

Court Book Calendar 1766-1835

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There are a number of entries that comprise of a list of page numbers, offence numbers and fines, these and the entries for a number of Husting Court dates contain no relevant information and have not been included.

Richard Wells January 2018.

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## PREFACE.

This Calendar extends from January 1766 to December 1835, when Lyme' s old Court of Hustings was abolished by the Municipal Reform Act of that year.

It has been compiled by the undersigned from originals consisting:

(1) of 4 vellum bound volumes covering the following years, viz, 1766-1779, 1779-1783, 1788-1802, and 1819-1831.

(2) paper-covered note-books which record the proceedings of the two missing periods, viz., 1802-1819 and 1831-1835.

The vellum volumes were in very bad condition and have been restored. The paper-covered note books, the contents of which were intended for permanent volumes, have been bound to be in keeping with the rest. There is much re-iteration of formulae in these books. All this has been omitted, but it is believed that every relevant fact appears in the Calendar.

The pages after p. 137 are taken up with indexes and notes.

A number in red ink in the text refers to the corresponding number of glossary and Notes at the end of the Volume. *[these numbers have not been copied R.W. ]*

December 1940, C. WANKLYN.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CALENDAR of Court Books of Lyme Regis 1766 - 1835.

### MEMORANDUM ON THE FANE REGIME.

As this Calendar covers the period in which the dominance of the Fane family over Lyme, both municipally and politically, became complete, a few notes on the subject will not be out of place. These notes are all the more necessary because George Roberts, whose History of Lyme Regis was published in 1834, when the whole system was tottering to its fall, avoids the subject (of which he must have had close personal knowledge) in a manner, which may have been discreet but which is certainly unprofitable.

The first Fane who came to Lyme was John Scrope whose sister had married Henry Fane (1669-1726). Scrope, a Whig from head to foot, and an extremely intimate supporter of the then Premier, Sir Robert Walpole, lost his seat for Bristol in 1734. At the same time the political connection of the Henley

family (thorough Whigs also) with Lyme Regis was nearing its close and an invitation from Henry Holt Henley (one of Lyme's M.P's, 1734 - 41) may have brought Scrope from Bristol to take a perfectly safe Whig seat. But of this nothing can be known for certain, because another Henley (Robert of Spettisbury, Dorset) an officer of the Customs at Bristol had sat for Lyme between 1695 and 1701 and he, instead of Henry Hoste, may have been the connecting link. Scrope, therefore, became a Freeman of Lyme in 1736, Freedom being nearly always conferred on the sitting M.P's. and a Capital Burgess (Member of Council) in 1737 and for 1739/40 he served as Mayor. He does not, however, seem to have aimed at any dominating control of the Municipality. He wanted primarily

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to secure a safe seat in the House of Commons and this he did, being made M.P. in 1734, 1741, and 1747. In April 1752 he died.

His relatives, the Fanes, who followed in his wake, had very different aims, they had been traders and "customers" (officials of the Customs) at Bristol, and were distantly related to the Kent family of the same name, the head of which was Earl of Westmorland. Whether the fanes invaded Lyme from the start with any definite object of obtaining control of the Borough Council and, through the Borough Council, of both seats in the House of Commons, it is impossible to say, but that they did eventually succeed in both aims is certain.

Robert (another Robert), the last of the Henley's to sit for Lyme in the House of Commons, had retired after the end of the Parliament of 1747-54 and died in 1758, and from April 1754 to Dec. 1832, when the Reform Act first took effect, Lyme was on every occasion, save one, represented by a Fane.

There were 17 General Elections in this period and on every occasion Fanes were returned, except for the period 1780 - 1784, when the colleague of Henry Fane (1739-1802) was D. R. Michel of Dewlish, and Michel was Henry Fane's uncle by marriage. In all 12 different Fanes succeeded one another at different periods.

Except in the very early days from 1295 onwards, it was not thought essential that both the men whom Lyme sent to the House of Commons should be natives of Lyme. But very soon Lyme, in spite of her dislike of "foreigners", was choosing for one of her M.P's. some prominent resident of the countryside, the other man being a native. Even when, as sometimes happened, the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset "suggested" a name to Lyme for one of her members - and such "suggestion"

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was a royal command, Lyme being a Royal Borough, Lyme considered herself free to choose a local M.P. for her second string. The royal candidate may or may not have been acceptable, but had to be swallowed, and (to take actual examples) Sir Nicholas Throckmorton had as colleague John Mallok, a local man, Francis Walsingham went to the House of Commons with William Butler, a local man, and Zachary Bethel, another royal choice, was accompanied by Robert Hassard, a native.

But when John Scrope walked into Lyme through the open door (being not only a Whig of the toughest breed but a man of enormous political Influence under Robert Walpole) there followed through the same door three nephews, whose arrival was to change the whole political and municipal course of the Borough for the next 80 years. After 1752 Lyme never again was as it had been before, these three nephews were Francis Fane (1698 - 1757), Thomas Fane (1700 - 1771) and Henry Fane (1703 - 1777), they were all the sons of Henry Fane of Henbury, 4 miles from Bristol, and (except that Francis was a practising barrister) had occupied official positions in Bristol or been engaged in trade. Thomas, at any rate, had become wealthy, thus we find that Francis received the Freedom at some date unknown (for he is not in the Register of Freeman), was made a Capital Burgess in 1733 and was mayor 1736; Thomas received the freedom in 1736 and was made a Capital Burgess in 1753; Henry received, the freedom in 1737 and became a Capital Burgess in 1741. It was by these small degrees that the 'foreign' invasion began, which was soon to become a rout of all native interests.

As the story of the conquest of the two seats in

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the House of Commons by the Fanes and their relatives is shorter and more easily told than their conquest of the Borough Council, we will take that story

first. It must be premised that the vital question as to who were entitled to vote at General Elections had been a matter of uncertainty from very early days. On one occasion, at any rate, the Borough Council elected one of Lyme's M.P.'s. off its own bat, this was when George Jeffries (no connection of the notorious judge) of Newlands and Cathereton was chosen as colleague to Francis Russell in 1610/11. In the Council Order Book for Dec. 30th, 1609, there is a full account of the election. Later on some authorities held that the right of election rested with the Freeman only, others that it rested with the Freeholders only, others again that it rested with the Freeman and Freeholders, the controversy continued throughout the 17th and into the 18th century, but in spite of it two M.P.'s. always got elected for Lyme Regis somehow and sat in the House of Commons. However, by the time that the Fanes had got into the saddle, the right of election had been declared to rest with the Freeman only, and as Freeman were made by the Borough Council and as the Borough Council was, after 1778, controlled absolutely by the Fanes, the latter were in fact choosing their own constituents. In the 18th century any doubtful election was decided by a partisan Committee of the House of Commons, the more equitable and trustworthy institution of a special bench of Judges to try election petitions was not fully established until the middle of the 19th century. And yet in spite of this the Fane candidates were opposed three times, twice in 1780/1 and once in 1784. If one did not know that as soon as "politics" enter into any question wise men become fools, one would hardly believe that anyone could have been found to fight an election

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at Lyme against the Fanes in the 18th century. And yet two misguided men actually did so twice in 1780/1 and two other men once in 1784, on neither occasion did these champions of popular rights become M.P.'s. and it is only just, to say that in 1784, when they were supporting the abominable coalition between Fox and North, they deserved to lose. These elections were, however, relieved by a certain amount of comic detail. In 1780, when the fight between the natives of Lyme and the Fanes was at its height, Lyme actually enjoyed two mayors, one representing the natives and the other the Fanes. Not one but two polls were taken. Under the first poll, the infatuated interlopers were returned, and on the second the Fanes won the day, and - mirabile dictu - the Sheriff accepted both returns!. The House of Commons declared the election void and ordered another one. Again there were two mayors and there might again have been two polls, but on this occasion the local or native mayor was weak-kneed. He bowed down to the Mayor of the Fanes at once and even voted against his own two men at the election. The Fanes, therefore, were returned, and, in spite of a petition against them, retained the seats. So much for 1780, and now for 1784. In the latter year conditions were very different. The Fanes by this time were absolute masters of the Borough Council, there was only one Mayor, an officer of the Customs appointed by the Fanes themselves, and all England (as well as the Fanes) was on the side of George III in his fight against the coalition of Fox and North, the Fanes, on the vote of their Freeman, won hands down. There was a petition, of course, by the defeated parties, but nothing came of it. And so up to Dec. 1832 - the great Reform Act having just been passed - two Fanes invariably held Lyme's two seats in the House of Commons. Before dismissing the political question altogether,

