

19 Court Records 1437 – 1508 English Transcription

Digital Copy of the 1437 – 1508 Court Book. This book along with others has come into the possession of the Lyme Regis Museum, having been returned from the Dorset Record Office in late 2016. The books are green cloth bound, measuring 13 by 8 inches (33 by 21 cm) and type written. Notations have been made in red ink to link passages to the reference section at the end, these are not included as they are repeated many times.

Page numbers are at the top right corner of each entry. Record numbers are included 1 – 19. It should be remembered when searching for any particular name / place that spellings can vary so reference to the surname variation spelling list in a separate file may help before entering name search text.

Richard Wells February 13th 2017.

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Note by the Transcriber

(Mr. J. R. Crompton of the Public Record Office, London)

In addition to the original documents, there is a book which contains an eighteenth century transcript of each of the documents. It is a transcript made word for word, preserving not only the original Latin but the original abbreviations and marginal notes. On the other hand, the present typed version is only an abstract, and in no sense an attempt to reproduce the original version literally. Legal verbiage, unnecessary repetitions, and marginalia when not of interest, have been left out, but the substance of every entry has been rendered into modern English which is the nearest possible equivalent to the meaning of the original. The original spelling of surnames and of place-names has been preserved.

No attempt at complete collation of the 18th century transcript with the originals has been made. It is on the whole quite a good transcript, but there are a number of inaccuracies here and there. I have not drawn attention to these. In a very few cases the documents have been so torn or dirtied since the 18th century that the transcript is the only authority left. I have noted these instances as they occur.

J. R.C. 7.12.32.

PREFACE

These are the earliest known Court Records of Lyme Regis - nineteen separate parchments in all extending (of course with many gaps) from August 26th, 1437 to October 2nd, 1508.

In all, during these 71 years, we have the proceedings of 50 Courts some of which are very short. This shows that much has been lost. In any case two meetings of the Court Leet were held each year, as well as one meeting for the election of the Mayor and other officials, which means that the proceedings of 213 Courts should have come down to us, apart altogether from what took place at the Weekly Mayor's Court.

It will thus be seen that the suggestion in the Preface to the Court Book of 1560-1564, viz., that none of the Court Records prior to 1560 had survived, is happily inaccurate. In fact, with the exception of the Court Book of Edward II (1307-27) most of the other parchments seem to have been discovered. Thus we have (*in this volume*) 17 Courts of Henry VI (1422-61), 5 of Edward IV (1461-83) and 28 of Henry VII (1485-1509) making up the total of 50 Courts. To complete those Courts set out in the Preface referred to above the one Court of Henry VIII may possibly be found at folio 13 of Fugitive Pieces II and the one Court of Edward VI at Folio II of Fugitive Pieces I. But it is impossible to speak with certainty on this point. Other fragmentary Courts of Henry VII (all referring to the business of the Mayor's Court) may be found at Folio 6 of Fugitive Pieces II.

Mr. Crompton is of opinion that all the parchments transcribed into this volume were written at the time and not compiled for any special purpose later.

It was the mysterious fact of the 18th Century transcript of the Latin version of these 19 documents which led to the search for and discovery of the originals, all of which may now be accounted for, except the Court Book of Edward II. That in all probability has not survived. In the case of one very faded original (No. 2) the 18th Century transcript has been invaluable. Other parchments as well are both faded and torn.

Readers should study the Indexes at end. Numbers in red in the text refer to the corresponding numbers in 'Glossary and notes'.

C.W. 25.1.33.

Lym Regis. Legal Court held there on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle 15 Henry VI. (26 August 1437).

John Tuzly complains against Joseph Beste in a plea of trespass. And the said Joseph comes not. Therefore he is to be attached. (He has made his law that he did not allow his poultry to destroy the said John's hemp, to the loss of 12d., by a pledge of William Skynnere) * **this note added later.*

John Tuzly complains against John Shuter, John Skynnere, and Joseph Beste in a plea of trespass. And the defendants come not. Therefore they are to be attached.

The bailiff presents of a certain rent for Stakepans 7d.

2d. Peter Tryldew complains against John Pery in a plea of trespass. And the defendant comes not. And the bailiff, because he has not attached him, in mercy. And he is to be attached.

2d. Thomas Salysbr' in mercy for a trespass made against William Skynnere in his pasture with his cattle to the loss of 3s.4d., as is said. And he is to be distrained. (He has proved his law that he did not do him a trespass in a parcel of land in the southern part of Penymede to the loss of 39s.)

Philip More complains against Robert Dare in a plea of trespass. And the defendant does not come; therefore he is to be attached.

Henry Coplond	Thomas Godall	Robert Dare	John Boucher
Robert Burgh	John Troylloun	Ralph Crowner	Peter Tryldew
John Shuter	John Taverner	Richard Baker	John Alcokes
John Kene			

The twelve for the king elect to the office of Mayor, Roger Crogghe;
to the office of coroner, Thomas Jade;
to the office of constable, Ralph Crowner, John Kene senior;
to the office of Reeve (prepositus), Henry Copleond, John Taverner;
to the office of bailiff, Thomas Godalle, Thomas Mylward, who are sworn.

Also they present that John Pery - 3d, Thomas Mylward - 3d, who owe suit on this day, have made default. Therefore in mercy.

The reeve presents of divers customs 8d.; of Thomas Torney.

The bailiff presents that John Pery has dung lying in the highway to the annoyance of the neighbours. Therefore in mercy 12d.

John Troyllan complains against Peter Tryldew in a plea of debt, and the suit remains by essoin of the defendant.

(A note at the end which reads like: In payment of the clerk 4d.)

Legal Court held on Monday after the feast of St. Michael 16 Henry VI (30 September 1437)

John Tuzly complains against Joseph Beste in a plea of trespass. And the said Joseph is at law against John Tuzly that he did not destroy his hemp with his poultry to the damage of 12d., by pledge of William Skynnere himself and three sureties.

John Tuzly in mercy 1d. because he does not prosecute his suit against John Shuter, John Skynnere, and Joseph Beste in a plea of trespass.

Peter Tryldew complains against John Pery in a plea of trespass, which suit remains adjourned till the next court by plea of the parties.

John Pery again in mercy because he has dung lying in the highway to the harm of the country and the neighbours. Therefore he is to be distrained.

John Troylloun complains against Peter Tryldew in a plea of debt. And the defendant does not come; therefore he is to be distrained. (He has made his law that he does not owe the said John 3s.4d. for Lawrence Boucher, by pledge of Thomas Jade, himself and three sureties.

The bailiff presents of a certain rent for Stakepans 4d.

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At this court John Hodde, Nicholas Dollerton, Richard Boucher, are sworn to the assize of our lord the king.

Robert Dare	Ralph Crowner	John Boucher
Robert Burgh	John Kene senior	Peter Tryldew
John Taverner	John Kene junior	William Baker
John Shuter	John Troylloun	Thomas Pyers

The twelve for the king being sworn present that

Richard Smyth, John Sadeler, John Butte, John Copland, the heir of Alice Roby's, the heir of John Grey, Ralph Crogghe, Robert Payn, who owe suit of court on this day, have made default. (all at 3d.) Therefore in mercy.

And that Richard Rycheman, Nicholas Mylward, John Pery, John Shuter, Thomas Pyers, are brewers and have broken the assize of ale. (all at 3d.) Therefore in mercy.

Also they present the default of the heir of Gregory Marleburgh, who owes suit at this day. 3d.

Also that Ralph Crowner, Roger Crogghe, William Toterygge, John Pery, John Strete, John Gattepatch, Juliana Payn, Thomas Stikelane, William Skynnere, have allowed their ditches to go unscoured towards Uplyme and Colyford, by which the highway has been flooded to the harm of the neighbours. Therefore they are to be distrained.

And that Thomas Salysbyr and Thomas Jade have allowed their ditches to go unscoured in the channel towards the sea. Therefore they are to be distrained.

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Also that John Pery has baked white bread and broken the assize of ale. (3d.) Therefore in mercy.

The reeve presents that divers customs accrue from John Roos at this court, viz. 16d.

Philip More complains against Robert Dare in a plea of trespass. And the said Robert is to wage his law against the said Philip that he did not commit a trespass against him in a piece of land in the southern part of Penymede to the loss of 39d., himself and six sureties.

In payment of the clerk

Legal Court held on Monday in the feast of the apostles Simon and Jude 16 Henry VI (28 October 1437).

John Tuzly complains against Joseph Beste in a plea of trespass. And the said Joseph in mercy 2d. for default and trespass made against John Tuzly for allowing his poultry to destroy his hemp to the damage of 12d. And he is to be distrained.

John Pery in mercy 1d. for licence to agree with Peter Tryldew in a plea of trespass.

John Pery again in mercy 6d. because he has not removed his dung lying in the highway to the annoyance of the country. And he is to be distrained.

Peter Tryldew is to wage his law against John Troyllon that he does not owe him 3s. for Laurence Boucher because he mainperned to pay for him, by pledge of Thomas Jade.

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Philip More in mercy 2d. for that he pleaded against Robert Dare in a plea of trespass in which he made his law.

The bailiff presents of a certain rent for Stakepans 2d.
Of customs in this year nothing.

Order to distrain Roger Crogghe, John Pery, John Strete, John Gattepath, Thomas Stikelane, William

Skynnere, to scour their ditches which are flooding the highway towards Uplyme and Colyford to the injury of the neighbours.

And to distrain Thomas Salysbury and Thomas Jade to scour their ditches flooding the channel.

Court held on Monday before the feast of St. 7 Nicholas 16 Henry VI (2 December 1437).

The bailiff presents of the rent for Stakepans 2d.

John Tuzly complains against Joseph Beste. And the said Joseph in mercy 2d. because he failed in his law for a trespass against John Tuzly's hemp with his poultry. And order to distrain him.

Order to distrain John Pery to remove his dung lying in the highway to the annoyance of the country. (Note added later: he has removed it).

Peter Tryldew in mercy 2d. because he failed in his law and owes 3s. to John Troyllon for Laurence Boucher for that he mainperned to pay him.

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Order to distrain Roger Crogghe, etc. (as in last court).

Expenses of Thomas the Clerk, 4d.

Court held on Monday after the feast of St. 7 Peter ad Vincula 16 Henry VI (? 1 August 1437).

The reeve presents of divers customs, viz. of one Lumbo de Lee for fishing 12d.; and of 10d. for iron. Distrain Roger Crogghe, etc. (as at previous court).

The bailiff presents of the brewing of ale called Stakepans 4d.

No. 2.

Lym Regis: Legal Court of Hocktide term held there on Monday in the feast of St. Ambrose 18 Henry VI (4 April, 1440).

The twelve Jurors come on this day and present that the lady Joan Cobam the heirs of Alice Robe, Richard Smyth, Ralph Crogge, John Sadeler, John But, the heir of John Grey, Robert Payn, Thomas Brishay, the heirs of Gregory Marleburgh, the abbot of Newnem, have made default of their common suit of court. Therefore in mercy 4d. each.

Nicholas Milleward in mercy 1d. because he did

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not prosecute against John Tryllyng in a plea of detention of chattels.

William Rayny in mercy 1d. because he did not prosecute against Thomas Bonde in a plea of debt.

Nicholas Milleward in mercy 3d. because he did not prosecute against John Troylyng in a plea of trespass.

John Keyne In mercy 1d. because he did not prosecute against Roger Gardiner in a plea of broken agreement.

William Baker in mercy for unjust detention of 30s. 6d. against John Kete and damages 4d.; as to which let there be an examination.

John Travell and Walter Grange to be distrained to answer Joan who was wife of Roger Crogge in a plea of non-acquittance of a pledge (the said Joan fined because she did not prosecute).

John Tuzly to be attached to answer John Baker of Axminster in a plea of debt. (The bailiff fined 5d. because he did not attach him).

Wymarke late wife of Walter Tanner to be attached to answer William Deyghr in a plea of debt. (The said William did not prosecute).

Joan late wife of Roger Crogge, executrix of his will, to be attached to answer Walter Grange in a plea of debt. (Licence to agree).

Also the twelve present that Richard Richeman,

Robert Burgh, John Purye, and John Scheter,
 brewers, have broken the assize of bread and ale Therefore in mercy 3d. each.
 The reeve is charged in the divers customs on this day - 6s.6d.
 Also with Stakepens at the same time on this day - 4d.

Henry Copelond	Ralph Croner	John Best	John Travell
John Taverner	John Busshe	John Keyne	John Tullyng
Robert Burgh	John Scheter	Robert Dare	Thomas Goudale

Legal Court held there on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle 18 Henry VI (29 August 1440).

The reeve presents of divers customs, viz., of Peter Capel - 16d.
 The bailiff presents of a certain rent for Stakepens - 12d.

Henry Copelond	John Scheter	Richard Baker	Thomas Godale
Robert Dar	John Trylyon	Robert Burogh	William Cole
John Taverner	Thomas Salysbyry	John Kene	John Bowcher

The twelve for the king elect:-
 to the office of mayor, Robert Dar;
 to the office of coroner, Thomas Jade;
 to the office of constable,

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Henry Copelond, Richard Baker;
 to the office of reeve, John Taverner, John Trylyon;
 to the office of bailiff, William Cole, Laurence Baker; who are sworn.

