

THE PORTSOKEN PRESENTMENTS: AN ANALYSIS OF A LONDON WARD IN THE 15th CENTURY

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SUMMARY

The Portsoken presentments are the only surviving ward jury returns for any London ward. They span the period 1465–1483, but are not a complete series. Fourteen are for Edward IV's reign; the fifteenth written under Henry VII is very damaged yet indicates a different format and tone from its predecessors. The presentments list the indictments against nuisance in the ward, which fall into three categories: environmental, public, and sexual. While they do not reveal the fines or punishments inflicted on the perpetrators, the presentments provide us with a fascinating glimpse into life in a London ward in the 15th century.

INTRODUCTION

Much has been written about the structure of civic government within the wards of medieval London, which has given an insight into the officers of the ward and the wardmote where they were empowered to perform their tasks.¹ It is known that a jury was elected to investigate all nuisances and defaults and that their verdict was delivered at the wardmote. The details of these presentments were recorded and indentured. It is believed that the alderman kept one copy in the ward, while the other was passed to the mayor.² Out of all the numerous presentments recorded throughout the medieval period, a few for 1421–1423 survive in print in the *Calendar of Plea and Memoranda Rolls, 1413–1437*.³ However, 15 original presentments have survived for Portsoken ward. While A H Thomas referred to them in his introduction to the *Plea and Memoranda Rolls*, and other historians have consulted them for specific purposes, until now nobody has looked at them in their own right.⁴

Some of the membranes are in a poor condition and they are not a complete series for the period 1465–1483, but they can still be used to support or challenge the established knowledge of the intricacies of a London ward. The recurrence of ward officers and jurymen shows there was both 'upward' and 'downward' movement between positions, while longevity of service and continuance of offices by the next generation suggest a relatively stable population. The types of nuisances and defaults presented are indicative of Londoners' concerns and fears at this time, with some indictments possibly increasing or decreasing in relation to national events that were perceived as a threat to the stability of civic government. The indictments against women, for predominantly sexual offences, suggest this was possibly a means of contributing to the family finances or surviving in a largely rural area dominated by religious establishments. It is also possible that by the late 15th century 'prostitution' was not an exclusively female occupation, for three men were also accused of being 'harlots of [their] bodies'.⁵ However, sexual and immoral offences were evidently not the primary concern throughout this period, as the highest incidences of indictments are against 'environmental' issues, especially the prevention of fire.

Some of the entries for the accused have their trades included, others have occupational surnames, while a few of the trades and crafts of the ward officials are mentioned in other sources. Other names can be used to determine the nationalities of some of the alien population of the ward, and a few can be confirmed using the Alien Subsidy Roll of 1483. There is evidence



Fig 1. The location of Portsoken Ward

of the Englishman's love of bowls long before 1588. Consequently, the Portsoken presentments reveal much about the service of ward officers, and expose some of the commercial and recreational activities undertaken in Portsoken. They also provide a tantalising glimpse into life in a London ward in the 15th century.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF PORTSOKEN AND THE CONDITION OF THE PRESENTMENTS

Portsoken was the easternmost ward of the City of London, and took its name from its being a liberty, or franchise, of the City outside the walls.⁶ It was an extensive, largely rural, area that followed the City wall from Bishopsgate in the north down to Tower Hill, and then to the east to include the precinct of St Katherine's Hospital.⁷ There were four religious establishments within Portsoken: St Botolph without Aldgate was the parish church; there were two abbeys, St Mary Grace's and St Clare's, and the Holy Trinity Priory, which in contemporary records was interchangeably called Christchurch.⁸ It is probably because of Christchurch that the Portsoken presentments discussed here have survived.

Portsoken was one of only three wards that were originally identified by name; all the other wards were named after their aldermen.⁹ The prior of Christchurch had held the office of alderman *jure officio* since the reign of Henry I.¹⁰ Unlike the crafts and fraternities, which may have had halls available for their use by the 15th century, there was no purpose-built meeting place for the wardmote and these meetings may have been held at the homes of the aldermen.¹¹ It is believed that ward papers were kept at the alderman's home, where their storage and preservation may have been difficult and haphazard.¹² The Portsoken wardmotes were presumably held at Christchurch, where there were better storage facilities. Very few presentments survive from the medieval period and the preservation of these particular returns is attributed to their being kept among the priory's papers.¹³

Despite this, only 15 membranes remain. They were among papers of the dissolved priory that went to the Court of Augmentations, which later were held at the Public Record Office and are now at the London Metropolitan Archives.¹⁴ Fourteen span the reign of Edward IV from 1465–1483, although the presentments for

1468–1469 (8 Ed IV), 1470–1471 (10 Ed IV, although partly the readeption of Henry VI), 1477–1478 (17 Ed IV), and 1478–1479 (18 Ed IV) are now lost. The 15th is a single membrane dated 23 Henry VII. At some time past a later hand has marked the regnal years in the left-hand margins, taking the date from the precept, 'the year of the reign of King Edward the iiiij ... the v year' and so forth. Unfortunately, on two membranes the part containing the precept is damaged and the membrane cannot be dated by this method. On these somebody has pencilled in '?10 Edward IV' and '?17 Edward IV', although it is not apparent how these dates have been determined. However, the indictment against 'the master of St Katherine's for setting of stulpis in the king's highway on the common ground at the mill door...' is repeated throughout the years 5–19 Edward IV, and specifies how many years this indictment had been issued, 'this viij year', 'this viiij year', and so on. If this dating is continued to include the lost membranes, '?10 Ed IV' becomes 9 Ed IV and '?17 Ed IV' becomes 16 Ed IV. While this appears to be a secure way to date the membranes, it is not entirely without problems. By dating the presentments using this indictment three membranes are now a year ahead of the date in their precepts, thus 14–16 Edward IV become 13–15 Edward IV. Nevertheless, only three membranes are affected which suggests the discrepancy may be a scribal error, as by 19 Edward IV the date on the membrane concurs with the date of the indictments against the master of St Katherine's. The transcriptions cited here employ the revised dating supported by the St Katherine indictments.¹⁵

The physical condition of the membranes varies from relatively good to extremely poor. By far the worst is that of 23 Henry VII. The right-hand margin is badly damaged, the centre is very faded through wear or damage, and parts of it are illegible even under ultra-violet light. However, as will be shown, what can be deciphered reveals a distinct change in the wording of the indictments against 'common women', albeit within the still formulaic structure of the ward presentment. Only six membranes have indentured left-hand margins, the right-hand margins are either straight or damaged. The presentments vary in length, which may reflect the increased or decreased concerns within the ward, but in the return for 1467–1468, which does not conclude with the names of the ward officials, it would

appear the presentment is incomplete for some reason. The presentments for 1465–1466, 1466–1467, 1471–1472, and 1474–1475 either have, or have evidence of, strips of paper tied to the left margin. Presumably this was the medieval equivalent of a ‘post-it note’, a reminder perhaps of an amendment to be made. Those for 1471–1472 and 1474–1475 also have drawings of a gloved hand pointing to a line in the text, in the left- and right-hand margins respectively, which in all probability were for the same purpose as the strips of paper. The presentments for 1475–1476, 1476–1477, and 1479–1480 have increasingly ornate letters at the beginnings of ‘paragraphs’, while the return for 1480–1481 has certain names ringed with dots. These may be the doodling of a bored scribe, but the former suggests an increased attention to the skill of his art, while the latter implies the scribe may have known the individuals he has highlighted.

There is writing on the reverse of three of the membranes. The presentment for 1465–1466 has nine or ten names of the jurymen and ward officials presiding at this wardmote, but there is nothing to indicate why their names should be repeated. On the back of the return for 1475–1476 there appears to be a copy of the oath sworn by those entering the freedom of the City, while the reverse of that for 1507–1508 details the names of tipplers, both free and foreign. These were men, formerly called ‘aleconners’, who were supposed to be convened whenever ale was being brewed in the ward, to ‘ensure it was of the right quality, sold in the correct measure, and priced according to civic custom’.¹⁶ However, the only mention of aleconners in the earlier Portsoken presentments is at the end of the return for 1466–1467, despite there being considerable evidence of brewers and brewhouses within the ward.¹⁷ Consequently, as with any document, the Portsoken presentments cannot be read in isolation. To appreciate fully the extent of the information they can provide concerning a London ward in the 15th century, they must be read in conjunction with other extant records and compared with what has already been discovered about the people and places of medieval London.

THE ALDERMAN, OFFICERS AND JURYMEN OF THE WARDMOTE

According to Barron, the tripartite substructure of ward, wardmote, and alderman formed the

foundation of City government.¹⁸ The alderman was the cornerstone of this foundation, and his duties were onerous.¹⁹ With few advantages, this was an office that men had tried to avoid.²⁰ Beaven records that Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior of Christchurch and alderman for Portsoken, held the office of alderman for Portsoken from 1445–1481.²¹ Perhaps it was his long service, in his offices of prior and alderman, which led Edward IV to petition the Pope to allow him to use the crosier and mitre.²² Sir Thomas Percy, alderman and prior from 1481–1495, when the Bishop of London forcibly ejected him from office, succeeded Sir Thomas Pomeroy.²³ His restoration to office after a twelve-year absence suggests a determination to defend himself from the charges against him.²⁴ Throughout the Portsoken presentments there are recurring indictments against the prior of Christchurch for evidently unresolved ‘environmental’ nuisances, such as defective pavements and a large hole in the highway.²⁵ However, as will be shown, the indictments for this type of nuisance seem not to have been detrimental to the offenders, and the prior, as elected alderman for life, was in a very secure position. One of the alderman’s duties was to summon the wardmote for, among other things, the election of ward officers and to select a panel of jurors.²⁶ The men on this panel, which in the 14th century consisted of 12 men but later could be up to 16, were to inquire into any nuisances or misdemeanours in the ward and report back at a wardmote inquest.²⁷

The paucity of documentation makes it difficult to know whether there was a predetermined limit to the length of time an officer could serve, or to assess how long ward officers remained in office.²⁸ But the Portsoken presentments show that out of 56 men listed as officers and jurymen throughout the membranes, just under half appear to have held a position for only one year, and of these two-thirds are from membranes that have a consecutive run over two or three years and would show any re-elections or changes of office.²⁹ It is possible that the remaining third may have served more than once as the membranes are missing either before or after the year they appear. Almost half the numbers of officers show movement between positions, the most common being a jurymen becoming a constable.³⁰ John Merssh (*sic*) appears to have made the greatest advancement. He first appears as a jurymen in 1465, is listed as a scavenger in 1469, and finally holds the most senior office of

beadle from 1475–1483.³¹ Thus, his career as a ward official spanned at least 18 years. William Stalon alone supersedes this longevity of service. He is recorded as being a common councilman on each of the surviving membranes, hence from 1465–1483, and may well have sat before and after this.

But not all movement was upwards. Richard Sysworth went from being a juryman in 1467 to a scavenger in 1474. He sat as a juryman in 1475 but became the raker for the ward in 1479, returning to the jury a year later.³² Seven of the men listed held more than one office concurrently. These dual responsibilities were generally for only one year, which suggests that these were periods when there was a shortage of suitable men to perform these functions. The single exception to this is William Segrym who was both a juryman and the raker in 1475, and held both offices again from 1480–1482. It is noteworthy that a respectable man elected from the ward as a juryman should also accept the menial post of raker, although Segrym held this position over a ten-year period, which suggests it may have been quite lucrative. The raker, as all the other ward officers, was usually paid by duties levied from residents of the ward,³³ but his earnings could be supplemented by clearing away rubbish from local religious houses.³⁴ Presumably he was entitled to sell anything of value found amongst the rubbish and this would have enhanced his income.³⁵ What the recurrence of ward officers also reveals is that many of these men and their families remained in Portsoken for considerable periods of time, and while those that only held office for a year may have moved on, these documents suggest a relatively stable population.

It is evident that other family members became involved in the administration of the ward. ‘Younger’ men of the same name, who are presumably sons, follow both John Rooke and William Kylby. The three Silvesters — John, Nicholas, and Richard — listed among the jurymen could conceivably have been brothers, or possibly father and sons, or uncle and nephews. John Silvester, the longest serving juryman of the three, was a citizen and butcher,³⁶ and the family connection is confirmed by an indictment against Richard Silvester for throwing offal into the street. Despite this indictment in 1479, Richard was elected to the jury again in 1481. However, there is only one indictment for this misdemeanour, which suggests the offence was

not repeated. Earlier, in 1473, Richard’s name was mentioned in connection with a defective cellar door, but as it was in a house only held by him from the abbot of Tower Hill (Our Lady Grace’s), it was evidently not his responsibility nor did it affect his standing in the community.

It appears that being accused of an offence in the wardmote inquest did not preclude election as either a juryman or a ward officer. Robert Maknard was a constable in 1474, the year he was first indicted for having both a shed covered with reed and a waterway coming out from his house, yet sat as a juryman in 1476. John Mannfeld was indicted for having a chimney of tree in 1476 and 1479, but continued as a constable. Although the repeated indictments reveal that John Gardener never amended the ‘noyous place’ that was regarded as his responsibility, he was still able to continue as a constable and a juryman. And William Stalon, the longest enduring common councilman, was respectively indicted for a dunghill and a layerstore of timber and a ‘grievous dunghill in the middle of the highway’ (1473),³⁷ a layerstore of timber (1474), and great logs against his door (1476 and 1479), without losing his standing. Nevertheless, these are all public nuisance indictments that may not have been considered of a serious enough nature to exclude men who had previously held positions.³⁸ Whilst these misdemeanours were clearly overlooked, it is hard to imagine that sexual indictments would be so readily dismissed. Nonetheless, in 1480 Roger Carpenter was indicted for being a ‘harlot of his body’, yet was appointed one of the scavengers in 1482. Perhaps the alderman deemed this to be a fitting penance. Given the citizen’s fierce protection of the freedom of the City, it is not surprising that the only offence that appears not to have been dismissed was ‘occupying as a freeman’.³⁹ This was the repeated indictment against a John Philip from 1473–1476. Is this the same John Philip who was the beadle from 1465–1474? Or does the entry, ‘John Philip *in the barber’s rent*’ (my emphasis) distinguish this individual from John Philip the beadle? That after 1474 John Merssh is listed as the beadle, suggests it probably does not.

THE INQUEST OF WARDMOTE

In previous periods the wardmote was required to meet four times a year or whenever summoned by the alderman, but by the 15th

century it usually met only once.⁴⁰ In the earlier wardmote presentments, recorded in the *Calendar of Plea and Memoranda Rolls, 1413–1437*, the language varies from ward to ward. Some returns are written in French, others in Latin, although there is evidence of a progression towards the vernacular.⁴¹ By 1465, it is evident that the transition at this level is complete, as the Portsoken presentments are completely in English. These are the returns of the winter wardmote, held on 21 December, St Thomas the Apostle's day.⁴² The articles of the inquest ordered the jurors to list the perpetrators of certain offences and misdemeanours. These included women of evil life, nightwalkers, the throwing of dung or other rubbish into the street, obstruction of the highway, ignoring the assizes of bread and ale, the keeping of cows and pigs, lepers, gamesters and riotous persons.⁴³ The indictments in the Portsoken presentments fall loosely into three categories: sexual and immoral (public order), nuisances (environmental issues in modern terms), and foreigners presuming to act as though freemen.⁴⁴ While there are many similarities between these indictments and both those recorded earlier and what can be deciphered from the presentment for 1507–1508, there are also noticeable differences.

The most common indictments in the ward returns for 1421–1423 are of an environmental nature.⁴⁵ As will be shown, the high incidence of such concerns in the Portsoken presentments indicates that such issues were still the primary concern of the wardmote half a century later. This is hardly surprising given the fear of disease, and the responsibility for cleaning the City coming under the jurisdiction of the alderman and wardmote.⁴⁶ The majority of these returns involve the same individuals being repeatedly indicted for the same offences. This supports the idea that these cases were the exceptions not the rule, and that most Londoners were concerned about their environment. As Sabine concludes, 'city cleaning was being carried on persistently and, on the whole, effectively'.⁴⁷ As early as 1297 Londoners were encouraged to keep the areas in front of their houses clean, and from the mayoralty of Gregory de Rokesle (1274–1281) the aldermen were to employ four 'reputable men' in every ward to remove ordure and waste and make repairs as necessary.⁴⁸ The notion of London as a filthy and obnoxious place is further undermined by there being only three indictments against common privies in the 1421–

1423 returns and none in any of the Portsoken presentments, when it is known that there were at least 13 public latrines in the City.⁴⁹

It is evident that while Londoners were concerned with safeguarding their environment, they also wanted to protect their money and rights of fair-trade. The wardmote inquest was used as a means of complaining against victuallers and retailers who contravened ordinances and proclamations and sold short measures or bad food, or were forestallers and regraters.⁵⁰ The 1421–1423 printed presentments for Portsoken include an indictment against 'all brewers, bakers and regraters of bread and ale, and all those that keep common inns throughout the whole ward, [who] are in default against the mayor's proclamation'.⁵¹ Throughout the presentments under Edward IV there are no such indictments, nor are there any discernable for the year 1507–1508. Yet there were breweries in the ward and at least nine drinking-houses, and there must have been some form of retailing, whether by shopkeepers or hucksters.⁵² The disappearance of such indictments does not necessarily mean that the ordinances were being adhered to by 1465. As will be shown, it is more likely that other concerns were taking priority by this time. Throughout the 15th century there was clearly very little concern regarding leprosy, as within all the presentments there are only three indictments against individuals described as lepers.⁵³ This evidence challenges the assertion in the 1472 ordinance that leprosy was on the increase in London.⁵⁴ However, in the later Portsoken presentments the accusations against one particular category have noticeably escalated.

In the recorded presentments for 1421–1423 there are only seven indictments against strumpets,⁵⁵ thirteen people are accused of being bawds (eight women and five men),⁵⁶ and four of being nightwalkers.⁵⁷ This relatively low number compared to the later presentments may be the result of the 1393 proclamation that women of 'ill-fame' were to be forbidden from the City or suburbs, and were to be restricted to the Southwark stews or Cock's Lane, Smithfield, on pain of losing their upper garments.⁵⁸ Similar attempts to expel 'common women' and 'prostitutes' from the centres of towns and cities have been noted in Europe at this time, but whether this was through an increase in moralistic values prior to the Reformation or through concerns for public order is uncertain.⁵⁹

In the earlier presentments it may simply have been that civic authorities were attempting to protect 'honest women' (meaning their wives and daughters) by tolerating women of ill fame through marginalisation.⁶⁰ A moralistic tone is undoubtedly evident in the presentment for 1507–1508. Where previously women of ill-fame had been described as merely 'strumpet', 'harlot of her body', or 'bawd', in the presentment for 23 Henry VII the account is much more verbose, 'women evil disposed of their bodies', 'keeping bawdry in the most abominable ways', and 'slaving of her body'. It is also apparent that the jury meant to examine two of the women indicted for sexual offences. One woman 'despised the inquest' for its actions, the other appears to have fled. This suggests that by the 16th century there had been a change in the prevailing ideologies, and also intimates that the powers of the wardmote inquest had increased by this period.

In 1417, four years prior to the presentments recorded in the *Plea and Memoranda Rolls, 1413–1437*, the common council issued an ordinance for the abolition of stews in the City. Nevertheless, there was a clause at the end of this ordinance allowing 'honest' stews to remain.⁶¹ Consequently, the stew presented in the return for Bradstreet (?1421) may have merely been a bathhouse during the day, despite it being in the house of a husband and wife indicted for being bawds.⁶² While there is no such ambiguity surrounding the usage of the stewhouse presented in the return for Crepulgate Without (?1422), the indictment is worded in such a way that the real concerns of the civic authorities are called into question. This is not merely a 'common house of harlotry and bawdry', but 'a great resort of thieves', which raises questions over whether the concerns were of a moral nature, or generated by fear of public disorder. However, the indictment also includes 'priests and their concubines'.⁶³ Consequently, what hope did the City authorities have of controlling the city if their moral leaders were known to be thus debauched and hypocritical?⁶⁴ Karras asserts that the majority of 15th-century wardmote indictments for sexual offences involved 'fornication and adultery by priests',⁶⁵ yet there are only three returns that mention priests in the 1421–1423 presentments, and none in those for 1465–1483. While the later Portsoken presentments do not mention priests *per se*, one of the harlots indicted in 1479 is called

'Christian Brother'. It would seem likely that this dubious given name is a sobriquet that represents this person's clientele. Some twenty years later, Richard Hill, the Bishop of London, found the prior of Christchurch, Sir Thomas Percy, to have occasioned scandal 'by his relations with a married woman named Joan Hodgis (*sic*)'.⁶⁶

SEX IN THE CITY

When the indictments within the Portsoken presentments are compartmentalised, there are consistently more against men, which, given that most of the indictments involve property, and that it was more likely to be men who were accused of occupying as freemen, is hardly surprising.⁶⁷ This is consistent with the earlier returns, where there is a 2:1 ratio of men to women. However, this figure is reversed in 23 Henry VII, which has a 2:1 ratio of women to men, although this membrane is so badly damaged and faded that this may not be an accurate reflection of the indictments for that year. Most women, with the exception of widows, were the property of men, thus the women listed in the returns as 'wives' were nameless, and were indicted as merely the 'wife of' a named man. Therefore, it is interesting to note that in one exceptional year, 1472–1473, the men listed under 'husband' were not mentioned by name, but as 'husband of' a named woman. If scolding is included as a sexual misdemeanour, as Karras and the regulations of the Southwark brothels consider it to be, then the majority of joint indictments against married couples are for sexual offences.⁶⁸ Both the earlier printed presentments and those from Portsoken concur with the general consensus that women were more commonly accused of being a scold.⁶⁹ In the *Plea and Memoranda Roll, 1413–1437* there is a single male scold, John Kempe, carter of Tower ward, and in the Portsoken returns there are three indictments, but they are against two men. John Yonge was indicted for being a scold and a false beggar in 1473–1474 and 1474–1475, and John Hunt for being a scold in 1482–1483.⁷⁰

However, there is no such gender distinction for bawdry. As brothels are not mentioned within the Portsoken presentments, the men indicted as 'strumpetmongers' are presumed to be pimps rather than brothel-keepers. If the figures for indictments against these men are added to the indictments against male bawds, then men and women appear to have shared an almost equal

number of accusations for procuring. The punishments for 'whoremongers' and bawds were much the same for men and women, and were primarily concerned with publicly humiliating the perpetrators.⁷¹ Nevertheless, if the individuals concerned continued to be attainted it was definitely a case of 'three strikes and you're out'. For a first offence of 'whoremongering' or bawdry men would have their beards and heads shaved (except for a fringe two inches wide), while a woman would have her 'hair cut around her head'. They would each be taken to the pillory escorted by minstrels (one wonders how ribald these accompaniments would have been). A woman 'courtesan' would be thus delivered to the pillory, but her head would have been covered with a hood of striped cloth and she would be made to hold a white wand in her hand.⁷² A second indictment for these offences involved the same public humiliation, plus ten days imprisonment. A third meant the same shaming through the City streets and incarceration, but on release they were forsworn of the City.⁷³

Despite the missing membranes, there are enough consecutive years of the Portsoken presentments remaining to allow an investigation into the effectiveness of the punishments for sexual misdemeanours. Of course, there are no longer any means of determining how many, if any, of those indicted were subjected to the penalties described above. However, the figures are quite revealing. Of 334 indictments of a sexual or public order nature throughout 1465–1483 (including occupying as a freeman when foreign), two-thirds (221) were against bawds, scolds, strumpets, harlots 'of her/his body', strumpetmongers, and maintainers. Of these, 18 were indicted twice and only two, a scold and a strumpet, were indicted three times and do not appear again. While acknowledging the limitations of these documents, it would seem that for the majority a single session of public humiliation was enough for them either to cease these activities or move on. The disappearance from the records of two 'ladies' (one was called 'French Philip') after three presentments may indicate the instigation of the 'three strike' rule, but, given how few City ordinances were actually effective in practice, there is more likely an entirely different explanation. The laxity of enforcement is suggested by only two presentments of more than three years. Jane Coton, also recorded as Jane Cotton, was indicted

as a strumpet four times before disappearing from the presentments. Angh Okeley, a bawd, was indicted ten times and then disappears after her last return stated 'indicted this xiiij year'.⁷⁴ Maybe this gentle reminder meant she was finally dealt with by the wardmote.

