

✧ GLOSSARY ✧

This list consists of words and phrases, mostly obsolete, which the reader may find it difficult to understand. It does not include obsolete forms whose meaning is sufficiently clear without explanation – e.g. jangle (quarrel) or bedaggled (bedraggled). Where a word is used by Pepys in several senses the different meanings are separated by semi-colons. No note is made of the modern meaning where a word is used in both obsolete and modern senses, nor are all the spellings recorded. Old forms of place names – Gracious (Gracechurch) Street, Cales (Cadiz) etc. – are to be found not here but in the Index. A few foreign words and phrases are included, but there is no attempt to translate titles of books and songs, or Pepys's macaronic language.

The definitions in many cases owe much to those given by Dr Richard Luckett in the Large Glossary which he compiled for the *Companion* volume of the full edition of the diary.

ABLE: wealthy	BALK: beam of timber	BREAK THOUGHTS: disclose
ACCENT: accentuation	BALLET: ballad	BRIG(ANTINE): small vessel
ACCOUNTANT: official responsible for expenditure	BAND: neckband	equipped for sailing and rowing
ACTOR: male or female performer	BASS: bass viol	BRISTOL MILK: sweet sherry
ADMIRAL SHIP: flagship carrying a.	BATTELL: cockfight	BROTHER: brother-in-law; colleague
ADMIRE, ADMIRATION: wonder	BAVIN: bundle of kindling wood	BULLET: cannon ball
AGUE: malarial fever	BAYS: baize, light woollen cloth	BUSSE: heavily built N. Sea fishing vessel
ALPHABET: index	BEARD: moustache	BUTT: cask
AMUSED: bemused	BEAVER: fur hat	BUTTERED ALE: a. with butter, sugar and cinnamon
ANABAPTISTS: Baptists and other extreme Nonconformists	BEWPERS: fabric used for flags	BY-BOOK: notebook
ANGEL: gold coin worth c. 10s.	BILL: legal warrant; b. of exchange; b. of mortality (weekly list of burials issued by Parish Clerks' Company)	CABAL: inner group of ministers; faction
ANNOY: molest, hurt	BIRD'S EYE: spotted fabric	CALL: call on/for
ANOTHER GATE'S BUSINESS: different altogether	BLACK: dark-haired	CAMELOT: strong ribbed woollen cloth
APPOSITION DAY: public examination at St Paul's School	BLACKAMORE: a black (m. or f.)	CAMPAGNIA (It.): campaign
	BLADE: gallant	CANAILLE, KENNEL: sewer; ornamental canal
	BLIND: obscure, out of the way	CANCER: ulcer
	BOWPOTT: flower pot	CANONS: boot hose tops
BAGGAGE: woman (in affectionate sense)	BRANSLE: ceremonious round dance	CARESSE: make much of
BAILEY (BAYLY): bailiff	BREACH: bay; harbour	CAST: calculate
		CATAPLASM: poultice