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Account 1381-2

...58. Expenses, Saturday after the feast of St Luke the Evangelist (19 October)  
...Item in the wages of 6 carpenters 22s 1d. Item in the wages of 5 masons 18s.  
item in the wages of 2 sawyers, 7s...Item in the wages of 1 paviour, 3s 4d. Item  
in the wages of 1 dauber and his servant, 4s 6d. Item in the wages of 21 tidemen  
working at the Ram (breakwater) for 4 hours, 21s 4d. Item paid for 4 tilers and  
their servants for 5 days, 20s. Item paid for 1 boatload of chalk (the Rams were  
timber-frame structures, filled with chalk rubble). Item for 2 ½ hundred of lime  
at 6s the hundred, 15s.....

60. Expenses...(2 November)

(6 carpenters, 5 masons, 2 sawyers, 1 paviour, 1 dauber and servant, 21  
tidemen...**Item paid to 1 dauber in payment of his contract for daubing the  
said shops 13s 4d.** Item paid for hollow tiles called Creestis.

9<sup>th</sup> November

(same workmen)

...**Item paid for 1 hundred of lime.** Item paid to 1 tiler and his servant for 4  
days, 4s. Item paid for 3000 tilepins...**Item paid for 9 cartloads of clay, 22d...**

16<sup>th</sup> November

(same workmen)

...Item paid for 10 cartloads of freestone bought from William Robekyn at 5s the  
cartload...

....7<sup>th</sup> December...

Item in the wages of 7 carpenters...6 masons...2 sawyers...1 paviour....1  
dauber and servant...

Item in the wages of 21 tidemen working at the Ram for four hours...

**Item paid for 1 sieve and 1 tray...**

Item paid for **a hundred of lime...**

Item paid for hinges, hooks and other ironwork bought for the new houses at  
Fenchurch, weighing 684 lb at 2d the lb...

Item paid to 2 tilers and their 2 servants for 4 days, 8s. Item paid for 18,000  
transom nails bought for the aforesaid new houses...Item paid for 4000 other  
nails...Item paid for 13 cartloads of timber...

14<sup>th</sup> December

(same workforce)

....**Item paid for 40 cartloads of sand at 3d the cartload and for 84 cartloads of  
loam bought at 2d the cartload...paid for a hundred of lime...**

Item paid to 2 tilers and their 2 servants for 6 days...Item paid for 2000  
tilepins...

21 December...

(same workforce).

**...Item paid for straw bought for the dauber...**

Item paid to the master carpenter and master mason for their quarterage, 10s. Item paid to them for an offering 2s. Item paid to 5 carpenters after the master for an offering 8d to each. Item paid to 5 masons after the master for an offering, 8d to each...

Item paid for 1000 tilepins...**Item paid for 17 ½ hundred of lime at 6s the hundred...**Item paid for 1 boatload of ragstone...Item paid for 7 cartloads of freestone at 5s the cartload...Item paid for battering the tools of the Bridge House masons...

28<sup>th</sup> December, same workforce.

...Item paid to 1 dauber and his servant for 1 ½ days...Item paid for 1 cartload of sand...Item for 1000 tilepins...

4 January 1382

8 carpenters, workforce otherwise the same.

...Item paid for a hundred of lime...

11<sup>th</sup> January

**...Item in the wages of 1 dauber and his servant...Item bought for straw for daubing...Item paid for 1 boatload of ragstone...**

...25<sup>th</sup> January

8 carpenters, 6 masons etc

...Item paid to 1 dauber and his servant 4s 6d. Item paid for 2 shovels without iron edges...**item paid for 63 cartloads of clay...for 13 cartloads of sand...**for 1 axletree bought for the Bridge House cart, including making it...Item paid for 1 boatload of ragstone...

1<sup>st</sup> February

...paid for a hundred of lime...for 1 boatload of ragstone...

8<sup>th</sup> February

(same workforce)...Item paid for 2 carpenters called Shipwrightes working on a new boat for 6 days each taking 7d per day...Item paid for 80 ft of Kent paving stone...paid for 23 ft of steps of the same stone...paid **for 15,000 Flanders** tiles bought, at 5s 4d the thousand...paid for 3 cartloads of sand...paid for 3,900 Flanders tiles, at 4s 10d the thousand...

