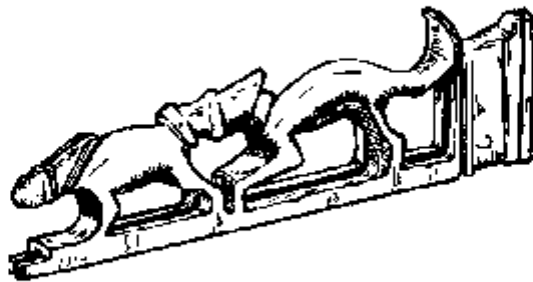


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(This report is based on the accounts available for works carried out at the Manor of Ampthill. There are other accounts for the Manor of Ampthill yet to be located. A list of those already found and transcribed is given at the end of this paper.)

Introduction

There were three parks included in the Manor of Ampthill. They were the **Little Park**, the **Great Park** and the **New Park** which was first mentioned in 1536.

The Little Park

In the **Little Park** there was a source of timber, a brick kiln and a lodge for the keeper of the Little Park. The lodge had glazed windows.

The Great Park

In the **Great Park** was the main manor house, generally referred to as the king's lodge or lodging, comprising an inner court and an outer bass court with stables, a great tower to the west, a bowling alley, a bowling house, the kings standing and the queens standing. There is mention of a well yard and a great well and also an orchard with a wall..

The rooms mentioned in the accounts are listed below, some names may refer to the same room:-

Kings great chamber, Kings chamber, Kings dining chamber, Kings banqueting chamber, Kings bedchamber, Kings privy chamber, Kings watching chamber, Kings jaques, Kings wardrobe, Kings buttery, Kings raying chamber, Kings bower King's closet, King's privy backhouse, King's stool chamber, Queens great chamber, Queens chamber, Queens raying chamber, Queens closet, Queens bedchamber, Queens watching chamber, Queens jaques, Queens waiting chamber, Queen's stool chamber, Queen's privy chamber King's Chamber of presence, Queen's chamber of presence Chamber where the ladies and gentlewomen lie Hall, Hall chamber Waiting chamber Lady Mary's chamber Backhouse Great kitchen, Privy kitchen Scullery Mr Norris chamber Lady Bovinton's chamber Master Baynton's chamber

Master Long's chamber
 Privy chamber
 Privy pantry
 Chapel
 Scole house
 Lords privy stable jaques
 Gatehouse
 Porters ward
 Jailhouse
 Confectionary
 Buttery
 Larder
 Boiling house
 Pastry
 Great Barn

In the building complex there were lodgings for Mr Kingston, Mr Norris, Master Bovinton, Master Henage, Master Cofferer, Master Controller, Doctor Chambers, Duke of Norfolk, the clerk controller and the Lord Privy Seal.

Starting in March 1537 **at the lodge in the Great Park** work began on another kitchen and a larder, buttery and stable with 4 partitions above for 4 chambers also a new double chimney, an oven, a jaques and two new kennels for the keeper of the Great Park. A Mr Bryan, or Briant, is first mentioned in July 1537 in relation to the new kitchen and thereafter in relation to his new lodging. It seems likely that Mr Bryan is the keeper of the Great Park but this is not specifically stated in the accounts.

The New Park

The **New Park** was originally part of the manor of Dame Elensbury and was sometimes referred to as the Park in the Hoole or Combes or Comes Park. (Ref.1, 2,3). Starting in July 1536 work began on a **new lodge in the New Park**. It was to comprise a hall, parlour, buttery, larder, gallery, kitchen and 5 partitions to provide 5 chambers above for the keeper of the New Park. Carpentry work continued for at least a year. In July 1537 bricklayers were working on two double chimneys and plasterers were working there. In August the bricklayers were finishing the chimneys with a great oven and jaques. In September the partition between the hall and parlour was taken down to enlarge the hall. In October the carpenters were working on the frame for a two storey extension on the east side of the lodge which included a new parlour.

The Workers

The names of a large number of workers are given in the accounts. Somewhat surprisingly out of all the four hundred or so surnames there were only three Turners, two were blacksmiths and one a supplier of a pulley. There were three Smiths, two of whom were carpenters; and one a blacksmith. There were two Woodward's and one Wood, all sawyers. There was one Wright a labourer, one Bricklayer who was a bricklayer but there were none of the following trade associated surnames:- Carpenter, Mason, Tiler, Slater, Sawyer or Carter. There was a Roof or Rouffe who was a tiler and a Mason who was a labourer. A list of all the workers, their trades, pay-rates and where they came from appears in a separate report. (Ref. 4)

Extracts from the accounts for the Manor of Ampthill 1533-1567

This part of the report contains extracts from the detailed accounts which may help in the understanding of the buildings and the parks of the Manor of Ampthill. Words highlighted in red are uncertain. Unreadable words are indicated by a line of dots.