It is evident that while the Portsoken presentments show most strumpets and harlots only being indicted once, there were other women continually taking their places in the returns. The lack of evidence of a formal system of prostitution — no stews or brothels are recorded in the presentments — suggests that the women thus indicted may have been merely trying to make a living.⁷⁵ It may be there were few opportunities for women to work or marry in a largely poor, rural area dominated by religious establishments and these women were supporting their families the only way they could.⁷⁶ In relation to the merchant class, Thrupp has noted that girls were brought up knowing they would be expected to contribute to the household's finances, and this must have been an even greater truism for the women of poorer families.⁷⁷ Within the Portsoken presentments, 29 of the women listed as strumpets or harlots are presented as wives, and three as daughters. However, there is no way of knowing the circumstances that led to any of these indictments. It is possible that a number of the indictments were malicious (a manifestation of discord between neighbours), while some of the women may have considered themselves married and innocent of all charges. Not all unions were entered into in the manner prescribed by the Church, as 'lower-class' parents and families accepted pre-marital sex if it was a precursor to marriage throughout this period.⁷⁸

Throughout England and France there was a 'fundamental ambiguity' in the attitudes towards prostitution.⁷⁹ While the Church taught that sex outside marriage was sinful, the predominantly patriarchal society of medieval Europe recognised that masculine sexuality needed a release. Consequently, prostitutes were tolerated as a 'safety valve' that protected honest women from 'seduction, rape, adultery and sodomy'.⁸⁰ It would appear that young males might also have required protection from lustful men, as the tendency to debauchery did not distinguish between heterosexual or 'homosexual' liaisons.⁸¹ Court records from Renaissance Venice and Florence show that young men were often passive partners to older men, but later made the transition to heterosexual relationships.⁸²

It is possible that men also capitalised on their bodies, or were at least seen as promiscuous. An indictment against a 'harlot of *his* body' first appears in the Portsoken presentments in 1479–1480. It is not possible to determine whether this is an indictment for 'prostitution' or promiscuity. The 'cliente' this person, or the other male harlots listed from 1480–1483, attracted is impossible to ascertain for certain, although contemporary beliefs held women to be more lustful than men.⁸³ However, the testimony of one male prostitute, a transvestite whose given name was John Rykener, states that many of his clients never discovered he was a man. That his 'clients' were male is confirmed by his being approached by one John Britby, who defended himself by stating that 'Eleanor' Rykener was 'dressed as a woman' and not as a whore.⁸⁴

Nevertheless, the proliferation of homoerotic references in Elizabethan and Jacobean literature seems to suggest that an individual homoerotic identity was already established by that time. In *Michaelmas Term*, London is described as a city full of:

Gallants of all sizes, of all lasts;
Here you may fit your foot, Make choice of those
Whom your affection may rejoice in...⁸⁵

While literature can only ever provide a distorted image of contemporary issues, it is evident that the civic authorities were never successful in their attempts to remove illicit sex from the City.⁸⁶ The Portsoken presentments show a gradual decline in the number of indicted strumpets from 1465 to 1473–1474. However, from 1473–1474 there is a gradual increase in the number of indicted harlots, which, while highlighting the fluidity of the English language, also confirms the ineffectiveness of civic ordinances. What is also evident is that certain indictments against public nuisances continued, sometimes for decades, without being resolved, and that this was true for both individuals and large religious establishments.

PERSISTENT PUBLIC NUISANCES AND THEIR PERPETRATORS

Within the Portsoken presentments there are 31 offences identified as concerning 'environmental' issues. While some are episodic, such as incidences of obstructing the highway, throwing offal into the highway, and casting fish water into

the town ditch, most are recurrent, and against the same perpetrators. The most persistent offenders were John Gardener and Master Cornwales. Repeated indictments held John Gardener responsible for a 'noyous place' in the region of the Bell brewhouse that was perilous for 'horse, men, women, and children', whereas a 'hanging jetty' in Cornwales' rent was also deemed perilous for men and women passing by. Yet despite their respective dangers to the commonalty, these problems were never resolved. They appear in almost every presentment, which suggests that they were still causing problems in the years they were not mentioned, but that they were either overlooked or that the presentments for those particular years are incomplete. If these offences attracted a monetary fine which was less than the cost of rectifying the problem, then the offences were bound to continue, as this arrangement would have suited both the offenders and the wardmote, who would have been guaranteed an annual income. However, this entirely speculative explanation does not extend to cover the Chamber of London itself. In Portsoken, three of the recurring indictments are against the Chamber, which indicates that while most of the ordinances advocating repair and resolution were issued by the Chamber of London, it was itself failing to address faulty pavements, a 'whirlepit' in the town ditch, and a dunghill that the wardmote of Portsoken held it responsible for.⁸⁷

Perhaps the Chamber of London disagreed, and the indictments continued while the question of responsibility was contended. Clearly, any such disagreements concerning encroachment onto common land would have benefited the offender, who would have had continued use of the land until the dispute was settled. In the *Plea and Memoranda Rolls, 1413–1437* the master of St Katherine's Hospital is indicted for encroaching on the common soil so that the inhabitants of the ward were prevented from accessing the Thames between the watermill and Tower Wharf. The master's actions were exacerbated by his taking tolls, sometimes violently, from people wishing to use this wharf.⁸⁸ A very similar indictment against the master of St Katherine's occurs in the later Portsoken presentments from 1465 until 1479–1480, because he had installed posts, locked with a great chain, to block the 'common ground at the mill door'. The master's continued attempt to prevent common access to this land suggests that he either believed the land

belonged to the hospital, or that the land would eventually do so by default.⁸⁹ This indictment persisted for 30 years before disappearing from the returns (the 1465–1466 indictment states that the encroachment of this land had been indicted for the previous eight years). Whether through possession or a change in the boundary, it seems likely that St Katherine's would have eventually gained this land.

Another indictment against St Katherine's is for a 'reredos made perilous for fire'.⁹⁰ It would appear that the prevention of fire was the greatest concern of the civic authorities in Portsoken, as it must have been throughout London. This is indicated by the highest number of indictments in any year being against sheds and houses covered with reed, followed by chimneys made of wood. In 1302, under Edward I, there had been an agreement to roof houses with tiles in recognition of thatch being perilous for fire.⁹¹ The Portsoken presentments reveal that by 1465 there were still many buildings that were not tiled, although there are more sheds indicted than houses. In the earlier returns for 1422–1423, printed in the *Calendar of Plea and Memoranda Rolls, 1413–1437*, both Bridge and Walbrook wards request ladders, grappling hooks, crooks, iron chains, and ropes to prevent the spread of fire.⁹² Presumably the other wards were already equipped with such fire fighting equipment. A proclamation under Henry VI in 1446 declared that because of the risk of fire from chimneys made of wood, nobody, especially masons or carpenters, was to make repairs to such chimneys within the City franchise, on pain of a 40s fine. While any freeman or foreign caught using wooden chimneys was liable to a fine of 6s 8d, certain trades, such as goldsmiths, coppersmiths, blacksmiths and farriers, were allowed to continue using wooden chimneys if they were in good repair.⁹³ However, it is apparent that the considerable number of wooden chimneys still in use between 1465 and 1483 were not in good repair, else they would not have been indicted in the Portsoken presentments.

While the fear of fire appears to have been the greatest cause of anxiety for the residents of Portsoken, the numbers of indictments involving the town ditch show that it was one of their least concerns, despite it running along almost the entire length of the western border of the ward. The ordinances recorded in Riley's *Memorials* relating to the City fosses are for the 14th century, and are against the dumping of ordure

and rubbish in any of the City's watercourses.⁹⁴ Although these ordinances were not regularly repeated, it appears the town ditch was in constant danger of being obstructed by filth.⁹⁵ However, the scarcity of presentments involving the town ditch in Portsoken between 1465 and 1483 suggests that most people were adhering to these ordinances and the problem, if not the water level, had subsided.⁹⁶ While water would ordinarily wash any waste away, it is possible that an accumulation of rubbish near the postern at the Tower caused a 'whirlpit' that was perilous and caused many people to drown. As early as 1275–1276 an unnamed person was recorded as drowning in this part of the ditch, but this may have been an accident and unrelated to the undercurrents produced by a build up of rubbish and effluent.⁹⁷ In 1321, the commonalty of the City agreed to pay murage for the repair of the City walls and cleansing of the City fosses, and in 1375 money from the will of Thomas Legge, ex-mayor of London, was bequeathed for this purpose.⁹⁸ However, it was not until 1477–1478 that the indictments against the 'whirlpit', which was termed a 'mischievous place' by this time, disappeared from the Portsoken presentments, but whether this was due to the problem being resolved is uncertain. It was unlikely to have been due to gardens encroaching over the now mostly filled in ditch as recorded by Stow, as there was a further indictment for waste being thrown into the ditch in 1479–1480.

THE PEOPLE OF PORTSOKEN: TRADES, ALIENS, AND A PROCLIVITY FOR BOWLING

The Portsoken presentments are, fundamentally, lists. Lists of jurymen, lists of the names of those indicted, lists of offences, and lists of the ward officers. They do not contain information regarding any actions taken after the presentment, or detail the social status of the offenders within the community. However, a few indictments include the trade of the person indicted, while in others their trade, or nationality, is implied by their name. Fortunately, some of these names appear in other documents and printed sources, which can provide further information about their lives.⁹⁹ While it is possible that these are not the same individual but someone with the same name, other information within these sources supports the probability of their being the same person listed in the Portsoken presentments.

What has not yet been ascertained, as this is still a work in progress, is whether there are any surviving wills for any person listed in the presentments. Nevertheless, as some of the ward officers were men of standing within the community, and were probably members of crafts and guilds, it is anticipated that there is still information to be discovered. Consequently, although the Portsoken presentments are only lists, and the research on this area incomplete, it has still been possible to determine what kind of work was being undertaken in the ward, and also the nationalities of some of the aliens residing and working in Portsoken.¹⁰⁰

Through the inclusion of their trade after their name, or through an occupational surname, it is evident that there were numerous manual labourers in Portsoken.¹⁰¹ John Croft, smith (a blacksmith, ironworker, or farrier) was indicted in 1465–1466 for defective pavements and a chimney of tree (which had attracted 12 indictments). Edmund Legg, pinner (a maker of various kinds of pins and nails), was indicted in 1466–1467 for having a chimney of tree and for setting a mud wall on the common ground. In the same year, James Day, smith, was indicted for defective pavement and John Salopy, ironmonger, was indicted for a chimney of brick set on the common ground at Tower Hill. The following year John Tancraye, ironmonger, was also indicted for a chimney of brick set on the common ground at Tower Hill, which suggests John Salopy had ceased working there and his 'workshop' had been taken over by Tancraye. There were at least two carpenters in the ward, Thomas Pynder, whose wife was indicted as a common puterer and a harlot of her body in 1476–1477, and Roger Carpenter, who was indicted for being a harlot of his body in 1480–1481.¹⁰² The preceding year had seen John Johnson, paviour (a workman who lays stone), being indicted for a common baratour and a harlot of his body.¹⁰³

There are a number of work-related names that suggest there was a variety of victuallers supplying a range of products within Portsoken. In 1465–1466 a woman obviously employed by one of the establishments selling ale, Elyn the tapster, was indicted as a common strumpet.¹⁰⁴ Jane Pulter, who presumably worked with poultry or chickens, was indicted in 1467–1468 for being a common strumpet. Bedham Fishmonger was indicted for defective pavement in 1469–1470, while in 1473–1474 Waller Bocher (butcher) was

indicted for a reredos perilous for fire.¹⁰⁵ This was also the year that Elizabeth, the wife of Davy Brewster (a craftsman, male or female, who makes and sells ale), was indicted for being a common scold and a receiver of men's apprentices and servants at unlawful times. The number of reredoses mentioned in the presentments implies that many people still cooked on an open hearth, but the appearance of William Browne, cook, suggests that the option of eating out was available in Portsoken.¹⁰⁶ And in the event of anyone feeling ill after ingesting any of these products, or any of the labourers injuring themselves, they could visit Margrete a Leche dwelling at the church stile, whose name implies a physician or surgeon, and who was indicted for being a common scold in 1469–1470.

Many aliens were attracted to London 'because it was a place of freedom and opportunity'.¹⁰⁷ These immigrants migrated to areas where they could work, where their crafts were already practised.¹⁰⁸ Bolton's study of the Alien Subsidy Rolls for 1440 and 1483 has shown that the alien population of Portsoken rose from 47 in 1441 to 216 in 1483.¹⁰⁹ As with the trades and occupations, the names in the Portsoken presentments can be used to identify nationalities, although in this case names can be more deceptive. Four women are indicted with their last names recorded as 'Dutchwoman', but this was a generic term that could encompass Germans or Flemings.¹¹⁰ Among the men indicted for occupying as freemen when foreign, William Johnson might be either Scottish or English, while Peter Hownslow could be mistaken for originating in Middlesex. However, Johnson was a common 'Doche' name, and a Peter Houslowe is listed in the Alien Subsidy Roll for 1483 as a German master of a brewhouse with six German servants.¹¹¹ The variations in spellings make any firm conclusions that men with such similar names could be one and the same extremely difficult, but when these are taken with the accusation of occupying as a freeman when foreign the likelihood of it being the same person becomes more probable. Two other such indictments confirm this deduction. Lawrens Gyles, indicted in 1471–1472, appears in the Alien Subsidy Roll as Laurence Gyles, and Paul Godfrey, indicted in 1479–1480, appears as Powle Godfrey. Both these men were masters of brewhouses with large households, as indicated by the number of servants.¹¹²

It is even more likely that the Herman Stale

and Peter Hatmaker indicted in the Portsoken presentments are the same men listed in the Alien Subsidy Roll for 1483, as their names have identical spellings.¹¹³ One of the indictments against Peter Hatmaker, whose occupation is not listed in the subsidy roll but is suggested by his name, was for receiving suspicious and misruled people. The relatively high number of indictments for this offence up to 1472 may reflect the general dislike of alien residents and merchants. This xenophobia led to anti-Italian riots and attacks on the brewhouses of the Dutch and Flemings.¹¹⁴ In this climate of mutual distrust it is hardly surprising that the civic authorities were suspicious of groups congregating together, as they would have posed a threat to public order. However, the presentments for 1465 to 1472–1473 also encompass some of the most turbulent years of the Wars of the Roses. In 1468–1469 there were risings in the North, which led to Edward IV's capture by Warwick, and England was showing 'signs of falling apart'.¹¹⁵ Consequently, the indictments against receivers of suspicious and misruled people may be a manifestation of London's anxieties in the face of events in the realm that threatened the City. After the traumas of 1471, Edward returning to England, winning the Battle of Barnet and being reinstated, and the City arming itself against Fauconberg's rising, the indictments relating to suspicious people take a year to settle down and then disappear from the presentments until 1480–1481, when England was at war with the Scots.¹¹⁶ Nevertheless, the decreased numbers of indictments at this time suggest this conflict was not considered a threat to the City.

The other indictment against Peter Hatmaker was for keeping a 'closshlane' with a house covered with reed. This is believed to have been a skittle or bowling alley, although an indictment in 1507–1508 is against a closshlane *and a bowling alley* (my emphasis).¹¹⁷ This activity combined three illegal elements: the congregation of a group of people for possibly dubious reasons, structures with roofs of reed to protect the lane from the elements, and gambling. People were impoverishing themselves through betting on games, and, partly in order to protect these people, ordinances were introduced banning certain recreational activities.¹¹⁸ In 1476 an ordinance forbade 'tenis', 'cloisshe', or 'cailes' under penalty of a 40s fine and imprisonment for six days, but this was clearly not enough to deter people from playing. Two years later this

ordinance was repeated, although it seems the people's love of games was recognised through archery being encouraged instead.¹¹⁹ However, this was probably not an entirely altruistic concession, for Edward IV was considering a combined invasion of France with Burgundy at this time.¹²⁰ The punishments for involvement in these games were severe. Those who kept the house faced three years imprisonment and a £20 fine, while those who were playing could expect two years imprisonment and a £10 fine.¹²¹ As with many other ordinances, those against gaming were not effective in practice. The Portsoken presentments show men and women being indicted over two consecutive years for keeping closshlanes. As with the strumpets, other people were clearly willing to take over the running of these establishments, for which there was evidently a demand. There were three closshlanes on Tower Hill, and within most years covered by the Portsoken presentments a minimum of two were in operation throughout the ward. In contrast, there was only one recorded closshlane in Southwark before 1500, which may indicate that sports were specific to different areas.¹²² Like the games, the ordinances continued but they targeted servants, labourers and apprentices and the punishments were commuted.¹²³ Consequently, it would seem that the Englishman's love of sport is hardly a modern phenomenon.

CONCLUSION

Although mentioned by A H Thomas in his introduction to the *Plea and Memoranda Rolls, 1413–1437* in 1943, and being consulted by a handful of historians with specific purposes in the late 20th century, the Portsoken presentments, as interesting documents in their own right, have been largely ignored. This may have been because only 15 survive and they are not a completely consecutive set of returns for 1465–1483, so any value they might have has been dismissed. But out of 18 years, only 4 are missing. Through those that remain it is possible to study the recurrence or disappearance of indictments, and in most cases two or three years is enough to reach some interesting conclusions about the effectiveness of the inquest and subsequent punishments.

The survival of these presentments is remarkable, and is accredited to the *jure officio* position of the prior of Christchurch as alderman of

the ward of Portsoken. At the dissolution of the monasteries papers from the priory were removed to the Court of Augmentations. Centuries later they were transferred to the Public Record Office and are now in the care of the London Metropolitan Archives. The condition of the membranes varies; by far the worst is the single presentment for 1507–1508 under Henry VII. Yet what can be deciphered from this document suggests a change in attitude to ‘common women’, through the wording becoming much more moralistic. The powers of the wardmote appear to have increased, as it seems the ward officials were now examining women indicted for sexual offences.

These presentments contain much information about Portsoken in the 15th century, and by association London itself. While they can support, and sometimes challenge, the knowledge already gained regarding the wardmote, officials, jurymen and inquest, the indictments can also increase our understanding of the concerns and fears of this period, and of the people. The indictments with the most consistently high numbers reveal that the primary concern was the prevention of fire. The episodic nature of other offences would seem to suggest that they were attempts to protect the City in response to external events in the realm. The years of increased accusations for ‘receiving suspicious and misruled people’ correspond with periods of political upheaval during the Wars of the Roses, and with outbreaks of xenophobia. Those offences that consistently

appeared suggest the wardmote presentments, as the City ordinances, were not always effective, and show that having an indictment for a public nuisance did not automatically preclude service as a ward official.

Interestingly, in one instance, neither did the accusation of a sexual offence. Roger Carpenter, who was not the only man to be indicted as a ‘harlot of his body’, was later employed as one of the ward scavengers. The indictments against these male harlots may support the idea that there was an independent homoerotic identity at this time. However, John Rykener, in the only other recorded instance of a male prostitute, was a transvestite called ‘Eleanor’ with a clientele apparently ignorant of his true gender.

It is possible to use the names of those indicted to determine some of the trades and occupations undertaken in Portsoken at this time, which included ironmongery, butchery, and leatherwork. However, the use of names to identify nationality can be deceptive. Some scribes clearly spelt phonetically, and the different spellings can make comparisons of offenders with the Alien Subsidy Roll of 1483 difficult, but not impossible if supported by other sources. As with any historical document, the Portsoken presentments cannot be studied in isolation, but when they are considered with other sources they provide a unique opportunity to increase our appreciation of life in a London ward in the 15th century.

