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Ingredients

wine

white wine vinegar

white lead

white

water

walnut rinds

vinegar

vermilion

verditer

verdigris

umber

ultramarine

turnsole

tin

terra-verte

tartar

sugar candy

stone blue

spanish brown

soot

smalt

shell

sea coal
sap-green
saltpetre
sal-ammoniac
saffron
roset
rose water
red lead
red ink
quicksilver
quicklime
purple
Prussian blue
pink
pencil
paper
ox gall
orpiment
oil of vitriol
oil
Naples yellow
mummy
massicot
mastic
logwood
lamprey liver
litmose blue
linen
lime water
lamp black
lake
lacca
jupiter
ivory black
burnt ivory
ivory
indigo
indian red
indian lake
indian ink
hartshorn
gum water
gum arabic
gum
green pink
green bice
gold
glue water
gamboge

gall stone
flake white
water
eel gall
ear wax
dutch pink
cloth
colens earth
clay
cinnabar
cherry stone
charcoal
chalk
ceruse
cedar green
carmine
burnt umber
buckthorn berries
ochre
brimstone
brazil
brandy
flower de luce
blue bice
ashes
blue
black lead
black
bistre
bice
beer
azure
alum
alkanet

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These instructions are excerpted in part from John Barrow's *Dictionarium Polygraphicum: or, the Whole Body of Arts Regularly Digested* (London, 1735) and in part from Godfrey Smith's *The Laboratory, or School of Arts* (London, 1738). Barrow's work draws on William Salmon's *Polygraphice, or the Arts of Drawing, Engraving, Etching, Limning, Painting, Washing, Varnishing, Gilding, Colouring, Dying, Beautifying, and Perfuming in Four Books*, printed first in 1672 in London and several more times until 1701.

Transcription

The seven painting Colours in general

1 The chief whites are Spodium, Ceruss, white lead, Spanish white
Egg-shells burnt, Flake white, Mussel Silver

The Spanish white is thus made:

Take fine chalk six ounces, allum two ounces, grind them together in fair water, till it be like pap, roll it up into balls, which dry leisurely, then put them into the fire till they are red hot, take them out & let them cool.

This is the best white of all to garnish with, being ground with weak gum water.--

2 The Chief Blacks are these: harts-horn burnt, Ivory burnt, lamp-black
Charcoal, Sea coal, verditer burnt, mummy burnt

3 The Chief Reds are these; Carmine, Vermilion, red lead lake" class="emmr-anno">lake">Indian lake,
Native cinnabar, red oaker, yellow oaker burnt, Indian red.

4 The Chief Greens are these; green bice, green pink, Verdegrease, Verditer,
sap-green, pink mixt with bice and Terra verde

5 The Chief yellows are these, orpiment, masticote deep and light, Saffron
pink yellow, dark & light, oker de luce, English oaker, Roman oaker, gall stone

6 The Chief Browns are these; umber, Spanish-brown, Colens earth, gall-stone
rust of iron, mummy.

7 The Chief Blues are these; ultramarine, Indigo, smalt, blue-bice ^Latinios, Prusian blue, Blue lake

This is to be noted, that of the Colours before named, Vermilion, Verdigris
Orpiment, and some others are too Coarse & gritty to be used in water Colour
unless they be purified and prepar'd.

Add Turnsole, litmose blue, roset, brasil, logwood and saffron are more fit
for washing prints than curious limning.--

The principal colours used by painters are red & white lead or ceruss, yellow
and red oakers; several kinds of Earth, as umber, orpiment, lamp-black;
burnt Ivory, black lead, cinnabar or vermilion; gamboge, lacca, blue and
green ashes, verdegrease, bistre, bice, smalt, carmine, ultramarine

Of these colours some are used tempered with gum water, some ground with oil
others only in fresco, and others for miniature.--

painters reduce all the Colours they use under then two classes of Dark & light
Colours.-- Dark colours are black, and all others that are obscure and

earthy, as umber, bistre &c.--

under light Colours are comprehended white, and all those that approach [near?]

