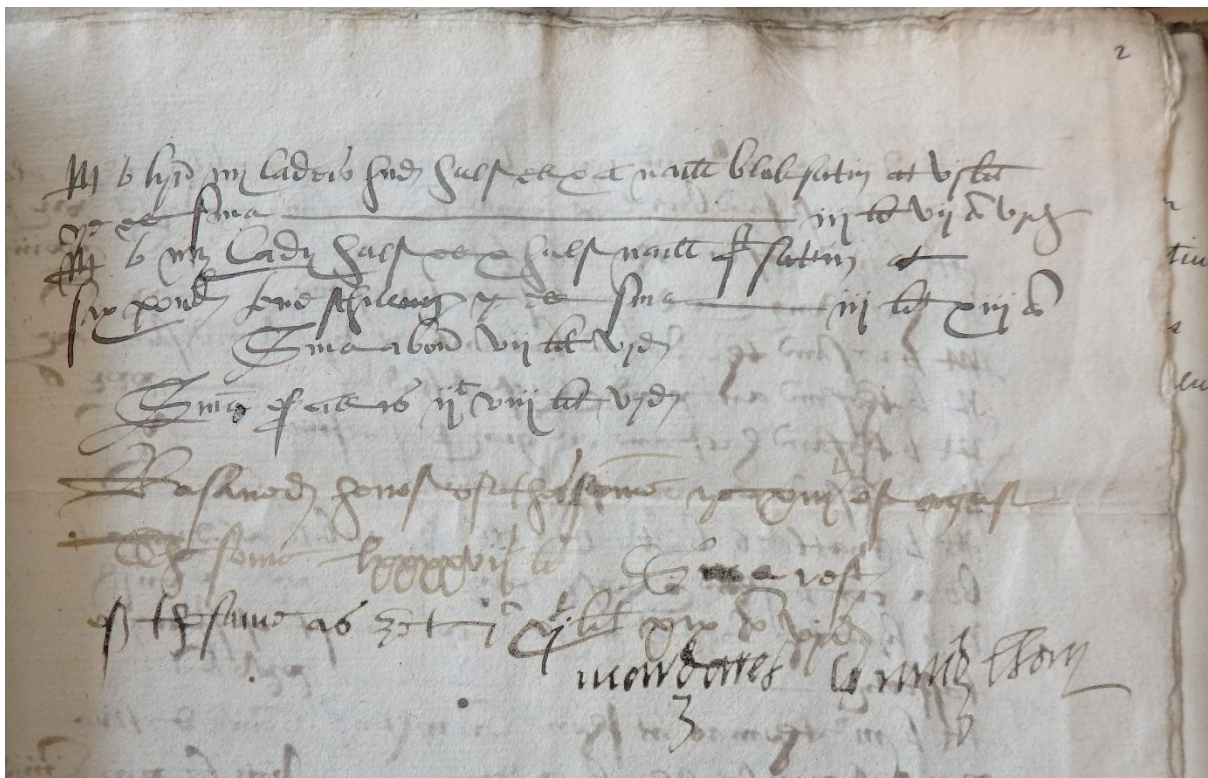


Account for fabric to Margaret Livingston, Lady Bellenden, later Countess of Orkney, 1588-1589, Edinburgh University Special Collections.¹

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Clothes were provided for her family and her servants. Some of the clothes were made by David Ray, a tailor in Edinburgh's Canongate.



Margaret Livingstone's signature, EU Laing II. 2, f.3r.

¹ Edinburgh University, Laing II. 2: noted in *HMC Laing Manuscripts*, I (1914), 58. The cloth vendor is not named.

[f.2r]

The xij of february 1587 the lady justic clerk accompt²

Item first to be Mr Thomas³ clayths thre els quarter & half quarter of searg pryc of the pe[ce]
iiij li x s summa therof is _____ xv li iij s ix d.

Item to be A doublet to ye said Mr Thomas thre els & half tw eld bombasy at xxxs the el
summa _____ v li v s.

