

SCOTLAND

TO

ENGLAND

Hiram Morgan

TO ENGLAND (1474)-1

Bp of Aberdeen, Sir John Colquhoun of Luss, James Schaw of Sauchy; Lyon herald.

Commission 15 June 1474. July in London.

Ambassadors

£20 prepayment to Lyon.

Embassy suggested by parliament for treaty confirmation, redress & possible marriage alliance between infant prince of Scotland and Cecilia, daughter of Ed IV.

TA 1 lv-vi.

TO ENGLAND (1474)-2

Lyon herald

Leaves after 3 Nov, signs document in London on 3 Dec

3 Nov 1474 J3 signs articles of peace & Lyon proceeds to London 'for the interchanging of the truces'. 3 Dec LH signs indenture re remission of Cecilia's dowry

TA 1 p.lix.

TO ENGLAND (1488)

Abp of St Andrews, bps of Aberdeen & Glasgow

Sent after the death of J3 & coronation of J4.

Ambassadors

Obtained renewal of truce arranged in 1486

TA 1 pp.lxxiv-v; (Also derived from Rymer's Foedera, XII, 343,345.

TO ENGLAND (1501-2)

Abp. of Glasgow, Patrick. E. of Bothwell, Adw. Forman, bp. elect of Moray;
Sir John Home of Aytoun; Lyon Herald; Dunbar?

Commissioned 8 Oct 1501, left soon after

Ambassadors

£28 to Home; £18 & £8 8s to Lyon.

Marriage contract of J4 & Margaret signed 29 1 1502. En & Sc
commissioners also conclude a perpetual peace & an extradition treaty.

TA 2 pp.liv-vi, 122, 132.

TO ENGLAND (1502)

Lyon herald

Sent 23 Dec 1502

£28 prepayment

Post haste to EN with the truces 'when Sir Thomas Darcy would not interchange'

TA 2 p.352

TO ENGLAND (1507)

R. Forman, dean of Glasgow, & Lyon herald

king's letter of 8 Jan; back by mid-Sept.

ambassadors

to warn H7 to stay out of Maximilian's attack on J4's kinsman, duke of Gueldres. Also to king Charles, EM Max, D of Gueldres, Lubeck & DK

LJ4 47-9

TO ENGLAND (1508)

Bishop of Moray; Islay herald dep aft 30 May 1508

£14 to herald

TA 4 p.118.

TO ENGLAND (1509)

Andrew Forman, bp of Moray, Henry Thompson, Lyon, & John Sanchare, a priest of Aberdeen diocese, apostolic, imperial & royal notary.

Commission to Moray, 19 July; letter of credence on 30th; in EN til end of Aug.

Ambassador

To arrange personal meeting between H8 & J4, to accept H8's oath & deliver J4's, to deal with border matters, to establish future arrangements to promote peace. Moray to effect 'a final conclusion'. 29 Aug - Thompson, Sanchare witness H8's oath to observe the treaty of Perpetual peace. Forman took oath on J4's behalf but H8 wanted J4 to take the same oath himself.

LJ4 151, 153, 154-5.

TO ENGLAND (1511)

Archibald, E of Argyll; John lord Drummond; Sir Robert Lauder of the Bass; Sir William Scott of Balweary, Sir John Ramsey & James Henryson

safe-conduct granted 26 July 1511, ?for a border commission. Probably not taken up.

LJ4 208

TO ENGLAND (1512)

Islay herald

king's letter of 5 Dec

???

J4 sends copy of Pope's letter, requests safe conduct for ambassadors and a border commission. Complains about captured Scottish ship and holds Papal messenger against Islay's safe return.

LJ4 274-5

TO ENGLAND (1513)

Ross herald

king's letter of 26 July

J4 complains about H8's unwillingness to grant a safe-conduct even though West had asked J4 to send one of his Council. Answered by H8 on 12 Aug.

LJ4 311-5

TO ENGLAND (1515)

Lyon herald

in England Sept/Dec.

TA 5 p.43

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TO ENGLAND (1518)

John Adamson; Master Galler, a secretary to LG

Sept 1518

Galler received £56

Sent for the interchange of commissions of peace. Galler continued to the Lord Gov in FR.

TA 5 pp.149, 150.

TO ENGLAND (1523)

reimbursed - Sept 1523

£40

Secret charges of lord governor

TA 5 p.224.

TO ENGLAND (1524-5)

Lord Cassillis

leaves towards end of 1524

Ambassadors

Scots Parliament sends embassy to EN to demand a peace treaty & marriage of J5 & Mary. H8 wants J5 educated in EN. Scheme collapses after Fr defeat at Pavia; H8 revives Mary-05 proposal.

TA 6 pp.xxx,xxxii-iv.

TO ENGLAND (1525-6)

Dec 25/ Jan 26

Ambassadors

Ambassadors sent to obtain 3 yr truce. Treaty concluded at Berwick 15-1-26. No mention of marriage of *J5* & Mary - J free to keep Ty of Rouen•.

TA 6 pp xxxv-vi.

TO ENGLAND (1531)

Thomas Scott

Sent Oct/Dec 1531

pre-paid £150 8s 4d; £9 8s for riding coat.

Onetime border commissioner going with writings, articles & credentials to H8.

TA 6 p.43

TO ENGLAND (1532-3)

Thomas Scott

In England at end of Dec 32; Feb 33 paid

reimbursed £120 - 40 days at £3 per diem & £40 for a new horse.

writings & credence to H8

TA 6 pp.100, 151

TO ENGLAND (1533-4)

Adam Otterburn; Abbot of Kinloss.

Commissioned March 1533 or 34; Otterburn on mission from 26 Nov to 3 June.

Ambassador

£146 to Kinloss; £6 to Otterburn

Kinloss went to H8 about 'the confirmation of the peace'. Various messengers back & forth.

TA 6 pp. 207,208, 211, 218-9, 220, 221, 232.

