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EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNT BOOKS OF CAPTAIN JOHN HARVEY, R.N., MAYOR OF SANDWICH 1774-5.

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THE following accounts are extracted from papers in the possession of John James Harvey, Esq., of Woodlands, through whose kind permission I have been allowed to make this copy. They detail the expenses incurred by his great-grandfather Captain J. Harvey, R.N., on being elected first a Jurat, and subsequently Mayor of Sandwich, upwards of a century ago. Captain Harvey commanded the *Brunswick* on the glorious 1st of June 1794, and died on the 30th of the same month from wounds received in the battle, to the success of which he so materially contributed.

The accounts are very interesting, as they not only give the prices of various articles of consumption at that date, but they enable us to form some idea of the proceedings upon such occasions. Captain Harvey was so precise in his accounts that he first charges himself with the value of the presents he received from his friends, and afterwards deducts it to shew the actual net cost, while his thrift is disclosed in the alteration of Mr. Wise's Jurat's gown to fit the new wearer.

The tenders (attendants) on the newly-elected Jurat or Mayor; the band, consisting on the first occasion of four fiddles and two drummers;* the women at sixpence a head strewing herbs in the path of the newly elected; the ribbon for cockades; the colourmen (men bearing flags); the freemen paid for their votes, even when absent from home; and the winding up with a grand smash of broken windows, glasses, pots, and punch ladles, form altogether a vivid Hogarthian picture of the proceedings.

The treats on election-day appear to have been given at some Inn, as there is a charge in the Mayor's account of £1 1s. for "use of the house where I gave the treat." But the dinners seem to have been held at the Mayor's private house, as there are only charges for bringing and carrying home the tables, etc., and gratuities to the servants of the Mayor's friends for "dressing the victuals."

There is no mention of the number of guests for whom the two dinners, given by the Mayor, were provided. As the dinner, given

* May we suggest that from the use of such bands as these the old saying is derived, "that is all fiddle and drum."

on his election as Jurat, to his brethren the Mayor and Jurats, thirteen in all, cost about one-fourth of the expense of the two later dinners, no doubt other friends and officials were also invited; otherwise the allowance on the first occasion, of twenty-two bottles of wine and twelve bottles of spirits, supposing the one bottle of common brandy to be for the mince-meat, would appear to be calculated on a most liberal scale, to say nothing of the three gallons of porter and one gallon of Dorsetshire ale.

The various items give a good idea of the menu for a Corporation Banquet in Sandwich at that period, but I should like to point out that our ancestors appear to have anticipated the modern custom of commencing a dinner with oysters, as there were two gallons provided upon each occasion, costing with carriage only 3s. 11d. in all, and it should be noted also that the vegetables are conspicuous by their absence, only 10d. being allowed for greens, etc., on the first occasion and 5d. on the second.

ACCOUNT OF EXPENCES, ETC., WHEN I WAS ELECTED A JURAT ON
NOVEMBER Y^e 21st 1772.

	£	s.	d.
To four half Ankers of Gin	4	1	3
One half Anker & a piece of Rum	1	16	0
Two half Ankers of Brandy	2	8	0
5 Doz ⁿ 7 Bottles of Wine	5	10	6
Four H ^d s of Beer, two from M ^{rs} Bradly & two from M ^r Stewart	10	16	0
17½ of Sugar	0	11	10½
130 lb. Cheshire Cheese at 5d½	2	5	0½
12 lb. Candles at 7/8	0	7	8
25½ lb. Tobacco (12 ^{lb} at 1/4 and y ^e rest at 1/6)	1	14	2
20 Doz ⁿ Lemons	1	4	8
63 Loafs (of half Gallon each)	1	19	6
11 Doz ⁿ of Butter Rolls 4/7 Sack of Coals 1/6½	0	6	1½
18 lb. of Rump Beef at 3½ 5/3 Shoulder of Mutton 3/4 for Tenders	0	8	7
3 Doz. of 4 y ^{ds} of Ribbon for 40 Cockades	0	18	4
Paid for Broken Glasses 8/	£0	8	0
11 Pots at 6 ^d	0	5	6
2 Pitcher	0	1	9
2 do. Brown	0	1	0
11 Pots at 5	0	4	7
		1	0 10
Mending a Silver punch Ladle	0	4	6
Paramor y ^e Carpenter fitting y ^e Tables &c. at y ^e house	0	8	6
Fowle y ^e Glazier mending y ^e Windows y ^t were broke	1	1	0
F ^r cleaning the House and brooms	0	2	2
To Four Fiddles 1 st 1 st 0 ^d two Drummers 5 ^{sh}	1	6	0
To 30 Women (Herb Strewers) a 6 ^d	0	15	0
To Six Gross of Pipes	0	12	8

