4s

Brings king letters from DK and goes back with k's letters to DK

TA 8 p.478

TO DENMARK (1548-9)

Sir David Lindsay, Lyon K of A.

paid Dec.1548 & reimbursed Oct 49.

paid £140 in '48 & £112 10s in '49.

taking certain writings & directions to the k of DK

TA 9 pp.259, 347

TO DENMARK (1550)

Earl of Rothes (accompanied by FR envoy).

Feb to Jul 1550 (if payments for shipping are taken into account

ambassador

Feb. 1550 - £12 to ship's gunner for three months' wages; £67 to skipper of ship; £106 13s 4d to Rothes for the victualling of the ship. March 1550 - £575 to John Paterson, a servant to Rothes. July 1550 - £92 for the freight of the ship on its return

March 1550 writings sent with Rothes by Lord Governor re Danish claim to Orkneys; writings also to be conveyed to John MacAlpine & Alex. Lyell. Large must cover more than just expenses - munitions perhaps?

TA 9 pp. 377, 385, 386-7, 428.

TO DENMARK (1551)

Herald

6 June 1551

Sent by Gov with letters to K of Dk touching requested return of Orkneys.

SCML 354-6.

TO DENMARK (1558)

Gilbert Balfour, burgess of Edinburgh.

11 June - payment of expenses.

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Paid £200 by Sc Trea

TA 10 p.359.



TO DENMARK (1567)

Stewart, William, Albany Herald (later Lyon King)

About to leave SC 29 Sept.

Paid £231 leaving

Passed to Norway, DK and Flanders. May only have carried letters. 'In his graces affairs by my lord regent graces special command'

TA 12 pp. 75, 128-9.

TO DENMARK (1570)

Thomas Buchanan

21 Aug 1570 - payment to him. Poss in DK in May 1571

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£24 towards clothes

TA 12 p.208; RPCS ii 412

TO DENMARK (1586)

Peter Young, sub-preceptor & master almoner.

July to Nov

AM

This former tutor of J6 carried his portrait and hoped to bring back portraits of the Danish royal family.

10 Nov reports on his proceedings to arrange J6's marriage. Made a privy councillor as a result

RPCS iv 113; Royal Wedding, p.6

TO DENMARK (1586)

Colonel Stewart

Agent

Going on his own business to DK being a pensioner of the king there, he was commissioned to speak of J6's marriage to K of DK's eldest daughter. Like Young, he returned with a good answer and a further embassy was planned for the following year. According to Stevenson's *Royal Wedding*, this piece of entrepreneurship on Stewart's part may actually have been paid for by Denmark where the Colonel had previously seen military service.

Melville, p.312; Royal Wedding, pp.8-10.

## TO DENMARK (1587)

Patrick Vaus, laird of Barnbarroch, senator of College of Justice & Peter Young.

Vaus app. 26 March; departed 31 May; returned end of Aug (Moysie); reported 11 Oct (RPCS)

Ambassadors

Audience 29 July

K, C & pt of the Estates asked Edinburgh for £2,000 on 16 May to fit out this embassy

King's marriage. Did not mind which of Frederick II's daughters they obtained but were after as big a dowry as possible. Their non-noble status, the bad treatment of the 1585 Danish embassy and the king's illness may have impeded their mission. Never saw the princesses. Moysie says the ambassador returned 'with ansuer of thaire commission, not so guide as wes liukit for'. There were later complaints against Vaus for trying to claim taxes allegedly assigned for the Danish mission. On 28 Nov 1587 commissioners for the burghs agreed to £4,000 towards a future Danish embassy to be remitted out of the next taxation.

Moysie, Memoirs, 64-5; RPCS iv 164n, 169, 182n, 231, 353; Royal Wedding, pp.9-11

TO DENMARK (1588) -1

Colonel William Stewart

February

Agent

Managed to see Frederick II before he died; was able to inform J6 on his return that Princess Anne was still on offer.

Royal Wedding, p14

TO DENMARK (1588) -2

Stewart, Colonel William

left c.20 Aug; returned 15 Nov.