TO ENGLAND (1535)

Lord Erskine

1535? paid remainder in 1537.

Ambassador

Super expenses of £49 17s 10d

On way to Fr; to convey J5's intentions to H8; proxy for J5 in receipt of the Garter.

TA 6 pp. lvii, 304, 315.

TO ENGLAND (1538)

Robert Hart, Rothesay Herald

30 March 1538

£30

King's errands in EN

TA 6 p.318

TO ENGLAND (1541-2)

Oct 41 safe-conduct sent for;

ambassador

TA 8 pp. 31, 47, 55-6, 78.

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TO ENGLAND (1542)

Rothesay herald

Dec 42

£153 given to Rothesay for himself, Somerset herald & Dingwall pursuivant.

Writings to H8

TA 8 p. 149.

TO ENGLAND (1543-4)

Safe-conduct requested for ambassador, Dec 43.

Ambassador

TA 8 p.244.

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TO ENGLAND (1546)-1

July & Sept 46 - heralds sent for safe-conduct in July & Sept.

Ambassador

TA 8 pp.469, 480.

Hiram Morgan

TO ENGLAND (1546)-2

Peter Thomson, unicorn pursivant

prepayment - Oct 1546.

£44

letter delivery to k & C.

TA 9 p.33.

TO ENGLAND (1546-7)

Sir Adam Otterburn (pro-Stewart); David Paniter (pro-Hamilton); Peter Thomson, Islay herald.

Commissioned 2 Oct 46; departs c. 10 Oct.; arrived London 10 Nov; FR AM in London informed by Queen Mother & D'Oysel that Paniter was 'a creature of the governor' and came bearing 'some private and secret charge'. 5 Mar Paniter departs London for Paris; Otterburn requests recall in April; finally leaves London c.8 August.

Ambassador

Thomson delivered Otterburn sums of £110, 110, 175 in London; given £44 himself; EN PC gave O. £74 sterling on his departure. Had on 17 May reported himself penniless and reliant on creditors.

Audience by 5 Dec; Meetings with EN PC & FR & IMP AMS; 3 Feb meets new Lord Protector; 12 July meets Lord Protector; 7 August audience with K, LP & PC.

To get SC comprehended in Treaty of Campe as advertised by M de Mandosse. To get answer from EN PC and to treat for a comprehensive peace. If EN refuses, to proceed to FR. EN was opposed and continued to give attention to so-called 'ambassadors of St Andrews' much to Otterburn's annoyance. O. Relys Paniter's requests from FR. Helps captive envoys (Hay, Dryborough, Johnstone). Relys news of EN invasion preparations on a number of occasions. Reports spying missions sent by EN rota SC. Series of useless meetings with English. Otterburn murdered after his return - laird of Annestoun accused of his slaughter.

TA 9 pp. 56, 63, 73, 99, 263; SCML 163-94; RPCS I 43-4; APC, 1547-50, 112.

TO ENGLAND (1550)

Master of Erskine; Peter Thomson

depart after 22 April (instructions).

Ambassador

£445 to Erskine; £115 to Erskine's wife after his departure; £57 10s to Thomson.

To affirm Scotland's comprehension in Peace of Boulogne; Scot PC had already proclaimed peace 20 April. Also to France and Empire.

TA 9 pp. 393, 394, 397; RPCS I 85-93

TO ENGLAND (1551)-1

Erskine & others

10 June 1551 at Norham

commissioners

Signing of Anglo-Scottish peace

SCML 349-50

TO ENGLAND (1551)-2

herald

sent Nov. 1551

TA 10 p.33

Hiram Morgan

TO ENGLAND (1551-2)

Robert Camegy

Before Feb 52 for 15 wks.

In En & Fr on business of the Queen & LG.

TA 10 p.62

TO ENGLAND (1553)

Ross herald

departing after 18 Sept

To deliver instructions to Nicholas de Neufville, sieur de Villeroy, FR AM in London so that he can complain about English raids into SC, about pasture and fishing rights and if he can get EN PC to agree to a border commission, he is to hand over a list of SC commissioners.

RPCS I 148-51

TO ENGLAND (1555)

William Maitland the younger of Lethington; Laird of Trabroin.

departing July

Ambassadors?

pre-paid £44 each.

In embassy to the wardens of East Marches of EN.

TA 10 p.282.

TO ENGLAND (1556)

Alexander Ross herald

departing August

Mass of close writing from M of G to Q of E.

TA 10 p.315

TO ENGLAND (1558)

Maitland

departing after 11 Feb

Ambassador

£765 prepayment

Also going to FR. Maitland becomes Secretary soon after.

TA 10 pp. 331, 417.

TO ENGLAND (1560)

Adam Mccullocht, Bute pursuivant.

dep. 18 Feb.

pre-paid £50

To London on Q's affairs

TA 11 p.15

TO ENGLAND (1561)

Maitland

dep aft. 31 Aug

Ambassador

pre-paid £712 10s

To London on Q's affairs TA 11p.60

TO ENGLAND (1562)

William Stewart

dep. aft. 15 Jan. 1562.

pre-paid £80

To London on Q's affairs.

TA 11 p.102.

TO ENGLAND (1564)

James Melville

Received Instructions 28th Sept

Ambassador

Instructed to sort out offences given in letters and to find out what the EN parl may be doing about succession. Prior to audience JM had meetings with Christopher Hatton, Nicholas Throckmorton and Thomas Randolph. Famous discussions with Queen Elizabeth about the possible husbands for MQS and her own virginity. Also about which of the two queens were more accomplished and more beautiful. Probably much embroidered in Melville's later memoir. Further meetings with Hunsdon, Leicester, Sidney and Pembroke and with French and Spanish ambassadors. Dispatched by Cecil who 'put a fair chain about my neck' and given presents by Lady Lennox to give to MQS, Murray, Liddington, Robert Melville. Debriefed by MQS in Edin. about QE1, MQS's friends and supporters in England and well-willing of Spanish ambassador there.