APPENDIX 1. TRANSCRIPTION OF THE PORTSOKEN PRESENTMENTS

[The Warde of Portsoken of London]¹²⁴

4 March 1465–3 March 1466 (5 Edward IV)

[This is the] verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior of Christchurch [and alderman] of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth [after] the con[quest] the fifth year, by the oaths of us Robert Knygh, Thomas Brokehole, William Tretherns, Phylip Tomson, William Chariar, Valantyne [damaged], Richard Tyrwyn, Robert Bolton, William Gylmyn, John Kebull, John Mersth, and John Arborie which presents and indicts the noyannces¹²⁵ and defaults¹²⁶ singly expressed by us found within the said ward that is to whit

First we the said inquest present and indict Thomas master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stulpis¹²⁷ in the king's highway on the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway, the which is great noyannce to the people coming and going by that way common defective this eight year

Also we indict Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Wade, for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Thomas Dyrwin for a common extortioner of the king's liege people, and a withdrawer of mens apprentices and servants, and also indicted out of another ward common defective

Also we indict Richard Shapett for a common strumpetmonger¹²⁸ common defective

Also we indict Elyn Herte for a common bawd and as a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Joan Athille for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Marion Oleton for a common scold common defective

Also we indict Agnes Crane for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict John Poore for a common baratour¹²⁹ and a common breaker of the king's peace common defective

Also we indict Elyn Flynt for a common strumpet and for a scold common defective

Also we indict the wife of John Wake for a common scold common defective

Also we indict William Parys' wife for setting of a mud wall upon the common ground, and so he hath encroached to him [*sic*] the common ground of the king's highway, and also for laying of dung in the king's highway great noyannce to all that come that way common defective this ten year¹³⁰

Also we indict a swelow¹³¹ in Grace's alley which is perilous for men women and children common defective [Also we indict erased]

Also we indict Elizabeth, the daughter of Robert Jenet, for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Rayneld Edward for a common strumpetmonger common defective

Also we indict Elyn the tapster with William Graunt for a common strumpet common defective

Also we present William Graunt for mayntening¹³² of the said Elyn the tapster common defective

Also we indict Maud Moke for a common scold and hereby for indicted out of this ward and is common again common defective

Also we indict William Malmayne for a common baratour and a common breaker of the king's peace and a night walker and for a privy picker¹³³ common defective

Also we indict John Batyn for a common baratour and a nightwalker, and his wife for a common strumpet, and also they be indicted out of another ward common defective

Also we indict Annes Morley for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict William Hynde for a common receiver of misruled¹³⁴ people and of suspicious people common defective

Also we indict Elizabeth Ballyng for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict the wife of Thomas Castyle for a common strumpet and a common bawd and for occupying as a freewoman and is a foreign

Also we indict Thomas Stutfold and Trewde his wife she for a common bawd and he for a mayntenour common defective

Also we indict Angh¹³⁵ Okeley for a common bawd and a receiver of suspicious people common defective this twelve-year

Also we indict John Johnson and Marion his wife he for a bawd and she for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict the wife of John Brian for a common bawd common defective

Also we indict Alson James for a common bawd and a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Beatrix Adylfey for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Michell Milpekkar for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign common defective

Also we indict Thomas Moreys and his wife him for a privy picker and she for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Margrete Singlewoman for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict John London for a receiver of suspicious people, and for keeping of cattle and pigs great noyance to the towns ditch common defective

Also we indict Davy White for a receiver of suspicious people, and for keeping of cattle and pigs to the great noyance of the town ditch, and also for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign common defective

Also we indict Peter Hatmaker for keeping of a closstlane¹³⁶ and there over a house covered with reed, and a receiver of suspicious people and misruled people common defective

Also we indict Lambert Johnson and his wife for keeping of a closstbane and there over a house covered with reed and receiver of misruled people common defective

Also we indict Godfrey Wanthrest for keeping of a closstbane and thereon a house covered with reed and a receiver of misruled people common defective

Also we indict Marion Nores for a common bawd common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree¹³⁷ in the prior's rent of Christchurch the which that Lovell Formyth [*sic*] common defective this twelve year

Also we indict all the pavement that the prior of Christchurch hath within the ward of Portsoken common defective and also a chimney of tree in the same rent common defective

Also we indict the pavement against the grate in Houndsditch common defective

Also we indict all the pavement that John Wellys hath within the said ward common defective this ten year

Also we indict all the pavement that John Bolle hath within the said ward common defective

Also we indict all the pavement that Thomas Bryan hath within the said ward common defective this six year

Also we indict all the pavement that John Crofte smith hath within the said ward and also within his house a chimney of tree and a house covered with reed common defective this twelve year

Also we indict all the pavement belonging to the Chamber of London being in the said ward common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree in Symkyn Drayton's rent which is dreadful for fire common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree there as William Towker dwelleth common defective

Also we indict two sheds [covered] with reed in Thomas Brokeholes rent common defective

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in the church rent before The Ship common defective

Also we indict a channel and a gutter coming out of The Menories into the town ditch perilous for man and beast and also great noyance to the town ditch common defective

Also we present a gutter coming out of Christchurch great noyance to the town ditch common defective
 Also we indict a hanging gete¹³⁸ in Cornwales rent which is perilous for men [and] women coming and going common defective

Also we indict a shed within the house of Thomas Stutfold covered with reed common defective

Also we indict seven sheds covered with reed and two chimneys of tree in the abbots rent of the Tower Hill there as Edyn Man dwelleth common defective

Also we indict all the pales and gardens and brick walls that the abbot of the Tower Hill hath from the Hart's Horn unto the corner house against the seven sterris¹³⁹ that [stands] on the common ground of the city common defective

Also we indict eleven sheds and five chimneys of tree in the abbot's rent on Saint Katherines side common defective

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in Edmunde Legg's rent at Tower Hill before the Cock common defective

Also we indict two houses covered with reed there as Arnold Williamson dwellyth common defective

Also we indict two houses and three sheds covered with reed there as John Days dwellyth common defective

Also we indict six sheds covered with reed there as Cornelys Claysman dwellyth common defective

| Common Council | Constables | Scavangers | Beadle |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| William Lemyng | Thomas Dalston | John Mychyll | John Phylip |
| Perre Jordon | John Gardener | Richard Raafe | |
| John Rooke | William Pywale | | Raker |
| William Stalon | Symond Drayton | | Robert Davy |

In witness whereof we the said inquest have set our seals to this our present verdict

[The Warde of Portsoken of London]

4 March 1466–3 March 1467 (6 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, [prior of Christchurch and] alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth after the conquest the sixth year, by the oaths of us John Bull, Thomas Brokehole, William Trethern, Philip Thomson, Robert Boltynge, John Kebull, Richard Petman, Robert Bane, Richard Kays, John Michall, William Cutson, John Manneseld, which present and indict the common noyances and defaults singly expressed by us found within the said ward that is to wit

First we the said inquest present and indict the master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stulpis in the king's highway by the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway, the which is great noyance to the people coming and going by that way common defective this nine years

Also we indict Stephen Wade and his wife her for a common strumpet and him for a mayntenour and for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people common defective

Also we indict Thomas Dyrwyn for casting out of straw and dung into the town ditch and also indicted out of another ward common defective

Also we present Robert Lye clerk for a common strumpetmonger common defective

Also we indict William Towker and Jone his wife, her for a common strumpet and him for a mayntenour common defective

Also we indict William Graunt for a common strumpetmonger common defective

Also we indict William Malmayne for a common baratour and a common breaker of the king's peace, and a night walker, and for a privy picker common defective

Also we indict William Wytforde for a common baratour and a privy picker common defective
Also we indict Margret Hewes for a common strumpet common defective
Also we present Jone Haynes for a receiver of suspicious people common defective
Also we indict William Taylor for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign, and for a receiver of faytoner¹⁴⁰ beggars common defective
Also we indict John Smert for a common strumpetmonger common defective
Also we indict Jone Trewoman for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Thomas Clerke and Jone his wife for common bawds and for receivers of suspicious people common defective
Also we indict Roger John and his wife her for a common bawd and him for a mayntenour
Also we indict John Haryngton for setting of stulpis in the king's highway and for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign common defective
Also we present Alson [*sic*] Gyles for a common scold common defective
Also we present the wife of John Dod for a common scold common defective
Also we indict John Clerke and his wife her for a common bawd and him for a mayntenour common defective
Also we indict on Isabel dwelling with this said John Clerke for a common bawd common defective
Also we indict John Cotswayn for a common baratour and a common breaker of the king's peace and for a nightwalker common defective
Also we indict John Poore for a common baratour and a common breaker of the king's peace common defective
Also we indict William Paris [*sic*] tailor for setting of a mud wall upon the common ground of the king's highway, and so he hath encroached to him the common ground of the king's highway
Also for laying of dung in the king's highway great noyannce to all that come and go by that way common defective this eleven years
Also we indict Jone, the wife of William Russell, for a common bawd, and Gylion her daughter for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Maude Mok for a common scold common defective
Also we indict Maude, that dwelleth with John Thomas, for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict John Ego and his lemman¹⁴¹ him for a common strumpetmonger and her for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Davy White for a common baratour, and for a receiver of suspicious people, and for keeping of cattle and pigs to the great noyannce of the town ditch, and for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign common defective
Also we present Herry Boteler for a receiver of suspicious people common defective
Also we indict Thomas Stutfold, and Trewde his wife, her for a common bawd and him for a mayntenour and a receiver of suspicious people common defective
Also we indict Thomas Combe for a common strumpetmonger common defective
Also we indict Isabell Thorneton otherwise called Beele Paddok for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Thomas Danyell and his wife her for a common strumpet and him for a mayntenour and a receiver of suspicious people common defective
Also we indict William Boteler and his wife for receivers of suspicious and misruled people and for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign common defective
Also we indict Jane Coton for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Jane Pulter for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Margrete Bray for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Avys Augustus for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict one Swan Duchewoman for a common strumpet and a common bawd common defective

Also we indict Trewd Duchewoman for a common strumpet com [*sic*] defective

Also we indict Angth¹⁴² Okeley for a common bawd and a receiver of suspicious people and murderers of the king's liege people common defective this thirteen year

Also we indict Cristyan a Duchewoman for a leper defective

Also we present Edmunde Legge pinner for setting of the mud wall at the Tower Hill on the common ground defective

Also we indict Lambart Johnson for keeping of a clossthbane and thereupon a house covered with reed and for a receiver of suspicious people common defective

Also we indict Godfray Wanthyse for keeping of a clossthbane and thereupon a house covered with reed and a receiver of suspicious people common defective

Also we indict a swelow in Grace's Alley which is perilous for men women and children common defective

Also we indict a swelow in the prior's rent of Christchurch which is perilous for men women and children common defective

Also we indict a noyous¹⁴³ place between the corner of the abbot's place of Cocksale¹⁴⁴ and the Bell brewhouse the which John Gardener should amend great peril for horse men women and children going by that way common defective

[20 or so words crossed through — Also we indict French Philip for a common strumpet common defective Also we indict Michell Milpekker for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign]

Also we indict a chimney of tree in the prior's rent of Christchurch the which that Lovell Formyth [*sic*] common defective this thirteen year

Also we indict all the pavement that the prior of Christchurch hath within the ward of Portsoken common defective

And also a chimney of tree in the same rent common defective

Also we indict the pavements against the grate in Houndsditch common defective

Also we indict all the pavements that John Wellys hath within the said ward common defective this eleven year

Also we indict all the pavements that John Bull hath within this said ward common defective

Also we indict all the pavements that Thomas Brian hath within the said ward common defective this seven year

Also we indict all the pavement that James Day smith hath within the said ward and also within his house a chimney of tree and a house covered with reed common defective this thirteen year

Also we indict all the pavement belonging to the Chamber of London common defective

Also we indict a shed covered with reed within the Two Nuns common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree in Symkyn Drayton's rent common defective [five words crossed through — which is dreadful for fire]

Also we indict a chimney of tree in the abbess's rent of The Menories common defective

Also we indict two sheds covered with reed in Thomas Brokeholes rent common defective

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in the church rent beside The Ship common defective

Also we indict a hanging gete in Cornwales rent which is perilous for men women and children coming and going common defective

Also we indict a channel and a gutter coming out of The Menories into the town ditch perilous for man and beast and also great noyannce to the town ditch common defective

Also we indict a shed within the house of Thomas Stutfold covered with reed common defective

Also we indict four sheds covered with reed and two chimneys of tree in the abbot's rent of the Tower Hill there as [Edyn Man crossed through and another name added which is illegible] dwelleth common defective

Also we indict all the pales gardens and brick walls that the abbot of the Tower Hill hath from the Hart's Horn to the corner house against the seven sterris that stand on the com [sic] ground of the city common defective

Also we indict eleven sheds covered with reed and five chimneys of tree in the said abbot's rent on Saint Katherine's side common defective

Also we indict two houses covered with reed where Arnold Williamson dwelleth common defective

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in Edmunde Legge's rent at the Tower Hill before The Cock common defective

Also we indict two houses and three sheds covered with reed there as John Doys [sic] dwelleth common defective

Also we indict six sheds covered with reed there as Cornelys Claysman dwelleth common defective
[One line crossed through – Also we indict John Salopy ironmonger for a chimney of brick set upon the common ground at the Tower Hill common defective]

Also we indict a whyrlepit¹⁴⁵ at the Tower Hill in this watering place perilous for man and beast, all the mending of which belongs to the Chamber of London common defective

Also we indict the wife of Thomas Arsmer for a common strumpet com [sic] defective

Also we indict the wife of John Fisher for a common scold and a common bawd

Also we indict the wife of Herry Hill for a common scold common defective

Also we present Robert Bono for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people out of due time against the rule of the city common defective

Common Council

William Lemyng
Perre Jordon
William Stalon
John Rake

Constables

Thomas Dalston
John Gardener
Robert Knygth
William Claver

Scavengers

William Kylby
William Som

Beadle

John Philip

Aleconners

William Gylmyn
Richard Raafe

Raker

John Mathewe

In witness whereof we the said inquest set our seals to this our present verdict

[The Warde of Portsoken of London]

4 March 1467–3 March 1468 (7 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior of Christchurch and alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth after the conquest the seventh year, by the oaths of us Philip Thomson, John Mandevyle, William Gylmyn, John Michell, John of Bourne, Richard Raafe, William Cutson, John Merrsh, Robert Dene, Thomas Russell, Richard Breche, and Richard Sisworth, which present and indict the common nuisances and defaults singly expressed by us found within the said ward that is to whit

First we the said inquest present and indict the Master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stuples in the king's highway on the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway, the which is great noyance to the people coming and going by that way common defective this ten year

Also we indict William Graunte for a common baratour and a mayntenour of quarrels common defective

Also we indict William Malmayne for a common strumpetmonger common defective

Also we indict William London for a common strumpetmonger common defective

Also we indict Margret Hewes for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Alyson Haynes for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict the wife of John Dod for a common scold defective

Also we indict William Parys for laying of dung in the king's highway common defective this twelve year

Also we indict Maude Mok for a common scold defective

Also we indict Davy White for a common baratour and a receiver of suspicious people, and for keeping of cattle and pigs to the great noyannce of the town ditch and for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign common defective

Also we indict Herry Boteler for a receiver and a mayntenour of suspicious and misruled people common defective

Also we indict the wife of John Edge for a common strumpet and him for a common baratour and a nightwalker defective

Also we indict Herry Endyrbly and his wife her for a common strumpet and him for a mayntenour

Also we indict French Philip for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Charles Gentilman [*sic*] for holding and supporting of the said French Philip common defective

Also we indict Cristyan Bat for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict William Boteler for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign common defective

Also we indict Jane Pulter for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Trewde Duchewoman for a common bawd and a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Edmond Legg, pinner, for setting of a mud wall on the common ground at Tower Hill defective

Also we indict John Tancraye, ironmonger, for a chimney of brick on the common ground at Tower Hill defective

Also we indict Joye Florence for keeping of a clossbane and for a receiver of suspicious people common defective

Also we indict Petyr Clerke for keeping of a clossbane and for a receiver of suspicious people common defective

Also we indict Reynold Fremet for a common strumpetmonger common defective

Also we indict a swelow in Grace's Alley which is perilous for man and beast common defective

Also we indict a swelow in the prior's rent of Christchurch which is perilous for man and beast common defective

Also we indict a noyer¹⁴⁶ place between the corner of the abbot's place of Koksale and the Bell brewhouse the which John Gardener should amend perilous for man and beast common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree in the prior's rent of Christchurch the which that Lovell Formyth common defective this fourteen year

Also we indict all the pavement that the prior of Christchurch hath within the ward of Portsoken common defective and also a chimney of tree in the same rent common defective

Also we indict the pavement against the grate in Houndsditch common defective

Also we indict all the pavement John Wellys hath within the said ward common defective

Also we indict all the pavement that John Bull hath within the said ward common defective

Also we indict all the pavement that Thomas Brian hath within the said ward common defective

Also we indict all the pavement that Jamys Day, smyth, hath within the said ward common defective and also within his house a chimney of tree and a house covered with reed common defective this fourteen year

Also we indict all the pavement belonging to the Chamber of London common defective

Also we indict a shed covered with reed within the Three Nuns common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree in Symkin Drayton's rent common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree in the abbess's rent of The Menories common defective

Also we indict two sheds covered with reed in Thomas Brokehole's rent common defective

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in the church rent beside The Ship common defective

Also we indict a hanging gete in Cornwales' rent which is perilous for man and beast common defective

Also we indict a shed coned with reed where that William Harrison dwelleth common defective

Also we indict four sheds and two chimneys the sheds covered with reed and the chimneys made of wood in the abbot's rent of Tower Hill there as Waderof dwelleth common defective

Also we indict all the pales gardens and brickwalls that the abbot of Tower Hill hath from the Hart's Horne to the corner house against the seven sterris that stand upon the common ground common defective

Also we indict eleven sheds covered with reed and five chimneys of tree in the said abbot's rent on Saint Katherine's side common defective

Also we indict two houses covered with reed there as Arnold Williamson dwelleth

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in Edmonde Legg's rent at Tower Hill

Also we indict two houses and three sheds covered with reed there as John Doys dwelleth

Also we indict six sheds covered with reed there as Cornelys Claysman dwelleth

Also we indict a whorlepit¹⁴⁷ at the Tower Hill in the watering place perilous for man and beast, the mending of which belongs to the Chamber of London common defective

[No names listed at end of membrane, or any other information]

[The Warde of Portsoken of London]

4 March 1469–3 March 1470 (marked as ?10 Edward IV, editor's dating: 9 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior of Christchurch and [alderman] of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth after the con[quest] [damaged] year, by the oaths of us John Gardener, William Chariar, John Manndevelde, William Sylmyn, John a Borne, Ric [*sic*] Raafe, Thomas Russell, John Mich[ell], Thomas Semath, Robert Noore, Robert Slater, and Robert Seman, which present and indict the common noyannces and defaults singly expre[ssed] by us found within the said ward that is to whit

First we the said inquest present and indict the master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stulpes in the king's highway on the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway the which is great noyannce to the people coming and going by this way common defective this twelve year

Also we indict William Parys for casting of ordure and rubbish in the town ditch to the great mischief of the city and to all the people that dwell thereby common defective

Also we indict John Werke for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Also we indict Robert Freman and Katyn his wife her for a common scold and him for a mayntenour defective

Also we indict John Walker for a common baratour and a common breaker of the king's peace defective

Also we indict John Fyge and his wife her for a common scold and him for a mayntenour defective

Also we indict on Margrete a Leche dwelling at the church stile for a common scold defective

Also we indict John Hysolet for a faytoner beggar and his wife for a common scold defective

Also we indict John Fysher and his wife her for a common scold and him for a mayntenour of quarrels defective

Also we indict Robert Lyly and his wife for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign and her for a common scold and for receiver of suspicious and misruled people defective

Also we indict Thomas Syrwyn for a common baratour and for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people that is mens apprentices and servants common defective

Also we indict Katryn May for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Edward Edwyn and his wife for common bawds and for receivers of suspicious and misruled people defective

Also we indict Marion Johnson for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Alyn Barchilnew and his wife for occupying as freefolk and is foreign and for common bawds and her for a common strumpet and for receivers of suspicious and misruled people defective

Also we indict George Fletcher and his wife her for a common strumpet and him for a mayntenour defective

Also we indict John Bonnyngton and his wife her for a common scold and him for a mayntenour defective

Also we indict Jone Coton for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Eden Bradowe for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Davy White for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign and for keeping of cattle and pigs to the great noyannce of the town ditch

Also we indict Herry Boteler and his wife for common bawds and for receivers of suspicious and misruled people defective

Also we indict French Philip for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Charles Gentilman for a common strumpetmonger and for holding and supporting of the said French Philip common defective

Also we indict Cristian Batte for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict William Boteler's wife, called Chatton, for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Also we indict John a Caleys and his wife for common bawds and him for a common strumpetmonger and her for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Margrete Selby for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict John Bryan and his wife for common bawds defective

Also we indict William Harryson and his wife for keeping of cattle and pigs to the great noyannce of the town ditch and her for a common scold defective

Also we indict Godfray Cosyn for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people common defective

Also we indict Katryn Wylforde for a common scold defective

Also we indict a swelow in Grace's Alley which is perilous for man and beast common defective

Also we indict a swelow in the prior's rent of Christchurch common defective

Also we indict a noyous place between the corner of the abbot's place of Coksale and The Bell late a brewhouse which John Gardener should amend perilous for man and beast common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree in the said prior's rent common defective
Also we indict the pavement that John Wellys hath within the said ward common defective
Also Also [*sic*] we indict all the pavements that John Bull hath within the said ward common defective
Also we indict all the pavements that Thomas Brian hath within the said ward common defective
Also we indict all the pavements that James Day hath within the said ward common defective
And within the same rent a chimney of tree and one house covered with reed defective
Also we indict the pavement that belongs to the Chamber of London any part thereof defective
Also we indict a shed covered with reed within the Two Nuns defective
Also we indict Also we indict [*sic*] a chimney of tree in the rent that Symond Drayton late held common defective
Also we indict a chimney of tree in the abess's rent of The Menories [*sic*] common defective
Also we indict two sheds covered with reed in the rent that Thomas Brokehole late held defective
Also we indict three chimneys of tree in the church rent beside The Ship defective
Also we indict a hanging gete in Cornwales' rent which is perilous common defective
Also we indict a shed covered with reed there as William Harrison dwelleth common defective
Also we indict four sheds covered with reed and two chimneys of tree in the abbot's rent at the Tower Hill common defective
Also we indict all the pales gardens and brick walls that the abbot of the Tower Hill hath from the Hart's Horn unto the corner house against the seven sterres that stand upon the common ground common defective
Also we indict eleven sheds covered with reed and a chimney of tree in the said abbot's rent on Saint Katherine's side common defective
Also we indict two houses covered with reed there as Arnold Williamson dwellyth defective
Also we indict four chimneys of tree in Edmund Legg's rent at the Tower Hill common defective
Also we indict two houses and three sheds covered with reed there as John Doys dwelleth common defective
Also we indict six sheds covered with reed there as Cornelys Claysman late dwelleth defective
Also we indict a whorlepitte at the Tower Hill in the watering place perilous for man and beast of the which [*sic*] the mending belongs to the Chamber of London common defective
Also we indict all the pavements before the church stile that belongs to the church defective
Also we indict the pavements that Bedham Fysthmonger hath before the church stile
Also we indict all the stuplis and stakes before the Three King's unto the corner house of the abbots of Coksale defective

