



How a man schall be armyd at his ese
when he schal fighte on foote

He schal haue noo schute up on hym but a
dowbeset of fustean synd with satene ante
fuff of hoolis. the dowbeset muste be strongely bondē
there the poyntis muste be sette abouthe the greet of the
arme and the b̄ ste before and besynde and the gusse
ns of mayle muste be sorvid vn to the dowbeset in
the bochit of the arme. and vndir the arme the ar
myng poyntis muste be made of fyne tibyne such
as men make strygis for crosseboves and they

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muste be trussid smal and poyntid as poyntis. Also
they muste be weyd with cordewenys coode. and
than they wold nevir reche nor breke. Also a payr
hosyn of stamyn sengift and a payre of shorte bus
werkis of thynne blancket to put abouthe his kneys
for chawfyng of his lighernes Also a payre of
shone of thicke cordewene and they muste be frite
with smal whipcordre thre knotis vp on a cordre and
thre cordris muste be faste sorvid vn to the hele of
the shoo and fyne cordis in the myddis of the soole
of the same shoo and that ther be betweene the feet
is of the heele and the feetis of the myddis of
the shoo the space of thre syngis.

To arm a man

firste ye muste sette on Sabatones and tye hem up
on the shoo with smale poyntis that wol breke. And
then grissis & then quisses & yē the bretche of mayle
And the coulteris and the brest vnd yē vān bras and yē
reverbras. And then glouys. And then hange his
daggere upon his right side. And then his shore
sverde upon the lyfe side in a rounde ryng aff na
bid to pulle it oute lighes. And then putte his cote
upon his bak. And then his basinet p̄ynd up on the
greet stakis before the breste with a dowbeset behi
nde up on the bak to make the basinet tre
mple. And then his longe sverde in his hande. And
then his pensif in his hande peyntid of saint George
or of our lady to blesse hym with as he goeth thyarde

the felde and in the felde
The day that the p[er]fumer and the defendant shall
fighe wher they shal haue w[ith] hem in to the felde
tenuit[er] iuste be right in the felde
Also a chepre
Also a basyn
Also vi. lones of breed
Also iiij. galones of wyne
Also a messe of mete flessh[e] or fiffle
Also a borde and a peyne tristis to stite
his mete and drynke on
Also a borde clothe
Also a knyf for to kyn his mete
Also a cupe to drynke of
Also a glas w[ith] a drynke made
Also a dozen tresses of armynge poyntis
Also an hanvr and pynshur and a bicornie
Also smale mayles a dozen
Also a longe siverde shorte siverde and dagger
Also a kerchief to kile the visor of his basinet
Also a peniss to bere in his hande of his arme

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His ryght excellent and right myghty lege lord
Richarde bi the grace of god kyng of Englonde
and of france lord of yrelonde and duke of
G[ou]ernement scheweth your lege man Thomas the
Duke of Gloucestre your constable of Englonde vnto his
seide lordis yf it pleseth you that how many batailes w[er]e
yn listis armed haue ben in this yourre reigne of Englonde
now late as wel in the tyme and p[re]sence of my redonore lor-
de and fadir yourre vnde of whom god haue myt as in
yourre tyme and p[re]sence moe then were longe tyme before
And it is wel seyne that many haue moche goodes. And
therfore that it is the grettest dede that may be in armes.
and that to polis and to yourre ryght hyndroynt mageste
longish the sonaunte Jurisdiction and knawlege as it schulde
be goind by Justice and equite to yourre honourable re-
nowne in whiche all iustice schulde dwelle and be than-
for as moche that ther ben diuers mauns establimentes cus-
tomes and ordenançees in diuers countrees and places assynd
of yourre subiecton as of otheris here in yourre seide kyng-
me. Ther hath bene non establimentes customes ne ordi-
nançees of batayles w[er]e listis armes in yourre tyme ne
also in the tyme of yourre noble p[re]decessours as they ha-
ue ben w[ell] valiantz and ryghfull. 2. Ben the less for as
moche that ye yourre cires and successoures may the bett[er]
doo iustice and equite to all tho that such dedes of armes
schal haue to doo a fore yow aswell yourre lieger and sub-
iectes as other what som en they be I the seide humble
liege and yourre constable offre vnto yourre seide lord.