Melville, pp.85-101

TO ENGLAND (1565-6]

Robert Melville

Ambassador Ordinary

To keep an eye on succession matters in EN parliament and pursue the succession plans for MQS proposed by Nicholas Throckmorton.

On returning from his first embassy to England (this one?), Sir Robert brought 'the hand-writings of twenty-five principal Earls and Lords of England, to set the Crown of England upon the Queen of Scotland's head'.

Melville, pp.120, 207

TO ENGLAND (1566)

William Stewart, Ross Herald.

dep. aft. 2 Jan

pre-paid £99.

To London on their majesties affairs.

TA 11 pp.453-4.

TO ENGLAND (1566)-2

James Melville

Dispatched 19 June 1566; in London four days later

Special Ambassador

Instructed before the delivery of Queen Mary to go to London, already had a letter from her with a blank 'to be filled up either with a son or a daughter', to request a fitting godparent from England and also to answer allegations made by Killigrew the EN AM in SC. At Greenwich he announced birth of Prince, meeting his brother Robert SC AM, Cecil and then audience with Queen Elizabeth. Apparently Queen's demeanour changed when she heard Mary had had a son.

Received 'a fair chain' on his departure.

Melville, pp.130-2.

TO ENGLAND (1568)-1

Nicholas Elphinstone

pre-paid 12 Jan 1568

£172 10s

To London on his grace's affairs

TA 12 p.93

TO ENGLAND (1568)-2

Alexander Clerk

pre-paid in 1568

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£75

to pass to FR & EN on at LR's spec. command.

TA 12 p.117

TO ENGLAND (1568)-3

Secretary Maitland

before Sept 18 1568

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when he passed in England with his grace'

TA 12 p.144.

TO ENGLAND (1569)

John Wood, senator of the College of Justice and secretary of Regent Moray.

home by 27 July

AM

According to Melville, he supplied a number of letters written by Norfolk to EN Govt which aided in his incrimination and returned well rewarded for his pains. At Perth He reported to the Estates on his negotiations with Eliz & PC. The problem of J6 being king in Mary's absence; Religion - an Anglican or Presbyterian model; Murray & Council to rule til James is 18; Crown lands; all foreigners except merchants to evacuate SC; a league bet EN & SC. That these things should be agreed under a tripartite arrangement bet Eliz, M of SC & J6; that a parliament in SC would make breaking this agreement treasonable; that Mary would forfeit to James if she broke the agreement and that SC would give hostages til J6 is 18. Estates objected to some of these suggestions but nevertheless considered the possibility of a commission to confer with a representative of Eliz's at the border.

RPCS ii 4-6; Melville, pp.184-5.

TO ENGLAND (1570)-1

Nicholas Elphinstone

dep. aft. 1 jan 1570

£216 pre-payment; also an acquittance of £40 12 s in Sept 70.

in his graces affairs by LR's spec.command'.

TA 12 p.185.

TO ENGLAND (1570)-2

William Stewart, brother of the laird of Gastoun.

prob bef 20 Sept 1570

£72 2s 8d acquittance

In EN on 'king's graces affairs'

TA 12 pp. 216, 223, 228.

TO ENGLAND (1570)-3

Nicholas Elphinstone

dep. aft 23 Oct 70

£70 to NE & to a servant of the E of Sussex.

TA 12 p.224.

TO ENGLAND (1570)-4

Thomas Fowler

departing 1 Dec

Pre-paid £37 6s 8d.

'to pass in EN by my LR's precept'.

TA 12 pp.229-30.

TO ENGLAND (1570)-5

Justice Clerk

before Dec 70

£140 for 2 wages in England.

TA 12 p.231.

TO ENGLAND (1571)-1

William Stewart

departing Sept, back by 12 Dec 1571.

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£72 2s 2d prepayment

TA 12 pp. 282, 295.

TO ENGLAND (1571)-2

John E of Morton, Lord Dalkeith Chancellor, Robert Dunfermline Secretary.

Nov-Dec; discharged 2 Dec.

Commissioners

Had met Lord Husdon, gov of Berwick, & Elizabeth's commissioner at Berwick. May be connected with missions above & below.

RPCS ii 98-9.

TO ENGLAND (1571)-3

James Cunningham

departing Nov 1571

£100 prepayment

'by the regent's precept to pass to London'.

TA 12 P.250.

TO ENGLAND (1572)

Elphinstone

June/Nov?

£300 acquittance

'to pass in EN at my LR's spec. comm.'

TA 12 p.251.

TO ENGLAND (1578)

Robert Pitcairn, Secretary & Lord Dunfermline; Alexander Hay, director of Chancery.

sent 17 June 1578; back by 16 Aug.

£4,000 to RP; £333 6s 8d to Alex Hay.

AMS

mission to QE1 - to thank Eliz for favour shown to J6 in his 'younger age'; to confirm Anglo-Scottish treaty; to discuss the good & bad aspects of marcher justice; to see how EN subjs in SC & SC subjs in EN can have speedier justice; to outline James's claim to the Lennox lands; to propose a life-long alliance bet En & SC for mutual assistance against foreign invasion and domestic rebellion.

TA 13 pp xxvi, 208, 217; RPCS ii 707-8; iii 23.

TO ENGLAND (1579)-1

James Murray, master of the wardrobe.

departing July 1579

777

£666 13s 4d

mission to QE1 re border affairs

TA 13 pp xxvi, 274.

TO ENGLAND (1579)-2

Sir Archibald Napier of Edinbellie & Merchiston, gen of the mint.

due to depart October 1579; preparations - 4 servants + horses ready for 10 days

prepayment of £800 cancelled

mission aborted

TA 13 pp xxvi, 311.

TO ENGLAND (1580)

Alexander Hume of North Berwick

Nov? 1580

AM

To enquire why Bowes refused to utter his commission & what was the meaning of certain words in his general letter. To get Eliz's assistance in repressing borderages as well as piracy against Scots merchants.

