

LYME REGIS COURT BOOK. 1725 – 1765

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As this is fully searchable the indexes have not been copied only the glossary.

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Richard Wells, December 2017.

PREFACE.

This Calendar extends from 1725 to 1765. It has been compiled from an exceptionally large vellum-bound register, which was in a very bad condition, and three smaller sets of memoranda which are preserved together in one case.

The work of transcription has been done by Mr. D. B. Wardle of the Public Record Office.

Two important changes, which affected all England alike, occurred during the period of this Calendar.

The first change was the Act of 1731, by which English instead of Latin, became the official language of Corporations and other public bodies. The Act was adopted by Lyme Regis in 1733.

The second change was the adoption in 1752 of the Gregorian instead of the inaccurate Julian Calendar. This is referred to on p. 75.

At pp. 137-164 will be found the usual Indexes and notes.

The references in the Indexes are to the numbers at the bottom of each typed page.

A number in red ink in the text refers to the corresponding number in the Glossary and Notes at pp. 151-164. *[These red ink notes were not copied R.W.]*

C.W.
April, 1940.

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(flyleaf) Summary of "An Act to prevent frivolous and Vexatious Suits" 12 George I.

1a) Hustings Court of our lord the king in the town of Lyme Regis held in the Guildhall there before Robert Carswell, gentleman, mayor, John Whetcomb, John Edwards and John Bowdidge, burgesses of the said town, according to the custom of that time used and approved from time immemorial, and in accordance with the liberties and privileges of the mayor and burgesses of the same town by divers charters of the progenitors of our lord the king now (reigning) granted and confirmed, on Monday to wit the thirtieth day of March in the year of the reign of George king of Great Britain, France, and Ireland the tenth (1724)

Hustings Court held 6 April, 1724.

Election of Officials

Thomas Clarke, sen., William Hare: churchwardens
poor wardens: John Kaynes, Daniel - - - -

Hustings Court held 20 April, 1724.

1b) Court of View of Frankpledge of the mayor and burgesses of the said town held in the Guildhall there on Monday 20 April 10 George I (being 'Hoc-Monday') according to custom, and before John Edwards steward of this said court.

The jury (named) present that the stocks

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and pillory are in disrepair, and the constables are

ordered to mend them.

That the house of William Hare in Coombstreet is in disrepair;

That the house of Brent Reynel esquire called 'le- George Inne' is in disrepair where it adjoins the house of Lawrence Howley, late of William Smith esquire;

That the public bridge called Millgreen Bridge near the house of Thomasine Sprake is in such a bad state of repair that it cannot be used without danger;

That the highway leading to Uplyme is in disrepair;

And that the house commonly called 'Le Tower' now in tenure of Lancelot Jordan is in disrepair.

All these to be repaired under penalty.

William Pike and Samuel Cuin sworn affeerers of the amercements.

Joseph Randall constable, being sworn, presented 'all well'.

Hustings Court held 4 May., 1724.

2a) Wm. Beere v. Samuel Bartlett; trespass.

Hustings Court held 1 June, 1724.

2b) Beere v. Bartlett: judgement and costs for the plaintiff.

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4a) Hustings Court held 30 August, 1724.

Election of a new mayor.

The capital burgesses (named) chose Henry Holt Henley and Thomas Pitts as candidates.

Henry Holt Henley was elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Robert Burridge elected coroner.

John Cox elected a constable.

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Court of View of Frankpledge held the same 5 October, before John Edwards, steward.

Swearing of officials:-

Henry Holt Henley: mayor.

Robert Burridge: coroner and justice of the peace.

John Cox William Pike,

5a) William Hare, Francis Purchase, jun. constables

Thomas Bragge, John Pecket sealers of leather

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7a) Election of Officials:-

Andrew Tucker, John Carswell: Churchwardens

John Cox, John Channon: Poor wardens

Hustings Court held 12 April, 1725.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 12 April (Hokemunday') before John Edwards steward.

The jury (named) present that the following are in disrepair:-

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The wall adjacent to the place called 'le Belclift'.

A house of Nathaniel Gundry next to the burgage of John Carswell.

A fireplace in Robert Burrridge's house.

The wall of Henry Henley's house in Churchstreet, of which George Lisle is tenant.

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Hustings Court held 31 August, 1725

8b) Election of a new mayor, etc.

Thomas Pitts and John Bowdidge, junior, were nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

John Bowdidge junior elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Henry Henley elected coroner for the ensuing year.

John Carswell elected a constable.

9a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 4 Oct. before John Edwards steward.

Swearing in of Officials:-

John Bowdidge, junior: Mayor.

Henry Henley esquire: Coroner.

John Carswell, Peter King,

Richard Churchill, John Newell, Constables

William Damer, Thomas Clarke Elected Serjeants at mace and sworn.

(The above took the oath prescribed in the act of parliament 1 Geo. I. securing their Protestant succession)

Thomas Bragge, John Peckett Leather sealers.

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The Jury present Inter alia a defective watercourse flowing from the house of Benjamin Brewford to that of Robert Batten.

The outgoing constables (named) present 'all well' .

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Hustings Court held 11 April, 1726.

10b) Election of Officials

Joseph Wallis, John Cox Church wardens.

John Domett, Thomas Clarke Poor wardens.

11a) Hustings Court held 25 April. 1726.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 25 April ('Hoc-Monday') before John Edwards steward there.

The jury (named) present the following matters

That the house of Nathaniel Gundry is utterly fallen and wholly in ruins.

That the well of William Read needs repair.

That the mayor has not yet repaired the Council-house as he was ordered to do at the last court, And that he should provide a cucking stool (tumbrell).

That Robert Oliver should repair his hedges and fences fronting the public way in Sherborn Lane.

And that Henry Holt Henley should remove a dunghill made against the house of Robert Salter.

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Hustings Court held 27 June, 1726.

(Marginal note: 'Adhoc supervis' per W. Longman

Hustings Court held 11 July, 1726.

11b) Thomas Loving, jun. elected Serjeant at Mace in place of William Darner lately deceased, and duly sworn

- 12a) Hustings Court held 29 August. 1726
 Election of a new mayor
 Henry Bunston and John Burr ridge, jun. nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses (named).
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 John Burr ridge, Jun. elected mayor by the freemen. (named)
 Thomas Pitts elected coroner.
 Thomas Clarke elected a constable.
- 12b) Court of View of Frankpledge held 3 Oct. , 1726.
 Swearing of Officials:-
 John Burr ridge, jun.: Mayor
 Thomas Pitts: Coroner.
 Thomas Clarke, John Carswell,
 Michael Owen, Richard Churchill: Constables.
 Thomas Clarke, jun. Thomas Loving: Serjeants at mace.
 Thomas Bragge, John Peckett: Sealers and searchers of Leather.
 Thomas Brewford: Measurer of cloth.
 The Jury (named) also present that Robert Smith who keeps the inn called the St. George has made a dunghill against his said house by the highway, which he is ordered to remove.
 Also that the outgoing constables say that all is well.
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- 13b) Hustings Court held 6 Feb.. 1726/7.
 William Callway v. Richard King; trespass.
 The same v. Elizabeth Turner, spinster; trespass.
- 14a) Hustings Court held 3 April. 1727.
 Election of Officials:-
 Richard Churchill, Richard Davy, Church wardens (originally written Davie. C.W.)
 Joseph Godfrey, James Ford Poor wardens
- Court of View of Frankpledge held 17 April (Hoc Munday)1727, before John Edwards steward.
 The jury (named) present that the walls of the house near 'le Gunclift' now in tenure of John Norwood are very ruinous and in danger of collapsing, and must be repaired in a month under penalty of 40s - the house needs rebuilding.
 That the house formerly in tenure of Thomas Parsons, late in tenure of Edward Thomas,
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- 14b) and now in tenure of James Moore, and the house adjoining it, in the street leading from West street alias Broad street towards the pound, are ruinous and must be repaired in a month under penalty of 20s.;
- That the house called 'le Tower' in Broad Street in tenure of Lancelot Jordan, gentleman or his under-tenant is ruinous and must be repaired in two months under penalty of 40s.
 That the house in the place opposite the Shambles between the burgage of John Carswell (and that of) John Whitty is ruinous and must be repaired in a month under penalty of 40s.
 And that the house of William Smith in Church street alias East street is ruinous and must be repaired in a month under penalty of 20s.
 (A gap here until 28 August, 1727 C.W.)
 Hustings Court held 28 August. 1727.
 Election of a new mayor
 Robert Burr ridge, jun., and Andrew Tucker nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.
 Andrew Tucker elected mayor by the freemen.
 Nathaniel Gundry elected coroner.
 George Buck elected a constable.

16a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 2 Oct., 1727.

Swearing in of officials:-

Andrew Tucker:	Mayor.
Nathaniel Gundry:	Coroner.
Thomas Clarke, Thomas Loving, jun.:	Serjeants at mace.
George Buck, William Carswell,	
Joseph Randall jun. Matthew Bazely:	Constables.
John Peckett, Thomas Bragge:	Sealers of leather
Ralph Ham, William Peckett :	-----

The jury (named) also present James Tucker, late master of the ship called 'Le Rewbey' now lying sunk in the Cobb, and the owners of the ship called 'Le Indian Queen' late of Thomas Kingston - - - - -
 - - - - - called Le Buddle,

William Smith esquire owner of a house in the street called Church street - - - - -

(entries incomplete C.W.)

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17b) Memorandum, that on the same 22 April, 1728, the parishioners of the parish of Lyme Regis to the number of 43 persons assembled in the Guildhall for the election of church wardens and overseers of the poor. Timothy Hallett clerk, vicar of the parish, claiming by pretext of certain ecclesiastical canons the nomination of one churchwarden, elected John Domett to this office for the ensuing year: then William Hare was elected by the majority of the parishioners according to ancient custom to the place of the other churchwarden, and Joseph Marder and Thomas Hollord, jun., were elected overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 6 May ('Hoc Munday') before John Edwards steward.

The jury (named) present inter alia that the porch of the house of Andrew Tucker, mayor, is ruinous and in danger of falling.

And that the constables present 'all well'.

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18b) Hustings Court held 26 August, 1728.

Election of a new mayor, etc.

John Cox and George Coade nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

John Cox elected mayor by the freemen (named one of whom, Joseph Randall, affirmed).

Robert Carswell elected coroner.

William Hare elected a constable.

19a) Court of View of frankpledge held 30 Sept. , 1728.

Swearing in of officials:-

John Cox,	Mayor.
Robert Carswell, gentleman:	Coroner.
Thomas Clarke, Thomas Loving, jun.	Serjeants at mace.
Thomas Bragge, John Peckett,	Sealers and searchers of leather.

19b) William Hare , Benjamin Bazely,

James Ford, Nicholas Lathy, Constables.

The jury (named.) also present that the house in Broad street called 'le Tower', formerly of Robert Jones, lately purchased by Jonathan Taylor, esquire, is ruinous, and the walls thereof in great danger of falling.

And that the walls of the house of William Smith

in Church (Street) are in disrepair.

The constables present 'all well' .

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Hustings Court held 7 April, 1729.

20b) Election of officials:-

John Carswell, Richard Churchill

Church wardens

John Newell, Robert Dopson.

Overseers of the poor.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 21 April, 1729, before John Edwards steward,

The jury (named) present that the waywardens ought to repair the - - - - in the highway leading out of the town to Colway Pound.

That Goslings Bridge needs repair.

That the walls of the house occupied by John Norwood on the way leading from the street called Buttermarket to the place called Guncliff is much decayed and in danger of falling.

And that the constables present 'all well'.

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Hustings Court held 25 August, 1729.

21b) Election of a new mayor, etc.

Henry Henley esquire and George Coad nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

George Coad elected by the freemen (named) of whom Joseph Creed and Abraham

Pool affirmed.

Jonas Whetcomb elected Coroner.

Richard Churchill elected a Constable.

22a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 6 Oct., 1729.

Swearing in of officials:-

George Coade:

Mayor.

Jonas Whetcomb:

Coroner.

Thomas Clarke, Thomas Loving,

Serjeants at mace.

Richard Churchill, Thomas Channon,

Robert Bragge, Thomas Hollord, jun.

Constables.

Richard Olliver, Benjamin Hutchins

Sealers and searchers of leather.

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The jury (named) also present that a gutter or watercourse in the east part of the town is in the greatest disrepair, and that Charles Sprake the water-bailiff should repair it.

That the road leading to Colway Pound, and Goslings Bridge, need repair.

Hustings Court held 30 March, 1730.

23b) Election of Officials:

William Hare & George Kearby: churchwardens (one on the nomination of Hugh Key, vicar, the other elected by the parishioners.

Samuel Clarke, Robert Salter:

overseers of the poor.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 13 April, 1730, (being'Hoc Munday') before John Edwards steward.

24a) The Jury (named) present that the waywardens still permit the street on the east part of the town leading to Colway Pound to be in disrepair.

That the house late of one Clarke in Church Street is great decayed and in danger of falling,

That dirt and rubbish have been

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put in the place near the said house in the highway so as to obstruct the passers-by.

That Goslings Bridge near Millgreen Street is broken and ruinous, and that the mayor and burgesses should repair and maintain at their own costs and expense.

- 25a) Hustings Court held 31 August. 1730.
 Election of a new mayor, etc.:
 Henry Henley esquire and Henry Holt Henley nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses
 Henry Henley esquire elected Mayor by the freemen (named)
 John Bowdidge elected Coroner.
 William Hare elected a Constable.
- 25b) Court of View of Frankpledge held 5 October, 1730, before John Edwards steward.
 Swearing in of officials:
 Henry Henley: Mayor.
 John Bowdidge: Coroner.
- Thomas Clarke, Thomas Loving, Serjeants at mace
 William Hare, Roddon Samwayes,
 Richard Churchill, John Kayne, Constables.
 Thomas Bragge, John Izaac Sealers of leather
- The jury (named) also present that the walls of the place called 'Le Bell Clift' are broken and decayed and should be repaired;
 That the house of William Smith esquire late in tenure of Lydia Osborn widow in the way leading to Uplyme is ruinous and in danger of falling.
- 27b) Court of View of Frankpledge held 3 May (being 'Hoc Munday') before John Edwards steward.
 The Jury (named) present that the ditch of
- Susan Cousins near the close called Great and Little Shills is obstructed and filled up with mud and dirt for want of scouring; and that Mary Puckett widow - - - - the watercourse in Church Street - - - - (entry incomplete).
- 28b) Hustings Court held 30 August. 1731.
 Election of a new mayor, etc.:
 Henry Holt Henley and Robert Carswell nominated as candidates for the mayoralty by the capital burgesses.
 Henry Holt Henley elected mayor by the freemen (named)
 John Cox elected coroner.
 John Channon elected a constable.
- 29a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 4 Oct., 1731 before John Edwards, steward.
 Swearing-in of officials:-
 Henry Holt Henley: Mayor.
 John Cox: Coroner.
 John Clarke, Thomas Loving, jun. Serjeants at mace.
- John Channon , Nicholas Lathy,
 John Hart, John Besse Constables
 John Peckett, Thomas Bragge: Sealers of leather.
 Robert Oliver: Hayward.
- The jury (named) also present that the walls called 'le Bell Clift Walls' and the steps near the Shambles are decayed and should be repaired by the Corporation.
 That the house called Jonathan Lacy (sic) in the street near the church is ruinous.

