



Berkshire Court Rolls.

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ESTGARSTON.¹—View with Court held there on the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist in the twentieth year of the reign of King Edward the iii^jth.

Westend. The tything man comes there with his tything. And, being sworn, they present that they give of cert money for this day² ii^s. And that Thomas Godard is a common butcher, and sells meat at excessive price, ii^d.³ And that John Baker is a common miller, and takes excessive toll, ii^d. And that John Nassh i. has brewed, sold and broken the assize. Therefore he is in mercy. And also they present i. ewe sheep white value viii^d, forthcoming of estrays at the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary last past ; whereof let proclamation be made.

Estend. The tything man comes there with his tything. And, being sworn, they present that they give of cert money for this day ii^s. And that Philip Smythe ii. has brewed, sold and broken the assize. And that his wife is a common baker, and has made bread short of the assize [weight]. And that John Gregory is a common butcher and sells meat at excessive price. Therefore they are in mercy.

And the tything present that Thomas Godard made an assault upon John Gregory and Thomas Gregory with a stone of no value against the peace of the lord King. Therefore he is in mercy. And they also present that the said John and Thomas Gregory made an assault upon the said Thomas Godard with a stone of no value against the peace of the lord King. Therefore they are in mercy.

1. Duchy of Lanc. : Court Rolls No. 4, Bdle. I.

2. ad hunc diem=i.e. in consideration for this law day being held.

3. 2d. the fine imposed.

xij. freemen Jurors.

Thomas Kebulwyk	Robert Pycher
John Pownd	Will ^m . Lovelok
John Hewes	John Crompe
William Hewes	Henry Knoll
John Bacon	Will ^m . Paslewe
Henry Knoll	John Preston

Who, being sworn, say upon their oath that all things above specified are well and faithfully presented. And that all other things are well. And at this court they elect to the office of tything man of the West End William Heth, and he is sworn. And John Hyll is removed.

The Court follows :—

The Homage there come. And, being sworn, present that William Mayowe of Hungerfford, who held of the Lady certain meadows in Hungerfford, hath closed his last day. And what falls to the Lady by his decease they know not. Therefore it is commanded them to make enquiry against the next court, and certify of the truth thereof, &c. And also they present that William Carpynter, who held of the Lady i. messuage and i. virgate of land with their appurtenances, comes and surrenders [them] into the hand of the Lady for the use and behoof of Sir Henry Wilby, vicar there ; whereupon there falls to the Lady of heriot xv^d. And upon this comes the said Henry and takes of the Lady the said messuage with virgate of land and their appurtenances, to have and to hold to him for the term of his life, according to the custom of the manor, by rent and services aforetime due and accustomed. And he gives to the Lady of fine to have entry iij^s. iij^d. And he does fealty and is admitted tenant.

And also to the same [Court] comes John Nassh and takes of the Lady i. cottage with garden adjacent, and its appurtenances of late in the tenure of Agnes Morgan. To have and to hold the aforesaid cottage with garden adjacent, with its appurtenances, to him, Alice his wife and his [children] for the term of their lives, according to the custom of the manor, by rent and services therefrom aforetime due and accustomed. And he gives to the Lady of fine to have the said estate . . . And he does fealty and is admitted tenant thereof.

Affeerers { William Wever } Sworn.
 { Walter Hasylden }

Sum of this View with Court xj^s. iij^d.

ESTGARSTON.—Court held there the xvii. day of April in the twenty first year of the reign of King Edward the iiijth.

Essoins—none.⁴

Estend. The tything there present that Thos. Noke i. has brewed iiij^d $\frac{3}{4}$. Philip Smythe i. has brewed iiij^d $\frac{3}{4}$. William Wanborough has brewed and broken the assize iiij^d $\frac{3}{4}$. Therefore they are in mercy, as appears over their names.

Westend. The tything there present that William Garnet ii. has brewed and broken the assize.

To this Court come John ffawler and Richard ffawler, and take of the Lady the Queen ij meadows in Hungerford, appertaining to this manor, to wit, one meadow called Millemede, and another called Wodemershe, in the hands of the Queen by the death of William Mayowe and the forfeiture of . . . Webbe, who divided the said meadows without license, and made a sub-tenancy thereof, asserting that he conjointly in copy with the said William Mayowe held the said ii meadows with the aforesaid William, who at the last Court was commanded at this Court to show his title, why the Queen the aforesaid meadows should not grant to others. And whereas the said . . . Webbe although summoned at this Court does not appear, the Steward in full court granted to the said John ffawler and Richard ffawler, the said ii meadows in the name of the lady the Queen, to have to them for the term of their lives, according to the custom of the manor, by rent and services therefrom aforesaid due and accustomed. And they do fealty and are admitted tenants.

Affeerers { William Cheyeroftex } Sworn.
 { Henry Knollys }

Sum of this Court xviiij^d 3 farthings.

ESTGARSTON.—View with court held there the 5th day of May in the xxi year of the reign of King Edward the iiijth.

Westend. The tything man comes there with his tything. And being sworn they present that they give of cert money for this day ij^s. And Thomas Godard is a common butcher, and takes excessive gain ii^d. And that John Baker is a miller, and takes excessive toll ii^d. And that Thomas Clerk makes default i^d.

Estend. The tything man comes there with his tything and being sworn they present that they give of cert money for this day ij^s. And that John Gregory is a common butcher, and takes exces-

4 Essonium=an excuse for non-attendance.

sive gain ii^d. And that John Smythe is a baker and has broken the assize i^d.

