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# The Plantagenets' Treasury



The \_\_\_\_\_ was a central institution in medieval England, especially during the \_\_\_\_\_ era. It was responsible for managing the \_\_\_\_\_ finances, including collecting taxes, duties, and managing royal \_\_\_\_\_. The Exchequer was established in the 12th century, under King \_\_\_\_\_ I, to ensure a stable economic foundation for the monarchy. Its officials, including the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Exchequer, played key roles in advising the \_\_\_\_\_ on financial matters. The Exchequer used a large \_\_\_\_\_ covered with a green cloth, resembling a modern-day accounting \_\_\_\_\_, to keep track of finances. This method was known as the \_\_\_\_\_ system. Over time, the institution became a powerful tool for the \_\_\_\_\_ to consolidate their control over England. They could fund wars, maintain \_\_\_\_\_, and support the lavish lifestyles of the royal family. The efficiency of the Exchequer was crucial for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the realm, affecting everyone from the highest nobles to the common \_\_\_\_\_. Its influence waned with the rise of more modern financial institutions, but its legacy in English \_\_\_\_\_ remains significant.

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