Item to the samen fyve quarter stenting Canves _____ vij s vj d.

Item to the said Mr Thomas cla[yths] thre un⁴ a quarter of satin pesements at xxij s ye un³
summa _____ iij li xij s vj d.

Item to the samen half ell stuffingray _____ vj s.

Item to the samen cla[yths] sax dozon buttons _____ xlvij s.

Item to the samen cla[yths] A un³ silk _____ xvj s.

Item for three els of strings to the buttons _____ vj s.

Item to be A wyllicot to my lady twa ells thre quarters of skarlet searge at iiij li xv s the ell
summa _____ xiiij li j s ij d.

Item to the samen wyllicot xxviiij un³ velvous pesements at xxij s the un³ summa _ [?]xxxli
xvjs.

Item to ye samen wyllicot A un³ & half of silk _____ xxiiij s

Item to be doublet to the barnes fyve els fustian at xxviiij s _ vij li.

Item to be hoiss to the barnes twa els thre quarters of gray stemyng at xls the ell summa
_____ v li x s.

² Margaret Livingston wife of Sir Lewis Bellenden, justice clerk (d.1591) who went to Denmark with James VI, she later married the Earl of Orkney.

³ 'Mr Thomas' – eldest son, or a household servant?

⁴ 'un³' – should be unz for ounce, looks like '3'.

Item to their doublets sax quarters of stenting _____ x s.⁵

Item to their doublets half pound cades _____ x s.⁶

Item to their breiks half ane unȝ silk pesement _____ xj s.

Item to lyn A cloik to my lord iiij els unwalkket searge at xxviiij s the el summa ____ v li xij s.⁷

Item to the bairnes cla[yths] iiij dozen buttons _____ xx s.

Item to be strings to the samen vj drop of silk _____ ix s.

Item to be A hat to my lady thre quarters fyn[e] velvours ix li xiiij s iiij d.

Item ‘to the pag[e]’ sax els thre quarters Incarnet stemyng at xls is xiiij li x s.

Item x quarters fustian to be a Jack doublet to my lord at xxx s is iiij li xv s.

Item A ell of stenting to the samen doublet _____ vj s.

Item iiij unȝ A quarter ȝallow pesements to the pag[e]s cla[yths] at xxij s the unȝ summa ____
____ iiij lib xiiij s vij s.

Item to ye samen thre quarters unȝ ȝallow silk _____ xviiij s.

Item to the pag[e]s cla[yths] iiij dozune buttons _____ xxxij s.

Summa vj^{xx} x lib xiiij s

⁵ ‘stenting’ – stiff fabric for lining.

⁶ ‘caddes’ – stuffing.

⁷ ‘unwalkit’ – not fulled, perhaps a softer cloth.

[f.2v]

Item to be a covering to my lords sadill half ell stemyng ___ xxx s.

Item to David Ray⁸ thre quarters & half gray stemyng to be hoiss to my Lords brethren _____
xxxv s.⁹

Item for A craip to my ladeis huid _____ xxxvj s.

Item to Walter Cranstoun¹⁰ sax quarters a naill stemyng to be covering to my lords sadils _____
iij li xv s.

Item to David Ray the saxt of July to be a cloik twa pair schanks to Mr Thomas fyve els of
searg at iiij li x s sume therof is _____ xxij li x s.

Item to the samen cloik A un3 searge pesements _____ xxij s.

Item to be A stand of cla[yths] to the said Mr Thomas sax els & half of fyn[e] burret at xxxiij
s summa x li xiiij s vj d.

Item to the samen A un3 & half of sattin pesements _____ xxxiij s.

Item to ye same half ell stuffingray¹¹ _____ vj s.

Item to the same twa pounds caddes _____ xl s.

Item to ye samen A un3 silk _____ xvj s.

Item to the same four eels & half of lynyng at viij s is xxxvj s.

Item to ye same thre dozen butons _____ xxiiij s.

Item to lyn[e] his breik[s] sax quarters sangill plading xj s.