Moysie, 28

TO ENGLAND (1581)

Sir John Setton, son of Lord Setton.

dispatched 5 April

AM

to treat on war and peace. But three days after his departure he 'wes stayit at Beruick, quhilk wes thought ane strange noveltie, that ane frie ambassadour, hafing neid of no pasport, should be stayid'. Returned after 8 or 9 days to the king.

Moysie, 31-2

TO ENGLAND (1582-3)

John Colville, chanter of Glasgow

left end of Dec & back early Feb

AM, Envoy or agent?

Sent by Gowrie & his colleagues

RPCS iii p.li.

TO ENGLAND (1583)

John Colville & William Stewart, capt of king's guard

end of April or start of May; Stewart back by 2 June.

AMs

Instructed to get Eliz's advice on SC affairs generally, to consider the king's marriage, an arrangement for M of Sc, an annual pension of £5000 for J6 with an immediate advance of £10,000; a recognition of J6's claim to the Lennox estates in EN & an assurance of the succession in EN. Colville stuck to these instructions but Stewart who knew the king's mind and his anxiety to escape the Ruthven raiders had the secret errand of finding out for James whether a continuance of the English alliance could be reconciled with that object. This was dashed by Eliz's parsimony. Stewart reported to the k & C at the convention of Estates at the end of July. Colville was under censure for not attending to his ecclesiastical duties. According to Melville, they 'had not agreed well concerning their commission, having brought back different answers.'

RPCS ii pp.li-liv; 530n; Moysie, Memoir, 44-5; Melville, p.244

TO ENGLAND (1583-4)

Bishop of St Andrews

Am

To deal with QE1 whilst passing through England; Capt Robert Melville to return with the answer he got.

Melville, pp.274-5

TO ENGLAND (1584-5)

Patrick, Master of Gray.

left beg. of Dec; back beg. of Jan.

AM

According to Moysie he was sent 'with ane obscure commission knowin to none bot his Majesties selfe'.

Moysie 52, 150

TO ENGLAND (1585]

Sir Lewis Bellenden of Auchknowle, the Justice Clerk
left c.1st of May, dep. London 10th, back in SC by 15th.

AM

Moysie, pp52, 151; RPCS iii 745n, 748n.

TO ENGLAND (1586)-1

Bothwell, Lord Boyd & Sir James Hume of Cowdenknowes.

5 July

Commissioners

Sign league with EN on above date. Rutland, Eure & Randolph for EN

RPCS iv 86

TO ENGLAND (1586)-2

William Keith

Sent beg. of Nov.

AM

to sue for the release of Mary. It had been decided not to send Francis lord Bothwell on this mission after the English had refused him a safe-conduct.

Moysie 58-60, 152.

TO ENGLAND (1586)

Archibald Douglas

AM

To swear treaty of Amity, effectively chosen at insistence of Randolph, the EN AM to SC. Dismissed on arrival of Melville, who considered him a traitor to MQS.

Melville, p. 317

TO ENGLAND (1587)

Patrick, Master of Gray, Abbot of Dunfermline & Sir Robert Melville of Murdecairny.

Despatched by convention of Estates on 15 Dec; 6 Feb returned home; 8th reported to K & C. The Master of Gray later accused Sir William Stewart of consenting to Mary's execution. As a result Stewart was committed to Edin Castle and Lord Hamilton had to beg for his life.

Moysie, 58-60,62-3, 152; RPCS iv 144.

TO ENGLAND (1588)

Archibald Douglas

AM at time of the Armada.

Melville, p.317

Hiram Morgan

TO ENGLAND (1590)-1

Justice-Clerk

Sent by J6 from DK in Mar/Apr; returned to SC on 26 April

Doubtless to advertise EN of Danish marriage

Moysie 82

TO ENGLAND (1590)-2

Carmichael

Left SC mid-July

AM

Moysie, Memoirs, 84

TO ENGLAND (1593)

Sir James Melville

Left Sc 9 June

AM

With a full answer to AM Lord Burgh's demands & to get the king's annual pension from EN. Not mentioned in Melville's own memoir.

Moysie, 101, 102

TO ENGLAND (1594)

Laird of Easter Wemyss

Left SC after 6th April

Ambassadors

To invite Queen Elizabeth to baptism of Prince Henry (born 19 Feb. 1594) and deal with her on some affairs concerning both states. To continue to France. According to Melville that English like the French were annoyed that this mission was not sent express. As a result SC AM received no reward.

Moysie, Memoirs, 117; Melville, pp.367-6

TO ENGLAND (1598)

Bruce, Mr Edward, Commendator of Kinloss

Left SC late March, returned late May

in Nov 97 Parliament had granted J6 200,000 merks for embassies to EN, F, E and other places). Sent to excuse to Elizabeth certain things James VI had said in Parliament touching his nomination to second person in EN. Also to make proposals concerning the two borders & two realms. Bruce brought back news of FR-SP peace in which it was hoped that LC & EN would be encompassed.

Moysie, Memoirs, 136-7, 367

ENGLAND

TO

SCOTLAND

Hiram Morgan

FROM ENGLAND (1474)

Bishop of Durham; Lord Scrope; & two others +or inc. herald

October 1474

Ambassadors

Betrothal (Oct 18), Marriage treaty (21 Oct) & renewal of 1465 truce til 1519.

TA 1 pp lvii-ix, 27, 52

FROM ENGLAND (1496)

Bishop of Durham & five others

commissioned 2 sept 96

Ambassadors

To prevent inroad by J4, H7 offers to treat for marriage alliance; J4 suspected insincerity & refused to abandon Perkin Warbeck.

TA 1 p.cxxxviii.

FROM ENGLAND (1502-3)

Sir Thomas Darcy; Dr Henry Babington

Ambassadors

To see James IV swear oaths to keep treaties; Ratification in Glasgow 17/20
Dec & 24 Jan.