15<sup>th</sup> February

...Item paid for 125 ft of hard Kent stone...paid for **5 cartloads of daub (luto)**...

22 February

...Item paid for a thousand of lime at 6s the hundred...

...8 March

...Item paid for 60 elms bought from Chertsey Abbey...paid for the carriage by water of all the said elms from Petersham to the Bridge House...**paid for 5000 laths...for various nails**...paid for 400 wainscot bought at 18s 6d the hundred... paid for 1 barrel of pitch...for 4 gallons of tar...**for straw for daubing**...

15 March

...Item paid for 2000 laths...paid for 300 trenails for the...boat...paid for oil and rosin for the said boat...Item for a hundred of lime...Item for 1000 clench nails (for the boat)...for 300 spike nails (boat)...for one great iron binding (for same)  
...

...24 May

...Item paid for 100 elms bought of Matthew Langrich at 22d each

31 May

...Item paid for 1 cartload of freestone...paid for 25 large pieces of timber **called somers (sumeres)**....

7 June

...Item paid for 48 hurdles bought to make scaffolds...Item paid for 1 boatload of ragstone...2 pieces of timber...for 20,000 tiles bought from John Coy at 6s the thousand...for 21,000 tiles...from John Pope of Colchester at 5s 4d the thousand....

21 June

...Item paid to 6 carpenters, 2 sawyers, 6 masons and 1 paviour for thighboots... (presumably working in water)

28 June

...Item paid for 2000 tilepins....a hundred of lime...1 tubbe...paid for withies bought for tying scaffolds...for 354 lb of cords...

5 July

...Item paid for 29 'tunne tight of Northenston bought from Robert Gameleston (York stone paving?)...Item paid for 42 ft of Portland stone...at 6d the foot...

...9 August

...Item paid for 2 iron ladles bought for the masons of the Bridge House...

16 August

...Item paid for a hundred of lime...for 48 cartloads of timber...

23 August

...Item paid for 100 pieces of plankboard...for 200 roof tiles...for 1 last and 9 barrels of pitch bought for the work of the Bridge masons...

30 August

...Item paid for 20,000 tilepins...for 20,000 tiles...for a great boatload of ragstone...for another boatload of ragstone...

27 September

(usual workforce)

...Item paid for 3 ½ hundreds of reeds...at 2s the hundred...for 6 cartloads of freestone...for **6 ½ hundred of lime...**

Item paid to Thomas Bryel, carpenter, for making a new fulling mill at Stratford called Spylemannesmill, and for supplying the timber for the mill, including carriage, from the contract in gross made with him, £50...Item paid for carrying 2 cartloads of timber and 1 cartload of tiles from the Bridge House to Friday Street...Item paid to 1 carpenter to fell elms at Waltham for 5 days...for battering the tools of the Bridge House masons for the past 3 quarters...Item paid for 34 weys of new lead bought for the new houses in Fenchurch Street and for other houses in the Bridge's rents at various times for the whole year past...Item paid to Richard ate Moore of Stratford for cleaning the ponds of the aforesaid mill, and for digging and ramming the earthworks of the same mill...for 42 hurdles bought for weirs in the ponds to stop the water...paid for timber... to make the same weirs...

Item for 2,400 laths at 7s the thousand...

RENTAL 1404

(DESCRIPTIONS OF SOME OF THE HOUSES ETC ONLY INCLUDED)

In the parish of St Dunstan beside the Tower in a lane called Waterlane are two cottages with gardens...

In the parish of St Dionis Fenchurch are 4 principal houses and 3 shops with solars....

In the parish of All Saints in the Wall are 4 cottages with gardens...

In the parish of St Margaret Moses in Friday Street is one inn called le Cheker on the Hoop...

In Old Change are 28 shops with solars built over...

In Paternoster Row is one great messuage and 30 shops with solars...

In the parish of St Michael le Quern is a tavern with the sign of le Raven...

At the Shambles and St Audoen...are 17 shops and one house over the gate of the Friars Minor...In the said parish are 8 cabins...

On the Bridge. On the east of the bridge beginning at Staples towards London there are divers shops...

(List of tenants 'beyond the bars of Southwark, in the fields of Lambeth, at the Lock, Hatcham, Camberwell, Lewisham and Stratford...

