It is just over 100 years since the publication of Violet Barbour’s biography, *Henry Bennet, earl of Arlington, secretary of state to Charles II* (1917), since which Arlington has tended to be overlooked in favour of other members of the Caroline court. This conference aims to reappraise Arlington as parliamentarian, courtier and diplomat and a central figure in the life of the Restoration regime.

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The event is free for all, but registration is necessary, E-mail: reagles@histparl.ac.uk  coleman.dennehy@ucd.ie

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9.20 Welcome & Introduction

9.30 Dr Alistair Malcolm (University of Limerick)

Sir Henry Bennet, Carlo Bonelli and an appeal to the pope, 1639–1660

Dr Igor Perez-Tostado (Universidad Pablo de Olavide)

Feasts for Lord Arlington at the Spanish embassy in London: protecting influence in Madrid in a shifting foreign policy

Dr Coleman A. Dennehy (University College Dublin)

Arlington and Ireland

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Dr Robin Eagles (History of Parliament)

The Inkhorn Lord? Locating Arlington’s connexions

Dr Reider Payne (Alan Baxter Limited)

Naturally Born Courtiers: the FitzRoy Dukes of Grafton

Dr Brian Weiser (MSU, Denver)

Arlington and access

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Prof Alan Marshall (Bath Spa University)

Bowing in the House of Rimmon: Henry Bennet, Earl of Arlington and his political tactics

Dr Jacqueline Rose (University of St Andrews)

‘Pax & Obedientia’: Trade, toleration, and royal authority in Arlington’s world

Dr Rebecca Rideal (University College London)

Lord Arlington’s man: The rise of Thomas Clifford during the Second Anglo-Dutch War

3.00 Tea

3.30 Roundtable