it.-- Painters also distinguish Colours into simple & mineral: under simple Colours they rank all those which are extracted from Vegetables and which will not bare the fire, as the yellow, made of Saffron, French bernis, lacca, and other tinctures extracted from flowers, used by limners, illuminers &c--

The mineral colours are those which are drawn from metals &c and that are able to bear the fire: used by enamellers--

Colours are either Changeable or permanent, Changeable colours are such as depend on the situation of the object with respect to the Eye-- as that of a Pigeon's neck, taffeta's &c.--

Permanent colours are not exhibited by refraction, but by reflection.--

M. Mariotte observes, that there are two different gradations or series of Colours from white to black, the one white, yellow, red & black, and the other white, blue, violet, and black.--

Of Preparing Colours

Colours according to their nature, have each a particular way of prepar. viz. by grinding, washing, or steeping.

The Chief Colours to be ground are these; white lead, ceruss, cinnabar, lake, oker yellow and brown, pink, indigo, umber, colens earth, Spanish brown, ivory black, cherry stone black, lamp black, [] red, lake" class="emmr-anno">lake">Indian lake.--

The Chief colours [to be washed?] are; red lead, masticote, green bice, ceder green, ultra marine, blue bice [] verditer.

The Chief colours [to be steep'd] are; sap green, saffron, turnsole, stone blue, Venice berries [] Gamboge, [] yellow, to which you must add a little allum, Blue lake and

La[].

The Method of Grinding Colours

Take the Colour you would grind, and scrape off from it all the filth; then lay it upon the stone, and with the muller, bruise it a little; then put to it a little spring water, and grind all together very well, till the Colour is very fine; which done, pour it out in certain hollows or furrows [C?]ut in chalk-stone, and there let it lie till it is dry, which preserve in paper or glasses. -- Take care in grinding your colours not to put too much water to them upon the stone, for they ought to be ground pretty thick like pulp or pap, and they ought not to be left too moist, but thick & Clammy.

If after your colour is dry in the shell, you can rub it off with your fingers, it must be better bound with gum; and if there be too much gum, it will shine, and be apt to crackle off after it is used.--

Of mixt and compound Colours

An ash colour or gray is made by mixing white and lamp-black, or white with sinaper; indigo and black make an ash colour

To make an azure or blue. Mix the azure with glue water and not with gum water --

A bay colour – Mingle vermilion with a little spanish brown and black.--

A bright crimson. Mix tincture of brazile with a little ceruss ground with fair water.--

To make a crimson lake. It is usually made of the flocks shorn off from crimson cloth, by a lye made of salt-petre, which extracts the colour; which precipitate, edulcorate, and dry in the sun, or in a stove.--

To make sad crimson. Mix the aforesaid light crimson, with a little indigo, ground with fair water:

To make a flame colour. It is made of vermilion and orpiment, mixt deep or light at pleasure: or thus, take red lead, and mix it with masticote which heighten with white.

To make a glass grey. Mingle ceruss with a little azure.

To make excellent good greens. The liver of a lamprey makes an excellent green; and yellow laid upon blue will change into green; so likewise the juice of a blue flower de luce, mixt with gum water, will be a perfect and durable green or blue, according as it is used.--

To make a light green. It is made of pink or smalt with white, to make it whiter if need require.

To make a lead colour. It is made of white, mixed with indigo.

To make a flesh colour, Mix a little lake and red lead with white, a very small quantity of each, you may make it as light or as red as you please, by putting more or less white in it. If you would have a swarthy complexion to distinguish a mans flesh from a woman's, put a little yellow oker among your flesh colour; and for your shadow, put a little more lake, and a small quantity of burnt umber.

To make a murrey which is compos'd of purple and white; it is made thus. take cinnabar lake two ounces, white lead one ounce and grind them together.