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That Mary Puckett widow of Robert Puckett, taylor, fills the water-course in Church street with dirt, to the common nuisance.

30b) Election of Officials. 10 April. 1732:

John Gundry and John Newell elected churchwardens for the ensuing year; and Richard Churchill and John Cox, tobaconist, being substantial householders

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elected overseers of the poor.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 24 April before John Edwards steward.

The jury (named) present that Lancelot Jordan has not kept his well - - - -

That James Ford has made a dunghill against his house near the highway and Cobb Gate, which must be removed.

That the mayor and burgesses should repair the walls of Goslings Bridge, which are much decayed.

The constables present 'all well'.

31b) Hustings Court held 28 August, 1732.

Election of a new mayor etc.:-

Henry Henley and John Rodbard esquires nominated as candidates for the mayoralty by the capital burgesses.

John Rodbard elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Abraham Pool, a quaker, affirmed.

Jonas Whetcomb elected Coroner.

Robert Bragge elected Constable.

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32a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 2 Oct., 1732, before John Edwards, steward.

Swearing-in of officials:-

John Rodbard: Mayor.

Jonas Whetcomb: Coroner.

Thomas Clarke, Thomas Loving, jun. Serjeants at mace.

Robert Oliver: Hayward.

John Pecket, Thomas Bragge: Sealers of leather

Robert Bragge, Richard Davy,

Thomas Hollord, Thomas White: Constables.

The jury (named) also present that the house called Jonathan Lacys in the place by the church is in danger of falling.

That Mary Puckett widow of Robert Puckett, taylor, fills the water-course in Church Street with rubbish.

That a gutter near Cobbe Gate is decayed, which the mayor and burgesses should repair.

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33b) Hustings Courts held 26 Feb., 5 March, 12 March, and 19 March, 1732/3.

(From this point onwards the entries are in English, in a different hand. The first entry of each court is given in full C.W.).

Court of Hustens of our lord the King of the Burrough or Parish of Lyme Regis aforesaid in the Guild Hall aforesaid according to Custom before Jonas Whetcombe deputy of John Rodbard esquire mayor, Robert Carswell and Andrew Tucker burgesses of the burrough aforesaid on Monday the twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty three.

Hustings Court held 2 April, 1733.

Court of View Frank Pleg held before the mayor and burgesses of the Burrough of Lyme Regis aforesaid in the Guild Hall of the said Burrough on Monday the second day of April aforesaid being within

one month after the feast of the Annuntiation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The jury (named), sworn to inquire and present such things which to the said court of View Frank Pleg appertaineth present 'all well'.

The constables (named) sworn to present such things as to their office belong present 'all well'.

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34b) Court of View of Frankpledge held 9 July, 1733.

The jury (named) present Charles Sprake water bailiff for not keeping the water course clear in Church Street.

The constables (named) present 'all well' .

Hustings Court held 6 August, 1733.

Thomas Henley, doctor in Physick, elected and sworn a capital burgess.

Hustings Court held 27 August, 1733.

35a) Election of a new mayor etc.

Jonas Whetcombe and Thomas Henley nominated as candidates for the mayoralty, by the capital burgesses.

Jonas Whetcombe elected mayor by the freemen (named: George Coade the younger, foreman; Joseph Creed and Abraham Poole affirmed).

Robert Carswell elected coroner.

John Kayne elected a constable.

35b) Court of View of Frankpledge held 1 Oct., 1733, before Henry Holt Henley esquire, steward.

Swearing-in of officials:-

Jonas Whetcombe: mayor.

Robert Carswell: coroner and justice of the peace.

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Thomas Clark, Thomas Loving, jun. sergeants at mace.

Robert Oliver: hayward.

John Peckett, Thomas Bragg: searchers and sealers of leather.

Richard Tucker, Joseph Sanford: cobwardens.

Ralph Hamm: water bailiff.

John Kaynes, John Baker,

John Hart, Samuel Beviss: constables.

The jury (named) also present the corporation for a house late Abraham Edwards now falling and in decay.

For 'bad pitching' in Sherborn Lane.

And William Smith esquire for 'bad tiling' in Combe Street.

36a) George Coade the younger and Francis Fane esquire elected capital burgesses in the place of John Burridge esquire and John Cox both lately deceased.

Court of View of Frankpledge held on 22 Oct. by adjournment before Henry Holt Henley esquire, steward, (no entries)

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37a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 14 Jan. 1733/4 being within one week next after Epiphany, the time of holding the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, before Henry Holt Henley esquire, steward.

Jonas Whetcomb, mayor, and Robert Carswell, coroner, took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy appointed by Statute 1 William and Mary, the oath of abjuration as appointed by statute 13 and 14 Wm. and Mary, and subscribed to the declaration against Transubstantiation as mentioned in the statute of 30 Charles II.

James Batten of the borough came and took the said oaths and made the said declaration in order to be qualified for acting as landwaiter in the port and borough.

37b) Hustings Court held 4 March, 1733/4,
being the adjournment of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

George Coade the younger, a capital burgess, took the oaths and made the declaration mentioned at 14 Jan., 1733/4.

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Hustings Court held 15 April, 1734.

Election of parish officials:-

John Gundry, John Newell:	church wardens
John Lyndesay, Isaac Thomas:	overseers of the poor

38a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 22 April, 1734, being within one week next after Easter, before Henry Holt Henley, esq., steward.

The jury (named) and the constables (named) severally present 'all well'.

Michael Owen of Lyme Regis, gentleman, took the oaths and made the declaration mentioned at 14 Jan., 1733/4, in order to be qualified to act as deputy comptroller of the Customs in the port of Lyme Regis.

38b) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 15 July, 1734, being one week next after the feast of Thomas a Beckett.

The jury (named) and the constables (named) severally present 'all well'.

Hustings Court held 26 August, 1734.

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Election of a new mayor, etc:-

Robert Fowler Coade and George Coade, jun., nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Robert Fowler Coade elected mayor by the freemen.

Dr. Thomas Henley elected coroner.

Thomas Swain elected a constable.

39b) Court of View of Frankpledge held 30 Sept., 1734.

Swearing-in of officials:-

Robert Fowler Coade, esq:	mayor.
Dr. Thomas Henley:	coroner and justice of the peace.
Thomas Clark, Thomas Loving, jun.:	Serjeants at mace.
-----, Benjamin Hutchings:	searchers and sealers of leather.
Richard Tucker, Joseph Sandford:	cob wardens.
Thomas Swaine, Thomas Hollord, Samuel Dammer, Joseph Clark:	constables.

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 7 Oct., 1734.

The jury (named) and the constables (named) severally present 'all well'.

40a) Robert Fowler Coade, esq., mayor, and Dr. Thomas Henley, coroner, took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and

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that of abjuration, and made the declaration against transubstantiation (see under 14 Jan., 1733/4).

Hustings Court held 16 Dec, 1734.

40b) Mr. Benjamin Follet elected and sworn town clerk, in the room of Mr. John Hammond who had resigned, and took the oaths of allegiance, etc

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 13 Jan., 1734/5.
The jury (named) and the constables (named) severally present 'all well'.

41a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 14 April, 1735, before Benjamin Follett gentleman, deputy steward.

The Jury (named) present James Ford for making a dunghill near the Cobb Gate adjoining his house.
Thomas Swains for a heap of earth near Goslings Bridge leading to Sherborne Lane.
The mayor and

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corporation for a house greatly decayed and in danger of falling in the street
leading from the Mills to the church, late Mary Robert's.

The roadway and causeway leading from the east end of the town to the pound; and the causeway
in Mill Green.

Hustings Courts held 7 July, 14 July, 21 July, 28 July, 4 August, 11 August, and 18 August, 1735.
(a plea, John Bond v. Richard Oliver the younger, decided in favour of the plaintiff).

Hustings Court held 25 August, 1735.

42a) Election of a new mayor, etc.

(Dr.) Thomas Henley and John Bowdidge nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

42b) (Dr.) Thomas Henley elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Robert Carswell elected coroner.

Thomas White elected a constable.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 6 Oct. 1735 before Benjamin Follett, gent.
Swearing in of officials:-

Dr. Thomas Henley:	mayor.
Robert Carswell:	coroner and justice of the peace.
Thomas Clark, Thomas Loveing, jun.	Serjeants at mace.

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43a) Thomas White, George Kerby,
William Randall, George Baker:
John Peckett, Robert Puckett:
Alexander Walker:

Constables
Sealers of leather
Hayward.

44a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 3 May, 1736, before Benjamin Follett, steward.

The jury (named) present 44 inhabitants (named) for not attending the court;

A dunghill by the Cobb Gate.

James Hooper and Robert Dobson for not repairing the causeway before their doors.

The waywardens for not repairing the road before Woodmead Gate, that between James Trew's
and Jacob Pady's house, the highway leading to Colway, and the highway beyond Mr. Mayor's door.

The constables (named) present 'all well'.

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Hustings Court held 30 August, 1736.

44b) Election of a new mayor, etc.

Francis Fane, Esq., and John Bowdidge nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Francis Fane, esquire, elected mayor by the freemen (named)

Jonas Whetcombe elected coroner.

Thomas Swain elected a constable.

45a) Court of View of Frankpledge held 4 Oct., 1736, before Benjamin Follett, steward.

Swearing in of officials:-

Francis Fane, esq.:	Mayor.
Jonas Whetcombe:	Coroner and justice of the peace.
Thomas Clarke, Thomas Loveing, jun.:	Serjeants at mace.
John Kerby, John Cox,	
Thomas Swain, John Hart	Constables.

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The Hon. John Scroope, esquire, and John Coad were elected capital burgesses.
 Thomas Fane of the City of Bristol, gentleman, was elected a freeman, and sworn.
 (Court adjourned and re-adjourned until 18 Oct., when the Jury (named) presented 'all well')

45b) 11 April. 1737: Election of officials:

Richard Davy, John Baker:	Churchwardens
Thomas White, Daniel Power:	Overseers of the poor.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 18 April, 1737, before Benjamin Follett, steward.

The jury (named) present that a ditch in Pound Lane is greatly decayed and in need of scouring, and must be repaired by the persons concerned before 24 June next under penalty of 6s.8d.

That the street near the prison, before the door of Mrs. Mary Edwards, is out of repair and very dangerous for people to walk in, and must be repaired by those concerned by the same date and under the same penalty.

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Hustings Court held 29 August, 1737.

The Honorable John Scroope, esquire, sworn a capital burgess.

Henry Pane of London, esquire, elected and sworn a freeman.

46a) Election of a new mayor, etc.

George Coade junior and John Bowdidge nominated as candidates by the capital burgess.

46b) George Coade jun. elected mayor.

Robert Fowler Coade, elected coroner.

Robert Smith jun. elected a constable.

Court of View of Frankpledge held 3 Oct., 1737, before Benjamin Follett steward.

Swearing-in of officials;-

George Coade jun.:	Mayor.
Robert Fowler Coade:	Coroner and justice of the peace.
Thomas Clarke, Thomas Loveing jun	Serjeants at mace.
John Cox, Samuel Damer,	
Thomas White, Robert Smith	Constables.

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John Peckett, Robert Puckett:

Sealers of leather Robert

Robert Oliver:

Hayward.

Ralph Ham, John Teape:

Water bailiffs.

Richard Tucker, Joseph Sandford:

Cobb wardens.

The jury (named) also present Joseph Seaward, Richard Davy, and Mary Kelway for not cutting their hedge in the highway (to be done before Christmas).

Samuel Butcher for not repairing his house, which is in bad repair and dangerous to people passing through the street between the church and the mills (to be done before Christmas).

47a) Joan Clarke widow for not repairing the gutter or hole in Sherborne lane (to be done before Christmas. Notice to be given to these persons by Robert Oliver, one of the jury.

47b) 3 April. 1738: Election of officials.

Samuel Gundry, Isaac Pitts:	Church wardens
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George Kerbie, Joseph Randell:	Overseers of the poor.
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Court View of Frankpledge held 10 April 1738 before Benjamin Follett, steward. Jury (named): no presentment entered ('see the file').

Hustings Court held 28 August, 1738.

48a) Election of a new mayor, etc. :

John Rodbard, esq., and Robert Carswell nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Robert Carswell elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Thomas Henley elected coroner.

Joseph Clarke elected a constable

48b) Court View of Frankpledge held 2 Oct., 1738, before Benjamin Follett, steward.

Swearing-in of officials:-

Robert Carswell gentleman; Mayor.

Thomas Henley 'doctor in physick'; Coroner and justice of the peace.

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Thomas Clarke, Thomas Loveing, jun.: Serjeants at mace.

Robert Oliver: Hayward.

Richard Rucker, Joseph Sandford: Cobb wardens

Joseph Clarke, George Kerbey,

Richard Davy, Isaac Pitts: Constables.

Ralph Ham, John Teape: Water bailiffs.

John Peckett, Robert Puckett: Sealers of leather.

The jury (named) further present 'all well'.

14 October, 1758:

John Kerbey named by Robert Carswell, mayor, to be Serjeant at mace in the room of Thomas Loveing junior, resigned; and duly sworn.

15 Nov. 1738:

John Kerbey (nominated Serjeant at mace on 14 Oct.), and John Peckett elected to that office this day by the capital burgesses in the room of Thomas Clarke also resigned, were duly sworn.