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a remarkable stroke of luck which befell the Bristol fanes in 1762 must be recorded. Thomas Fane, mentioned above, became Earl of Westmorland. The family were thus to enjoy till 1832 not two but three seats in parliament, two in the commons and one in the Lords. It must be borne in mind as well, that the House of Lords in the 18th century was a much more influential body than it is today. The succession came about in this way. Three successive Earls, all brothers, had died without issue or unmarried so that when John Fane, the seventh Earl expired on Aug. 26th. 1762, the title devolved upon Thomas Fane of Bristol who was then M.P. for Lyme. Thomas thus stepped into the shoes of his second cousin once removed, an accident which was possibly very distasteful to many of the burgesses of Lyme, but must have increased greatly the prestige of what we may now call the Lyme branch of the family.

The control of the Fanes over the Borough Council did not come about so quickly. Either the glamour of Walpole's henchman, John Scrope, blinded their eyes from the start or, what is more probable, our Borough - even in the middle of the 18th century - did not recognise its amazing privilege of two seats in Parliament. If the latter is the case, their failure to remain masters of their own household is all the more

culpable. As has been already stated three nephews of Uncle Scrope, viz. Francis, Thomas and Henry got themselves made freemen and sat on the Council between 1733 and 1741. From that time onwards the Fane tentacles began steadily to enclose the corporate body of Lyme. It is true that the patriots of

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Lyme made a fight, but not till 1778 and then it was already far too late. Their leader in the matter was Giles Davie, a brewer and the issue arose on the filling-up of the place as Councillor of Henry Fane, sen. who had died in 1777.

All of a sudden the patriots awoke to the fact that strangers were gaining control of Lyme's Borough Council, if indeed they were not already in complete command. On the municipal side the Fanes did not start off at such a pace as they had shown on the political side. They had no intimate of the Prime Minister behind them and even if they had, Lyme was always very jealous of any interference in local affairs by strangers. No, they proceeded by slow degrees and let their big fish have plenty of line, but by careful and judicious play they had, even when the battle royal began in 1777/8, a clear majority on the Borough Council. The old native and local names of BurrIDGE, BowdIDGE, Coade, Henley, etc., disappear and are replaced by those of men brought from afar who were Fanes, or relatives of the Fanes or friends of the family.

In the old days and until the arrival of the adventurers from Bristol, an acting Freeman had to be a native of Lyme and resident in the town. Acting Freeman were those who would regularly perform the duties and fulfil the privileges of a Freeman, one of the chief of which was the right of voting for the mayor each year. There were of course honorary Freeman as well - Judges, Lords Lieutenant, Peers of the Realm, etc., who passed through the town and had the dignity of honorary Freedom conferred on them; but these do not enter into our story, because they never acted as Freeman or claimed any of a Freeman's privileges. Another privilege of an acting Freeman (besides

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voting for the Mayor) was that he became a potential candidate for the Borough Council. The Capital Burgesses were selected out of the Freeman, and a Freeman before 1760 had often to wait many years before he became a Capital Burgess, even if he ever became one at all. But in the case of the Fanes and their friends, a man would often be made a Freeman and a Capital Burgess on the same day. Such were the advantages of belonging to the Royal Family !

Capital Burgesses held office for life, subject to voluntary resignation and the proceedings of the Borough Council were held in camera. The Councillors could not be removed and no profane eye could be cast on their doings. This suited our Bristol friends to a nicety and yet the Court of Hustings sat once a week while the main Interests of the Fane and their friends were anywhere but at Lyme. The Fane party, in fact, only attended twice a year, viz., at the election of the Mayor, on the first day after the feast of St. Bartholomew (Aug. 24th), and at the October Court Leet when the Mayor was sworn in a ceremony which had to take place before Michaelmas. All the rest of the year they left the business to others. How was it done? Chiefly in this way at first, Lyme, especially in those days of intensive smuggling, had many officials of the Customs - Collectors, Controllers, Hiding Officers, Tide-waiters, etc., all of whom would owe their position to the Fanes. If any of the Fanes, their relatives or friends was made Mayor, one of these officials would be made his deputy and the others could form a quorum for the small amount of business to be done, for the attendance of Capital Burgesses at Meetings was generally three, seldom four and occasionally only two. A quorum of two only was contrary to the old constitution

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of Lyme; there being required for ordinary business and nine ( i.e. a majority of the whole Council) for special business, the consequence was that ordinary business was transacted by the satellites of the Fanes, and special business was taken on the Monday after St. Bartholomew or at the October Court Leets, when the Fane cohorts trooped into the town. It was then that they created Freeman who would support them or filled up any vacancy among the Capital Burgesses from one of their own family or from reliable adherents, always strangers. On p. 87/88 of the Calendar will be found a note comparing the attendances on the Court Leet day of Oct. 6th, 1788, with that of the previous Monday (Sept. 29th) and the Monday which followed (Oct. 13th). This is typical of what went on all through the whole period of the Fane predominance.

We must conclude with a brief account of the only fight (and it was a desperate one) which the native burgesses made against the Bristol 'foreigners'. About June, 1777, Henry Fane, nephew of John Scrope, died. He was both M.P. for Lyme and a Capital Burgess. The former vacancy was soon filled up, though Lyme does not seem to have had much hand in the doing of it. In no Court Book, Council Order Book or ether document at Lyme is there any record of the fact that Francis, Henry's son, took his place in the House of Commons, this is a positive fact, but there is a more important document elsewhere. In the Westmorland papers published by the Historical Manuscripts Commission is a letter from John, 10th Earl, recommending Francis for the seat. And so Francis took it and sat to the end of that Parliament, i.e., till July 1780. Nothing could have been more simple, but the vacancy on the Borough Council was another matter. As has been mentioned above, the Fanes let local patriots have plenty of play before

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tightening the line.

They need at times to let a local man be Mayor even as against one of their own men. They did so to their cost on Aug. 25th, 1777. The two candidates nominated for the Mayoralty were Giles Davie, a local brewer, and John Lather. Now the Lathers hailed from Essex and Caroline Lather was the late Henry fane's third wife. In spite of this the Fanes allowed Davie to be chosen.

Now Davie, knowing of the rather high-handed election of Francis Fane as M.P. and knowing of the vacancy caused on the Borough Council by the death of Henry Fane, had sworn that he would sweep the Bristol strangers out of the Borough. Of all this the Fanes were unaware, but the patriots of Lyme found, or thought that they had found, a vent for their pent-up indignation. Giles Davie did not start on his campaign at once, but for the next three years chaos was supreme in Lyme's Corporation. The appeal of Davie was to all the Burgesses and they supported him.

He appointed new Capital Burgesses to vote on his Council, without having the necessary quorum to enable him to do so, and he admitted Burgesses of Lyme to the freedom in dozens, again without the required quorum. Backed by this purely factitious support, he swept all the Fanes and their adherents out of the Corporation. What happened to all their "faggot voters" can be seen by looking at p. 35-39 of the Register of Freemen. They were all disqualified by legal process at the instance of the Fanes themselves. The Fanes in fact won both because the law supported them and because they stayed away from Davie's meetings and deprived him of the quorum he wanted.

