

## A new female coin collector of the 18<sup>th</sup> century: Katherine Blount (née Butler)

### Introduction

Katherine Butler (1676-1752) was the daughter of James Butler of Amberley Castle, Sussex, and she married Thomas Pope Blount (1670-1731) on 8 December 1695.<sup>1</sup> She has recently attracted some attention on the *Early Modern Female Book Ownership* website as an early female book collector.<sup>2</sup>

Some information about her can be gleaned from J. Van Koughnet, *A History of Tyttenhanger* (London, [1895]):

p. 65: His wife, on the contrary, was a brilliant woman, full of cleverness and highly cultivated, fond of poetry, a lover of all that was refined and artistic, interesting herself in the passing world of her day, and gifted with a mind full of energy. Sir Godfrey Kneller's portrait of her is handsome and determined-looking.<sup>3</sup> She was a friend of Alexander Pope, with whom she corresponded. He was connected with her husband through the Founder of Trinity.

p. 66: ... Katherine has ever remained a remarkable character amongst the ladies of this family. She was an imperious woman, but was evidently much respected. She had a large collection of all sorts of curiosities at Twickenham, and some are still remaining at Tyttenhanger, to which place they were brought. To her belonged ... the Chinese cabinet containing a collection of coins ...

p. 91: Katherine Lady Blount died on March 2nd, 1753, leaving her books, prints, coins, medals, rarities, and curiosities to her son, Sir Harry Pope Blount, and at his death [1757], which took place on July 31st, 1756, they went to his sister Catherine [1704-1763, wife of William Freeman, who had an only child Catherine (b 1735) who married 1755 the Hon Charles Yorke but died in 1759].

After her death, an inventory of her collection was made by Angel Carmey and Abraham Langford, presumably acting on behalf of Langfords.<sup>4</sup> It is listed by 'Drawer', and the contents of 109 drawers are described, presumably belonging to the 'Chinese cabinet'. The first 31 drawers list her coin collection, sometimes giving much detail, and arranged by gold, silver and copper. Within in each category, the listing is not chronological, suggesting that

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<sup>1</sup> Neither is in *ODNB*. Many thanks to Hugh Pagan and Chris Eimer for their help. For a summary, see A. Burnett, *The Hidden Treasures of this Happy Island' A history of numismatics in Britain from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment. Supplement 1* (2024), <https://britnumsoc.blog/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/burnett-supplement-1.pdf> = <https://numismatics.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Burnett-Supplement-1.pdf>, pp. 24-25.

<sup>2</sup> W. Poole, 'Katherine Blount's copy of the second edition of Samuel Garth's *The Dispensary* (1699)', <https://earlymodernfemalebookownership.wordpress.com/2023/06/12/katherine-blounts-copy-of-the-second-edition-of-samuel-garths-the-dispensary-1699/> (with links to two other blogs).

<sup>3</sup> This does not seem to have been identified.

<sup>4</sup> Hertfordshire Archives DE/Cd/(Add)/F3: 'Inventory of a Collection of Coins, & Medals, Books of Prints, & various curiosities brought from Lady Blount's House at Twickenham to Tyttenhanger' (cover); 'The Inventory & Appraisalment of Lady Blounts Museum at Twickenham taken by Mr Carmey & Mr Langford Feb<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 1753' (title).

her collection was an accumulation, rather than an object of study. Most of the coins were silver, although there is a substantial gold component. The copper coins were almost all Roman bronzes.

She owned just over 1000 coins and medals:

	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Copper</i>	
Ancient	8	c.239	334	
British	78	352	94	
Foreign	14	197	7	
Indian	6	3	-	
<i>Total</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>791</i>	<i>435</i>	<i>1033</i>

Katherine Blount's will mentions her collection of coins and medals, together with the very elaborate arrangements (ultimately unsuccessful!) she made to keep them, her books and curiosities together:<sup>5</sup>