224 MAYOR'S DINNER AT SANDWICH, 1774.

	£	s.	d.
To Mr Stone as Manager & Tender 3 days	0	10	0
To Mr Parlet 3 days as Tender at 2/6	0	7	6
To 7 Tenders 2 days at 2/6.....	1	15	0
To Appleton one Day as Tender tho' not there 2/6 Ham-	}	0	3
mond as Doorkeeper y ^e day of the Choice 1/ mending			
a Silver Ladle of Roger Taylors broke 4/6 ...		0	5
To Mr Baker mending the draws that were broke	0	1	0
Colourmen at Sam. Ferriers 1 1 0 Ringers at Curlings			
1 1 0	2	2	0
Handbells at Brothers 0 10 6	0	10	6
Spent going about Town 4/ Chaise & Expence to Deal			
for Rum 8/	0	12	0
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	£45	15	4½
To new fitting the Jurats gown which belonged to Mr	}	1	7
Wise			
For Velvet 1½ Yard at 16/	£1	4	0
Taylor	0	3	6
To Mr Gill Beadle standing at y ^e door day of Election		0	2
At the Flour de Luce on the day I qualified &c.		0	2
Expence of the dinner to Mayor & Jurats Nov. 1773...		2	18
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Total Expence of being elected a Jurat	£50	5	10½

ACCOUNT OF EXPENCES, IN BEING ELECTED MAYOR 5th DEC^r 1774.

	£	s.	d.
1 Butt of Beer of 108 Gall ^{ns} from Bradly	5	8	0
1 do. of 118 Gall ^{ns} from Mr Stewart.....	5	18	0
5 half Ankers of Gin at 15/	3	15	0
One half Anker and a half of Brandy	1	16	0
6 Gallons of Rum at 5/	1	10	0
3½ Doz ⁿ Port Wine at 19/	3	6	6
1 Doz ⁿ Lisbon at 17/	0	17	0
10 Bottles of Vidonia*	0	10	0
13 ^{lb} Sugar at 8 ^d	0	8	8
20 Doz ⁿ Lemons at 1/6	1	10	0
24 ^{lb} Tobacco 1 st 13 ^s 6 ^d 8 Gross of pipes 17/8	2	11	2
62 half Gall. Loaves at 8 ^d £2 1 6, 11 Doz. Butter Rolls			
5/6	2	7	0
15 ^{lb} Candles	0	9	0
18 ^{lb} Rump of Beef 6/ 10½ lb. Leg of Mutton 3/11 for			
the Tenders	0	9	11
6 ^{lb} Coorse Sugar 2/10½ 2 Sacks of Coals 2/11	0	5	9½
106 ^{lb} Cheshire Cheese at 4¼ ^d	1	18	0½
58 Yards of Ribbon for Cockades	1	9	0

* A white wine from Teneriffe resembling Madeira, but inferior in quality, and of a tart flavour—Imp. Dict.

