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As an esquire of the king's chamber he received winter and summer robes. I give a corrected text, due to a collation of these copies, with very slight alterations.

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Two other literary stars of the era were in attendance: Jean Froissart and Petrarch. Biographers say Chaucer heard it from Petrarch first by word of mouth at Padua. This multi-sided approach has some implications for existing scholarship on the astrolabes in the Chaucer tradition.

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Neither the date nor the place of his birth can be fixed with certainty. In the following month, he leased the gatehouse of Aldegate from the corporation, and a month later again, was made controller of customs for wool, etc. Journeys on the king's service—Italy In 1372—3 1 December — 23 May Chaucer made his first recorded journey to Italy.

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The portrait of Chaucer, which the affection of his disciple, , caused to be painted in a copy of the latter's Regement of Princes now Harleian MS. He may have been away for as many as 106 days, and it has been suggested that he may have gone to Milan for the celebration of the marriage of Prince Lionel, now the duke of Clarence, with Violante, the daughter of Galeazzo Visconti, but there is no evidence for this, and he may simply have gone to Calais.

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That he returned immediately afterwards, appears from the fact that he received his half-yearly pension in person on Tuesday, the 8th of October ; though on the preceding occasion Thursday, April 25 , it was paid to Walter Walssh instead of to himself. In June 1370 he went abroad on the king's service, though on what errand, or whither it took him, is not known.

## **Geoffrey Chaucer**

Philippa Chaucer apparently died in 1387; if she had suffered poor health for some time previously, that situation could have influenced a decision to move. Seven years later, on 1 June 1367, Edward gave him an annuity of 20 marks for life, as to *dilectus valettus noster*, and he rose to be esquire at the end of the next year. It has been suggested that this experience underlies the description of the way in which the lists were made up royally on a much grander scale in Athens in *The Knight's Tale* RC, 50, ll.

## **Chaucer, Geoffrey (c. 1340**

At some point during the 1390s Chaucer seems to have found another appointment, as deputy forester of the royal forest of North Petherton in Somerset.

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