Whereas I have in my Closet (the Room so called) at Twickenham aforesaid a Collection of Coins Medals Raritys and Curiositys both natural and Artificial and also several Book and prints all which I am very anxious should be kept together and enjoyed as is hereafter mentioned (except those hereafter named which I shall dispose of to other persons) and for that end I direct that in convenient time after my death and before they be removed out of my Closet and other places a true and perfect Inventory shall be made thereof (except as aforesaid) and sign'd by my Son S<sup>r</sup> Harry Pope Blount or other of my Issue that shall be owner of Tittenhanger House in Hertfordshire and attested by 2 or more witnesses ... I will that the said Raritys Books and things aforesaid shall be kept together in one Room there or in some other Convenient Room elsewhere where the Heir of my Family resides. And I hereby give limit and appoint the use and enjoyment of all the said Books Raritys and things to the said S<sup>r</sup> Harry Pope Blount during his life and after his death to the Heirs Male of his Body or in default of of such to the Heir Male of my Body James Pope Blount and after his death to the Heirs Male of his Body during their respective and successive lives only. And for want of such Issue to my Daughter Freeman for her life and after her death to her oldest Son or in default of such to her oldest Daughter and their respective oldest som successively for their respectives lives only. And for want of such Issue I give limit and appoint the same to my Nephew John Butler and his Heirs absolutely. and for the better preserving and securing of the said Books Raritys and things so as they may go together entire in Succession as aforesaid which is my intention and earnest desire I will that whosoever shall by virtue hereof claim the same shall respectively and successively within 10 days of such Right shall accrue to him or her give a Bond of sufficient penalty to the person that is next to take in Succession as aforesaid or his or her Guardian or Trustee Condition that the said Books Raritys and things shall be kept entire together in one Room and not to be disposed of Spoiled or wasted. And shall be so left entire at the death of such Obliger. And if any of the said persons shall refuse to give such Bond that then the said Books

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<sup>5</sup> PROB 11/799/262, dated 27 December 1749, proved 6 January 1753), pp. 5-6, and 7.  
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Rarities \and things/ shall immediately go and belong to such person as by virtue hereof would be entitled to the enjoyment of them in case such person so refusing was dead. And in like manner as if such person so refusing was then really dead any thing herein to the Contrary notwithstanding.

... all the plate China pictures etc that are in and belong to my Closet should go with the Coins Medals and other Rarities and be kept together with them.

The wills of her son Harry Pope Blount (1670-1731), her daughter Catherine Freeman (1704-63) and her granddaughter Catherine Yorke (1736-59) have not been found.

So, at this point, the trail would have ended. However, the Christie's sale for 4 April 1967, offered new information.<sup>6</sup> The sale is entitled: 'The property of the Lady Moyra Loyd, the Right Honourable The Earl of Caledon, the Right Honourable The Lord Margdale of Islay, T.D., Lieutenant-Colonel G.H. Hay, DSO, and Mrs J.E. Mitchell'. The header before lot 49 names the 'Earl of Caledon'<sup>7</sup> and presumably all of lots 49-168 are from his collection. The sale goes on to say:

It seems that the majority of the following collection passed to the present owner's family on the marriage of Katharine Butler, eldest daughter of James Butler of Amberley Castle, Sussex, to Sir Thomas Pope Blount, in 1695, when a collection of coins and curiosities is recorded as being in her possession.<sup>8</sup> Traditionally a few of the coins were owned by the latter's grandfather, Sir Henry Blount who had charge of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York at the Battle of Edgehill (1642). A few of the coins have obviously been acquired by the family later.<sup>9</sup>

Presumably this entry is based partly on Van Koughnet's book. Perhaps oral history in 1967 was the source of the supposed link to Henry Blount (1602-80), for which no other evidence has been found.<sup>10</sup>

Lot 168 is 'a black lacquer and polychrome coin cabinet with twenty two drawers, the doors and sides carved with Oriental figures, trees and buildings, mounted with engraved brass

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<sup>6</sup> Thanks to Hugh Pagan for pointing this out.

<sup>7</sup> Eric Alexander, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Caledon (1885-1968), famous for reckless driving. J. D. Bateson, 'Four Post-Medieval Coin Hoards from Ulster', *Ulster Journal of Archaeology* (1976), pp. 56-61, published hoards then in the ownership of the Earl of Caledon and previously of 'the Countess of Caledon', indicating that other coins were in the possession of the family.

<sup>8</sup> Du Pré Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Caledon (1777-1839) married Lady Catherine Yorke, daughter of Philip Yorke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Hardwicke (1757-1834: see *ODNB* (J.M. Rigg, revised by H. Rubenhold)), who was the son of Charles Yorke (1722-70: *ODNB* (J. Cannon) ) and Catherine Freeman (through whom Tittenhanger passed into the Yorke family).

<sup>9</sup> The relevant lots included 30 gold coins (22 British: Edward III to George III), 465 silver and copper (mostly British, Anglo-Saxon to William III), 188 medals (mostly British, to George II), 26 Greek coins and 167 Roman coins + 'a parcel of ancient bronze coins' (lot 167): not so different from the coin's listed in Katherine Blount's posthumous inventory. As the cataloguer noted, it is impossible to say which might go back to a collection of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Items from the sale have occasionally reappeared: a Scottish coin was acquired by Lord Stewartby (W. Mackay, *The Lord Stewartby Collection of Scottish Coins at the Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Part I. James IV - James VI, 1488-1625* (SCBI 71), p. 51); a medal was sold by Morton and Eden 4, 21 May 2003, lot 1192.