TA 2 pp. lvii-lix, 350; 3 p.278

FROM ENGLAND (1503)

Lord Dacre & another

Ambassadors

TA 2 pp.lx, lxi, 363, 374

FROM ENGLAND (1508)

Thomas Wolsey

Arrived Edin. 28 March

Ambassador

Audiences with J4 on 2 to 10 April

Sent to SC when EN heard that embassy of Bernard d'Albigny, an important military commander, was due to go to J4. Use of safe-conducts discussed. W complains that AM of Gueldres was secretly conveyed through EN and that E of Arran who did not have a safe-conduct had been put under arrest. Cross-border incidents discussed - Wolsey complains that English suffer four hurts to the Scottish one. J4 promises not to renew FR alliance and express willingness to meet H7 on the borders.

LJ4 107-14

FROM ENGLAND (1509)-1

dated Westminster 29 July 1509

H8 sends confirmation of treaty, to be done within 6 months of the death of either contractor

LJ4 148-9.

FROM ENGLAND (1509)-2

Sir Robert Drury, Sir Marmaduke Constable & Master John Batemanson
LLD

Commissioned 7 Sept

Ambassadors

To take oath of K of SC (which J4 swore 28 Nov before EN AMS) and to deal
with border disputes.

LJ4 155

FROM ENGLAND (1510)

Sir Robert Drury & Sir Marmaduke Constable

Appointed 1 June 1510

Ambassadors

To renegotiate and refine treaty of Perpetual Peace

LJ4 172-3

FROM ENGLAND (1511)-1

Sir Robert Drury & Lord Dacre of Greystock

Appointed 22 June 1511

Border commission on same terms as 1 June 1510

LJ4 205

FROM ENGLAND (1511)-2

Nicholas West, Master of Laws & Dean of Westminster

Commissioned 3 Nov 1511

Ambassador

full power to treat with k of SC re border violations etc. Esp to complain about the piratical activities of the Bartons which some English officials considered an act of war.

LP4 pp.liv, 216

FROM ENGLAND (1512)

Thomas Dacre of Greystock; Dr Nicholas West, dean of Windsor; Rouge Croix

Commissioned 15 Apr 1512 - West does not seem to have gone on prey. commission. Departing 6 June.

Ambassadors

Rewarded with silverware worth £121 10s on departure. £7 to Rouge Croix.

Whitsunday in Edinburgh

Separate reports to H8 on Scots navy. Dacre asked J4 about referring about L12 referring to Richard de la Pole as 'king of England' - J4 said he did not believe the story. West broached a 'secret matter'.

LP4 243, 257; 263; TA 4 xxx, xlv, 325-6, 334-5, 343, 348, 533.

FROM ENGLAND (1513)

Thomas Lord Dacre; West

Commissioned 15 Feb at Canterbury; in SC by end of March; returns to Berwick 13 Apr. 1513; Dacre did not go to SC

Ambassadors

Thomas Bevirlew, servant to Dacre.

West has audiences 27, 28, 30 March & 1, 5 & 9 April

West asked Scots not to intervene in war bet EN & FR and for lend of J4's 'great ship'. J4 was abusive about the pope and said he would appeal against his interdict. West wished H8 had asked him 'to tarie in Turquie, this country is so miser and the people so ungratious'. West's plain speaking had made the Scots more proud than usual. J4's boasting.

LJ4 293, 299-300, 320-4; TA 4 p.408

FROM ENGLAND (1522)-1

Clarenceaux k of A.

1 Feb 1522

This herald sent to demand that Albany quit SC. He formally declared war.

TA 6 p.xxv

FROM ENGLAND (1522)-2

After skirmishing, H8 sent 2nd Emb to request J5 to marry Mary. This offer was rejected; treaty with FR confirmed by parliament.

TA 6 p.xxv.

Hiram Morjan

FROM ENGLAND (1524)

Thomas Magnus, clerk of York & Roger Ratcliffe, gentleman usher of Pr. Chamber.

Ambassadors

The one to give good & wholesome advice in plain & secret manner to the queen and the other pleasantly & doulcely to handle himself with the king'.
H8 informs Q of SC that Mary is to marry C5.

TA 6 pp xxix-xxx.

FROM ENGLAND (1526)

Westmoreland & Dr Magnus

Feb? 1526

TA 5 pp.262-3

Hiram Morgan

FROM ENGLAND (1529)

Magnus

1 Jan 1529

Ambassador

Probably 1 Jan 1529

J5 tells AM that he won't marry without H8's consent & that he would prefer Mary - but J5 turns to Imp match as soon as Magnus leaves.

TA 5 p.363; 6 p.xxxix.

FROM ENGLAND (1531)

Thomas Halley, Carlisle herald

7 Dec 1531

£30 reward

letter delivery

TA 6 p.43

FROM ENGLAND (1532)

T.H. Carlisle

£40 reward

Came to deliver letters to k & lords; remained for answer while parl sat.
Maybe a continuation of his 1531 visit.

TA 6 p.48.

FROM ENGLAND (1534)

Archdeacon of Durham; Magnus, English notary; Berwick herald

Ambassador

Confirmation of the peace

TA 6 pp.215, 232

FROM ENGLAND (1537)

Ralph Sadler

Safe-conduct granted Jan 1537

Ambassador

TA 6 pp.304, 309-10.

FROM ENGLAND (1538)

Ralph Sadler, squire of K of E's chamber.

In SC 1 Apr

Ambassador

rewarded 60 Crowns.

Letter delivery

TA 7 p.21.

FROM ENGLAND (1539)

English herald

rewarded 27 Mar 39 £40 reward

letter delivery

TA 7 p.150.