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Further methods of delay were found by the patriots in the issue of "Articles of Complaint" against each separate Fane adherent. The burden, and a Just burden too, of these were that the Fanes and their friends were strangers and were non-resident and that by their contumacy in refusing to come to meetings they prevented the proper conduct of public business. All this was quite true, but the effort came too late. If the Lyme party could have foreseen the future and if they had persistently outvoted the Fane party from 1740, all would have been well. But by 1778 the Fanes were already in the saddle and the Lyme patriots were running along the road beside them, powerless and out of breath.

When the Mayoralty of Giles Davie was coming to an end in 1778, the usual meeting was held on the Monday after St. Bartholomew for choosing his successor. This was on Aug. 31st, 1778. The Fane party came in full force and the two candidates chosen for Mayor were John Fane, eldest son of Henry Fane (1703-1777) by his third wife, and David Robert Michel of Dewlish, who was related to the Fanes by marriage. The choice of the Freemen fell on Michel, but this choice had still to be confirmed at the October Court Leet. When the latter meeting was held on Oct. 5th, either Michel never appeared to be sworn or Davie refused to administer the oath to him. What happened exactly is not recorded anywhere. In any event Michel never served as Mayor and Davie carried on quite irregularly for a second term. Davie and his friends, in fact, regarded Michel as ousted from the Corporation and as officially non-existent. Meanwhile orders had come down from the King's Bench at Westminster not only to oust all the irregular Capital Burgesses and Freemen but to restore all the Fanes and their friends. In order to delay matters still further

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Davis and his friends decided to take counsel's opinion on these orders and as if this was not enough, between 1778 and 1779 John Coade, Wool stapler, of Lyme issued further "Articles of Complaint"

against each of the Fanes and their adherents. There was nothing fresh in these "Articles", but the time required for a reply to them enabled the patriots to install John Coade as Mayor, on Aug. 30th, 1779, and to confirm his appointment on Oct. 11th. Coade, however, was little more than a Mayor "pour rire" and taking a hint from the Fanes, usually acted by deputy at meetings. Moreover an order was out for his expulsion, but Coade avoided it by keeping out of the way. On paper at any rate he served his full year as mayor, in spite of the fact that the Fanes, taking advantage of an Act known as the "Tiverton Act" had appointed a substitute Mayor of their own. This was a satellite, one William Peterson, Comptroller of the Port of Lyme. But the farce was drawing to an end.

When the election for the Mayor of 1780/81 came on the patriots secured the election of their candidate, George Kerby, a grocer, and his election was duly confirmed. Simultaneously, the Fanes elected their own Mayor, viz., John Hamond, another official of the Customs and Kerby was cast in a more feeble mould than Hamond, he only held office from Oct. 2nd, 1780, to Jan. 8th, 1781, when he had handed over all his authority to Hamond, who reigned alone.

It is melancholy to add that George Kerby, a stern patriot, went over entirely to the Fanes later on. The orders from Westminster to restore all the Fanes and their friends to the Borough Council, which had been ignored, were followed by peremptory orders and the opposition gave way. Thus, in the end, things went on

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exactly as before except that the popular party were never allowed even the occasional treat of a Mayor of their own species. The Fanes, until the Act of 1836, drove them out for ever, kept a very tight hold on Lyme. And there was one thing more that aided them, Lyme, from the third quarter of the 18th century, was becoming what we should call more of a residential than an industrial town. Officers of the army and navy in retirement, people living on their own incomes, who came for health or for the then novel attraction of sea-bathing, were taking the place of the weavers and mariners who had formed the bulk of the population of old Lyme. The rather somnolent, stereotyped and uninspired National Church of those days was also a source of great strength to the Fanes, nor in their search for support did the latter confine themselves to Lyme or even to Dorset. They were all-embracing for political purposes. Three vicars of Lyme did indeed become Freeman, viz., the Rev. Joseph Domett, the Rev. Charles Randolph, and the well-known Dr. Hodges (1833-1880). The latter in fact went a step further and was appointed a Capital Burgess in 1833 in place of Vere Fane. But Dr. Hodges was in the direct succession, for the Rev. Edward Fane, son of the Henry Fane who died in 1802, had married Dr. Hodges' sister. Others in holy orders who backed the Fanes were the Vicars or rectors of Uplyme, Holbeton, Musbury, Bovey Tracey and Beer in Devon; Charmouth, Winterborne Whitchurch, and Wootton Fitzpaine in Dorset, Aller in Somerset, one from Cambridge and 5 or 6 others who cannot be identified.

*(the vicar of Sturminster Newton, Dorset, can be added because that cure was held by the Rev. James Michel, 6th son of David Robert Michel, who was both Freeman and Capital Burgess C.W. )*

But it must be remembered that all these people had been close to the horrors of the French Revolution and when you spoke of Parliamentary or Municipal Reform, they thought only of tumbrils and the guillotine. Yet the two

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reforms just mentioned had been waiting a long time to come on, as they did at length come on, because England wisely has always preferred the safety-valve of reform to the explosion of revolution. From these new residents the Fanes could always select safe Councillors to hold the fort while they were away, to keep a place warm for any of them by acting as deputy, and to vote straight at General Elections.

One ironical comment may conclude this side-light on our constitutional history. When the rebel, Giles Davie died in 1788, he was succeeded on our Borough Council by Sir William Lowther, Bart. Sir William became in due course the Earl of Lonsdale, and one of the chief borough-mongers of the Kingdom. There is no record that he ever attended any meeting at Lyme, but the distance between Lowther Castle, Cumberland, and Lyme Regis is considerable. Whether it is greater than the distance between the Earl of Lonsdale and Gilles Davie, brewer, of Lyme, is a matter of opinion, and, so far as the business of Lyme's Council is concerned, my vote would go to the rebel brewer rather than to the territorial magnate. It must

be added that the Earl married Augusta, daughter of John Fane, 9th Earl of Westmorland. He was, therefore, in the succession. He resigned his place on Lyme's Council In 1802.

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## Calendar of Lyme Regis Court Book January 1766 - July 1779

*Note. Wherever the words "one plea" occur in brackets, a claim for payment of debt is in most cases meant, the offence being classed under the old formula of "trespass on the case", now disused. If sufficient goods of the debtor were found to enable the debt to be discharged, the case came to an end. Failing this the debtor was arrested until he had discharged the debt. In that event, too, the case was ended. Finally the case would abruptly cease where no goods were found and the debtor had absconded. The same case, under the head of 'one plea', may go on in successive stages at several successive sittings. C.W. [these "one plea" entries have not been copied as they have no information or names included R.W. ]*

p.10–22) Election of New Mayor

Samuel Warren and Henry Swymmer nominated by Capital Burgesses.

Samuel Warren chosen by jury of 13 Freemen (named)

George Kerbey chosen Coroner

Thomas White chosen Constable.

Hustings Courts Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1766

Hon. Henry Fane becomes a Capital Burgess.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, before Benjamin Follett steward (Grand Jury of 15 named).

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### Swearing in of officials

Samuel Warren

Mayor

George Kerbey

Coroner

John Kaynes,

Cobbwarden

Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett

Leather-sealers

John Kerbey, George Kerbey,

Serjeants-at-mace

Matthew Love,

Hayward

John Lock, William Lush:

Water bailiffs

Thomas White, Samuel Crocker,

John Swain, George Kerbey:

Constables.

### Hustings Court

From Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1766, to Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1767, no Courts were held, the Mayor and Capital Burgesses being ill.

Hustings Court June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1767

Matthew Look of Lyme Regis, aged 19 years, binds himself as apprentice to William Philips, Master of the "Prosperous" a 36 Ton vessel of Chichester, for three years to learn the trade of a mariner. Long recital of conditions.

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Hustings Court held Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1767.

### Election of a new Mayor.

The Hon. Henry Fane and Henry Swymmer, Esq., are nominated as candidates by the Capital Burgesses and the Hon. Henry Fane is chosen Mayor by the freemen (named) being a sworn Jury of 12.