<sup>10</sup> For Henry Blount, see *ODNB* (N. Matar). His travels are mentioned in *HT*, p. 568. One might well have supposed that he would have collected coins on his travels, but he does not mention any.

hinges, lock plates and handles, on an ebonised stand – 29 in. high, 19in wide’. This sounds like the ‘Chinese cabinet’, mentioned above.

### Summary of the Blount Collection

	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Copper</i>
Greek	1 <sup>11</sup>	25 <sup>12</sup>	169
Hebrew	-	1	-
Roman Republic	-	13 <sup>13</sup>	-
Roman Empire	4 <sup>14</sup>	c.200 <sup>15</sup>	165
Byzantine	3 <sup>16</sup>	-	-
Edward III	1	-	
Henry VI	2	-	
Edward V	-	3	
Henry VIII	3	1	
Edward VI	1	3	
Mary	-	3	
Elizabeth	5	10	1
James VI/I	7	2	
Charles I	2	8	
Civil War	-	1	
Commonwealth	2	1	
Cromwell	-	2	
Charles II	10	17	1
James II	1	4	
Wm and Mary	4	10	
Anne	4	13	1
George I	2	3	
George II	7	21	
British <sup>17</sup>	-	183	20
Medals	-	5 <sup>18</sup>	
Papal medals	-	-	13
Dassier	-	-	58
‘Coins and Medals’	28	-	-
‘Modern’	-	69	-

<sup>11</sup> ‘Alexander of Macedon’.

<sup>12</sup> 5 Sicily, 1 Thurii, 1 Segesta, 1 Athens, 1 Euboea, 1 Aegina, 5 Alexander, 1 Lysimachus, 1 Seleucus, 1 cistophorus, 1 Mithradates, 6 ‘Greek’.

<sup>13</sup> Several ‘families’ specified, plus 1 Antony and Cleopatra ‘medal’.

<sup>14</sup> 1 Tiberius, 1 Vespasian, 1 ‘Roman’, 1 ‘Romish’.

<sup>15</sup> A few specified: 2 Augustus, 3 Vespasian, 2 Domitian, 1 Hadrian, 1 Faustina, 1 Pertinax, 1 Caracalla, 1 Plautilla, 1 Aquillia, 1 Orbiana, 1 Philip, 1 Aurelian, 1 Constantine, 1 Julian; plus 153 ‘Roman’ plus 138, unspecified part of 141 ‘Roman and other’ (split 50:50 in the table above).

<sup>16</sup> 1 Zeno, 1 Anastasius, 1 Justinian.

<sup>17</sup> Not specified: 120 silver shillings and pennies and 63 British silver.

<sup>18</sup> Some included in English royal silver coins. Also: Sir Edward Godfrey, Earl of Shaftesbury, the ‘Chevalier’, ‘Earl of Gloster & his Lady’, Isaac Newton (Dassier).

Foreign	14 <sup>19</sup>	197 <sup>20</sup>	7	
India	6	3	-	
<i>Total:</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>791</i>	<i>435</i>	<i>1033</i>

## Transcription of the Inventory

[Cover] Inventory of a Collection of Coins, & Medals, Books of Prints, & various curiosities brought from Lady Blount's House at Twickenham to Tyttenhanger.

The Inventory & Appraisalment of Lady Blounts Museum at Twickenham taken by Mr Carmey & Mr Langford Feb<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 1753

### Gold Medals & coins

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 1. a 5 Guinea peice of Charles the 2<sup>nd</sup>, D<sup>o</sup> of William and Mary, D<sup>o</sup> of Geo: 2<sup>nd</sup> a 2 Guinea peice d<sup>o</sup>, D<sup>o</sup> of W<sup>m</sup> & Mary, D<sup>o</sup> of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup>. D<sup>o</sup> of Queen Anne, and Inauguration Medal of W<sup>m</sup> & Mary/, 2 portugal Moidores, a 3 broad peice of y<sup>e</sup> Oxford Money of Cha: 1<sup>st</sup> a Coronation Medal of Cha: 2<sup>nd</sup>, D<sup>o</sup> of of Geo: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ditto of Queen Caroline, a Sovereign and a Ryal of Q: Eliz: a half Broad of Edward y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>, a Gold Rose Crown of of Henry 8<sup>th</sup>, and ½ Noble of Edward 3<sup>rd</sup>