FROM ENGLAND (1541)-1

Loncastell, herald

Early 1541

£55 reward

Letter delivery

TA 7 p.438

FROM ENGLAND (1541)-2

Henry Ray, herald

16 May 1541

£40 reward

Letter delivery

TA 7 p.449

FROM ENGLAND (1541)-3

Henry Ray, herald

Sept 1541

£15 8s. reward

Letter delivery

TA 7 p.482

FROM ENGLAND (1543)

Ralph Sadler

March-Dec 1543

Commissioner

Audiences with Queen Mother in Linlithgow 22 March; again in Stirling early in August

In Aug Queen Mother says she is agreeable to match of Edw & Mary. c13 Oct meeting with Adam Otterbum, provost of Edinburgh, about English seizure of SC ships. Sadler later takes refuge in Tantallon, the stronghold of the Douglasses who favoured H8.

TA 8 pp. xlv, 237, 244; SCML 10, 10n, 16n, 35.

FROM ENGLAND (1551)

Ray

Dec 1551

£12 reward

letter delivery

TA 10 p.41

FROM ENGLAND (1553)-1

Ray

Jan 1553

£12 reward

Letter delivery

TA 10 p.151

FROM ENGLAND (1553)-2

Ray

Feb 1553

£15 reward

Letter delivery

TA 10 p.159

FROM ENGLAND (1556)

Aug 1556

Commissioners

Many letters & messages to and from commissioners in Scotland. Were they English commissioners? Eg £36 wages paid on 5 Aug to 'John Smyth passing by post to London writings of the commissioners to the Queen of England'.

TA 10 pp.314-9.

FROM ENGLAND (1558)

Earl of Northumberland

March 58 - messages to him in EN.

May never have reached SC

TA 10 p.420

FROM ENGLAND (1560]

Duke of Norfolk

Jan/Feb 1560

???

Messages from SC govt to him in Newcastle. Did he ever get to SC?

TA 11 pp.7, 14-6.

FROM ENGLAND (1560)-2

Henry Ray, English herald

31 March 1560

£26 reward

TA 11 p.17

FROM ENGLAND (1560)-3

Sir George Howard

departing Edinburgh for EN - 6 Apr.

???

TA 11 p.20.

FROM ENGLAND (1561)

Sir Peter Mewtas

in SC 19 Oct 61

Ambassador

TA 11 p.76.

FROM ENGLAND (1562)-1

Thomas Randolph

in SC June & July 62; at Berwick 1 Aug

Ambassador?

PNM 140-3

FROM ENGLAND (1562)-2

Sir Henry Sidney

in SC early Aug Ambassador

In Negotiations with Mary

PNM 142.

FROM ENGLAND (1565)-1

Sir Nicholas Throckmorton

Instructions on 24 Apr & 2 May; 4 days at SC court 15-18 May

Ambassador

Sent by EN PC to discourage M marrying Darnley. Elizabeth offers a choice of Norfolk, Leicester or Warwick instead. Or to encourage the Protestant lords of SC to withstand the marriage at least until such times as Darnley subscribed to maintain the reformed religion. Unlike QE1 herself and Tho. Randolph, Throckmorton did not subsequently deny his role he was given by his government in stoking up opposition to the Darnley marriage.

PNM 192, 193, 198; Cal. Foreign, 1564-5, nos.1118, 1135; Melville, p.107, pp.113-5.

FROM ENGLAND (1565)-2

Randolph

in SC July 65; still there 3 Nov

AM?

On 3 Nov Randolph had conference with Mary & her Council because En
Govt did not want Darnley's name on safe-conduct for their AMS.

PNM 202; RPCS i 389-90

FROM ENGLAND (1566)-1

Randolph

in SC Jan 66? in Berwick by 7 Feb.

AM?

PNM 233

FROM ENGLAND (1566)-2

Henry Killigrew

Ambassador

To complain about MQS harbouring Ruxby, a renegade English papist, about her contacts with the Irish rebel, O'Neill, and about depredations of Scottish borderers. However it was discovered through Robert Melville, SCAM in EN, that Ruxby was in fact a double-agent sent to find out MQS's intentions.

Dispatched to two letters and a fair chain.

Melville, pp.128, 135

FROM ENGLAND (1566)-3

Francis Russell, E of Bedford, with Christopher Hatton, Mr Cary, son of Lord Hunsdon, Mr Lignish (Duke of Norfolk's man), a number of Yorkshire gents and officers of Berwick.

Comm. Mid Sept, in SC 17 Dec. 66

Spec. Ambassador

Annoyance over seating arrangements at banquet and antics of French entertainers dressed as satyrs. Rep Elizabeth at the christening of Prince James at Stirling on 17 Dec; being a Calvinist he refused to take part in the ceremony; got the Countess of Argyll to stand in for the Queen of England. He brought a gold font worth 8-9000 scudi and gave C of Argyll a diamond worth 500 scudi. Later he supped with Mary, Brienne & Du Croc.

Handsome rewards: Bedford a chain of diamonds worth 2,000 crowns, Mr Cary, a chain of pearl and a diamond ring, Hatton a chain with MQS's picture and a ring; Lignish and five others of quality gold chains.

TA 12 p.408; PNM 291, 334, 342; Melville, pp.142-4.

FROM ENGLAND (1567)

Nicholas Throckmorton

June 67

Ambassador

£79 16s 9d paid towards lodging SC PC & EN AM for 4 days

Described by Melville as the only honest and straight EN AM during the time of the Queen's captivity. That he aimed for union of the island in one monarchy under Mary and her son and that he detested in private to the Melvilles the discord his colleague, Tho. Randolph, attempted to sow in SC.

TA 12 p.67; Melville, p.165.

FROM ENGLAND (1570)

Thomas Randolph

AM

Described by Melville as a double-dealer in negotiations between Regent Lennox and the Laird of Grange's party held up in Edinburgh Castle. Melville, referring to Nero, says that R was 'delighted to see such a fire by his craft kindled in Scotland'. That based at Leith, Randolph's real motivation was not an accommodation but breeding factionalism so as to advance Morton to be regent.

TA 12 207-9, 213-4; Melville, pp.197-204.