To met regents of minority king Christian IV; reported that the Danish marriage was still possible notwithstanding the death of the old king.

Moysie, Memoirs, 70; Royal Wedding, p.14

## TO DENMARK (1589)

Keith, George, Earl Marischal; Andrew Keith, Lord Dingwall; James Scrymgeor, Constable of Dundee & Standard-Bearer of Scotland; Colonel William Stewart; John Skene, advocate; George Young, archdeacon of St Andrews, secretary; William Fowler, poet and parson of Hawick

Appointed 2 June 1589; departed 18 June; arrived 29<sup>th</sup>, returned 15 Dec

### Ambassadors

To complete marriage negotiations and accompany Anne of Denmark – 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of F2 - back to SC. George Keith because of stature, experience, education and considerable personal wealth was chosen as ambassador extraordinary. Andrew Keith, his nephew, was a self-made man and former councillor of K of SW who had been elevated to the peerage in 1583. John Sken, a lawyer, was described by Melville as ‘best acquainted with the German customs, and could make them long harangues in Latin; that he was a good, true and Stout man, like a Dutchman’. William Fowler selected and paid for by town of Edinburgh.

Asked for a dowry of £1,000, 000 Scots but had to settle for £150,000 (notionally ‘a barrel of gold’ according to the Danes). Orkney Isles’ question omitted. Anne promised morning gift of property – Linlithgow Palace, Falkland Castle and lordship of Dunfermline. 20 August proxy marriage solemnised at the Danish court with Earl Marischal giving Anne jewels and symbolically being put to bed with her. 28 Aug Col Stewart returned with this news and on 30<sup>th</sup> the burghs voted £20,000 to the king to receive Anne. But the Princess was driven back onto the coast of Norway and thus does not make scheduled reception. Problems caused by witches? 14/15 Sept Dingwall arrives with news of storm - Stewart dispatched to Norway.

On 10 Oct, J6 sets out for Norway; marries Anne on 23 Nov. in Oslo; goes on to DK and stays there until the spring. Even though, J6 appointed Maitland of Thirlestane and others in his party as ambassadors there is no way this visit can be seen as an embassy since the king was present.

Moysie, Memoirs, 47-8, 73, 78, 79, 81; RPCS iv 389-91, 396n, 410n, 411n, 423n, 823-4; Melville, 324-31; Royal Wedding, 17-56, 79-99.



TO DENMARK (1590)

John Lord Fleming

despatched 2 Oct

To k of Dk, and Dukes of Meckleburg & Brunswick touching the king's  
estate.

RPCS iv 536

TO DENMARK (1594)

Young, Mr Peter

Left SC May 1594

Carried invitation to baptism of Prince Henry. Also sent to the Dukes of Brunswick and Mecklenburg.

Got three fair chains. Presumably one given in each place.

Moysie, Memoirs, 117; Melville, 367.

DENMARK

TO

SCOTLAND

Hiram Morgan

FROM DENMARK (1473/4)

An esquire of the king of Denmark

Envoy

Lodged at Snowdon herald's house; K of SC entrusted him with buying munitions in DK when departing.

TA 1 pp. lv, 68, 69.

FROM DENMARK (1495)

Chancellor of DK

Ambassador

Probably return mission to treat on matters propounded by Lord Ogilvy in DK.

TA 1 pp.cxvii, 240; (as derived from Exchequer Rolls no. 307).

FROM DENMARK (1496)

Herald of Denmark

Leaving SC 20 March 1496.

TA 1 p.325.

Hiram Morgan

FROM DENMARK (1497)

Chancellor of DK

Ambassador

TA 1 pp.cxviii, 240, (as derived from Exchequer Rolls. no.310).

Hiram Morgan

FROM DENMARK (1503)

Thomas Lummysdene, herald of Denmark.

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TA 2 p.373

Hiram Morgan



FROM DENMARK (1505)

Thomas Lummysden

in SC in Feb

herald

Audience 3 Feb

Brought 'Christofer' - Prince Christian? - who is now to be one of the royal pages. Zeeland reports on the state of the war & negotiations.