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2/ Drawer N<sup>o</sup>. 2. a broad peice of y<sup>e</sup> Commonwealth, d<sup>o</sup> of James the 1<sup>st</sup>, an Angel of Queen Eliz: \2 d<sup>o</sup> of Hen: 6<sup>th</sup> a half Broad peice of Queen Eliz:/ d<sup>o</sup> of James y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of Scotland a Sovereign of Hen: 8<sup>th</sup> a half broad of Ja<sup>s</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> a birth peice of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup>, a broad and ½ broad of d<sup>o</sup>, a half Broad and ¼ d<sup>o</sup>, a half Sequin & Quarter of a Moidore, an Arabian Double Ducat a roman coin, a Double Ducat of Alberto and Q: Eliz: a Coin of Charles of Spain

### 3/ Gold Medals and Coins

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 3. 2 Guineas of Q: Anne, a D<sup>o</sup> of Geo: 1<sup>st</sup>: 2 d<sup>o</sup> of Geo: 2<sup>d</sup>, a half angel of Hen: 8<sup>th</sup> an Arabian Ducat, 2 German Ditto, 2 Sequins a Quarter broad of James 6<sup>th</sup> of Scotland, D<sup>o</sup> of Cha: 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup> of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup>. a touch peice of d<sup>o</sup>, a ½ Guinea of Geo: 1<sup>st</sup>: a romish Coin, a ¼ angel of Q. Eliz: a half g<sup>n</sup> broad peice of of James y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>, a Spanish pistole a German Ducat, a ½ Guinea of James 2<sup>d</sup>, d<sup>o</sup> of W<sup>m</sup> & Mary, d<sup>o</sup> of Q: Anne, d<sup>o</sup> of Geo: 2<sup>d</sup>, a Coin of James y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of Scotland, a ¼ of James 1<sup>st</sup>. d<sup>o</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Commonwealth, a Gold Coin of y<sup>e</sup> Emperor Zeno, d<sup>o</sup> of Alexander of Macedon, ditto of y<sup>e</sup> Emperor Justinian, d<sup>o</sup> of Vespatian, d<sup>o</sup> of of Tiberius, d<sup>o</sup> Anastasius, and 6 India Pagodas

### 4/ Silver Coins & Medals

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 4. 2 Crowns of Cha: 2<sup>nd</sup> two ditto Scotch, 1d<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> & Mary, 1 d<sup>o</sup> K. William 1 d<sup>o</sup> Q: Anne, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Vigo d<sup>o</sup>, a half Crown of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup> 2 d<sup>o</sup> of W<sup>m</sup> & Mary, 1 d<sup>o</sup> of William 1 d<sup>o</sup> of (Vigo) Q: Anne, 1 d<sup>o</sup> (Lima Geo: 2<sup>d</sup>

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 5. Seventeen foreign Silver Coins

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 6. Seventeen Large & Small foreign Coins

<sup>19</sup> 1 Holland, 3 Portugal, 2 Spain, 3 Germany, 3 Sequins, 2 'Arabian'.

<sup>20</sup> Unspecified, except 1 'Turkish'.

Over Ditto. 2 Smelling Bottles, a Philligree Box 20 Shillings of Geo: 2<sup>d</sup> and Sixty three Pennies

#### 5/ Silver Coins & Medals

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 7. 3 Sicilian Didrachms, 1 Consular Coin of Amilia, 2 d<sup>o</sup> Cassia, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Augustus, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Etrocilla, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Vespasian, 2 d<sup>o</sup> Domitian, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Adrian, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Caracalla, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Plautilli, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Constantine, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Baibia Orbiana, 1 d<sup>o</sup> familia Junina,<sup>21</sup> 1 d<sup>o</sup> Scribonia, 1 d<sup>o</sup> Fonteja,<sup>22</sup> 1 d<sup>o</sup> Fabia, 1 Greek Coin the Town of Suggestior,<sup>23</sup> 2 Sicilian Coins 2 of y<sup>e</sup> City of Rome; 1 (Greek) Athens, 1 Atullia Severa,<sup>24</sup> 1 Town Peice Eybei,<sup>25</sup> 1 Ejein,<sup>26</sup> 1 Julian the appostate, 1 Turkish Coin, 1 Medal of Aurelia, 1 Etrocilla,<sup>27</sup> Philippus Junior, 1 Famille Fonteja, 1 atillia, 5 Drachmas of Alexander, 2 Vespasian, & Faustina, 1 of Sattriana, 3 small Greek Town peices, & 1 of y<sup>e</sup> Dii Penatys,<sup>28</sup> 1 of Pertinax, 1 of Augustus