Common Council

William Lemynge
William Stalon
John Rooke
Thomas Dalstone

Constables

Robert Symson
William Pywale
Philip Tomson
Robert Boltynge

Scavengers

John Merssh
Rychard Wellis

Beadle

John Phylp

Raker

Robert Marke

In witness whereof we the said inquest have set our seals to this our present verdict

[The Warde of Portsoken of London]**4 March 1471–3 March 1472 (11 Edward IV)**

This is the verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior of the Christchurch and alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth after the conquest the eleventh year, by the oaths of us Robert Boltynge, Thomas Russell, Robert Nore, William Gylmyn, John a Borne, John Michell, Ric Raafe [*sic*], Robert Seman, William Farnham, Richard Sisworth, William Cutson, and John a Strete, which present and indict the common nuisances and defaults expressed by us found within the said ward that is to whit

First we the said inquest present and indict the master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stulpes in the king's highway on the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway, the which is great noyance to the people coming and going by that way common defective this fourteen year

Also we indict William Graunte for a common baratour and a common breaker of the king's peace and for a common strumpetmonger common defective

Also we indict Julian Reedere for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Robert Wilford, the servant of William Wilforde, for a privy picker and the said William for a mayntenour defective

Also we present Ric Wellis and his wife for receivers of suspicious and misruled people that is men's apprentices and servants defective

Also we present John Ardone and his wife for keeping and maintaining of a young maid that is a privy picker defective

Also we indict John Hayne and his wife her for a common strumpet and him for a mayntenour defective

Also we indict John Browne and his lemman him for a common strumpetmonger and her for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict John Edward and his wife for common bawds defective

Also we indict William Robert for a faytoner beggar and a privy picker defective

Also we indict John Bulle for a common baratour and a common breaker of the king's peace defective

Also we indict Alson Haryngton for a common bawd defective

Also we endite Savuwr Wavse and his wife for occupying as free folk and be foreigners and for receivers of suspicious and misruled people and her for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict the wife of Kervays for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Robert Lygh, clerk, for a common strumpetmonger defective

Also we indict William Towkar and his wife her for a common strumpet and him for a mayntenour defective

Also we indict William Chamberleyn and his wife her for a common strumpet and him for a mayntenour defective

Also we indict Pers Blake and his wife for common bawds and her for a common strumpet and him for a privy picker defective

Also we indict Jone Hewet for a common strumpet common defective

Also we present Thomas Harrison and his wife for occupying as free folk and be foreigners, and be receivers of suspicious and misruled people that is men's apprentices and servants defective

Also we indict the wife of John Mokke for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Herry Goodwyn and his wife for common bawds defective

Also we indict the wife of Robert Heyfolde for a common bawd and a common strumpet defective
Also we indict Annes Grove, widow, for a common bawd defective
Also we present John Maundebold for a noyous and a sklaunderous¹⁴⁸ man to his neighbours and will not pay lot and scot according to his oath and to his word of the city and of the ward common defective
Also we indict Wymonde of Colen¹⁴⁹ and his wife for common bawds common defective
Also we indict Joys Florens for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people defective
Also we indict William Boteler, otherwise called William Chatton, for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people defective
Also we indict John a Campe for a common hasardour¹⁵⁰ and a receiver of suspicious and misruled people
Also we indict Herry Roeche for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people defective
Also we indict Dyryk Brain for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people
Also we indict Neme Strannge for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Jane Cotton for a common strumpet common defective
Also we indict Robert Yonge and his wife for common bawds defective
Also we indict Wat White for keeping of geese and ducks and for making of a ditch in the king's highway defective
Also we indict William Harrison for keeping of cattle and pigs to the nuisance of the town ditch
Also we indict Joys Florens and John a Campe, Herry Roeche, and Dyryk Brian, for keeping of clostlane and on there houses covered with reed common defective
Also we indict the wife of William Gunnsley for a common bawd and a common strumpet defective
Also we indict a swelowe in Grace's Alley which is perilous for man and beast common defective
Also we indict a swelowe in the prior's rent of Christchurch common defective
Also we indict a noyous place between the corner of the abbot's place of Cockside and The Bell late a brewhouse common defective
Also we indict a chimney of tree in the prior's rent of Christchurch common defective
Also we indict the pavements against the grate in Houndsditch common defective
Also we indict all the pavements that John Wellys hath within the said ward common defective
Also we indict all pavements that John Bulle hath within the said ward common defective
Also we indict all the pavements that Thomas Brian hath within the said ward defective
Also we indict all the pavement that James Day hath within the said ward defective And within the same rent a chimney of tree and a house covered with reed defective
Also we indict all the pavements that belong to the Chamber of London defective
Also we indict a shed covered with reed within the Two Nuns defective
Also we indict a chimney of tree in the house there as the coroner dwelleth defective
Also we indict a chimney of tree in the abbess's rent of The Menories common defective
Also we indict two sheds covered with reed there as John Browne, butcher, dwelleth defective
Also we indict four chimneys of tree in the church rent beside The Ship defective
Also we indict a hanging gete in Cornwales' rent which is perilous for men common defective
Also we indict a shed covered with reed there as William Harrison late dwelleth defective
Also we indict four sheds covered with reed and two chimneys of tree in the abbot's rent at the Tower Hill defective
Also we indict all the pales gardens and brick walls that the abbot of the Tower Hill hath from the Hart's Horn unto the corner house against the seven sterris that stand upon the common ground defective
Also we indict eleven sheds covered with reed and five chimneys of tree in the said abbot's rent on Saint Katherine's side common defective

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in Edmunde Legg's rent at the Tower Hill

Also we indict six sheds covered with reed there as Lawrens Gyles dwelleth common defective

Also we indict a whirlepitte at the Tower Hill in the watering place perilous for man and beast, of the mending of which belongs to the Chamber of London common defective

Also we indict all the stulpis and stakes from the Three King's to the corner house of the abbots of Coksale defective

| Common Council | Constables | Scavengers |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| William Chester | John Rooke | [no names listed] |
| William Stalon | Thomas Dalstone | Beadle |
| John Rooke | John Gardener | [no names listed] |
| Thomas Dalstone | William Pywale | Raker |
| | | [no name listed] |

In witness whereof we the said inquest have set our seals to this our present verdict

[The Warde of Portsoken of London]

4 March 1472–3 March 1473 (12 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior [of Christchurch and] alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in this year of the reign of King [Edward] the Fourth after the conquest this twelve year, by the oaths of us Thomas Sewidgh, John Copyn, William Segeram [*sic*], William [damaged], Richard Raafe, Richard Eysseworth, Manyrd Luke, William Cotteson, Richard Wellys, John Ardyng, William Killeby the younger, [damaged] Synnet, which present and indict the common nuisances and defaults singly expressed by us found within the [said ward that is to whit]

First we the said inquest present and indict the master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stulpes in the king's [highway on the] common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway, the which is great noyannce [to the people coming] and going by that way common defective this fifteen year

Also we indict William Graunte for a common bawd common defective

Also we indict Annes Sexcetyng for a common stru[mpet] [damaged] privy picker defective

Also we indict Margettis Frannces [*sic*] for a common strumpet defective

Also we present John Yonge for [damaged] faytoner beggar defective

Also we present Water [*sic*] Richard for a faytoner beggar defective

Also we present John Brokedste for a fay[toner] beggar defective

Also we present Margrete Whyteway for a common scold, and her husband for a mayntenour common defective [damaged]

Also we indict Katrine Frynge for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict Rose Boner for a common strumpet, and her husband [damaged] for a mayntenour common defective

Also we present John Clefforde for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Also we indict [damaged], the wife of Davy Fye, for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict William Schateton for a common strumpetmonger defective

Also we indict John a Campe for a common hasadour and a receiver of suspicious and misruled people common defective

Also we indict Henry Roche for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people common defective

Also we indict Dereke Braymore for a receiver of suspicious and misruled people common defective

Also we indict Neme Strange for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Jane Cotton for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Wat Whyte for keeping of geese and ducks and for making of a ditch in the king's highway common defective

Also we indict Joyes Florence and John a Campe, Henry Roche, and Dereke Braymore for keeping of Closthbanys and on them houses be covered with reed common defective

Also we indict Ellyn Howett for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict Alison Grene for a common strumpet defective

Also we indict John Lynpton for a common baratour and common breaker of the king's peace, and for a receiver of misruled people men and women common defective

Also we indict the wife of John of Delffe for a common bawd, and her husband for a mayntenour common defective

Also we present John of Strete for a mayntenour of suspicious and misruled people as well by night as by daytime common defective

Also we indict Crystean Downs for a common strumpet common defective

Also we indict William Cloyer for a common strumpetmonger common defective

Also we indict a swelow in Grace's Alley which [is] perilous for man and beast common defective

Also we indict a swelow in the prior's rent of Christchurch common defective

Also we indict a noyous place between the corner of the abbot's place of Cocksale and The Bell late a brewery common defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree in the prior's rent of Christchurch common defective

Also we indict the pavement against the grate in Houndsditch common defective

Also we indict all the pavement that John Wellys hath within the said ward common defective

Also we indict all the pavement that Thomas Brian hath within the said ward defective

Also we indict all the pavement that James Day hath within the said ward defective and within the same rent a chimney of tree and a house covered with reed within the Three Nuns defective

Also we indict a chimney of tree in the house there as the coroner dwelleth

Also we indict a chimney of tree in the abbess's rent of The Menories common defective

Also we indict two sheds covered with reed that John Browne butcher dwelleth in common defective

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in the Church rent beside The Ship defective

Also we indict a hanging gete in Cornwales rent which is perilous for men common defective

Also we indict a shed covered with reed there as William Harrison late lived defective

Also we indict four sheds covered with reed and two chimneys of tree in the abbot's rent at the Tower Hill defective

Also we indict all the pales gardens and brick walls that the abbot of the Tower Hill hath from the Hart's Horn to the corner house against the seven sterris that stand upon the common ground defective

Also we indict eleven sheds covered with reed and five chimneys of tree in the said abbot's rent on Saint Katherine's side common defective

Also we indict four chimneys of tree in Edmunde Legge's rent at the Tower Hill defective

Also we indict six sheds covered with reed there as Lawrens Gyles dwelleth common defective

Also we indict a whirlpitte at the Tower Hill in the watering place perilous for man and beast, the mending of which belongs to the Chamber of London common defective

Also we indict all the stulpis and stakes from the Three King's to the corner house of the abbot's of Cocksale defective

| Common Council | Constable | Scavengers |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| William Chester | John Gardener | Richard Wellis |
| William Stalon | William Pywale | William Kylby the younger |
| John Rooke the Younger | Robert Bolt yng | |
| Thomas Dalstone | Robert Norre | |
| Beadle | Raker | |
| John Phelipp | Thomas Felde | |

In witness whereof we the said inquest have set our seal to this our present verdict

The Warde of Portsoken of London

4 March 1473–3 March 1474 (original 14 Edward IV, editor's dating: 13 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior of Christchurch and alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the [reign] of King Edward the Fourth the fourteenth, by the [oaths of us] [damaged] Seven, Richard Holdbroke, John Brice, Will[iam] [damaged], Richard Raafe, Thomas Crocheman, [damaged], Thomas Oliver, and John Michell of the [defaults found by us in the said ward]

First we present and indict a cellar door of Lovell's rent in Houndsditch [defective Item we] present and indict a chimney made of tree in the same rent defective

Item we present a cel[lar door] belonging to the rent of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict cross barres belonging to the same rent defective

Item we present and indict the pavement of John Wellys in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict a well before the tenement of John Wellys belonging to the Chamber of London defective

Item we present and indict all the pavements of the rent of Master Brian's rent in Houndsditch defective

Also we present and indict all the pavement of James Days' dwelling at Saint Anthony's within this ward defective

Item we present and indict a house of the same James covered with reed defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of timber belonging to a rent of the prior of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the kitchen of John of Borne in the rent which Master Chester holdeth [defective]

[Item we] indict a reredos¹⁵¹ in the church alley in the house of Richard Weller defective

Item we [indict the pavement] of the west end of the church ruinous perilous and defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the garden of William Parys joining upon the house where Robert Hudson dwelleth defective

Also we present and indict a cellar door of the tenement of William Bentley holden by Richard Keen sergeant defective

Item we present and indict two sheds in the tenement which William Flete holdeth covered with reed defective

Item we indict a cellar door in the church rent next to The Ship defective

Item we present a reredos in a house in the churchyard which Waller Bocher holdeth defective

Item we indict four chimneys in the church rent made of mud and laths¹⁵² beside The Ship perilous for fire and defective

Item we indict a low jetty¹⁵³ in the rent of Master Cornwales and in the which house Master John dwelleth defective

Item we present a shed covered with reed in the rent where Robert Makenard dwelleth defective

- Item we present a waterway coming out of Robert Makenard's house with stulpes there to the common noyannce of all people coming and going defective
- Item we indict four sheds in the rent of the abbot of Tower Hill defective
- Item we indict a chimney of tree in the house that John Mannfeld holdeth defective
- Item we present and indict Thomas, the abbot of Tower Hill, for the encroaching of the common ground by the abbey with gardens walled with brick walls [*sic*], and with pales and a long pale under his hall paled on the common ground defective
- Item we present and indict two chimneys of tree of the said abbot in his rent beyond Tower Hill on Saint Katherine's side defective
- Item we present a tenement of Saint Katherine's for a reredos made perilous for fire defective
- Item we present four chimneys of tree in the rent belonging to the craft of barbers in London against the Cock on Tower Hill perilous and defective
- Item we present a barrier before the same rent of barbers standing in the king's highway to the noyannce of all people defective
- Item we present and indict three houses and two sheds in the rent that Clay Smyth holdeth covered with reed and perilous for fire defective
- Item we present and indict a swalowe (see n. 131) in Grace's Alley perilous and defective
- Item we present and indict a noyous place before the rent which John Gardener holdeth of the abbot of Cokkeshale¹⁵⁴ and The Bell on Tower Hill defective
- Item we indict a chimney of tree in the abbess's rent of the Menories defective
- Item we present and indict a cellar door belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill, the which Richard Silvester holdeth defective
- Item we present and indict a perilous and a mischievous place in the town's ditch in which much people have been drowned fast by the postern defective
- Item we present and indict the Master of Saint Katherine's for setting of posts in the king's highway on the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway, in likewise as it hath been indicted sixteen year a gone defective
- Also we indict the bridge of the same mill perilous and defective
- Item we present and indict all the pavement that the Chamber of London hath in Houndsditch ruinous and perilous defective
- Item we indict a shed within the Three Nuns covered with reed defective
- Item we present and indict a brick chimney standing in the common ground in the king's highway in the rent that Claye Smyth holdeth defective
- Item we present and indict three closhbanes on Tower Hill defective
- Item we present and indict an house and a shed covered with reed in the rent that John Deux holdeth defective
- Item we present John Tyson for making of a dunghill in the king's highway to the common nuisance defective
- Item we present Thomas Cohnan for making of a dunghill in the king's highway afore the rent called The Ship to the common nuisance defective
- Item we present Robert Nore for laying of his wood in the king's highway to the common nuisance defective
- Item we present William Stalon for making of a dunghill and a layerstore¹⁵⁵ of timber and other wood to the common nuisance defective
- Item we present the same William Stalon for making of a grievous dunghill in the middle of the king's highway, with hog's hair and other filth to the nuisance of the king's people defective

Item we present a dunghill made in the king's highway before Gardener the chandlers place defective which he holdeth of the abbot of Cockshale

Also we present a dunghill lying on the east side of Saint Katherine's made by beermen next dwelling and joining to the same dunghill, to the common nuisance of all the king's people and destroying of the highway defective

Also we present a dunghill belonging to the Chamber of London next to the barriers to the noyance of the king's people and defective

Item we present and indict John Philip in the barbers rent on the Tower Hill occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Henry Fekeman for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present in likewise Sote Dochewoman for occupying as a freewoman and is a foreign defective

Item we present John a Campe for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present John Ferhofe for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Henry Roche for occupying as a freeman as is a foreign defective

Item we present John Tyson for occupying as a freeman as is a foreign defective

Item we indict Elizabeth Selfe, the wife of John Selfe, for a common bawd defective

Item we indict Elizabeth Barcrofte for a common strumpet defective

Item we present and indict the wife of John Lincoln for a common strumpet

Item we present and indict Agnes Foster for a common strumpet and scold defective

Item we present Florens Boner, the wife of Robert Boner, for a common scold and a great nuisance of all her neighbours defective

Item we present and indict Thomas Wynter for a faytoner beggar a privy picker a common baratour defective

Item we present and indict John Yonge for a faytoner a beggar [*sic*] and a common scold to the noyance of all his neighbours defective

Item we present Johan Laurence for a common scold defective

Item we present Thomas Haryson for a common baratour, and his wife for a scold defective

Item we present Emmote Hill, the wife of Roger Hill, for a common scold and a great noyer of all her neighbours

Item we present and indict Elizabeth Brewster, the wife of Davy Brewster, for a common scold defective

Item we present and indict Emmotte Rygdowne for a common harlot and indicted out of another ward the last year defective

Item we present William Flete for a common baratour and a picker of quarrels to the noyance of all his neighbours, and a prowler and an enticer of men's apprentices and servants contrary to the will of their masters defective

The Common Council

William Chester

Thomas Dalston

William Stalon

John Roke the Younger

Scavengers

John Devconx

Thomas Egleston

Beadle

John Philip

Constables

John Gardener

Richard Stutfold

Nicholas Silvester

John Mannfeld

Robert Maknard

Raker

William Segrym

In witness whereof we the said inquest have set our seals to this our present verdict

The Warde of Portsoken of London

4 March 1474–3 March 1475 (original 15 Edward IV, editor's dating: 14 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest [holden and taken] before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior [of Christchurch and alderman] of Portsoken of London, [on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle], in the year of the reign of King Edward the [Fourth the fifteenth?], by the oaths of us Andrew Tuck, William Bowns, Richard Tysson, John B[damaged], William Purler, John Kyng, Robert Coke, John Copyn, John Silvester, John Man, Richard Raafe, Richard Silvester, Hugh Baldok, John a Strete, William Salet, [and William Kelby the younger, of the defaults found by us in the said ward]

First we present and indict a cellar door of Lovell's rent in Houndsditch

Also we present and indict a chimney of tree in the same rent defective

Also we present a cellar door belonging to the rent of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict the cross bars belonging to the same rent defective

Item we present and indict the pavement of John Wellys in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement of Master Bryan's [rent in Houndsditch defective]

Item we present and indict all the pavement of John Days' dwelling at [Saint Anthony's within this ward] defective

Item we present and indict a house of the same James [*sic*] [covered with reed defective]

[Item we] present and indict two chimneys of tree belonging to a rent of the [priory of Christchurch defective]

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the kitchen late in the holding of [John of Borne] which Master Chester holdeth defective

Item we indict a reredos in the church alley in the house where in Richard Weller dwelled defective

Item we indict the pavement of the west end of the church ruinous perilous and defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the garden of William Parys joining upon the house that Robert Hodson holdeth defective

Item we present and indict a cellar door of the rent of William Bentley, which Richard Keyn holdeth defective

Item we present and indict two sheds in the rent which John Fisher holdeth covered with reed defective

Item we indict a cellar door in the church rent next to The Ship defective

Item we present a reredos in a house in the churchyard which Walker dwelleth in defective

Item we indict four chimneys in the church rent made of loam and lath beside The Ship perilous for fire defective

Item we indict a low jetty in the rent of Master Cornwales defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the rent where Robert Maknarde dwelleth defective

Item we present and indict a waterway coming out of the house which Robert Maknarde holdeth with stulpys there to the common nuisance to all the king's people coming and going by that way defective

Item we indict four sheds in the rent of the abbot of Tower Hill defective

Item we indict a chimney of tree in the house that John Manfeylde [*sic*] holdeth defective

Item we present and indict Thomas, abbot of Tower Hill, for encroaching of the common ground by the abbey with gardens walled with brick and with pales and a long pale under his hall paled upon the common ground defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of timber of the said abbot in the tenement upon Tower Hill on Saint Katherine's side defective

Item we present and indict a tenement of Saint Katherine for a reredos made perilous of fire defective

Item we indict four chimneys of tree in the rent belonging to the craft of barbers in London against The Cock on the Tower Hill perilous and defective

Item we present and indict a barrier before the same tenement of barbers standing in the king's highway to the nuisance of all people defective

Item we present and indict three houses and two sheds in the rent that Claye Smyth holdeth covered with reed and perilous for fire defective

Item we present and indict a swallow in Grace's Alley perilous and defective

Item we present and indict a noyous place before the rent which John Gardener holdeth of the abbot of Cocksale and The Bell defective

Item we indict a chimney of tree in the abbess's rent of The Menories defective

Item we present and indict a cellar door belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill the which Richard Silvester holdeth defective

Item we present and indict a perilous and a mischievous place in the town ditch in the which much people have been drowned in fast by the postern defective

Item we present and indict the Master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stulpes in the king's highway upon the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway, in like wise as it hath been indicted seventeen year ago defective

Item we indict a bridge of the mill place perilous defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement that the Chamber of London hath in Houndsditch ruinous and perilous defective

Item we present Master Chester for stopping of the king's highway with his lead which is to the noyance of all the king's people riding and going defective

Item we present and indict a shed within the Three Nuns covered with reed defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of brick standing upon the common ground in the king's highway in the tenement that Claye Smyth holdeth defective

Item we present and indict three closshbanes on the Tower Hill defective

Item we present and indict an house and a shed covered with reed in the rent that John Dewse [*sic*] holdeth defective

Item we present and indict John Tyson for making of a dunghill in the king's highway to the common nuisance defective

Item we present William Stalon for making of a common layerstore of timber and other wood to the common noyance defective

Item we present and indict a dunghill made in the king's highway before Gardeners' place which he holdeth of the abbot of Cocksale defective

Item we present a dunghill lying on the east side of Saint Katherine's made by beermen next living and joining to the same dunghill to the common nuisance of all the king's people and destroying of the way defective