Also the twelve come and present that John Best, John Rynsche, and John Tanner have made default of their common suit of court; therefore in mercy.

Court held on Monday in the Vigil of St. Luke the Evangelist 19 Henry VI (17 October 1440).

Joan who was wife of Roger Crogge in mercy 3d. because she did not prosecute her suit against John Taverner and Walter Grange concerning the non-acquittance of a pledge.

The bailiff in mercy 3d. because he did not attach John Tuzly to answer John Baker of Axmystr in a plea of debt. Therefore he is ordered to attach him before the next court. (The said John Baker did not prosecute).

William Deighr in mercy because he did not prosecute against Wymarke late wife of Walter Tanner in a plea of debt.

John Alcokes to be distrained to answer Thomas Goodale and Joan his wife in a plea of trespass, by Thomas Tynham his attorney.

The twelve come and present that the heirs of Gregory Marleburgh, William Bonevyle knight, the lady Joan Brooke, Richard Smyth, Ralph Crogge, Robert Payn, John Sadeler, John But, John Grey,

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Thomas Bryshay, the abbot Of Newnam, Richard Baker, Nicholas Milleward, John Tuzly, John Pye, John Rusche, John Travel have made default of their common suit of court. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

And that Robert Burgh, Ralph Croner, John Hodda, John Tynham, Juliana Payn, Thomas Stykelane, John Busch, John Scheter, John Pery, Thomas Jade, Robert Dare, John Troylyng, John Keyne, have not cleared out their ditches running in the highway. Therefore ordered to amend this by the next Court.

And that divers men of the said borough do sell salt and divers other goods by measures not adequate. Therefore it is considered and ordained that no burgess or other person of the said borough

shall make use of such measures; and if any of them shall act contrary to this ordinance they shall suffer the penalty of losing all the goods if it can be proved.

(Also that Richard Richeman, Robert Burgh, John Scheter, Nicholas Milleward, John Baker, Laurence Baker, Robert Hornesburgh, brewers, have sold ale without putting out a sign. Therefore in mercy 3d. each). *

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(A schedule attached to the document):-

Lyme Panell:- Robert Burgh, John Taverner, John Best, John Kyne senior, John Tryllyng, John Scheter

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Ralph Croner, Thomas Salysbry, John Skynner, Peter Tryldewe, Andrew Cerls, Lawrence Baker. Sworn.

No. 3.

Lym Regis: Court held there on Tuesday before the feast of St. Clement the Pope 21 Henry VI (20 November, 1442).

Thomas Goudale to be attached to answer Laurence Baker in a plea of trespass. (The bailiff fined 5d. because he did not attach him).

Thomas Jade and Alice his wife to be attached to answer Robert Dare in a plea of debt.

John Tuzly to be summoned to answer Thomas Clerke in a plea of debt.

At this Court Philip Taillour is ordered to claim 3 acres of land which lie in the Westfield between the highway leading towards Wathe on the South and the highway leading towards Colyford on the North; and to seize them into the hands of our lord the King to the use of the town. And this to remain adjourned to the next Court. (Note: seized into the hands of our lord the King)

(Marginal note in later hand: A seizure of three acres in the West field to the town.

John Tuzly tanner ordered to remove his dung which lies in the highway to the annoyance of all by the next Court under penalty of 40d.

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Ordered that all men of the town scour their gutters opposite their doors for by their default the water runs in the highway to the grave injury of the whole town. penalty 12d.

John Tynam complains against John Tanner in a plea of debt. He has been summoned (and has not appeared). Therefore he is to be attached.

Order to attach John Cauke and Agnes his wife to answer William Bynham vicar of Lyme in a plea of debt.

Court held on Shrove Tuesday 21 Henry VI (12 February, 1443)

The bailiff comes and presents of Stakepens 5d. and of the custom of one hogshead of wine 4d.

Court held on Tuesday after the feast of the Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary 21 Henry VI (10 September 1443).

The bailiff in mercy 3d. because he did not attach Thomas Goudale to answer Laurence Baker in a plea of debt. And he is to do so by the next court.

Thomas Clerke in mercy 3d. because he did not prosecute against Thomas Tuzly in a plea of debt.

The plea between John Tynham plaintiff and John Tuzly defendant in a plea of debt is adjourned to the next court.

The bailiff in mercy 3d. because he did not attach John Cauke and Agnes his wife to answer William Bynham vicar of Lyme in a plea of debt. And he is again ordered to do so.

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of the custom of Stakepens 3d. (This part of the document much faded)

of the custom of Gilbert for wine 4s.4d.

of the custom

of the custom of two men, viz., John

of the custom of one brewer
of the custom of wine of Nicholas
of the custom of John Wall for wine 4d.
of the custom of Thomas Pomeray 2d.

Legal Court of Hocktide term held there on Tuesday after the feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross 21 Henry VI (7 May 1443).

Thomas Goudale again to be distrained to answer Laurence Baker in a plea of debt.
John Tuzly to be distrained to answer John Tynham in a plea of debt.
William Bynham vicar of Lyme in mercy 1d. because he did not prosecute against John Cauke and Agnes his wife in a plea of debt
The twelve jurors come and present that Thomas Stykelane has made default.
It is ordered that no men of the town shall allow any of their beasts to wander in the highway by whom any of the town may be annoyed, under penalty of 3d. at each court.
John Lydeford in mercy 3d. for one horse arrested on suspicion.
In Stakepans on this day 2d. is presented.

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And they present that Richard Richeman, John Tynham, Robert Burgh, John Pirye, John Scheter, Peter Tryldew, and Geoffrey Couke are brewers and have broken the assize. Sum 2s. 3d.

No. 4.

Court held on Tuesday after the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul 21 Henry VI. (2 July 1443).

Thomas Goudale and Joan his wife to be attached to answer Laurence Baker in a plea of debt.
John Tuzly to be distrained to answer John Tynham in a plea of debt.
William Peytevyne complains against John Keyne and Agnes his wife in a plea of debt. They have been summoned and have not come. Therefore they are to be attached before the next Court (Note: he did not prosecute).

Customs:-

of peter Briton	...	20d.
of one Gernesyman		8d.
of one hogshead of wine		4d.
Stakepans	4d.

Memorandum John Tuzly owes John Tynham 5s.4d. to be paid at the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula 79], to which he is sworn before the mayor sitting in Court.

Court held on Tuesday after the feast of St. Bartholomew 21 Henry VI (27 August 1443).

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of the two Britons for custom of salt	40 d.
of Peter Bryton for custom	8d.
of Stakepans	4d.

The bailiff in mercy 1d. for not distraining John Goudale and Joan his wife to answer Laurence Baker in a plea of debt. Ordered to distrain them by the next court.

John Tuzly to be attached to answer John Tynham in a plea of debt.
William Peyteryn in mercy 1d. because he did not prosecute against John Keyne and Agnes his wife in a plea of debt.

The twelve come on this day and present that they have elected Richard Baker mayor;
Thomas Jade coroner;
Henry Copelond and Ralph Croner constables;

Robert Burgh and John Best reeve ;
John Keyne junior and Richard Smyth bailiff.

Also they present that John Best and William Peytelyn have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

William Tynham complains against Geoffrey Couke in a plea of debt. To be summoned before the next Court.

William Peytelyn complains against John Kene and Agnes his wife in a plea of To be summoned before the next Court.

No. 5.

Court held on Monday in the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul 29 Henry VI (31 January 1451).

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John Tuzle places himself at law against Richard Dare that he does not owe him 14d. for rent of the king for Michaelmas term of the 27th year; by pledge of Robert (? Burgh).

John Tailor in mercy 3d. because he did not prosecute against John Marner in a plea of debt.

John Tynham complains against John Trelyn and John Hodde in a plea of debt. And they are to be summoned.

The reeve is charged with customs, viz., 12d. of John Perkyn for fishing; 16d. of Richard Bampton for fishing; 3d. of Richard Dare junior for two barrels of "sayme"

Stakepense - 5d

John Jakewilliam complains against John Tuzle in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 3d. because he has not distrained him. Again ordered to do so.

Richard Crokehorne complains against William Iryng in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not. To be distrained.

William Best complains against William Bykham in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 3d. because he has not distrained him. Again ordered to do so.

William Pedewyn complains against Geoffrey Coke in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 3d. because he has not distrained him. Again ordered to do so.

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Sum of the Court	4s.	Viz:-
Customs ...	2s.	7d.
Stakyngpens ...		5d.
Perquisites ...		12d.

Legal Court of the Borough held on Monday after the feast of St. John before the Latin Gate 29 Henry VI (10 May 1451).

John Jakewilliam complains against John Tuzle in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 2d. because he has not distrained him. Again ordered to do so.

Richard Crokehorne complains against William Iryng in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 2d. because, etc. Again, etc.

William Best complains against William Bykham in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 3d. because, etc. Again, etc.

William Pedwyn complains Geoffrey Coke in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 1d. because, etc. Again, etc.

John Donne complains against John Tuzle in a plea of debt. The defendant is summoned but does not come. Therefore he is to be attached.

William Tynham complains against John Tuzle in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not.

The bailiff and Thomas Stekelane in mercy 3d. for not having him before the Court. And he is to be distrained.

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Laurence Forshey in mercy 2d. because he did not prosecute against Walter Folet in a plea of debt.

Ralph Connor complains against John Connor in a plea of trespass. The defendant to be attached.

Richard Tynham complains against John Trawell in a plea of trespass. And he says that the defendant from the Monday after the feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross 18 Henry VI to this date has trespassed with his cattle in a parcel of land in 'Nytherlyme' to the damage of 20s. And the defendant comes and defends the force and injury, etc., and he says that he is not guilty and puts himself upon the country; and the plaintiff likewise; pledge for waging of law Richard Baker.

Andrew Forshey executor of the will of William Forshey complains against William Folyet in a plea of debt. To be attached. Pledges, Richard Frankcheyne, Richard Baker, Thomas Steklane.

The bailiff presents, that William Malokes, forener, John Thynham, Richard Dare, Geoffrey Coke, Thomas Goodale, Richard Rycheman, William Pyke, William Smyth, John Shuter, Richard Tynham, are ale sellers and have broken the assize. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

Stakepens - 9d.

The reeve presents of the customs for fishing:-

Of John More 12d.

of John Sander 8d.

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of Robert Dare junior for one Cornishman 8d.

Of John Bailly 20d.

of Henry Pascawe 10d.

of Thomas Trewre 12d.

of the men of Dyttesham 14d.

of Martin Cornysh 12d.

of Stephen Smyth 4d.

of Clement Fessher by Robert Dare 8d.

of John Stonhous 20d.

The twelve for the king:-

Thomas Thynham

Richard Tynham

Thomas Steklane

Thomas Goodall

John Kene senior

John Trelyn

John Kene Junior

Geoffrey Coke

William Thynham

John Taverner

John Shuter

Robert Burgh

William peke

John Trawell.

The twelve say that John Beste, Alan Copelond, William Weryng, Richard Rycheman, William Yryng, John Butte, William Bekham, Agnes Alcokes, John Pery, Walter Copbury, and Andrew Serle have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

That Laurence Baker, miller, has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 3d.

That William Weryng assaulted Roger Donne with his hand and drew blood. Therefore in mercy 3d. To be distrained.

That John Baker and John Norman have with their cattle diverted the water running in the highway from its proper course. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

That John Dollyng is receiver within the borough with Robert Burgh and is sworn to the assize of our Lord the King. Therefore the said Robert to be distrained to answer the said John before the next court.

John Trelyn in mercy 2d. for not paying.

John Tynham in mercy 2d. for not paying. To be distrained.

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Sum of the Court 18s. 03d., viz.

Customs 10s. 08d.

Stakyngpens 09d.

Perquisites 6s. 11d.

No. 6.

Lyme Regis: Court held there at the time for the election on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew 29 Henry VI (30 August, 1451)

John Jakwilliam complains against John Tuzle in a plea of debt. And the defendant comes not. And the bailiff in mercy 2d. because he has not distrained him. And he is to be distrained (in mercy for detention of 5s.11d.)

Richard Crokhorne complains against William Iryng in a plea of debt. And the defendant comes not. And the bailiff in mercy 3d. because he has not distrained him. And he is to be distrained (licence to agree).

William Best complains against William Bykham in a plea of debt. And the defendant comes not. And he is attached by one brass bowl. Mercy 3d. And a further distraint is to be made.

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William Pydwyn in mercy 3d. because he did not prosecute his suit against Geoffrey Coke in a plea of debt.

John Donne in mercy 2d. because he did not prosecute his suit against John Tuzle in a plea of debt.

William Tynham complains against John Tuzle in a plea of debt. And the defendant comes not. And the bailiff and Thomas Stykelane in mercy 2d, because they did not have him before the Court. And he is to be distrained, (licence to agree).