FROM ENGLAND (1572)

July

AMS

Mission of EN & FR ambassadors to pacify the troubles of SC

RPCS ii 158

FROM ENGLAND (1572-3)

Sir Henry Killigrew

departing June 73

Ambassador

Involved in attempted pacification & the winning of Edinburgh castle. Showed some of his instructions to Melville who was an old acquaintance from the time of his exile in France. Regarded by JM as being against Regent Mar and a favourer of Morton; not so neutral as he pretended but his intervention helped save the lives of James and Robert Melville from the new regime.

TA 12 pp.328, 350; RPCS ii 193-4; Melville, pp.213-25.

FROM ENGLAND (1578)-1

Robert Bowes

in Sc at least from July to end of Sept.

Res. AM

26 July B complained to SC council that Elizabeth's letter to himself & to J6 had been intercepted near Edin. by George Lord Seton. This outrage was done in contempt of the king's authority and 'without respect to that humanitie and courtesie that is cravit to personis beirring the charge and message of sic a Princesse, sa deir unto his Heines'. Seton as a result was denounced as a rebel. August & Sept Bowes negotiates between Scottish factions to avoid civil conflict. Declaration issued thanking Bowes for his efforts.

RPCS III 11, 22n, 25, 33-4; Moysie, pp.14-5.

FROM ENGLAND (1578)-2

Nicholas Errington

October 1588

Ambassador

Oct - in Edinburgh with E of Athol

TA 13 p.224

FROM ENGLAND (1579)

Nicholas Errington, provost marshal of Berwick

in SC 19 July

envoy

Sent by Elizabeth as envoy to plead for the Hamiltons. SC govt claimed he had no credentials. Also had M. Nau, Mary's secretary, in tow.

RPCS iii 185-6.

FROM ENGLAND (1580)-1

Bowes

arrived pen. Apr

Am

touching border matters

Moysie, 27

FROM ENGLAND (1580)-2

Bowes

arrives 2 Sept

AM

Bowes came with a general letter to k & C and with credentials. But he would not disclose his commission because of the absence of Lennox. As a result J6 refused him & sent him back to Eliz.

Moysie, 27

FROM ENGLAND (1581)

Randolph

Arr. 18 Jan; departed ?March

Ambassador

Audience 18th or more likely 19th Jan

Demanded the banishment of J6's favourite, Esme Stuart, recently created first Duke of Lennox, from SC for illegal involvement with Papists and the trials of Morton, Archibald Douglas and Sir James Balfour. If not threatened war. J6 refused. Randolph departed suddenly after involvement in a conspiracy with Archibald, E of Angus, and the Douglasses against Lennox.

Moysie, 29-30; RPCS iii 365n.

FROM ENGLAND (1582)

Sir George Cary (son of Lord Hunsdon) & Sir Robert Bowes.

arrived 12 Sept; Bowes still there 5 Nov

AMs

Presence 18th at Stirling

Sent into SC after the Ruthven Raid. Treated for the restoration of E of Angus. James granted this but Angus did not like the conditions and did not take up the offer for a long time. November Bowes advised the king on projected release of Arran who escaped anyhow on 2 Dec.

Moysie, Memoir, 39; Melville, pp.242-3.

FROM ENGLAND (1583)-1

Davidson

in SC in Jan

AM

present at conference with FR AM, M de la Mothe.

Moysie 43-4.

FROM ENGLAND (1583)-2

Robert Bowes

in Sc in May

Resid. AM

held up J6's progress.

Moysie 44.

FROM ENGLAND (1583)-3

Walsingham

arrived SC c. 1st Sept; departed for EN on 13th

Spec. Am

When W arrived in SC king was at Falkland. Arranged to meet W. at Perth. W arrived Perth on 8th & had presence on 10th, first together with Bowes, the following day alone with the king.

Walsingham told Melville 'that the great desire to establish an assured amity betwixt the two princes and countries, moved him to undertake the Ambassage himself'. According to Moysie W. complained that he had been given the run-around and not treated with respect due to his station. Requested a hastier despatch. Got his answers the 12th & left the next day.

Because Walsingham refused to speak to Arran believing him to be 'a scorner of religion, a sower of discord and a despiser of true and honest men' the latter took his revenge when he had prepared 'a scornful present for him at his departure, to wit, a ring with a stone of crystal, instead of a rich diamond which His Majesty had appointed for him, valued at 700 crowns'

Melville, pp.268-71; Moysie, 47

FROM ENGLAND (1584) -1

Lord Hunsdon

meeting with Arran at Fowlden on borders on 31 July.

Secret conference to keep the king from marrying.

Moysie 51, 150; Melville, p.294

FROM ENGLAND (1584) -2

William Davison

Sent by Burghley; of Scottish background, formerly servant to Killigrew

Melville, p.287

Hiram Morgan

FROM ENGLAND (1585)

Edward Wotton

Arrived SC 15 May; back at Berwick by 15th Oct.

Spec Ambassador

Arrived with Bellenden who had been SC AM in EN. Was accompanied by 24 horsemen, followed by six horses with equipage. Horses & hounds were presented to J6. Wotton's object was a religious league bet EN & SC or an offensive-defensive alliance. He had the aid of Master of Gray, Bellenden & Maitland to undermine Arran & to restore the banished lords. Arran had already signed draft treaty with EN which gave J6 the prospect of £5000 pension. Then on 27 of July Francis, Lord Russell, was killed at a meeting of border wardens in Teviotdale which seemed to threaten the whole scheme. But Wotton turned this to his advantage claiming it had been done by the laird of Fernihurst at Arran's instigation. As a result of the 'unhappy incident', Arran was arrested on 30 July. The following day a convention of the Estates at St Andrews ratified the peace. Arran released on 5 August. Wotton accompanied the king on his progress but was also scheming with M of Gray to bring back the banished lords and to seize the king to prevent the rehabilitation of Arran and the collapse of the league. Wotton was ordered home on 11 Oct but had already left Stirling on 12th.