1533 Nov-Dec

Costs expenses and charges/ by the commandment of the Duke of Norfolk and others of the king's council there done upon divers reparations against the princess coming that for as hereafter by the particular payments of the same more plainly doth appear/ that is to say from the last day of November unto the 21st day of December by the space of 3 weeks

Carpenters

Working as well in the taking down of a partition and in the cutting out not only of 2 chimney places in the floors but also in the cutting of the rafters for the said 2 chimneys to be made within my Lady Mary's chamber as also in the making of tables trestles cupboards and other necessaries for offices within the said place and also in the making of a brake for the backhouse and in the boarding of the said backhouse and in the making of a false floor for the ceiling with plaster over the said Lady Mary's chamber

1534 Sept-Oct

Wages paid to carpenters working there in making of new racks for the ranges as well for the ranges within the privy kitchen and also in the great kitchen/ also for making of a new gate for the office of the wood yard/ also for new boarding and repairing of the floors of the kings and the queens chambers with new boards where as it was needful to be repaired / also for repairing and mending of Mr Norris chamber floors with new boards and for setting in of a new board in his chamber door / also for the repairing of the floors of divers other offices and lodgings within the inner courts / and for setting out of new locks of divers lodgings as well within the inner court as also on divers and sundry offices within the bass court / bricklayers working upon the pargetting of the queens standing within the great park and for making of ranges as well within the privy kitchen and also in the great kitchen / plumbers for laying of new web upon the roof over the kings great chamber / and for soldering of divers faults as well upon the roof over the queens great chamber and also in divers other places within the inner court/ plasterers repairing of the floors within the kings and the queens lodgings. Gongfermers for cleansing of 7 **wawtts** (?jakes downpipes) and for **culvering** and making clean of the pits. Labourers serving of all manner of artificers, and for the

wages of one clerk/ and also for all manner of emptions as planch boards, quarters / lead spent of the kings store , solder bought , nails of divers sorts stock locks with new staples / lime and timber bought and for the glazier receiving as well for new glass and for new badges of the queens graces made and set in sundry lodgings within the inner court and also for old glass new set in lead and for the repairing of divers panes of old glass as by the particulars ensuing declaring the same it may more plainly appear, and for divers carriage there from Sunday the 20th day of September unto Monday the 5th day of October by the space of 16 days both days accounted anno xxvi King Henry viiith

Item taken of the kings store at his great manor of Greenwich in webs of lead for the repairing of the roofs of this his manor of Amptill 2 containing half cwt 9 lbs

To Galion Hone the kings glazier for 17 foot of new glass set in the round window within the kings dining chamber price the foot 5d sum 7s 1d

Item for a casse of new glass in the window that openeth into the great park containing 3 foot at 5d the foot giving 15d

Item for a casse of new glass at the privy chamber door containing one foot price 5d

Item for 2 foot of new glass set in the bay window within the kings dining chamber price the foot 5d sum 10d

Item for 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ foot of new glass set in a window within the queens reaying chamber price the foot 5 d sum 3s 2d $\frac{3}{4}$

Item for 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot of new glass set in lead within the queens closet price the foot 5d giving 2s 8d $\frac{1}{2}$

Item for 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ foot of new glass set in the queens standing within the great park price the foot 5d sum 8s $\frac{1}{4}$ d

Item for 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ foot of new set in the great bay window within the kings dining chamber price the foot 5d sum 2s 2d $\frac{1}{4}$

Item for 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ foot of new glass set within the queens bedchamber price the foot 5d sum 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ d

Item for 4 foot of new glass at 5d the foot giving 20d set in the queens reaying chamber sum 20d

Item in the kings bedchamber 3 foot of new glass price the foot 5d sum 15d Item for 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ foot of new glass set within the lodge within the little park at 5d the foot sum 3s 5d $\frac{1}{4}$

Yet new glass set in lead

Item for 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ foot of new glass set within the Queens closet price the foot 5d sum 2s 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d

Item in the kings privy chamber 2 cases of new glass containing 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot at 5d the foot giving 3s 1d $\frac{1}{2}$ total of new glass 94 foot sum in money 39s 2d

4 of the Queens badges new made and set up as appeareth

Item for 4 of the Queens Badges whereof one of them set within the kings dining chamber one set within the Queens bedchamber and one set within the Queens reaying chamber and the other set within the kings bedchamber price the part 3s 4d

Old glass new set in lead

Item for one pane of old glass new set in lead within Master Norrys lodging containing 4½ foot half at 2d the foot sum 9d

Divers panes of old glass new mended in sundry lodging as appeareth

Item for repairing and mending of one pane of old glass within the kings dining chamber price 4d .

