

The Chamber Books Project

Investigation 4: Henry's spending on security & the Case of Perkin Warbeck!



In this self-guided session you will:

- Investigate how much money Henry VII was spending to protect his crown from Perkin Warbeck and spies by taking on the role of the historian yourself;
- You will use the Chamber Books online database as an investigative tool to find your information;
- Learn more about how historical research is conducted and learn about a new research method (and some problems historians may encounter while carrying out this type of research!)

Instructions

1. Go to the Chamber Books website database here:
<https://www.dhi.ac.uk/chamber-books/search/search>
2. Type 'Perkin Warbeck' as your search word. You can also search using the term 'Perkin' and 'Werbek' separately, not all Tudor spellings are the same as ours and so you may need to try spelling your search terms a number of ways!
3. Set the date range to 1485-1509.
4. Select the 'modernised' version.
5. Click on 'Go'.
6. Record any information relating to how Henry is dealing with the threat of Perkin Warbeck in the recording grid below.
7. Now try typing in the search terms 'spy', set the date range to '1485-1509', select the 'modernised' version and click on 'Go'. Fill in the recording grid with any information you find.
8. Now try searching for 'espie' (the old-fashioned spelling of spy!) Set the date range to '1485-1509' and this time select the '**original**' version of the text and click on 'Go'. Make a note of your findings.
9. Finally type in 'Calais' as your search term, set the date range to '1485-1509' and select the 'modernised' version of the text once more before clicking on 'Go'. Fill in the recording grid with any information you find.
10. What do you notice about Henry's spending in relation to security?

Recording Grid for Henry VII's Spending

CATEGORY & SEARCH TERMS	DATE	AMOUNT	REFERENCE & DETAILS
<p>Perkin Warbeck</p> <p>Search Terms: '<u>Perkin Warbeck</u>' '<u>Perkin</u>' '<u>Werbek</u>'</p>	1497	Not given	<p>Reference: BL Add MS 7099, f. 43. An unspecified allowance was granted to Catherine Gordon (daughter of the Earl of Huntley) who married Perkin Warbeck. She was captured at St Michael's Mount after Warbeck fled to sanctuary and has now been assigned to the Queen's court.</p>

Use of Spies Search Terms: ' <u>spy</u> ' (modernised) ' <u>spys</u> ' (modernised) ' <u>espie</u> (original)	1491	£0 20s od £0 40s od	Reference: BL Add MS 7099 f.2 Money paid to a spy 'a bearded fellow' (20s) and also to two monks (40s) who were acting as spies.

Defences at Calais <i>Search Terms:</i> <u>'Calais'</u>	1506	£0 20s 0d	Reference: E36/214, f. 48v. Money paid to the Deputy at Calais for bringing a prisoner from Calais to Windsor.

Review of Findings

What do you notice about Henry's spending on security?

Did his spending change over time?

How does your research confirm or challenge the comments of historians?

