

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
ACCENT: accentuation
ACCOUNTANT: official responsible for expenditure
ACTOR: male or female performer
ADMIRAL SHIP: flagship carrying a.
ADMIRE, ADMIRATION: wonder
AGUE: malarial fever
ALPHABET: index
AMUSED: bemused
ANABAPTISTS: Baptists and other extreme Nonconformists
ANGEL: gold coin worth c. 10s.
ANNOY: molest, hurt
ANOTHER GATE'S BUSINESS: different altogether
APPOSITION DAY: public examination at St Paul's School

BAGGAGE: woman (in affectionate sense)
BAILEY (BAYLY): bailiff

BALK: beam of timber
BALLET: ballad
BAND: neckband
BASS: bass viol
BATTELL: cockfight
BAVIN: bundle of kindling wood
BAYS: baize, light woollen cloth
BEARD: moustache
BEAVER: fur hat
BEWPERS: fabric used for flags
BILL: legal warrant; b. of exchange; b. of mortality (weekly list of burials issued by Parish Clerks' Company)
BIRD'S EYE: spotted fabric
BLACK: dark-haired
BLACKAMORE: a black (m. or f.)
BLADE: gallant
BLIND: obscure, out of the way
BOWPOTT: flower pot
BRANSLE: ceremonious round dance
BREACH: bay; harbour

BREAK THOUGHTS: disclose
BRIG(ANTINE): small vessel equipped for sailing and rowing
BRISTOL MILK: sweet sherry
BROTHER: brother-in-law; colleague
BULLET: cannon ball
BUSSE: heavily built N. Sea fishing vessel
BUTT: cask
BUTTERED ALE: a. with butter, sugar and cinnamon
BY-BOOK: notebook
CABAL: inner group of ministers; faction
CALL: call on/for
CAMELOT: strong ribbed woollen cloth
CAMPAGNIA (It.): campaign
CANAILLE, KENNEL: sewer; ornamental canal
CANCRE: ulcer
CANONS: boot hose tops
CARESSE: make much of
CAST: calculate
CATAPLASM: poultice