Item for mending of 2 panes of glass in the window going onto the privy chamber at 4d the piece sum 8d.

Item for mending of one pane of glass in the window at the stair going to the kings dining chamber price at 4d.

Item for mending of 28 panes of glass within the standing of the great park at 4d the piece sum 9s 4d.

Item for mending of 9 panes of glass at the lodge within the little park at 4d the piece mending sum 3s

Item for mending of 5 panes within the chapel at 4d the piece mending giving 20d

Item for mending of one case within the kings bedchamber price 4d total of panes mended 47 sum in money 15s 8d

1536 Jul-Aug

Carpenters

Working as well upon felling and hewing of timbers of the kings store in his park of Amptill and working upon making and framing of a new hall and parlour and buttery and larder and gallery and a kitchen to be set in the new park for a lodge for the keeper of the said new park and also working upon framing and making of five partitions upon joists for 5 chambers for the said lodge by the kings commandment

1536 Aug-Sept

Carpenters

Working as well upon felling and hewing of timber and making and framing of a new hall and parlour and buttery and larder and gallery and a kitchen to be set in the new park for a lodge by the kings commandment and also working upon making and framing of 5 partitions upon the joisting of the said floors for 5 chambers for the said lodge

1537 Jan-Feb

Carpenters

Working upon hewing making and framing of a new lodge to be set in the kings new park by his graces commandment

1537 Feb-Mar

Carpenters

Working as well upon felling and hewing of timber / making and framing of a hall a parlour a buttery a larder and gallery and a kitchen / as also making of 5 partitions upon the joists of the same frame for 5 chambers for a lodge for the keeper of the kings new park by his graces commandment

1537 Mar-Apr

Carpenters

Working as well upon felling and hewing of timber / making and framing of a hall a parlour a buttery a larder a gallery and a kitchen with 5 partitions upon the said frame for 5 chambers for a new lodge for the keeper of the kings new park / as also working upon felling and hewing of timber framing and making of another kitchen for the kings lodge in the kings great park

1537 Apr-May

Carpenters

Working not only upon the new frame for the lodge within the new park but likewise upon the making and framing of a kitchen for the lodge within the great park by the kings commandment.

1537 May-Jun

Carpenters

Working as well upon the frame made for the lodge within the new park/ felling and hewing of timber for a frame to be made for a new kitchen with a larder and a stable to be set up at the lodge in the great park with 4 partitions to be made over the said kitchen, larder and stable for chambers for the keeper of the same park. And not only making framing and setting up a great bay window in the hall transposing of a door to the same hall there/ but as well making of a barrel and a wheel for the great well there.

Bricklayers

Working as well upon making of a new double chimney and a oven for the said kitchen new made at the lodge in the great park/ underpinning the ground platte of the same kitchen and larder/ with forcing the wall with brick to the timber work of the same door and bay window/ as also for forcing up a door room (doorway?) going up to the hall chamber.

Tilers

Working upon new lathing and tiling part of the kitchen and larder new made in the great park/ with like lathing and tiling part of the new lodge made in the new park

Plasterers

Working as well in lathing, loming part of the wall of the kitchen larder and stable the partitions of the same made at the lodge within the great park

Lond cart

To John Purney of Holton for the lond cart of framed timber out of the little park unto the new park with two carts. By the space of 28 days cart at 16d the day.

1537 Jun-Jul

Carpenters

Working as well upon felling and hewing of timber making and framing of a new kitchen and larder and a stable at the lodge in the great park. With making partitions on the said kitchen larder and stable for chambers for the keeper of the said great park.