Ralph Coruner complains against John Corner in a plea of trespass. Adjourned to the next court by plea of the parties (he does not prosecute).

Richard Tynham complains against John Travell in a plea of trespass, in which an inquisition is to be taken. (He makes default, therefore inquisition taken for the defendant).

Andrew Foshey executor of the will of John Foshay deceased complains against Walter Folyet in a plea of debt. And he is attached by pledge of Richard Frankchayne, Richard Baker, and Thomas Stykelane. And they have a day till the next Court.

John Tuzle in mercy for detention of 14d. against John Tynham, which the latter has recovered against him in court. Order to distrain him.

Thomas Tynham	John Troylyn	Thomas Stykelane	John Bocher	John Kene junior
Richard Dare	Andrew Serle	William Tynham	Robert Burght	Roger Symond
William Pyke	Thomas Godale			

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John Shuter Richard Tynham John Travell

And the above jurors come and elect John Tynham as mayor (sworn);

Richard Baker as coroner (sworn);

William Tynham and Robert Dare junior as constables (sworn);

William Pyke and Geoffrey Coke to the office of reeve (sworn);

Richard Tynham and Thomas Rothelliston to the office of bailiff (sworn).

William Tynham complains against William Pyke in a plea of trespass. Defendant to be attached.

John Tuzle in mercy 2d. for detention of 14d. against Richard Dare for rent of our lord the king of the 27th year. To be distrained.

They present that John Best has made default on this day. Therefore in mercy.

The reeve presents for customs of one Bretone for 3 fishing 2s.

And of one Fessher for fishing 4d.

The bailiff presents that there is of stakyngpens of Richard Dare, 2d.; and of William Pyke, 1d.

John Pury complains against Geoffrey Coke in a plea of trespass. The defendant comes not; and is to be attached.

To this court come the abbot of Newyngham (4d.), William Bonvyle, knight (4d.), Lord Chuton, Edward Broke knight (4d.), Lord Cobham, the heir of Robert I Payn (4d.), the heir of Robert Bydysgate (4d.), the heir of Kympe (4d.) William Iryng (4d.), John Butte (4d.) to make fine of their suit of court for this year.

Sum of the Court,	6s.	8d.:
Customs:	2s.	4d.
Sta(kyngpens):		3d.
Fines	2s.	8d.
Perquisites		17d.

Legal Court held on Monday after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel 29 Henry VI (4 October 1451).

John Tuzle in mercy 2d. because he has not paid John Jakwilliam 5s.lid. for fish bought of him.

William Iryng in mercy 3d. because he did not prosecute his suit against Richard Crokehorne in a plea of debt.

William Best complains against William Bykham in a plea of debt. The defendant comes not, and is attached by one brass bowl. And is to be distrained.

John Tuzle in mercy 2d. for licence to agree with William Tynham in a plea of debt.

Ralph Corner in mercy 1d. because he did not prosecute his suit against John Corner in a plea of trespass.

Richard Tynham is plaintiff and John Travell defendant in a plea of trespass on which an inquisition is taken. And the plaintiff says that on Monday after the feast of the finding of the Holy Cross 18 Henry VT at Nytherlyme the defendant occupied his land with his 1 cattle and consumed all the grass, by which he has suffered loss to the extent of 20s. And the offence continued till the day of the bringing of this complaint.

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The defendant comes and defends the force and injury, etc. and says that he is not guilty, etc. And at this court the defendant makes default. Therefore the inquisition is taken in default of the defendant.

Andrew Foshey, executor of the will of John Foshey in mercy 3d. because he did not prosecute his suit against Walter Foley.

John Tuzle in mercy 2d. for detention of 14d. against John Tynham, which he has acknowledged in court that he owes him.

William Tynham complains against William Pyke in a plea of trespass. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 1d. because he has not distrained him. Order to distrain him.

John Tuzle in mercy 2d. for detention of 14d. against Richard Dare for rent of our Lord the King.

John Pery complains against Geoffrey Coke in a plea of trespass. The defendant comes not. The bailiff in mercy 1d. because he has not attached him. Order to distrain him.

The 'bailiff presents that there is of Stakyngpens of Richard Dare 1d.

Also that William Pyke (3d.) and Richard Dare (3d.) are ale-sellers and have broken the assize. Therefore in mercy.

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The twelve for the king:

Thomas Tynham	John Bocher	Robert Dare junior	John Shuter
William Tynham	John Taverner	Robert Burght	Thomas Godeall
John Best	Roger Symond	John Kene junior	Geoffrey Fox
John Kene senior	Walter Best.		

They present that John Skynner has entered within the liberty of Lyme and broken the king's peace. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Richard Pery bocher on Sunday after the feast of St. John the Baptist 29 Henry VI at Lyme, in the market, regrated one quarter of meat price 2s.8d. contrary to the form of the statute. Therefore in mercy 3d. And he is to be distrained.

Also that Laurence Bocher (3d.), William Pedwyn alias Bykham (3d.) are common regrators contrary to the form of the statute lately made. Therefore in mercy. And to be distrained.

Also that William Hunt insulted William Bykham with a dagger and drew blood. Therefore in mercy 6d., and to be distrained; and to give up the dagger.

And that John Trelyn has pigs in the highway to the annoyance of his neighbours. Therefore in mercy 6d., and to be distrained.

And that Laurence Mylward miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 3d.

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And that John Pery baker (3d.) and William Vantrot (3d.) are common bakers of bread and have broken the assize. Therefore in mercy; and to be distrained.

And that John Trelyn (1d.), John Pery (1d.), William Helyer (1d.), Thomas Redeston (1d.), William Hodde (3d.), William Bykham (3d.), Andrew Serle (1d.), have made default on this day. Therefore in mercy.

And that Richard Dare has broken the seal of the king's measure. Therefore in mercy 1d.

Sum of the Court,	5s. 9d.,
of which, of customs,	nil;
of stakyng,	1d.;
of perquisites,	5s. 8d.

Sum of the four courts this year,	34s. 8d.,
If which, of customs,	15s 7d.
of Stakyngpence	18d.
of fines,	2s. 8d.
of fines of the brewers,	3s.
of perquisites,	12s.

(Attached is a rough draft of the minutes of these Courts)

(No. 7.) *note: This document is much faded.*

Lyme Regis Legal Court of the Borough held there on Thursday after the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist 12 Edward IV (19 October, 1472).

The twelve:

Thomas Stykelane	Richard Danyell	William Tynham	John Selbe
John Kene	William Arnold	John Cla.....	William Keate
John Aysshe	John Trullyng	William Pyke	Thomas Gowdale.

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They say on their oath that the heir of Lord William Brooke (3d.), the heir of Lord Cobham 3d.), the abbot of Forde (3d.), the abbot of Newenham (3d.), Gregory Marleburgh (3d.), the heir of Robert Payn (3d.), the heir of Andrew Serle (3d.), Richard Burgh (3d.), John Hille (3d.), John Skyttes (3d.), John Alecok (3d.), Walter Dyker (3d.), William Baker (3d.), William Lyteljohn (3d.), William Tyddebury (?) (3d.), Henry (?) Danyell (3d.), William S.....er (3d.), John Kemp (3d.) have made default of their suit of court. Therefore in mercy.

And that John Faunse (3d.) insulted (Richard Keate) with his fist and drew blood. Therefore in mercy.

And that Richard Keate (9d.), insulted John Faunce with his fist and drew blood. Therefore in mercy.

The bailiffs come and present that William Tynham, Thomas Stykelane, John Pley, John Faunce, Thomas Gowdale, William Gattepathe, Richard Tynham, John Aysshe, William Arnold, John Smyth, James Chelethorn (or Chevethom), John Cole, John Fessyan, William Pyke, are brewers and have broken the assize of ale. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

Customs: -

Of one Vatilda de Yealme	08d.;
of Michael Artour,	20d.;
of John Thomas,	15d.;
of Peter Bawdewyn,	3s 04d.,

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of Henry Carpenter,	5s
of John Colet,	20d.;
of Robert Colet,	3s
of Harrieson,	12d.;
of Yvene Flory,	11d.;
of a ship of Groy ,	3s 04d.;
of James Mercer,	5s

of Bernard de Seymmalowes for an attachment in the Piepowder Court, 2s.
of Oriell Mengarde for the like, 2s

Sum of this Court	39s. 10d., viz:
Perquisites of Court	9s.
Customs ...	26s. 10d.
Attachments ...	4s.

No. 8.

Lyme Regis; Court held there on Tuesday before the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary 17 Edward IV (27 January, 1478).

Nicholas Davys to be summoned to answer Henry Gowle in a plea of debt.

To this court come Thomas Gowdale (10d.) William Tynham (8d.), John Pley (12d.), John Fany (10d.), and Richard May (12d.), and make a fine with our lord the king for licence to place their * before their doors whenever they wish in this year.

Sum of the perquisites of the Court - 4s. 4d.

Legal Court held there 21 April 18 Edward IV (1478)

** a word I am unable to read. J.R.C.*

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John Cole to be attached to answer John Tryllyng in a plea of trespass.

The twelve:

Richard Dare	Thomas Davy	John Aysshe	John Trullyng
William Tynham	William Gattepath	John Kene	Richard Danyell
John Pley	John Fyssher	John Burght	John Payn.

The bailiffs come and present that the heir of Lord William Bonvyle, the heir of lord Cobham, the abbot of Forde, the abbot of Nyewenham, John Hille, William Lyteljohn, William Wadham, the heir of Gregory Marleburgh, have made default of their common suit of court. Therefore in mercy 3d. each. And to be distrained.

William Gattepath and Joan his wife to be attached to answer John Best in a plea of trespass. (Licence to agree).

The twelve say on their oath that all the above presentments made by the bailiffs are true.

And further they present that William Tyddebury and Thomas Davy are common bakers, and have baked white bread contrary to the assize. Therefore in mercy 12d. each.

And that a certain bridge called Gosselyngesbrygge lies broken and the whole community of the town is

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bound to repair it. Therefore ordered to be repaired before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist next under penalty of 6s.8d.

And that John Payn has allowed his ditch by his close in the Westestrete to go unscoured, so that the common stream there cannot keep its proper course. Therefore ordered to scour it by the same feast under the same penalty.

And that John Trullyng has allowed his gutter in the highway called the Westestrete to go unscoured. Therefore ordered to scour it by the same feast under penalty of 3s. 4d,

On this day comes John Bysshop son and heir of Rustinus Cox as in right of Agnes his wife and pays the king 3s.4d as fine for licence to acquire divers lands and tenements in the borough of Lyme, as appears more fully in a certain writing exhibited before the mayor in full court dated 31 December 17 Edward IV.

John Trullyng reeve of the borough answers for 31s. for customs taken of various foreigners coming to the port there as appears by the book of the said reeve.

Stakepence 10s.6d. delivered to Richard Shillyngford bailiff.

Whereas the mayor and commonalty of Lyme have several times been ordered to repair a certain bridge called Helyersbrygge now lying broken, under penalty of 3s. 4d., and they have not done so, therefore they incur the said penalty and the bailiffs are ordered to levy it and to answer for it in their account.

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And similarly for not repairing the bridge called Meryettesbrygge now lying broken. Ordered to carry out the said repairs before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist under penalty of 10s.

John Skyttysh ordered to repair his mill, lying in ruins, before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist under penalty of 40s.

Sum of the whole court - 55s 6d

Court held on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle 18 Edward IV. (31 August,1478)

John Kene	William Lugge	John Burgh	John Branche
John Pley	William Tynham	Richard Tynham	James Chewthorn
Thomas Gowdale	Thomas Davy	John Trullyng	William Arnold.

John Boleyn of Mylton Facombergh was admitted into the liberty of the borough of Lyme and sworn before John Dare mayor and entered in the roll of the court held there on the day and year above said. In testimony of which the common seal of the said borough is to these presents appended.

The twelve say on their oath that they have chosen:

Richard Dare as mayor.

John Kene as coroner.

John Dare and John Ayshe as constables.

John Burgh and Thomas Davy as reeves.

Walter Allen of Forde and Richard Baker as bailiffs.

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And that the abbot of Forde, the abbot of Nywenham, Lord Cobham, the heir of Lord William Bonvyle, the heir of Gregory Marleburgh, John Wursley, John Hille, William Sheter, William Wadham, Richard Danyell, William Lyteljohn, Alice Burgh, John Cole, have made default of their common suit of court. Therefore in mercy and to be distrained.

And further they present on their oath that John Helyer of Ilton in the county of Somerset groom on Tuesday after the feast of St. Laurence the Martyr 18 Edward IV broke into the close of Walter Tyne at Larstoke in the county of Dorset and stole one grey mare and one sorrel foal price 13s.4d.

It is ordained by assent of the said twelve that each mayor for the time being shall have annually 10s. from the common chest, in addition to the other profits which he has had from of old.

Perquisites of Court 3s.3d.

Legal Court of the Borough held there 30 November 18 Edward IV (1478).