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49b) Court View of Frankpledge held 30 April, 1739, before Benjamin Follett, steward. The jury (named) present 'all well'.

On Friday 6 July, "between ten and 11 o'clock, Robert Carswell the present mayor, departed this life.

Monday. 13 August, 1739:

Election of a new mayor.

50a) Henry Holt Henley and John Rodbard nominated.

Henry Holt Henley elected mayor by the freemen (named): and sworn.

John Kerbey and John Peckett elected Serjeants at mace for the remainder of the year, and sworn.

Hustings Court held 27 August.

Election of a new mayor, etc.

John Scrope esquire and Francis Fane esquire nominated by the capital burgesses.

John Scrope esquire elected mayor by the freemen (named)

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Jonas Whetcombe elected coroner.

Samuel Warrin elected a constable.

50b) Court View of Frankpledge held 1 Oct., 1739, before Benjamin Follett, steward.

Swearing-in of officials:-

John Scrope, esquire: Mayor.

Jonas Whetcombe: Coroner.

John Kerbey, John Peckett:	Serjeants at mace.
Robert Oliver:	Hayward.
Richard Tucker, Joseph Sandford:	Cobb wardens.
John Teape:	Water-bailiff.
John Peckett, Robert Puckett:	Searchers and sealers of leather.
Samuel Warrin, John Hart,	
John Swaine, Joseph Crocker:	Constables.

The jury (named) further present 'as on the file'.

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51b) Hustings Courts 4 August, 1740.

Henry Smith v. Osman Rockett.

Mary Kellaway v. William Callaway.

Hustings Court held 11 August, 1740.

52a) Joseph Chilcott, an attorney of the King's Bench, admitted and sworn an attorney of this Court.

Hustings Court held 25 August, 1740.

Election of a new mayor:-

George Coade and John Coade nominated by the capital burgesses (named).

John Coade elected by the freemen (named).

Jonas Whetcombe elected coroner.

Henry Cox elected a constable.

52b) Court View of Frankpledge held 6 Oct., 1740, before Benjamin Follett steward.

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Swearing-in of officials:-

John Coade:

Mayor.

Jonas Whetcombe:

Coroner.

John Kerbey, John Peckett:

Serjeants at mace.

Henry Cox, Thomas White,

Samuel Darner, George Baker

Constables.

John Peckett, Robert Puckett:

Searchers and sealers of leather.

53a) Ralph Ham, John Teape:

Water-bailiffs.

Richard Tucker, Joseph Sandford:

Cobb wardens

Robert Oliver:

Hayward.

The jury (named) further present 'as on file'.

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54a) Hustings Courts held 18 May, 1741.

Joseph Turner v. Joan Bagster, junior.

Caleb Case v. Robert Cookney.

54b) Hustings Court held 3 August, 1741.

Henry Pane esquire, a freeman of the borough, elected a capital burgess in the place of Mr. Thomas Henley deceased.

Hustings Court held 31 August, 1741.

55a) Henry Fane esquire sworn and admitted a capital burgess.

Election of a new mayor, etc.

John Bowdidge and Richard Churchill nominated by the capital burgesses.

Richard Churchill elected mayor by the freemen (named).

George Coade jun. elected coroner.
Henry Smith jun. elected a constable.

Hustings Court held 21 Sept., 1741

55b) John Peckett v Malachi Dewdney: defendant attached by a feather bed and bedding, pewter plates and dishes, a brass warming-pan, etc

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Court View of Frankpledge held 5 Oct., before Benjamin Follett steward.

Swearing-in of officials:-

Richard Churchill:	Mayor.
56a) George Coade jun.:	Coroner and justice of the peace.
John Kerbey, John Peckett:	Serjeants at mace.
Joseph Sandford, Richard Tucker:	Cobb wardens
John Teap, Richard Stone:	Water bailiffs.
Jacob Gaitch:	Hayward.
Robert Smith, jun. Richard Davy,	
Joseph Randell, Isaac Pitts	Constables.
The jury (named) further present 'as on the file'.	

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Court View of Frankpledge held 26 April, and by-adjournment on 5 May, 1742, before Benjamin Follett steward.

The jury (named) present that the house of office of Onesiphorus Bull is a nuisance and in decay and offensive to Benjamin Bazeley the occupier of a garden adjoining thereto: the nuisance to be removed
57b) by 10 June under penalty of 6s.8d.

Hustings Courts held:

3 May, 10 May, 19 May, 24 May, 31 May, 7 June, 14 June, 21 June, 28 June, 5 July and 12 July, 1742.
'Inspected by me, B. Bromhead' (*after Court on 5 July C.W.*).

Hustings Court held 30 August, 1742.

58a) Election of a new mayor, etc.:
Francis Fane esquire and Henry Fane esquire nominated by the capital burgesses.
Henry Fane esquire elected mayor by the freemen (named).
Jonas Whetcombe elected Coroner.
George Tomkins elected a Constable.

58b) Court View of Frankpledge held 4 Oct., 1742, before Benjamin Follett steward.

Swearing-in of officials:-

Henry Fane esquire:	Mayor.
Jonas Whetcombe:	Coroner and justice of the peace.
John Kerbey, Richard Tucker:	Serjeants at mace.
George Tomkins, Samuel Darner,	
George Baker, Mathew Paine:	Constable
Robert Puckett, Richard Edwards jun.:	Searchers and sealers of leather.
John Teape, Richard Stone:	Water bailiffs.
Richard Tucker, Joseph Sandford:	Cobb wardens
Robert Courtice:	Hayward.

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At an adjournment to 17 Oct., the jury (named) further present 'as on the file'.

59b) (*from 11 April to 9 May the Courts are entered in a different hand C.W.*).

60a) Hustings Courts held 25 April, 2 May, and 9 May, 1743.
(A gap here till 29 August, 1743, with the note: 'No business having been done til this next Court is the reason why no entrys are made'. C.W.)

Hustings Court held 29 August, 1743.

Election of a new mayor:-

George Coade and Robert Fowler Coade nominated by the capital burgesses.

George Coade elected mayor by the freemen (named).

John Coade elected a coroner.

John Hart elected a constable,

(a gap here till 26 Sept. C.W.)

Court Leet with the View of Frankpledge held 3 Oct., 1743, before Benjamin Follett steward.

Swearing-in of officials:-

George Coade: Mayor.

John Coade: Coroner and justice of the peace.

John Hart, John Cox,

Henry Cox, Joseph Clarke: Constables.

60b) John Kerbey, Richard Tucker: Serjeants at mace.

Richard Tucker, Joseph Sandford: Cobb wardens.

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Richard Edwards jun. Robert Puckett: Searchers and sealers of leather.
 (17 Oct., by adjournment).

Richard Stone, John Teap: Water bailiffs.
 (24 Oct. by adjournment)

Robert Oliver: Hayward.

The jury (named) further present 'as on the file'.

Hustings Courts held 10 Oct., 17 Oct., 24 Oct., 31 Oct., 7 Nov., 14 Nov., 21 Nov., and 28 Nov., 1743.

'The courts were regularly held home to the next court, but no business having been done thereat is the reason why the same were not entered'.

Hustings Court held 9 January, 1743/4.

(Courts held regularly until the next recorded, but not entered because no business done).

61a) Hustings Court held 26 March, 1744.

Election of officials, 26 March, 1744:-

Samuel Warren, Maltster, Henry Cox, tallow-chandler Church wardens.

Joseph Read, maltster, Joseph Clarke, perukemaker Overseers of the poor.

On Fryday the 13th day of April 1744 at the Walk, War was declared against the French King.

Inspected, 5 July, 1744: Wm. Longman.'

marginal note: (Courts held regularly every Monday but not entered because no business done).

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Hustings Court held 27 August, 1744.

Election of a new mayor:-

John Newell and John Bowdidge nominated by the capital burgesses.

John Newell elected by the Freemen (named).

Richard Churchill elected coroner.

George Kerbey elected a constable.

Court View of Frankpledge held 1 Oct., 1744, before Benjamin Follett, steward.

Swearing-in of officials:-

61b)	John Newell:	Mayor.
	Richard Churchill:	Coroner.
	John Kerbey, Richard Tucker:	Serjeants at mace.
	George Kerbey, John Hart,	
	Thomas white, Isaac Pitts:	Constables
	Robert Puckett, Richard Edwards:	Sealers of leather.
	Robert Courtice:	Hayward or keeper of the common pound.
	Joseph Sandford, Richard Tucker	Overseers of the Cobb, or Cobb wardens.

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The jury (named) further present 'as on the file' (Courts held regularly but not entered because no business done)

Hustings Court held 15 April, 1745.

Election of Parish officials:

George Kerbey, Joseph Clarke:	Churchwardens
Edward Godfry, John Peckett:	Overseers of the poor.

Hustings Court held 26 August. 1745

62a) Election of a new Mayor,
Henry Holt Henley, Esq., and Robert Henley, Esq., chosen as candidates by the capital
burgesses (named)

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Robert Henley, Esq., elected Mayor by the freemen (named).

John Coade elected Coroner.

John Cox elected a Constable.

(Courts held regularly until the next entered, but no business done).

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 30 Sept. 1745, before Benjamin Follett, gentleman, steward.

Swearing in of officials:-

	Robert Henley:	Mayor.
	John Cox, Samuel Damer,	
	Sampson White, John Baker:	Constables.
62b)	John Kerbey, Richard Tucker:	Serjeants at mace
	Richard Edwards, jun., Robert Puckett:	Leathersealers.
	Benjamin Bazeley:	Hayward.
	(an an adjournment to 7 Oct.)	
	John Coade:	Coroner and justice of the peace.
	Joseph Sandford, Richard Tucker:	Overseers of the Cobb or Cobb wardens.
	The jury (named) further present 'as on the file'.	

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23 August 1746, inspected by me, John Beck.

(The courts were held regularly, until the next court entered).

Hustings Court. held 31 March, 1746

Election of parish officers:-

Edward Godfry, George Kerbey:	Churchwardens.
Samuel Clarke, Stephen Turner:	Overseers of the poor.

Hustings Court held 25 August, 1746.

Election of a new Mayor;

Henry Holt Henley, Esq. , and Mr. John Bowdidge chosen as candidates by the capital burgesses (named)

Henry Holt Henley. Esq. elected mayor by the freemen (named).

John Coade elected Coroner.

Joseph Clark elected a Constable.

63a) Court View of Frankpledge held 6 Oct., 1746. (Jury named).

Swearing in of officials

Henry Holt Henley, Esq.: Mayor.

Richard Tucker, John Kerbey: Serjeants at mace.

Joseph Clarke, Thomas White,

Samuel Dammer, Thomas Bragge: Constables

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Richard Edwards, jun. Robert Puckett: Leathersealers

Benjamin Bazeley: Hayward.

Joseph Sandford, Richard Tucker: Cobb wardens or overseers of the Cobb.

Richard Stone: Water bailiff (overseer and to look after the potwater).

Hustings Court held 15 June, 1747.

63b) Henry Holt Henley, Esq., resigned the office of Mayor, and John Kerbey and Richard Tucker resigned the office of Serjeants at mace, and the resignations were accepted by the capital burgesses.

Election of a new Mayor, etc.

Robert Fowler Coade and John Bowdidge, nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Robert Fowler Coade elected mayor for the residue of the present year by the freemen (named), and sworn.

John Kerbey and Richard Tucker re-elected Serjeants at mace.

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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

The Honorable John Scrope and Henry Holt Henley, Esq., elected burgesses to serve on the next parliament to be holden at Westminster, 13 August next.

Hustings Court held 31 August, 1747.

64a) Election of a new Mayor:

Francis Fane and Henry Fane esquires nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Francis Fane Esq. elected mayor by the freemen (named).

John Newell elected Coroner.

George Kerbey elected a Constable.

Court View of Frankpledge held 5 Oct., 1747, before Benjamin Follett gentleman, steward. (Jury named)

Swearing in of officials: -

Francis Fane, esq.: Mayor.

John Newell gentleman: Coroner and justice.

64b) George Kerbey, Robert Smith,

Benjamin Hardey, George Bagster: Constables.

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Hustings Court held 26 Oct., 1747

Coade v. Mitchell: the defendant not appearing, the goods and chattels above named were confiscated, and John Kaynes and Richard Tucker being appointed to value them say that they are of the value of twelve pounds six shillings and fivepence: whereupon the plaintiff desires that the goods be delivered to him to satisfy his debt, which is done upon payment of one shilling to the mayor and burgesses by the plaintiff.

- 65a) Hustings Court held 1 Feb., 1747/8
John Godfrey of Salcombe Regis, co. Devon, mariner, brings an indenture, which he acknowledges to be his deed, and desires it to be enrolled in the court; which is done, as follows: This indenture dated 6 Jan., 1738(9) between John Godfrey of Topsham, co. Devon, mariner, and William Gooding son of John Gooding of Branscombe, co. Devon, husbandman, witnesseth that William Gooding binds himself apprentice to John Godfrey for ten years, etc.
- 65b) PARLIAMENTARY BYE-ELECTION 24 May. 1748.
Robert Henley of Glanvill Wootton, co. Dorset, esquire, elected a burgess to serve in the present parliament in the place of Henry Holt Henley, Esquire, deceased.
- 66a) Hustings Court held 29 August, 1748.
Election of a new mayor:-
Samuel Warren and George Kerbey nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.
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Samuel Warren elected Mayor by the freemen (named).
Richard Churchill elected Coroner.
- 66b) Benjamin Bazeley elected a Constable.
Abraham Sandford elected Cobwarden in place of his deceased father.
Sept. 9, 1748. Inspected by Thos. Steele
(From this point onwards the calendar includes entries from the small book 1748-1758 and 1758-1764: these are enclosed in square brackets. C.W.)
- Hustings Court held 11 Sept. 1748.
[The Town Clerk to give Mr. Batten notice to pay his arrears, or at Michaelmas he'll be prosecuted and turned out]
- Hustings Court held 19 Sept., 1748.
(five pleas). [Agreed that Mr. Tatchell shall have a new lease of his house for one life in the room of his father-in-law, in consideration of 5.£.]
- Hustings Court held 26 Sept., 1748.
[Agreed that Elizabeth Sandford be allowed 15s. for salary as her late husband's being Cobbwarden to Michaelmas next.]
- Court View of Frankpledge held 3 Oct., 1748 before Benjamin Follett steward. (Grand Jury named)
Swearing in of officials,
Samuel Warren: Mayor and Justice.
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Richard Churchill. coroner and justice.
Benjamin Bazley, George Bagster: constables.
Robert Puckett, Richard Edwards, jun. leathersealers.
Benjamin Bazley: hayward.
John Kerbey, Richard Tucker: Serjeants at mace.
Richard Tucker, Abraham Sanford: cobbwardens.
- [31 Oct. 'The old Richard Edwards' is appointed to look after the town and parish clock in the room of John Evans who is discharged at this court.]
- Hustings Court held 28 Nov., 1748.
['Whereas divers persons have refused to pay Cobb duties and there is now a large quantity of timber to be shipped off which is pretended to be exempt from the same duties on account of its being

furnished for the use of the Government, it's now ordered and agreed that the town clerk shall draw up a state of the case for counsell opinion which he is to get don forthwith.]