MAYOR'S DINNER AT SANDWICH, 1774. 225

	£	s.	d.
3 Drummers 7/6 6 Fiddlers & a Trumpeter £1 1 0.....	1	8	6
Ringers (at y ^e George) £1 1 0 Handbells (at 3 Colts)			
10/6	1	11	6
Colourmen at 3 Kings	1	11	6
Beadle standing at y ^e Door 2/6 Two Constables at night 5/.....	0	7	6
Laurence the Sergeant for Mayors stick	0	2	6
Mr Stone 10/6 Parlet 3 days 7/6	0	18	0
Molland, Knight, Arden, Brown, Fennell, Sandwell, Gardner 2 days 5/	1	15	0
To Baker for the use of the House where I gave the treat	1	1	0
To Fowle Glazier mending the Windows that were broke	0	8	9
Broken Wine Glasses 3/6 Broken Pots 9/11 3 Doz ⁿ			
Bottles broke 7/6.....	1	0	11
Herb Strewers 15/	0	15	0
Paramor Carpenter fitting up the House 14/ Women cleaning House 2/.....	0	16	0
Forfeit paid the first Court day	0	2	0
To two Constables standing at the Door the day of Election	0	2	0
	£46	9	3
To the Freemen for voting including 9 men absent in the Hoys	13	18	0
Total expence of Election the 5 th Dec ^r 1774 ...	£60	7	3

EXPENCE OF THE DINNER ON THURSDAY 8th DEC^r 1774 ENTERING ON THE OFFICE OF MAYOR.

	£	s.	d.
9 Bottles of Port at 19/	0	13	9
9 D ^o Sherry at 20/	0	15	0
7 D ^o Rum at 1/6	0	10	6
4 D ^o Coniac Brandy at 2/3	0	9	0
1 D ^o Common D ^o a 1/3	0	1	3
4 D ^o Vidonia Wine	0	4	0
1 D ^o Gin	0	1	0
3 Gall ^{ns} Porter 4/ 1 Gall Dorsetsh. 3/	0	7	0
7 Doz ⁿ Lemons a 1/6	0	10	6
5 lb. Sugar a 8 ^d	0	3	4
6 Coup ^e Fowls	0	13	0
2 Geese	0	8	0
2 Turkeys	0	9	0
6 Pidgeons	0	1	6
2 Hares at 1/6	0	3	0
2 Pigs	0	6	6 ³ / ₄
1 Chine of Pork 18½ lb. at 4½	0	6	11
1 Neck of D ^o 10 ^{lb} a 4½	0	3	9
1 Surloin of Beef 29½ ^{lb} includ. weigh meat	0	9	10

226 MAYOR'S DINNERS AT SANDWICH, 1774-5.

	£	s.	d.
1 Leg of Veal 16 ³ ₄ lb at 5 ^d	0	6	11 ³ ₄
1 Ham 19 ³ ₄ lb a 8 ^d & carriage 6 ^d	0	13	6
1 D ^o 12 ^{lb}	0	8	0
7 ^{lb} Fresh Butter at 7 ^d	0	4	1
6 ^{lb} Salt D ^o a 6 ^d	0	3	0
2 ^{lb} Suet	0	0	8
Apples 1/ Preserves 1/6 1 Gall ⁿ Pears 8 ^d	0	3	2
1 Gall. Flour 1/2 Milk 6 ^d Rice 2 ^{lb} 6 ^d	0	2	2
5 ^{lb} Cheese 2/ 3 ^{lb} Mould Candles 2/	0	4	0
Biscuits 10 ^d Tea Coffee & Sugar 2/	0	2	10
Baking Tarts pyes & Puddings	0	2	6
Almonds ¹ ₄ lb 5 ^d 2 Gall Oysters & carriage 2/2	0	2	7
Currants Raisons & sugar for Mince meat	0	1	9 ¹ ₂
40 Eggs for Puddings &c.	0	2	0
Mince Meat	0	3	6
7 Wine Glasses broke	0	1	9
M ^{rs} Woodruff 4 days	0	4	0
Tho ^s Woodruff 6 days	0	3	6
Gave our own Servants	0	5	0
Gave Matson Bradly Smithers & White's servants dressing victuals	0	4	0
Fennel & Parlet bringing & carrying home of Tables &c.	0	2	0
Mustard 5 ^d Greens &c 10 ^d	0	1	3
6 half Gall ⁿ White Loaves at 8 ^d	0	4	0

£11 3 1³₄

Received of the above in presents as under viz. :—

From Barston 2 Coup Fowls	£0	6	0
Neck of Pork 12 lb. 4/6 2 Geese 8/ 1 Tur- key 4/6	0	17	0
3 lb. Butter 1/9 Mince Meat 3/6 Brother Henry a Turkey 4/6	0	9	9
M ^r Nairne a Hare 1/6 M ^{rs} Curling D ^o 1/6	0	3	0
M ^r Hatch 6 Pidgeons	0	1	6

Received in presents 1 17 3

Nett expence of dinner £9 5 10³₄

EXPENCE OF THE DINNER ON MONDAY 4 DEC^r 1775 GOING OUT OF OFFICE OF MAYOR.