LJ4 3-4.

FROM DENMARK (1506)-1

Thomas Lummysden, Zeeland herald of DK.

Delivered letters of 5 March & 4 May on July 10

letter delivery. Zeeland not permitted to continue to H7 but sent back to DK with Mountjoy k of Arms.

LJ4 27-9

FROM DENMARK (1506)-2

Thomas Lummysden, Zeeland herald of Denmark.

Given instructions in Sept. Left SC on or after 15 Oct.

Envoy??

French Marriage of King John's son, and military help from James against Lubeck-Swedish alliance next summer. Zeeland continues to FR with SC

LJ4, 33; TA 3 lxxiv, v, 350.

FROM DENMARK (1507)-1

Gestach

delivered royal letters of 17 Dec on 1 MArch

messenger

Secret audience - Zeeland is interpreter

Brought news of an agreement with Lubeck (premature)

LJ4 61-2

FROM DENMARK (1507)-2

Tycho Vincent, Dean of Copenhagen & royal secretary

Given letters of credence by J of Dk on 20 July 1507. In Sc in Sept - 'Was honourably received in SC for some days.' in London by 11 Oct acting on J4 instructions. Had arrived from Dk with Mountjoy herald and continued to FR with him.

Ambassador

TA 4 p.72; LJ4 79, 89-90, 117.

FROM DENMARK (1508)-1

John Posthulule, herald of DK

Delivered king's letter of 10 Jan; in SC 5 Apr

letter delivery - that Lubeckers & the hanse are breaking agreements & helping the Swedes.

TA 4 pp. 109, 114; LJ4 95-6.

FROM DENMARK (1508-9)

Norge king of Arms

Delivers k's letter of 21 Dec 1508

envoy/messenger

Asks for ships & men at Copenhagen by Ascension day - 15 May. Norge also had instructions for Q re Prince Christian

LJ4 131-2

FROM DENMARK (1509)-1

Norge k of A

Delivers k's let of 23 Mar

envoy/messenger

Reports truce with SW & K's wish to buy ships off SC

LJ4 140



FROM DENMARK (1509)-2

John Gotschalck

Delivers k's let of 20 July

letter delivery & to report activity of Lubeckers. Wants 2000 men from J4.

LJ4 152

Hiram Morgan

FROM DENMARK (1509-10)

John Gotschalck

Delivers k's let of 28 Dec

Messenger

Letter delivery. The war situation - k of Dk wants the help of SC shipping in his war and for SC privateers to attack Lubeckers on high seas.

LJ4 162-3

FROM DENMARK (1510)-1

Norge k of A

Delivers k's letter of May 1510

Envoy/Messenger

Letter Delivery. Returns with J4's chaplain to explain the situation

LJ4 171

FROM DENMARK (1510)-2

Robert Barton

Delivers k's letter of Sept 4 1510

messenger

letter delivery re war situation.

LJ4 178

FROM DENMARK (1510)-3

George Byssmester

Delivers k's let of 12 Oct

messenger

letter delivery requesting military support in coming year.

LJ4 181

FROM DENMARK (1512)

John Scott

delivers k's let of 12 Feb

messenger

Delivery of letter which reports death of Swedish leader, Nielsen Svente and John's continued request for military support.

LJ4 226

FROM DENMARK (1517)

Cochran, herald of DK

June 1517

TA 5 p.158.

FROM DENMARK (1524)

1524

Ambassador

DK AMB in Edinburgh proposing marriage alliance.

TA 5 p.xxviii.



FROM DENMARK (1527)

John Elgin

June 1527

Ambassador

Christian II probably used this embassy to offer J5 one of his daughters.

TA 5 pp. xxxviii, 322.

FROM DENMARK (1530)

Alexander Mure, herald of DK.

July 1530

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£30 reward from SC Trea.

TA 5 p.440.

FROM DENMARK (1532)

Mure

4 July 1532 &?

???

£40 from SC Trea

letter delivery

TA 6 p.46

FROM DENMARK (1533)

Mure

two visits, 22 June & ?.

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£60 reward on each occasion

letter deliveries.