#### 6/ Silver Coins & Medals

##### N<sup>o</sup> 7 Continued

1 Medal of Mithridatus, 1 Greek Town of Thurian,<sup>29</sup> 1 Hebrew Shekel, 1 Medal of Marc: Anthony and Cleopatra, 1 Consular Coin M: Anthony, 1 Greek Coin Cystophery,<sup>30</sup> 3 d<sup>o</sup> Greek Small, 1 Roman Coin, 1 Lisimachus, 1 Seleucus, 3 rupees

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 8. 29 Foreign Large Silver Coins of Various Countries

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 9. 53 English Coins of Sundry Reigns

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 10. a Shilling of Oliver Cromwell a Side faced Sixpence of Edw<sup>d</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 57 other Shillings 6 pence 3 pence and 2 pence

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Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 11. 52 Foreign Coins of Different Countries

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 12. a twenty Shilling Peice of Cha: 1<sup>st</sup>, a 10: d<sup>o</sup>, a Crown peice d<sup>o</sup>, 2 ½ Crowns d<sup>o</sup>, a Crown & ½ Crown of Q: Eliz:, d<sup>o</sup> of Edward 6<sup>th</sup>, d<sup>o</sup> of James 1<sup>st</sup>, ditto of the Commonwealth a ½ Crown of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup>, 3 Shillings of Phillip & Mary, Ed 6<sup>th</sup> & Q: Eliz:, 3 ½ Crowns of James y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>, William and Geo: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 small Scotch pennies, and a Testoon of Hen: 8<sup>th</sup>, a Scotch Crown of James the 6<sup>th</sup> and 28 Gold Coins & Medals

#### 8/ Silver Coins & Medals

Drawer N<sup>o</sup> 13. a Pomfret Shill<sup>g</sup> of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup> 2 Silver Farthings of Quatuor Maria Vindico, 7 other English Coins and 33 Foreign \Silver/ of Different Countries

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<sup>21</sup> Perhaps Junia?

<sup>22</sup> Presumably Fonteia?

<sup>23</sup> Segesta, Sicily.

<sup>24</sup> Aquilia Severa, wife of Elagabalus.

<sup>25</sup> Euboea.

<sup>26</sup> Presumably Aegina.

<sup>27</sup> Hernennia Etruscilla?

<sup>28</sup> A Republican denarius inscribed Dei Penates: *RRC* 455/2.

<sup>29</sup> Thurii, Italy.

<sup>30</sup> Cistophorus.

Drawer N° 14. 10 Silver Engraved plates six Foreign Seige peices, 1 Olivers Shilling

Drawer N° 15. 2 Coronation Medals of Cha: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup>, a ½ Crown of Oliver, a Shill: of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup>, (Hammered Money) 3 antient Groats of Edw<sup>d</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> &ca, 5 antient Shillings from Eliz: to y<sup>e</sup> Commonwealth, 3 birth peices of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup>, a Copper Gilt Medal of Geo: 1<sup>st</sup> 8 Foreign Silver Coins and a Curious Box Comb

9/ Silver Coins & Medals

Drawer N° 16. a Curious Medal of Cha: 1<sup>st</sup> on His Coming to London,<sup>31</sup> 3 others 2 d<sup>o</sup> of S<sup>r</sup> Edm<sup>d</sup> Godfrey,<sup>32</sup> 1 d<sup>o</sup> of S<sup>r</sup> Anth: Shaftesbury,<sup>33</sup> 1 d<sup>o</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Chevalier,<sup>34</sup> 1 d<sup>o</sup> Large y<sup>e</sup> Earl of Gloster & His Lady,<sup>35</sup> 1 d<sup>o</sup> small of S<sup>r</sup> Isaac Newton by Dacier,<sup>36</sup> 2 of James y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and his Queen One Large on the Marriage of W<sup>m</sup> Prince of Orange, 2 Less of W<sup>m</sup> and Mary, 1 of King W<sup>m</sup> 4 of Charles y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>, 1 of d<sup>o</sup> & his Queen, 2 of Geo: 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Diff<sup>t</sup> ones of Q. Anne

10/ Silver Coins & Medals

Drawer N° 17. 24 Foreign Coins of Various Countries

Drawer N° 18. 1 Greek town Coin & 36 other Foreign Coins & 2 Silver bodkins

Drawer N° 19. 24 Medals of y<sup>e</sup> Reformers 5 others of the Clergy, 25 d<sup>o</sup> Foreign Large and Small