To make a good murrey. Temper roset with a little rose water, in which a little gum hath been dissolved, and it will be good but not better, than the [first?]

To make a pure lake. Take urine ten pounds, boil it in a kettle, and skim it with an iron skimmer, till it comes to eight pounds; to which add gum lake half a pound, allum two ounces and a half; boil all till it is well colourd, which you may try by dipping a piece of linen cloth in it; then add sweet allum in powder a sufficient quantity; strain it and let it stand; strain it again thorough a dry cloth, till the liquor be clear; that which remains in the cloth or bag is the pure lake.--

To make a deep purple. This is made of indigo, Spanish brown, and white.--

Another purple. Boil log-wood in vinegar and beer in a glazed earthen vessel, adding thereto a little allum, till you taste it to be strong on your tongue when it is sufficiently boil'd, strain out the liquor through a cloth, and keep it in a glass close stopt for use.--

To make a yellow grown or purple. Buck thorn berries gather'd green and steep'd in allum water, yeild a good yellow; but being thorough ripe & black, they yeild a good green; and lastly, being gather'd when they are ready to drop off, which is about the middle or end of November, their juice mix'd with allum water, yields a good purple colour.--

To make a pear green. Take white Tarter and verdegrease; temper them with strong white wine vinegar, in which a little gum arabick has been dissolved.

Another Purple colour. Mix blue bice and lake together, or if you want bice, lake blue verditer (but that is not altogether so good) mix them well together, and it is done. If you want lake, you may instead thereof use

thick red ink, which will do as well as lake in washing.

To make Cloud colours. You may sometimes take blue verditer, sometimes light masticote shadowed with blue verditer or lake and white, or red ink and white shadowed with blue verdi ^ter

To make a red colour. Take the roots of the lesser bugloss, viz.-- alkanet, and beat them, and strain out the juice and mix it with allum water.

To make a Scarlet colour. It is made of read lead, lake and vermilion yet vermilion in this case is not very useful.

To make a pure purple colour. Take fine brimstone an ounce and a half, quicksilver, sal armoniac. Jupiter, of each one ounce, pulverize the salt and brimstone, and make an amalgama with the quicksilver and tin, mix all together, which put into a great glass gourd; make under it an ordinary fire, and keep it in a constant heat for the space of six hours.--

A Saffron colour, is made of Saffron alone by infusion.--

To make Vermilion. Take brimstone in powder four ounces, mix it with quicksilver a pound, put it into a crucible well luted, and upon a charcoal fire heat it till it is red hot, their lake is off and let it cool.

To make a violet colour. Take a little indigo and tincture of brasile grind them with a little ceruss.--

To make a yellow. Take the yellow chives in white lilies steep them in gum water and they will make a perfect yellow; the same from Saffron And tartar tempered with gum water.

Tempering of Colours. Take a little of any Colour, and put it into a clean shell, and add to it a few drops of gum water, and with your finger work it about the shells, and let it dry, and when dry, touch it with your finger

if any colour comes off, you must add stronger gum water, but being dry if the colour glister or shine, it is a sign there is too much gum water which you may remedy by putting in fair water.--

To Help the defects of Colours. Some colours as lake, umber and others which are hard will crack; when they are dry in this case in tempering them, add a little white sugar candy in very fine powder; which mix

with the colour and fair water in the shell, till the sugarcandy is disolv[ed].

These Colours, umber, Spanish brown, colen-earth, cherry stone And Ivory black, are to be burnt before they are ground or wash'd.

To Burn or Calcine colours. This is to be done in a crucible, cover -ing the mouth of it with Clay, and setting it in a hot fire, till you are sure it is red hot through, which done being cold, wash or grind them as before directed.

To prepare Shadows for Colours. White is shaded with black, and contrary-wise, yellow with umber and the okers, Vermilion with lake, blue bice with indigo, black-coal with roset, &c.

The several Temperatures for colouring and Shadowing History

They are twenty in number, viz.

