



The Manor of Earley Regis, otherwise Earley Whiteknights in the County of Berks.

The Court Leet and Court Baron of James Wright Nokes, Esquire, Lord of the said Manor holden at the House of Ann Mitchell, Widow, called the "Three Tuns Public House" within and for the said Manor on Monday the Eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty, Before George Kennet Pollock, Gentleman Steward of the said Manor.

Present :

James Wright Nokes, Esquire, Lord of the Manor.

The following Persons as the Jury and Homage of the said Court (that is to say) :

William Shackel	Joseph Goddard, Senr.
John Shackel	Robert Goddard
Thomas Chapman	John Chapman
Joseph Goddard, Junr.	Henry Elliott
Nathan Tubb	William Elliott
John Benjamin Tubb	William Flower and
Jonathan Elliott	Abraham Pether

who being sworn and charged upon their Oaths touching Articles of the said Court Leet, as well as the Court Baron present and say as follows :

That having met on this Eleventh day of May now Instant at the place above mentioned, they did with a great many other persons perambulate the whole bounds or extent of the said Manor and present the same to be as follows : First : Beginning at the House called the Marquis of Granby Public House standing in the London Road opposite to where the thirty-eighth milestone stands from thence southwards along on the east or inside of the hedge next the lands within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of Reading in the parish of Saint Giles in Reading, through the Plantation and part of the Park called Foxhills to a point in the Park and thence diverging westwards about one hundred and forth eight yards and then southward to the brick wall, which crossing, they went through

the Botanical Garden to another point at the opposite wall of the Kitchen Garden thence turning on the outside to the right to a mark upon a Pillar of the brick wall of the said garden thence returning northwards along the said wall to a point in the Plantation thence westward through the Kitchen garden to another mark upon the wall, thence across the Orchard Close (formerly Butchers Close) noticing that the fence erected by Sir Charles Cockerell is on the south side of the old Ditch and is therefore an encroachment upon the Manor, thence in a straight line up to the Plantation at Doles Green, now planted, keeping on the outside of the Pond to the North West Corner where Knapps Barn formerly stood, [John Flower states that many years ago Mr. Martin exchanged a piece of land in Whitley Parish for the piece of waste land called Doles Green where the Barn formerly stood] and thence again turning southward up to the Outer Avenue where a large elm tree formerly stood, and where a Post is now directed to be put down, then returning along the south side of the said Avenue on the north edge of the Close called Swing Swang (which is in the Parish of Saint Giles) up to the West Lodge, all the old elm and oak trees having been lately felled by the present Lord of the Manor, thence southwards to the road or lane leading to Pepper Farm, thence to a point eastwards in Whiteknights park, continuing through the park bounded by the lands belonging to Pepper Farm, in an irregular line down to the ancient lane on the west side of the park, and there we found an encroachment by Sir Charles Cockerell's agent, the new fence having been carried to the east side of the ancient lane instead of being carried up to the west side thereof and from thence turning to the right or southwards, crossing the said lane and taking in or including all the lane there up to the lane leading to Pepper Farm House—then onwards up to the place called No Man's Land, and up to and including the Pond to the extremity of the said Farm, there being a ditch on the west side of the lane next to the Parish of Saint Giles then in a parallel line with the fence on the left, about a pole from the same to the place called Noman's Land, and from thence taking in the eastern side of Noman's Land marked with a cross to another cross, and from thence inclining to the left down to the hedge of the garden of Mr. Cobham and so on continuing southward taking in Elisha's cottage and crossing over Bishop's cottage down the hedge between Shinfield and Earley on the east side of the lane called Pigwash lane, allowing that lane to belong to Shinfield, and from thence down to the lane which leads