BRIDGE HOUSE, WEEKLY PAYMENTS BOOK 1420-21.

Michaelmas 1420 – Michaelmas 1421.

Carpenters, masons, sawyers, paviours, tillers, daubers, labourers and tidemen as before.

Wages and other expenses

...Item to John Silkeston for the stipend of the cook of the Bridge masons and carpenters, for the week 20d. And to him for the Bridge dogs' food.

...Item to Thomas Bys, dauber, with 2 servants for 6 days 8s 6d...to another dauber for 5 days 2s 11d...to a servant for the same dauber for 4 days...to a very small servant of the same daubers for 6 days, 18d....

Item to Richard Bateman, tilemaker, for makig 10,000 house-tiles at Lewisham....

Item paid for brooms and candles...for the masons...

...Paid for 2 tubs bought for the masons...

Item paid to William Shaue of Lyngfeld for 32 loads of timber for joists and rafters at 5s, the load containing 60 ft

Item paid to William Toche, smith, for 103 lb worked iron bought for the bridge...

...Item paid to John Esgaston for hinges, rings, latches, spike nails, transom nails, cramps, catches and others...

...Item for 4 staples bought for the carpenters...

Item to Richard Bateman, tilemaker, for 3 weeks for digging loam to make tiles...paid to Katherine, lately the wife of Richard Further of Deptford for the farm of half an acre of land there beside the Tilekiln for last year, 2s...for

carriage by the said Richard Bateman of fuel to the tilekiln at Lewisham...to the said tiler with 1 servant for 6 days, 6s...

7 December – masons, carpenters etc still working.

13 December

...Item to J Londres, painter, for painting 1 section in the vault of the chapel on the Bridge...13s 4d (including materials)...paid to Thomas Bys, dauber, with 1 servant for 16 ½ days, 16s...**paid to Richard Lymbrenner for 9 hundred of lime...**

21 December....paid to Richard Bateman, tilemaker, for digging loam at Lewisham for making tiles there, for 1 month last, 8s...paid him for his diligence in selling tiles, 3s 4d...

**...Item to 1 paviour for 1 day in the house of John Hale...paid for paving the hall of that house with paving tiles...paid for 2 stone of tallow...for the same**

...Item to W Goos, carver, for making the head of the Giant for the Bridge against the king's coming, 18d...

Item paid for 100 Estland boards bought...for the king's coming...for 1000 ft of elm board...for 24 great alder poles...

18 January...**to John Goodeman, plasterer, for 4 ½ days at the stone gate 2s 7 ½ d...to 1 labourer for the same plasterer for 4 ½ days, 22 ½ d...**

Item to Richard Bateman, tilemaker, for making fuel and digging loam for making tiles at Lewisham for 5 weeks last, 10s...

Item to W Goos, carver, for divers things worked for the king's...ordinance...paid to J Thoresby and Richard Coyford, **strainers...to J Bron, another stainer, for 6 days for grinding colours for the said ordinance...**

25 January paid to Richard Beek, John Catelyn senior, J Catelyn junior and John Housewif, masons (another mason, 5 carpenters etc)...to John Goodeman, plasterer, with 1 servant, for 4 ½ days for the aforesaid ordinance...10 stainers... 4 joiners...1 dauber and servant...

1 February....stainers and painters on top of the usual suspects...paid to John Wytte, painter, for painting 5 banners of gilt and silver of divers kinds for the (coming of the king and queen)...for staples, rings and other necessaries for the donjon...7 Feb....paid to John Londres, in part payment for gilding the image in the stone gate for the king's coming...15 Feb....for 4 lb candles for the carpenters working by night...(strainers working day and night)...J Thoresby, painter, for 5 days 5 nights...in all 7s 1d...for 9 gallons of russet colour bought from Asilden the stainer...for 500 thorn pins for tacking...to Simon Slegh of Maidstone for 60 tontight of Maidstone rag....for horse-bread for carriage of sand for the Bridge...

22 February....paid to J Oliver for 3,503 half-penny nails, 3,000 patten nails and 26,000 lattice nails (lath nails)...for 20 dozen gold paper (gold leaf)...for 250 dozen silver leaf...