Drawer N° 20. 1 Medals Struck by y<sup>e</sup> Magistrates of Bern, 10 Medals & Medallions of Diff<sup>t</sup> Popes, 6 d<sup>o</sup> of Sweden Hannover &ca, and 14 foreign d<sup>o</sup> of Illustrious Familys

11/ Silver Coins & Medals

Drawer N° 21. 2 Medallions of y<sup>e</sup> DWitts<sup>37</sup> and 24 others of European Princes

Drawer N° 26. 112 Silver Roman Denarii from Julius Caesar to Valentinianus

Copper Coins & Medals

Drawer N° 22. 2 of the Chevalier & his Wife, 18 other English and Foreign 7 pewter Medals 1 Large Cast in Lead, and 10 brass relicts

Drawer N° 23. 75 Roman and other Modern Coins, and one Large Medallion of y<sup>e</sup> Emperor Charles 5<sup>th</sup>

12/ Copper Coins & Medals

Drawer N° 24. 13 of y<sup>e</sup> Popes 66 Roman and other Coins

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<sup>31</sup> The return of Charles I from Edinburgh to London in 1633 (MI I, 266/62). Many thanks to Chris Eimer for idnetifying this and the other medals.

<sup>32</sup> The murder of Sir Edmundbury Godfrey in 1678 (MI I, 577/247).

<sup>33</sup> The Earl of Shaftesbury, acquitted of high treason in 1681 (MI I, 583/259).

<sup>34</sup> Not identified.

<sup>35</sup> Not identified.

<sup>36</sup> A 33 mm. diameter medal by J. Dacier (MI II, 470/84).

<sup>37</sup> The brothers Cornelis and Johan de Witt, the Netherlands politicians murdered at The Hague in 1672.

Drawer N° 25. 60 Imperial Roman Medals of y<sup>e</sup> large Brass, from Julius Caesar to Carinus, 2 of y<sup>m</sup> Silver

Drawer N° 27. 1 leaden Bull of pope Boniface 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 d<sup>o</sup> of Franciscus Moline 1 English Pe\w/ter Medal of Birds of a feather flock together, and 96 other Brass & Copper

Drawer N° 28. 16 Greek Syrian & Macedonian Kings and 148 others

Drawer N° 29. 105 Roman Medals Middle and small Brass

13/ Copper Coins & Medals

Drawer N° 30. 34 Medals of y<sup>e</sup> Kings \& Queens/ of England, from the Conqueror to His present Majesty, by Dacier, and 24 of y<sup>e</sup> Reformers

Drawer N° 31. a farthing of Charles y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>, Quatuor Maria Vindico with y<sup>e</sup> Arms Quarterd and Milld Queen Anns farthing 1713, and a parcel of pewter and other ½ pence farthings &ca.

14/ Snuff Boxes Mocha Stones Agates &ca

Drawer N° 32. a parcel of Impressions in plaister &ca

Drawer N° 33. a parcell of Impressions in Wax from the Antique

Drawer N° 34. Ditto

Drawer N° 35. a parcell of small prints of Heads and 2 in Miniatures

Drawer N° 36. 59 Mocha Stones 50 Corneians & agates, 2 Lockett sett in Gold, St Andrew in Amber, 2 peices of \Lapis/Lazuli, ditto of Blood Stone a Small onyx Seal Sett in Gold, y<sup>e</sup> Head of Africa on an Onyz sett in a Gold Locket

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an Onyx Head of James y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> set in a Gold Locket, a d<sup>o</sup> of Caesar in D<sup>o</sup>, 6 small Cameos unset and a Large Intaglia of Hercules & y<sup>e</sup> Lion, a Maddona on a Jasper, and a d<sup>o</sup> on a Christal, and Various other Loose Stones & Glass Impressions

Drawer N° 37. The 12 Caesars in Ivory, the Queen of the Bohemias 1<sup>st</sup> Ladys **Key** of y<sup>e</sup> Bedchamber, 4 bead Necklaces of Bloodstone Agate &ca, and Enaeld Gold Crucifix, with agate Beads, 6 Agate Handles for Knives, an Agate Handled Penknife, a desert Bloodstone Handle Knife & Fork with a Silver Blade and prong, and Antique Gold Ring set with an Emerald, a Gold Locket and a Thunder Bolt set in Silver Philligree.