Item we present and indict a dunghill belonging to the Chamber of London next to the barriers to the noyance of the king's people defective

Item we present a John Waserey occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present and indict John Philip in the barber's rent on the Tower Hill occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Henry Fekman for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present John a Campe for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present John Forhose for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Henry Roche for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present John Tyson for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present and indict John Yonge for a faytoner beggar and a common scold to the noyance of all his neighbours defective

Item we present and indict Soutte Dochewoman for a common harlot defective

Item we present and indict John Bette and Agnes his wife for common bawds defective

Item we present and indict Alys Brown for a common harlot defective

Item we present Elizabeth Brewster for a receiver of men's apprentices and their servants at unlawful times, reselling and withdrawing of their master's goods defective

Item we present Mildrede Taillor, otherwise called Mildrede Pynner, for a common scold and a bawd defective

Item we present Alys, the daughter of the said Mildrede, for a common puturer¹⁵⁶ defective

The Common Council

William Chester

William Stalon

Thomas Daulston [*sic*]

John Gardener

Scavengers

Richard Sysworth

John Bull

Beadle

John Philip

Constables

Richard Holbroke

Richard Stutfold

Nicholas Silvester

John Mannfeld

Robert Maknarde

Raker

William Segrym

In witness whereof we the said inquest have set our seals to this our present writing

The Warde of Portsoken of London

4 March 1475–3 March 1476 (original 16 Edward IV, editor's dating: 15 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior of Christchurch and alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of King Edward the fourth the sixteenth year, by the oaths of us William Bound, Robert Nore, Robert Boltyng, William Pucles, Thomas Olyver, John Morth, William Segrym, William Broughton, Stephen Smyth, John Michel, John Silvester, John Man, William Gylmyrn, Richard Sissworth, and John a Strete, of all the defaults found by us in the said ward

First we present and indict a cellar door of Lovell's rent in Houndsditch defective Also we present and indict a chimney made of tree in the same rent defective

Also we present a cellar door belonging to the rent of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict the bars before the same rent defective

Item we present and indict the pavement of John Wellys in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement before the tenement of Master Brian's rent in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement belonging to the Chamber of London in Houndsditch ruinous and perilous defective

Item we present all the pavement of James Deys' [*sic*] dwelling at Saint Anthony's within the ward defective

Item we present and indict an house [*sic*] of the same James covered with reed defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of timber belonging to a tenement of the prior of Christchurch defective

Item we indict a chimney of tree in the kitchen late in the holding of John a Borne, and the which the executors of Master Chester now hold defective

Item we indict a reredos in the church way in the house where Richard Weller dwelled defective

Item we indict the pavement at the west end of the church ruinous perilous and defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the garden of William Parys joining upon the house that Robert Laddson holdeth defective

Item we present and indict a cellar door of the tenement of William Bouthy which Richard Kene [*sic*] holdeth defective

Item we present and indict two sheds in the tenement which John Fysher holdeth covered with reed defective

Item we indict a cellar door in the church rent next to The Ship defective

Item we present a reredos in an house in the churchyard which Waller dwelleth in defective

Item we indict four chimneys in the church rent made of loam and lath beside The Ship [perilous] for fire defective

Item we indict a low jetty in the rent of Master Cornwales defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the tenement where Robert Maknarde dwelleth defective

Item we present and indict a waterway coming out of the house which Robert Maknarde [holdeth], with stulpes there to the common noyannce of all people coming and going by the same way defective

Item we indict four sheds in the rent of the abbot of Tower Hill defective

Item we indict a chimney of tree in the house that John Manselde holdeth defective

Item we present and indict Thomas the abbot of Tower Hill for encroaching of the common ground by the abbey with gardens walled with brick and with pales and a long pale under his hall paled upon the common ground defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of timber of the said abbot in this tenement upon Tower Hill on Saint Katherine's side defective

Item we present and indict a reredos in a tenement belonging to Saint Katherine's perilous for fire defective

Item we indict four chimneys of tree in the tenement belonging to the craft of barbers of London against The Cock on Tower Hill perilous and defective

Item we present and indict three houses and two sheds in the rent of The Swan covered with reed and perilous for fire defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of brick standing upon the common ground in the king's highway in the tenement of The Swan defective

Item we present and indict a noyous place before the tenement which John Gardener holdeth of the abbot of Coggeshale (see n. 144) and The Bell defective

Item we indict two chimneys of tree in the abness of The Menories rent defective

Item we present and indict a cellar door belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill the which Richard Silvester holdeth defective

Item we present and indict a perilous and a mischievous place in the town ditch in the which much people have been drowned fast by the postern defective

Item we present and indict the Master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stulpes in the king's highway upon the common ground at the mill door, with a great chain locked stopping the highway, in the likewise as it hath been indicted eighteen years ago defective

Item we indict a bridge of the mill perilous and defective

Item we present and indict a shed within the Three Nuns covered with reed defective

Item we present and indict three closshbanes on the Tower Hill defective

Item we present and indict an house and a shed covered with reed in the tenement that John Doyse [*sic*] holdeth defective

Item we present a dunghill lying on the east side of Saint Katherine's made by beermen next dwelling and adjoining to the same dunghill to the common noyannce of all the king's people and destroying of the highway defective

Item we present and indict a dunghill belonging to the Chamber of London next to the barriers to the noyannce of the king's people defective

Item we indict a well in Houndsditch before the tenement of John Wellys perilous and defective

Also we indict a gate on the north pentice¹⁵⁷ of the Bellhouse, which the executors of Master Chester now hold defective

Item we present and indict John Phelyp in the barber's rent on Tower Hill for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Henry Fekeman for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present John a Campe for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Henry Roche for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present John Tyson for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Thomas Powlson for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present and indict Alice Brown for a common harlot defective

Item we present Mildrede Taillor, otherwise called Mildrede Pynner, for a common scold and a bawd defective

Also we present Johane the wife of Cornelys Dorante for a common scold and a great noyer of her neighbours

Also we present and indict Anneys, the wife of Thomas Pynder, carpenter, for a common puterer and an harlot defective

Also we present and indict Johane, the wife of Robert Dalke, for a common scold defective

Item we present William Entson for keeping in the house Johane, the wife of John Reynold, contrary to the will of her husband defective

The Common Council

Thomas Dawston [*sic*]

William Stalon

John Gardener

Andrewe White

Scavengers

Richard Welles

John Bulle

Constables

Andrewe Todde

John Buce

John Manselde

Thomas Crouchman

Beadle

John Merssh

Raker

William Sygrym [*sic*]

[No further writing at end of this membrane]

[On the back appears to be the oath sworn by those entering into the franchise of the City:]

Ye shall swere that ye shalle be good and trewe unto owre sovrayne lorde the kynge [of Yenglond] and to his [illegible] king's And ye shalle not make no ffraye no congregacion ayenste the king's peace And ye shalle not steale the king's [illegible] whereby the kyng shall loose his right And ye shall com to the constabylls and to the mynesters of the citee at all tymes whan ye be warned Soo helpe ye god [illegible] holden and by the booke

The Warde of Portsoken of London

4 March 1476–3 March 1477 (marked as ?17 Edward IV, editor's dating: 16 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, [prior of Christchurch] and alderman of the ward of Portsoken, upon Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of [King Edward the fourth the ? year], by the oaths of us John Saunden, Richard Stutfolde, Nicholas Sylvester, Robert Maknard, William Farnam, Stephen Smyth, John Silvester, Richard Welles, William Broughton, Wil[liam] [damaged], of all the defaults found by us in the said ward

First we present and indict a cellar door of Lovell's rent in Houndsditch defective Also we pre[sent a chimney of tree in the] same rent defective

Also we present a cellar door belonging to the rent of Christchurch defective

Item we pre[sent] [damaged] in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavements belonging to the Chamber of London in Houndsditch ruinous and perilous [damaged]

[Item we present and indict] all the pavements of James Deye [*sic*] within the said ward defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys [of timber] of the prior of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the kitchen late in the [holding of John of Borne] defective

Item we indict a reredos in the church alley in the house wherein Richard Weller dwelleth in defec[tive]

[Item we indict the pavement] at the west end of the church ruinous perilous defective

Item we present a reredos in the rent of the prio[r] [damaged]

Item we present and indict a cellar door of the tenement of William Bentley which John Wolflete [holdeth defective]

[Item we indict] two sheds in the tenement which John Fysher holdeth covered with reed defective

Item we indict a cell[ar door in the church rent next to The] Ship defective

Item we present a reredos in an house [*sic*] in the churchyard which Walker dwelleth in [defective]

[Item we indict four chimneys] in the rent of the church made of loam and lath beside The Ship perilous for fire defective

Item we present a [low jetty in Master] Cornwayles [rent] defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the tenement wherein Robert [Maknard dwelleth defective]

[Item] we present and indict a waterway coming out of the house which Robert Maknard dwelleth in defective

Item w[e indict four sheds in the rent] of the abbot of Tower Hill defective

Item we indict a chimney of tree in the house that John Mannfeld holdeth defec[tive]

[Item we present and indict] Edmunde Kyng the abbot of Tower Hill for encroaching of the common ground by the abbey with gardens walled [with brick and with pales and a long pale] under his hall paled upon the common ground defective

Item we indict four chimneys of tree in the tenements belonging to the craft of barbers of London against [The Cock on Tower Hill perilous and] defective

Item we indict three houses and two sheds in the tenements of The Swan covered with reed perilous for fire defective

[Item we present and] indict a chimney of brick standing upon the common ground in the king's highway in the tenements of the said Swan [defective]

[Item we present] and indict a noyous place beside the tenements which John Gardener holdeth of the abbot of Coggeshale against The Bell def[ective]

[Item we] indict two chimneys of tree in the rent of the abbess's of The Menories defective

Item we present and indict a cellar door in [the rent belonging to the] abbot of Tower Hill the which Nicholas Silvester holdeth defective

Item we present a perilous chimney of stone in th[e] [damaged] Nicholas Silvester defective

Item we present and indict a perilous and a mischievous place in the town ditch in the [which much people] have been drowned fast by the postern defective

Item we present and indict the master of Saint Katherine's for setting of [stulpes in the] king's highway upon the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway as it [hath been indicted] nineteen years afore this defective

Item we indict a bridge of the mill perilous defective

Item we indict three closshbanes [on Tower Hill] defective

Item we present and indict an house and a shed covered with reed in the house that Edwarde Doyse dwelleth in defective

Item [we present] a dunghill lying on the east side of Saint Katherine's made by beermen next dwelling and joining to the same dunghill [to the common] noyannce of all the king's people and destroying of the highway defective

Item we present and indict a dunghill belonging to [the Chamber] of London next the barriers to the noyannce of the king's people defective

Item we indict a well in Houndsditch afore [the tenement] of John Wellys perilous defective

Item we present a dunghill in the highway against The Menories gate defective

Item [damaged] gutter at The Menories gate perilous for the king's liege people defective

Item we present a gutter against the door of [damaged] the king's liege people defective

Item we present great logs lying against the door of William Stalon defective

Item [we present and indict] all the pavement in the highway from the east end of Saint Botolph's unto the bars defective

Item we present John Fysher for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

Item we present and indict John Tisson [*sic*] for occupying as a free[man] [damaged]

[Item] we present William Herryson [*sic*] for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

It[em] we present and indict John Philip for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign [damaged]

Item as present and indict Herry Fekeman for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

Item we present Deryk Demay for occupying as a free[man] [and is a foreign]

Item we present John Leflaimder for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

Item we present Peter Hownslow for occupying [as a freeman and is a] foreign

Item we present James Matlowe for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

Item we present Herman Stale for occupying [as a freeman and is a] foreign

Item we present Symon Hermanson for occupying as a freeman as is a foreign

Item we present John Jamysson for occ[upying as a freeman and is] a foreign

Item we present John Vynsente for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

Item we present and indict Johane, the wife of Corneles Dorante, for a common scold and a great noyer of her neigh[bours]

[Item we present and] indict Agnes, the wife of Thomas Pynder, carpenter, for a common puterer and an harlot of her body living in [damaged] the last year passed was indicted for misgovernance

Item we present and indict the said Thomas Pynder her husband [damaged] Agnes his wife defective

Item we present Alice Grace for a common harlot defective

Item we present Agnes Calis [for a common harlot defective]

Item we present Henry Foreste for a bawd defective

Item we present and indict Alson Fyge for a scold and a bawd [damaged] Metkalf for a common bawd defective

Item we present Besse Stogan for a common bawd defective

Item we present [damaged] wife for a receiver of men's servants by her goaded defective

Item we present John Wolfflete and his wife the same John [damaged] his wife for keeping of his council in bawdry defective

Item we present a new gate late made at Trewmann[*'s* lane end damaged] of the common way defective

Item we present Richard Ardyn for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

Item we pres[ent] [damaged] rent a house covered with reed defective

Item we present a shed covered with reed in the house that William Brown hol[deth] [damaged]

| The Common Council | Scavengers | Constables |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Richard Chester | John Salter | John Bryce |
| Thomas Dalston | William Cutson | Thomas |
| William Stalon | William Asbery [<i>sic</i>] | William Pucles |
| John Gardener | | Robert Boltyng |
| Beadle | Raker | |
| John Merssh | William Segrym | |

In witness whereof we the said inquest to this our verdict have set our seals

[This membrane is attached to/rolled in part of a document proclaiming an act for enabling the mayor, aldermen, and commons to purchase the present tolls and duties payable for navigating the river Thames. This proclamation was made in the seventeenth year of the reign of King George the Third]

The Warde of Portsoken of London

4 March 1479–3 March 1480 (19 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Pomeroy, prior of Christchurch and alderman of the war of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth the nineteenth, by the oaths of us Andrew Todde, Richard Stotfold, Robert Nore, Richard Silvester, Robert Boltyng, William Segrym, John Silvester, Thomas Wareyn, John Mighell, John Skalton, John Strete, and Thomas Plough, of all the defaults found by us in the said ward

Item we present and indict a cellar door of Lovell's rent in Houndsditch defective Item we present and indict a chimney made of tree in the same rent defective

Item we present and indict a cellar door belonging to the rent of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict the bars before the same rent defective

Item we present and indict the pavement before the rent of John Wellys in Houndsditch defective

Item we indict the well before the said tenement perilous defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement before the tenement of Master Bryan's rent in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavements belonging to the Chamber of London in Houndsditch ruinous and perilous defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement of James Dey within the ward defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of timber belonging to a tenement of the priory of Christchurch defective

Item we indict a chimney of tree in the kitchen late in the holding of Richard Bryce defective

Item we present and indict a reredos in the church way within the house that Richard Weller occupied defective

Item we present and indict the pavement at the west end of the church perilous and ruinous defective

Item we present and indict a reredos in the rent of the priory of Christchurch where Agas dwelleth

Item we present and indict a cellar door of the tenement of William Bentley in which John Wolfflete dwelleth defective

Item we present and indict two sheds in the tenement which John Fysher holdeth covered with reed defective

Item we indict a cellar door in the church rent next The Ship defective

Item we present a reredos in an house of the churchyard in which Waller dwelleth

Item we indict four chimneys in the rent of Christchurch made of loam and lath beside The Ship perilous for fire

Item we indict a low jetty in the rent of Master Cornewalys defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the rent where Robert Makenard dwelleth defective

Item we present and indict a waterway coming out of the house that the same Robert Makenard dwelleth in defective

Item we indict four sheds in the rent of the abbot of Tower Hill defective

Item we indict a chimney of tree in the house that John Mannfeld holdeth defective

Item we present and indict Edmond Kyng abbot of Tower Hill for encroaching of the common ground by the abbey with gardens walled with brick pales and a long brick wall under his hall upon the common ground defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of timber of the said abbot in the tenement upon Tower Hill on Saint Katherine's side defective

Item we present and indict a reredos in a tenement belonging to Saint Katherine's perilous for fire

Item we indict four chimneys of tree in the rent belonging to the craft of barbers of London against The Cock at Tower Hill perilous defective

Item we present and indict three houses and two sheds in the tenement of The Swan covered with reed perilous for fire defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of brick standing upon the common ground in the king's highway in the said tenement of The Swan defective

Item we present and indict a noyous place before the tenement which John Long holdeth of the abbot of Coggeshale against The Bell defective

Item we indict two chimneys of tree in the abbess of The Menories rent defective

Item we present a perilous chimney of stone within Richard Silvester's house defective

Item we present and indict the Master of Saint Katherine's for setting of stulpes in the king's highway upon the common ground at the mill door with a great chain locked stopping the highway twenty-two times indicted

Item we indict a bridge of the mill perilous defective

Item we present and indict an house and a shed covered with reed in the house that Edward Doyce dwelleth in defective

Item we present a dunghill lying on the east side of Saint Katherine's made by beermen dwelling and joining next to the same dunghill to the common noyance of the king's people and destroying of the highway defective

Item we present and indict a dunghill in the highway against The Menories gate noyous for the king's liege people defective

Item we present great logs lying against Stalon's door defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement in the highway from the east end of Saint Botolphs to the bars defective

Item we present and indict a new gate made at Trewman's Lane end for stopping of the common way defective

Item we present and indict an house covered with reed in the abbot's new rent defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the house that William Brown holdeth defective

Item we present two stulpes before The Menories gate defective
 Item we present a dunghill before John Tyson's door and long logs lying before the same door defective
 Item we present Thomas Steward for a vagabond [writing ends]

Item we present John Fysher for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present and indict John Tysson for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present William Harryson for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present Peter Hownslow for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present Harman Stale for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present Joyse Happyes for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present John Jameson for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present Richard Arden for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present Godfrey Harmanson for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present Samyell Skynner for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present Powle Godfrey for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign
 Item we present Lawrence Bell for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

Item we present and indict Cornelys Dorant and his wife for a common scold and a great noyer of her neighbours
 Item we present and indict Agnes a Caleye for a common harlot defective
 Item we present and indict John a Sampton for keeping of a suspicious hostelry and a feyter beggar defective

Item we present and indict John Donnyng and his wife for a bawd and an harlot
 Item we present and indict Elizabeth Gerves for an harlot of her body
 Item we present John Tromy and his wife for an harlot of her body
 Item we present and indict John Johnson, paviour,¹⁵⁸ for an harlot of his body and a common baratour
 Item we present and indict Cristian Brother for a common harlot
 Item we present and indict Maryon a Wode for a common harlot
 Item we present and indict Johane Catworth for a common harlot
 Item we present and indict Geffrey Warbulton and his wife for a feyter beggar
 Item we present Richard Silvester for laying of his offal within his place to the nuisance of his neighbours
 Item we present and indict William Asshbury for casting out of fish water in to the ditch and the stinking water out of the ditch into the highway to the noyannce of the king's people and a baratour and a great noyer of his neighbours
 Item we present and indict the church alley noyous to the people

The Common Council

Richard Chester
 Thomas Dalston
 William Stalo
 Andrew Todde

Scavengers

John Lucair
 Richard Wells

Raker

Richard Sysworth

Constables

William Pewett
 Thomas Crowcheman
 John Bolzar
 John Mannfeld

Beadle

John Merssh

The Warde of Portsoken of London

4 March 1480–3 March 1481 (20 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of the wardmote holden and taken before [Sir] Thomas Pomeroy, prior of Christchurch and alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth the twentieth, by the oaths of us William Segrym, John Scafton, Robert Boltyng, Thomas Wareyn, John Silvester, Thomas Olyver, Thomas Ploughe, John Mighell, Richard Wellys, Richard Syssworth, John a Man, John Lewcas, William Asshebery [*sic*], and John Bulle, of the defautes found by us in the said ward

Item we present and indict a cellar door of John Bolt's rent in Houndsditch defective Item as present and indict a chimney of tree in the same rent defective

Item we present and indict a cellar door belonging to the rent of Christchurch defective

Item as present and indict the bars before the same rent defective

Item we present and indict the pavement before the tenement of John Wellys in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement of Master Bryan's rent in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement that belongs to the Chamber of London in Houndsditch from John Michell's house to the cross there defective

Item we present and indict the pavement that James Day holdeth in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of tree belonging to the prior of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the kitchen of Richard Bryce defective

Item we present and indict a reredos in the church alley defective

Item we present and indict the pavement at the west end of the church perilous and ruinous defective

Item we present and indict a reredos there [as] Agas dwelleth in defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement from the church stile unto the bars defective

Item we present a perilous chimney of stone within Nicholas Silvester's house defective

Item we present and indict a new gate made at [?Truemans] Lanes end for stopping of the common way defective

Item we present and indict two sheds in the rent which John Fysher holdeth covered with reed defective

Item we present and indict a cellar door in the church rent next The Ship defective

Item we present and indict four chimneys of tree in the church rent made of loam and lath beside The Ship perilous for fire defective

Item we present and indict a dunghill before The Menories gate defective

Item we present a great gutter at The Menories gate noyous for the king's people defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the house that William Browne holdeth defective

Item we present and indict a shed in Thomas Ploughe's house covered with reed defective

Item we present and indict a waterway coming out of the house that Thomas Ploughe holdeth defective

Item we present and indict a shed in Hugh Maynard's house covered with reed defective

[Item we present and indict Jane Fynch, otherwise called Jane Stratton, for a bawd – this line crossed through on membrane defective]

Item we present Johane Byrche [name ringed with dots in different coloured ink on membrane] for a bawd defective

Item we present Richard a Water for a feyter beggar, and his wife for a common scold and a noyer of her neighbours defective

Item we present Geoffrey Warbilton for a feyter beggar defective

Item [ringed with dots] we present and indict the wife of Nicholas Couper [ringed with dots] for a harlot of her body defective

Item we present Johane Marten for an harlot of her body defective

Item we present and indict Alyce Roger for an harlot of her body defective

Item we present and indict William Hyll for a feyter beggar defective

Item we present Elizabeth Sutton [name ringed with dots] for a harlot of her body defective

Item we present John Moresse [name ringed with dots] for a nightwalker and an eavesdropper and a common baratour defective

Item we present Roger Carpenter [name ringed with dots] for a harlot of his body defective

Item we present John Hunt for a feyter beggar defective

Item we present Richard Arden [name ringed with dots] for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign

Item we present Reynold Heynes for casting of his offal in the king's highway defective

Item we present the wife of William Browne [ringed in dots], cook, for a common scold and a noyer of her neighbours