Item to be A doublet to my lord four eels fyne burret at xxxvj s summa _____ vij li iiij s.

Item to the same twa els & half [?fine] lynyng _ xxs.

⁸ 'David Ray' – tailor burgess in the Canongate (d. April 1619), wife Marion Simpson, brothers Arthur Ray, writer, and Henry Ray tailor. David Home of Godscroft owed him £20-17s. Other members of the Bellenden family owed him money. He owed £40 to an embroiderer, Andrew Abernethy. ECC CC8/8/51, 628-30.

⁹ 'brethren' – so it appears, perhaps these were gifts.

¹⁰ Walter Cranstoun – a tailor.

¹¹ 'stuffingray' – also 'gray for stuffing', the word 'hoissingray' appears later in the account.

Item to ye same half ell stuffingray ____ vjs.

Item to the same twa punds caddes _____ xls.

Item a quarter unȝ silk _____ iiij s.

Item to the same thre dozen gret buttons _____ xxxvj s.

Item to the pag[e] A hat at Jhon Creichtons command ____ xxs.

Item to be hoiss to the page thre quarters of stemyng & half ____ xxxvs.

Item to lyn[e] my Lords Cot bres a quarter & half Spanȝe taffeity pryce ____ xxxv s.

Item to be poug[he]s to my lords cot a quarter bucassy ____ iij s.

Item to be [?Cannons] to my lords breiks half quarter Spanȝ taffa[t]y xij s vjd.

Summa lateris lxx [?] li vij s.

[f.3r]

Item to lyn[e] my ladeis hud half ell & a naill blak satin at vj li ye el summa ____ iij li vij s vjs.

Item to my lady half el & half nail quarter sattin at six ponds tene shilling the ell summa ____
iij li xiiij s.

Summa above vij li vj d.

Summa of all is ij^c viij li vj d.

Resaved heirof of the some the xiiijth of Agust The some lxxxxvij li Sua rests of the same as
yet j^c [?vj] li xix s vj d.

Margaret Levingston

The xvijth of Agust 1588

Item deliver[i]t to David Ray to be twa doublets ane to my Lord and ane to his brother sax els & half of bombasysay at xxx s the el summa theirof is _____ ix li xv s.

Item to the same fyve els [?summa] lynyng at viij s summa ____ xl s.

Item to the same sax quarters stenting canvas _____ xij s.

Item to the same twa un3 silk pesements _____ xliiij s.

Item to the same doublet Ane un3 silk _____ xvj s.

Item to the same sax dozen buttons _____ xlviiij s.

Item deliverit to David Ray the xix of Agust 1588 to be my lords brother ane pair of breks & twa pair of schanks twa els very fyne blak stemyng in gran[e] pryc ____ vj li.

Item to David Ray ye xxjth of Agust 1588 thre els & half of fyn of blak stemyng to be my lords broth[er] a cloik at iij li summa x li x d.

Item to the same Ane un3 silk pesements _____ xxij s.

Item delivered to David Ray the xxvijth of Agust to be cla[i]ths to the bairnes three ls & half of stemyng at xl d the el summa ____ vij li.

Item to be A doublet to Walter ix quarter fustian at xxx s [] iij li viij s.

Item the same tyme to the bairnes cla[i]ths & Walters ane un3 & ane half of pesements pryc ____ xxxiij s.

Item to the same the same tyme half ane un3 silk _____ viij s.

Item to the same ane el of stenting _____ vj d.

Item to the same doublets twa dozen buttons pryc xiiij s.

Summa Lateris xlviiij lib xiiij s.

[f.3v]

Item deliverit to David Ray to be my lord a doublet three els thre quarters of fyne buret at xxxvj s the el summa _____ vj li xix s.

Item to lyne the same three ls of fine twell at viij s __ xxiiij s.

Item half un3 & a drop of silk to ye same ____ ix s.

Item to the same thre dozen buttons at vj s viij d summa xx s.

Item to the same ane pond & half of Kaddes _____ xxx s.

