


Anne of Cleves: portrait, plan for Henry and Anne to meet, writing frame



**Miniature portrait of Anne of Cleves by Hans Holbein, c.1539 (V&A: P.153-1910)**


**An order taken howe the**  
 Kinges highnes shall orde at the  
 meetinge of the Sadre Asses Grace  
 of **Crene** &c  
 First it is ordered that all the Measurment  
 strammeters shalbe placed on Northside; that  
 is to meane on booth sydes the way wayning  
 to the park of Greenwyche in such wise  
 as the Kinges Maiey shal by his mayne waye  
 passe thorough them And the distaunce from  
 his grace on both syde to be large  
 Next unto them to be likewise placed all the  
 Gentlemen & Esquiers beinge bound with the  
 Citizens of London thaldermen and Sheriffs  
 not beinge knights  
 Next unto them all the knights as well they  
 of London as other every pson in their degree  
 and hauer  
 Next unto them the siffie gentylmen psonages  
 Next unto them the Kinges Chapelains  
 Next unto them the trompette  
 Next unto them the Kinges learned Counsaile  
 with other his Counsellors at lawe of other  
 Offices as the Chamerclo of the Augmentacions  
 the Kinges Surveyors The Treasurers of ex  
 chaugementaun and tenthes and Jurors of the  
 Exchequer of the Kinges cambre Master of the  
 Just house and Master Wyvillshley  
 Next after them the Gentylmen of the Kinges  
 privie Cambre  
 Next after them the Barons in their degrees  
 Next after them Bishoppes  
 Next after them Prelates and Dukes

Next after them. Chembastadōō together.  
 Next after them. he that schall bere the swerde.  
 Then gentylmen huy/thers to be placard in their  
 places  
 Maister Hemmye also to have his place  
 Then the Kings Matie  
 It the Sergeants at Armes to bee well orderd  
 on both sydes befor his highnes.  
 It next after the King the Maister of the Horse  
 leading the horse of estat.  
 Item after him the children of honō.  
 It after, ~~hym~~ the Capitain of the garde w<sup>t</sup> all the  
 gard folowyny in good order and aray.  
 When the Kinges Matie and the Quene shall  
 mete then shall the Seruant of the l gentylmen  
 and the same gentylmen w<sup>t</sup> hym, and also the  
 Capitaine of the garde and the Garde with  
 hym w<sup>t</sup> drayn and Retorne to the porte to be  
 place left,

**Announcement on the meeting of Henry VIII with Anne of Cleves, 2 January 1540**  
 (The National Archives: SP 1/157 f1)

## Simple Transcript [with explanations]

An order taken how the King's Highness shall ride at the meeting of the lady Anne's Grace of Cleve

First it is ordered that all the merchant strangers be placed on horseback on both sides of the way to Greenwich Park, so that the King and his train may pass through them.

Next to them the gentlemen and esquires, with the citizens of London, aldermen, and sheriffs...

Next to them all the knights...

fifty gentlemen pensioners

the King's chaplains

the trumpets

the King's wise council with certain household and other officers, and Mr Wriothesley

the gentlemen of the Privy Chamber

the Barons...

the Bishops

the Earls and Dukes

the Chamberladies together...

Master Hennege also to have his place

Then the King

The Serjeants at Arms to be well ordered on both sides before his highness

Next after the king the Master of the horse...

Then after him the children of honor

the Captain of the Guard with all the guard following in good order...

When the King and Queen meet, the Lieutenant of the 50 gentlemen and the gentlemen with him and also the captain of the Guard, each with his company, shall withdraw, and return to the Court...

[Merchant strangers were foreign businessmen or traders.

The "King and his train" means the King and the people following him.

Esquires, aldermen and sheriffs were all men with important jobs.

The King's chaplains took care of his religious services.

Thomas Wriothesley served Henry for many years and became very important, helping to rule England.

The Privy Chamber was Henry's private room. The gentlemen who served him there were the sons of rich and powerful lords and knights.

Chamber ladies were ladies at court, not cleaning ladies!]

## Writing Frame

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