The twelve:

Richard Dare	Richard Tynham	John Aysshe	Thomas of Wyght
William Tynham	Thomas Davy	John Burgh	John Payn
John Pley	John Branche	William Arnold	William Luge.

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Richard Shillyngford to be summoned to answer John Leget in a plea of debt.

The twelve present on their oath that the abbot of Forde, the abbot of Newenham, the heir of William Lord Bonvyle, the heir of lord Cobham, John Wursley, John Hille, William Sheter, John Alecokes, John Skyttysh, John Trullyng, William Baker, William Tettebury, have made default of their common suit of court. Therefore in mercy and to be distrained.

Richard Shillyngford is ordered to make his way in and through his ground so that the tenants of the borough there may drive their oxen through it to their lands, as they have been accustomed to do from old times, under penalty of 6s.8d.

To this court come William Tynham, Richard Tynham, John Pley, and John Coppe and pay 10d. each to the mayor and commonalty as a fine for licence to brew for the whole year and for the stakes pence.

Also come Peter Margurie and John Gerant and are sworn to the assize of our lord the king.

The twelve also present of divers men, whose names are particularised in a certain bill exhibited in full court, concerning the making of writs for the half year 5s.8d., viz.: for each writ 3d.

The customers answer on this day for 74s. taken of the customs, as appears more particularly in the books of the said customers.

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Peter Margurie to be summoned to answer John Fany in a Plea of debt.

Sum 4. 1. 6s.

No. 9.

Lyme Regis: Legal Court with view of Frankpledge of Hocktide term held there 21 May 7 Henry VII (1492).

The bailiffs there come and present that John Trillyng senior contrary to the peace insulted Philip Lyllyng with a stick. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that the same Philip insulted John Tryllyng with a stick. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Richard Keate insulted Philip Lillyng with a stick. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that the said Philip insulted Richard Keate with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Giles servant of Richard Baker insulted William Ingyler with a dagger. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that John Pley insulted Thomas Turner with a dagger. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that John Hoket insulted Henry Pope with a dagger. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that William Dare insulted John Tyneham with a hanger. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that James servant of William Dare insulted Robert Dare junior with a dagger. Therefore in mercy 3d.

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And that the said Robert Dare insulted the said James with the same dagger. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Richard Mey insulted William Dare and Henry Hanker with a stick. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Thomas Davy a common baker, does not keep the 'assize of bread according to the proclamation. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that William Dare miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that Thomas Davy holds a tavern and sells wine and ale by illicit measures; and has made excessive profit. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that Henry Hanker, Richard Mey, John Dulcote, Nowell Mason and John Holman are common Tapsters and sell ale without a sign contrary to the proclamation. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

And that the bridge opposite Richard Tyneham's tenement lies broken, and the whole community of the borough is bound to repair it.

On this day come John Tyneham, Richard Baker, William Tyneham, John Fany, Alexander Crosse,

John Coppe, Thomas Abbot, John Leweys, and give to the mayor 10d. each as a fine for licence to brew and sell ale as often as they please until the feast of St. Michael next.

The twelve:

John Tyneham junior	John Fosshyng	Robert Dare	Walter White
John Dare	John Fyssher		
Robert Dyer	John Snowe	Thomas Davy	Thomas Wight
Richard Shillyngford	Philip William	John Cole	Gilbert Ederigge
		Robert Philipp	Philip Walshe.

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They come and affirm that all and singular the presentments made above by the bailiffs are true.

And further they present that the water-course flowing from the well called Fullyfordeswill to the gate called Cobbagegate is not scoured on either side; and those who live there are bound to scour it and are ordered to do so by the next court.

And that Nowell Mason has allowed dung to foul a stream running from his house into the common stream to the great annoyance of the inhabitants. Ordered to amend this by the feast of St. John the Baptist next under penalty of 6s.8d.

And that Joan Dare has placed dung in the street there to the grave harm of the neighbours. Therefore ordered to remove it by the said feast under penalty of 40d.

And that Richard Mey does not dwell peaceably within the town but is always riding about outside; and is suspect. Ordered that an enquiry be made into his activities.

And all the burgesses have a day till the next Court to inquire concerning metes and bounds there.

The reeves have been ordered by this day to make fences for the town under penalty of 6s.8d.;

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and to provide them wherever there is most need I for them,

The Bailiffs present that the abbot of Ford (3d.), the abbot of Nywenham (3d.), the holders of the lands late of Edward Broke Lord Cobham (3d.), the holders of the lands late of William Lord Bonville (3d.), William Hody knight (3d.), for the lands and tenements late of Andrew Serle, the holders of the lands late of Gregory de Marleburgh (3d.), Alice Borogh (3d.), William Sheter (3d.), and John Kene (3d.), are freeholders and have made default on this day. Therefore in mercy.

Of the farm of the petty custom demised for this year to Richard Shilingford, 60s.

Sum:	Perquisites of Court	7s. 6d.
	Fine of the brewers	6s.
	Farm of the petty custom	60s.

Court for the election of officials held on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle 7 Henry VII (? error for 8 Henry VII, which would be 27 August 1492).

The bailiffs come and present that (same names as at previous court) are freeholders and have made default at this day. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

Robert Dare,	John Dare,	John Tirling,	William Dare,
Richard Tyneham,	Richard Shilingford,	Thomas Davy,	John Hunt,
Philip Walshe,	Richard Baker,	John Cole,	

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Thomas Scorche, John Bisshop, William Tyneham, Thomas Abbot, Richard Trowill, William Wilcokes, John Plssher, and John Pley, being sworn come and affirm that all and singular the presentments made by the bailiffs are true.

And further they present that they have elected William Dare mayor,

Richard Tyneham coroner;

Thomas Scorche and John Tynham constables,

John Fisser and John Cole reeves and

John Rapys and John Pley bailiffs. Not sworn till the next court.

On this day come John Aysshe and John Tyneham and made a fine with John Borogh mayor of 6s.8d. each for that they did not obey the mandate and arrest of the said mayor except at the instance and special request of Thomas Tremayle one of the Justices of the King's Bench and of John Bonvyll Steward.

The mayor has pardoned the said fine (Note added in a different hand: One of the justices of the Bench did request the mayor to pardon the fine of two disobedient persons for speaking against the mayor).

Sum of this Court: 2s.3d.

Legal Court of Michaelmas Term with View of Frankpledge held 1 October 8 Henry VII (1492).

The bailiffs come and present that John Dynham contrary to the peace of our lord the king insulted Richard Travyll with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

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And that Thomas Davy, common baker, does not keep the assize of bread according to the proclamation. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that James Milward miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that Howell Mason, Richard Mey, Henry Hanker, John Doulcote, John Holman, tapsters, have broken the assize of ale. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

And that the weir at Gosselingbrigge is broken; that William Dare is bound to keep it in repair; and he is ordered to do so by the next Court, under penalty of 40d.

And that the bridge next to Richard Tynham's house is broken, and all the burgesses are bound to repair it, and they are ordered to do so by the next Court under penalty of 40d.

And that (same names as at previous court, with addition of William Wadham) are freeholders and have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

All the tenants are forbidden to wash any linen on the northern side of the bridge called the Gretebrugge in the middle of the town under penalty of 12d. And that none of them in future shall wash any wool in the common stream running in the town from Fullifordeswill to John Dare's house under penalty of 12d.

And also that all burgesses shall make and scour a ditch from the house of John Crosse to that of Richard Mey before the next court under penalty of 40d.

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The reeve is ordered to make fences before the next court under penalty of 6s.8d. And also to place where they are most needed.

of the farm of the petty custom for this year demised to Richard Shillingford and John Tirling 60s.

Presentments of the twelve: -

Robert Dare, John Dare, John Tirling, John Tyneham, Richard Shillingford, John Fosshing, Thomas Scorche, Philip Walsshe, Thomas Davy, Thomas Abbot, John Cole, John Hunt, Richard Baker, John Bisshop, and John Lewys, being sworn come and affirm that all the above presentments of the bailiffs are true. And further they present that all is well.

On this day came John Ayssh alias Boleyn and made a fine with the mayor for an outlawry made against him. But at the instance of Thomas Tremayle and John Biconyll it is revoked.

Sum:- of perquisites of court 5s.
of the petty custom 60s.

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No. 11.

Legal Court of Easter Term held 7 May 13 Henry VII.

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that the abbot of Ford, the abbot of Nywnam, the Lord Cobham, the heir of the Lord Bonville, William Hody knight, the heirs of Gregory de Marleburgh, John Holman, John Ryquyte, William Harrys and William Smyth have made default of their common suit of court. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

And that Thomas Davy, common baker, has not made bread according to the proclamation.
Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that William Dare, miller, has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that John Hocket insulted Robert Coke with his fist and drew blood. Therefore in mercy 9d.

And that Thomas Abbot insulted John Ryquyte with a dagger. Therefore in mercy 3d.

To this Court come William Tyneham (12d.) John Fany (12d.), John Lewys (10d.), John Cooke (10d.),
Gervase Glover (12d.), Richard Baker (12d.), John Holman (10d.), tapsters, and pay fine.

Presentments of the twelve:-

John Dare, John Tyneham, William Dare, Robert Philipp, John Trilling, Richard Danyell, John
Fosshing, Thomas Scorche, Robert Tryvet, Richard Baker, John Snowe, Robert Dare, John Play, John Lewys,
Thomas Davy, John Crosse, William Fosshing, and Richard Mey, being sworn, come

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and affirm that all and singular the above presentments are true.

And further they say on their oath that Richard Keate, John Cotell, and John Yong have dug a well in
the place where of old time a boy [16] was unfortunately drowned. Therefore it is ordered that they fill up
the said well before the feast of Pentecost under Penalty of 10s. each.

And that John Burgh has allowed the gutter of the tenement Robert Watkins occupies to run into
the common stream. Ordered to amend this before the next Court under penalty of 6s.8d.

The reeves are charged with the petty custom on this day.

Sum: -

of perquisites of court 6s.6d.

of the petty custom

Court for the election of officials held on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle 14
Henry VII.

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that the abbot of Ford, the abbot of Newnam, the
Lord Cobham, the heir of Lord Bonville, William Hody knight, the heir of Gregory de Marleburgh are
freeholders and have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

John Dare, John Tyneham, John Trillyng, Philip William, Richard Baker, Robert Trivet, John Snowe,
Thomas Davy,

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Richard Trauyll, William Tynenam, John Crosse, Richard Mey, John Davy, John Lewys, John
Bisshop, Richard Danyell, and William Tydbury, being sworn come and affirm that the above presentment
is true.

And further they say that they have elected:

John Tynenam mayor,

John Dare coroner,

Robert Philipp and Richard Baker constables,

John Fosshing and John Davy reeves,

Richard Mey and William Tynenam bailiffs.

Legal Court of Michaelmas Term held there 8 October 14 Henry VII.

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that the abbot of Ford, the abbot or Nywnam, the
Lord Cobham, the heir of the Lord Bonville, William Hody knight, the heir of Gregory de Marleburgh, the
heir of John Baker, William chaplain, and John Taverner are freeholders and have made default.
Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

And that Thomas Davy, common baker, has not made bread according to the proclamation.
Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that William Dare miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that John Pley insulted John Cole with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Alice Cole insulted John Pley with a 'sklathe' and drew blood. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that John Pley insulted Alice Cole with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Alice Cole made an attack on Thomas Abbot and took from him two head of cattle. Therefore she incurs a penalty of 6s.8d.

And that Richard Shillingford insulted John Trilling with a stick. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that John

John Dare, John Trilling, Philip William, Robert Philipp, William Tydbury, Richard Baker, Thomas Davy, John Crosse, John Lewys, John Snowe, Richard Trauyl, John Davy, John Alcokes, and Richard Mey, being sworn, come and affirm that all and singular the above presentments are true.

And further that Thomas Corser of Lyme, 'corser', on the night of Friday in the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle of this year insulted John Pley with a stone. Therefore in mercy 12d.

And that the bailiffs there have allowed the bridge called Saweisbrigge [93] behind the tenement of the Blessed Virgin Mary opposite the church stile to fall into disrepair. Ordered to repair it by the next Court under penalty of 6s.8d.

And the bailiffs are ordered to make a "cokyngstole" before the next Court under penalty of 6s.8d

And that John Fosshing and John have allowed their ditches towards the highway at Wabrondismede to go unscoured. Ordered to scour them by the feast of All Saints under penalty of 40d.

On this day Stephen Danyell is allowed to be free to buy and sell within the borough as the other burgesses, and he is admitted before the mayor and burgesses.

The reeves present as petty customs:-

The reeves are ordered to make a 'ponfold' opposite the Withe (Wathe ?) before the next Court under penalty of 40s.

On this day comes John Alcokes and gives the mayor as fine for his suit of court till Michaelmas

Sum:-

of perquisites of Court	...
of penalty for	6s.8d.
or the petty custom	...

No. 12.

Legal Court of Easter term held 22 April 14 Henry VII (1499).