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| 1 Sea coal mixt with lake. | 7 Verditer burnt with red lead & white |
| 2 umber mixt with masticote | 8 Ultramarine with lake. |
| 3 yellow-oker burnt with white | 9 Ultramarine with red lead |
| 4 UMBER with ultramarine | 10 Ultramarine with white |
| 5 Yellow with umber | 11 Indigo with white |
| 6 UMBER with lake | 12 Indigo and lake with white |

13 Indigo & pink with white.

17 Burnt Ivory with lake.

14 Indigo with oker & white

18 Indigo and pink with best rust of Iron

15 Indigo with masticote & white

19 Lake & rust of iron with light pink

16 Cherry stone bunt with white and red-lead 20 Rust of iron & lake for the deeper shadows

The several Temperatures or mixtures for Shadowing Heads after the Life

The principal mixtures are twelve in number

1 Lake with Indian-red

7 Red lead with Roman oker & indigo

2 Red-lead with Roman-oker

8 Red lead with pink, yellow oker & lake

3 Indian red with ultramarine

9 Indigo lake and Roman oker with white

4 Indian red with pink and gallstone

10 Indigo pink and Roman oker with Indian red

5 yellow oker with indigo

11 Red led with umber, masticote and pink

6 Red lead with pink and indigo

12 pink with Roman oker

To Wash Colours. Put the colours into a glazed vessel, and put fair water to it plentifully, wash it well, and decant (after a while) the water; do this six or seven times; at last put the water (being just troubled) into another glaz'd vessel, leaving the dregs at the bottom; then into this second vessel put more fair water, washing it as before, till the water (being settled) be clear and the colour remain fine at the bottom.--

Steeping of Colours. Take a quantity of the Colour, and put it into a shell, & fill the shell with fair water, to which add some fine powder of allum, to raise the Colour, let it thus steep a Day & Night and you will have a good Colour--

Where note, Saffron steep'd in vinegar gives a good colour, and the Venice berries in fair water and a little allum, or a drop or two of oil of vitrol makes a fair yellow.--

But some Colours are to be boil'd, as brasile, logwood, turnsole, rinds of wallnuts, wood soot, &c these when boil'd are to be kept close stopp'd in glasses, till you have occasion to use them.

Note. Colours which are very dry, require a stronger gum water; in [them?] it must be used very sparingly. Some Sugar Candy dissolved in [thing?] water is very good [] If your Colours will not stick on the paper or paint be [greasy?], mix a very little Ear wax, or a little drop of fish or ox gall amongst your Colours.--You may dry your fish or gall, and dilute it [] you have occasion for it, with a little Brandy. – If your paper or print sinks, then with clean [size?] and a sponge wipe it over, after you have fastened the edge round upon a board, and let it dry. – You should be provided always with phials, containing the following liquids, which are very necessary, and useful in painting or colouring with water colours.--

1 A phial with water, in which allum had been dissolved, this you use in whipping over the table, parchment, or paper, before you begin to lay on your colours; it will cause them to lay smooth, and with a greater Luster.

2 A phial with lime-water; you dissolve or slacken some quick lime with fair water, then take the water from off the settled lime, and put it up for servic, This is great use in tempering of sap green and litmus, which colours being apt to]turn yellow, are preserved thereby.—

3 Gum-water is made of gum-arabic dissolved in fair water; if you add a little white sugar candy to it, that will keep the colours from cracking and flying off the parchment or paper.—

4 Ox gall, or the gall of eels, boil'd up in a little water, and [] then put up in a phial; this is of great use in painting of water colours, when the parchment or paper happens to be greasy, by only couching the point of your pencil to touch it therewith, and to temper it with your colour—

5th White wine vinegar; this is of use in grinding of distilled verdigrease, as preserving that Colour from changing upon the yellow.—

6th A little phial of spirit of hartshorn, a little drop whereof mixed among the Carmine, adds to the beauty thereof.--