Item we present William Johnson, carter, for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present John Fysher for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present and indict John Johnson [ringed in dots] for a common baratour and a harlot of his body defective

Item we present Margret Respett, otherwise called Margret Bewett, for a harlot of her body defective

Item we present John Tysson for occupying as a freeman and is a for[eign] defective

Item we present Thomas Sanndell [ringed in dots] for receiving of suspicious people defective

Item we present William Boys for occupying as freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Hugh Maynard [crossed through on membrane] for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign [defective]

Item we present and indict three stulpes standing before the tenement of Richard Chester in Houndsditch perilous defective

The Common Council

Richard Chester

Thomas Dalston

William Stalon

Andrewe Todde

Scavengers

John Salter

John Bulle

Raker

William Segrym

Constables

John Manfeld

Thomas Crowcheman

Nicholas Silvester

John Bolzer

Beadle

John Merssh

[No further writing at the end of this membrane]

The Warde of Portoken of London

4 March 1481–3 March 1482 (21 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of Wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Percy, prior of Christchurch and alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, on Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth the twenty-first year, by the oaths of us Robert a Nore, Robert Boltynge, Richard Stuttfold, John Bolfore, William Segrym, John Sylvester, Robert Winte

[sic], Robert Coke, Richard Wellys, John Mychell, William Asshebury, and Richard Sylvester, of the defaults found by us in the said ward

First we present and indict a cellar door of the prior of Christchurch rent in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict Alys Smyth for a harlot of her body, and receiver of suspicious people defective

Item we present indict Richard a Water for a feyter beggar, and his wife for a common scold and a noyer of her neighbours defective

Item we present and indict Geffrey Warbylton for a feyter beggar and a harlot of his body, and his wife for a common scold defective

Item we present and indict the wife of John Rolles for a harlot of her body defective

Item we present and indict Kateryn Kelsave for a common bawd defective

Item we present and indict a chimney [made] of tree in the rent belonging to the Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict Bell's Alley for a noyous place for the king's peop[le] defective

Item we present and indict another cellar door belonging to the rent of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict the bars before the same rent defective

Item we present and indict the pavement before the tenement before the tenement of John Wellys in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement belonging to the rent of Master Bryan in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement belonging to the Chamber of Guild Hall in London in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict the pavements that James Day holdeth in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of tree in the rent belonging to the prior of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict the gate that goes into Christchurch garden defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the kitchen of Richard Bryce defective Item we present and indict the reredos in the church alley defective

Item we present and indict the pavement at the west end of the church perilous and ruinous defective

Item we present and indict a reredos where Agas dwelleth in defective

Item we present and indict John Cohne for a nightwalker, and his wife for a harlot of her body defective

Item we present and indict Crode Wydowe for a common scold and a noyer of her neighbours defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement from the church stile unto the bars there defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of stone within the house that Nicholas Sylvester holdeth right perilous defective

Item we present a chimney of stone in the house that John Merrsh dwelleth in defective

Item we present and indict a swalowe in Grace's Alley defective

Item we present and indict a new gate at Treweman's lane end in stopping of the king's highway there defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the house that John Strete dwelleth in defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the house that Edmunde Layfete dwelleth in defective

Item we present the wife of Robert Duk for a harlot of her body defective

Item we present and indict John Fysher for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective
 Item we present and indict two sheds in the tenement which John Fysher holdeth covered with reed defective
 Item we present and indict a cellar door in the church rent next The Ship defective
 Item we present and indict four chimneys of tree in the church rent made of loam and lath beside The Ship defective
 Item we present and indict the wife of Robert a Bower for a harlot of her body defective
 Item we present and indict a dunghill before the Menories gate noyous to the king's people defective
 Item we present and indict a great gutter at the Menories gate noyous for the king's people and coming by defective
 Item we present and indict all the posts and stulpis from the Three King's unto the watering place defective
 Item we present and indict Thomas Hamberg for a receiver of misruled people defective
 Item we present and indict William Bbye for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective
 Item we present and indict the jetty in Cornwales' rent common defective
 Item we present and indict all the sheds within The Cock and The Lamb defective
 Item we present and indict a waterway coming out of the house that Thomas Ploughe holdeth defective
 Item we present and indict Neel Anghell for a harlot of her body defective
 Item we present and indict two sheds covered with reed in the rent belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill next by The Bell defective
 Item we present and indict Maryon a Wode for a harlot of her body defective
 Item we present John Smyth for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective
 Item we present and indict four sheds and chimney in the rent that John Manfeld dwelleth in and belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill defective
 Item we present and indict four closebands¹⁵⁹ four sheds and two chimneys in the rent belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill upon Saint Katherine's side defective
 Item we present and indict an house [*sic*] covered with reed that Edward Doye dwelleth in defective
 Item we present and indict Edmunde Kyng abbot of the monastery of Our Lady Grace beside the Tower of London for encroaching of the common ground right about the said monastery and making of the said common ground gardens walled with brick by his hall window and pales defective
 Item we present and indict all the posts railed that there by the said monastery founded upon the common ground right noyous and perilous for the king's people riding or coming thereby defective, except and reserving all the posts there put by the abess of the council of our lord the king

| Common Council | Constables | Scavengers |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Richard Chester | Nicholas Sylvester | Robert Lyndson |
| Thomas Dalston | Thomas Ploughman | William Swanneston |
| William Stalon | Thomas Wardyn | |
| Andrewe Todde | Thomas Oliver | |
| Beadle | Raker | |
| John Merssh | William Segrym | |

The Warde of Portsoken of London

4 March 1482–3 March 1483 (22 Edward IV)

This is the verdict of the inquest of wardmote holden and taken before Sir Thomas Percy, prior of Christchurch and alderman of the ward of Portsoken of London, Saint Thomas's Day, the apostle, in the year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth the twenty-second year, by the oaths of us William Segrym, John Sylvester, William Asshbury, Richard Wellys, John Mighell, Thomas a Plough, Richard

Wadelake, John Man, Richard Syssworth, John Bull, Thomas Wodewose, William Swanneston, and Robert Hutson, of the defaults found by us in the said ward

First we present and indict a cellar door in Houndsditch in the priory of Christchurch rent defective
Item we present John Olyvere and his wife for an harlot of her body defective and him for a mayntenour of her defective

Item we present and indict Alis Weston for a bawd and an harlot of her body defective

Item we present and indict a chimney made of tree in the rent of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict Bell's Alley for a noyous place for the king's people defective

Item we present and indict another cellar door belonging to the said rent of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict the bars before the same rent defective

Item we present John Wellys for keeping of petty¹⁶⁰ hostelry defective

Item we present and indict the pavement of the same John Wellys in Houndsditch defective

Item we present Marjery Marbilton for a scold defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement belonging to the rent of Master Bryan in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement before the rent in Houndsditch belonging to the Chamber of Guild Hall in London defective

Item we present and indict the pavement before the house that James Day holdeth in Houndsditch defective

Item we present and indict two chimneys of tree in the rent belonging to the prior of Christchurch defective

Item we present and indict the gate that goeth in to Christchurch gardens right perilous and noyous for the king's people defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the kitchen of Richard Bryce defective

Item we present and indict the said Richard Bryce for an harlot of his body defective

Item we present and indict a reredos in the church alley defective

Item we present and indict the pavement at the west end of the church defective

Item we present and indict a reredos in the house of William Crough defective

Item we present and indict all the pavement from the church stile unto the bars gate defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of stone within the house of Nicholas Sylvester right perilous defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of stone in the house of John Maston defective

Item we present the wife of John Maston for a harlot of her body, and the said John Maston for the mayntenour of her defective

Item we present and indict John Hunt for a common scold and a baratour defective

Item we present and indict a new gate at Trueman's Lane end in stopping of the common way there defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the house of John a Strete defective

Item we present and indict a chimney of tree in the house of William Baynton defective

Item we present the same William Baynton for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective

Item we present Anneys Dwell, the wife of Thomas Dwell, for receiving of suspicious people, and the said Thom[as] for a mayntenour defective

Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed for peril of fire in the house of Reynold Haynes defective

Item we present and indict the wife of Thomas Kepsey for an harlot of her body, and the same Thomas for a mayntenour of her defective

Item we present Richard Edwyn for an harlot of his body defective

- Item we present and indict John Fysher for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective
- Item we present and indict two sheds covered with reed within the house of the said John Fysher defective
- Item we present and indict Johane Bugle for a bawd, and her daughter for an harlot of her body defective
- Item we present and indict a cellar door in the church rent next The Ship defective
- Item we present four chimneys of tree in the same rent made with loam and lath defective
- Item we present and indict a dunghill before The Menories gate right noyous to the king's people coming thereby defective
- Item we present and indict a great gutter coming out of The Menories defective
- Item we present all the posts and stulpes from the Three King's door to the watering place defective
- Item we present a great gutter coming out of John a Mans door defective
- Item we present and indict a shed covered with reed in the house of John Walssh [*sic*] for peril of fire defective
- Item we present and indict a low jetty in Cornwales' rent common defective
- Item we present and indict William Boys for occupying as a freeman and is a foreign defective
- Item we present and indict all the sheds within The Cock and Lamb for peril of fire defective
- Item we present and indict a waterway coming out of the same house defective
- Item we present and indict Margaret Oluston for an harlot of her body, and her husband for her mayntenour defective
- Item we present and indict two sheds covered with reed in the rent belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill next by The Bell defective
- Item we present and indict four sheds and a chy[mney] in the rent that John Manfeld dwelleth in and belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill defective
- Item we present three closshbands four sheds and two chimneys in the rent belonging to the abbot of Tower Hill upon Saint Katherine's side defective
- Item we present and indict a house covered with reed that Edward Dewes dwelleth in defective
- Item we present and [indict] John Baron abbot of the monastery of Our Lady Grace's beside the Tower of London for the encroaching of the common ground right about the said monastery, and making of the said common ground gardens walled along with brick by his hall window and palace defective
- Item we present and indict all the posts railed that thereby the said monastery be found upon the common ground right noyous and perilous for the king's people coming and going thereby defective except and reserved all the posts there set by the abess of the council of our lord the king
- Item we present and indict Alys Mego for a common bawd defective
- Item [we] present Annes Forster for an harlot of her body defective

Common Council

Richard Chester
 Thomas Dalston
 William Stalon
 Andrewe Todd
Scavengers
 Roger Carpenter
 Roger Gardyner

Constables

Robert a Nore
 Robert Rooke
 Thomas Wareyn
 Thomas Olyver
Beadle
 John Merss

Raker

John Barard

[No further writing at the end of this membrane]

[The Warde of Portsoken of London]

22 August 1507–21 August 1508 (23 Henry VII)¹⁶¹

Here ensues the verdict of the wardmote and inquest held before Sir Thomas Percy, prior of Christchurch in London and alderman [damaged –? of the ward of Portsoken of London], the epiphany of Our Lord in the twenty-third year of the reign of King Henry VII, by the oaths of us Fulke Walwyn, John Fysher, John Petman, John James, William [damaged], Andrew Rooke, William Harrys, George Rogerson, John [illegible], Thomas Mowryg, John Wright, Thomas Rankoo, John Deboys, and Robert Halle, sworn and [illegible] [damaged] inquest in the same way that is to say

First we present Alis Parker, Elizabeth Thomson, Johan Worley, Richard Leonard, and his wife, for women [*sic*] evil disposed of their bodies, reputed and taken as [damaged] suspicious presence, and then keeping bawdry in the most abominable ways

Also we present the wife of Gilbert Smyth for a common scold and a great noyannce¹⁶² of all her [damaged –? neighbours] [illegible] slaving of her body and occupying evil rule in great noyannce of her neighbours

Also we present Gerrold Hely for occupying as a freeman and is foreign in tipping of a[le – damaged]

[damaged] her body and a woman greatly noyous of her tongue, the which before the [illegible] been the cause of murder, and also there resorteth unto therein [*sic*] men and women of evil dis[damaged – ?disease/?disposition], sent for to the inquest then to be examined she [illegible] right [illegible] despised the inquest unto a great [illegible] unto them all

Also we present a reredos in Sko[damaged] there appertaining to the prior of Saint Mary Spytall

And also we present the ward ground belonging to Sir William ?Harpol knight perilous and jeopardous for the king's liege peo[ple – damaged]

And also we present a well being in the [illegible] Alley perilous for children

And furthermore we present the wife of Roger Spayse for a common scold and a great noyannce of all her neighbours

Also we present Robert Bertlot tailor for keeping of bawd [damaged]

Also we indict John West for occupying misrule with his own body and two times presented before this time

Also we present William Aleyn and his wife Agnes [damaged] [illegible] and his wife two times presented Agnes Harrys presented Thomas [illegible] and Kateryn his wife four times presented before this time Kateryn Harman beside the [illegible] of the same Bell at Tower Hill

And also we present Agnes ?Brian/?Briars otherwise called Agnes Pauker at Tower Hill also the [illegible] common and abominable bawds and [illegible] woman living [damaged] king's liege people

Also we present all the pales standing upon the common ground appertaining to the franchise of the city at the new abbey gate

Also we present John Henry [damaged] [illegible] taking toll at Algate [*sic*] more than [illegible] days, seen and proved evidently and [illegible] been great crimes of poor men and women of the country, and he and his wife at [damaged] and scolding with their neighbours, unto great noyannce of their said neighbours and other the king's liege people [*sic*]

Also we present thirteen reredos [*sic*] being within the [illegible] in the [damaged] chimney of timber belonging to the ladies of The Menories [*sic*] in the which [illegible] Reveley dwelleth in

And we present a reredos in the next house of The Menories to the same [damaged] Three Nuns gate perilous and jeopardous for the king's liege people

Also we present a gutter coming out of the [illegible] house in [*sic*] noyannce to all the neighbours there about [damaged] [illegible] in the [illegible] on the west side and the broad gates of The Menories aforesaid

Also we present three reredoses by the Three King's belonging to the new abbey and in likewise [illegible] [damaged] [illegible] Alley's rent

Also we present all the dunghills and [illegible] gardens made in the street between the house of Richard Doyle and the Tower Hill, in great noyance of the king's liege people [damaged]

[damaged] Thomas Butler for occupying as a freeman and he is a foreign, and also keeping in his house a suspicious woman, and their misrule in his house and thereupon [illegible] a great crime and [damaged] he has been presented

Also we present Barbara Duchewoman for misliving of her body and [illegible] not [illegible] to the inquest to be examined but disobeyeth and noto [*sic*] fly is [illegible] this [damaged]

[damaged] present Jane Manefinnder for enslaving of women of her body [*sic*]

Also we present the bars that be broken at the watering place in the town ditch nigh the postern perilous for hor[?se – damaged] [illegible]

Also we present six reredoses in the rent belonging to the Abbot of Cokkeshale¹⁶³ defective

And also in like eleven reredoses in the [illegible] belonging to the Abbot at [damaged] house that Thomas Essex dwelleth in unto the [illegible]

[Transcript abandoned at this point due to time constraints. Indictments in the remaining text include:]

[Chimney] of brick set upon the ground of the same franchises of London

Barbara Duchewomen for keeping of goats

Godfrey Doyce for his closshbane and likewise Martin Drayman for keeping of a closshbane *and a bowling alley* [my emphasis] contrary to the king's [damaged]

Also we present a ducking stool set in [illegible] ... belonging to the said franchise of the city

[Membrane concludes:]

In witness whereof we the said inquest to this our verdict sundrely hath set their seals this day and year abovesaid [*sic*]

| Common Council | Constables | Scavengers |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas Bullesdon | John Higgens | William Barrowe |
| John Skate/Scace? | William Lea | William Perse |
| Robert Coke | Robert Doubleday | |
| Thomas Roke | Lawrens John | |
| Beadle | No raker listed | |
| John Gailom | | |

[Three groups of tipplers listed on back: tipplers, named in four groups (6/4/5/1); free tipplers, 15 names; foreign tipplers, 11 names]

APPENDIX 2. THE OFFICERS OF PORTSOKEN WARD 1465–1483

| Name | Position and which years held |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Ashbery (Asshebery) William* | Scav. 16 Edward IV (Jury 20, 21, 22 Edward IV) |
| Barard John | Raker 22 Edward IV |
| Boltyng Robert* | Const. 9, 12 16 Edward IV (Jury 6, 11, 15, 19, 20, 21 Edward IV) |
| Bolzar John | Const. 19, 20 Edward IV |
| Bryce John | Const. 15, 16 Edward IV |
| Bull(e) John** | Scav. 14, 15, 20 Edward IV (Jury 6, 20, 22 Edward IV) |
| Carpenter Roger | Scav. 22 Edward IV |
| Chester Richard | C. C. 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV |
| Chester William | C. C. 11, 12, 13, 14 Edward IV |
| Claver William | Const. 6 Edward IV |
| Croucheman Thomas* | Const. 15, 16, 19, 20 Edward IV (Jury 13 Edward IV) |
| Dalston Thomas** | C. C. 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV / Const. 6, 11 Edward IV |
| Davy Robert | Raker 5 Edward IV |
| Devconx John | Scav. 13 Edward IV |
| Drayton Symond | Const. 5 Edward IV |
| Egleston Thomas | Scav. 13 Edward IV |
| Felde Thomas | Raker 12 Edward IV |
| Gardener John* | Const. 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 Edward IV (Jury 9 Edward IV) |
| Gardynr Roger | Scav. 22 Edward IV |
| Gylmyn William* | Alecon. 6 Edward IV (Jury 7, 9, 11, 15 Edward IV) |
| Holbroke (Holdbroke) Richard* | Const. 14 Edward IV (Jury 13 Edward IV) |
| Jordan Perre | C. C. 5, 6 Edward IV |
| Knygth Robert | C. C. 5 Edward IV / Const. 6 Edward IV |
| Kylby William | Scav. 6 Edward IV |
| Kylby William the Younger | Scav. 12 Edward IV |
| Lemyng William | C. C. 5, 6, 7 Edward IV |
| Lyndson Robert | Scav. 21 Edward IV |
| Maknard(e) Robert* | Const. 13, 14 Edward IV (Jury 16 Edward IV) |
| Mannfeld John* | Const. 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 Edward IV (Jury 6, 7, 9 Edward IV) |
| Marke Robert | Raker 9 Edward IV |
| Mathewe John | Raker 6 Edward IV |
| Merssh (Mersth) John | Scav. 9 Edward IV / Beadle 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV (Jury 5, 7 Edward IV) |
| Mychell John* | Scav. 5 Edward IV (? Jury 6 22 Edward IV) |
| Norre (Nore) Robert* | Const. 12, 22 Edward IV (Jury 9, 11, 15, 19, 21 Edward IV) |
| Oliver Thomas** | Const. 20, 22 Edward IV (Jury 14, 15, 20 Edward IV) |
| Pewett William | Const. 19 Edward IV |
| Philip John | Beadle 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14 Edward IV |
| Ploughman Thomas | Const. 20 Edward IV |
| Pywale William | Const. 5, 9, 11, 12 Edward IV |
| Raafe Richard* | Scav. 5 Edward IV (Jury 7–14 Edward IV) |
| Rooke (Rake) John** | C. C. 5, 6, 9, 11 Edward IV / Const. 11 Edward IV |
| Rooke John the Younger | C. C. 12, 13 Edward IV |
| Rooke Robert | Const. 22 Edward IV |
| Salter John | Scav. 16, 20 Edward IV |
| Segrym William** | Raker 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 Edward IV (Jury 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV) |
| Silvester Nicholas | Const. 13, 14, 20, 21 Edward IV (Jury 16 Edward IV) |
| Som William | Scav. 6 Edward IV |
| Stalon William | C. C. 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV |
| Stutfold Richard* | Const. 13 Edward IV (Jury 6, 19, 21 Edward IV) |
| Swanneston William | Scav. 21 Edward IV |
| Symson Robert | Const. 9 Edward IV |
| Sysworth Richard | Scav. 14 Edward IV / Raker 19 Edward IV (Jury 7, 11, 15 20, 22 Edward IV) |
| Todde Andrew** | Const. 15 Edward IV / C. C. 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV (Jury 19 Edward IV) |
| Tomson Philip* | Jury 5, 7 Edward IV / Const. 9 Edward IV |
| Wardyn (Wareyn) Thomas** | Const. 20, 22 Edward IV (Jury 19, 20 Edward IV) |
| Wellys (Wellis/Wells) Richard* | Scav. 9, 11, 15, 19 Edward IV (Jury 12, 16, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV) |
| White Andrew | C. C. 15 Edward IV |

Key:

C. C. Common Council; Const. Constable; Scav. Scavenger; Alecon. Aleconner.

* Individuals holding more than one position.

