

## APPENDIX 5 BUILDING MATERIAL

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A small assemblage of medieval structural building material was recovered from Parliament House. This comprised two fragments of window glass, a fragment of ceramic roof tile, three fragments of slate roof tile, four fragments of sandstone rubble and four fragments of mortar.

## A.5.1.1 Midden deposits below burial ground

Context 328 contained a small fragment of pale green window glass, dating to the medieval or late medieval period, and three fragments of slate roof tile. Contexts 328 and 441 contained four small fragments of an off-white sandy mortar, one with a thin plaster surface.

## A.5.1.2 15th-/16th-century burial ground

Contexts 123, 124 and 342 contained a small quantity of building rubble including a fragment of ceramic roof tile in a coarse red sandy fabric with a reduced core and occasional larger stone inclusions up to 15mm. This unglazed fragment had a thickness of 16mm and came from the lower

part of a probable nib tile, likely to date from the 12th to 15th century. One small fragment of decayed undecorated green window glass, perhaps medieval in date, came from Context 123. Several fragments of building stone rubble were recovered, including a fragment of partially burnt fine-grained red sandstone, a fine light-coloured micaceous sandstone fragment from a larger worked stone, and a fragment of grey sandstone.

## A.5.1.3 17th-century cobbled surface

Context 125 (equivalent to 111) produced half a brick in a red sandy fabric, with a width of 100mm and a thickness of 45mm. The brick had mould sand on the base and sides. Based on the dimensions and surface features, it was probably of 15th-century date and was reused in the cobbled surface.

**A.5.2 Discussion**

The assemblage consisted of a range of building rubble from the repair or demolition of nearby buildings. Although some of this material is datable to the medieval period, such as the ceramic roof tile, it all occurred residually in contexts dating to the 15th/16th century or later. No building material was recovered from layers below cobbled surface Context 417/445.