Arthur Raymond elected coroner

Samuel Warren elected receiver or chamberlain  
Thomas White elected constable.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1767, before Benjamin Follett, Steward (Grand Jury of 14 named)

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| Swearing in of officials,       |                   |
| Hon. Henry Fane                 | Mayor             |
| Arthur Raymond                  | Coroner           |
| Giles Davie                     | Cobb Warden       |
| Richard Edwards, Robert Puckett | Leather sealers   |
| John Kerbey, George Kerbey      | Serjeants-at-mace |
| John Smith,                     | Hayward           |
| John Lock, William Lush         | Water bailiff     |

Samuel Crocker, John Swain,  
George Kerbey, Constables

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Hustings Court held Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1767  
Thomas White sworn constable of Lyme Regis  
Matthew Tobyan sworn tythingman of Colway

Hustings Court held Oct. 26, 1767  
Demand for a jury on Lush v. Rocket to be heard on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Hustings Court held Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1767  
Public beam and scales with a set of standard weights ordered to be provided and set up near the Shambles.  
Notice to be given of the fixing of the Assize of Bread.  
Subpoenas to issue in Lush v. Rocket.

Hustings Court held Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1767.  
Jury, names given, impannelled in Lush v. Rocket, give a verdict in favour of the plaintiff, and assess damage at one shilling.

Ordered that the part of the wall which lies close to the fort be raised a sufficient height to keep in the beach, as well as the Cobb Causeway abutting against the Cliffs.

Hustings Court held Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1767.  
Judgment given for Lush in Lush v. Rocket, vis. that Lush recover for costs and charges, £3.8s.6d together with the damages of 1/- allowed by the jury.

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p.34-38) Hustings Court held Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1767.  
Ordered that the measures for corn and grain shall be reduced to Winchester measure and that all measures and weights be brought to the Town Hall to be sealed and stamped.  
That the Constables shall duly set the watch every night so as to "apprehend all rogues, vagabonds and sturdy beggars"

Hustings Court held Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1767.  
Thomas Slader to "proceed in building the ship" subject to a bond in £500 for making good any damage.

Hustings Court held Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1767  
Candlemas Fair is ordered to be held on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>



p.38-49) Hustings Courts held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

When Sheriffs Precept for the Election of Members of Parliament to be held at Westminster on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1767, is presented. Election fixed for Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m.

(No record of the return of Thomas and Henry Fane occurs)

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(Inspected 1768 by Mr. J. Lawrence)

Hustings Court held Aug, 29<sup>th</sup>, 1768.

Same day:

Election of New Mayor

Henry Fane and John Puddicombe nominated by the Capital Burgesses

John Puddicombe elected by the Freeman (named)

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1768 (Grand Jury named)

Swearing in of officials:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| John Puddicombe,                    | Mayor.            |
| Arthur Raymond,                     | Coroner .         |
| Giles Davie,                        | Cobb Warden       |
| Richard Edwards, Robert Pucket,     | Leather sealers   |
| John Kerbey, George Kerbey,         | Serjeants-at-mace |
| Joseph Love,                        | Hayward           |
| John Lock, William Lush             | Water bailiffs    |
| Micaiah Walker, John Eveleigh,      |                   |
| William Oliver, George Kerbey, Jun. | Constables.       |

P.49-60 Hustings Court held Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1768

John Lock sworn as Constable.

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Hustings Courts held August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1769

p.61-76) Election of a new Mayor:

Robert Clarke and William Peterson nominated by the Capital Burgesses

Robert Clarke chosen by the Freeman (named)

Samuel Warren elected coroner and chamberlain

Micaiah Walker elected Constable

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1769, before Benjamin Follett, Steward,  
(Jury named)

Swearing-in of Officials:

|                                        |                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Robert Clarke,                         | Mayor             |
| Samuel Warren,                         | Coroner           |
| Giles Davie,                           | Cobb Warden       |
| Richard Edwards, Robert Pucket,        | Leather sealers   |
| John Kerbey, George Kerbey,            | Serjeants-at-mace |
| Joseph Love,                           | Hayward           |
| John Lock, William Lush                | Water bailiffs    |
| Micaiah Walker, John Lock, John swain, |                   |
| Samuel Crocker, George Kerbey, Jun.    | Constables.       |

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Hustings Courts held Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1770

James Love fined 3/-4d. for fouling the pot-water at the west end of the town.

Hustings Courts held Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1770

Indentures of Apprenticeship for 5 years signed and enrolled between Henry Jefford, aged 16, son of Joseph Jefford of Uplyme, Blacksmith, and William Youlden, Master of the 'William and Martha', sloop of Brixham, whereby the latter undertakes to teach his apprentice the "art of a mariner". Detailed particulars of conditions.

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Hustings Courts held on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1770

Election of new Mayor:

Henry Swymmer and William Peterson nominated by the Capital Burgesses

William Peterson chosen by the Freeman (named)

Samuel Warren chosen Coroner and Chamberlain

Micaiah Walker chosen constable

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held the same day before Benjamin Follett, Steward.

Swearing-in of Officials:

William Peterson,

Mayor

Samuel Warren,

Coroner

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Hustings Courts held March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1771.

Indentures of apprenticeship enrolled the same day between Joseph Spiller, son of George Spiller, weaver, of Charmouth and Samuel Youlden of Brixham, Master of the sloop 'Betsey', whereby the apprentice is bound to his master for 7 years "to the sea-service in fishing to learn his art". Long recital of the usual conditions.

Similarly by another deed John Wyat of Uplyme also binds himself to Samuel Youlden for the same purpose.

p.90-105)

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August 26<sup>th</sup> 1771

Election of new Mayor

Henry Fane and John Luther nominated by the capital Burgesses

John Luther chosen by the Freeman (named)

John Puddicombe elected coroner, Samuel Warren elected chamberlain. Micaiah Walker elected Constable

Hustings Court held Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1771 with Court Leet and View of Frankpledge

Swearing-in of Officials:

John Luther,

Mayor

John Puddicombe,

Coroner

Giles Davie,

Cobb Warden

Richard Edwards, William Reede,

Leather sealers & searchers

John Kerbey, George Kerbey,

Serjeants-at-mace

Richard Gaitch,

Hayward

John Lock, William Lush

Water bailiffs

Micaiah Walker, Peter Domet,

Samuel Crocker, George Kerbey, Jun.

Constables.

Richard Lock, bellman, vice John Lock.

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p.105-22)

Hustings Courts held, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1772.

Common pound ordered to be taken down and re-erected on the North side of "Hilaries" otherwise "Hileries" against the high-way there.

Hustings Courts held Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1772.

Hon. Henry Fane elected M.P. for Lyme Regis, his brother John Fane, Lord Burghersh, having been

"removed to the Upper House, by the death of his father Thomas, 8th Earl of Westmorland" (names of 11 Freemen present are given)

Hustings Courts held Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1772.

Indentures of Apprenticeship for 5 years enrolled between John Robinson of Beer, Devon, and William Oliver, jun. of Lyme Regis, Mariner, whereby the apprentice binds himself to learn the art of sea-service. Usual recital of conditions with signatures or marks.

Hustings Courts held March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1772.

Reward offered to any who will discover who broke up the prison, so that Daniel Berry, committed on suspicion, escaped.

Hustings Courts held April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1772.

Lease of a plot near Hay Farm, late in the occupation of John Lock deceased, be granted to Thomas Hollis for 100 years for a fine of 10 guineas at a yearly rent of 3/- 4d.

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Hustings Courts held May 4<sup>th</sup> 1772.

Ordered that the East and South East walls of Bell Cliff be repaired, Edward Upjohn, mason, being employed.

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1772.

That the wall adjoining Gun Cliff on the East side be lengthened 30 feet with oaken posts, rocks and stones.

That a fence or wall be made against the breach on the western side of Gun Cliff.

That a lease of the "toft" in Mill Green, lately owned by Mr. James Willis, be granted to Mr. Samuel Coade for a rent of 9/- a year.

Hustings Courts held June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1772,

A bye-election, for a Burgess to represent the Borough in the House of Commons, takes place, the Hon. Henry Fane having accepted the office of Keeper of His Majesty's private Gates, Roads and Bridges. 15 Freemen present unanimously re-elect Henry Fane.

p.123-33)

Hustings Courts held Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1772,

On this date Thomas Hollis presents to the Borough 5 houses in middle row to be pulled down and the site cleared for the enlargement of the street. Offer accepted.