Bricklayers

Working as well upon making of a new double chimney an oven and a jacques for the said kitchen at the great park under pinning the ground platte of the said kitchen and larder and **forcing** the walls with brick to the timber work of the said doors and bay window. As also forcing up of a door **room** (*doorway?*) going up to the hall chamber

Plasterers

Working as well upon lathing loming pargetting and whitening of the walls of the said kitchen larder and stable with like lathing loming pargetting and whitening of the partitions and the said kitchen larder and stable. As also lathing sealing and whitening of the roof of the said 4 new chambers at the lodge within the said great park

Sandstone

To Benett Ward of Maulden for 13 loads of sandstone spent for under pinning of the said stable at 8d the load

1537 Jul-Jul

Carpenters

Working as well upon felling and hewing of timber of the kings store in the great park/ making framing and setting up of a new kitchen a new larder and buttery and

a new stable/ with like making and framing of 4 partitions over the said kitchen larder and buttery and stable for chambers for the keeper of the said great park/ as also making of 7 seats upon the bank of the kings new bowling alley staking railing and boarding of the ends of the said bowling alley/ and making a door for Mr Bryans new kitchen.

Tilers

Working as well upon ripping and untiling with new lathing, tiling and pointing of the kings watching chamber and like unripping and untiling and new lathing and tiling of the **scole** (*school?*) house as also ripping and untiling of divers of the lodgings in the bass court and new lathing tiling and pointing the said lodgings again, more over not only pointing and tiling of Mr Briants lodging/ but like pointing of the hall kitchen

Bricklayers

Working as well upon forcing up of a door room (*doorway?*) in Mr Briants new kitchen as forcing the walls to the new door in the same kitchen and repairing of jambs of two doors the one in the privy kitchen the other in Mr Kingston's lodging/ and not only working upon making of two double chimneys at the new lodge in the new park/ but likewise underpinning the ground platte of the same lodge

Plumbers

Working as well upon mending and soldering of divers cracks and faults over the leads on the queens watching chamber and her privy chamber/ as also mending and soldering of the leads over the window going from the hall to the queens watching chamber/ with laying of a gutter over the hall at the lodge in henries park

Plasterers

Working as well upon new lathing pargetting and whitening of the walls and roof of the hall, parlour, gallery, pantry and buttery/ the walls and roof of a gallery and 4 chambers over the said hall, parlour, pantry buttery and kitchen at the lodge in the new park with like lathing, pargetting and whitening of the walls of the said kitchen/ and making of banks with lome round about the kings new alley.

Gongfarmers

Working as well upon cleansing and scouring of the kings jaques and the queens jaques/ as also scouring and making clean of the lords privy stable jaques

Carriage by the day

To John Deny of Ampthill for 6 daily carriage of bricks from the little park to the said new park lodge at 16d the day To John Jolins of Ampthill for 6 daily carriage of bricks from the said little park to the said manor at 16d the day

Ropes

To Thomas Crawley of Elstow for 4 ropes weighing one hundred and a half cwt 25 lbs at 112 lbs to the hundredweight and employed upon the well there and upon other necessaries at 11/2 d the lb

1537 Jul-Aug

Carpenters

Working as well upon making and finishing of a new pair of stairs for the new lodge in the new park/ repairing and mending of 8 doors in the lodgings on the east and north side of the bass court/ and making and framing a door for the kings wardrobe of robes/ as also making framing and setting up of a new door for Mr Bryans new lodging/ with making of divers roasting racks for the kitchen, moreover not only making of divers racks for the larder and poultry making of divers and many tables trestles forms and stools employed in the said manor/ but likewise hewing repairing and trimming and trestling of divers dresser planks in the privy kitchen/ not only repairing joisting and boarding of the floors in the lodging and the kings buttery/ and working upon drawing of boards for doors and windows and for floors /but also for the new lodge in the new park/ and for the lodge in the great park furthermore in making of 2 stools with 2 backs for the kings jaques/ making and laying of a hollow sluice over the south side of the kings privy kitchen to carry the water and rubbish from the said kitchen

Tilers

Working as well upon new lathing and new tiling of the new lodge in the new park as also new lathing and new tiling and finishing of the kitchen larder buttery and new stable new made at the lodge in the great park/ also repairing and pointing of the hall at the said lodge

Bricklayers

Working as well upon making and finishing of two double chimneys with a great oven and jaques at the lodge in the new park/ as also making of a new jaques in the kings chamber/ hewing of a door room through the wall in the kings wardrobe of robes and forcing the wall to the new door

Plasterers

Working as well upon pargetting and whitening of the walls of the queens standing in the great park/ lathing pargetting and whitening of the hall larder kitchen buttery and stable at the lodge in the said park/ as also repairing lathing loming and pargetting

of the walls in divers places of the offices in the bass court/ and like repairing mending lathing and loming of the walls round about the orchard

Common Labourers

Working upon digging and making of the said trench for the sluice of the privy kitchen with digging of turf for the bank of the kings new bowling alley and felling of trees by the kings commandment over the west side of the said manor

