

Henry VIII. : his education, and accomplishments were such that they introduced him with advantage to the Court of King Henry VIII. where he came highly to be preferred, first, to the Honourable post of Master of the Horse, at the Coronation of Queen Anne Boleyn, (Mother to the glorious Queen Elizabeth), Anno 25 of that King, and after that to the honour of Knighthood in the 29th year of the same reign. He was also one of the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber to the same King,—a place of great reputation, and trust ; whose office is to wait on the King, within doors and without, so long as his Majesty is on foot ; and when the King eats in his Privy Chamber, they wait at table, and bring in the meat ; they wait also at the reception of Ambassadors, and every night two of them lie in the King's Privy Chamber. They are forty-eight in number, all Knights, or Esquires of note, whose power is great ; for a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber, by the King's command only without any written commission, is sufficient to arrest a Peer of England.

In those days gentlemen were not always called upon to fill this office because of their