16/ N° 37 Continued

a small box Crucufux, a large Onyx Seal set in ~~Gold~~ Silver, and a parcel of old Curiosities, a pebble Snuff Box Set in Gold, an Avanturine Snuff Box Set in Mettal, 2 Ivory Boxes with Cut paper, and a Crucifix, a **///** Image Box a peice of Lapis Ancient & a Gentleman's Head in Oyl Colours, a Ladys Head by S<sup>r</sup> Peter Lilly in brass Gilt

N° 38. a Large parcel of Sea Weeds plants and **fanns**

17/ Curiosities



Drawer N° 39.

Six agate Cups and one Saucer a Nephretick dram Cup, 2 frames in wood Curiously Carvd, an Ivory Tobacco Stopper ~~Curiously~~ \finely/ Carv'd, and a ditto Mounted in Gold, 2 Ivory powder Horns, and Ivory Box with some Gold dust, an Ivory Head ½ dissected an Ivory Crucifix (Broke) some flower Shells in a Walnut, and a Guinea Deers Horn Mounted in Gold for a tobacco Stopper.

N° 40. a Large Number of Shells of diff<sup>t</sup> Species

N° 41. a Large upright walnuttree Case with a Collection of Shells, sea weeds, fossils petrefactions reptiles & other Naturall Curiosities

18/ Curiosities (Continued)

N° 42. a large Bottle with a foetus preserv'd in Spirits, a Dog d<sup>o</sup>, a Scorpion Tarantulas, 44 others with other animals in d<sup>o</sup>

43 & 44. A large **Alagozant** Jewel box, set with Curious Oriental agates a larger Groupe in German Silver of Soldiers fighting

45. A Cabinet with a parcel of curious Minerals.

46. Two peices of carving in Ivory, of a Crucifixion, & figures sawing, and a Large Collection of foreign Handkerchiefs, Neckcloaths purses & other effects

47. 10 Egiptian, Roman & British arms, 3 Human Sculla, & 5 of Beasts

48. a Hornets Nest, in a Glass Case

49. a large parcel of prints by Various Masters in a porto folio

50. a Long Wainscot box, with a parcel of patterns of Italian Marble, with y<sup>e</sup> Catalogue of y<sup>e</sup> different Names.

19/ Curiosities continued

N° 51. a Walnuttree box with a parcel of Sea weeds, Italian flowers Shell flowers &ca

52. five peices of Egyptian pebbles and a Large peice of Oriental alabaster

53. 23 peices of English pebbles, and a Horse's double tooth

54. 56 peices of ditto

55. a humming bird, a peice of India wove paper, a pcoket Microscope Silver Mounted and Ivory d<sup>o</sup>, a Set of Object Glasses, 2 sets of Glass tubes, a pair of Multiplying Spectacles a reading Glass & an Eclips Glass

56. a Cabinet with a large Ivory Crucifix and a small d<sup>o</sup>, of St Sebastian in d<sup>o</sup>

57. An Indian Cabinet on a frame

58. a Curious Ivory flute Studded, & Mounted with Gold.

20/ Curiosities Continued

- Nº 59. a long Japan box, with Indian Ink, and a Small Spying Glass.
60. a Small of y<sup>e</sup> Roman earthenware
61. a fine old blue & white Image beaker and another.
62. a Curious inlaid Variagated Marble Stand, a Small Slabb, a Marble ball a letter weight of ditto, an Ivory ball.
63. 2 plaister figures a Staffordshire Mug a Stufd dog, and a Squirril.
64. a low India Cabinet with 10 drawers.
65. An Inlaid Model of our Saviors Sepulchre, and y<sup>e</sup> Church, 2 inlaid Crosses a wooden d<sup>o</sup>, by Mr Wheeler and 2 others
66. two pocket Microscopes
67. Seven large alabaster Groupes of figures
68. A Walnuttree Writing buroe on a frame.

21/ Curiosities Continued

- Nº 69. a Curious Group in Boxwood, of Remus Romulus and the wolf
70. a bird of paradise in a Glass Cover
71. a tortoishell can & cover a Serpentine Stone Candlestick, a large blue Glass and Cover, and 2 China basens on feet.
72. a parcell of Amber agate Horn, and other beads.
73. a Reflecting telescope.
74. a Unicorn's Horn
75. a Thermometer in a Walnuttree case
76. a Head of Cha: 2<sup>d</sup>, in Silver alto relievo
77. two Turkish Knives in an Inlaid case Silver mounted, an Ivory Hafted dagger with a Silver Sheath, a Stiletto a dagger with a Nephretick Stone Handle, and a Cane Silver Mounted
78. a large foreign Blade, a Nadobs Sword, a Stiletto of y<sup>e</sup> Moguls, and 2 Chinese Arrows.

