BUCKRAM, in commerce, a sort of coarse cloth made of hemp, gummed, calendered, and dyed several colours. It is put into those places of the lining of a garment, which one would have stiff, and to keep their forms. It is also used in the bodies of women's gowns; and it often serves to make wrappers to cover cloths, lerges, and such other merchandizes, in order to preserve them and keep them from the dull, and their colours from fading. Buckrams are sold wholesale by the dozen of small pieces or remnants, each about four ells long, and broad according to the pieces from which they are cut. Sometimes they use new pieces of linen-cloth to make buckrams, but most commonly old sheets and old pieces of fail.

Carrick buckrams pays a duty of 5½d. the short piece; whereas 5½d. is repaid on exporting it. East country buckram pays 1s. 2½d. the roll or half-piece; whereas 1s. 1½d. is drawn back. French buckram pays 1l. 13s. 10½d. the dozen pieces; whereas 1l. 2s. 1½d. is repaid. Fine German buckrams pays 2s. 4½d. the piece; whereas 2s. 1½d. is drawn back on exportation.