Glazing

To William Wolmer of Bedford for setting of 24 foot of old glass for the lodge in the great park at 2d the foot

To him for mending of 12 panes in the said lodge

Ironwork

To Robert Covington of Bedford for a dozen stock locks spent on the said manor

To him for 5 casements spent for windows for the lodge in the great park at 16d the piece

To him for 10 pairs of hinges and 10 pairs of hocks spent to hang 10 doors at the said lodge weighing 92 lb at 2d the lb

To him for 2 stock locks for 2 doors for the said lodge at 8d the piece

Lead

To Randolph Botton of Amptill plumber for a cwt and quarter 18 lb of lead spent for gutter at the lodge in the new park at 7s 4d the hundred ready cast

1537 Aug-Sept

Carpenters

Working as well upon making of 2 new kennels for the keeper of the great parks **chast** greyhounds making of doors and windows for the said hall, buttery, kitchen, larder/ 4 new doors for chambers over the said hall, larder, buttery, kitchen and a stable door at the said great park lodge as also taking down partitions between the hall and the parlour at the lodge in the new park to enlarge the said hall/ making of a new gallery with the said hall door leading to the stairs going to the chamber over the said hall/ with the boarding of the said 4 chambers over the hall buttery, larder, and over the kitchen and not only making of windows and doors for the said new lodge making of a square **hawpar** without the said lodge hall door/ but like wise trussing up of a somer over the said hall at the lodge in the new park with 2 bolts and 2 plates of iron for that the said somer shall not settle nor sink

Bricklayers

Working as well upon making of 2 sinks with brick the one from the kitchen the other from the new jaques at the lodge in the great park/ as also under pinning the said gallery at the lodge in the new park

1537 Sept-Oct

Carpenters

Working as well upon felling, hewing and squaring of timber ready for a new frame to be framed/ and set up for a parlour with 2 stories high joining to the east end of the lodge set up in the new park there

1539 Feb-Mar

Carpenters

Working not only in the felling of 60 trees in the little park at Ampthill but also in the squaring of them ready for carts to carry and to remain there in a readiness when any work shall be done there

Tilers

Working not only in the new pointing of the side of all the kings lodgings into the park but also in the new pointing of the side of the said lodging within the inner court and the lodgings within the said court

Bricklayers

Working not only in repairing and mending of the chimneys within the inner court but also in making of 8 shafts of chimneys with making new ranges in the privy kitchen and mending of the buttresses of the walls within the court

To John Hyde and William Borden labourers for the digging up of bricks and brickbats out of the old kill (*kiln*) in the little park by the space of 2 days

1539 Mar-Apr

Carpenters

Working not only in the squaring of timbers within the said park but also in the making of a clerestory window within the lodge in the Great Park with other necessaries there done

Tilers

Working not only in the pointing of both sides of the hall roof but also in the repair and mending of the lodging over the gatehouse

Bricklayers

Working not only in the new pavingthe floor going in to the kings great chamber but also in the repairing and mending of divers floors within the said lodging there

1539 Apr-May

Carpenters

Working not only in new framing of rafters for divers lodgings within the inner court but also making of ii new gutters within the said court with other necessaries done there.

Tilers

Working upon the newof the lodgings over the b.....new tiling of the lodginggate within the inner court

1539 Aug-Aug

Carpenters

Working not only in the new making of tables, forms and trestles to furnish all the offices within the said court and in the new planking of 2 great stables in the outer court and mending of the racks and the mangers there also new boarding of a chamber floor next unto the porters ward and making of 6 pairs of racks for ranges to roast meat on and repairing and mending of divers doors and windows in the offices there with new making of 3 bridges and planking of them in the great park and making of 6 close stools to stand in the chamber whereas the ladies and also the gentlewomen doth lie

Sawyers

Working on the sawing of planks for the said stables and sawing of planks quarters to make forms and trestlessawing of boards and planks to make tablesgreat dresser for the kitchen and for alloffices there

Tilers

Working not only in pointing of the roofing of the offices in the outer court **bought** (*both?*) the inner side and also the outer side likewise in pointing of **boght** (*both?*) the great on the inside and the outside next to the park ripping lathing and tiling on the gatehouse in to the park.