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that the abbot of Ford, the abbot or Nywnam, the Lord Cobham, the heirs of the Lord Bonville, William Hody knight, and William Tydbury, freeholders, have made default of their suit of court. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

And that John Fany, Thomas Abbot, John Coppe, German Cure, and Thomas Holman have paid 12d. each for licence to brew and sell their ale till the feast of St. Michael next.

And that Stephen Moyne has brewed and sold ale without licence. Therefore in mercy 4d.

And that Thomas Davy, common baker has not made bread according to the proclamation. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that William Dare, miller, has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that Collector Cure, Joan Yong, Joan Coterell, Joan Wattis, Margaret Abbot, Joan Hawker, Isabel Holman, Alice Cole, William Davy, Alice Burgh, Margaret Philipp, Thomas Pley, Margaret Davy, Agnes Clerke, Alice Tutboll, Margaret Barbour, Joan Fany, and Agnes Wilcokes have washed their dirty linen in the common water running in the town which all the neighbours are accustomed to use for drinking, cooking, etc., contrary to the ordinance thereon made. Therefore in mercy 2d. each.

And that Joan Arnold has allowed her ditch at Reckeclos (*Rackclose*) to go unscoured. Ordered to scour it before the next Court under penalty of 20d.

The twelve:

John Trilling, William Dare, Philip William, Robert Philipp, Philip Walshe, Thomas Davy, Thomas Scorche,

John Fosshing, John Snowe, John Davy, Richard Baker, Robert Dare, John Pley, John Crosse, Robert Trivet, Richard Travell, John Alcock, and Thomas Talbot, being sworn, come and affirm that all and singular the above presentments are true.

And further they say that Joan Arnold widow has held certain lands in Wathe for many years past, and has rendered nothing for them. Therefore she has a day till the next Court to show by what right and title she holds them.

And that Richard Shillyngford has held one burgage tenement for many years past and has paid nothing for it. Therefore he has a day, etc.

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It is ordained by consent of all the burgesses that in future each mayor shall levy or cause to be levied all pence amercements or forfeitures which are in arrear without mercy or pardon.

On this day came Thomas Rogers and Isabella his wife, of Sutton Poyns in the county of Dorset and before the mayor and all the burgesses voluntarily delivered to Robert Philipp full and peaceful possession and seisin of one burgage called Beaufront with a garden and orchard adjoining and of a house from of old called Tanners. *(Deanfront in the 18th century transcript. The original is difficult to read but looks more like Beaufront.)*

On this day came John Alcokes and surrendered into the hands of the mayor to the use and profit of all the burgesses one burgage tenement with appurtenances, to have and to hold to them and their heirs for ever, except that he has reserved to himself for the term of his life the rent of the said burgage and it is to be free from suit of court.

On this day came Joan Dare and received of John Tynham one burgage tenement with appurtenances, formerly Haydons, to have and to hold the said burgage tenement for the term of her life for the rent and services due there-from. And so she is admitted as tenant and has done her fealty.

The reeves come and present of petty customs

Sum of perquisites (of Court) 10s.6d.

of petty customs

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Court for the election of officials held to August 15 Henry VII (1499).

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that the abbot of Ford, the abbot of Nywnam, the Lord Cobham, the heir of the Lord Bonville, and William Hody knight have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

Richard Shillingford, Thomas Scorche, John Burgh, John Dare, John Trilling, William Dare, Philip William, Philip Walshe, Richard Baker, William Tydbury, Thomas Davy, Richard Travell, John Crosse, Thomas Abbot, John Fisser, Robert Dare, John Davy, John Rapys, and John Fany, being sworn, come and affirm that all the above presentments are true. And further they say that they have unanimously chosen

William Dare as mayor,

John Dare coroner,

Robert Dare and Robert Trivet constables,

Richard Shillingford and John Snowe reeves,

John Tutbold and John Rapys bailiffs.

Sum:

Of perquisites of Court 15d.

Legal Court of Michaelmas term held 30 September 15 Henry VII (1499).

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that (same names as at previous court), William Tutbury, and William Wadham, freeholders, have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

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And that Thomas Davy, common baker, has not made bread according to the proclamation. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that William Dare, miller, has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And further they present that all things are well.

Joan Arnold has not yet scoured her ditch at Reekeclos. (*Rackclose*) Ordered to be scoured before the next court under penalty of 20d.

It is again ordained that no one within the borough shall wash their dirty linen in the common stream in which all the inhabitants wash themselves and which they use for cooking under penalty of 20d. Such offences to be presented by the bailiffs.

John Dare, John Trillyng, Philip William, Robert Philipp, William Tydbury, Richard Baker, Thomas Davy, William Tydbury, Richard Travell, John Crosse, Thomas Abbot, Robert Dare, John Fisser, John Rapys, and John Fany, being sworn, come and affirm that all and singular the above presentments are true.

And further they present that all things are well.

The reeves there come and present of petty customs.

Sum: -

Of perquisites of Court	3s.
of petty customs

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No. 13.

Legal Court of Easter Term held 2 May 16 Henry VII (1501).

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that the abbot of Ford, the abbot of Nywnam, the heirs of William Bonville, the heir of the Lord Cobham, William Hody knight, for lands and tenements formerly Erllys, William Wadham, Richard Baker, John Burgh, and Gregory de Marleburgh have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

On this day came William Tyneham (12d.), John Coppe (10d.), Thomas Abbot (5d.), German Mason (12d.), John Fany (10d.) and John Hall (6d.) and made fine with the mayor for licence to brew till the feast of St. Michael next.

Presentments of the twelve:-

John Dare, John Tyneham, Philip William, Robert Philip, Philip Walsshe, Thomas Scorch, William Tydbury, Robert Dare, John Play, John Snowe, Richard Travell, John Fosshyng, Richard Baker, John Coke, John Garner, Thomas Touker, and John Davy, being sworn come and affirm that all and singular the above presentments are true.

And further they present, by John Dare, that Richard Stikelane son and heir of Stikelane has impleaded disturbed and annoyed the mayor of Lyme and others contrary to the ordinance and statute of the borough, for which he has forfeited to the mayor 40s.; and contrary to the privilege of the said borough as to buying and selling within the borough, of which he is exonerated.

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And that the tenants of Agnes Malyverer have allowed the highway at Capyshill to become flooded and dirty to the grave injury of the neighbourhood. And they have till the feast of Pentecost to amend this under penalty of 40s.

And that Henry Hanker has allowed his ditch next to the tenement of the mayor to go unscoured. And he has a day till the next Court under penalty of 20d.

And that William Dare miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that Thomas Davy, common baker, has not observed the assize of bread. Therefore in mercy 6d.

On this day came John Furser before the mayor and all the burgesses and took his oath, whereby he shall be free during his life to buy and sell and do all things within the borough as long as he shall dwell there, as the other burgesses do.

Richard Shilyngford reeve presents of petty customs on this day 41s.6d.

Sums-

of perquisites of Court	2s. 6d.
of the fine for brewing	4s. 7d.

of forfeitures 40s.
of petty customs 41s. 2d.

Court for the election of the Mayor and all other officials held 31 August 17 Henry VII (1501).

John Dare, John Tyneham, William Dare, Philip William, Philip Walshe, Richard Shilyngford, John Fosshyng,

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Richard Baker, Richard Mey, Robert Tryvet, Thomas Scorche, Robert Dare, Thomas Davy, Richard Travell, John Davy, John Crosse and Thomas Abbot come and say by John Dare that they have elected

Philip William mayor,
John Dare coroner,
Richard Baker and John Cole constables,
William Dare and Robert reeves, and
John Furser and Alexander Crosse serjeants.

On this day the bailiffs of the borough come in virtue of their office and present that (same names as at previous court, omitting Richard Baker), who suit, of court on this day, being summoned have not appeared, but have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

Again the tenants of Agnes Malyvery have not repaired the highway at Capyshill, although they had a day till the feast of Pentecost last past under penalty of 40s. Ordered to repair it by the next Court under the same penalty.

Again Henry Hanker has allowed his ditch lying next to the mayor's tenement to go unscoured. Ordered to amend it by the next Court under penalty of 20d.

Sum: of perquisites of Court 2s.

Legal Court of Michaelmas Term held on Monday 4 October 17 Henry VII (1501).

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that (names as at previous court), William Tydbury, Richard Danyell, John Bisshop, and Richard Travell have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

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Presentments of the twelve:-

John Dare, John Burgh, John Tyneham, Robert Philip, Philip Walshe, Richard Shilingford, John Fosshyng, Robert Tryvet, Thomas Davy, Robert Dare, Richard Baker, John Snowe, Richard Mey, William Tyneham, John Davy, Thomas Abbot, being sworn come and affirm that all and singular the above presentments are true.

And that John Carpynter broke the king's peace and assaulted John Dyer with a stone. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that John Dyer assaulted John Capynter with an axe and drew blood. Therefore in mercy 9d.
Richard Hauker junior is sworn to the assize of our Lord the King.

Richard Chaundeler assaulted John Hoket with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

William Cloppe assaulted Richard Cliff with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

Richard Cliff assaulted William Cloppe with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And it is ordained that all the inhabitants shall keep the water running before their doors good and clean, under penalty of 4d. each.

And that in future no one shall place dung and filth in the Cliffe under penalty of 40d.

And that John Tyrlyng, William Dare, and Robert Philip, contrary to the ordinance, have impleaded John Burgh. Therefore to pay forfeit to the mayor.

And that all the burgesses shall make a trench at Capishill to receive the water within fifteen days under penalty of 100s.

And that no one shall wash linen cloth outside the

borough under penalty of forfeiting it.

And that no one shall throw dung into the river above the bridge under penalty of 40s.

Richard Shillyngford reeve presents of petty customs on this day 50s.3d.

Sum;-

of perquisites of Court 4s.9d.

of petty customs 50s.3d.

No. 10.

A rough draft differing in some respects from No.14, which covers the same court.

Legal Court held there 18 April 17 Henry VII (1502)

The mayor has received of John Best 20d. as rent for one quarter for one burgage tenement late of Alcockes and now in the hands of the borough.

The bailiffs come and present that the abbot of Forde, the abbot of Nywenam, the tenants of the lands and tenements late of William Bonvile Lord Chuton, William Hody knight, the Lord Cobham, the heirs of Gregory de Marleburgh, John Welfare Chaplain, Roger Baker, John Bisshop, Robert Bragge, Richard Mey, freeholders, have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d.

Richard Mey has a day till the next Court to be before the mayor to answer Walter Dyer in a plea of debt.

Stephen Danyell, John Colyns, John Tetboll, Martin Cornelius, John Erie, have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

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Court held 25 April 17 Henry VII (1502).

William Dare complains against John Burgh in a plea of debt on a demand for £13.12s.1d. And the said William has declared in Court that the said John bound himself to pay the said debt in the feast of St. Ambrose of Henry VII.

John Cotell and William Travell contrary to the peace of our lord the King have broken the penfold and taken sheep therefrom.

All who have placed timber in the street contrary to the ordinance shall forfeit to the mayor 3s.4d.

And also for placing horses in the 'shamelles' contrary to the ordinance 20d. for each offence.

The bailiffs are ordered to attach Robert William for the payment of 2s.4d. to John Wareyn.

No. 14.

Legal Court of Easter Term held 18 April 17 Henry VII (1502).

(Same as in No. 10, omitting "Richard Mey has a day..... " and the last entry, "The bailiffs").

(Not given in No. 10:-)

Names of the twelve:-

John Dare, John Burgh, John Tyneham, John Tyrlyng, Philip Walshe, Thomas Schorche, John Fossyng, Robert Dare,

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Richard Baker, William Tydbury, John Snowe, Richard Mey.

On this day come Germanus le Cure 12d., John Hall 8d., John Fany 10d., William Tyneham 10d, Thomas Abbot 4d., Richard May 8d., John Walshe 4d., John Goppe 10d. and pay the mayor for licence to brew till Michaelmas.

(Instead of the fine for placing horses in the shambles No. 14 has;-)

All butchers who sell victuals in the 'shameles' contrary to the ordinance shall forfeit to the mayor 20d.

Court for the election of the Mayor and other officials held on Monday after the feast of St.Bartholomew 18 Henry VII (29 August 1502).

John Dare, John Burgh, John Tyneham, John Tirlyng, Philip Walshe, Richard Shilyngford,

Thomas Scorche, John Fosshing, Thomas Davy, Robert Dare, Richard Baker, William Tidbury, John Snowe, Richard May, John Davy, Thomas Abbot, John Rapys, William Tyneham, Richard Tranell, Richard Danyell, Robert Bragge and John Taverner, being sworn, come and present that they have elected:

Richard Shilingford mayor,
John Dare coroner,
Robert Dare and John Snowe, constables,
John Tyneham and Richard Baker, reeves,
Thomas Abbot and John Rapys bailiffs.

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No. 15 (rough draft)

Legal Court of Michaelmas Term held 3 October 18 Henry VII (1502).

The bailiffs of the borough come and present that the abbot of Ford (3d.), the abbot of Newnam, etc.