Hustings Court held Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1772.

A house at the lower end of the street between the Church and the Town Mills is ordered to be pulled down as obstructive of the road-way.

Hustings Court held Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1772,

Election of Mayor held:

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Henry Fane and Arthur Raymond nominated by the Capital Burgesses

Arthur Raymond elected by a Freeman (named)

George Kerbey elected Coroner, Samuel Warren elected Chamberlain, Micaiah Walker elected Constable.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1772, Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before Benjamin Follett, steward.

Swearing-in of officials

Arthur Raymond.

Mayor

George Kerbey,

Coroner

Giles Davie,

Cobb Warden

Richard Edwards, William Reede,

Leather sealers & searchers

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| John Kerbey, George Kerbey,        | Serjeants-at-mace |
| John Mathews,                      | Hayward           |
| Richard Hook, William Lush         | Water bailiffs    |
| Micaiah Walker, Peter Domet jun.,  |                   |
| Thomas Haynes, George Kerbey, Jun. | Constables.       |
| Richard Hook, vice John Lock.      | Scavenger.        |

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Hustings Court held May 17<sup>th</sup> 1773.

A gift was made by Thomas Hollis to the Corporation of certain houses at the bottom of Broad Street, "including Cobham House which he held of Henry Cornish Henley", so that they might be pulled down and extra space be given to the street; other houses presented were to be converted into warehouses to be called Lollard Warehouse, the part of Cobham Warehouse which faces Broad Street being taken down. But the S.E. wing of Cobham House "formerly the Coffee House" was to be converted into a Warehouse to be called Cobham Warehouse. The Cobb Gate was to be taken down and re-built and Hollis contributed £150 towards the expense of the schemes. Offer accepted with sincere thanks.

p. 146-57)

Hustings Courts held May 24<sup>th</sup> 1773

Thomas Hollis gave effect to his promised gifts.

(May 31<sup>st</sup>) Bowling Green to be fenced round for the accommodation of those who resort there.

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1773.

Election of new Mayor:

Henry Swymmer and John Puddicombe nominated by the Capital Burgesses (named)

John Puddicombe elected Mayor by the Freeman (named).

William Peterson elected Coroner.

Samuel Warren elected Chamberlain.

Micaiah walker elected Constable.

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Hustings Court held Sept, 27<sup>th</sup> 1773,

Certain leases of dwelling-houses and orchards at Mill-Green surrendered by John Clarke and re-granted for considerations stated.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1773. Court Leet and view of Frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, steward (Jury named)

Swearing in of officials:

|                                      |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Arthur Raymond,                      | Mayor                       |
| William Peterson,                    | Coroner                     |
| Giles Davie,                         | Cobb-Warden                 |
| Richard Edwards, William Reede,      | Leather sealers & searchers |
| John Kerbey, George Kerbey,          | Serjeants-at-mace           |
| John Mathews,                        | Hayward                     |
| Richard Hook, William Lush           | Water bailiffs              |
| Micaiah Walker, John Harlow Avery,   |                             |
| Richard Cookney, George Kerbey, Jun. |                             |
| Richard Hook,                        | Constables.                 |

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Hustings Court held Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1773.

Samuel Warren, Jun., takes the oaths as Freeman.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Bernard Gay to remove obstructions to the watering-place at the top of Pound Street on the Southern side.

Nov.29<sup>th</sup>

The barring of the lane or way called 'Willhayes' with access to the spring of "good wholesome

Gay is again considered and B.G. (being present) is ordered to remove all "gates, posts and bars", which he promises to do.

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1773.

Thomas Hollis contributes £30 as a donation the road and pitching from Cobb Gate to the sea.

Hustings Court held Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 1774.

Simon Bunter for a fine of one guinea may change the lives on his tenement owing to his great expense in building.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1774.

John Fudge to have the use of the Bowling Green for the year at 10/-, keeping all in repair etc.

The prison having been broken open on divers occasions, a reward of 5 guineas to be paid to any one who discovers those who have aided the prisoners.

(Inspected W. Emerson 1774)

p.171-80) Hustings Courts held Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>. 1774.

Act against bribery read.

Election of new Mayor

John Fane and Francis Fane nominated by the Capital Burgesses,

John Fane chosen by Freeman (named), Samuel Warren chosen Coroner and Chamberlain

Micaiah Walker chosen constable.

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Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, Steward. (Jury named)

Swearing in of officials:

John Fane,

Mayor

Samuel Warren,

Coroner

Robert Smith,

Cobb-warden

Richard Edwards, William Reede,

Leather sealers & searchers

John Kerbey, George Kerbey,

Serjeants-at-mace

John Mathews,

Hayward, Water bailiff.

Micaiah Walker, John Harlow Avery,

Peter Domet, George Kerbey,

Constables.

Parliament was dissolved Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1774

4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1774

p.180-96)

Sheriff delivered his precept for electing "two of the most discreet Burgesses" to serve in the next Parliament. Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. fixed for the election, when the Mayor and nine other Capital Burgesses, together with 9 Freeman (all named) are present. Each of these having taken the usual oath and the statute against bribery and corruption having been read, the Hon. Henry Fane and Henry Fane, Esq. two Capital Burgesses, are nominated and unanimously elected to serve in the next Parliament.

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Hustings Courts held Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1774.

On the same day William Fry of Culmstock, Devon, binds himself apprentice to William Dare of Newport, I. of W. master of the sloop 'Nancy' for five years to "learn his art of the sea service" (long recital of conditions)

p.196-208) Husting Courts held 1775 July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Gates designed to be put up at the entrance to Liberty Walk are to be forthwith erected,

Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1775

Brand Hollis, executor of the late Thomas Hollis, to be asked to carry into execution the lease granted to Thomas Hollis on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1771,

*(There is no record of any such lease in this book, but see p.18a where an extract from the Council Order book is given. C.W. )*

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1775.

Election of new Mayor,  
Francis Fane and Samuel Warren nominated by the Capital Burgesses,  
Samuel Warren chosen by the freemen named.  
Arthur Raymond chosen Coroner.  
Samuel Warren chosen Chamberlain.  
Micaiah Walker chosen Constable

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(Extract from the Order Book of the Borough Council of Lyme Regis dated 30 September, 1771.)

Ordered that the Common Seal of this Corporation be set to an Indenture bearing date this day to Thomas Hollis, Esquire, of Lincolns Inn, in the County of Middlesex, whereby in consideration of five pounds five shillings we demise to him Liberty to enjoy all that little plott or parcell of ground called the Fort containing about two thousand feet situate in the said Borough and to make a Doorway in the Western Wall thereof and to fix Durns and a door thereon and to erect a flight of steps to descend therefrom to the Beach together with the way leading by the shore to the said Fort and together with the said Fort is delineated in the said Indenture and Counterpart thereof (except therein is mentioned to be excepted) to hold from the twenty-ninth day of September now instant for the term of one hundred years under the yearly rent of one shilling and divers Reservations, Conditions, Covenants and Agreements therein contained -

Here follow the signatures, viz.:

B.F., J. Luther, Wm. Peterson, Burghersh  
Jno. Puddicombe, R. Fowler Coade, Samuel Warren, George Kerbey, Robert Clarke,  
Arthur Raymond, H. Fane.

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Hustings Court held Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1775

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, steward (Jury named).

Swearing in of officials:

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Samuel Warren,                     | Mayor                       |
| Arthur Raymond,                    | Coroner                     |
| Robert Smith,                      | Cobb warden                 |
| Richard Edwards, William Reede,    | Leather sealers & searchers |
| John Kerbey, George Kerbey,        | Serjeants-at-mace           |
| Robert Gaitch,                     | Hayward.                    |
| William Cox, Robert Ratenbury,     | Water Bailiff               |
| Micaiah Walker, John Harlow Avery, |                             |
| Peter Domet, George Kerbey,        | Constables.                 |

Hustings Court held Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1775.