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[28 Dec.. 1748. Councill House.

Agreed to write to Mr. Horneck to desire he'll be here to view the state of the Cobb and to consult about repairing the same as soon as is convenient, and to know when he'll be here.

The town clerk is ordered to enter the mayoralty account of Henry Pane, Esq.]

Hustings Court held 2 Jan., 1748/9.

[Agreed to address his Majestie]

Hustings Court held 27 March, 1749. (one plea)

Election of parish officials;-

John Tucker, Esq., Mr. John Baker, mercer: churchwardens.

Robert Smith, mason, William Owsley, sadler: overseers of the poor.

67a) Hustings Court held 17 April, 1749.

Thomas Lyde of Sydmouth, co. Devon, mariner, brings and causes to be enrolled in the court four indentures dated respectively 16 April, 1745, 22 Feb., 1747, 6 March, 1748, and 16 March, 1748, by which indentures Samuel Westcott (son of William Westcott of Sidbury, co. Devon, miller), Ellis Coombs (son of Christian Coombs of Sydmouth, widow), Henry Welsh (son of Henry Welch of Sidmouth, husbandman)} and William Carnel (son of Thomas Carnel

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of Sidbury, miller) respectively apprentice themselves to Lyde to learn the art or 'mistry' of a mariner.

67b) Hustings Court held 28 August, 1749.

Election of a new mayor; -

George Kerbey and Warren Lisle nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

George Kerbey elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Robert Fowler Coade elected coroner,

William Owsley elected a constable.

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Austen Chamberlien v. John Cuin: trespass on the case.

Hustings Court held 18 Sept., 1749.

[John Bird has leave to rebuild the 'pentice' in the Fish Shambles, paying one shilling a year]

Hustings Court held 25 Sept., 1749.

[Proclamation made of the Quarter Sessions to be held on Monday next]

Court Leet with View of Frankpledge held 2 Oct., 1749 before Benjamin Follett, steward. (Jury named).

68a) Swearing in of officials; -

George Kerbey: mayor.

Robert Fowler Coade: coroner.

John Kerbey, Richard Tucker: Serjeants at mace.

William Owsley, James Foord,

Richard Tucker, Robert Clotworthy: constables

Richard Edwards, jun., Robert Pucket: leathersealers.

Benjamin Bazley; hayward.

Richard Tucker, Abraham Sandford: cobbwardens

Richard Stone, John Teape: waterbailiffs
The jury further present as on the file.

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68b) [Hustings Court held 19 March, 1749/50.
Ordered to write about the Cobb for money to build it]

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Hustings Court held 16 April, 1750.

69a) Election of parish officials;-
John Tucker, esquire, John Baker, mercer: churchwardens.
John Cox, gent, Benjamin Follett, gent.
Robert Clotworthy, weaver: overseers of the poor.

Court Leet with the View of Frankpledge held 23 April, 1750, before Benjamin Follett, steward,
The Grand Jury (named) present 'as on the file'.

69b) Hustings Court held 21 May, 1750.
(Two pleas).
Mr. John Turner sworn tythingman for Colway tything within this parish.

Hustings Court held 11 June, 1750.
Richard Churchill v. John Sampson, trespass

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Hustings Court held 27 August. 1750.

70b) Election of a new mayor:-
John Bowdidge and Warren lisle nominated as candidates by the capital "burgesses.
Warren Lisle, Esq., elected mayor by the freemen (named)
[The act against bribery and corruption openly read]
Richard Churchill gent. elected coroner.
Giles Davies elected a constable.

Court Leet with the View of Frankpledge held 1 Oct. 1750 before Benjamin Follett steward. (Grand jury named).

Swearing in of officials: -
Warren Lisle, esquire, mayor.
Richard Churchill gentleman: coroner.
Giles Davies, John Turner,
John Hardey, John Kerbey: constables
Richard Tucker, John Kerbey: Serjeants at mace.

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Richard Edwards, Robert Pukett: leathersealers.
Richard Stone, James Callway: waterhailiffs
John Hart: cobbwarden, with salary of three pounds a yeare
Robert Courtice: hayward.
Court adjourned till 5 o'clock in the evening when the jury present as on the file.

71a) Hustings Court held 31 Dec, 1750.
The precept for holding the General quarter Sessions on 14 January read.

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Hustings Court held 14 Jan., 1750/51.

Nathaniel Wallis, eldest son of Joseph Wallis, merchant a freeman, Joseph Wallis the younger, and John Peckett, eldest son of John Peckett, late a freeman, claimed freedom of the borough, the first two as having served seven years apprenticeship with their father, and Peckett as the eldest son of a freeman

deceased and having served seven years apprenticeship with a capital burgess: after hearing the parties their claims were rejected.

71b) Hustings Court held 15 April, 1751.
Robert Gardner v. Austin Chamberlein.

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72a) Hustings Court held 3 June, 1751
Robert Fowler Coade of Lyme, merchant (and ship owner), brings seven indentures for enrollment in the court:

(1) dated 26 Feb. 1749, by which John Tibbs, son of John Tibbs of Burton, co. Dorset, yeoman, apprentices himself for three years to Coade as a sailor,

(2) dated 18 Dec. 1749, by which the churchwardens and overseers of the poor (named), with the consent of the justices of the peace, place John Hall aged 12 years, a poor child of the parish, as apprentice with Coade until he reaches the age of 21,

(3) dated 18 Dec, 1749 by which the churchwardens and overseers (named) with the consent of the justices place John White a poor child of the parish, aged 16 years, apprentice to Coade until he reach the age of 21 years,

(4) dated 12 Feb., 1750, by which Henry Mitchell of Lyme Regis, co. Dorset, son of Mary Mitchell, widow, puts himself apprentice to Coade for 5 years.

(5) dated 27 Feb., 1749, by which Digory White, a poor child of Whitchurch Canonorum, co. Dorset, is bound apprentice to Coade until he reach the age of 24 years.

(6) dated 16 Feb., 1750, by which Thomas Ebdon a poor child of Sydbury, co. Devon, is transferred from the apprenticeship to Thomas Otton of Sidbury to apprenticeship to Coade.

(7) dated 5 March by which Thomas Seaward son of John Seaward of Axminster, co. Devon, carrier is bound apprentice to Coade for seven years.

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Hustings Court held 26 August, 1751. (one plea).

73b) Election of a new mayor: -

John Scrope esquire and Francis Fane nominated "by the capital burgesses as candidates.

Francis Fane elected by the freemen! (named)

Samuel Warren elected coroner.

Giles Davies elected a constable.

Hustings Court held 23 Sept., 1751. (three pleas)

Robert Fowler Coade brings for enrollment an indenture dated 12 Feb. last by which Salathiel Mitchell son of Mary Mitchell of Lyme apprentices himself to Coade to 'serve in the sea service' for seven years.

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(entry from the small book:)

Robert Cross, Abraham Sandford,

Stephen Mitchell, Robert Love,

Richard Courtice, John Palmer:

Richard Tucker, John Teape, jun

sworn constables during the fair.

sworn weighers of cheese.

74a) Court Leet with the View of Frankpledge held 30 Sept. 1751 before Benjamin Follett steward. (Grand jury named).

Swearing in of officials:-

The Hon. Francis Fane esquire:

mayor.

Samuel Warren:

coroner.

Giles Davies, Mathew Bowdidge,

John Kerbey, Edward Godfrey:

constables. (on 7 Oct.)

John Kerbey, Richard Tucker:

Serjeants at mace.

John Lock:	sole water-bailiff, with the salary usually paid when there were two, also hayward, and scavenger, with the usual salary.
John Kaynes, gentleman: (At an adjournment to 7 October)	sole cobbwarden, with a salary of 3.£. yearly.
John Teape, Joseph Love:	overseers of the Cobb

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Richard Edwards & Robert Puckett, cordwainers: leathersealers
The jury further present as on the file.

74b) Hustings Court held 6 January, 1752 (new style)
Hustings Court held 13 Jan., 1752.

Samuel Gundry, gentleman of Lyme, admitted and sworn a freeman on the nomination of Mr. Samuel Warren in right of his being mayor in 1748.

75a) Hustings Court held 6 April, 1752.

Elisabeth Bragge of Charmouth, co. Dorset, widow, brings for enrollment in the court an indenture dated 21 Feb., 1752, by which John Bragge of Charmouth, her son, apprentices himself to Robert Fowler

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76a) Coade, merchant of Lyme to serve in the 'compting house' as clerk for seven years.

Hustings Court held 20 July, 1752.

Sarah Pitts of Lyme Regis, widow, brings for enrollment in the court an indenture dated 28 April, 1752, by which Abraham Pitts her grandson is apprenticed by Robinson Richardson, master of the brigg 'Mary and Rebecka' belonging to Hues Bay, co. York, for eight years.

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76b) Hustings Court held 31 August, 1752.

Election of a new mayor:-

Henry Fane and Samuel Warren nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Samuel Warren elected mayor by the freemen (named).

George Kerbey elected coroner.

Joseph Trew elected a constable.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 2 Oct., 1752, before Benjamin Follett steward.(Jury named)

Swearing in of officials:-

Samuel Warren:	mayor.
George Kerbey:	coroner.
John Kerbey, Richard Tucker:	Serjeants at mace.

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Joseph Trew, James Ford,	
William Pool, John Kerbey:	constables.
John Kaynes, gentleman:	cobbwarden.

(at an adjournment to 16 October)

Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett:	leathersealers.
John Govis:	hayward.

(at an adjournment to 30 October).

John Lock:	water bailiff.
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[John Govis to have the Fairs and Markets except the Butchers Shambles from Michaelmas last to Michaelmas next at 5.£. to be paid yearly, and to have the use of tubbs and standing stuff, rendring them up in good repair.]

Hustings court held 4 Dec., 1752

77b) William Poole, clothier, sworn constable.

78a) Hustings Court held 18 Dec, 1752.

Proclamation made of the Quarter Sessions to be held on Jan. 8.

Hustings Court held 5 Feb., 1753.

[Richard Tucker Serjeant at mace on oath proves the price of wheat in the market on Friday last to be then from 5s. to 4s.6d.

The mayor then set the price or bread as under, the sixpenny loaf to weigh:-

White: 3-lb. 6 drams.

Wheaten: 4-lb. 8-oz. 9 drams.

Household: 6-lb. 11 drams.

and all other loaves in proportion, and all persons making, selling, or exposing bread for sale to set their initials and the sort, price, and weight of each loaf on it.]

Hustings Court held 12 Feb., 1753.

[price of wheat proved by oath of Richard Tucker to be, on Friday last here, from 4s.10d. to 5s. The sixpenny loaf to weigh:

White bread: 2-lbs.10-oz. 12 drams.

Wheaten: 4-lbs. 3 drams.

Household: 5-lbs. 5-oz. 9 drams

All other bread in the same proportion, and to be marked as on the last.

Paid the coopers 5£.10s. (?)].

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78b) Hustings Court held 23 April, 1753.

Election of officials

John Turner, John Clarke: churchwardens.

Robert Puckett, David Harris: overseers of the poor.

[Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 7 May, 1753, before B. Follett steward. (Grand Jury named).]

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Hustings Court held 27 August, 1753.

Election of a new Mayor.

Henry Fane esquire and Warren Lisle esquire nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Warren Lisle esquire elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Richard Churchill elected coroner.

Henry Cox elected a constable.

80a) [1 Oct. 1753, Arthur Raymond (on the nomination of Samuel Warren) and Francis Hamond (on that of Francis Fane late mayor) admitted and sworn freemen.]

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 1 Oct., before Benjamin Follett steward. (Jury named).

Swearing in of officials:-

Warren Lisle, esq.: mayor.

Richard Churchill, gent.: coroner.

John Kerbeyser. Richard Tucker: Sergeants at mace.

Henry Cox, William Stocker,

Mathew Love, John Kerbey: constables.

John Lock: water bailiff.

Mathew Baseley, jun.: hayward.

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John Kaynes: cobwarden.

80b) Richard Edwards and Robert Puckett, cordwainers: leathersealers

- 81b) Hustings Court held 11 March, 1754.
John Sandford of Sidmouth, co Devon, mariner brought before Samuel Warren deputy mayor at his dwelling house, and desired to be enrolled in this court, an indenture dated 5 Feb., 1754 (recited), by which William Cran, son of Elizabeth Cran, widow, of Winsham, co. Somerset, aged eleven years, puts himself apprentice to John Sandford aforesaid master of the 'Lovely Nancy' in the sea service, till he reach the age of 21 years.
- 82a) 15 April, 1754; Parliamentary Election
Francis Fane and Thomas Fane esquires were unanimously elected burgesses to sit in the next parliament.
- [15 April, 1754: Parish Meeting. Election of officials:-
- John Turner.victualler, John Clarke. Baker: churchwardens
John Toby, Richard Hook: overseers of the poor.]
- 82b) Court Leet with the View of Frankpledge held 29 April, 1754, before Benjamin Follett, steward. The jury (named) present as on the file.
- Hustings Court held 17 June, 1754.
- 83a) Publication made of the next Quarter Sessions to be held 15 July next. (three pleas).
- Hustings Court held 26 August, 1754
Election of a new mayor..
Thomas Pane and John Bowdidge esquires, nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.
Thomas Fane esq., elected mayor by the freemen (named)
George Kerbey elected coroner.
Giles Davie elected a constable.
Anthony, earl of Shaftesbury, etc. lord lieutenant of Dorset, etc., admitted and sworn a freeman.
- 84a) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 30 Sept., 1754, before Benjamin Follett, steward. (Jury named).
Swearing in of officials;-
Thomas Fane esquire: mayor.
George Kerbey: coroner.
- 84b) John Kerbey, Richard Tucker serjeants at mace.
Giles Davie, John Harlowin Avery,
Matthew Love, John Kerbey: constables.
John Kaynes, gent.: cobb warden
Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett: leathersealers
Mathew Bazley the younger: hayward
John Lock: water bailiff
- The jury further present as on the file.
- Hustings Court held 11 Nov., 1754.
[It's agreed the house late Richard Courtice's shall he demised to Mat. Bazley, jun. for 4 score and 19 years determinable (?) on three lives without any fine under the yearly rent of 10s. and 10s. for a heriot]
- Hustings Court held 13 Jan., 1755.
- 85b) [It's agreed that Teape and Love shall be allowed 52 (£. ?) for takeing down and building up the Cobb corner, and repairing all the tools in the worke.]

