

*[posted bedstead – four-poster; tester and valence – canopy and pelmet; damask – fabric with a woven design; purbolde – with raised embroidery; arras – rich figured tapestry originally made in Arras, France; great chair – one with arms and a carved/panelled high-back]*

In the Green Chamber

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| 1 posted bed with a tester & valence of Cloth of Bodkin of green and green & gold with Panes of Crimson and gold with Curtains and Curtain Rods, 1 down bed, 1 feather bed, 1 bolster, 2 down pillows, a pair of blankets, a woollen Coverlet with the mattress | £7    |
| 1 livery bed, a feather bed, a bolster and 2 down pillows, a pair of blankets & a Coverlet  | £3    |
| 1 Trunk and 1 old Chest & 2 boxes & 1 great Chair, 2 little stools  | 8s    |
| 1 livery Cupboard with the Carpet   | 6s 8d |
| The hangings of Damask  | 40s   |
| 1 pair of Cobirons & a firepan, a pair of Tongs and a pair of bellows   | 3s    |

*[bodkin – possibly drawn threadwork; panes – panels]*

In his own Chamber where he did lie

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| All his apparel  | £20    |
| 1 feld bed with a tester and valance & Curtains & Curtain Rods, 2 feather beds & 2 bolsters, 2 pillows, a pair blankets, a Coverling & an old mattress | £5     |
| 1 livery bed, a feather bed, bolster, pair of blankets, a Coverling and a mattress   | 20s    |
| 1 press, & a livery Cupboard, a carpet and a Woollen Coverlet  | £3 10s |
| 1 still & 6 Chamber pots and 2 little stools   | 13s    |
| 1 Trunk, a pair of Cobirons & a pair of Tongs  | 5s     |
| 4 petronellas and 4 pistols with their Cases   | £4     |
| His Rapier & dagger, sword & Target  | £3 10s |
| 2 basins, 2 Ewers  | 10s    |
| 2 dozen of dishes, 1 dozen sallet dishes, 2 dozen platters   | 15s    |

*[feld bed with tester and valence – clearly a very grand travelling bed; still – stand; press – large cupboard usually with shelves; chamber pot – commode; petronella – carbine of large calibre used by mounted men; target – small shield; sallet – sallad]*

In the Closet by his own Chamber

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| 2 damask Cloths for board Cloths & 2 Cupboard Cloths of the same work, 1 Towel of damask work & eleven damask Napkins            | £3 6s 8d |
| 2 diaper table Cloths, 3 diaper table cloths Cupboard Cloths, 2 diaper towels & 10 diaper napkins                                | £10      |
| 3 long board Cloths of flaxeny cloth, 8 Cupboard Cloths, 2 towels of flaxen cloth 5 livery Towels & 6 dozen flaxen cloth napkins | £4       |
| 3 pairs of holland sheets & 14 pillow beres & 2 pairs of holland sheets  | £5       |

*[board – table; cupboard cloth. Cloths and rugs were used to cover furniture; diaper – woven with a diamond pattern; flaxen cloth – linen; holland – top-quality linen, originally imported from the Low Countries; pillow bere – pillow case]*

In Elizabeth Hurnard's keeping

*[from the context Robert's housekeeper. With other servants she was bequeathed 20 shillings. William Hurnarde, involved in compiling the inventory, is likely to have been her husband and Robert's manservant]*

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| 5 hemping board cloths, 4 hemping towels, 5 hemping towels, 5 hemping Cupboard Cloths, 4 dozen hemping napkins & 11 Coarse board Cloths for the hall, a pair of hemping sheets and 24 pairs of coarse sheets | £14 |
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*[hemping – of hemp, grown and woven by his poorest tenants into cheap cloth. Coarse board cloths for the hall tables will have been used when he provided food for tenants undertaking labour service when they were fed; coarse sheets – no doubt reserved for live-in servants!]*

Total £80 12s 4d

In the Maids' Chamber

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| 2 livery bedsteads, 2 feather beds & 2 Coverlets, 2 blankets, a straw bed & a mattress | 40s |
| An old Press and 3 old Chests  | 10s |
| The stained Cloths by the Walls  | 20s |

*[Two or more maids are likely to have shared each bed; stained cloths – imitation wall-hangings made by painting cloth with designs]*

In Mistress Anne & Mistress Dorothy's Chamber

*[the unmarried youngest daughters each left £300 in their father's will]*

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| 1 livery bed, 1 feather bed, 1 Coverlet & 2 blankets, 1 bolster & a pillow | 30s |
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In the Nursery Chamber

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| 1 posted bed, 1 livery bed, 2 feather beds, 2 blankets, 2 Coverlets, 2 mattresses, bolsters & the hangings about the Chamber                                       | £3 6s 8d |
| 1 great Chest bound with Iron, 1 livery Cupboard, 2 skillets, a Candlestick, a hand basin, a Chafer, a pair of Cobirons, a firepan, a Wicker Chair & a close stool | 20s      |

In Mr Reddrich his Chamber

*[Thomas Reddrich, was a puritan pastor of Butley and Boyton, appointed by Robert who gave him and his wife board and lodging in the mansion for life 'to give good counsel to my sons']*

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| A posted bedstead and the tester, valence & Curtains of saye | 20s |
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*[saye – fine serge cloth]*

In Mr Osborn's Chamber

*[John Osborne of Harkstead Esquire, a trustee of the estate, who had witnessed Robert's will the previous month]*

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| 1 livery bedstead & 1 livery Cupboard & the <del>Dorn</del> Dornix hangings | 40s |
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*[dornix – heavy cloth originally manufactured in Dornai, Belgium]*

In the Gallery

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| 2 Drums headed & Rynes for drums & a form | 30s |
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*[ryne – probably for 'ryme', a thin skin or membrane]*

At the stair head by the new Chamber

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| 1 Table with a frame | 6s 8d |
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The little Chamber going up to the Parlour chamber

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| 1 livery bed, 1 feather bed, a bolster, a pair of blankets & a Coverlet & a mattress | 30s |
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In the New Parlour Chamber

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| 1 posted bed with the tester and valence with curtains of red taffety and 1 down bed, 2 bolsters, 2 down pillows, a pair of blankets and a Covering of Arras | £10 |
| 1 livery bedstead, a feather bed, a bolster, a pair of blankets and a Coverlet of tapestry   | £4  |