Persons paying Head Rent to bring it to the Town Hall Monday next.

Articles of apprenticeship between Robert Partridge of Lyme Regis and Benjamin Kerridge of Weymouth are presented, whereby the former binds himself to the latter for 3 years to learn the mariners art, Long recital of conditions.

Hustings Court held Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1775.

Conditions reported of the sale of two meadows which had fallen in to the Corporation to Giles

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Davie and Thomas Dare respectively. One plea.

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Hustings Court held Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1776

Grant of lease of house and garden in the upper end of Mill Green to George Jackson,

Schoolmaster.

Hustings Court held June 24<sup>th</sup> 1776

In the same plea, viz., Daniel Solomon v. Matthew Love, the parties agreed to accept the summary judgement of the Court, which is that the plaintiff pay the defendant £1.11s.6d. for the silver watch received, and that the defendant return to the plaintiff the silver watch delivered to him by the defendant, the latter paying costs.

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1776

Buddle wall ordered to be repaired.

p.222-233)

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Election of new Mayor.

Inigo William Jones, Henry Fane, are nominated as candidates by the Capital Burgesses.

Inigo William Jones, chosen Mayor by Freeman (named)

Arthur Raymond chosen Coroner.

Samuel Warren chosen Chamberlain.

Micaiah Walker chosen Constable

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Price is to be given for the addition of two lives to Samuel Coade's house.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1776.

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Court Leet and view of Frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, before Benjamin Follett, steward (Jury named)

Swearing in of officials .

Inigo William Jones,

Arthur Raymond,

Robert Smith,

Richard Edwards, William Reede,

John Kerbey, George Kerbey,

William Cox,

Richard Hooke,

Micaiah Walker, George Kerbey,

William Eyres, Carew Manning,

Mayor.

Coroner.

Cobb warden

Leather sealers & searchers

Serjeants-at-mace

Hayward.

Water Bailiff, Hayward, Scavenger.

Constables.

Hustings Court held Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Richard Hooke, having been absent on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, is now sworn in as water-bailiff, hayward, scavenger.

Hustings Court held Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> , 1776.

Orders Issued for payment of head rents.

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1776

Ralph Troyte to have a new lease of the house and garden beyond Goslings Bridge.

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>1776.

Town Clerk ordered to write to the M.P.s for the Borough requesting them to obtain through the Lords of the Treasury a stay of the proceedings for the Court of Exchequer for collecting arrears of Land Tax, payment being impossible owing

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to the decay of the Town. Surveyors ordered to inspect the damage to the house of Nathaniel Upjohn owing to want of repair.

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1776

Seal of the Mayor to be affixed to a warrant containing a list of persons on whom distraint was to

be made for arrears of rent due to the Corporation.

Also Mr. William Jones to be called on to repair his ruinous and dangerous house.

Also a heap of stones and rubbish piled in the public way by James Bagster was ordered to be removed.

Also £56. 5s. 6d. to be spent in repair of Upjohn's house in accordance with the estimate.

p.233-42) Court of Hustings held Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1776.

Serjeant is ordered to serve a notice on William Jones "of Bath" in respect of his ruinous house as above. 24/- to be paid for Serving the notice.

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1777.

Lease to be granted to Charles Cawley of the coal-cellar under the Town Hall and of the cellar under the Council Room for 99 years from March 25<sup>th</sup> next.

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Charles Crawley to be granted a lease of the cellar under the Guildhall called the salt-cellar with liberty to convert the same into a room or rooms.

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Ruinous condition of the late John Bowdidge's house to be considered.

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Robert Clarke to become tenant of a certain cellar at the lower end of Broad Street. Ordered that no properties of the Corporation from henceforth be leased or sold but to the best bidder at public auction at the Town Hall after due notice given.

Court of Hustings March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1777.

Corporation to

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accept the gift of £50 from the late Thomas Hollis for carrying out the covenants in the lease of the fort and the way leading thereto.

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1777.

John Walker, aged 12, son of William Walker of Lyme Regis, weaver, is bound apprentice for seven years to Richard Kerrige, jun., of Lyme Regis, master of the 40 ton fishing sloop "North Star", to learn the art of fishery.

Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 1777.

31.10.0 [£ ? R.W.] accepted from the late Thomas Hollis in satisfaction of the covenants of the lease of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1771.

p.242-55) Courts of Hustings held June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1777.

Survey ordered of the damages done to the Cobb by mooring posts.

Offer sent for surrender of houses in Mill Green by the late Ambrose Rhodes to be accepted.

John Cox, aged 12 years, son of William Cox, jun., of Lyme Regis, woolcomber, binds himself apprentice for 8 years to William Hardy, mariner and owner of the sloop "North Star" to "learn the art of sea-service." Detailed recital of conditions.

Death of Henry Fane, one of the M.P.s. for Lyme Regis on May 31<sup>st</sup>, at Wormsley, Oxon., reported.

Sheriff's precept for election of new M.P. is notified and election fixed for "Wednesday next" at 11 a.m.

Courts of Hustings held June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1777.

30 new mooring posts ordered for Cobb.

Thomas Townsend aged 15, son of William Townsend of London, apprentices himself to William Oliver of Lyme Regis for five years to "learn the art of sea-service" Usual detailed conditions.

(this is clearly the lease set out on p.18a C.W. )

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June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1777.

Members (M.P.s) to be "drawn on" for £50 towards repair of Cobb and sea-walls.



July 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

Survey to be held of three cellars on the Cobb Wall so as to consider conditions for leasing them.

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1777

Edward Upjohn produces an estimate of £50. 12s. 8d. for repairing of the sea-walls, if the Corporation provide materials. This is refused but estimate accepted if Upjohn provides scaffolding and Materials including the "best Lyme and Charmouth sand-mortar" and the "best blue ledge stone". Upjohn being allowed the use of Corporation tools; the estimate passes. Arthur Raymond to set about repairing the Cobb Causeway and the Cobb walls.

Courts of Hustings held Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1777 .

Lease to be granted to John Clark of the easternmost cellar or warehouse on Cobb Wall, and to William Peterson, jun. of the middle cellar. Also that a lease be granted to William Poole of the westernmost cellar on the Cobb Wall and the kiln and the ground whereon it stands.

Articles of apprenticeship enrolled as follows:

- (1) William Gaylard, aged 18 years, son of William Gaylard of Whitechurch Canoncoram, binds himself for 5 years to William Oliver of Lyme Regis, Mariner and Master of the sloop "Charlotte" to learn the art of sea-service. Usual conditions recited.
- (2) Robert Place, aged about 21 years of Bradninch, Devon, also binds himself to William Oliver of Lyme Regis for 5 years for the same purpose.

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p.256-65)

Court of Hustings held Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1777

John Warren ordered to draw on "our members" for £50 for repair of Cobb and sea-walls.

18<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1777

Ordered that the plot of ground at the western end of the lime-kiln on the Cobb wall be granted to William Poole, and ordered that a lease be granted to Joseph Marquiz of a coal house, now used as a stable, a little above Bell Cliff.

Courts of Hustings held Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>

Election of new Mayor

Giles Davie and John Luther nominated by the Capital Burgesses

Giles Davie chosen mayor by jury of Freemen (named)

Arthur Raymond chosen Coroner and Chamberlain

Micaiah Walker chosen constable.

Court of Hustings held Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1777

Liability of the late Joseph Creed for the ruinous state of his late dwelling in Lyme Regis and the consequent damages to be settled between Mr. Westcomb of Bridport for Creed and Mr. Robert Clarke for the Corporation.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1777.

George Kerbey, Serjeant-at-Mace, was ordered to summon all resident Capital Burgesses to attend at 3 o'clock on Thursday next (Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>) to examine the Mayoralty accounts of John Luther, Arthur Raymond, John Puddicombe and John Fane, and also the mayoralty account of Samuel Warren, lately deceased. In the presence of Arthur Raymond, deputy of Inigo William Jones, Mayor, Giles Davie, Mayor Elect, Robert Clarke and William Peterson, the business of inspecting the accounts of the Mayors mentioned above was carried out and mistakes and errors in the accounts rectified, the accounts themselves were ordered to be passed.