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86a) Court Leet with the View of Frankpledge held 14 April before Benjamin Follett steward.
The jury (named) present as on the file.
The constables duly sworn present those things which to their offices belong.

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88a) Hustings Court held 25 August, 1755.

Election of a new mayor:

George Kerbey and Joseph Wallis nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

88b) Joseph Wallis elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Samuel Warren elected coroner.

John Hardy elected (corporation) constable.

Hustings Court held 8 Sept., 1755.

[It's agreed that Mr. George Kerbey may buy the Serjeants laced hats and cloaks. (one plea).

89a)

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 6 Oct., 1755, before Benjamin Follett steward (Jury named).

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Swearing in of officials:

Joseph Wallis:	mayor.
Samuel Warren:	coroner.
John Kerbey, Richard Tucker:	sergeants at mace.
John Hardy, James Ford,	
Joseph Trew, John Kerbey:	constables.
John Kaynes, gentleman:	cobb warden
Richard Edwards, Robert Pucket	leathersealers.
Mathew Love:	hayward.
John Lock:	waterbailiff.

[Entry under Sept. 29 in the small book:- Forfeitures for gashing calve skins:

Mathew Love	2 £. 2s.
John Love	2 £. 2s.
John Gookney	1 £. 1s.
Richard Orchard	1 £. 1s.
Chick (?)	1 £. 1s.
one other – d o.	1 £. 1s.

To Mathew Bowdidge, Overseer, 1/3	2 £. 8s. (sic);
To the Mayor,	2 £. 8s.
informers,	2 £. 8s.]

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Hustings court held 2. Feb., 1756.

90b) John Swain victualler elected and sworn Serjeant at mace for the residue of the present year, in place of Richard Tucker, deceased.

Hustings Court held 16 Feb., 1756.

[Agreed that Mr. John Clarke may have the tithes of his own estates at 13 (pounds? shillings ? C.W.) per annum from Michaelmas last.]

91a) Hustings Court held 19 April, .1756

(two pleas).

Election of parish officials:-

John Turner, John Clarke, churchwardens.

John Russel, Giles Davies,

John Turner: overseers of the poor.

Court Leet with the View of Frankpledge held 3 May, 1756 before Benjamin Follett, steward.
The Grand Jury (named) present as on the file.
The constables duly sworn to present.

91b) Husting Court held 31 May, 1756.

William Oliver of Lyme Regis 'hellier', son of William Oliver, brings for enrollment an indenture dated 13 May, 1756 by which he binds himself apprentice to Richard Halder of Arundel, co. Sussex, mariner.

93a) Hustings Court held 30 August, 1756.

Election of a new mayor:

John Baker and John Bowditch esquire nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

John Baker elected by the freemen (named)

Richard Churchill elected coroner.

Jacob Pady the younger elected a constable.

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[13 Sept.: 'Agreed that the Cobb workemen be paid 10: 10: in part of bendings' (?)]

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 4 Oct., 1756, before Benjamin Follett steward. (Jury named).

94a) Swearing in of officials:

John Baker:	mayor.
Richard Churchill:	coroner.
John Kerbey, John Swain:	Serjeants at mace.
James Ford, John Swain,	
Joseph Lock:	constables.
John Kaynes gentlemen:	cobbwarden.
Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett:	leathersealers.
Mathew Love:	hayward.
John Lock:	waterbailiff.

94b) Husting Court held 8 Nov., 1756.

Joseph Wallis the younger takes oaths specified in the act of 13 George I, and is sworn and admitted a freeman.

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Hustings Court held 15 Nov., 1756.

Jacob Pady the younger sworn a constable. (one plea)

Hustings Court held 29 Nov., 1756. (one plea).

Elizabeth Quick wife of Samuel Quick duly sworn to the price of wheat here in the last market which was from 6/4d. to 7/- per bushell at a medium of 6/8d.

96b) 23 May: Mr. Fowler Coade one of this Corporation being nominated an assessor of the Land Tax refused to accept of the office, being one of the Corporation and so except from all offices against his consent.

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Mathew Stoward, son of Thomas Stoward, an inhabitant, is admitted to be a scholar in the Charity School.

Parliamentary Bye-Election, 13 June, 1757.

Henry Fane esquire elected burgess to serve in the present parliament in the room of the hon. Francis Fane esquire lately deceased. (names of the freemen taking part in the election given)

- 97b) Hustings Court held 29 August, 1757.
 Election of a new mayor:-
 John Fane esquire and John Bowditch nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.
 John Fane esquire elected mayor by the freemen (named).
 Samuel Warren elected coroner.
 Joseph Trew, hellier, elected a constable.
- 98a) [Husting Court held 26 Sept., 1767.
 Mr. Mayor is desired to have two pecks and six half pecks agreeable to the Lyme standard for
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 the use of the market here, the peck to contain two gallons and one pint and the half pecks in proportion
 according to the ancient custom of the borough.]
 Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held 3 Oct., 1757, before Benjamin Pollett steward (Jury
 named).
 Swearing in of officials:
 John Fane esquire: mayor.
 Samuel Warren: coroner.
 John Kerbey, John Swain: Serjeants at mace.
 Joseph Trew, James Ford,
 John Harlowin Avery, John Swain: constables.
 John Kaynes, gentleman: Cobbwarden.
 Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett: leather sealers.
 98b) Matthew Love: hayward.
 John Lock: water bailiff
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- 99b) Hustings Court held 27 March, 1758.
 Election of parish officials:
 George Bagster 'taylor', James Ford, cooper: churchwardens
 Thomas Alstone, maltster, John Stoward, carrier: overseers of the poor.
- 100a) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 10 April, 1758, before Benjamin Follett steward.
 Grand jury (named) present as on the file.
 The constables duly sworn to present.
- 101b) Husting Court held 28 August, 1758.
 Election of a new mayor:
 John Tucker esquire and John Bowditch nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.
 John Tucker esquire elected mayor by the freemen (named).
 Joseph Wallis elected coroner.
 Joseph Trew 'hellier' , elected a constable.
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- Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 2 Oct., 1758, before Benjamin Follett steward. (Jury named)
 Swearing in of officials:-
 John Tucker, esquire, mayor.
 Joseph Wallis: coroner.
 102a) John Kaynes, gent.: cobbwarden.
 Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett: leathersealers.
 John Kerbey, John Swain: Serjeants at mace.
 Matthew Love: hayward.
 John Lock: water bailiff.
 Joseph Trew, John Swain,
 John Hardy, James Ford constables.

Hustings Court held 9 Oct., 1758.

[This day was delivered to Serjeant Hay 1/2 doz. of muskets with their acutriments by order of the Corporation.]

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103a) Be it remembered the fifteenth day of February John Tucker esquire mayor died this day about three in the morning.

Guildhall, 5 March, 1759: John Baker, Joseph Wallis, Richard Churchill, Samuel Warren, George Kerbey and Warren Lisle, being the major part of the capital burgesses who are within summons unanimously agree to proceed to the election of a new mayor of this borough for the residue of the present year in the room of John Tucker esq. deceased, and to hold a corporate assembly for that purpose on Monday 12 March at ten o'clock in the forenoon in the Town hall, and do order that a summons in writing be given by the proper officer to the rest of the capital burgesses who are within summons, and that notice of such assembly be likewise affixed up in the most public place in the borough, and likewise given in the parish church on Sunday next, in order that all other persons who are in anywise concerned in the said election may attend.

Election of a new mayor 12 March, 1759.

103b) Samuel Warren and John Bowdidge esquire nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Samuel Warren elected mayor for the residue of the year by the freemen (named).
John Kerbey and John Swain elected Serjeants at mace for the residue of the year.

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104a) Election of parish Officials

George Bagster, taylor, James Ford, cooper:	churchwardens.
Thomas Kaynes, silversmith, Henry Partridge, yeoman:	overseers of the poor.

105a) Hustings Court held 27 August, 1759. (one plea).

Election of a new mayor:-

Richard Luther esquire and Henry Fane esquire nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Richard Luther esquire elected mayor by the freemen (named).

John Baker elected coroner.

Giles Davies, maltster, elected a constable.

Hustings Court held 3 Sept., 1769.

Quarter Sessions proclaimed for Monday 1 October.

Hustings Court held 10 Sept., and 17 Sept., 1759.

George Bagster v. Thomas Allstone, debt: the defendant, attached by his body and committed to prison, brings by his attorney a writ of habeas corpus (recited).

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105b) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 1 Oct., 1759, before Benjamin Follett, steward (Jury named).

Swearing in of officials.

Richard Luther esq.,:	Mayor.
John Baker:	coroner.
John Kaynes, gentleman:	cobbwarden.
Richard Edwards, Robert Pucket:	leathersealers.
John Kerbey, John Swain:	Serjeants at mace.
Matthew Love:	hayward.
John Lock:	water bailiff.

Giles Davie, John Halowin Avery,
John Swain, Joseph Trew: constables.

The outgoing constables, sworn to present such things as to their office belong.

106a) [22 Oct., Joseph Pucket is to be allowed 10s. a year for looking after the town muskets and holberds and the Corporation to find oil.]

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107a) Hustings Court held 7 April, 1760.

Election of parish officials

George Bagster, 'taylor' James Ford, cooper: churchwardens.

Benjamin Turner shipwright, Micah Walker, weaver: overseers of the poor.

108a) Hustings Court held 25 August 1760.

Election of a new mayor:-

Robert Fowler Coade and Arthur Raymond nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

108b) Arthur Raymond elected mayor by the freeman (named).

Richard Churchill elected coroner.

Samuel Warren elected receiver or chamberlain.

Giles Davie elected coroner.

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Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 6 Oct. 1760, before Benjamin Follett steward. (Jury named).

109a) Swearing in of officials

Arthur Raymond esq.: mayor.

Richard Churchill: coroner.

John Kaynes, gentleman: cobbwarden.

Richard Edwards Robert Puckett: leathersealers.

John Kerbey, John Mace: Serjeants at mace.

Mathew Love: hayward.

John Lock: waterbailiff.

Giles Davie, John Swain,

Nathaniel Wallis, Thomas White: constables.

The outgoing constables sworn to present those things which to their office belong.

On 26 Oct., 1760, His Majesty King George II died at Kensington about nine in the morning.

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110a) Hustings Court held 19 Jan., 1761,

The Fair proclaimed to be held on 17 February next.

110b) Hustings Court held 23 March, 1761.

Election of parish officers:-

George Bagster, taylor, James Ford, cooper: churchwardens.

Edward Godfrey, blacksmith, Robert Clarke, sergemaker: overseers of the poor.

The sheriff's precept for electing two burgesses for this borough to serve in the next Parliament was this day published and the mayor appoints the election, to be held at usual place here on Friday next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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111b) Hustings Court held 31 August, 1761.

Election of a new mayor:-

The act of parliament against bribery and corruption read.

Henry Swymmer esquire and Robert Fowler Coade esquire nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Henry Swymmer esquire elected mayor by the freemen (named).

- 112a) Samuel Warren elected coroner, and also a receiver or chamberlain, for the year to come.
Giles Davie elected (corporation) constable.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, held 5 Oct., 1761, before Benjamin Follett, steward. (Jury named).
Swearing in of officials:

Henry Swymmer esquire: mayor.

Robert Fowler Coad (being the eldest of the capital burgesses who has been mayor) justice of the peace.

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112b) Samuel Warren: coroner and justice,

Giles Davie, Thomas White,

William Mitchell, jun. John Swain: constables.

Richard Edwards, Robert Pucket: leathersealers.

John Kaynes, gentleman: cobbwarden.

John Lock, James Calway: waterbailiffs.

John Kerbey, John Swain: Serjeants at mace.

Mathew Love: hayward.

The outgoing constables (named) sworn to present those things which to their office belong.

113b) Ordered that the Candlemas Pair for this year be held on Tuesday 16 Feb. next.

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Election of parish officers

John Hart 'joyner', Roger Hutchings, Innholder: overseers of the poor.

Andrew Tucker esq., Mr. Robert Clarke, sergemaker: churchwardens.

114b) Hustings Court held 30 August, 1762.

Election of a new mayor, etc.:- The Act of parliament against bribery and corruption read. The mayor and Lord Burghersh, assignee of the Rt. Hon. Thomas earl of Westmorland recorder, sworn as tellers.

115a) Warren Lisle and Richard Luther, esquires, nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses.

Warren Lisle esquire elected mayor by the freemen (named).

Richard Churchill elected coroner.

Samuel Warren elected receiver or chamberlain.

Thomas White elected a constable.

The General Quarter Sessions proclaimed to be held on 4 Oct., at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and

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the Court Leet on the same day at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge . held 4 Oct. 1762, before Benjamin Follet, steward.(Jury named).

115b) Swearing in of officials

Warren Lisle esquire: mayor.

Richard Churchill: coroner.

Thomas White, William Mitchell the younger,

John Swain, John Harlowin Avery: constables.

Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett: searchers and sealers of leather.

John Lock: water bailiff.

Mathew Love: hayward.

John Kaynes, gentleman: cobbwarden.

John Kerbey, John Swain: Serjeants at mace.

sworn to perform that office, and to measure all corn, grain, coal, and salt that shall be landed in the Cobb or Town.

