

Chronological Summary

- 15 June: Duke of York resigns as Lord High Admiral under terms of Test Act excluding Roman Catholics; office put in commission
- 18 June: Appointed Secretary to Admiralty Commission; is succeeded at Navy Board by his brother John and Thomas Hayter as Joint Clerks
- 19 August: King establishes mathematical school at Christ's Hospital
- 4 November: Elected M.P. for Castle Rising, Norfolk
- 1674 Moves to Derby House, new headquarters of Admiralty
19 February: *Treaty of Westminster ends Third Dutch War*
- 1676 1 February: Appointed a Governor of Christ's Hospital
22 May: Elected Master of Trinity House
- 1677 23 February: Speech in House of Commons urging grant for 30 new ships
15 March: His brother John buried
8 August: Elected Master of Clothworkers' Company
- 1679 5 February: Elected M.P. for Harwich
21 May: Resigns as Secretary to Admiralty and Treasurer for Tangier
22 May–9 July: In Tower on suspicion of treasonable correspondence with France
c. July: Moves to Will Hewer's house in York Buildings, Buckingham Street
- 1680 30 June: Proceedings against him abandoned
c. September: His brother-in-law John Jackson dies
3, 5 October: Takes down at King's dictation story of his escape after Battle of Worcester
4 October: His father buried at Brampton
- 1682 May: Accompanies Duke of York to Edinburgh
- 1683 30 July: Sets out for Tangier as secretary to expedition under Lord Dartmouth to evacuate colony
- 1683–4 December–February: Visits Cadiz and Seville