Plasterers

Working not only in repairing and mending the walls of all the lodgings in the outer court with lime and mortar and **whitid** (*whiting?*) upon the same but also in new lathing and daubing of the walls round about the orchard with mending of the walls of the kings standing in the great park with lime and hair

Lome

To John Gely of Ampthill for digging and carriage of 10 loads of loam to repair the walls at the kings manor of Ampthill at 4d the load digging and carriage

Carriage of Timber

To John Jellys of Ampthill for londe carriage of 2 loads of timber from the barn to the well yard at 1d the load

Keys

To Robert Covington of Ampthill blacksmith for making of ii small keys for the larder doors and cutting of a pair of garnetts (*hinges*) 5s

Ironwork

To Robert Covington of Ampthill blacksmith for 3 pairs of small gemoys (*hinges*) for the standing in the great park

To him for a new band of iron for the bucket of the great well and mending of 2 other bands of the said bucket

A bucket

To M Hewett of Ampthill for a new bucket for the said well

Glazing

To Galyon Hone glazier of London for 18 foot of new glass of him had for for the kings banqueting chamber at Ampthill at 5d the foot 7s 6d

Item in the chamber under the banqueting chamber 3 panes of new glass containing 15 foot 6s 3d

Item in the kings privy chamber in a new window 22 foot of new glass 9s 2d

Item in the chamber where as the new chimney is made is a new window made having 8 foot and half of new glass 3s 6d ½

Item in the said lodging is 21 foot of old glass new set in lead 3s 6d

Item in my lord privy seals lodging 3 foot of new glass 15d

Item in all the said lodgings is 20quarrells stopped at ½ the piece 10d

(a quarrell is a diamond shaped piece of glass)

1539 Aug-Sept

Carpenters

Working not only in new making of a great bay window in the kings privy chamber of 7 foot wide and 7 foot of height but also making of 3 partitions within the said lodgings and making of 2 new portals one in the chamber of presence and

the other in the kings raying chamber also making of a new kitchen to roast meat in and in the end of it there is made a scullery of 46 foot long with the making of new racks for ranges and new dressing boards there and new making of a stair going up into the lodging where as the ladies lie. With making of great tables and banqueting tables joined stools trestles for the said tables with divers other necessaries there done

Masons

Working not only in new making of the bottoms of 4 ovens and mending of the roofs of them but also breaking down of the walls in divers lodgings in the kings chambers and there making of windows with framing of free stone where as the doors shall stand

Bricklayers

Working not only in bricking up offoundations for 2 new chimneys made and full.....in 2 chambers next unto the chamber ofbut also in new making of rangeskitchen made in the well yard with repairing mending of all the ranges within the kitchenand doing all other necessaries there as itdone

Plumbers

Working in soldering of divers faults and cracks in two great cisterns to put in water and mending of faults and cracks on the lead over the kings great chamber and mending of leads over the great tower standing on the west side of the manor and also mending of the leads over the bowling house with other necessaries there done

Common Labourers

Working as well in helping the carpenters and sawyers as also in digging of a foundation for a new chimney bearing down walls and
of walls in divers places in the kings lodgings there for new doors to be made with the **awyd**(*awaying of?*) the rubbish within the said place and **cleansing** the lodgings there

Paving tiles

To the aforesaid John Brodyman for 6 dozen of paving tiles for the ovens
Bottoms at 8d the dozen with carriage 4s

Ropes

To Thomas Crolle of Bedford for 2 great ropes for the well weighing 6 score 18 pounds at 2 d the lb

Rods

To Robert Hewet of Ampthill for 2 loads of rods of him had and spent in new making of the orchard walls at 6 d the load with carriage

Iron work

To Robert Covington of Ampthill blacksmith for hooks and hinges weighing 10 lbs of him had and employed at Ampthill at a penny a halfpenny the pound
15d

To him more for 2 dozen of great hooks for the kings chamber to fasten quarters in to the walls for the hangings at 1d ½ each
3s

Glazing

To John Atwoode of Silsoe glazier for these parcels of glass following

First in the chamber next unto waiting chamber one case of new glass containing one foot and a half
7d ½

Item at the stair head running up into the said chamber 4 foot new glass
20d

Item on the said stairs 2 panes mending at 6d the piece
12d

Item in the chamber of presence one case of new glass containing 4 foot
20 d

Item in the said chamber is 1 pane and 1 case mended
10d

Item in the chamber under the chamber of presence is 9 foot half of new glass
3s 9d

Item in the chapel window is one foot and half of new glass
7d ½

Item in the chamber next unto the chapel is 4 foot half of new glass
22d ½

1540 Aug – Sept

Carpenters

Working not only in the new making of a floor over the chapel with joisting and boarding of the same but also in the making of a partition there and a closet for the kings grace to hear mass, in working also in the new making of a partition in the wardrobe of the kings **bower** and in the making and setting up of 4 new dressers in the hall kitchen, and new boarding of the scullery office and boarding of a great shed over a range to roast meat, and working in mending of the kerb of the well, and the wheel of the same well and making and setting up of 6 great

shelves in the pastry, and making and setting of a pair of **dormer** trestles there, and new making of a double door for the queens bed chamber, and also working in the new making of tables forms and trestles for the furnishing of the queens lodgings and for divers other offices there and new making of 4 new doors for lodgings in the outer court with other necessaries there done