Item paid for patten nails, *blanknaill*, wooden pegs (*trasshnaill*), white lead, vermilion, red lead, wax, rosin, wooden struts, hurdles, timber, silver paper, gold paper, glue, rosin, colour...ropes and many other necessities...

29 March....Item to Richard Carleton, paviour, and 2 other paviours for 4 days in Old Change...for 9 loads of sand for the same...

10 May....paid to William Barbour of county York...for 14 tontight 5 weys and 5 nails of Northern stone...24 May...paid to William Barbour of co. York, by the hands of John Bristow, his servant, in part payment of a certain bargain (viz 20 tontight, 9 weys and 20 nails of stone from Marr, bought with freight for £9 6s 8d....

27 September...paid to Henry Sundergiltes, brickman, from 7 December up to this day for making 119,000 bricks at Deptford, finding sand and fuel and other costs...4s 4d for each thousand...

BRIDGE HOUSE RENTAL 1461-2.

Mainly rents, but also....

Sales...Item for 25s received from \_\_\_\_\_ **the price of 304 loads of lime sold...**  
Item for 24s received from John Copyn for a parcel of old timber and old doors and windows dismantled at the tenement called the Crown in Southwark...**Item for 40s received from John Theyne, Limeburner for 90 one-bushel sacks and 4 four-bushel sacks to put lime in, sold to him this year...**

Purchase of Chalk

Item in money paid to Thomas Womewell of Northfleet in Kent for 14 boatloads of chalk, each boatload containg 20 tuns in weight, bought from him and used in filling-in the staddles and the gulleys at 9s the boatload to the Bridge House...Item to William Granger for 306 sacks of chalk...at 7s the hundred...**Item to John Theyn for 21 hundred of lime bought from him at 6s 8d the hundred...Item to the same John Theyn for digging and piling up chalk and burning it for 105 quarters of lime ('of chalk burnt') at the limekiln by Charlton near Greenwich, taking 4 ½ for each hundred by the task....**

Purchase of sand

Item to Joan Broun for 27 loads of sand bought from her and used **in making mortar for tiling, daubing, and pargetting the walls of the tenement of the Castle in Wood Street, and the bakehouse in Gracechurch Street and other tenements repaired this year...**(more sand)...to Henry Walsh for 42 loads of gravel...used in paving before the Bridge's tenements in the city of London this year....

Purchase of timber

Item to Richard Lyon for 100 loads of quarter-cut timber...to John Kynge for 40 loads of oak timber at 5s the load at Croydon...for 1 ½ hundred of ship planks...(more quarter-cut timber)...Item to William Carter of Croydon for 2

loads of oak timber called **principal pieces** ...to Thomas Leman for 90 elms bought...at Beddington without branches...(52 more elms)...to \_\_\_Hamond for 2 ash trees...to make *wranges* for boats....Used of the said timber in new building the tenement of the Crown...and in raising up (*sursumposicione*) one tenement at the Shambles of St Nicholas...and in repairing and amending divers other tenements and mills at Stratford and Lewisham...

#### Purchase of Planks

...to Nicholas Herman of Crawley for 4550 and 8ft of quarterboard...for 50 ship planks bought and used in making a new boat and repairing and amending the boat called the chalkboat....for 50 wainscot...for 450ft...and 1800ft of plankboard....for making doors and windows and for garnishing and flowering (flooring)....to Richard Lyon for 6 loads of heartlaths...used in new tiling....and daubing the walls of the said houses and other tenements of the Bridge...for 2180 ft of quarterboard and plankboard.....for 100 eaves-laths...for 2.600 heartlaths....for 12,000 flat tiles...for 4,000 similar tiles...to John Morley for 4,000 flat tiles used in repairing the tenements at Deptford (many more flat tiles) ...to John Caundon for 5,500 bricks...and used as well in making the chimney new built this year within the Bridge House as in underpinning the plates in the tenement of the Crown....

#### Purchase of lead (for gutters, cisterns, pipes)...

...in lead delivered to the masons, used in jointing stones with cramps in the foundation of the new stone work on the south part of the same arch....