Item to the same half ane el gray for stuffing _____ vj s.

Item to Walters breks twa els of doubill plading & to be a cot to Jhone & hoiss pryc ____ xxvj s viij d.

Item to lyne the brest of my lords cot ane quarter of Spanze taffety _____ xxv s.

[‘+’ in margin seems to indicate entry above.]

Item to Mr Thomas at Jhone Creightons command twa pair of worset schanks pryc _____ viij li xiiij s iiij d.

Item deliverit to David Ray half ane el of searge¹² of Florence to be a pair of schanks to Mr Thomas _____ iij lib v s.

Item to David Ray the same tyme ane half ell of searge of Bovas to be a nother pair of schanks to Mr Thomas ____ L s.

Item to David Ray the same tyme three els & half of burret to be a doublet to Mr Thomas at xxxvj s summa _____ vj li vj s.

Item to the same doublet three els ane quarter & a nail of [?lassan] cords at xlviiij s ye el summa ____ viij li.

Item to David Ray the sam tym to lyn the same claihs of Mr Thomas viij els of [?sma twell] at viij s summa _____ iij lib iiij s.

¹² ‘searge’ – the ‘g’ has a back flipped tail which stands for the terminal ‘e’.

Item to the same claith ane un3 & half of silk _____ xxiiij s.

Item to the same A ell stuffin gray _____ x s.

Item to be poughes to the sam[yn] a quarter of bucassy ____ iiij s.

Item to lyn the breks [t]heirof thre quarter s doubill plading ____ x s.

Item to stent the sam[yn] claith twa els stenting canves _____ xij s.

Item to David Ray to be Walte[r] a cloik thrie els & half of fyne stemyng at xl s summa ____ vij lib.

Item to David Ray thre els & half of kelt¹³ to be claiths to the page at x s the [?el] summa ____ xxxv s.

Item to be hois to the pag half ell hoissingray _____ xv s.

Summa lateris lxiiij lib v s.

[f.4r]

Mair to the pages cloik ane unz & half of pesements xxx s.

Item to the same ane quarter unz silk _____ iiij s.

Item to Mr Thomas breks & Waltees viij els worset pesments viij s.

Item deliverit to David Ray the xiiijth of November 1588 ane el & half quarter of hoisin gray pryc _____ xxxiiij s ix d.

Item to David Ray the same day half ane ell of blak stemyng to be a pair of schanks _____ xxvj s . viij d.

Item to David Ray the xxth of November ane ell of reid stemyng to the pag hois ____ xl s.

Item to David Ray thrie els & half of Kelt to the pag _____ xxxv s.

[‘+’ in right margin between these lines.]

¹³ ‘Kelt’ – Scottish cloth associated with sea travel?

Item to David Ray to Nannes gounne fyve unz & twa drop of sattin pesements at xxij s summa
____ v lib xij s viij d.

Item to the same half unz silk _____ viij d.

Item to Jhone Creighton half el & half quarter [?Samarady] at iij lib the ell summa _____
xxxvij s vj d.

Item deliveret the xxiiijth of December to David Ray six quarters & half of blake frees to be A
garment to Adam my L[ord] brother at iij lib x s the ell summa _____ vij lib x s.

Item to the same twa unz sma satin pesements pryc xliiij s.

Item to the sam/and to my L[ords] doublet half unz silk _____ viij s.

Item to the same thrie dozoon buttons _____ xx s.

Item the sam tyme to be Cannons to my L[ords] breiks a quarter of Spanze taffaty __ xxv s.

Item to David Ray the first of January to be the barne a colt sevin quarter of gray stemyng
pryc _____ iij lib x s.

Item to the same twa unz & twa drop of gre[n] satin pesements at xxij s the unz summa
_____ xlvj s viij d.

Summa of all this accompt is __ iiij^c lv lib xv s /3s/ii/3/

Rasaved heirof the xiiijth of Agust bypast lxxxxvij lib

Swa rests unpaid of this accompt ijc lvij lib xv s

The xxiiijth of January 1588