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A survey ordered to be held on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> for the leasing of three separate tenements specifically named.

Court of Hustings held on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1777.

A field in the occupation of John Love ordered to be advertised for sale,  
Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1777

Court Leet and View of frankpledge takes place before Benjamin Follett, steward. (jury named)  
Swearing-in of officials

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Giles Davie,                    | Mayor                              |
| Arthur Raymond,                 | Coroner                            |
| Robert Smith,                   | Cobb warden                        |
| Richard Edwards, William Reede, | Leather sealers & searchers        |
| John Kerbey, George Kerbey,     | Serjeants-at-mace                  |
| William Cox,                    | Hayward.                           |
| Richard Hooke,                  | Water Bailiff, Hayward, Scavenger. |
| Micaiah Walker, George Kerbey,  |                                    |
| James Bagster, William Bagwell, | Constables.                        |

p.265-80) Courts of Hustings held Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Walls of Richard Churchill Davie to be lengthened 60 feet adjoining wall west of the Fort to be lengthened 19 feet to "the Rock", wall on the eastern side of Cobb Gate to be lengthened 20 feet.

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1777

Sale of two of the lots, referred to on p.264, is reported.

A field in the occupation of Mr. John Love to be offered on lease.

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1777

Lords of the Admiralty to be asked for an explanation of the Order in Council respecting the conveyance of pressed seamen when the distance to be covered is more than

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20 miles.

Arthur Raymond, Chamberlain, to draw on Hon. Henry Fane for £100 of Cobb money.

Courts of Hustings held Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1777

Town Clerk to give notice for the payment of all head rents "on Monday next".

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1777

Town Clerk to write to Mr. Napper about the head-rents on his late grandfather's lands in Lyme.

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1777

Agreed to meet on Thursday evening next at the Three Cups, to drink His Majesty's health and success to his arms in America.

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1777

Town Clerk to write again about Creed's house (p.261)

Courts of Hustings Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Creed's house again referred to.

Town Clerk ordered to write to "our members" respecting the claims of the Court of Exchequer for arrears of Land Tax.

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778

Robert Clarke, Arthur Raymond and George Kerbey, Capital Burgesses, appointed to examine into the Mayoralty accounts of Inigo William Jones and report thereon.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1778

Application to be made to "our members" requesting them to apply to the Board of Ordnance for 6 nine pounder cannon in lieu of those taken away in 1774 and that, as "our Borough lays (sic) at the bottom of the Great Bay", the cannon should be long. Three new carriages to be made for the three cannon now unmounted.

Arthur Raymond to draw on the Hon. Henry Fane for £50 for the use of the Cobb and Sea-walls.

Courts of Hustings (1778)

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1778

Thomas Norman, aged 17, of Lyme Regis, binds himself apprentice for 3 years to John James, of Lyme Regis, mariner and owner of the "Deborah", Cutter, to learn the art of sea-service. Usual recital of conditions.

p.281-87) Courts of Hustings held May 18<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Benjamin Turner aged 15 years, binds himself apprentice for 4 years to Edward Knight late of Lothar ( ? Lodgers ) in the county of Dorset, mariner, master of a vessell in the Turkey Trade belonging to London, to learn the art of sea-service, Master handing over to the Mother of the apprentice at the end of his time certain sums due to the apprentice at the end of each year.

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1778

Thomas Follett and Richard Churchill Davie admitted to the freedom of the Borough on the nomination of Robert Clarke, ex-Mayor, and Giles Davie, Mayor.

At the same time the undermentioned are admitted as freemen as being in every case (except Giles Davie, the Mayor's son) the sons and heirs of Burgesses who had been Freemen, vis., Giles Davie, William Poole, John Peckett, Joseph Trew, John Swain, Michael Owen, Edward Lock, John Randall and William Read.

John Eveleigh swore that he had delivered a summons to John Puddicombe, Capital Burgess, to attend on this day, but that he had not appeared.

p.287-90) Courts of Hustings held June 29<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Jacob Pady and William Read admitted as freemen, being sons and heirs of deceased freemen.

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1778

Samuel Quick, Jun., having served his time as apprentice to John Clarke, claims the Freedom of the Borough, but is disqualified because he had

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failed to make his claim within one year from the expiry of his articles.

A similar claim by Thomas White meets with a like result.

Arthur Raymond and John Puddicombe having wilfully failed to attend this meeting are adjudged "guilty of a misbehaviour"

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1778

Death of John Kerbey, one of the Serjeants-at-mace reported.

Complaint is made that the Hon. Henry Fane, Recorder, and Inigo William Jones, late Mayor, reside out of the Borough, also that Arthur Raymond, Coroner, hath and doth wilfully absent himself, and that the absence of these three, all J.P's., makes the holding of quarter sessions impossible.

A case of presumed bastardy against George Wood and Mary Sanders could not in consequence be investigated.

Charles Cawley, churchwarden, also reports divers persons as in arrear for poor rates owing to the absence of J.P's

Courts of Hustings held July 20<sup>th</sup> 1778.

The new 9-pounder canon, now reported as landed.

August 10<sup>th</sup> 1778

Thomas Jordan made a Freeman as the oldest son and heir of Lancelot Jordan, late freeman, deceased.

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1778

Geo. Kerbey's bill for gunpowder to be paid.

New clock ordered for the desk in the Council House, Arthur Raymond having lost the key of the other.

August 24<sup>th</sup> 1778

John Staple made a freeman being the son and heir of John Staple, late Freeman, deceased.

Courts of Hustings held August 31<sup>st</sup> 1778.

Election of new Mayor.

John Fane and David Robert Michel nominated as candidates by the Freeman (named), and each candidate

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having an equality of rotes Samuel Warren, one of the jury, who had voted for John Fane, withdrew his vote with the consent of the court and voted for Michel, who is declared Mayor.

William Peterson is chosen Coroner

Arthur Raymond is chosen Chamberlain

Micaiah Walker is chosen Constable

Samuel Norman is chosen Serjeant-at-mace in place of John Kerbey deceased.

p.299-319) Court of Hustings held Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1778

At this Court 52 residents of the Borough, each separately named are admitted as Freeman for a fine of 10/-, 5 Capital Burgesses being present

Court of Hustings held on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1778

followed by Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, before Benjamin Follett, Steward, 6 Capital Burgesses present. (Jury named)

Swearing in of officials:

No mention of any Mayor.

William Peterson who had been chosen Coroner, not appearing after having been thrice called upon and being ill, is excused till a further day.

Micaiah Walker who had been chosen Constable, not appearing to take the oath, because absent on necessary business, is excused till a further day.

( *the apparent intention to oust Michel from the Corporation does not appear in the Court book. But see folio 56 in Portfolio iv of fugitive pieces. C.W. )*

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Robert Smith,

Richard Edwards, William Reede,

John Kerbey, Samuel Norman,

Richard Hooke,

George Kerbey, Richard Hutchings,

Jacob Pady,

18 resident burgesses (named) are created Freeman, with a fine of 10/- each.

Cobb warden

Leather sealers & searchers

Serjeants-at-mace

Water Bailiff, Hayward, Scavenger.

Constables.

Courts of Hustings held Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778

John Smith., weaver, sworn a Freeman for a "fine" of 10/-

Courts of Hustings Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1779,

When a mandamus from the Lord Chief Justice Mansfield, was produced directing the restoration of David Robert Michel as Mayor. Advice of counsel ordered to be taken.

Courts of Hustings held Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1779

Held seven writs of mandamus from the Court of King's Benches, Westminster, ordering the restoration of Hon. Henry Fane, Francis Hamond, Arthur Raymond, Inigo William Jones, Francis Fane, John Luther and John Fane as Capital Burgesses were referred to Giles Davie, Mayor, that the proper returns to such writs might be settled by Counsel.