The outgoing constables sworn to present.
The jury further present as on the file.

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117a) Hustings Court held 4 April, 1763.

Election of parish officials:-

Mathew Toby, yeoman, John Love, butcher:	overseers of the poor.
George Bagster, taylor, James Ford, cooper:	churchwardens.

Agreed there shall be fourteen rates collected for paying the churchwardens for the year last past.

[30 May: Agreed that a lease in reversion of the life of Hannah Gay shal be granted on the tenement she lives in to her daughter Betty Skinner for two such lives as she shal name, for three guineas.]

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117b) Election of a new mayor etc.: - The Act of Parliament against bribery and corruption openly read.
Samuel Warren and Richard Luther esquire nominated as candidates for the mayoralty by the capital burgesses.

118a) Samuel Warren elected mayor by the freemen (named, including the Rev. Philobeth Domett).

John Baker elected coroner.

Samuel Warren above-named elected receiver or chamberlain.

George Bagster elected constable.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 3 Oct., 1763, before Benjamin Follett steward.

(Jury named).

118b) swearing in of officials

Samuel Warren esquire:	mayor.
John Baker:	coroner and justice of the peace.
George Bagster, John Harlowin Avery,	
Thomas White, John Swain:	constables.
Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett:	searchers and sealers of leather.

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John Lock , James Gal way:	water bailiffs.
Mathew Love:	hayward.
John Kaynes, gentleman:	cobbwarden.
John Kerbey, John Swain,	Serjeants at mace, and measurers of corn, etc.

The outgoing constables sworn to present.

The jury further present as on the file.

Hustings Court held 10 Oct., 1763.

William Peterson, gentleman, (at the nomination of Mr. Arthur Raymond late mayor) and James Willis, mariner, (at the nomination of Warren Lisle esq., late mayor) sworn and admitted to the freedom of the borough.

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p.121b) Hustings Court held 23 April, 1764.

Election of parish officials:-

[Mr. John Duff, ironmonger], Mr. Robert Clarke, sergemaker:	church wardens
Samuel Loring, chandler, Henry Cox, chandler:	overseers of the poor.

Hustings Court held 27 August. 1764.

Election of a new mayor, etc,: - The statute against bribery and corruption openly read.

Richard Churchill and George Kerbey nominated as candidates by the capital burgesses (including Rt. Hon. Thomas earl of Westmorland).

Richard Churchill elected mayor by the freemen (named).
George Kerbey elected coroner.
Samuel Warren elected receiver or chamberlain.
Thomas White elected a constable.

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Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 1 Oct. before Benjamin Follet steward. (Jury named).

Swearing in of officials:-

Richard Churchill esquire:	mayor,
George Kerbey:	coroner and justice of the peace.
Thomas White, John Swain,	
William Mitchell, junior, Peter Domett:	constables.
Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett:	searchers and sealers of leather.
John Lock, William Lush:	water bailiffs.
Mathew Love:	hayward.
John Kaynes, gentleman:	Cobbwarden.

122b) John Kerbey, John Swain: Serjeants at mace, and measurers of all corn, coal and salt landed at Lyme.

The outgoing constables sworn to present. The jury further present as on the file.

Hustings Courts held 5 Nov., 1764. (one plea).

John Swain one of the serjeants now resigns his mace and office, and the mayor appoints John Kerbey, wool-sorter, to be serjeant in his place.

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p.125a) Hustings Court held 26 August, 1765.

Election of a new mayor etc.,

John Baker and Richard Luther esquire nominated as candidates for the mayoralty by the capital burgesses.

John Baker elected mayor by the freemen (named).

George Kerbey elected coroner.

Thomas White elected a constable.

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p.125b) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 30 Sept., 1765, before Benjamin Follett steward. (Jury named).

Swearing in of officials;

John Baker esquire:	mayor .
George Kerbey:	coroner and justice of the peace.
Thomas White, George Kerbey,	
Francis Long, William Mitchell, jun.:	constables.
Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett:	searchers and sealers of leather.
John Lock, William Lush:	water bailiffs.
Matthew Love:	hayward..
John Kaynes, gentleman:	Cobbwarden.

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John Kerbey, George Kerbey: Serjeants at mace, and measurers of all corn, coal, and salt landed at Lyme.

The outgoing constables sworn to present. The jury further present as on the file.

Hustings Court held 7 Oct., 1765.

Giles Davie sworn as freeman.

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LYME REGIS QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS (with Courts Leet) 1710/11 - 1717.

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p.1) Borough and parish of Lyme Regis

At the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of our lady the Queen held Lyme at the Guildhall in and for the borough aforesaid the eighth (?) day of January in the ninth year of the reign of our lady Ann now queen of Great Britain etc. and the year of our Lord 1710 (11) Before Robert Burr ridge the younger, mayor of the said borough, John Edwards, John Lymen, and Matthew West justices in and for the borough aforesaid.

Jury to enquire (as well for the Queen as for the whole body of the said borough):-

John Wise, Thomas Kingstone, Henry Cox, Isaac Edwards, Samuel Morris, James Sprake, Philip Cox, Thomas Clarke, John Bazeley, Robert Oliver, Lawrence Howly, Samuel Bagg, Bernard Osborne, Benjamin Brewford.

Constables of Lyme Regis:- Benjamin Stone, Henry Bunston, Robert Carswell,

The above all sworn.

Certiorari allowed ex parte Ann Trottle, payable for the

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removal (ad removendum) of a judgment against her for the use and occupation of the art, mystery, or manual occupation of tailor within the borough of Lyme Regis against the form of the statute of 5 Elizabeth.

(The above entry is translated verbatim as an example: subsequent entries will be abbreviated.)

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p.3) General Quarter Session of the Peace, held 9 April, 1711.

Jury;

Thomas Lee, Samuel Edmonds, Robert Cobert, William Stocker, John Wise, Samuel Gray, John Bragg, John Bonner, John Kerridge, Thomas Clarke, John Morris, Thomas Brewford the younger. Thomas Brewford the elder.

Constables:- Benjamin Stone, Henry Bunston, Robert Carswell,

(Adjourned to 7 May following).

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held by adjournment 7 May, 1711.

The jury appeared as above.

The recognisance of Thomas Kingston respited until the next session.

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p.5) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 16 April 1711. (Adjourned to Monday 23 April).

Court Leet and View of frankpledge held by adjournment 23 April, 1711.

Jury:

Richard Dammer, Robert Cookney, Henry Wyatt, Thomas Stoward, John Chaldecott, Thomas Swayne, Lawrence Howly, Thomas Clarke, Henry Cox, Robert Oliver, John Bonner, George Pyke, John Morris, John Way, who present as on the file.

Constables, Benjamin Stone, John Hussey, Robert Carswell who present all well.

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p.7) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 9 July, 1711.

Jury:

John Kerridge, Michael Thomas, Richard Dammer, Thomas Brewford, Henry Trale, William Kelway, Samuel Bagg, George Kerby, Lawrence Howley, John Peckett, Stephen Turner, William Dyer, who present as on the file.

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Recognisances discharged by proclamation: -Thomas Kingston, Richard Drake, Nathaniel Cooke, John Meggs, William Duckett. The constables present 'all well'.

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p.9) Court Leet and View of frankpledge held 1 Oct., 1711.

Jury:

Thomas Lee, John Kerridge, Richard Dammer, George Thomas, William Pyke, Amiel Hart, Henry Cox, Henry Wyatt, Benjamin Beer the elder, Thomas Brewford the younger, John Wise, Benjamin Howe, William Strong, John Hussey, John Bragg, Henry Bunston, Robert Carswell.

Swearing in of officials:-

Henry Henley, esq.:	mayor.
John Lymen:	coroner and justice.
Robert Morris, Thomas Case:	Serjeants at mace.
William Carswell, Henry Bunston,	
William Pyke, Robert Carswell:	constables.

p.10) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 1 Oct., 1711

Jury:

Thomas Lee, John Bragg, Richard Damer, John Kerridge, William Pyke, George Thomas.

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Henry Cox, Amiel Hart, Benjamin Beer the younger, Henry Wyat, John Wise, Thomas Brewford the elder. William Strong.

Henry Henley (mayor) and John Reade common clerk came and took the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, after delivering certificates of the taking of the Lord's Supper. Henry Bunston postmaster took the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration.

p.11) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 14 Jan. 1711/12.

William Carswell, Henry Bunston, Robert Carswell, William Pyke, Constables sworn to present, who present as on the files.

Jury:

Thomas Lee, John Wise, Benjamin Stone, George Pyke, Richard Damer, John Kerridge John Morris, James Hooper, Samuel Cuin, Benjamin Beer the younger, Henry Wyatt, Amiel Hart, James Tovery, who present as on the files.

Henry Henley esq. mayor and John Lymen coroner came and took the oaths, etc. (as in the last entry).

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p.13) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 28 April, 1712, before Henry Henley.

Jury.:

Thomas Lee, Richard Dammer, John Wise, John Hussey, John Bragg, Abraham Butcher, Benjamin Stone, John Smith, John Kerridge, John Tucker, John Morris the younger, Benjamin Beer the younger, Henry Cox, John Chaldecot, William Bennett, Robert Oliver, William Carswell, constables, present 'all well'.

Robert Carswell, Henry Bunston and George Mantle, capital burgesses, Lancelot Jordan, landwaiter, and Thomas Tassell, gauger of the Excise, came and took the oaths of allegiance, supremacy and abjuration after delivering certificates of communication.

Tovery pleads not guilty in manner and form, etc.

James Tovery is bound to the Queen in 20.£, and Humphrey Pugh in 10.£, to prosecute his traverse with effects the next Quarter Sessions.

Kearby pleads guilty: fine, 3s.4d.

The house of Joan Templeman widow in Sherbourne Lane licensed for a meeting house of a separate congregation.

p.14) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge (no date given).

Jury:

Thomas Lee, Richard Dammer,

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John Wise, Abraham Butcher, John Bragg, John Smith,
Benjamin Stone, John Tucker, John Kerridge, Benjamin Beer, jun., John Morris, jun., John Chaldecott,
Robert Oliver, who present as on the files.

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 14 July, 1712.

Jury:

Thomas Lee, John Wise, John Hussey, William Braddick, Benjamin Stone, Amiel Hart,
Richard Damer, George Thomas, Benjamin Beer, Robert Coade, John Kerridge, John Morris the elder,
John Morris, who present as on the files.

William Carswell, Robert Carswell; constables sworn to present, who present - - - -.

p.15) Jury to try the traverse between the queen and James Tovery:-

Samuel Morris, Samuel Dewdenay, John King, Samuel Edwards, William Denning, Thomas Clarke
James Minson, Nicholas Thomas, John Chaldecot, Robert Oliver the elder, Robert Stocker, John Bonner,
who present that James Tovery is not guilty.

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Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 6 Oct., 1712.

Jury:

Benjamin Stone, Geoffrey Bartlett, Benjamin Beer, jun., William Braddick, John Gundry,
Robert Carswell, Richard Damer, John Kerridge, Lawrence Howley, John Hussey, Henry Cox, George Thomas
John Wise.

William Pyke, Robert Carswell, constables, sworn to present.

Swearing in of officials: -

John Bowdidge the elder, esq.: mayor.

p.16) Henry Bunston, esq. : coroner and justice.

Robert Morris, William Damer: serjeants at mace.

John Morris, Samuel Morris,

John Butcher, Richard Damer: constables.

p.17) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace (held 6 Oct. 1712).

Jury:

Benjamin Stone, Geoffrey Bartlett, Benjamin Beer, jun., William Braddick, John Gundry,
Robert Carswell, Richard Damer, John Kerridge, Lawrence Howley, John Hussey, Henry Cox, George Thomas
John Wise. who present as on the files.

William Pyke, Robert Carswell, constables sworn to present.

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John Bowdidge the younger, one of the capital burgesses, came and took the oaths of allegiance,
etc., after delivering a certificate of communication.

The Queen v. Matthew Bazeley guilty: fine to the Queen 3s.4d.

p.18) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 12 Jan., 1712/13.

Jury:

Geoffrey Bartlett, Henry Cox, John Wise, Benjamin Beer, John Morris, Benjamin Stone,
Thomas Lee, John Hussey, John Kerridge, William Pyke, Robert Carswell, Richard Damer,
who present 'all well'.

Richard Damer, John Morris, Samuel Morris, constables, who present 'all well'.

John Bowdidge, mayor, Henry Bunston coroner, and John Edwards, came and took the oaths of
allegiance, etc., after delivery of certificates of communication.

Regina v. William Powell: defendant did not appear; ordered that his recognisance be estreated
into the Exchequer.

Regina v. Thomas Belman: defendant at sea; recognisance respited until the next session.
Regina v. John Turner, the defendant appeared and was discharged.
Regina v. John Evans: defendant appeared and was discharged.

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p.19) General quarter Sessions of the Peace held 13 April, 1713.

Jury:

Geoffrey Bartlett, William Braddick, Benjamin Beer, jun., Robert Carswell, John Hussey, Thomas Lee, William Carswell, John Wise, John Morris, jun., Lawrence Howley, Benjamin Stone, William Pyke, who present as on the file.

John Morris, Richard Damer, Samuel Morris, constables, who present 'all well'.

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Jury: (the same as at the Quarter Sessions), who present as on the files.

p.20) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 13 July, 1713.

Jury:

Geoffrey Bartlett, William Braddick, Benjamin Beer, jun., Robert Carswell, John Hussey, Thomas Lee, William Carswell, John Wise, John Bragg, John Kerridge, Benjamin Stone, John Gundry, who present as on the file.

Reg. v. Richard Marshall, for stealing a key - a true bill.

Reg. v. James Tovery, for keeping a gaming house – a true bill.

Reg. v. Richard Brownsden, for keeping an alehouse without licence - a true bill.

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Richard Damer, Samuel Morris, constables sworn to present - who present 'all well'.

Jury to try the prisoners:-

Robert Pickerell, Lawrence Howley, Henry Wyat, John Hitchcott (sic), Thomas Hollard, jun. Samuel Cuin, Stephen Turner, Edward Thomas, William Bevis, Obediah Batt, George Pyke, William Dyer who present on their oath that Richard Marshall is guilty of the felony for which he stands indicted. Ordered that Marshall be openly whipped.

p.21) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 11 January, 1713/14.