** Individuals holding two or more positions concurrently.

APPENDIX 3. JURYMEN 1465–1483**JURYMEN**

[damaged] John
 [damaged] Valantyne
 [damaged] William
 [damaged] William
 Arborie John
 Ardyng John
 Asshebery William
 Baldock Hugh
 Bane Richard
 Bolfore John
 Bolton Robert
 Boltynge Robert
 Borne John of
 Bound William
 Bowns William
 Breche Richard
 Brice John
 Brokehole Thomas
 Broughton William
 Bull John
 Chariar William
 Coke Robert
 Copyn John
 Croucheman Thomas
 Cutson William
 Dene Robert
 Eysseworth Richard
 Farnam William
 Gardener John
 Gylmyn William
 Holdbroke Richard
 Hutson Robert
 Kays Richard
 Kebull John
 Knygth Robert
 Kylby William the younger
 Kyng John
 Lewcas John
 Luke Manyrd
 Maknard Robert
 Man John
 Mannefeld John
 Mersth John
 Michell John
 Morth John
 Nore Robert
 Oliver Thomas
 Petman Richard
 Plough(e) Thomas
 Purler William
 Raafe Richard (Ric)
 Russell Thomas
 Salet William
 Saunden John
 Sewidgh Thomas
 Segrym William
 Seman Robert
 Semath Thomas
 [damaged] Seven

REGNAL YEARS SERVED

14 Edward IV
 5 Edward IV
 12, 13 Edward IV
 16 Edward IV
 5 Edward IV
 12 Edward IV
 20, 21, 22 Edward IV
 14 Edward IV
 6 Edward IV
 21 Edward IV
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 6, 11, 15, 19, 20, 21 Edward IV
 7, 9, 11 Edward IV
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 13 Edward IV
 5, 6 Edward IV
 15, 16 Edward IV
 6, 20, 22 Edward IV
 5, 9 Edward IV
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 6, 7, 11, 12 Edward IV
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 5, 7, 9, 11, 15 Edward IV
 13 Edward IV
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 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV
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 9, 11, 15, 19, 21 Edward IV
 14, 15, 20 Edward IV
 6 Edward IV
 19, 20, 22 Edward IV
 14, 15 Edward IV
 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 Edward IV
 7, 9, 11 Edward IV
 14 Edward IV
 16 Edward IV
 12 Edward IV
 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV
 9, 11 Edward IV
 9 Edward IV
 13 Edward IV

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Silvester John | 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV |
| Silvester Nicholas | 16 Edward IV |
| Silvester Richard | 14, 19, 21 Edward IV |
| Skalton John | 19, 20 Edward IV |
| Slater Robert | 9 Edward IV |
| Smyth Stephen | 15, 16 Edward IV |
| Strete John a | 11, 14, 15, 19 Edward IV |
| Stutfold Richard | 16, 19, 21 Edward IV |
| Swanneston William | 22 Edward IV |
| [damaged] Synnet | 12 Edward IV |
| Sysworth Richard | 7, 11, 15, 20, 22 Edward IV |
| Todde Andrew | 19 Edward IV |
| Tomsom Phylip | 5, 6, 7 Edward IV |
| Tretherns William | 5, 6 Edward IV |
| Tuck Andrew | 14 Edward IV |
| Tyrwyn Richard | 5 Edward IV |
| Tyson Richard | 14 Edward IV |
| Wadelake Richard | 22 Edward IV |
| Wareyn Thomas | 19, 20 Edward IV |
| Wellys Richard | 12, 16, 20, 21, 22 Edward IV |
| Winte (<i>sic</i>) Robert | 21 Edward IV |

APPENDIX 4. NUMBERS OF INDICTMENTS 1465-1483*

| INDICTMENTS | 5 E IV | 6 E IV | 7 E IV | 9 E IV | 11 E IV | 12 E IV | 13 E IV | 14 E IV | 15 E IV | 16 E IV | 19 E IV | 20 E IV | 21 E IV | 22 E IV |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Men | 31 | 44 | 28 | 34 | 40 | 29 | 30 | 29 | 23 | 35 | 38 | 26 | 18 | 22 |
| Women | 24 | 29 | 9 | 23 | 25 | 12 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 11 |
| Daughter | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Husband/wife | 5 | 9 | 2 | 13 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Husband | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wife | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Rel. hse/Cham. of Lond | 11 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 19 | 12 | 19 | 17 |
| Widow | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Inns | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Beeremen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mill | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Craft of Barbers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Servant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indict. out of another ward | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SEXUAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strumpet | 16 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harlot (female) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 |
| Harlot (male) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Bawd (female) | 5 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Bawd (male) | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scold (female) | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Scold (male) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Strumpetmonger | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Puterer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mayntenour | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Nightwalker | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Leper | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Baratour | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Break. of king's peace | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rec. of susp. peop. | 7 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Extortioner | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| With. of men's appr. & serv | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Privy Picker | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eavesdropper | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hasadour | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Keep. another man's wife | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Keeper of petty hostelry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Unsafe bridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* Sheds, houses, chimneys counted individually

Women/men counted as both male/female and husband/wife.

APPENDIX 5. NAMED INDIVIDUALS, INDICTMENTS AND YEARS PRESENTED

| Named Individual | Indictment | Regnal year indicted under Edward IV |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Adylfey, Beatrix | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Anghell, Neel (<i>sic</i>) | Harlot of her body | 21 |
| Ardome, John & wife | Keeping & maint. maid who is a privy picker | 11 |
| Ardyn, Richard | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16, 19, 20 |
| Arsmer, wife of Thomas | Common strumpet | 6 |
| Athille, Joan | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Augustus, Avys | Common strumpet | 6 |
| Ballyng, Elizabeth | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Barchilnew, Alyn | Common bawd | 9 |
| Barchilnew, Alyn & wife | Occ. as free & rec. of susp. & misr. people | 9 |
| Barchilnew, wife of Alyn | Common bawd & common strumpet | 9 |
| Barcrofte, Elizabeth | Common strumpet | 13 |
| Bat (Batte), Cristyan | Common strumpet | 7,9 |
| Batyn, John | Common baratour & nightwalker | 5 |
| Batyn, wife of John | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Baynton, William | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 22 |
| Bell, Lawrence | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 19 |
| Bette, John & wife | Common bawds | 14 |
| Bewett, Margret | Harlot of her body (aka Margret Respett) | 20 |
| Blake, Pers | Common bawd & privy picker | 11 |
| Blake, wife of Pers | Common bawd & common strumpet | 11 |
| Boner, Florens (wife of Robert) | Common scold & nuisance to her neighbours | 13 |
| Boner, husband of Rose | Mayntenour | 12 |
| Boner, Rose | Common strumpet | 12 |
| Bonnyngton, John | Mayntenour | 9 |
| Bonnyngton, wife of John | Common scold | 9 |
| Bono, Robert | Receiver of suspicious & misruled people | 6 |
| Boteler, Herry | Receiver of suspicious & misruled people | 6, 7 |
| Boteler, Herry & wife | Common bawds & receivers of susp. & misr. people | 9 |
| Boteler, William | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 7,9 |
| Boteler, William & wife | Receivers of susp. & misr. people & occ. as freemen | 6 |
| Bower, wife of Robert a | Harlot of her body | 21 |
| Boys, William | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 20, 22 |
| Bradowe, Eden | Common strumpet | 9 |
| Brain (Braymore), Dyryk (Dereke) | Receiver of suspicious & misruled people | 12 |
| Brain, Dyryk | Receiver of suspicious & misruled people | 11 |
| Brain, Dyryk | Keeping of a closshlane with houses cov'd with reed | 11,12 |
| Bray, Margrete | Common strumpet | 6 |
| Brewster, Elizabeth | Rec. of men's apprentices & servants at unlawful times | 14 |
| Brewster, Elizabeth (wife of Davy) | Common scold | 13 |
| Brian, wife of John | Common bawd | 5 |
| Brokedste, John | Faytoner beggar | 12 |
| Brother, Christian | Common harlot | 19 |
| Brown, Alys (Alice) | Common harlot | 14, 15 |
| Browne, John | Common strumpetmonger | 11 |
| Browne, lemman of John | Common strumpet | 11 |
| Browne, wife of William | Common scold & noyer of her neighbours | 20 |
| Bryan, John & wife | Common bawds | 9 |
| Bryce, Richard | Harlot of his body | 22 |
| Brye, William | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 21 |

| Named Individual | Indictment | Regnal year indicted under Edward IV |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Bugle, daughter of Johane | Harlot of her body | 22 |
| Bugle, Johane | Bawd | 22 |
| Bull(e), John | Common baratour & breaker of the king's peace | 11 |
| Byrche, Johane | Bawd | 20 |
| Caleys (Calis) wife of John a | Common bawd & common strumpet | 9 |
| Caleys (Calis) Agnes | Common harlot | 16, 19 |
| Caleys (Calis), John a | Common bawd & common strumpetmonger | 9 |
| Campe, John a | Common hasadour & rec. of susp. & misr. people | 11,12 |
| Campe, John a | Keeping of a closshlane with houses cov'd with reed | 11, 12 |
| Campe, John a | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 13, 14, 15 |
| Carpenter, Roger | Harlot of his body | 20 |
| Castyle, wife of Thomas | Common strumpet & bawd & occ. as freewoman | 5 |
| Catworth, Johane | Common harlot | 19 |
| Chamberleyn, wife of William | Common strumpet | 11 |
| Chamberleyn, William | Mayntenour | 11 |
| Chatton, William | Rec of susp. & misr. people (aka William Boteler) | 11 |
| Clefforde, John | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 12 |
| Clerke, John | Mayntenour | 6 |
| Clerke, Jone (wife of Thomas) | Common bawd & rec. of susp. & misr. people | 6 |
| Clerke, Peter | Keep. of clossthlane & rec. of susp. & misr. people | 7 |
| Clerke, Thomas | Common bawd & rec. of susp. & misr. people | 6 |
| Clerke, wife of John | Common bawd | 6 |
| Cloyer, William | Common strumpetmonger | 12 |
| Cohne, John | Nightwalker | 21 |
| Cohne, wife of John | Harlot of her body | 21 |
| Colen, Wymonde of & wife | Common bawds | 11 |
| Combe, Thomas | Common strumpetmonger | 6 |
| Cosyn, Godfray (<i>sic</i>) | Receiver of suspicious & misruled people | 9 |
| Coton (Cotton), Jane | Common strumpet | 6, 9, 11,12 |
| Cotswayn, John | Common baratour & breaker of the king's peace | 6 |
| Couper, wife of Nicholas | Harlot of her body | 20 |
| Crane, Agnes | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Dalke, Johane wife of Robert | Common scold | 15 |
| Danyell, Thomas | Mayntenour & rec. of susp. & misruled people | 6 |
| Danyell, wife of Thomas | Common strumpet | 6 |
| Delffe, John of | Mayntenour | 12 |
| Delffe, wife of John of | Common bawd | 12 |
| Demay, Deryk | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16 |
| Dod, wife of John | Common scold | 6,7 |
| Donnyng, John & wife | Bawd & harlot | 19 |
| Dorante, Cornelys & wife | Common scold and noyer of her neighbours | 19 |
| Dorante, Johane wife of Cornelys | Common scold & great noyer of her neighbours | 15, 16 |
| Downs, Crystean | Common strumpet | 12 |
| Duk, wife of Robert | Harlot of her body | 21 |
| Dutchwoman, Cristyan a | Leper | 6 |
| Dutchwoman, Sote (Soutte) | Occupying as a freewoman & is foreign | 13 |
| Dutchwoman, Sote (Soutte) | Common harlot | 14 |
| Dutchwoman, Swan | Common strumpet & common bawd | 6 |
| Dutchwoman, Trewde | Common strumpet | 6 |
| Dutchwoman, Trewde | Common bawd & common strumpet | 7 |
| Dwell, Anneys wife of Thomas | Receiver of suspicious people | 22 |
| Dwell, Thomas | Mayntenour | 22 |

| Named Individual | Indictment | Regnal year indicted under Edward IV |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Dyrwyn, Thomas | Common extortioner & withdrawer of men's appren. | 5 |
| Dyrwyn, Thomas | Casting straw & dung into town ditch | 6 |
| Edge, John | Common baratour & nightwalker | 7 |
| Edge, wife of John | Common strumpet | 7 |
| Edward, John & wife | Common bawds | 11 |
| Edward, Rayneld | Common strumpetmonger | 5 |
| Edwyn, Edward & wife | Bawds & rec. of susp. & misr. people | 9 |
| Edwyn, Richard | Harlot of his body | 22 |
| Elyn the tapster | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Endyrby, Herry | Mayntenour | 7 |
| Endyrby, wife of Herry | Common strumpet | 7 |
| Entson, William | Keeping Johane wife of John Reynold against his will | 15 |
| Fekeman, Henry | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 13, 14, 15, 16 |
| Ferhofs (Forhose), John | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 13, 14 |
| Fisher, John | Mayntenour of quarrels | 9 |
| Fisher, John | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 |
| Fisher, wife of John | Common scold & a common bawd | 6 |
| Fisher, wife of John | Common scold | 9 |
| Fletcher, George | Mayntenour | 9 |
| Fletcher, wife of George | Common strumpet | 9 |
| Flete, William | Common baratour & picker of quarrels | 13 |
| Flete, William | Enticer of men's appren. & serv's against master's will | 13 |
| Florence (Florents), Joy(s) | Keeping of a closshlane with houses cov'd with reed | 11, 12 |
| Forence (Florens), Joye | Keep. of closshlane & rec. of susp. & misr. people | 7 |
| Florence (Florens), Joye(s) | Receiver of suspicious & misruled people | 11 |
| Flynt, Elyn | Common strumpet & scold | 5 |
| Foreste, Herry | Bawd | 16 |
| Forster, Annes | Harlot of her body | 22 |
| Foster, Agnes | Common strumpet & scold | 13 |
| Franncees (<i>sic</i>), Margettis | Common strumpet | 12 |
| Freman, Katyn (wife of Robt.) | Common scold | 9 |
| Freman, Robert | Mayntenour | 9 |
| Fremet, Reynold | Common strumpetmonger | 7 |
| Frynge, Katrine | Common strumpet | 12 |
| Fye, wife of Davy | Common strumpet | 12 |
| Fyge, Alson (<i>sic</i>) | Scold & bawd | 16 |
| Fyge, John | Mayntenour | 9 |
| Fyge, wife of John | Common scold | 9 |
| Gentilman (<i>sic</i>), Charles | Mayntenour of French Philip | 7 |
| Gentilman (<i>sic</i>) Charles | Common strumpetmonger & hold & supp. Fren. Philip | 9 |
| Gerves, Elizabeth | Harlot of her body | 19 |
| Godfrey, Powle | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 19 |
| Goodwyn, Herry & wife | Common bawds | 11 |
| Grace, Alice | Common harlot | 16 |
| Graunt(e), William | Mayntening Elyn the tapster | 5 |
| Graunt(e), William | Common strumpetmonger | 6 |
| Graunt(e), William | Common baratour & mayntenour of quarrels | 7 |
| Graunt(e), William | Com. baratour & break. of kings peace & str'monger | 11 |
| Graunt(e), William | Common bawd | 12 |
| Grene, Alison | Common strumpet | 12 |
| Grove, Annes | Common bawd | 11 |
| Gunnsley, William | Common bawd & common strumpet | 11 |

| Named Individual | Indictment | Regnal year indicted under Edward IV |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Gyles, Alson (<i>sic</i>) | Common scold | 6 |
| Hamberg, Thomas | Receiver of misruled people | 21 |
| Happyes, Joyse | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 19 |
| Harmanson, Godfrey | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 19 |
| Harrison (Haryson) Thomas | Common baratour | 13 |
| Harrison, Thomas & wife | Occ. as freefolk & rec. men's appren. & servants | 11 |
| Harrison, wife of Thomas | Scold | 13 |
| Harrison, William | Keeping of cows & pigs to noyannce of town ditch | 11 |
| Harryson, wife of William | Common scold | 9 |
| Haryson, William & wife | Keeping of cows & pigs to noyannce of town ditch | 9 |
| Haryngton, Alson (<i>sic</i>) | Common bawd | 11 |
| Harynton, John | Setting stulpes in highway & occ. as freeman | 6 |
| Hatmaker, Peter | Keeping a closshlane with a house cov'd with reed | 5 |
| Hatmaker, Peter | Rec. of suspicious & misruled people | 5 |
| Hayne, John | Mayntenour | 11 |
| Hayne, wife of John | Common strumpet | 11 |
| Haynes, Alyson | Common strumpet | 7 |
| Haynes, Jone | Receiver of suspicious & misruled people | 6 |
| Hermanson, Symon | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16 |
| Herryson (<i>sic</i>), William | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16, 19 |
| Herte, Elyn | Common bawd & common strumpet | 5 |
| Hewes, Margret | Common strumpet | 6, 7 |
| Hewet, Jone | Common strumpet | 11 |
| Heyfolde, wife of Robert | Common bawd & common strumpet | 11 |
| Hill, Emmote wife of Roger | Common scold and great noyer of her neighbours | 13 |
| Hill, wife of Herry | Common scold | 6 |
| Howett, Ellyn | Common strumpet | 12 |
| Hownslow, Peter | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16, 19 |
| Hunt, John | Feyter beggar | 20 |
| Hunt, John | Common scold & baratour | 22 |
| Hyll, William | Feyter beggar | 20 |
| Hynde, William | Common receive of susp. & misruled people | 5 |
| Hysolet, John | Faytoner beggar | 9 |
| Hysolet, wife of John | Common scold | 9 |
| James, Alson (<i>sic</i>) | Common bawd & common strumpet | 5 |
| Jamysson, John | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16, 19 |
| Jenet, Eliz. (daughter of Robt.) | Common strumpet | 5 |
| John, Roger | Mayntenour | 6 |
| John, wife of Roger | Common bawd | 6 |
| Johnson, John | Bawd | 5 |
| Johnson, John | Harlot of his body & common baratour | 19, 20 |
| Johnson, Lambert | Keep. a closshlane with reed cov'd & rec. sus. ppl | 6 |
| Johnson, Lambert & wife | Keep. a closshlane with reed cov'd & rec. sus. ppl | 5 |
| Johnson, Lambert & wife | Rec. of suspicious & misruled people | 5 |
| Johnson, Marion (wife of John) | Common strumpet | 5, 9 |
| Johnson, William | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 20 |
| Kelsave, Kateryn | Common bawd | 21 |
| Kepsey, Thomas | Mayntenour | 22 |
| Kepsey, wife of Thomas | Harlot of her body | 22 |
| Kervays, wife of | Common strumpet | 11 |
| Laurence (Laurens), Johan | Common scold | 13 |
| Leche, Margrete a | Common scold | 9 |

| Named Individual | Indictment | Regnal year indicted under Edward IV |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Leflaimder, John | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16 |
| Legge, Edmund | Setting of a mud wall at Tower Hill on com. ground | 6, 7 |
| Lincoln, wife of John | Common strumpet | 13 |
| London, John | Rec. of susp. & misr. people & keep. cows & pigs | 5 |
| London, William | Common trumpeter | 7 |
| Lye, Robert | Common trumpeter | 6, 11 |
| Lyly, Robert | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 9 |
| Lyly, wife of Robert | Common scold & rec of susp. & misruled people | 9 |
| Lynpton, John | Com. barat. & break. of king's peace & rec. of sus. peo. | 12 |
| Malmayne, William | Common baratour & breaker of the king's peace | 5, 6 |
| Malmayne, William | Common strumpeter | 7 |
| Marbilton, Marjery (<i>sic</i>) | Scold | 22 |
| Marten, Johane | Harlot of her body | 20 |
| Maston, John | Mayntenour | 22 |
| Maston, wife of John | Harlot of her body | 22 |
| Matlowe, James | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16 |
| Maundebold, John | Noyous & sklauderous man & will not pay lot & scot | 11 |
| May, Katyn | Common strumpet | 9 |
| Maynard, Hugh | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 20 |
| Mego, Alys | Common bawd | 22 |
| Metkalf [damaged] | Common bawd | 16 |
| Milpekkar, Michell | Occ. as a freeman & is a foreign | 5, 6 |
| Mokke (Mok), Maud | Common scold | 5,6,7 |
| Mokke, wife of John | Common strumpet | 11 |
| Moresse, John | Nightwalker & eavesdropper & common baratour | 20 |
| Moreys, Thomas | Privy picker | 5 |
| Moreys, wife of Thomas | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Morley, Annes | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Nores, Marion | Common bawd | 5 |
| Okeley, Angth | Common bawd & rec. of susp. & misruled people | 5 |
| Okeley, Angth | Common bawd & rec. of susp. people & murderers | 6 (indicted this xij year) |
| Oleton, Marion | Common scold | 5 |
| Oluston, husband of Margaret | Mayntenour | 22 |
| Oluston, Margaret | Harlot of her body | 22 |
| Olyvere, John | Mayntenour | 22 |
| Olyvere, wife of John | Harlot of her body | 22 |
| Paddok, Beele | Common strumpet (aka Isabel Thorneton) | 6 |
| Parys (Paris), William | Setting of a mud wall on the common ground | 6 |
| Parys, wife of William | Setting of a mud wall on com. gr. & laying dung | 5 |
| Parys, William | Laying of dung in the king's highway this xij year | 7 |
| Parys, William | Casting ordure & rubbish in town ditch | 9 |
| Philip, French | Common strumpet | 6, 7, 9 |
| Philip, John (in barber's rent) | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 13, 14, 15, 16 |
| Poore, John | Common baratour & breaker of King's peace | 5, 6 |
| Powlson, Thomas | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 15 |
| Pulter, Jane | Common strumpet | 6, 7 |
| Pynder, Anneys wife of Thomas | Common puterer & harlot | 15, 16 |
| Pynder, Thomas | [presentment damaged] | 16 |
| Pynner, Alys (daug. of Mildrede) | Common puterer | 14 |
| Pynner, Mildrede | Common scold (aka Mildrede Tailor) | 14, 15 |
| Reedere, Julian | Common strumpet | 11 |
| Respett, Margret | Harlot of her body (aka Margret Bewett) | 20 |

| Named Individual | Indictment | Regnal year indicted under Edward IV |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Robert, William | Faytoner beggar & privy picker | 11 |
| Roeche (Roche), Henry | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 13, 14, 15 |
| Roeche, Herry | Receiver of suspicious & misruled people | 11, 12 |
| Roeche, Herry | Keeping of a closshlane with houses cov'd with reed | 11, 12 |
| Roger, Alyce | Harlot of her body | 20 |
| Rolles, wife of John | Harlot of her body | 21 |
| Russell, Gylion (daugh. of Jone) | Common strumpet | 6 |
| Russel, Jone (wife of William) | Common bawd | 6 |
| Rygdowne, Emmote | Common harlot indicted out of another ward last year | 13 |
| Sampton, John a | Keeping a suspicious hostelry & a feyter beggar | 19 |
| Sanndell (<i>sic</i>), Thomas | Receiver of suspicious people | 20 |
| Scateton, William | Common strumpetmonger | 12 |
| Selby, Margrete | Common strumpet | 9 |
| Selfe, Elizabeth (wife of John) | Common bawd | 13 |
| Sexcetyn, Annes | Common strumpet & privy picker | 12 |
| Shapett, Richard | Common strumpetmonger | 5 |
| Singlewoman, Margrete | Common strumpet | 5 |
| Skynner, Samyell | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 19 |
| Smert, John | Common strumpetmonger | 6 |
| Smyth, Alys | Harlot of her body | 21 |
| Smyth, John | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 21 |
| Stale, Herman (Harman) | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16, 19 |
| Steward, Thomas | Vagabond | 19 |
| Stogan, Besse | Common bawd | 16 |
| Stranng (<i>sic</i>), Neme | Common strumpet | 11, 12 |
| Strete, John of | Mayntenour of susp. & misr. people by day & night | 12 |
| Stutfold, Thomas | Mayntenour | 5 |
| Stutfold, Thomas | Common bawd & rec. of susp. & misruled people | 6 |
| Stutfold, Trewde (wife of Thomas) | Common bawd | 5, 6 |
| Sutton, Elizabeth | Harlot of her body | 20 |
| Syrwyn, Thomas | Com. baratour & rec. of men's appren. & servants | 9 |
| Tailor, Mildrede | Common scold (aka Mildrede Pynnner) | 14, 15 |
| Tancraye, John | Chimney of brick on com. ground at Tower Hill | 7 |
| Taylor, William | Occ. as a freeman & rec. of faytoner beggars | 6 |
| Thorneton, Isabel | Common strumpet (aka Beele Paddok) | 6 |
| Towker, Jone (wife of William) | Common strumpet | 6, 11 |
| Towker, William | Mayntenour | 6, 11 |
| Trewoman, Jone | Common strumpet | 6 |
| Tromy, John & wife | Harlot of her body | 19 |
| Tyson (Tisson), John | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 |
| Vynsente, John | Occupying as a freeman & is foreign | 16 |
| Wade, Elizabeth wife of Stephen | Common strumpet | 5, 6 |
| Wade, Stephen | Mayntenour & rec. of susp. & misruled people | 6 |
| Wake, wife of John | Common scold | 5 |
| Walker, John | Common baratour & breaker of the king's peace | 9 |
| Wanthrest, Godfrey | Keeping a closshlane with a house cov'd with reed | 5, 6 |
| Warbylton, Geffrey | Feyter beggar | 20 |
| Warbylton, Geffrey | Feyter beggar & harlot of his body | 21 |
| Warbylton, Geffrey & wife | Feyter beggar | 19 |
| Warbylton, wife of Geffrey | Common scold | 21 |
| Waserey, John | Occupying as a freeman and is foreign | 14 |
| Water, Richard | Faytoner beggar | 12, 20, 21 |

