

Holograph notes on smiths, plumbers and repairs, with names of several officers and servants, dating back to 1643.

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A Bill of Rich Martin Black Smith for work done in several needfull places of his Majestys Mint from 1st Apr 1643 to the last of May 1644 amounting to 21^{lb}. 15^s. 4^d paid by the W^{or} Iohn S^t Iohn Warden of his Majestys Mint

A Bill of Tho Hoskins Blacksmith for iron work done in severall needfull places in his Majestys Mint in the Tower &c from 6 Novemb 1644 to 29 April 1645 amounting to 16^{lb}. 18^s. 3^d paid Cornelius Holland collector of his Majestys Coynage. Note the mark of Tho. Hoskins at the foot of the Receipt is H.

A Bill of Tho Hodgskins Smith for work done in severall needfull places of the Commonwealths Mint in the Tower of London from Dec to 1652 to Sept 20 1653, amounting to 19^{li} 18^s 6^d paid by Iohn S^t Iohn Es^r & the receipt signed Tho. Hodgkins not written but printed at the foot of the Receipt.

A Fee-Book for the years 1654 & 1655 wherein are sett down the fees paid quarterly to the Warden 25^{lb} & Clerk 5^{lb} To Bernardiston Es^r Comptroller 16^{lb} 13^s 4^d, his Clerk 3^{lb} 8^d Sam Bartlet Es^r Assaymaster 16^l. 13^s. 4^d his Clerk 2^l. 10^s. 0^d. Weigher & Teller 10^{lb} 18^s. 3^d Auditor 10^{lb} Surveyer of the Meltings & Clerk of Irons & his Clerk 12^l. 10^s. Tho Simond Chief Graver 7^{lb}. 10^s. Iohn Reynolds under Assaymaster 10^{lb} & as one of the Clerks 5^{lb} James Hoare one of the Clerks. 5^{lb}. Nich Burgh Vnder Graver 10^{lb} Iohn Brattle sinker of irons 5^{lb} Tho Hodgkins Smith 2^{lb}. 10^s. Rich. Matthews Porter 2^{lb}. 10^s the Parson 3^s 4^d the Sexton 9^s. And Tho. Hodgkins is printed at the foot of his receipt as in the above mentioned Bill.

An Account of the Wardens Iohn S^t Iohn Es^r from Mar 25 1656 to Mar 25 1657 wherein is set down, Payd Tho. Hodgkins Smith two Bills 54^l. 2^s. 2^d. And no other Smith is mentioned in this Bill.

A Plummer (Iohn George) his bill from Iul 39 1682 to Aug 31 1683 wherein is mentioned Ian 20 for a day of two workmen in setting up M^r Silvesters Pump & for a bucket shoe & sucker 00^l. 15^s. 00^d. Apr. 13 for a bucket shoe & sucker for M^r Silvesters Pump 4^s for an day for 3 men 9^s May 12 for a Bucket shoe & sucker for M^r Silvesters Pump 4^s, for $\frac{1}{2}$ a day for 2 workmen 3^s. Aug 28 for a bucket shoe & sucker for M^r Silvesters Pump 4^s, for a day for 2 men 6^s.

In another Bill of Iohn George Plumber from Dec 22 1684 to Dec 22 1685 is set down Mar 25 \overline{dd} in sother to mend M^r Silvesters Pump weighing 15^{lwt} at 9^d the pound weight, 11^s 3^d \overline{dd} a Bucket shoe & sucker 9^s for a day for 3 men 9^s. Iune 15 two Buckets shoe & suckers for M^r Silvesters Pumps paid by Sir Phil. Lloyd warden

In another bill of Iohn George Plumber from Iuly 31 1685 to Iul 20 1686 is set down Sept 30 \overline{dd} a Bucket shoe & sucker for M^r Silvesters Pump 9^s for a day for three men 9^s Feb 13 \overline{dd} a Bucket shoe & suck for M^r Silvesters Pump 9^s for a day for 3 men about the Pumps 3^s. March 31 \overline{dd} in sother to Mend M^r Halls Pipe & M^r Silvester's, at 9^d per pound weight 5^s 7^d Apr 11 \overline{dd} a Bucket shoe & sucker for M^r Silversters spring Pump & a sucker for M^r Roetier's pump 14^s. May 11 \overline{Dd} a Bucket & Shoe for M^r Silvester's Pump 4^s, for $\frac{1}{2}$ a day for two men 3^s May 17 \overline{dd} a bucket & shoe for the Pump at M^r Silvester's door 4^s. for $\frac{1}{2}$ a day for two men 3^s. Iune 4 \overline{dd} a binding upon M^r Silvesters Pipe in the Ditch 1^s, for $\frac{1}{2}$ a day for two men 3^s.

In another bill of Iohn George Plumber from Sep^t 8 1683 to Sept 30 1684 are the like accounts.

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Another Fee Book beginning Mar 25 1648 & ending Mar 25 1654 wherein is set down to Tho Hodgkins Smith of the Mint a quarters fee the summ of 2^{lb} 10^s & signed Tho Hodgkins in print.

There is a Bill signed in print Tho. Hodgkins for the year 1647

Tho Hodgkins was Smith to the Office of Ordnance in or before the year 1642

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M^r Smiths information

Tite was Smith of the Ordnance & lived in Hodgkins house & Hodgkins succeeded him before the civil war began upon king Charles's coming from Scotland.

Martin lived in the little house at the end of the mill house which is now a little store house in the possession of M^r Silvester he was Smith of the Mint & was also succeeded by Hodgkins A. C. 1644

When Hodgkins came in with a Patent old Capt. Sherburn who was then Clerk to the Ordnance said to the Surveyor of the Ordnance that he must deliver to Hodgkins possession of all, meaning of the house & shops

M^r W^m Pellet iron monger at the Mermaid at the lower end of S^t Dunstans Hill at the upper end of Thames street was at the making of the bargain between M^r Hodgkins & M^r Silvester.

M^r Hodgkins after he sold his Smith of the Ordnances place continued Smith of the Mint till his death or at least for some years & M^r Smith was his partner & M^r Hodgkins reserved a room in Silvesters house to lye in & two fires in the upper shop to do the work of the Mint in, M^r Smith being then his partner And after his death M^r Silvester succeeded him. And M^r Smith believes that M^r Silvester succeeded in the Sallary of 10^{lb} per annum. M^r Smith believes that M^r Hodgkins & M^r Silvester did the gross Smiths work. M^r Hodgkins made & hardned the stamps & the stakes till they began upon the milled money. And then Iohnson made & hardned the Dies. But Hodgkins had the Salary of 10^{lb} per annum till his dying day & reserved it to himself when M^r Smith became his partner which was when M^r Silvester entered upon the place.

M^r Bateman Wheelewright to the Office of Ordnance remembers Tite his god father & is sure that Tite lived in Silvesters house when Martin was Smith of the Mint & lived in the house at the end of the Mill room.

M^r Oliver Surveyer of the Kings works was Glasier to the Mint

M^r Hodgkins partner to Sir Iohn Sweetapple at the black Boy in Lumbard street

Es^t Cash of Hackney in Grove street was Carpenter to the Mint till about 1666 his dead but his son may have some of his Bills.

Fitch to be examined, & M^r Looker & M^r Rivet & M^r Fowles