Stephen Danyell sworn to the mayor.

John Wulcote senior, William Best, John Wulcote junior have made default. Therefore in mercy. William Dare, miller, has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy.

Thomas Davy, common baker, has not baked according to the proclamation. Therefore in mercy.

Richard Baker (8d.), Margery Vyssher (4d.), are brewers and have broken the assize.

And German (12d.), John Halle (8d.), John Fany (10d.), William Tyneham (10d.),

John Coppe (10d.), Thomas Abbot (4d.), John Walshe (4d.), Richard Mey (8d.),

Ralph Illesdon (8d.), John a Tere (8d.) have paid for licence to brew, etc.

John Snowe complains against John Frensshe in a plea of debt on demand of 6s.8d., by pledge of Stephen Danyell. To prove his law by two pledges that he owes him nothing.

(*This section is very difficult to decipher. *I am not sure if I have interpreted it correctly. J.R.C.*)

*Memorandum that it is agreed between the mayor and Richard Mey that the said Richard shall be allowed to lay his timber on (or against) the wall of his house overlooking. 'Owre Lady Hous' and that the said mayor and his successors shall be permitted to place their timber against the wall of the said Richard, and that the mayor and his successors shall maintain a leaded gutter on his wall.

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The twelve present that John Purser assaulted William Marchant with his fist and drew blood. And he also assaulted William Coovyn (?) with his fist. Therefore in mercy. And he also assaulted Thomas Abbot with his fist. Therefore in mercy.

And that William Dare, Philip Walshe, Thomas Davy, John Borogh have allowed their gutters to go unscoured. Ordered to amend this by the feast of All Saints under penalty of 3s.4d. each.

And no sigger shall put out or empty the vat after the eleventh hour and before the ninth hour under penalty of 10s.

And no butcher shall have a place except one place only under penalty of 40d.

And John Tyneham has a day till Monday after the feast of All Saints to produce his evidence concerning a certain parcel of land called 'Apoundeford' under penalty of

And the mayor of the borough shall dwell within the borough before Christmas and this is decreed by the council of the borough.

No. 16.

A Legal Court with view of Frankpledge of Hockeday Term held before Robert* on Monday before the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James (19 Henry VII (29 April 1504).

(*This document is torn all down one side.)

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare

Robert Dare

John Burgh

Richard Baker

John Tyneham

John Snowe

Richard Shelyngford John Cole

Philip Williams
Robert Trevett

John Plee
John Davy

The Jurors aforesaid present that Cecilia Marchioness of Dorset, the abbot of Forde, the abbot of Newynham, the Lord Cobham, William Hody knight, the heirs of Gregory de Marleborough, the heirs of Henry Byschoppe, the heirs of John Baker and the heirs of William (Welfare) are freeholders who owe suit of this court and have made default. Therefore in mercy 6d. each.

Stakepence;

On this day came

Stephen Danyell complains against Richard Huett in a plea of debt on demand of £4, for that the said Richard carried forty pieces of tin from the town of Lyme Regis, to the town and port of Rone in a certain ship of the said Stephen called the 'Crystofer', 2s. to be paid for each piece of tin. And the said Stephen has often asked the said Richard for payment of the £4 and this he has refused to do. And the said Richard comes by mainprise of John Tyneham and Richard Shelyngforde and defends the force and injury, etc., and asks for a day till Monday in the feast of St. Mary Magdalene; and this is granted him.

John Peer complains against Richard Cogen in a plea of debt on demand of 8s.3d. And the said Richard, though summoned, has not appeared. Therefore it is adjudged that the said John shall recover his debt and 12d. for expenses.

Philip Willyams is presented to the office of Constable.

All the inhabitants in the 'West Strete' have not obeyed

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the order not to obscure the course of
the water running there. Therefore in mercy.

Philip Walsche and Thomas Davy have a gutter running in the highway to the harm of the people. Ordered to amend this by the feast of St. John the Baptist under penalty of

John Boteler has assaulted Colen Delamere with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

John Plee has assaulted John Bischoppe with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

John Cole, John Wolcott and John Furser are common regrators of fresh fish. Therefore fined 12d. each.

John Wolcott has Several Places called lime pits which cause annoyance to the people. Ordered to amend this under penalty of 20s.

John Tydboll has a gutter in front of his burgage which causes annoyances to the people. Ordered to amend this by the feast of John the Baptist under penalty of 20s.

And no one in future is to wash any linen cloth in the 'lake' in West Street under penalty of forfeiting the linen; but they may wash it at the corner of Thomas Schorche's tenement and from thence to the sea, and not otherwise.

And no foreigner or any other shall sell or buy any goods in the Cobbe of Lyme except or seasalt or grain or salt under penalty of forfeiting

Robert Trevet and John Davy reeves have received for petty customs for the half year 4 l. 7s.

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Thomas Davy is a common baker and has broken the assize. Therefore in mercy 6d.

William Dare miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

At this Court all pleas are discontinued except that between Stephen Danyell and John Peer.

Memorandum that it is ordained by Robert Philippe mayor of the town of Lyme with the assent of all the burgesses (in the presence of ?) William Wadham steward in full court that all bailiffs and 'portrefes' shall render account annually at the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle of the pence by them received before the auditors assigned by the mayor, and shall pay their arrears and debts to the mayor in the half year following the said account.

Whereupon came the twelve jurors for the King and affirmed that all and singular the above presentments are true. And further they present nothing

Legal Court with View of Frankpledge of Michaelmas Term held before Robert Phelyppe mayor on Monday after the feast of Michaelmas 20 Henry VII (30 September 1504).

John Furser bailiff there comes in virtue of his office and presents that (same names as at previous court), freeholders, have made default on this day. Therefore in mercy 3d. each. And the bailiff is ordered to distrain them to make their suit.

Stakepence:-

On this day comes

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Isabella Fosshyn executrix of the will of John Fosshyn lately deceased complains against John Lapere in a plea of debt of 23s.8d.

Richard Danyell complains against John Smyth of Southperett in a plea of debt of 7s., by pledge of William Dare.

The same Richard Danyell complains against John Lapere in a plea of debt of 19s.4d.

John Denham has deposited dung on the river bank to the annoyance of the people. Therefore in mercy.

John Davy is a common tapster and has sold ale without licence of the mayor. Therefore in mercy 3d.

William Dare, miller, has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 3d.

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	William Tydbury	John borough	Robert Trevett
John Tryllyng	Richard Baker	William Dare	John Snowe
Philip Williams	John Davy	Richard Shylyngford	Thomas Abbott
Richard Danyell	John Tudbole	Stephen Danyell	John Hunt

And the said jurors come and affirm that all the presentments of the bailiff are good and true.

And further it is ordered that in future no-one shall deposit dung or other noxious matter on the river bank between the mill of William Dare and the town bridge, under penalty of 6s.8d.

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William Dare has allowed his gutter at the house of John Tydboll, where he now lives to be badly scoured. Ordered to scour it sufficiently before the next Legal Court under penalty of 6s.8d.

To this Court came William Dare and received of the mayor and burgesses a vacant piece of land between the bridge of St. Mary and the house where John Coppe now lives, to himself his heirs and assigns, provided always that the water running under the said bridge shall have its course as it has had it from time immemorial; and he is to pay twopence a year to the mayor (Marginal note in later hand. Copps Lake)

Affeerors:-

Richard

John

No. 17.

Legal Court with view of Frankpledge held before John Tynham mayor 15 April 20 Henry VII (1505).

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	Thomas Skorche	John Burgh	John Davy
John Tirlyng	John Cole	William Dare	Thomas Abbott
Philip Wylyams	John Taverner	Richard Shelyngford	Alexander Crosse
Richard Danyell	John Grose	John Snowe	John Hall
Peter White.			

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John Furser bailiff comes in virtue of his office and presents that Cecilia Marchioness (of Dorset), the Abbot of Ford, the abbot of Newnam, John Lord Cobham, William Hody knight, the heirs of Gregory Marleburgh, the heirs of Henry Bysshope, the heirs of John Baker, the heirs of William Welfare, and John Shewter, freeholders, have made default on this day. Therefore in mercy 6d. each. And the bailiff is ordered to distrain them for their suit.

And that Thomas Bragge, Giles Chipman, William Harrys, John Bote, William Best, William Gent, who owe suit, have made default on this day. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

To this Court come Alan Jolyn and William Harryson and are sworn to the assize of our lord the King.

William Tydbury complains against John Hogett in a plea of debt of 39s. 11 ½ d., with damages of 20s.

William Dare, miller, has taken excessive toll, therefore in mercy 6d.

It is ordered that all the inhabitants in the West Street shall not in future wash linen or other material in the water running there, but they may wash it at the corner of Thomas Schorche's tenement and from there to the sea, and in no other wise under penalty of 4d. for each offence. And the bailiff is ordered to distrain offenders. And if he does not do so then he shall incur the same penalty.

The twelve come and affirm that all and singular the above presentments are true. And further they present that John Furser assaulted Hugh Best with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

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And the same John Purser assaulted Joan Robyns, therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Hugh Tynham assaulted John Luckeys with his fist and drew blood. Therefore in mercy 9d.

And that Giles Chipman assaulted Lewis Norman with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And further they present that all things are well.

Perquisites of this Court 8s.6d.

Mercy ... 8s.6d.

Legal Court held before John Burgh mayor on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle 21 Henry VII (25 August 1505).

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	Richard Danyell	John Tirlyng	John Snowe
William Dare	John Plee	Philip Wylleymys	John Crosse
Philip Walsche	Thomas Abbott	Richard Shelyngford	John Rapys
Thomas Schorche	Richard Maye	William Tudbury	John Davy

And the twelve come and present William Dare to the office of mayor for the ensuing year;
to the office of coroner, John Dare;
to the office of constable, Robert Phyllyppe and John Snowe;
to the office of reeve Philip Wylleymys and John Plee;
to the office of bailiff, John Rapys and John Grove.

To this Court comes Robert Hamlyn merchant, late apprentice

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of John Burgh now mayor, and
prays to be admitted as a freeman of the town because he has performed his service according to the agreement made with the said John Burgh according to the laudable custom of the town; and the said John Burgh there and then present in Court, in the presence of William Wadham esquire steward of the town, and Thomas Moleyns attorney of the town acknowledges that the said Robert Hamlyn has performed his service according to the agreement made between them, and therefore the said Robert Hamlyn in presence of the said John Burgh, William Wadham, Thomas Moleyns and other burgesses of the town is admitted as freeman of the town, and sworn to the liberties of the town in full court. And he gives to the mayor and burgesses 2s.6d. as fine according to the ancient custom of the town.

Legal Court with View of Frankpledge held before John Borugh mayor on Monday after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel 21 Henry VII (29 September 1505)

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	John Snowe	William Dare	Richard Tranell
Philip Wylleyams	Richard Maye	John Tyrlyng	John Davy
Philip Walsche	John Taverner	Richard Shelyngford	John Shewter
Thomas Schorche	John Hunt	Richard Danyell	John Hall.

John Furser bailiff comes in virtue of his office and presents that (same names as at previous court, substituting

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Thomas Baker for John Shewter), freeholders, have made default on this day. Therefore in mercy 6d. each. And the bailiff is ordered to distrain them to make their suit.

And that John Fany is a common tapster and has sold ale without licence of the mayor. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that William Dare miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

Joan Denyng widow executrix of the will of William Denyng complains against William Hall in a plea of debt of 20s. and damages 2s. And the defendant comes in his own person and acknowledges the plaintiff's action; wherefore it is considered by the court that she shall recover the said debt and damages; and shall have a certain chest as forfeit if it be not paid within one month.

Richard Danyell complains against Richard Shelyngford in a plea of debt of 7s.

John Hunt complains against Richard Maye in a plea of detention of his chattels.

And that Robert Phylippe, Robert Trefett, William Harres, John Appere owe suit and have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

And the twelve come and present that all the above presentments of the bailiff are true.

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And that William Dare, Philip Walsche, and John Burgh, have gutters (unscoured) to the annoyance of the people. Ordered to amend this before the feast of All Saints under penalty of 3s.4d. each.

And that the wall of Joan Dare's barn is ruinous. Ordered to repair it by the feast of Easter under penalty of 100s.

And that a certain stray horse came into the town on the feast of the Nativity of St. Mary the Virgin and remains in the custody of William Dare. And the said William is ordered to proclaim this in three places as is the custom.

To this Court come Andrew Cosby, John Hyll, William Wethek, John Geffrey, Thomas Lugge, Philip Tynham, William Horsy, John, William Trevett, Nicholas Rowbyns, Robert Lewys, and are sworn to the assize of our lord the King.

John Yonge in mercy 3d. because he does not have his son here on this day, as he was ordered, to answer Joan Dare widow of Robert Dare. Therefore the bailiff is ordered to attach him.

And further they present that all things are well.

Perquisites of this Court:- 7s.3d.

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No. 18,

Legal Court of Hokkday term with View of Frankpledge held before William Dare mayor 4 May 21 Henry VII (1506).