To this court comes William Wodsford and has proved⁵ one black sheep in the custody of William Blondy ; whereupon he is accused of forfing⁶ ii^d. The homage there say that the cottage called Badleys, which used to pay per ann xxi^d. ½ now pays only xii^d. And it is let to John Nasshe until, &c.

Affeerers { Robt. Pycher
 { John Bakon
 { Will^m Blondy } Sworn.

. . . . To wit of Thos. Kybylwyk cccc sheep in Northwode and xij swine in iiij^d.

Sum of this view with court v^s. ij^d.

ESTGARSTON.—Court held there on the Friday next after the feast of the Assumption of Blessed Mary in the xxist year of Edwd. iii^jth.

Essoins—none.

The homage there come and also the view of the Steward, and the homage aforesaid present default of all the tenants of the said vill in repairs, whom it is commanded to make repairs against [the next court] under penalty of forfeiture.

Estend. The tything there present that William Wanborough has brewed and broken the assize.

Sum of this Court iii^d. ¾^d.

Sum total xliiii^s. iii^d. halfpenny.

To the same Court comes William Dudley and takes of the lady the Queen one stall in Hungerford, late in the tenancy of William Mayowe, deceased. To have to him for the term of his life, accord-to the custom of the manor, by rent and service therefrom formerly due, and he does fealty and is admitted tenant.

DONINGTON.⁷—Court held there the xviii. day of April the ninth year of the reign of King Henry the seventh.

Essoins—none.

The Homage there come and are sworn. And they present that all things are well.

A penalty is imposed upon all the tenants there that they shall well and competently make all repairs of their tenements, under penalty for each one of them not doing so, xx^s.

⁵ *i.e.*, claimed.

⁶ Forfing—pre-emption or forestalling.

⁷ Duchy of Lanc. : Court Rolls No. 2, Bdle. I.

WINTERBORNE.—The suitors there come and are sworn, and present that Thomas Hatt hath overburdened the common pasture there with his sheep, therefore he is in mercy. And so it is commanded him for the future not to do so under penalty of x^s.

Also they present that William Barcoll, freeholder, hath closed his last day, who held of the lord certain lands by knight service. And they say that Alice and Sibell are daughters and next heirs of the said William. And that Alice is five years of age and not more. And that the aforesaid Sibell is three years of age and over. And upon this comes William Webbe and gives to the lord of fine for the non-age of the aforesaid heirs iii^s. iiiij^d.

Also they present that the said William Barcoll held of the lord, according to the custom of the manor there, iii messuages with their appurtenances, after whose death there falls to the lord by way of heriot, i horse of a roan colour value x^s. And upon this comes the aforesaid William Webbe, and takes of the lord the aforesaid iii. messuages with all their appurtenances. To have and to hold to him, and Thomas, and John, sons of the said William for the term of their lives, or of the one of them longest living, according to the custom of the manor there, by rent and other services therefrom aforesaid due, and of right accustomed. And moreover it was granted to the aforesaid William, Thomas, and John, that each of them shall have a sufficient deputy dwelling in the said iii messuages with their appurtenances, during the term aforesaid. And he gives to the lord of fine for entry, and for possession of his estate, vi^s. viii^d. And further, the tenants shall give to the lord by way of heriot x^s. And he does fealty to the lord, and so is admitted tenant thereof.

To the same court comes John Brown and takes of the lord the cottage with the appurtenances in Blackener, late in the tenure of John Bradeley. To have and to hold to him, for the term of his life, according to the custom of the manor there, by rent and other services therefrom due, &c. And he shall give by way of heriot when it falls due xii^d. And he does fealty to the lord. And so is admitted tenant thereof.

Affeerers { Thomas Wheler } Sworn.
 { Robert Wheter }

In expenses of the Steward xiii^s. x^d.

Sum of this Court xx^s. iiiij^d.

PESEMERE.—Court held there the xix day of April in the ninth year of the reign of King Henry the seventh.

Essoins—none.

The homage there come and are sworn. And present that the prior of Poughley, who owes suit for this law-day, makes default. And that William Colyn and William Jeffrey have not yet made repairs of their tenements, as they have often had in precept. Therefore they are in mercy. And so it is commanded them to make repair of their tenements aforesaid, against the next [court], under penalty of forfeiture of the same.

To the same court comes William Spycer, and does fealty to the lord and other services for the land and tenements late Thomas Ylley's. And so is admitted tenant thereof.

LECKHAMSTED.—The suitors there come and are sworn. And present that Roger Hamond, Nicholas Stretley, Will. Addenam, John Helyer, Richard Meren, and Henry Baron have not yet made a gate, called Langnham Gate, as they had in precept at the last court. Therefore they are in mercy. And so it is commanded them to make the same against the next court, under penalty to each of them in default xii^d.

Also they present that William Payn hath overburdened the common pastures there, called Cawleys, with his sheep, therefore he is in mercy iii^s iiij^d. And so it is commanded him that for the future he shall not do so under penalty of xl^s.

Affeerers { John Hatt.
Richard Hide.

Sum of the Court v^s vi^d.

Sum total xx^s x^d.

NOTE.—In previous paper (p. 154), FIFYLDE. For Bray the miller "has not taken sufficient toll" read "has taken too much toll."

