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CAPTAIN HENRY ISHAM

A DISTANT COUSIN OF CAPT. HENRY ISHAM OF BERMUDA HUNDRED, VIRGINIA.

Samuel Pepys (1633-1703) was educated at Magdalen College, Cambridge on a grant from the Mercers Company; he spent most of his career in the Admiralty becoming Chief Secretary to the Admiralty under Charles II & James I.

He was President of the Royal Society and an MP for Castle Rising in Norfolk.

Sir Edward Montagu (1625-1672), 1st. Earl of Sandwich, was Lord High Admiral of England.

Samuel Pepys was a relative of his and referred to him in his Diary as "my Lord".

MENTIONED IN THE DIARY OF SAMUEL PEPYS – 1660/61

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 1660

"After that to my Lord ... he giving me all letters and papers that came to him about business, for me to give him account of when we come on shipboard. Hence, with **Capt. Isham** by coach to Whitehall to the Admiralty".

FRIDAY 23 MARCH 1660

"So after that my Lord in Sir H. Wright's coach with **Capt. Isham**, Mr Thomas, John Crew, W. Howe and I in a Hackney to the Tower where the barges staid for us, my Lord and the **Captain** (Capt. Isham) in one and W. Howe and I in the other to the Long Reach where the "Swiftsure" laid off anchor".

SATURDAY 24 MARCH 1660

"At night **Capt. Isham** who had been at Greenwich all last night and today came and brought Mr Lucy. I drank with him in the **Captain's** cabin, but my business could not stay with him".

SUNDAY 25 MARCH 1660

"up to the great cabin above to dinner with the Captains, where was **Capt. Isham** and all the other officers".

SUNDAY 1 APRIL 1660

"At night the **Captain** (Capt. Isham), Sir R. Styner, Mr Sheply and I did sup together in the **Captain's** cabin".

TUESDAY 3 APRIL 1660

"This morning **Capt. Isham** comes on board to see my Lord and drink his wine before he went into the Downs".

WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 1660

"my Lord resolved to send the **Captain** (Capt. Isham) of our ship to Waymouth and promote his being chosen".

WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 1660

"**Captain Isham** came hither today".

FRIDAY 4 MAY 1660

"This morning came **Captain Isham** on board with a gentleman going to the King".

SUNDAY 13 MAY 1660

"This morning Sir J. Boys and **Capt. Isham** met us in the Norwich".

SUNDAY 23 MARCH 1661

"So back to White Hall, and met with **Capt. Isham** this day from Lisbon with letters from the Queen to the King. And he did give me letters which speak that our fleet is all at Lisbon".

SUNDAY 27 JULY 1661

"From thence to the Wardrobe where my wife met me, it being my Lord Sandwich's birthday, and so we had many friends here. Mr Townsend and his wife and **Captain Isham**, and were very merry, and had a good venison pasty".

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 1661

"Home and there met **Capt. Isham** inquiring for me to take his leave of me, he being on a voyage to Portugal and for my letters to my Lord which are not ready. But I took him to the Mitre and gave him a glass of sack".

MONDAY 26 AUGUST 1661

I called in at the Crane tavern at the Stocks by appointment and there met and took leave of Mr Fanshaw, who goes tomorrow and **Captain Isham** toward their voyage to Portugal. Here we drank a good deal of wine.

I too much and Mr Fanshaw till he could hardly go. So we took leave one of another".

It is interesting that Capt. Henry Isham appears in these entries to be so highly regarded.