from Loddon Bridge to Shinfield and crossing that lane at the post marked S.M.—and crossing a Close, formerly the Earl of Fingal's and now Mr. Cobham's, formerly called Breach Piddle, but from the said post to a point at a Willow Pollard where the fence formerly stood and thence eastward about six poles to the lane and so down on the west side thereof including the whole lane into the moors, and from thence on the west side of the moors down to the Brook called Icy Lake, and crossing that brook and taking in a meadow, late the said Earl of Fingal's and now belonging to Mr. Cobham, called Pantons Eyott Mead, now forming part of a larger mead called Ducks Mead, crossing the River Loddon taking in all the river and two Eyotts on the south side of the river against Broad Mead down as far as opposite to the Boat Plot at a farm called Boswell's Farm, now Pether's Farm, and there crossing the River Loddon again at a small Eyott on the south side, and from thence up the hedge on the west side of Pether's Farm and so along the west side of the lane leading from Pether's Farm to Arms-hatch Gate and from that gate across Armshatch Lane to the Graffage, [though appearing by the printed map to lead off to the right to some distance, respecting which some future enquiry is to be made and compared with former perambulations] then into a field called Deans Pightle and thence up the Watercourse and hedge until you come to Sand Pightle, then along the west side of Sand Pightle nearly up to Mr. Golding's Fish Ponds and there turning to the right along a ditch adjoining to Mr. Golding's Wood at the north end of Spring Pightle and down by a small stream as far as the north east corner of Mr. Golding's Close called the Gore Ground—and from thence turning northward through the Plantation about two hundred feet, then again eastward in an indirect line about one chain to the site of the Old Green Lane, and then including all the eastern side of the Lane which divides the Manor from Woodley Parish up to Earley Heath and then crossing the road by a place called Hungerford, and so up by Hungerford and crossing part of a Garden there, formerly in the possession of Francis Cooper and since of Richard Bransden, Senior, and so down by the hedge and across Mrs. Newell's garden and orchard, taking in her cottage and cutting a cross x on the outside of the garden there, thence through an ancient short lane or passage leading into Bullmarsh Heath (now inclosed) and thence turning to the left up the hedge including a Close adjoining to Earley Heath called the Hungerford Pightle, in the occupation of Mr. William

Shackell, and on to the hedge beyond the Cottages in the occupation of the poor of the Parish of Earley, and then turning to the right by the hedge where a cross was cut and so on by Mr. Wheble's Wood, called South Lands Coppice, down to the scite of Old Town Lane on the right hand—the boundary there turns up that Lane to Mr. Wheble's Park about ten poles and then to the left at which place a cross was cut, taking in a small close (now part of Mr. Wheble's Park) on the left hand (up to an ash tree in the Park which we marked) adjoining to the lane leading into the London Road, and so on in that lane about six poles and then turning to the right hand hedge behind the house and garden and Pightle, called Christians or the Worlds End, about twenty-four poles to the corner of the scite of the hedge—and then turn short to the left hand into the lane and taking in or including all the lane to the London Road, and there crossing the London Road at the east end of a land called Crumps, and turning to the left in a picked close, and then turning to the right down the hedge across the Great Western Railway to the opposite hedge, and thence following the same inclining hedge to Park Field and then to Earley Mead, taking in all the said mead round to the gate at Lock Corner, and then taking in half the stream or river with the whole of a very small eyott at the bottom of the mead and so up the half stream as far as the place called Kennet Mouth, and likewise half the stream of the Kennet including the mead called Shoulder of Mutton Mead, and so on to the hedge by the thirty acres and then turn up that hedge to the London Road at the place where the thirty-eighth milestone stands, near the house called the Marquis of Granby, being the place where they began.

They present that John Flower shall be and he is hereby appointed Constable for the said Manor until the next Court, and he is sworn in accordingly.

They present that the said John Flower shall be and he is hereby appointed Hayward, and that he shall impound all Cattle and Swine found straying within this Manor and that he shall be paid for so doing by the respective Owners thereof being Resiants or Parishioners, one shilling per head for every Cow, Ass or Horse, one penny per head for Sheep, and threepence per head for Swine, and that all persons who shall not be Resiants or Parishioners shall pay double fees for the same. And the said John Flower is sworn in as Hayward accordingly.

And they present that all Resiants within this Manor who have not appeared at this Court pursuant to the warning for that purpose given shall be and they are hereby fined one shilling each.

C. K. POLLOCK,
Steward.