According to Melville, Wotton had been sent by EN to worm his way in J6's company to go hunting and pass the time with him ostensibly to educate the young Prince to the ways of the world. Also Wotton tried to sow seeds of discord between Scots and a Danish embassy which had come seeking a marriage alliance. Also that assisted by Gray, he had planned to kidnap J6 at Stirling and take him into England but their plot was foiled by Robert Melville!

Moysie, 52-3; RPCS iii 748-9ns, 760-ins; iv, 13n; Melville, pp.287-9

FROM ENGLAND (1586)

Randolph

arrived in SC on 25 Feb

AM

Instructed - to push the league now that the banished lords were restored; to counter the influence of M de Courcelles the FR AM who had now been in SC over a month; to discuss the pension arrangement with J6 and to reassure him on former broken promises; to press for the surrender of Fernihurst & the others involved in the murder of Russell. Later in May Randolph was involved with the Master of Gray in having Archie Douglas legally disposed of. According to Melville, R worked hard, and succeeded, in preventing JM being sent to back to EN to swear the treaty of amity for SC.

Moysie, 57, 151; RPCS iv 50-51n; Melville, pp.314-5.

FROM ENGLAND (1587)-1

7 or 8th Feb

The returning SC AMs were closely followed by an EN AM to persuade J6 that the execution of his mother was in his best interest. 15 Feb Mary's execution reported but not believed by J6

Moysie p60

FROM ENGLAND (1587)-2

Cary

Arrived at c 18 of Feb. J6 sent Geo Young to him who returned with definite news of Mary's execution. Cary wanted to show his commission to PC as an expedient Sir Robert Melville & the Laird of Coldinknovis met Cary at Fouldene kirk on 14 March. Cary also dealt with a 20 strong SC commission the same day. Cary desired continuance of the League and acceptance of the execution. James threatened revenge (if the murderers had done it without Eliz's knowledge) and demanded recompense.

Moysie pp 60-1

FROM ENGLAND (1588)-1

Bowes

March 1588

George Newsoun, his servitor

RPCS iv 260

FROM ENGLAND (1588-9)

Thomas Fowler

Resident Agent

Sends reports on Danish marriage developments

Royal Wedding, pp.16, 29.

FROM ENGLAND (1588-9)

Ashby

Arr.18 July 1588-still resident in Feb 89

Am

had 8 or 9 in train

Moysie, 69, 72

FROM ENGLAND (1588)-2

start of Aug

Am

an En AM (poss. Ashby) asked SC for 10,000 men when the Armada was first sighted

Moysie 70

FROM ENGLAND (1588)-3

Sir Robert Sidney

Arr. 19 Aug; left 8 or 9th of Sept

AM

31st Aug audience in Chancellor's lodging.

Had 16 horses in train. According to Moysie, one of EN AMs at this time in the name of Eliz & EN PC offered to nominate J6 second person of EN & Prince of Wales etc. These offers were put aside once the battle was won - the king thought the AM ought to be hanged for exceeding his commission.

Moysie 70, 156, 162.

FROM ENGLAND (1589-90)

Robert Bowes

Arr. c.17 Dec

AM

He arrived without a safe-conduct & the council as a result put him under house arrest for a day. He was carrying intelligence from Elizabeth that certain noblemen & others were conspiring with Jesuits.

Bowes and his wife guests at coronation of Queen Anne on 17 May 1590

Moysie 81; Royal Wedding, p.104

FROM ENGLAND (1590)

Earl of Worcester & Lord Compton

Arr 7 June; stayed 8 or 10 days

AMs

30 or 40 horses in train; presents for the Queen.

Moysie 84

FROM ENGLAND (1591)

Bowes

in SC in March

AM

15 March Bowes petitions the king for the apprehension & extradition of Brian O'Rourke, Lord of Breifne, in Ireland; the two Melvilles and Justice-Clerk against handing him over to the English but pro-English party prevailed.

RPCS iv 597-8; Melville, p.366. Hiram Morgan, Extradition and treason-trial of a Gaelic lord: the case of Brian O'Rourke, *Irish Jurist*, 1987.

FROM ENGLAND (1593)

Lord Burgh

Arr Mar, departed 11 Apr

AM

He wanted SC to declare war on SP because SP was against both countries, the rigorous repression of a recent conspiracy, the reiteration of the league of amity. Melville answered for SC. There was no cause for war - Scots had free trade & passage with SP; offers made to the king at the time of the last invasion scare had not been kept; the k of SC was a free prince and would not be directed by Q of E how to use his subjects; the league had never been broken.

Moysie p.101

FROM ENGLAND (1594)-1

Lord Zouche

Arr Jan; Dep 6 Apr

AM

Went to see J6 at Stirling about what he intended to do about the prosecution of the Papist lords. Was in Stirling 12 or 18 days, finally got an answer in Edin in Feb. J6 offered Eliz a quid pro quo - he would pursue the Papist lords if she would control Bothwell.

Moysie 113,114,116.

FROM ENGLAND (1594)-2

Earl of Suffolk & Robert Bowes

Sept

Baptism of the prince due on 1 sept but delayed until 6th for the arrival of the EN AMS. They brought a richly wrought cupboard. According to Melville, their presentation was 'a great show, being a fair cupboard of silver overgilt, cunningly wrought, and some cups of massy gold'. Despite snub of not being informed by express embassy, the English delegation had come because the French had in the same high dudgeon, not decided to attend at all. Suffolk and Bowes must also have been pleased that not arrived for the baptism 'an empty chair set before the rest for the King of France's Ambassador'.

Moysie 118-9; Melville, pp.368-9

FROM ENGLAND (1596)

Bowes

An 2 Feb

AM

In Apr he complained about the laird of Balcleuch who was lodged in St Andrews to keep Eliz quiet. 28 Nov he attended baptism of Princess Eliz at Holyrood. He also complained about David Black's ill words of Eliz who as a result was hauled before the PC. The king himself was interested in Black because of his denunciation of the state etc and for plotting insurrection.

Moysie 126