#### Purchase of ironwork

(many nails)

...for wrought ironwork for binding the wheels of the masons' cart, together with 4 bands and 2 lynch-pins...**for making 1 saw for the masons to saw stones...for sharpening the masons' tools this year....**

#### Necessary purchases

**Item to the bailiff of Bermondsey Abbey for 14 hundred tusserds (*tussards*) (*faggots, most likely*)....and used in burning chalk at the limekiln near Charlton, at 3s the hundred...for 1 wicker bushel bought for measuring chalk...William Blakeman for 58 ells of sackcloth bought to make sacks to put lime in...for packthread...used in making the said sacks...for 1 piece of line... used in binding the said sacks...for making the said sacks...for 4 wooden hooks...for the carriage of chalk....Item to William Love for 1025 hundred 2 lbs of rosin...for 648 lb of rosin...bought from them and used in making cement for fixing the foundation of the new stonework at the south end of the bridge. Item to Richard Flem yng for 6 barrels of pitch...to Henry Nevill for 2 barrels of pitch...to William Corbet for 1 barrel of pitch...and used in making the aforesaid cement...(p131)**



Item to Thomas Piert, carpenter for 1 load of hurdles ...to make scaffolds for the masons and tidemen...for chalk line bought for the carpenters...for 2 doz brooms...for the masons...for two wooden poles...for the gins of the masons...

Item to William Cooke of West Ham for 1000 reeds...for 100 reeds bought...to John Crosse for 1000 reeds...this year, **used in covering the new stonework and in heating the stones fixed in the foundation of the said new stone work, within the ebb and flow of the water of the Thames....(p132)** Item paid for 3 gallons of cow's-foot grease...to grease the gins...8 ½ stone of tallow...used in greasing the said gins...**for 1 ½ bushels of oyster-shells...used in the masons' works...**for 6 dozen 9lb candles...used this year as well in the counting-house as among the carpenters and labourers in winter-time....

...Item to John Copyn, founder, **for mending a cauldron of brass for heating cement for the works of the masons...**

**Item for plaster of Paris bought and used in the tenement of Bendict Wheler at the shambles of St Nicholas....**

Item to John Frecock for 35 ells of linen cloth...and expenses in *le hangyng* in the new chamber in the Bridge House...for making and sewing the same, and fitting tapes and rings to the same...to Ralph Reynold, painter, for painting the same cloth....

Spent in glazing

...Paid to William Joynour for 4 wooden cases and making windows, together with hooks, nails and leather for the same...for linen cloth for the same...for 3 wooden cases...to Adryan Glasyer for repairing and mending various windows...for 10 bunches (*bonches*) of white glass, 5d the bunch...for 1 bunch of blood-red glass 10d...to the said Adrian Glasier for working 40 ft of glass in images and other works there...Item to Laurence Lane for 8 iron casings placed in the glazed windows in the chamber...to Adrian Glasier for glass and working of the same in the window of the chamber within the Bridge House newly glazed this year....

(Trades' wages)

Masons wages – Thomas Jurdan chief mason...4s a week...Thomas Daniell his apprentice...2s 6d a week...other masons 7 ½ d a day each, others 8d a day

Carpenters wages – John Forster, chief carpenter 4s a week, his apprentice 5d a day; other carpenters 3s 6d a week. ...hewing, framing and raising the tenement of the Crown in Southwark (amongst other things); others 7d a day; others 6d. Item to Thomas Osemond for 85 days and John Bolour for 80 days working at Carshalton, Norbury and Beddington, in hewing (*dolando*) and squaring (*quadrando*) elms there this year at 6d a day each

Sawyers wages – Item to Richard Belamy for sawing 43,150 ft of timber in quarters, planks, tabulis and other necessary works by the disposition of the chief carpenter, taking 12d for sawing each hundred foot...

Tilers wages – tiler and labourer 12d a day between them.

Paviours – 8d the toise

...Daubers' wages

**item to Patrick Kele, dauber, working with his labourer in daubing the tenements of the Bridge for 218 ½ days at 12 ½ d a day between them...for 9 days at 12d a day between them. Item to him for 51 loads of daub at 4d the load...for 34 loads of daub at 5d the load....to him for 14 loads of sand at 6d the load...for 1 cartload of straw...bought by him and used in the aforesaid works...for 2 sacks of chalk bought by him and used in the same works...for size...Item to 1 dauber and his labourer working in daubing the walls of the Bridge's tenements in Deptford for 6 days at 12d a day between them...for digging and carriage of daub used there...for 2 loads of gravel used there...**

Wages of the labourers

Item to William Atkyn for 255 days, Alexander Herryson for 142 days, and William Tredgold for 123 days, labouring and attending on the masons in **making mortar** and in carrying stones, bricks, mortar and other necessaries...in unloading shouts and boats loaded with chalk and rag...at 5d a day each.