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	John Snowe	John Burgh	William Tydbery
John Tyrlyng	Robert Trevett	Philip Wylleymys	Richard Danyell
Robert Phelyppe	John Plee	Philip Walshe	Richard Travell
Richard Shelyngford	John Crosse	Thomas Skorche	Thomas Abbott

John Grove bailiff comes in virtue of his office and presents that (same names as at previous court, substituting Thomas Brage for Thomas Baker) freeholders, have made default on this day. Therefore in mercy 6d. each. And the bailiff is ordered to distrain them to perform their suit.

To this Court comes Thomas Burgh and is sworn to the assize of our lord the King.

William Dare miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

Henry Male assaulted Robert Fyschen with his fist and drew blood. Therefore in mercy 9d.

And that John Tynham who held several burgage tenements of the mayor and burgesses has died since the last Court

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and that Elizabeth and Margery are his daughters and heirs; whereby £2 is due to the mayor and burgesses as relief. And the bailiff is ordered to distrain them to do their fealty.

And that John Fosshyn who held divers burgage tenements of the mayor and burgesses has died since the last Court and that Alexander Fosshyn, son of William Fosshyn is his heir; whereby £2 is due to the mayor and burgesses as relief. And the bailiff is ordered, etc.

(Similar entry for John Plee; John Plee heir).

And that John Hoker assaulted Thomas Abbott with a dagger. Therefore in mercy 6d.

And that William Dare, John Snowe, Robert Phelyppe, Robert Hamelyn and John Hunte have placed dung on the river bank to the annoyance of the people. Ordered to amend this before the next Legal Court under penalty of 12d. each.

And that John Chapman of Oterye St. Mary has entered into the franchise of the town and without licence of the mayor and burgesses has arrested and imprisoned a certain Robert Pooke on suspicion of felony; and the said John has placed himself in the discretion of the Court and has made a fine of 2s.6d. with the mayor and burgesses for the said trespass.

And the twelve come and affirm that all the above presentments of the bailiffs are true.

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And further they unanimously present that all liberties, franchises, and customs which are written in the book of customs of the town shall in future in every article be strictly kept and observed without favour, under the penalty specified in the said book to the paid immediately to the mayor and burgesses.

Perquisites of this Court 13s. 5d.

Affeerors: John Snowe, John Plee

Legal Court held before William Dare mayor on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew 22 Henry VII (24 August 1506).

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	Thomas Skorche	John Burgh	Robert Trevet
John Tyrlyng	John Snowe	Robert Phelippe	William Tynham
Philip Willeyms	Richard Tranell	Philip Walshe	John Crosse
Richard Shelyngford			

And they come and present to the office of mayor for the ensuing year, Thomas Skorche;
to the office of coroner, John Dare;
to the office of constable, Philip Walshe and Robert Phelyppe;
to the office of bailiff, John Coland and John Hunte.

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Legal Court and View of Frankpledge held before William Dare mayor on Monday after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel 22 Henry VII (5 October 1506).

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	William Tydbery	John Burgh	Richard Maye
Philip Willeyms	John Tudboll	John Tyrlyng	Richard Travell
Philip Walshe	Robert Brage	Richard Shelyngford	John Davy
John Snowe			

John Rapys bailiff comes in virtue of his office and presents that (as at previous court, omitting Thomas Brage), freeholders, have made default. Therefore in mercy 6d. each. Ordered to distrain, etc.

To this court come William Mortymer, Geoffrey Tudboll, Richard Wolfe, and Edmund Lowders and are sworn to the assize of our lord the King.

(And the bailiff presents) that William Garnet has received of petty customs 7 l .

And the twelve come and present that the heirs of John Tynham hold a parcel of land next John Tynham's garden; and what their rights are on the said land the twelve do not know. Therefore they have a day till the next Legal Court to explain this.

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And (the bailiff presents) that John Cope has allowed dung to be thrown into the 'lake' flowing between the tenement formerly of John Tynham and the tenement late of John Tynham (sic) to the annoyance of the town. Ordered to scour the lake by the feast of All Saints under penalty of 3s.4d. (Note: Amended).

And that Robert Dyer, John Burgh, Thomas Davy, John Dynham, Alan Jole, Robert Phelyppe, John Cotell, Richard Toker, John Hall, John Yong, Henry Hawker, John Tyrling, John Cole, Philip Walsche, John , William Garnett, John Tudboll, Agnes Cokke, and John Coland have a day till the feast of All Saints to scour the 'lake' and make it sufficiently deep, under penalty of 3s.4d. each.

The 'bailiffs are again ordered to distrain the heirs of John Tynham to perform their fealty before the next Court.

And to distrain Alexander Fusshen and John Plee to perform their fealty before the next Court.

And that Philip Walshe and William Tynham have a day till the feast of St. Martin the Bishop to repair the lawful way lying opposite the tenement of the blessed Virgin Mary on the eastern side and the meadow of John Burgh on the western part, under penalty of 3s.4d.

And that Gelis Toker has assaulted John Tynham with his fist and drew blood. Therefore in mercy 9d.

And that William Dare mayor is seised for the year and the day of a stray horse and so it remains, etc.

And further that William Bysshope is next heir of Henry Bischope and is of full age and is seised by the death of

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the said Henry of two burgage tenements lying together between the tenement of the lord Cobham on the east and the tenement of John Burgh on the west; whereby 2 l. is due to the mayor and burgesses as relief. The bailiffs ordered to distrain him to perform his fealty before the next Court.

To this Court comes John Tudboll and receives of William Dare mayor and of the burgesses, and of their successors, one vacant piece of land which formerly was a burgage tenement lying between the tenement late of John Bisshope on the west, and a vacant piece of land on the east, and the highway leading towards Colyford on the north and the seashore on the south, to have and to hold the said land with its appurtenances to the said John Tudboll his heirs and assigns for ever, rendering annually to the mayor and burgesses twelve pence of lawful money of England, to be paid at Michaelmas. And he has performed his fealty and is admitted a burgess.

Whereupon the twelve for the King come and present that all the above presentments of the bailiffs are true. And they present nothing further.

Perquisites of this Court 5s. 3d.

Affeerors:- John Burgh, John Tudboll.

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Legal Court of Hockeday term with View of Frankpledge held before Philip Walsche, mayor, 15 May 23 Henry VII (1508).

Hugh Dyer and Robert Hamelyn bailiffs come in virtue of their office and present that lord Henry Stafford in right of his wife Cecilia Marchioness of Dorset lady Haryngton and Bonvyle, the abbot of Forde, the abbot or Nywnam, the lord Cobham, William Hody knight (6d. each), the heirs of Gregory Marleburgh, William Bischope, the heirs of John Baker, and the heirs of William Welfare (3d. each) freeholders, have made default on this day. Therefore in mercy. And the bailiff is ordered to distrain them to perform

their suit.

And that William Dare miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 6d.

To this Court comes John Agaunt and is sworn to the assize of our lord the King.

Thomas Elies complains against John Cotell in a plea of debt.

And they present that Nicholas Male, tailor, and John Nowell, shoemaker, have dealt in divers merchandises, and hold house daily without licence of the mayor. Therefore in mercy 6d. each.

And that John Cotell has assaulted Thomas Yersch with his

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fist and drawn blood. Therefore in

mercy 6d.

And the said John again assaulted the said Thomas with his fist. Therefore in mercy 3d.

And that Robert Roper has insulted John Coteler with his fist and a ring and drew blood.

Therefore in mercy 9d.

And that John Dynham has harboured Tamsin Hoddes. Therefore in mercy 20s.

And that Thomas Molton has harboured vagabonds. Therefore in mercy 6s.8d.

And that John Colant and John Wolcott are common regrators in the buying and selling of oysters. Therefore in mercy 20d. each.

And that John Purser is a common hunter and keeps hares and hounds contrary to the law of the land. Therefore in mercy 6s.8d.

And that William Taylor has made a certain causeway towards Capishile to the annoyance of the people. Therefore ordered to amend it by the feast of Pentecost under penalty of 6s.8d.

To this Court comes William Tudboll of Lyme Regis merchant and gives to the mayor and burgesses 3s.4d. to be a freeman as free burgess (essendi liber homo sicut

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liber burgensis) to deal in all

merchandises both within the liberty of the town and without, without payment of any custom or subsidy, as the free burgesses do. And he is sworn in full Court faithfully to observe all the customs of the town.

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	John Pley	John Burgh	John Cotell
William Dare	Alexander Crosse	John Tyrlyng	Thomas Abbott
Philip Wylleymys	John Crosse	Richard Shelyngforde	John Hunte
Thomas Skorche	William Garnett	John Snowe	John Grove
John Tudbolt	Thomas Burgh	Robert Trevett	John Agaunt

And they come and affirm that all and singular the presentments of the bailiffs are true. And further they present nothing.

Affeerors:- John Burgh John Snowe.

Legal Court held before Philip Walsche mayor on Monday after the feast of St. Bartholomew 24 Henry VII (28 August 1508).

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	John Snowe	John Burgh	John Tudboll
William Dare	John Pley	John Tirlyng	John Crosse
Philip Wylleymys	John Agaunt	Richard Shelyngford	Thomas Burgh
Thomas Skorche	John Gotell	William Tidbery	John Furser

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And they come and present to the office of mayor for the ensuing year, Robert Trevett;
to the office of coroner, John Dare;
to the office of constable, John Tirlyng and Philip Wylleymys;
to the office of bailiff, Robert Pyne and John Furser.

Legal Court of Michaelmas Term held 2 October 24 Henry VII (1508).

Alexander Crosse and Hugh Dyer come in virtue of their office and present that (same names as at previous court), freeholders, have made default, etc., etc.

And that Thomas Burgh and Richard Maye have made default. Therefore in mercy 3d. each.

And that William Dare miller has taken excessive toll. Therefore in mercy 3d. ,

And that John Grove has assaulted John Pley with a dagger and drawn blood. Therefore in mercy 9d.

And all the burgesses are ordered not to carry daggers in future under penalty of 3s.4d.

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And all the burgesses are ordered not to play at dice under penalty of 3s.4d.

And all those having lands between Fullyforde and the Cobbeyeate are ordered to scour the 'lake' there under penalty of 3s.4d.

And all those between John Hokett's tenement and the river bank are ordered not to throw any dung or other matter into the lake there under penalty of 20s.

And the bailiffs are ordered to enforce the rule against washing cloth in the common stream under penalty of 10s.

And all of the borough are ordered to repair the highway in front of the land of Thomas , where it lies in disrepair, before Christmas under penalty of 6s.8d.

And all of the borough are ordered to repair the highway at Milhill, where it is submerged, before the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary under penalty of 3s.4d.

And Thomas Abbot is ordered to remove his hedge between himself and John Tirlyng before the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle under penalty of 3s.4d.

The twelve for the King:-

John Dare	Alexander Crosse	John Tirlyng	Thomas Abbott
Philip Willeyms	John Crosse	Richard Shelyngforde	John Hunte

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John Snowe	William Garnett	John Tudbolt	John Grove
John Davy	Thomas Burgh	John Cotell	John Toker

And they come and affirm that all and singular the presentments of the bailiffs are true and further they present nothing,

Affeerors:- John Tudbolt John Davy.

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GLOSSARY AND NOTES.

Affeerors (64, 72, 75, 78, 81) settled the amount of the fines by the Court Leet where no express penalty was prescribed.

Alestake or Sign (11, 36) was a long stake driven into the ground with a sign on it, as an indication that ale was to be sold there.

All Saints, Feast of, (45, 59, 69) Nov. 1st.

Ambrose, Feast of St. (7, 56) April 4th. On p. 56, (1502) the debtor had previously bound himself to pay the money on April 4th, 1494.

Andrew, Feast of St. (62, 80) Nov. 30th.

Apoundeforde (59). This "close" or locality of Lyme Regis cannot be identified.

Assize of Bread and/or Ale (4, 9, 15, 19, 25, 27, 28, 30, 36, 40) was held for settling their price in relation 1 to the current price of grain.

Assize of our lord the King (4, 54, 65). This may or may not refer to the Assize of Bread and Ale. Nothing can be said for certain on the point.

Bailiff(s) (1, etc, etc.) throughout this book seem to have been administrative officials of the Corporation. Serjeants (7 at Mace) first appear on p. 53.

Bartholomew, Feast of St. (1, 9, 15, 21, 32, 66, 72, 78,) April 24th.

Beaufront (48) occurs frequently as part of Lyme up to the early 17th century, but cannot be exactly identified. See note on p. 2 of the "Glossary and Notes" attached to "Fugitive Pieces" II.

Biconyll (39, 41), Sir John, as well as Sir Thomas Tremayle was a judge of the High Court. The two may have been on circuit, or acting as itinerant justices.

Blessed Virgin Mary. Tenement of, Bridge of, (45, 64, 74). It seems impossible to identify this with the Chapel on the Buddle Bridge, or with the Bridge itself, p. 45 shows that it was property owned by the Church.

bocher (26) butcher.