Jury:

William Carswell, Thomas Hollard, jun., Andrew Drake, John Kerridge, William Braddick, Benjamin Stone, John Wise, John Hussey, Robert Carswell, John Morris, Richard Damer, Lawrence Howley, John Bragg,

Henry Bunston, esq., mayor, and Robert Burridge, the younger, esq., coroner, came and took the oaths of allegiance, etc., after delivering certificates of communication, etc.

Joseph Drake and John Bowdidge 'for the good behaviour' acknowledge their faults severally and are discharged, paying their fees.

Robert Whittey for the peace traversed against him by Henry Anning released and discharged, paying his fees.

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p.22) Jury to try the prisoner:

James Minson, William Pickett, Samuel Gray, John Pickett, Robert Oliver, jun., Samuel Morris, William Stocker, John Hitchcock, Samuel Edmonds, Bernard Webber, Robert Bragg, Thomas Pearce.

Thomas Fleming pleads guilty and (acknowledges) his fault, and is discharged: for (the theft of) a shirt of the value of tenpence.

Jury:

(As above, but James Daniel in place of Thomas Pearce).

Thomas Brewford pleads not guilty, and has not withdrawn the plea (?) - for two pounds of tobacco value 10d.

Jury:

Stephen Turner, Thomas Clarke, Henry White, John Isaac, Thomas White, Thomas Hollard, James Isaac, Cornelius Turner, Simon Best, Alexander Walker, Thomas Swayne, John Berry.

John Best pleads not guilty, etc. - for two pounds of tobacco value 6d.

Robert Oliver acknowledges (his fault and is discharged) with a fine of 3s.4d.

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Jackwitt Morris, widow, pleads guilty, no goods to their knowledge, etc. - for tobacco value 6d.

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Richard Brownsden acknowledges (his fault and is discharged) with a fine of 3s.4d. - for keeping an alehouse without licence.

James Toverly the same - for keeping a gaming house.

Dorothy the wife of Richard Brownsden discharged - for threatening to leave her family to the parish.

p.24) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 5 April,1714.

Jury to enquire:

Geoffrey Bartlett, Lawrence Howley, William Braddick, John Hitchcock, Thomas Lee, John Kerridge Benjamin Stone, Abraham Butcher, Richard Darner, Stephen Turner, Benjamin Beer, jun., John Wise, John Hussey, Henry Cox, Robert Carswell, Thomas Swayne, who present as on the files.

George Thomas, William Hare, Samuel Cuin, Samuel Bagge, constables, who present as on the files.

p.25) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 12 July,1714.

Jury to enquire:

Geoffrey Bartlett, Lawrence Howley, Thomas Lee, John Kerridge, Benjamin Stone, Richard Damer, Stephen Turner, Benjamin Beer, jun., John Wise, John Hussey, Thomas Swayne, William Braddick, John Bragg, Thomas Hollard , jun.

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Reg. V. Stokes for assault on George Taylor: defendant acknowledged his fault and paid a fine of 6s.8d.

Reg. William Puckett for libelling Mr. Mayor defendant asks pardon and is discharged paying his fees.

Reg. v. John Penny for tipling in the house of George Kearby in time of Divine Service.

p.26) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 4 Oct., 1 George I, 1714. Jury:

Geoffrey Bartlett, , Thomas Lee, , Benjamin Stone, Richard Damer, Stephen Turner, Benjamin Beer, jun., John Wise, Thomas Swayne, William Braddick, Thomas Hollard , jun. William Carswell, Henry Cox John Gundry, John Morris, Jun., John Butcher, Abraham Butcher

Swearing in of officials:-

Robert Colbert: mayor.

Robert Burridge: coroner and Justice of the peace.

John Hussey, Joseph Winter,

Thomas Hollard, John Kerridge: constables.

Robert Morris, William Darner Serjeants at mace.

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p.27) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held before Robert Colbert, mayor, and others,.....(no date given) Jury:

Geoffrey Bartlett, Benjamin Stone, Richard Damer, Stephen Turner, Benjamin Beer, jun., Thomas Swayne, William Braddick, John Gundry, John Morris, Jun., John Butcher, Abraham Butcher, Thomas Lee, Henry Cox, William Carswell, John Wise, who present as on the files.

Henry Honibourne - a true bill; for stealing 3-lb. of tobacco the goods of Robert Burridge, junior; pleads guilty. Defendant acknowledges his fault and is discharged.

Malachi (Mallachy) Dudeny acknowledges his fault and is fined 1s.8d., for assault and battery on John Edwards.

John Hitchcock William Puckett for libelling the justices of the peace of the said borough, 3s.4d. each.

p.28) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 10 Jan., 1714/15.

Jury to enquire:

Geoffrey Bartlett, Benjamin Stone, Richard Damer, Stephen Turner, Benjamin Beer, jun., Thomas Swayne, William Braddick, John Gundry, John Morris, Jun., John Butcher, Abraham Butcher, Thomas Lee, Samuel Gray, Lawrence Howley, who present as on the files.

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Thomas Hollard constables sworn to present John Kerridge.

Robert Colbert esquire mayor and Robert Burridge, jun., esq., coroner came and took the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, etc., after delivering certificates of communication and the probate thereof.

p.29) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 25 April, 1715.

Jury to enquire:-

Geoffrey Bartlett, Samuel Gray, William Pyke, John Morris, jun., Benjamin Stone, Thomas Swayne, Richard Darner, Samuel Cuin, Thomas Lee, John Hitchcock, Stephen Turner, Walter Burridge, William Braddick, who present as on the files.

John Hussey, John Burridge: constables sworn to present.

Memorandum: that James Hooper of Lyme Regis, plumber, haveing sometime since publickly and openly declared, that he would never abjure the pretender, was therefore legally summoned by the constables of the said borough pursuant to a warrant granted by two of His Majesties justices of the peace of in and for the said borough (for that purpose) to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said Borough to take the oaths and subscribe the declaration required by law, hath refused to appear to take the said oaths and subscribe the declaration

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or to bring any certificate of his soe doing before any other justices of the peace, (and) is therefore adjudged and deemed as a possible recusant and is hereby recorded as such.

p.30) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge (held 25 April, 1715)

Jury to enquire:

Geoffrey Bartlett, Samuel Gray, William Pyke, John Morris, jun., Benjamin Stone, Thomas Swayne, Richard Damer, Samuel Cuin, Thomas Lee, John Hitchcock, Stephen Turner, Walter Burridge, William Braddick, who present as on the files.

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 11 July, 1715.

Jury to enquire:-

John Gundry, John Morris, John Wise, Benjamin Beer, jun., William Carswell, Samuel Gray, Benjamin Stone, Thomas Clarke, baker, Richard Damer, Samuel Morris, James Hooper, Thomas Lee, Stephen Turner, who present as on the files.

Thomas Hollard, John Kerridge constables sworn to enquire John Kerridge who present as on the files.

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p.31) Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 3 Oct., 1715.

Jury to enquire:-

Geoffrey Bartlett, , Richard Damer, Benjamin Beer, jun., Thomas Swayne, William Braddick, John Gundry, John Morris, Jun., John Butcher, Abraham Butcher, Samuel Cuin, Thomas Lee, Abraham Butcher, Stephen Turner, John Hitchcock (sic), William Stocker, Thomas Lee, Samuel Gray, Lawrence Howley, who present as on the files.

Swearing in of officials:-

John Burrridge, esq.:

mayor and justice of the peace.

John Bowdidge:

coroner and justice of the peace.

p.32) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 9 Jan., 1715/16.

Jury to enquire,

Geoffrey Bartlet, Abraham Butcher, Benjamin Bear, Stephen Turner, William Braddick, Thomas Hollard, jun., Richard Damer, Samuel Gray, William Pyke, John Hitchcock, Thomas Lee, Lawrence Howley, John Gundry, who present 'all well'.

William Carswell, Benjamin Stone, John Kerridge, constables sworn to present, who present 'all well.'

Rex v. Charles May for assault on John Morris: defendant acknowledges (his fault and pays a) fine of 3s.4d.

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Court Leet held 9 April, 1716

Jury to enquire:

Thomas Lee, Benjamin Beer, jun., William Pyke, Thomas Hollard, jun., John Morris, jun., Samuel Gray, Stephen Turner, Henry Cox, Thomas Swayne, Samuel Cuin, Lawrence Howley, John Hitchcock Richard Damer, who present as on the files.

p.33) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 9 April, 1716.

Jury to enquire: -

Thomas Lee, Benjamin Beer, jun., William Pyke, Thomas Hollard, jun., John Morris, jun., Samuel Gray, Stephen Turner, Henry Cox, Thomas Swayne, Samuel Cuin, Lawrence Howley, John Hitchcock Richard Damer, who present as on the files.

William Carswell, John Kerridge, Benjamin Stone, constables sworn to present, who present 'all well'.

Adjourned to May 7 next.

John Harvey, being bound over to appear at this Sessions for begetting Frances Swetland of Lyme Regis single woman of child with a bastard child which is likely to become chargeable to the said parish, and being surrendered by Nicholas Stone and Andrew Holland his bailees and not being able to

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find further security to abide the order of the justices or to indemnify the parish, is ordered to be committed by this Court.

p.34) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 9 July, 1716.

Jury to present:-

William Braddick, Henry Wyat, John Morris, jun, Samuel Cuin, John Hitchcock, George Buck, Thomas Hollard, jun., John King, Abraham Butcher, Stephen Turner, Richard Darner, George Pyke, John Berry, Lawrence Howley, John Morris, senior, Geoffrey Bartlet, Philip Cox. who present 'all well'.

William Carswell, John Kerridge, Benjamin stone, constables sworn to present, who present 'all well'.

George Lisle, gent, collector of the Customs of the port of Lyme Regis produced in court a certificate of his being sworn into that office before Robert Colbert and Henry Bunston justices of the said borough dated 6 April, 1716.

Warren Lisle, gent, searcher of the port of Pool and members and creeks thereto belonging produced likewise his certificate of his being sworn into that office before John Burrridge esq., mayor and Robert Colbert, justices of the peace of the said borough, dated 6 July, 1716.

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Samuel Hacker searcher and waiter and preventing officer of Charmouth produced likewise his certificate of being sworn into that office before John Burrridge Esq., mayor - - - - , justices of the peace of the said borough dated - - - - .

To this Court came the aforesaid George Lisle, Warren Lisle, and Samuel Hacker and took the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, after delivery of 4 certificates of communication and probate thereof.

p.35) Upon appeal against taxation for the relief of the poor it is ordered by the Court as follows:-James Trew charged Id. per month to the poor for house, it appearing that his mother a poor woman lives therein in her own right, and it not being his. It is ordered that the said house be discharged of the said assessment, and this is done.

Sarah Rocket by reason of her poverty (being charged Id. per month) is excused for paying the same for the house she lives in in Milgreen Street.

Robert Bragg by reason of his poverty is excused from paying of Id. per month of the 2d. per month charged on him to the relief of the poor.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held 1 Oct., 1716. Jury to enquire:-

John Gundry, John Pecket, Benjamin Beer, jun., Alexander Walker, Thomas Lee, Hezekiah Keller, William Braddick, Philip Cox, Thomas Hollard, Stephen Bowdidge, Stephen Turner, Thomas Clarke, Thomas Swayne,

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William Carswell, Benjamin Stone, John Kerridge, constables, sworn to present, who present as on the files.

Swearing in of officials:-

George Mantle, esq.:	mayor and justice of the peace.
Henry Bunston:	coroner and justice of the peace.
Richard Damer, George Rocket, Thomas Reade:	constables.

p.36) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held 1 Oct., 1716.

Jury to enquire:-

John Gundry, John Pecket, Benjamin Beer, Alexander Walker, Thomas Lee, Hezekiah Meller, William Braddick, Philip Cox, Thomas Hollard, Stephen Bowdidge, Stephen Turner, Thomas Clarke, Thomas Swayne, who present as on the files.

To this Court came George Lisle and John Sesse, and took the oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and abjuration, etc., after delivery of certificates of communication and probate thereof.

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 14 Jan., 1716/17.

Jury to enquire:-

Benjamin Stone, Lawrence Howley, Thomas Lee, William Stocker, William Braddick, Henry Halse,

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John Kerridge, James Minson, Stephen Turner, John Cox, Thomas Swayne, Daniel Newton, Thomas Hollard. Geoffrey Bartlett, Richard Darner, Thomas Reade, George Rocket: constables sworn to present.

To this Court came George Mantle and Henry Bunston and took the oaths of allegiance, supremacy and abjuration, etc., after delivery of a certificate of communication and probate thereof.

p.37) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 29 April, 1717. Jury to enquire: -

Thomas Lee, William Braddick, Benjamin Stone, John Morris, jun., Benjamin Beer, jun., Lawrence Howley, John Kerridge, Abraham Butcher, Thomas Hollard, jun., Samuel Cuin, Stephen Turner, Thomas Brewford, jun., William Carswell, who present as on the files.

p.38) General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held 15 July, 1717.

Jury to enquire:-

Thomas Lee, Abraham Butcher, Thomas Brewford, jun.,

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Lawrence Howley, John Peckett, Henry Cox, Stephen Turner, Samuel Cuin, John Morris, jun., Henry Wyat, Joseph Langar, George Kearby, jun., Thomas Clarke, who present as on the files.

Geoffrey Bartlett, Richard Darner, Thomas Reade, George Rockett: constables sworn to present, who present as on the files.