	£	s.	d.
13 Bottles of Port	0	19	0
8 D ^o Sherry	0	13	0
2 D ^o Vidonia	0	2	0
3 D ^o Coniac Brandy	0	6	0
5 D ^o of best Rum	0	7	6
3 D ^o of Gin	0	3	0
1 D ^o Common Brandy	0	1	6
2 D ^o Common Rum	0	3	0

MAYOR'S DINNER AT SANDWICH, 1775. 227

	£	s.	d.
4 Gall ^{ns} Porter 5/4 4 D ^o Strong Beer 5/4	0	10	8
6 Doz ⁿ & 2 Lemons.....	0	8	4½
4 lb. Sugar	0	2	6
6 Couple of Fowls	0	13	0
2 Geese.....	0	8	0
2 Turkeys	0	9	0
2 Hares.....	0	3	0
2 Pigs	0	6	6
1 Chine of Pork 19½ ^{lb}	0	7	3½
1 D ^o 23½ D ^o	0	8	7½
Surloin of Beef including Weigh Meat 26 ^{lb} ...	0	8	8
Leg of Veal 12½ ^{lb}	0	5	1
Mutton for Herico 6½ ^{lb} 2/5 Suet 2 ^{lb} 8 ^d	0	3	1
1 Ham of 26 ^{lb} a 6 ^d	0	13	0
1 D ^o of 10 ^{lb} a 8 ^d	0	6	8
6 ^{lb} of Fresh Butter	0	3	9
6 D ^o Salt	0	3	1½
Apples 1/ preserves 1/6 Pears 3 ^d	0	2	9
1½ Gall Flour 1/4½ Milk 6 ^d Rice 2 ^{lb} 6 ^d	0	2	4½
6 ^{lb} Cheese 2/6 6 ^{lb} Mould Candles 4/	0	6	6
Mustard 5 ^d Greens &c. 5 ^d 12 Eggs 1/	0	1	10
6 half Gall White Loaves	0	2	9
Biscuits 5 ^d Tea Coffee & Sugar 3/.....	0	3	5
Baking Tarts puddings pyes &c.	0	2	7
Almonds 5 ^d 2 Gall ⁿ Oysters & carriage 1/9.....	0	2	2
Currants & Sugar for Mince Meat	0	1	5
45 Eggs for puddg & pyes 2/6 2½ ^{lb} Suet 10 ^d	0	3	4
Sugar for puddings 9 ^d ¼ ^{lb} wax tapers 9 ^d	0	1	6
Sweatmeats & spices 1/ Tongue 1/6	0	2	6
Pipes 2/6 Tobacco 1/4.....	0	3	10
M ^{rs} Woodruff 4 days	0	4	0
Cooks boy 2 days.....	0	2	0
Bradly Servants 2/ Matson . . . 3/	0	5	0
J. Matson 2/ Keeler 1/ Solly 1/ White 1/ Serv ^{ts}	0	5	0
Smithers D ^o	0	1	0
Debock bringing and carrying Home Tables	0	2	6
Gave our own Servants 2/6 each	0	5	0

Total Expende of Dinner	£11	16	9½
Received of the above in presents viz. :—			
From Barton 6 Coup. Fowls.....	£0	13	0
2 Geese	0	8	0
2 Turkeys	0	9	0
2 Pigs	0	6	6
12 Eggs	0	1	0
Broth ^r J. Matson 2 Hares	0	3	0

Received in presents

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Expende of the Dinner

£9 16 3½