22/ Curiosities Continued

- Nº 79. a large Bust in bronze of a young Ptolemy
80. a Bronze of Venus Crouching.
81. D<sup>o</sup> of Venus Rising from y<sup>e</sup> Bath.
82. D<sup>o</sup> of Hercules with y<sup>e</sup> Serpent
83. 3 d<sup>o</sup> of Horses.

84. one ditto of a Crab.
85. 2 Leaden Groupes of St George & y<sup>e</sup> Dragon & its Companion.
86. 2 /// Images, an Egyptian lares, 4 Chinese figures made of tea tree Roots, and a Small Skeleton in a Glass case
87. a Wrought Silver Chalice & Cover.
88. a Barometer in a Walnuttree frame.
89. a Silver Bread basket of Curious Open Work.
90. A head 2 y<sup>rs</sup><sup>38</sup> of Mrs Bovey by S<sup>r</sup> Godfrey Kneller, in a Curious frame of her Own Carvingtubes

23/ Curiosities Continued

- N<sup>o</sup>. 91. a View of Mount Vesuvius, on Copper in Oyl Colours, a bird in Stone Inlaid, 2 small heads a peice of Nuns Work, and a Limning of Mrs Bovey by Herself
92. A Large telescope, 2 ditto Less, and two Large Glass tubes.
93. An Ivory Head of Vespatian, a d<sup>o</sup> of Cha: 1<sup>st</sup> in tortoiseshell, a lode Stone, an old Key and two Hand fire Skreens
94. A Jewel Cabinet ornamented with \Glass Work in Imitation of/ Shell in a Black frame Glaz'd.
95. a print of the tent of darius & 9 Heads in Mezzotinto's all fram'd and Glaz'd
96. a picture of Orpheus and Eurydice in Oyl Colours, a Madona, St Lutia, a round Landscape, 2 Small square ditto, a Drawing of a History, ditto of a Mans Head in black Chalk, a head in Wax of S<sup>r</sup> Isaac Newton 4 Small heads, and two peices of Italian Stone.

24/ Curiosities continued

- N<sup>o</sup>. 97. a Ladys head in oyl colours, by Cornelius Poelynburgh, in a Round black frame.
98. 2 Chinese pictures, a peice of building in Oyl Colours, a Man's Head d<sup>o</sup>, a print in Water Colours and another.
99. a Moguls pike, a Chinese bow, a Sword blade in a Case inlaid with Mother of pearl, 13 arrows and a turkish pike.
100. an Urn found in Sussex, on a bracket a Carving in box of y<sup>e</sup> beheading of Cyrus and a head of Calvin.
101. An Alagazant Strong box, bound with brass, in which are two Antient deeds with their Seals anned.
102. a large Wainscot press with a Collection of pamphlets. Newspapers, &ca.
103. a Skelleton Compleat, and other Natural Curiosities, in a deal case.

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<sup>38</sup> An abbreviation for 'and shoulders'?

104. a Walnuttree Cabinet with folding doors.

25/ Curiosities

Nº 105. a large Hat an Indian Jacket a young aligator, an old ditto, a Stags Head, 10 casts in lead, and ~~Several~~ \thirty/ old peices of Tortoise fish birds Cats &ca

106. a very large Egyptian Urn.

26/ Books of Prints

Nº 101. a Large Sett of Doryngs cartoonsafter Raphael

102. Kraussen's Hist. of y<sup>e</sup> old and new testament.

103. a Collection of antique Busts, Statues Heads fiuntains &ca

104. Les Medalles de Louis le Grand

105. a Collection of Heads, Historys, & Landscapes &ca, by Vanduke, Poussin, Bourdon, Raphael, and Divers other Masters

106. a Collection of Heads Engraved and in Mezzotinto, the doom of St Paul by S<sup>r</sup> James Thornhill, and 6 Curious drawing of Hyacinths on Vellum finely Colourd.

107. a Set of the Harlots progress by M<sup>r</sup> Hogarth, a set of the Rakes progress d<sup>o</sup>, and others by d<sup>o</sup>, Gribilins Ceiling of y<sup>e</sup> Banquetting House at White Hall & a print from y<sup>e</sup> Antique.

27/ Books of Prints Continued

Nº 108. The Luxembugh Gallery by Rubens.

109. Flowers and Insects, colourd, by albin, Birds, Beasts, &ca, by Vaughn De Brys  
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