You must chuse pencils of several sizes, agreeable to the work you are to use them for; as for laying on a ground, a sky, or clouds, choose a larger size than

those that you use for drapery, trees, &c. wherein you must follow own [?]

those pencils of which the hairs, after you wetted them between your lips, and turn'd them upon your hand, keep close together are the best:--

To paint or colour a clear sky

Take clear blue verditer, mixed with a little white; with this begin at the top of your landskip or picture, and having laid on the blue for some space, break it with a little lake or purple, working it with a clear pencil, one colour imperceptibly into another, apply more white and masticote in order to make it--fainter & fainter towards the horizon working all the white the colours imperceptibly one into another from the horizon to the blue sky; after which, you may lay some stronger strokes of purple over the light, is as to make them appear like clouds at a distance – For a fiery red sky use red lead, and a little white instead of the purple streaks or clouds, working them according to art, imperceptibly one with another. –

Clouds you are to lay on ^with white & black, sometime mix a little purple there-with: but the best & surest direction you can have is from nature herself

To lay a ground for walls of chambers, halls &c.

You must use for a common wall which is of reddish hue, brown, red, and white.

and temper your colour according as it is old or new; shade it with brown or red, only mixt with a little bistre or soot.—

Other walls lay on with black & white, and shade it with the same colours; sometime mix a little purple with it, and then you shade it with black & lake

For wanscotting that is embellished with carved mouldings, and figures, you must use one colour, for both the plain & the carved work, shading & heightening it with judgement & care.—

To paint a foreground, in imitation of sand or clay, lay on the darker parts with brown oker; to what is in their distance, add a little white, & so on in preposition, shading it with brown oaker, and the strong shades with soot.—

Of carnation or flesh colour.—

In carnation or flesh colour, use for young women & children flake white burnt oaker and a little vermillion; some add a little lake, but that must be but sparingly; having laid in the colour for the carnation you shade the lips, cheeks, chin, knees, and toes, with fine lake & vermillion, and the naked parts, with sea coal and a little lake, or brown red, or with brown oaker and lake, or else with indian ink or lake; for a brownish complexion, mix a little brown oaker among the carnation colour—Some artists lay the dead colouring of the carnation for young women on with white; they shade it with paper black and bring in the carnation colour where it is required.—

The paper black is made in the following manner—

Take the paper in which the leaves of gold have lain, burn them quick one after another, and let them drop into a bason of clean water, then take them out and grind them on a stone to a fine paste, form it into little tents, and let it dry; when you use

it temper it with gum water as you see meett.—

For ancient people use vermillion, brown oaker and white, shade it with bistre & lake

A deap corpse of a young person, paint with flake white; brown oaker, and a little

Indigo or sea coal, and shade it with bistre or sea-coal.—

For an old dead corpse, leave out the indigo, but shade it as before.

For dead bones, take white lead, mixed with a little bistre or chimney soot with which you shade and heighten with white lead.—

For the hair of young women and children lay them with light oaker, shade them with deep oaker, and heighten them with mastick & white.—

Grey hair, lay on with black & white shade them with black, and heighten them with white, and thus proceed in painting any other color'd hair:--

Drops of blood, lay on with red lead, shade it behind, where the light falls, with carmine and lake.—

Trees are laid in, some white, black, and bistre, shaded with brown oaker, and heightened with the same colour, with more white in it. Those that stand at a distance, are laid on with indigo blue, brown oaker & white, and shaded with indigo and brown oaker

Those that are farther distant lay on faint, and shadow them but slightly;

which order you must observe in colouring of ships, houses, and other buildings—

In thatched houses, paint the thatch or straw, when new with pink" class="emmr-anno">pink">dutch pink, and shade it with brown oaker, and to heighten the straw, use masticot & white:

Old straw lay on with brown oaker, sometimes mixed with black & white, heighten the straw with brown oaker & white.—