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a Beckett, Thomas. Address to the King.	The exact date of his festival was July 7th This was probably in connection with the signing of the Peace of Aix la Chapelle in Oct. 1748, which ended the war of the Austrian succession. This war was hatched in 1739 out of the none-too-clear incident of Jenkins' ear, and writing of it Leslie Stephen says "for what particular reason Englishmen were fighting at Dettingen or Fontenoy, is a question which a man can only answer when he has been specially crammed for examination, and his knowledge has not begun to ooze out of him.
Affeerors	These were officials responsible for the settlement of fines and exaction of penalties
Affirmations	The substitute for oaths allowed as an indulgence to Quakers, who were political outcasts till the Revolution of 1688. The affirmations referred to in the text were all made on purely formal occasions. Other disabilities were removed by the statute of 1833 which permitted affirmations generally in place of oaths
Amercements	Fines.
Annunciation of B.V.M. Arundel.	March 25th (Lady Day) The mention of mariners in connection with this place is a reminder of the importance of small harbours in the early history of England
Bowdidge, John,	Usually called "junior", was the Mayor before whom Henry Fielding would have been brought in November, 1725, for his assault on the Tucker family. He, however, failed to appear, sending his valet to represent him.
Bread, Price of.	According to the 1729 edition of Jacob's Law Dictionary "the three sorts of bread now in use (are) called White, Wheaten and Household bread". This statement on oath respecting the price of wheat seems to take the place of the former Assize of Bread and Ale last mentioned on May 16, 1698.
Burridge, John, senior.	Sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in 6 Parliaments between the years 1688 and 1710. He was also Mayor of Lyme 1696/7. He died in September 1733.
Burridge, John, junior,	Sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in three Parliaments between the years 1710 and 1722. He was the son of Robert Burridge below and nephew of John Burridge, senior. He was also Mayor of Lyme 1726/7. He is frequently spoken of as "of London". His death is recorded in the "Gentleman's Magazine" as having occurred Feb. 1753 but his record as M.P. is wrongly given.
Burridge, Robert,	Father of the above and brother of John Burridge, senior, had the distinction of being ousted by order of Government from the Mayoralty in 1685 in favour of Gregory Alford. He was reinstated in August 1688 shortly before the arrival of William III. He was Mayor again in 1699. He was one of the last of the prominent merchants of Lyme and died in Feb. 1736.
Buttermarket.	The name formerly given to the Southern end of Church Street and remained unchanged till December 1899.

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Candlemas	Was February 2nd, the festival of the Purification of the Virgin. The other yearly fair was at Michaelmas.
Capital Burgess	The title given (as confirmed by the Charter of Elizabeth) to members of the Borough Council.
Certiorari	A writ from a higher to a lower Court directing that a record of the proceedings in a case should be sent up for review.
Churchwardens.	Soon after the Restoration, the Corporation seems to have farmed the prebend of Lyme and the appointment of Churchwardens was as regular as that of all the other normal officials.
Cobb Gate.	In 1940 it is necessary to record that Cobb Gate stood across the entry to the Parking Place at the bottom of Broad Street. Technically it was part of the Cobb, because goods passing in either direction paid duty at the Custom House which stood exactly opposite and above the Pilot Boat Inn. A description of the gate, which was 20 ft. high, in 1750 will be found at folio 77 of Portfolio III of Fugitive Pieces. The uprights on which the hinges of one side of the gate used to hang, were on the outside wall of the Assembly Rooms before the latter were demolished in 1928.
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Colway Pound	Was at the East end of Colway Lane, somewhere near "Frost's Corner", but the exact spot cannot be indicated.
Crock	Metal pot.
Cucking-stool	Was in the form of a joint-stool. The offender was fastened to it and exposed to the jeers of the passers-by.
East Street	Called St. Michael's Street" occurs in a deed of 1598. Evidently Church Street or some portion of it is meant. See "West Street" below.
Edwards, John,	Had been Town Clerk for many years before 1732 and in this capacity had acted as Steward of the Court Leet. He so appeared for the last time in Oct. 1732. His death occurred in March 1733.
Except	From 'excepted from', i.e. exempt from.
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Fane, Francis.	The first of the Fanes, traders, "customers" and merchants of Bristol, to become one of Lyme's Borough Councillors. This was in 1733 and before long the family with its dependents, connections and relatives not only controlled the Borough Council but held both the seats in the House of Commons. This monopoly was not wholly ended till the passage of the Act for the reform of Municipal Corporations in 1835. This Francis Fane was the elder brother of Thomas Fane, who became 8th Earl of Westmorland in 1762, but, dying in 1757, he missed the title by 5 years. He was Mayor of Lyme 1736/7 and M.P. 1754-57.
Fane, John.	This was John, 9th Earl of Westmorland, who succeeded his father Thomas in 1771. He was born at Bristol, of which place he had been a "customer". He was M.P. for Lyme 1762-1771 and died in 1774.
Fane, Thomas,	Father of the above, was the first of the Bristol Fanes to succeed to the title, becoming 8th Earl of Westmorland in 1762, on the death of John, the 7th Earl, his second cousin once removed. He seems to have come from Bristol in the wake of John Scrope (see below) his uncle.
Fish Shambles	This was at the bottom of Broad Street opposite to the Parking Place.
Follet, Benjamin.	After two stop-gap Town Clerks, succeeded John Edwards (see above) in that position in 1735 and retained it till 1792, in which year he died at the age of 82. His position must have been a difficult, if not an equivocal one, for his

Frankpledge, View of.	with the Fane regime to which he was bitterly opposed. Members of his family worked against the Fanes openly. Thomas, son of Benjamin, actually fought a duel in 1782 with the Francis Fane of that date. The dispute was on the question of the election of Mayor for Lyme. The "pledge" is the surety for the behaviour of Freeman, who were bound together as answerable for the conduct, each of the other. These pledges were reviewed (visus) before the Court Leet held twice a year (Easter and Michaelmas) when appropriate penalties for infringements were ordered (passim)
Gauger. George Inn.	An exciseman who measures up the exact contents of casks and barrels. This large medieval inn which was only singed by the fire of 1803 was burnt down by that of 1844. It seems to have been an enormous place, with huge stables for the pack-horses used in trade at the time when it was built. It occupied the space between Monmouth Street and George's Square, which is not a square but a Court. The stables were probably to the south of "George's Square". The Inn faced Coombe Street and the open space, where there is a semblance of a garden, was the Courtyard of the inn. The name "St. George" given to it on p. 11 is unusual.
Gashing of Skins.	The mention of this maltreatment of skins explains the regular inclusion of "sealers and searchers of leather" among officials of the Corporation. There was a large cattle trade in Lyme and "cordwainers" (bootmakers) abounded..
Habeas Corpus.	This "great writ of English liberty" was always part of the common law of the land. The Act of 1679 simply facilitated its use.
Halberds (holberds)	It is characteristic of Lyme that these Tudor weapons should be the object of so much solicitude even in 1759. It may be remembered that, on the day when Monmouth "invaded" Lyme, there was no powder for the guns of the forts.
Hallett, Timothy.	Was appointed to the vicariate of Lyme in 1663, his predecessor, Ames Short, having been ousted after the Restoration. It is from this time that the Prebend seems to have been farmed by the Corporation, the Prebendary receiving £10 and the Vicar £40 a year. The Corporation was thus able to choose a Vicar according to its mind. Timothy Hallett died in 1729.
Hayward. Hellier.	Had charge of the pound, other duties (see p. 72) being added at times. A roofer, thatcher. The thin slabs of stone, with which many of the older houses in Lyme are still roofed, were called "hilling stones". They used to come in to the Cobb in shiploads from Plymouth.
Henley, Henry.	Was the second of that name who was closely connected with Lyme. The residence of the family was Leigh House, Winsham, Som., but the Henley's were lords of the Manor of Colway and owners of most of the land at Lyme. Henry Henley I, who died in 1696, sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in five parliaments between 1661 and 1695. His son, Henry Henley II (the subject of this note) sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in three parliaments between 1695 and 1705. He died in 1733.
Henley, Henry Holt.	Was son of Henry Henley II and sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in three parliaments between 1722 and 1747. He had just been elected to serve

	in the Parliament of 1747/54, when he suddenly died. He was also Recorder of Lyme.
Henley, Thomas.	Was brother of Henry Henley II He was a doctor of medicine and Mayor for 1735/6. He died in 1740.
Henley, Robert.	Was one of five Robert Henleys, all related to one another but all distinct persons, who sat in the House of Commons for towns in the South or South West of England between 1660 and 1747. This particular Robert was he of Wootton Glanville and was not one of the Winsham Henleys but a son of Sir Robert Henley of the Grange. When Henry Holt Henley died suddenly in 1747 after being chosen M.P. for Lyme, an express went at once to Robert Henley to offer him the vacancy. The offer was accepted and he retained the seat till the end of that Parliament in 1754. He was a fellow of New College, Oxford. He died in 1758.
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Hock-Monday and Tuesday Home to:	These were the second Monday and Tuesday after Easter . Right up to. The following are culled from Lyme documents, viz., "salary home to Michaelmas last", "payment home to Lady-Day", "home to the Bond" .
Hustings Court.	Generally interpreted as the Court of the Household, a Court of Local Jurisdiction (passim).
Jackwitt	As the baptismal name of a widow it is noticeable. In the case of a man, it might have been referred to 'Jacques'. Perhaps it is a corruption of 'Jacqueline'.
Key, Hugh.	Was the Vicar who succeeded Timothy Hallett, holding the cure for two years only.
Land tax (of 1692)	Was revived, and not without murmurs, to pay for the Wars of William III. It had existed in a different form in the time of the Long Parliament, but had been allowed to lapse.
Land waiter.	Or simply "waiter", is evidently used as the equivalent of tidewaiter, i.e., an officer of customs who waits till vessels come into port on the tide and
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Lisle, Warren.	then examines the cargo for dutiable goods. Though Mayor of Lyme in 1750/51, 1753/4, 1754 and 1762/3., was not a native of Lyme. According to a correspondent of Notes and Queries (7.1.28) he held his position as Searcher of the Port of Poole in succession to his grandfather and father. He did not therefore owe his position in the customs to the Fane family, as was the case with all other revenue officers at Lyme after about 1750. He seems to have gone to Weymouth to live about 1768, thus becoming a non-resident Capital Burgess of Lyme.
Meeting-house.	A licence for such a place would have been impossible before the Toleration Act of 1689. Lyme was now full of meeting-houses.
Monmouth Street.	It is impossible to say when the street first had this distinctive name, but certainly up to the end of the 18th century it was always known as in the text, viz., "The Street between the Church and the Town Mills"
Pentice. Penthouse. Poole.	i.e., oovered way or shelter. In connection with this passage it must be remembered that, speaking officially, Lyme was a member of the Port of Poole.

Pound Lane.	It is difficult to say for certain whether Pound Street or Pound Road is intended. Pound Street is mentioned as early as 1627 but the street called Pound Road now (1940) has no name given to it in Lyme's Plan of 1841 which is in the British Museum, and the Plan published in connection with the Pinhay Right-of-Way Case of the same year calls it Prebendary Lane.
Prison.	This of course must be Cockmoil.
Pretender.	That any man, in Lyme Regis of all places, should be found unwilling to abjure the Pretender in April 1715 is a portent indeed, and all the more remarkable because the luckless rising of that year did not take place till December.
Scrope, John.	Because he held the sinecure office of one of the Barons of the Scotch Court of Exchequer, was often styled Baron Scrope. He was the first of the Fane family to invade Lyme from Bristol and, as recorded in the text, he was made a Capital Burgess in 1736, but, as is not recorded in the text, he had already been chosen to sit for Lyme in the House of Commons with Henry Holt Henley in 1734. He had previously represented Bristol from 1727 to 1734 but, owing to the frantic opposition there to Robert Walpole's Excise Bill of 1733, he had lost his seat. He found a safe position at Lyme until his death in 1752, when his

	place was taken by his nephew, Thomas Fane, soon to become 8th Earl of Westmorland; and it may be remarked that this bye-election, like that of Scrope in 1734 passes sub silentio in the text. The Scrope-Fane relationship arose in this way. Henry Fane of Bristol, father of the three first Fane M.P's at Lyme, had married Scrope's sister, Ann, and Scrope having once made an opening into Lyme, the Fanes followed in a flood. In early life Scrope had acted as agent between the Whigs and the Prince of Orange and was a professed supporter of Monmouth. Later on law and politics attracted him and he found his profit in both. He was one of Robert Walpole's stoutest adherents and became under him Secretary to the Treasury. Much of Walpoles voluminous secret service money passed through his hands, but, when he was asked about this by the Committee of Investigation appointed after Walpole's fall in 1742, he maintained an absolute silence.
Shambles.	Or meat-market, ran alongside the raised causeway at the Bottom of Broad Street on the South side. They were burnt down in the fire of 1844 and not replaced, a widely-signed petition to abolish them having described them as a "great public nuisance". An authentic view of them can be seen in Room I of the Museum. The interesting old bell which was once in the turret of the Shambles is now hung in the well of the Museum staircase.
Shear leads / shear board	These are connected with a cloth-cutting apparatus.

Shills, Great and Little.	It is impossible to identify this piece of land.
Skillet.	A small kettle or pan.
Steward of Court Leet.	In earlier days the Recorder was the usual president, but in this book the Town Clerk generally takes his place, the Recorder (Henry Holt Henley) presiding occasionally in 1733/4.
Tailors.	See a restriction of 1551 affecting tailors at Lyme in Portfolio I of Fugitive Pieces.
Tower House.	Another name for the Great House of Robert Jones in Broad Street. Its site was on the north side of Broad Street extending from the Pitt House Hotel

downwards. At a far earlier date there was a leper hospital on the spot, which had a bell-tower. The Tower House is constantly mentioned in municipal documents by that name as late as the last quarter of the 18th century.

Town Mills.

In 1940 it is necessary to record that these, a valuable property of the Corporation from the earliest times, were at the foot of an inlet off Coombe Street and opposite the West end of Monmouth Street. They were driven by a cut off the river from Gosling Bridge, which ran down the Lynch. The electric light works now dominate the same locality.

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Traverse.

The formal denial of a defendant to allegations made against him.

Tythingman.

The constable of a tithing or hamlet of 10 houses.

Walk.

The covered way round the Market Place which had the Customs House over it and stood opposite the entrance to the Parking Place. It was, for all public announcements, Lyme's equivalent of London's Royal Exchange. The War declared here was that when France began to take a hand in the War of the Austrian succession. Many powers were involved. See "Address to the King" above.

West Street.

As Church Street, or part of it, was once known as East Street, so Broad Street, when first it began to rise upward from Cobb Gate, was known as West Street. That it was broader than the older Coombe Street, Bridge Street and Church Street needs no demonstration.

Whilley.

An apparatus with spikes for cleaning wool, cotton, etc.

Whitty, John.

The mention of this name in connection with a house near the Shambles recalls the fact that in 1759 a room over the Shambles was let to Thomas Whittey for 21 years for the manufacture of carpets. He was the proprietor of the Axminster Carpet Factory.

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