| Named Individual | Indictment | Regnal year indicted under Edward IV |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Water, wife of Richard | Common scold & noyer of her neighbours | 20, 21 |
| Wawse, Savuwr & wife | Occ. as freefolk & receivers of susp. & misr. people | 11 |
| Wawse, wife of Savuwr | Common strumpet | 11 |
| Wellis, Ric (<i>sic</i>) & wife | Rec. of susp. & misr. people (men's app. & serv's) | 11 |
| Werke, John | Occupying as a freeman and is foreign | 9 |
| Weston, Alis (<i>sic</i>) | Bawd & harlot of her body | 22 |
| Whith (Whyte), Wat | Keeping of geese & ducks & making ditch in highway | 11, 12 |
| Whith, Davy | Rec. of susp. & misr. people & keep. cows & pigs | 5 |
| Whith, Davy | Occ. as a freeman and is foreign | 5 |
| Whith, Davy | Common baratour & rec. of susp. & misr. people | 6, 7 |
| Whith, Davy | Keep. cows & pigs & occ. as a freeman | 6, 7, 9 |
| Whyteaway, husband of | Mayntenour | 12 |
| Whyteaway, Margrete | Common scold | 12 |
| Wilforde, Robert (servant) | Privy picker | 11 |
| Wilforde, William (master) | Mayntenour | 11 |
| Wode, Maryon a | Common harlot | 19, 21 |
| Wolfflete, wife of John | Keeping of his council in bawdry | 16 |
| Wydowe, Crode | Common scold & noyer of her neighbours | 21 |
| Wylforde, Katyn | Common scold | 9 |
| Wynter, Thomas | Faytoner beggar & a privy picker & com. baratour | 13 |
| Wytforde, William | Common baratour & a privy picker | 6 |
| Yonge, John | Faytoner beggar | 12 |
| Yonge, John | Faytoner beggar & common scold | 13, 14 |
| Yonge, Robert & wife | Common bawds | 11 |

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NOTES

- ¹ Barron 2001; 2004; Sabine 1937.
- ² Barron 2004, 123.
- ³ *CPMR 1413–37*, 115–41, 150–9.
- ⁴ *CPMR 1413–1437*, xxiv; Barron 2001, 220; Carlin 1987; Karras 1996a, 17.
- ⁵ ‘Harlot’, as a general term of execration, was first documented in the late 15th century. The indictments ‘harlot of her body’ and ‘harlot of his body’ may be the earliest application of the word in a sexual sense as ‘harlot’ could also mean vagabond, knave, or beggar (*OED* II, 927). It is possible that these indictments were for promiscuity rather than for ‘prostitution’ in terms of monetary gain.
- ⁶ Elmes 1831, 341–2; Harben 1918, 481–3.
- ⁷ For evidence that St Katherine’s was part of the liberty of the City see Sharpe 1911, *Letter-Book K*, 81. Although still recorded as ‘hospital’ on a map of 1520, St Katherine’s ceased to be a ‘nursing’ establishment in 1273, see Rawcliffe 1984, 3, 20.
- ⁸ Stow 1908, I, 124; II, 138. Throughout the Portsoken presentments Holy Trinity is referred to as Christchurch, and will be referred to as such henceforth. St Clare’s was commonly called The Minories after the nuns (*minoresses*) who originally resided there. See also Elmes 1831, 308–9.
- ⁹ Barron 2001, 219.
- ¹⁰ Beaven 1908, I, 179.
- ¹¹ Barron 2004, 123.
- ¹² Barron 2001, 222. See Sharpe 1912, *Letter-Book L*, 238, for an ordinance in 1486 directing the aldermen to take indentures and verdicts to the Guildhall but to leave the inquests at home.
- ¹³ Barron 2001, 220.
- ¹⁴ *ibid.*
- ¹⁵ For this and all further references to the Portsoken presentments see Appendix I for a full transcription.
- ¹⁶ Barron 2004, 126–7.
- ¹⁷ Bolton 1998, 77–80.
- ¹⁸ Barron 2004, 122.
- ¹⁹ Barron 2004, 137–42.
- ²⁰ Riley 1868, 601–2; Barron 2004, 142.
- ²¹ Beaven 1908, I, 181. Sir Thomas Pomeroy’s election was disputed and his position was finally confirmed in 1446: Beaven 1908, II, 164.
- ²² Page 1909, 471.
- ²³ Beaven 1908, I, 181.
- ²⁴ *ibid.*

²⁵ The earliest recorded indictment against the prior was for a forge standing on the king’s highway, see Chew & Weinbaum 1970, 151.

²⁶ Barron 2001, 224.

²⁷ Barron 2004, 122. Over 50% of the Portsoken presentments record juries of 12 men; only the return for 1474–1475 had 16. The presentments for 1473–1474 and 1476–1477 appear to have less than 12 men, but this is probably because some names are missing through damage.

²⁸ Barron 2004, 127.

²⁹ See Appendix 2; this table relates to all further references to the ward officers. See Appendix 3 for a list of the jurymen.

³⁰ Constables were subordinate to the beadle. Their duties included pursuing offenders, raising the hue and cry, and the assembly of juries. Barron describes them as ‘the maids of all work in the wards’ (Barron 2004, 124).

³¹ See Barron 2001, 225 or 2004, 124 for a description of the beadle’s duties. For the beadle’s oath, see Riley 1861; Sharpe 1904, *Letter-Book F*, 126. Scavengers were responsible for pavement repair, fire precautions, and street cleaning.

³² The raker held the most menial office. The first recorded rakers were simply street-sweepers, but later they were responsible for removing waste from the ward.

³³ Barron 2004, 126; Barron 2001, 228. However, the 1422 and 1423 ward presentments for Colmanstrete state that their raker used to be paid 26s 8d by the Guildhall: *CPMR 1413–1437*, 117, 158.

³⁴ Burgess 1999, 28–84.

³⁵ Within the Portsoken presentments there are also indictments against people described as ‘privy pickers’, but whether this is someone combing privies for saleable items or whether it has sexual connotations is unclear.

³⁶ Carlin 1987, 105.

³⁷ When timber is stored it has to be stacked a certain way, and this may be what a ‘layerstore’ describes.

³⁸ Just what constituted a nuisance was never defined by the London Assize of Nuisance, see Shaw 1996, 450.

³⁹ Apart from the benefits of retailing and selling, citizens were exempted from tolls throughout England and from ordeal by battle. They also had rights of chase in Middlesex, Surrey, and the Chilterns, and, apart from the most serious cases, could not be compelled to plead outside the city walls, see Williams 1963, 2.

⁴⁰ *CPMR 1413–1437*, xxv.

⁴¹ *CPMR 1413–1437*, xii, 115–41, 150–9.

⁴² Cheney 1948, 41.

⁴³ *CPMR 1413–1437*, xxvii; Barron 2001, 223; 2004, 123. It appears that the concerns of the wardmote inquest did not change very much over time, see Pulling 1842, 219. The sequencing of the indictments

may indicate the more pressing concerns in any one year. From March 1465 to March 1473 the opening indictments are predominantly for sexual offences, while from March 1473 to March 1483 they are environmental. Most of the indictments for 1507–1508 are for sexual offences.

⁴⁴ Any English person not born in London was considered a foreigner. 'Aliens' were people from other countries.

⁴⁵ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 115–41, 150–9.

⁴⁶ Riley 1868, 295–6; Sabine 1937, 19.

⁴⁷ Sabine 1937, 31, 42.

⁴⁸ Sharpe 1899, *Letter Book A*, 18; 1900, *Letter Book B*, 242.

⁴⁹ Sabine 1934, 309.

⁵⁰ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 118–59.

⁵¹ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 121. See Riley 1868, 347 for proclamations as to sale of victuals within the City.

⁵² The named drinking-houses are the Ship (1465–66), the Hart's Horn (1465–66), the Bell (1466–67), the Two Nuns (1466–67, this is possibly a scribal error for the Three Nuns), the Three Nuns (1467–68), the Three Kings (1471–72), the Cock (1474–75), the Swan (1475–76), and the Lamb (1481–82). The Portsoken presentments in the *CPMR 1413–1437* mention the Helme, which does not occur in the later returns, and the Ship, which does (pp 120, 150).

⁵³ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 124, 132; Portsoken presentment for 1466–1467 (6 Edward VI).

⁵⁴ Honeybourne 1963, 8.

⁵⁵ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 121, 122, 123, 132, 151, 152, 154.

⁵⁶ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 123, 124–5, 131, 134, 151, 154, 157.

⁵⁷ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 117, 118, 122, 124–5.

⁵⁸ Riley 1868, 535; Karras 1996a, 15. That this proclamation failed in practice is evident from an identical proclamation being issued c.1483. See Sharpe 1912, *Letter-Book L*, 206.

⁵⁹ Otis 1985, 20; Geremek 1987, 213.

⁶⁰ Geremek 1987, 222; Otis 1985, 111; Karras 1996a, 6, 22.

⁶¹ Riley 1868, 647; Karras 1989, 408–9. That stews continued in the City is evident through the proclamation in 1475, which decreed that stews must not 'harbour men and women at night': Sharpe 1912, *Letter-Book L*, 136. This dichotomy between legislation and common practice is also evident in Paris, see Geremek 1987, 221.

⁶² *CPMR 1413–1437*, 131.

⁶³ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 154.

⁶⁴ Prostitution was greatly criticised by the medieval church. See Geremek 1987, 211; Otis, 1985, 5.

⁶⁵ Karras 1996a, 17.

⁶⁶ Page 1909, 471.

⁶⁷ See Appendix 4, for a table listing the numbers and type of indictments made in each of the presentments.

⁶⁸ Karras 1996a, 139; 1989, 433.

⁶⁹ McIntosh 1996, 91; Karras 1996a, 139.

⁷⁰ Scolds could be punished by standing in the pillory for an hour, or by a small fine, although the 'ducking stool' might be used for repeat offenders: see Riley 1868, 385 and McIntosh 1996, 91. A ducking stool is first mentioned in the presentment for 1507–1508. The women of the Southwark stews were customarily fined for most of their offences: see Post 1977, 428.

⁷¹ Sexual offences attracted fines at local courts throughout England: see McIntosh 1998, 72. In France, procurers who were householders would have their property seized; those without property were fined 20 livres, see Otis 1985, 27.

⁷² The striped hood was a mark of a prostitute: see Karras 1996a, 19, 21, and 22. Prostitutes were not permitted to wear furred hoods or aprons, as these were the ornaments of 'honest' women: Sharpe 1907, *Letter-Book H*, 176; Riley 1868, 20, 458; Geremek 1987, 222.

⁷³ Riley 1861, 394–6.

⁷⁴ See Appendix 5.

⁷⁵ This is unlike Southwark, which had licensed brothels (or stews) and where prostitution was highly regulated: see Carlin 1996, 209–23; Post 1977, 422–8.

⁷⁶ Karras 1989, 400; 1996a, 6, 49, 57, 63. Over a century later, Thomas Middleton, in *Michaelmas Term*, states a woman's position regarding work and earning potential:

Women ne'er rise but when they fall;
Let a man break, he's gone, blown up,
A woman's breaking sets her up;
Virginity is no city trade,
You're out o'th'freedom, when you're a maid...
(Thomas Middleton, *Michaelmas Term*, II.i.40–8).

⁷⁷ Thrupp 1968, 169.

⁷⁸ Ruggiero 1993, 10–29; Karras 1996b, 124.

⁷⁹ Geremek 1987, 212; Otis 1985, 9; Karras 1989, 399; 1996a, 6.

⁸⁰ Karras 1996a, 6.

⁸¹ Bray 1982, 16–17; Ruggiero 1993, 16. 'Homosexuality' is a modern concept that was characterised by Carl Westphal in 1870: see Foucault 1990, 43.

⁸² Ruggiero 1993, 24.

⁸³ Karras 1996a, 6.

⁸⁴ Karras 1996a, 70–1, 82.

⁸⁵ Thomas Middleton, *Michaelmas Term* I.i.44–6. See also Christopher Marlowe, *Edward II*, in *The Complete Plays*, ed M Thornton Burnett (1999), 148–242.

⁸⁶ Otis 1985, 111; Geremek 1987, 239; Karras 1996a, 142.

⁸⁷ www.dictionary.oed.com Whirlepitte: A place where the water is in constant (and usually rapid) movement due to the configuration of the channel or bottom, to some obstruction, or to the meeting of adverse currents.

⁸⁸ *CPMR 1413–1437*, 119–21; 150–1.

⁸⁹ A record in the Memorials relates to a disagreement over ownership of land between the City and St Katherine's, but whether this is the same piece of land encroached upon in the Portsoken presentments is uncertain: Riley 1868, 487–8.

⁹⁰ A reredos was a stone, brick, or iron plate forming the back of a fire-place or hearth (*OED*, 1804).

⁹¹ Riley 1868, 46.

⁹² *CPMR 1413–1437*, 135, 139, 152, 158.

⁹³ Sharpe 1912, *Letter-Book K*, 319.

⁹⁴ Riley 1868, 299, 389.

⁹⁵ Barron 1989, 47.

⁹⁶ Stow records that by the 15th century the town ditch had been largely encroached upon by gardens, cited in Barron 2004, 47.

⁹⁷ Sharpe 1900, *Letter-Book B*, 260.

⁹⁸ Sharpe 1903, *Letter-Book E*, 146; Riley 1868, 385.

⁹⁹ In Sharpe 1912, *Letter-Book L*, Thomas Dalston(e), common councilman and constable, is mentioned in relation to the goods of orphans, and is recorded as a glover (58, 153), Andrew Tod(de), juryman, is recorded as a mercer and Richard Stutfold, constable and juryman, as a blacksmith (both in relation to goods of orphans, 153). In Carlin 1987, John Silvester (juryman) is recorded as a butcher (105), and John Mannfeld (constable and juryman) as a greytawyer (73).

¹⁰⁰ There is mention of a sergeant and a coroner living in Portsoken, but whether these men were Robert Molineux, Common Sergeant at Law, and either Lord John Wenlock or John Stafford, Earl of Wiltshire is uncertain. See Masters 1967–68, 385; Kellaway 1969, 89.

¹⁰¹ All occupational definitions in parenthesis are from the Middle English Dictionary online, www.ets.umdl.umich.edu. Some of the men and women detailed within this section were indicted in subsequent years but are only mentioned once for the purpose of this discussion.

¹⁰² www.dictionary.oed.com Puterer: unchastity, harlotry, prostitution.

¹⁰³ www.dictionary.oed.com Baratour: 1. One who deals fraudulently in his business or office. 4. One who fights. 5. A quarrelsome person, one given to brawling. 6. One who from maliciousness, or for the sake of gain, raises discord between neighbours.

¹⁰⁴ This was an occupation that was frequently associated with prostitutes. See Karras, 1996a, 72; McIntosh 1998, 77.

¹⁰⁵ Earlier in 1471–1472, John Browne, butcher, was indicted for having two sheds covered with reed and for being a common strumpetmonger. Bocher could mean butcher, or could mean 'botcher', a tailor who repaired and sold second-hand clothes: see Bolton 1998, 47.

¹⁰⁶ William Browne was indicted in 1480–1481 for having a shed covered with reed. His wife was also accused of being a common scold.

¹⁰⁷ Barron 1989, 56.

¹⁰⁸ Bolton 1998, 11.

¹⁰⁹ *ibid*, 15 — most of those listed are German, but there are also a small number of Scots and Dutchmen.

¹¹⁰ Karras 1996a, 56.

¹¹¹ Carlin 1996, 155; Bolton 1998, 78.

¹¹² These men had seven and eleven German servants respectively, but may have had other servants of different nationalities. Bolton concludes that by 1483 alien households were probably employing English servants (1998, 16).

¹¹³ Bolton 1998, 79, 81.

¹¹⁴ Ross 1975, 358–9; Carlin 1996, 161.

¹¹⁵ Carpenter 1997, 175.

¹¹⁶ Carpenter 1997, 179; Barron 2004, 43; Ross 1975, 282–3.

¹¹⁷ Carlin 1996, 60. Closh: one who bowls (Middle English Dictionary online).

¹¹⁸ McIntosh 1996, 101.

¹¹⁹ Sharpe 1912, *Letter-Book L*, 140, 163.

¹²⁰ Carpenter 1997, 198.

¹²¹ McIntosh 1998, 99.

¹²² Carlin 1996, 60.

¹²³ McIntosh 1998, 99.

¹²⁴ Throughout this transcription names and indictments have been spelt as written in the presentment while letters have been modernised. Words in parenthesis [] are missing on the original through extreme fading or damage and reflect the names and phrasing from other presentments. The dating of the regnal years has been taken from Cheney 1948, 23.

¹²⁵ www.dictionary.oed.com Noyannce: the condition or fact of being annoyed, troubled, or harmed; irritation, vexation, distress.

¹²⁶ *ibid* Defaults: n. Failure of something; want, defect, want, lack, scarcity, absence; v. to be wanting.

¹²⁷ *ibid* Stulpes (Stuplis): a post, pillar.

¹²⁸ No OED definition, presumed to be a pimp.

¹²⁹ www.dictionary.oed.com Baratour: 1. One who deals fraudulently in his business or office. 4. One who fights. 5. A quarrelsome person, one given to brawling. 6. One who from maliciousness, or for the sake of gain, raises discord between neighbours.

¹³⁰ This may not be a scribal error, for although it is William Parys's wife that is indicted, her husband would have been held responsible for her actions.

¹³¹ www.dictionary.oed.com Swelow: a deep hole or opening in the earth; a pit, gulf, abyss.

¹³² *ibid* Mayntenour: 1b. A person who fosters or supports wrongdoing, sedition, false quarrels. 4b. A person who keeps a mistress.

¹³³ This could describe someone who searches privies for saleable items, or have sexual connotations.

¹³⁴ www.dictionary.oed.com Mysruled: disorderly, lawless, unlawful, unruly.

¹³⁵ As document. This may be an abbreviation for another name.

¹³⁶ www.dictionary.oed.com Closh: one who bowls; Closshbane/Clossthlane: a bowling alley. I am indebted to Martha Carlin and Sheila Lindenbaum for this definition.

¹³⁷ Taken to be a chimney made of wood.

¹³⁸ www.dictionary.oed.com Getee (gytee): 2. a projecting part of a building, especially an overhanging story.

¹³⁹ As document, taken to mean stairs.

¹⁴⁰ Middle English dictionary online: www.ets.umdl.umich.edu Faiten, v.: (a) to act or speak falsely, to dissemble; (b) to beg under false pretences; (c) to deceive.

¹⁴¹ *OED*, 1197. Leman: 1. A lover or sweetheart; a husband or wife. 2. An unlawful lover or mistress.

¹⁴² See note 135 above.

¹⁴³ www.dictionary.oed.com Noyous: causing annoyance, vexatious, troublesome; also causing harm or injury.

¹⁴⁴ Taken to be Coggeshall, Essex.

¹⁴⁵ www.dictionary.oed.com Whirlepitte: A place where the water is in constant (and usually rapid) movement due to the configuration of the channel or bottom, to some obstruction, or to the meeting of adverse currents.

¹⁴⁶ See note 143.

¹⁴⁷ See note 145.

¹⁴⁸ Middle English dictionary, Sclaundrous, adj.: (1a) calumnious; defamatory, also blasphemous; (b) scandalous, outrageous, horrible; (2c) constituting a scandal or an offence.

¹⁴⁹ Possibly Cologne.

¹⁵⁰ www.dictionary.oed.com Hasardour: n. a game at dice, v. to put anything to the risk of being lost in a game of chance. Therefore, a hasardour is taken to be a gambler.

¹⁵¹ *OED* II, 1804. Reredos: the brick or stone back of a fireplace or open hearth; an iron plate forming a fire back.

¹⁵² *OED* II, 1180. Lath: A thin narrow strip of wood used in building to form a wall or partition.

¹⁵³ *OED* II, 1132. Jetty: A projecting part of a building.

¹⁵⁴ See note 144.

¹⁵⁵ Wood has to be stacked a certain way during storage to stop it warping and twisting and 'layer-store' is taken as describing this method.

¹⁵⁶ www.dictionary.oed.com Puterer: unchastity, harlotry, prostitution.

¹⁵⁷ This word is abbreviated on the original as 'pntic' and has been taken to mean penitence.

¹⁵⁸ *OED* II, 1531. Paviour: one who paves or lays pavements.

¹⁵⁹ See note 136.

¹⁶⁰ *OED* II, 1566. Petty: 3. Minor, inferior, subordinate.

¹⁶¹ This membrane is in a very poor condition. The centre is extremely faded and the right-hand margin is damaged. Parts of it are extremely difficult to read, even under ultra-violet light.

¹⁶² See note 143 above.

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