Sawyers

Working in sawing of joists, quarters and great **items** for the floor in the kings bedchamber and sawing of great planks for dressers in the kitchen and in sawing of planks and quarters to make forms and trestles to form the said offices there with the sawing of posts and rafters for the making of sheds over the range to **drese** meat in with divers other necessaries there done.

Tilers

Working not only in the pointing of the great barn with tile and mortar, but also white washing of the walls in the hall and the walls going up in to the kings great chamber, and the queens great chamber and new making of a **furnace** in the scullery and a hearth made in the confectionary to stew the kings fruit and making of a **furnace** in the boiling house and also sealing of a window in the queens chamber with lime and hair, and repairing and mending of the ranges in the kitchen with other necessaries there done

Labourers

Labourers working in the avoiding and making clean of the great well with in the court, and also in the avoiding of rubbish out of the chambers made with the said workmen, and in giving attendance there all the time of the kings being there

Plumbers

Working not only in the soldering and mending of diverse cracks and faults on the leads over the Kings and the Queens lodgings but also repairing and mending of all the gutters and turrets about the said manor, and in the new laying of a turret with lead next unto the privy kitchen

Jonars (joiners)

Joiners working in the new making of 4 joined tables for the queens waiting chamber, but also making of forms and trestles for the said tables, and mending of the ceiling in the queens great chamber, and new ceiling of the entry going into the kings privy chamber and new making of a wainscott window for the queens closet

Mending of the well bucket

To Peter Shane, cooper, of Ampthill for the new making of two bottoms for the well bucket and setting on of 6 new hoops of the said bucket 18d

A gable(cable?) rope

To John Dossell of Bedford, roper, for a great **gabill** (cable) rope of him had for the Kings well at Ampthill weighing one hundred and forty eight pounds at 1d the pound 15s 5d

Iron hoops

To William Covington of Ampthill blacksmith for the of two great iron hoops for the said bucket weighing 16 pounds at 1 1/2d the pound 2s

Paving tiles

To Thomas Brodyman of Ampthill for 9 dozen paving tiles of him had and spent in making of hearths and **halpatys** in divers lodgings within the court at 8d the dozen with the cart 6s

Bricks

To him more for 2000 bricks had and spent making of ranges and other necessaries there at 4s 4d the thousand with the carriage 8s 8d

Board

To Edmond Brodway of Weston for 229 foot of elmen planed board had and spent in making of a partition in the great barn for the wardrobe of the **bowis** at 2s the 100 4s 6d

To John Shefiled of Flitwick for the lond carriage of two loads of timber out of the said wood to make **geyestes** in the buttery at Ampthill manor to lay ale on 8d

Item one arms of the kings and queens set in the Queens chamber of presence 4s

Glazing

Item in the Queens privy chamber is a crown set over the Kings badge there price 12d

Item for the messenger that fetched the arms at London 3s 4d

1543 Aug – Sept**Carpenters**

Working not only in making of a new pair of winding stairs going up to the kings privy chamber/ but also making of a new door to the same stairs with like making of 4 other doors over and beside this working in making of dressers and setting them up in the kitchens more on making of table trestles and cupboards with other works by them done

Sawyers

Working in sawing of boards planks quarters to be employed by the carpenters and for the furnishing of the said house with like sawing of laths pieces over and beside that sawing of boards for the new making of a closet for the king moreover of planks and rails for the said new stair and for the kitchen and stables with other things more

Tilers

Working not only in the ripping, repairing and mending of the tile over the kings lodgings and the queens but also like ripping **sherching** and mending of faults on all the lodgings both in the inner court and also in the outer court over and beside this working in pargetting of the queens standing with mortar and white liming of it / more on mending the walls of the lodgings with mortar as well in the inner and outer court in divers place with other sundry work there done

Plumbers

Working in **sherching** // mending and soldering of divers cracks and faults in the leads as well on the kings lodging and the queens

Cooper

To Thomas Farrar of Marston cooper for mending of two great buckets of the well setting on of 4 hoops and for his days wage there

Water tub

To Jone Pinocke of Ampthill for a great **geet** water tub to carry water to the **mortarhoze**