In colouring cities, castles or ruins you must observe nature for no rules can well be given; however to give a little light to a young practitioner, it must be observed that those houses which be nearest the fore ground are colour'd with vermillion, white, and a little brown oaker shading it with that & some bistre; the heightenings are done with more vermillion and more white.—

Houses further distant are laid on with lake, and a little blue & white, shaded with blue & lake and heightened with adding more white.—

Such buildings as lie still further, are laid in with a faint purple, and a little blue, shaded softly with blue, and heightened with white; and the further they are off the fainter and slighter must be your colour.—

Flames and smoke are laid on with a pale yellow; shade the smoke with paper black, or soot; the flames shade with red lead or vermillion, and heighten

them with Naples yellow. – In colouring of Rocks hills &c that are at a great distance, observe the same rule. – Such as lay nearer the foreground, you are to imitate according to nature. Trees that are upon the foreground, you pain with several sorts of greens, the better to distinguish one from the other; such as are on distant hills, must be done with the same colour as the Hills.—

Annotations

alkanet

A red dye obtained from a plant and used for dyeing cloth (OED).

allum

Alum is a mineral salt used in dyeing, tanning, sizing paper, fireproofing materials, water purification and medicine (OED).

azure

A bright blue pigment (OED).

bice

Thomas Blount's Glossographia (1661) indicates that bice is a blue or green colour. The OED suggests that blue bice is made from smalt, while green bice is made by adding yellow orpiment to smalt.

bistre

A brown pigment prepared from soot. (OED)

brasil

Also here *brasile*, *brasile*. A dye yielded by brazil-wood. (OED)

carmine

A red pigment obtained from cochineal. (OED)

ceruss

Ceruse is another name for white lead, used as paint and in medicine. (OED)

cinnabar

"composed of Sulphur and Mercury, or Brimstone and Quick-silver...The natural is extracted from Mines, where it is found more or less mixed with Sand; the artificial is made by sublimation of those two substances mixt together." Nicaise Le Fèvre, *A Compendious Body of Chymistry* (1662).

dutch pink

A yellow lake pigment. (OED)

flake white

A pigment made from white-lead that is in the form of flakes. (OED)

flower de luce

fleur-de-lys, the flower of an iris. (OED)

gamboge

A gum resin, from a tree, used as a yellow pigment or dye and also as a purgative in medicine. (OED)

gum arabic

A water-soluble gum exuded by certain acacia trees, especially acacia senegal, which is native to northern Africa. (OED)

indian ink

A deep black ink made from carbon particles mixed with gum. (OED)

Indian lake

A crimson pigment prepared from stick-lac treated with alum and alkali. (OED)

Indian red

A deep red pigment originally obtained from earth containing ferric oxide. (OED)

ivory black

"A fine soft black pigment, obtained by calcining ivory in a closed vessel." (OED)

Jupiter

tin

lacca

lake

lake

A pigment obtained by the combination of animal, vegetable, or coal-tar colouring matter with some metallic oxide or earth. (OED) This recipe contains crimson lake (red), Indian lake (red), and blue lake.

lamp-black

"A pigment consisting of almost pure carbon...made by collecting the soot produced by burning oil..." (OED).

lead

Red lead is "a red oxide of lead obtained from litharge by exposing it to hot air," while white lead, also ceruse (here ceruss), is "a mixture of lead carbonate and hydrated lead oxide." (OED). Both are used in medicine and paints.

logwood

Also here log-wood, "The heartwood of an American tree (*Hæmatoxylon Campechianum*) used in dyeing; so called from being imported in the form of logs." (OED)

mastick

Mastic is a gum from the mastic tree that was used in making varnish and medicine. (OED)

masticote

Also massicot, it was a yellow, naturally occurring form of lead monoxide that is used as a pigment. (OED)

mummy

Mummy referred both to a naturally occurring bituminous substance and to a substance prepared from mummified human bodies.(OED) Philip McCouat, "The Life and Death of Mummy Brown," J. of Art in Society (www.artinsociety.com) discusses the use of mummies in paint.