TA 6 pp. 153, 263.

FROM DENMARK (1545)

Herald of Denmark

1545

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given £11 by k of SC

TA 8 p.365

FROM DENMARK (1550)

Charles Houstoun, herald to k of DK.

1550

TA 9 p.377

Hiram Morgan

FROM DENMARK (1555)

Aug 1555 - his host reimbursed.

Ambassador

lodged in Biggar

TA 10 pp. 288

FROM DENMARK (1585)

Manderup Parsberg, Henrik Below and Dr Nicholaus Theophilus.

Arrived in SC 12 June.

2 Ambassadors & Secretary

Presence - 16 or 17 June at Dunfermline.

Had a company of 80 including 12 in gold chains. Ostensibly wanted to redeem Orkney and Shetland for sum of money they had with them. But their real object was to forge a marriage alliance bet DK & SC by offering J6 one of Ferderick II's daughters. J6 was however more preoccupied with the EN AM Wotton and the proposed league with EN. King & Council denied knowledge of any reversionary arrangement regarding the Northern Islands and promised to send an ambassador to DK. According Melville, Wotton befriended them tried to sow discord between Danes and the Scottish hosts by claiming that James had slighted and abused them. Eventually James himself reassured them. According to Stevenson's *Royal Wedding*, the real opposition came from Arran who, having having formerly fought in Sweden, favoured a royal bride from that country. After his fall, the Danish match could at last progress.

A gold chain weighing 57 crowns 'divided into three parts, for it was large' which J6 forced Arran to lend him.

Moysie, *Memoirs*, 53; *RPCS III* 749n; Melville, pp.295-300, 303-4; *Royal Wedding*, pp.4-5.



FROM DENMARK (1588)

Agent

27 May in Leith

To ascertain whether the Scots were still interested in a Danish match for J6

Royal Wedding, p.15

## FROM DENMARK (1590)

Peder Munk, Admiral of DK; Steen Brahe, chancellor of DK, Breide Rantzau, Hendrik Gyldenstierne, Nicholaus Theophilus, Doctor of Laws, Stephen Bua, Captain of Elsinore, Captain Bochastle, William Vandervant + 40 persons in gold chains.

### 3 Ambassadors

Arrived in SC 1 May; left 26th

A Danish wedding party of 223 people accompanied James VI and Queen Anne to Scotland. Anne brought her own coach from DK. The ambassadors were banquetted each day which cost 1200 merks per diem. Much grumbling by the Danes about delays and concern about the properties being given to the new queen. Second week the admiral and other ambassadors were in the country inspecting the queen's lordships. Coronation on 17th at Holyrood with the Danish Ambassadors seated just to the left of Anne and then ceremonial entry with pageantry into the capital on 19th. On departure their ships were loaded with 13-14,000 crowns worth of gold chains, plate & jewels, 7-8 tons of wine, ale, beef & mutton. Melville described gifts as 'more than twelve gold chains, and many medals of gold with his Majesty's picture'. Complaints of taxpayers about having to pay for the entertaining of this Danish delegation continued in subsequent years.

Moysie, Memoirs, 83,158; RPCS iv, 479-80, 484, 634-6, 678; Melville, p.331; Royal Wedding, 57-62, 100-22

FROM DENMARK (1592)

AMS

Minute investigations in Queen Anne's rights to certain lands under marriage settlement. Thirlestane and others with contrary claims forced to yield.

Royal Wedding p.65

FROM DENMARK (1593)

Steen Bille

c. 28 April

AM

To check on the performance of contracts relating lands being given to Queen Anne under the marriage settlement.

Moysie 102, 162

FROM DENMARK (1594)

Steen Bille

AM

Left SC c.10 Sept

Attended baptism of Prince Henry, Stirling 6 Sep 1594.

Moysie, Memoirs, 119; Royal Wedding, 126

FROM DENMARK (1594-5)

2 Ambassadors

Non-fulfillment on Scottish side of lands and rents due to Queen Anne in marriage contract. This might have been confused on Melville's part with missions of 1592 & 1593.

Melville, p.370.