Glazing

To John Atwood glazier for 20ft of new glass set in the queens standing at 5d the foot 8s 4d paid to William Blacknall

Item in my Lady Mary's lodging is 42 ft new glass at 5d the foot 17s 6d “

Item in my Lady Douglas lodging is 16 1/2ft new glass at 5d the ft 6s 10 1/2d “

Item in the said lodging is 22 1/2 ft of old glass set in new lead at 2d the ft 3s 9d “

Item the kings chamber of presence is 28ft of old glass set in new lead at 2d the foot 4s 8d “

Item in the queens bedchamber is 17ft of old glass set in new lead at 2d
2s 10d “

Item in the queens stool chamber is 25 ½ ft of new glass at 5d the ft
10s 7 ½ d “

Item the queens great chamber of old glass new set in casements
containing 16 ½ ft at 2d the ft 2s 9d “

Item **skowring** (*scouring?*) and mending of 34 panes in sundry offices within the
kings said manor at 4d the pane 11s 4d “

Total £3 8s 8d

1543 Oct-Nov

Carpenters

Working not only in making of 3 new standings in the great park for the kings grace but also new making of a jacques house of timber to serve for the kings bed chamber with like working in setting up of 6 new rafters and boarding of them on the range in the hall kitchen the **kitch** which was burned down at the kings being there with other necessaries there done and giving attendance there.

Bricklayers and Tilers

Working not only in the new making of a chimney in the **confectionary** but also making of new hearths in divers lodgings to make fire in, over and beside this working in new tiling of the ranges within the well yard with other necessaries there done and giving attendance therefore the time of the Kings graces being there

Plasterers

Working not only in lathing plastering whitening the walls not only of the kings table but also of the offices as well in the inner court as in the outer court with like mending of divers floors of the said offices with lime loam and mortar with. other sundry works

Plumbers

Working as well in cutting and trimming of the old lead on the boiling house with other sundry works by them done

Day carriage of sand and gravel

Court as well for carriage of gravel and sand by the day with like drying of the same from Millbrook to be employed in the porters ward and before the buttry door and other places

Labourers

Labouring not only in bearing of water slaking and sieving of lime but also beating and working the same lime with sand to mortar with like serving as well the bricklayers tilers and plasterers with mortar bricks and other stuff and not that only labouring but also digging of gravel and turf for the bridge within the great park and in felling of bushes and lopping of trees about the great standing made within the said park with other necessaries there done and giving attendance there at the kings being there

Bricks

To Henry Savage of Walton for one thousand bricks of him had for the new making of a chimney in the **confectionary** at 7s 8d the thousand with cart of the same sum

Poles

To Robert Newell of Ampthill for one load of poles to repair the orchard wall with carriage

Clay

To him more for the digging of 14 loads of clay and cart of the same at 4d the load

Day work

To John Bocherley for 5 days working of the said orchard wall at 6d the day

Ironwork

To William Flayne of Ampthill smith for a hook a staple and a bolt weighing together 5 lbs at 2 d the lb

Item to him for a lock for the jailhouse door

Item to him for a hasp for the stable door

Item to him for a lock with hinges for a new gate in the great park

To him for 4 bolts with staples weighing 4 ½ pounds at 2d the lb for new windows made in the said office there

To William Wood of Ampthill smith for one new stock lock one hook with a staple for the queens standing

Item to him more for a lock for the privy larder door price

Item to him for one cross **garnett** for the buttery door price

Item for the mending the lock of the privy kitchen

New Glass

To John Atwood for **Filstow** (*Silsoe?*) glazier for 27 feet new glass of him had bestowed in Doctor Batty's lodging at 5d the foot

1549 –1551

Also paid for divers provisions bought and provided for the necessary reparations done in and upon the said house of Ampthill and for the wages of artificers labourers purveyor and clerk occupied and working upon the same as by the said books subscribed as before appearith viz in anno

Reign of Edward VI	Third (1549)	33s 4d
	Fifth (1551)	£68 3s 3d

1567 May – Aug

Also allowed to the said accountant for money paid and laid out for charges in taking down some parts of the house at the honour of Ampthill aforesaid in 3 months ended 9th of August year nine regine predicta (1567) Richard Rowland and John Vincent being occupied in drawing and making a platte of the house in Ampthill the space of 12 days either of them at 2d a piece per day 48s
In all by charges of the said works done there within the time of this account as by my particular **probity** thereof subscribed as aforesaid thereupon cast, tried, examined and remaining appearith the sum of £124 11s 3d

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