Naples yellow

"a yellow pigment used in painting, originally made in Naples and consisting of lead antimonate." (OED)

oaker

Also here oker, ochre is a natural earthy material or clay rich in iron oxide, ranging in colour from yellow to orange-red to brown. (OED)

oil of vitriol

concentrated sulphuric acid, used in medicine as well as paint. (OED)

orpiment

A red or yellow mineral used in dyeing or painting. (OED)

pink

"A yellowish or greenish-yellow lake pigment made by combining a vegetable colouring matter with a white base, such as a metallic oxide." (OED)

Prussian blue

A deep blue pigment consisting chiefly of ferric ferrocyanide. (OED)

quicksilver

liquid mercury

roset

"A rose-coloured pigment." (OED)

sal armoniac

Also called sal-ammoniac, it is a naturally occurring form of ammonium chloride, used since the 14th century in

salt-petre

Potassium nitrate, the principal ingredient in gunpowder. (OED)

sap-green

"A green pigment prepared from the juice of buckthorn berries." (OED) Richard Blome, *The Gentlemans Recreation* (1686) says that it "is a dirty dark Green, and of little use, except to Shadow in the dark places" (219).

sea coal

Coal from the sea, often from exposed coastal beds. (OED)

smalt

A kind of blue glass and a pigment made from such glass. (OED)

Spanish brown

A reddish brown earth used as a pigment. (OED). Albrecht Dürer, *A Book of Drawing, Limning, Washing or Colouring* (1652) says that Spanish brown is "a dirty browne colour" (28).

stone blue

A compound of indigo and starch or whiting, used by laundering clothing. (OED)

spodium

"A fine powder obtained from various substances by calcination." (OED) John Pechey, A Plain Introduction to the Art of Physick (1697) asserts "Spodium is burnt Ivory" (242).

tartar

A substance that forms as a deposit in wine casks in the process of fermentation. (OED)

terra verde

Terra-verte is a "soft green earth of varying composition used as a pigment." (OED) Randle Holme, The Academy of Armory (1688) defines "terra-verte" as "A soft green earth of varying composition used as a pigment" (313). John Elsum, The Art of Painting after the Italian Manner (1703) says that "terravert is a dark and deadish green" (121).

turnsole

Blagrave's Supplement or Enlargement to Mr. Nich. Culpeppers English physitian (1674) lists four kinds of turnsole, a plant. The "Colouring or dying Turnsole" is Heliotropium triconum, a plant with berries that " first appeareth of a fresh and lively green colour, but presently changeth into a kind of blewish purple upon the cloath or paper" (223).

ultramarine

A blue pigment made from the mineral lapis lazuli. (OED)

umber

"A brown earth used as a pigment." (OED) Henry Peacham's The Gentlemans Exercise (1612) defines umber as "a more sad colour, you may grinde it with Gumme water or Gumme lake: and lighten it at your pleasure with a little Ceruse, and a shive of saffron." (80)

verdegrease

John Elsum, The Art of Painting after the Italian Manner (1703) defines verdigris as "a green inclining to grey, and is made of coperas" (121). Peacham's The Gentlemans Exercise (1612) says "vertgreece is nothing else but the rust of brass" and one of four green colours (the others are green bice, verdure, and sap green) (82).

verditer

A green, bluish green, or blue pigment, "usually prepared by adding chalk or whiting to a solution of nitrate of copper" (OED). Randle Holme's The Academy of Armory (1688) indicates that green verditer is a "welmiş [pale] or willow green" and blue is "a soft and pure blew" (147, 149)

vermilion

Also here vermilion. Richard Blome's The Gentlemans Recreation (1686), vermilion "is a fair and perfect Scarlet-Colour; and if you would have it good, buy it Unground, or see it Ground, otherwise they will spoil it, by putting thereto Red-Lead; and to make it bright put in some Clarified Honey. This Colour is chiefly for Garments." (218)

The Seven Painting Colours in General recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes:

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