Bonville and Harrington families (10, 23, 30, 33, 34, 38, 39, 42-44, 46, 49, 51, 55) were originally of Shute, Devon, and later on of Chewton, Somerset. They held land in Lyme (including the Manor of Colway) in the 15th century, and their device can be seen on one of the pillars of Lyme Church on the south side of the nave. Of those mentioned in the text:

- (1) Sir William Bonville, Lord Chuton (Chewton), who married as his second wife, Elizabeth Courteney, widow of the 4th Baron Harrington, changed his politics by Joining the Yorkists Just before the second battle of St. Albans (Feb. 17th, 1461) and on the next day after the Lancastrian Victory was decapitated by order of Queen Margaret.
- (2) William, Lord Bonville, grandson of Wm., Lord Harrington, was killed at the Battle of Wakefield, Dec. 31st, 1460.
- (3) Cecilia Bonville, Lady Harrington, daughter of the above was a rich heiress, and married Thomas Grey, 1st Marquess of Dorset (1451-1501). She occurs in this book both as Cecilia, Marchioness of Dorset, (pp. 60, 65, 76) and as Lady Haryngton and Bonvyle (p. 76) and on the latter page she seems to have married, between 1501 and 1508, Lord Henry Stafford, Earl of Wiltshire.

Boy drowned in well (43). If the body was not recovered, hygiene would dictate the filling in of the well.

Bretone (23). It is impossible to say whether this is an ordinary name or intended for a native of Brittany.

Brooke family (7, 11, 23, 28, 33, 34, 38, 42-4, 46, 49, 51, 55, 60, 65, 75, 76), with the titles of Baron or Baroness Cobham succeeded the Bonvilles later on as Lords of the Manor of Colway. Joan, Lady Brooke, was a Baroness in her own right.

burgage tenement (47, 48, 55, 61, 75) was held of the King or other lord for a certain yearly rent.
 Burgh, John (30, 32, 33, 39, etc.) whose name, variously spelt, occurs so frequently (see Index of names) in this book was Mayor 1491/2, and represented Lyme Regis in the House of Commons twice, viz., in 1478, when his colleague was Sir Thomas Tremayle (see pp. 39 and 41), and again in 1491, when his colleague was John Tynham (Mayor 1451/2 and 1498/9), who is also frequently mentioned in this book. (See Index of names).

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Butchers (59) This means of course that so single butcher is to be allowed to have two places in the shambles.

Capyshill (52, 53, 54, 77). This district, when the water trouble was so great, cannot be identified. It is similarly mentioned in Fugitive Pieces II, fo. 13, p. 6.

Chaplain (44, 55). This is more likely to be an office than a man's name. Possibly he was private Chaplain to some noble owner of land in Lyme.

Chapman (71). The proceedings of John Chapman, a "foreigner" seems to have been rather high-handed. He may have been acting for the town of Ottery St. Mary or for the J.P's or for itinerant justices, but he made submission to the Mayor of Lyme in the end.

Chuton, Lord (23, 55), see Bonvile family above.

Clement the Pope, Feast of (12). = Nov. 23rd.

Cobham, Lord (23, 28, 30, etc., etc.) see Brooke family above.

Common Stream (27, 43, 80) i.e., of the town's supply of pot water.

Cops Lake (64) Cannot be identified. It seems to have taken its name from one John Coppe. It is referred to again in Fugitive Pieces 1, 45 (1496/7) and 52 (? 16-).

Cornishman (20). The meaning is probably that Robert Dare pays on behalf of a Cornishman who wishes to fish.

Corser (45) - horse dealer.

Cucking-stool (45) was in the form of a close-stool. The offender was fastened to it and exposed to the Jeers of the passers-by.

Customers (34) were the officials who collected the "customs" (see below).

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Customs (7, 14, 19, 23, etc.) were port dues, and charges for fishing, selling wine and beer trading etc.. as indicated.

Dorset, Cecilia Marchioness of (See Bonvile).

Danyell, Stephen (58). This probably means that he was sworn before the Mayor as a Burgess. (See p. 45)

Essoin (2) i.e. the Defendant puts in some excuse non-attendance.

Erlys (51) i.e., probably belonging to a man called Erie or Erly.

Fishing, penalty for (7, 17, 19). This may have had something to do with a boundary within which the right of fishing could only be enjoyed on payment of a tax.

Forener (19, 31, 61) i.e. one not a burgess of Lyme.

Frankpledge, View of (35, 39, 59, 62, 64, 70, 73, 76). The system whereby every member of a tithing was answerable for the good conduct of or for damage done by other members, and includes the power of holding a Court Leet.

Freeholders & suit of Court (4, 7, 11, 23, 28, 30, 33, 34, 41, etc.) This may have been a mere formality, so far as the smaller people were concerned. The bigger people would have been ready to pay, so as to avoid the trouble of coming to court.

Fullyforde
Fullyfords Will, i.e., well (37, 80). This place cannot be identified.

Gosselingbrugge (30, 40) is Gosling Bridge. [variously spelt]
Gretebrugge (40) Great Bridge and would seem to refer to the Buddie Bridge.
Groy, a ship of (29) seems inexplicable.

Hanger (35) is a short sword or cutlass.
Harbouring strangers or vagabonds (77) To conceal these, without reporting them to the authorities, was an offence.
Hares and hounds (77) Except that Furser's status may not have qualified him for this sport, his offence is not obvious.
Haryngton & Bonvile, Lady (76) In note on Bonvile above.
Helyers-brugge (33) This bridge cannot be identified.
Hocktide (7, 14, 35, 59) the second Monday and Tuesday after Easter.
Hody, Sir William (38, 42-4, etc. - see Index of names) was Serjeant-at-Law and Attorney-General 1485, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer 1486, died 1524. His home was at Pillesdon. Earlier members of the family also had filled the highest judicial positions.
Holy Cross, Feast finding of (14, 19, 24) = May 3rd.

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Horses astray (14, 69, 74). On p. 14 the stray horse is suspected to be Lydeford's and he is fined for not having it under control. On pp. 69 and 74 the stray horse is a "foreigner" and comes into the hands of William Dare, the Mayor. The horse remains in his custody for a year and a day and then, after due public notice given, becomes the property of the community.

Impleaded (51) prosecuted, brought an action against.

John the Baptist, Feast of the Nativity of (26, 31, 32, 37, 61) = June 24th.
John before the Latin Gate, Feast of (18) = May 6th.
Lake (61, 74, 80) a dipping-place in the stream of the town's pot water.
Lawrence the Martyr, Feast of (33) = Aug. 10th.
Luke the Evangelist, Feast of (10, 27) = Oct. 18th.
Lumbo de Lee (7) We have here probably the case of a "foreigner" fishing at Lyme without permission or fee paid. The name is a curious one, but the clerk may have got it wrong.

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Mainperned (6, 6) = became surety for.
Mainprise (60) i.e., Tyneham and Shelyngford had gone bail for Huett's appearance.
Martin the Bishop, Feast of (74) = Nov. 11th.
Mary Magdalene, Feast of (60) = July 22nd.
Mary St., Bridge of (64) See "Blessed Virgin Mary" above.
Matthew, Feast of (45) = Sept. 21st.
Meryettesbrugge (32) This bridge cannot be identified.
Metes (37) = boundary marks.
May, Richard (37) His offence is not clear, he had no regular job and behaved suspiciously.
Michael, Feast of St. (3, 24, 36, 46) = Sept. 29th.
Mil hil (80) Is a corruption of 'Mulle Hulle' It is not a hill at all, but is explained by Roberts (p. 44) as the low ground at the Mill. The Mill in question was one on the right bank of the river between the present steam laundry and Gosling Bridge.

Mylton Facomburgh (32) is Milton, a hamlet of Martock parish, Somerset, which was formerly called Milton Falconbridge.

Nativity of B.V.M., Feast of, (13, 69) = Sept. 8th.

Newenham Abbey (variously spelt 7, 11, etc., etc.) Some pieces of wall among the buildings of a farm-house on the E. side of the Axe about a mile below Axminster are all that remain of the once famous Abbey of Newenham founded in 1246.

Nicholas, Feast of (6) = Dec. 6th.

Nytherlyme (19, 24). This and "Netherlym-supra-Mare" were former names for Lyme Regis, whereby it was distinguished from Uplyme.

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Obscure, to (61) = befoul.

"Oure Lady Hous" (58) See note 127 at Folio 101 of the portfolio III Fugitive pieces.

Paul, Feast of the Conversion (16) = Jan- 25th.

Pentecost, Feast of (43, 52, 53) i.e., Whitsunday. 7 weeks after Easter.

Penyme(a)de (1, 5) according to the Colway Tithing Boundary award at Folio 11 of Portfolio IV, seems to have been a plot to the East of the Church between old Charmouth Lane and the sea.

Peter ad Vincula, Feast of (7, 15) = Aug. 1st.

Peter and Paul, Feast of (15) = June 29th.

Petty Customs (43, 46, 73) See "Customs" above.

Philip and James, Feast of (59) - May 1st.

Piepowder Court (29) It has generally been considered that the right of holding this Court was first given to Lyme by Mary Tudor in 1553. This mention of the Court at Lyme in 1472 is, another instance of rights exercised by the Borough for some years previous to the date when they were confirmed by charter or otherwise. The Court had to deal summarily and on the spot with disputes that arose over dealings in market.

Ponfold (46) = pinfold = pound.

Portrefes (62) are not necessarily connected with a sea port but are officers of a borough under the Mayor.

Purification of B.V.M. Feast of (80) = Feb. 2nd.

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puts himself, etc., (19) i.e., claims a trial by jury.

Rackclose (47, 60) is no doubt intended under these mis-spellings. It was here that the Anning thunderstorm of 1800 killed three people.

Receiver (21) i.e., of rents, fines, etc.

Reeve (2, 7, 9) is variously applied to the Chief Magistrate or any minor official of a Borough.

Regrator (26, 61) is one who buys up commodities in a market to sell them again at a profit, thus raising prices to his own advantage.

Relief (71, 75) is the fine paid on the renewal of a tenure or when it changed hands.

Sayme (17) or 'seam' fat, grease, lard.

Sawieisbrigge (45) This bridge cannot be identified.

Serjeants (? at Mace) (53) These are mentioned for the first time in this year (1501).

Sigger (59) one who steeps or soaks cloth in urine.

Simon and Jude, Feast of (5) = Oct. 28th.

- Sklathe (44) possibly "skillet" a cooking utensil, saucepan, but a slate is written
sclathe, and sklaith.
- Skynner, John (26) The meaning is that John Skynner, a stranger, came into Lyme and broke
the King's peace.
- Stakyng pens (1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 19, 21, 23-51, 27, 34, 62). This variously spelt and oft
recurring word is literally the "pence" or fee payable for the privilege of putting up an ale-stake.
(See 'Ale-Stake above).
- Steward (39, 62, 67). One of the Bonviles was the Steward of Lyme's Court Leet in
1492, but had been replaced by a Wadham of Catherston
- Tanner's (48) Cannot be identified.
- Tapster (36, 40, 42, 63) was the keeper of a tavern.
- Toll (20, 26, 36, 40, 42, 44, 46, 50, 52, 58, 62, 63, 65, 68, 70, 76, 79). The
excessive toll of millers was in charging more for their flour than the price fixed at the Assize of
Bread and Ale.
- Tremayle (39, 41) Sir Thomas Tremayle, a Judge of the High Court, was a Somerset man
who represented Lyme in the House of Commons in 1478. See "Biconyll" above.
- Tynham, John (11, etc.) see 'Burgh.' above and Index of Names.
- Vatilda (28) probably - Matilda.
- Vicar of Lyme (13, 14) William Bynham (1442) is not included in the list of Vicars given by
Roberts (p. 104). his list has a gap between 1425 and 1534.
- Vigil - the eve preceding a festival.
- Virgin Mary, Feast of the Purification (29) = Feb. 2nd
- Wabrondismede (45) cannot be identified.
- Wadham, William (30, 33, 40, 67) of Catherston.
- Washing in town pot water (40, 47, 54, 61, 65, 80). The offence of washing one's dirty linen in the
stream of the town's pot water (pp. 47, 50) is brought up once more later on in Fugitive Pieces II,
fo. 79, p. 1 of 1609. The washing of linen or woollen cloth in process of manufacture, as referred to
on the other pages, must have fouled the water supply still more.
- Wathe (12, 47) cannot be identified. It is referred to in Fugitive Pieces II, fo. 7, pp. 4,
6, and fo. 16, p. 6.
- Westfield (12) cannot be identified.
- West Street (31, 60). The occurrence of this former name of Broad Street so early as 1478
is interesting.
- Withe, the, (46) cannot be identified.
- Writs (34) suitors would pay 3d. for each writ issued by the Court to compel a
defendant to appear.
- Wyght (33) This man may possibly have come from the Isle of Wight.
- Wymarke (8, 10) This curious name of the wife of Walter Tanner was not unknown at
this time (1440) and may be of Dutch origin.

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END OF 19 COURT RECORDS, 1437 – 1508.

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