BRIDGE HOUSE RENTAL 4

ACCOUNT 1501-2

Buying of stone

(Mainly Kentish ragstone, some Reigate stone, 'hard' paving stone from Maidstone)

Timber and board....

Tiles and bricks

Roof tiles primarily, plain (*playne*) tiles in great number

34,500 bricks from John Brampstede.

**Chalk, lime, sand, gravel, and loam**

**To John Grove for 280 tons of chalk at 6d the ton...To Thomas Brat for 38 hundred and 2 loads of lime delivered at the Bridge House in Southwark at 5s 8d the hundred, £10 16s 2d. To the same Thomas for 17 ½ hundred and 3 sacks...delivered at the storehouses within the city of London, Stratford, Deptford and at the Bridge House here. To John Welche for 49 bushels of plaster of Paris at 8d the bushel. To Patrick Fendon and Philip White for 237 loads of sand at 5d the load....To the same Patrick and Philip for 160 loads of loam at 4d the load...And for 67 loads of gravel at 4d the load....**

Ironwork and nails, lead and solder....

## Costs in glazing

To Johan Johnson for 100 quarrels of glass...a bushel of whole and half quarrels...To Thomas Turnour, glazier, for 65ft of old glass set in new lead, set in the tenements...at the Red Lion, at the White Cock and at William Banckes upon the bridge....

## Repairs to mills.

...For 2 loads of sand, 12d...8 loads of sand, 4s, 3 loads of loam, 12d...

to John Starkey of Lewisham for sawing 500ft of timber planks and board for (Lewisham) mill...To William Hughet for making 21 rods of wall at task, 5s 3d... to John Smyth of Lewisham for 2 loads of timber...**to the same John for 34 loads of clay, 2 loads of loam, at 4d the load....**for 2 labourers working and labouring in the waterworks of the said mill for 2 days....

(Tradesmen wages).

## ...Bricklayers

To Peter Burton for 77 days, William Spynke for 103 days, Thomas Wright for 114 days, Thomas Rynde for 11 days, bricklayers, in making of new chimneys, mending and repairing old chimneys and ovens in divers tenements...between them all for 305 days at 8d a day each....

## Daubers wages

To John Michell, dauber, and his labourer...for 170 ½ days at 12d a day (for both)...

## ACCOUNT FOR 1537-8.

## Chalk, lime, sand, gravel and loam

To Stephen Parrot of Deptford for 53 boats of chalk, every boat containing 12 tons, in all 636 tons, delivered at the Bridge House...at 6d the ton...

**To Richard Dryver, Limeburner, for 8,604 loads and 5 sacks of lime, counting 7 loads to every hundred, delivered to sundry of the...storehouses...at 4s the hundred...**

**To Richard Colte of Billingsgate for 4 mounts of plaster, every mount containing \_\_\_\_ at 6s the mount...and for measuring the same...**

**To Jeffrey Harryson for 175 loads of sand, at 6d the load...for 110 loads of gravel at 4d...and for 86 loads of loam at 4d the load...**

To Philip Miller of Lweisham for 5 loads of sand delivered at Lewisham and used there...

To the wife of James Foster for 20 tons of chalk and rag delivered at the mill-dam at Stratford at 10d the ton...

....Necessary purchases

**...To John Smythe, turner, for 6 (mortar) trays for the masons...To Ambrose Wolles for a hundred of rosin...To Richard Petwyn for 1 dozen gloves in reward for the masons...To Thomas Monkest for a fine sieve for lime...To Sherman for two baskets...To Thomas Monkeste, plasterer, for 60 bushels of hair for the new house in Cheap at 3d the bushel...**

To William Stevens of London for 4 barrels of pitch at 5s 4d the hundred... 4 hundred 17lb of rosin at 4s the hundred

(Wages).