

ordnance such as Queen Elizabeth's pocket pistol, would have been locals or living locally. During 1661 there was a 'Gentleman of the Ordnance' with 17 gunners but by 1674 to 1676 there was one master gunner and only four gunners 9. In the immediate post-commonwealth period gunners were paid 8d or 6d per day. On a seven-days-a-week basis the 8d pay-rate fits in well with William and John's remuneration. Carpenters of this period would have commanded about a shilling (12d) a day but could have had considerable management responsibility and been

unable to achieve a high number of work-days in the year.

A Dover Castle display associated with the impressive Queen Elizabeth's pocket pistol states it has a 24 feet long barrel and fired a 12-pound ball with accuracy up to a distance of one and a half miles. The display also records 'During the Civil War, the gun was used by Parliament and surrendered to Royalist forces at Lostwithiel, Cornwall, in 1644, from where it was returned to Dover.' Even by sea this must have been a difficult armament to move around the country.

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