( *No particulars of the exclusion of these Members of Council (all Fanes or supporters of the Fanes) occur in the Court Book. C.W. )*

A writ of mandamus from the Court of King's Bench at Westminster is produced ordering the Court of Hustings to admit David Robert Michel to the Mayoralty of Lyme Regis and swear him in accordingly.

Articles of apprenticeship for 6 years between James Lemmon (aged 15) of the parish of Willscombe (? Wiveliscombe) Som, and William Oliver of Lyme Regis, Mariner, to learn the art of sea service are produced.

Courts of Hustings held March 15<sup>th</sup> 1779

David Robert Michel appeared in person, armed with the King's Warrant and demanded restoration as Capital Burgess (Member of the Council of Lyme Regis) and he was restored accordingly.

p.320-27)

Courts of Hustings held May 10<sup>th</sup> 1779.

A complaint of John Coade, a Capital Burgees, submitted on behalf of himself and other burgesses, recites the Charter of Queen Elizabeth of June 26, 1591, to the effect that Capital Burgesses should be inhabitants of Lyme Regis and customarily resident there, and avers that David Robert Michel fulfilled neither of these conditions and demanded that he should be required to appear and answer this complaint. Ordered that the next Court of Hustings (vis. May 17<sup>th</sup>) be fixed for this appearance and that all the Burgesses attend.

Court of Hustings held May 17<sup>th</sup> 1779.

D. R. Michel falls to appear.

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Court of Hustings May 24<sup>th</sup> 1779.

Francis Hamond appears with a writ of mandamus ordering his restoration as a Capital Burgess of Lyme Regis. Similar writs presented by Hon. Henry Fane. Inigo William Jones and Arthur Raymond. Time to be taken to consider these writs.

David Robert Michel being once more called on to answer the complaint of John Coade, fails to appear.

Court of Hustings held May 31<sup>st</sup> 1779.

Hon. Henry Fane, Francis Hamond, Inigo William Jones and Arthur Raymond all reinstated as Capital Burgesses. D. R. Michel being called on, falls to appear.

Court of Hustings held June 7<sup>th</sup> 1779.

Francis Fane appears and produces a writ ordering his reinstatement as Capital Burgess. After an adjournment till June 9<sup>th</sup> the following answer was returned, viz-, that the Corporation was full and that there was no vacancy.

Courts of Hustings held June 28<sup>th</sup> 1779.

Francis Fane reinstated as Capital Burgess.

(Inspected Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1781, by order of the Commissioners of the Stamp Office)

End of Court Book Jan. 1766 - July, 1779.

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Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1779 - June 9<sup>th</sup> 1788.

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Courts of Hustings held Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 1779.

John Luther, on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1778, and John Fane, on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 1778, having been removed as Capital

Burgesses, and having been restored by writ of mandamus, which was ignored, are ordered to be restored by a subsequent peremptory mandamus, which is complied with.

John Coade withdraws his articles of complaint against David Robert Michel, but exhibits other articles of complaint against the following Capital Burgesses, viz., Francis Hammond, Francis Fane, John Luther, John Fane, David Robert Michel, Hon. Henry Fane, Inigo William Jones.

The above were also given notice to appear and answer such articles of complaint at the Court of Hustings to be held on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> next, and the Burgesses were ordered to attend such Court.

Courts of Hustings held Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1779

The above articles of complaint are repeated.

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 1779

Note - All these "Articles of complaint" which are set out separately against each offender and take up most of the first 56 pages of the book, follow the same lines, viz., that the offenders are entire strangers, that they live far away from Lyme, that their absence often causes the want of a quorum and stops the progress of business and that, in particular, when Henry Fane, one of the first invaders, died in 1777, there was a conspiracy of absenteeism among the Fanite party, so that his place as Capital Burgess could not be filled up. The dates when the offenders, all relatives of or

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supporters

of the Fanes, became Capital Burgesses (Members of Council) were as follows: John Luther Aug. 1771, Inigo William Jones and John Fane Aug. 1772, Francis Hammond Aug. 1773, Francis Fane 1774, Hon. Henry Fane Oct. 1776, D. R. Michel June 1777)

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Court of Hustings held Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1779.

Present, the Mayor, 14 Capital Burgesses, some of those impeached being among them, and other burgesses of the Borough, the total attendance being 103. At this Court the following are declared not to have given a sufficient answer to the articles of complaint and are voted off the Council, viz., John Fane, John Luther, Francis Fane, Francis Hammond, Inigo William Jones and Hon. Henry Fane. D. R. Michel alone is allowed further time, viz., till Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> to answer the allegations.

Court of Hustings held Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1779.

Present, the Mayor, certain Capital Burgesses (Including some of those already voted off the Council) and other burgesses making a total of 97 in all. One plea is considered. D. R. Michel is again called to answer "the Articles of Complaint" against him and again fails to appear, the question being adjourned to the next Court, viz., that of Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

p.407-20)

Thereupon the same Court (viz., that of Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>) proceeds to the election of the Mayor and officers of the Borough for 1779-80. Giles Davie, Mayor, and 8 Capital Burgesses are recorded as present, as well as the Recorder (Hon. Henry Fane).

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John Coade and George Kerbey are nominated as candidates, and 75 freemen (Including those created during the Mayoralty of Giles Davie) elect John Coade for Mayor.

George Kerbey elected Coroner

Samuel Oliver elected Constable

Robert Clarke elected Chamberlain

Court of Hustings held Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1779.

Before the Mayor and a Council of 10, with "others burgesses of the Borough". D. R. Michel was again "thrice solemnly called to come and answer the two sets of Articles of Complaint" against him but once more falls to appear\* whereupon a further day is given him. viz., Monday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1779.

Michel is once more called on and, failing to appear, he is given until Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. to answer. Thereupon follows the Court Leet and View of frankpledge, before Benjamin Follett, Steward. Jury of 17 sworn and the following officials have the oath administered to them, vis.,

|                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| John Coade,                       | Mayor                              |
| George Kerbey,                    | Coroner                            |
| Robert Smith,                     | Cobb warden                        |
| Richard Edwards, William Reede,   | Leather sealers & searchers        |
| Richard Hooke,                    | Water Bailiff, Hayward, Scavenger. |
| Samuel Oliver, Richard Hutchings, |                                    |
| John Oliver, Thomas Cookney,      | Constables.                        |

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Robert Smith,                    | Cobb warden       |
| John Kerbey jun., Samuel Norman, | Serjeants-at-mace |

Court of Hustings held Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1779

Michel once more called on, fails to appear, and is given to Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.  
 Arthur Raymond, late Chamberlain and Receiver of Harbour dues, ordered to present his accounts at the next Court,

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1779

Neither Michel nor Raymond appears and the latter is to be summoned by the serjeants-at-mace. Town Clerk to write to the occupier of the Town Mills and another tenant to carry out certain repairs

Courts of Hustings held Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1779

Michel as usual.  
 In Stone v. Harden, the latter finds bail.  
 Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> In Stone v. Harden, the defendant is ordered to plead on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, (Stone v. Harden continued)  
 p.420-94)  
 Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1780 (Stone v. Harden again).  
 John Coade, Mayor, produces 6 writs of mandamus from the Court of Kings Bench (each separately recited) ordering the restoration to office of Hon. Henry Fane, Francis Fane, Inigo William Jones, John Luther, Francis Hammond, John Fane, and the opinion of Counsel was ordered to be taken thereupon.

Courts of Hustings held Jan, 10<sup>th</sup>, 1780.

Stone v. Harden continued.  
 Jan, 17<sup>th</sup> Stone v. Harden continued. Arthur Raymond ordered to present his

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accounts on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

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| Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Stone v Harden continued.                                                             | Raymond appeared but did not present his accounts. |
| Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup> | In Stone v Harden, the defendant demands a Jury, the question being a matter of debt. |                                                    |

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, Stone v. Harden. ( *nothing more is recorded of this case C.W. )*  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> 1780

Ordered that all records and documents to be produced at Dorchester Assizes for evidence on the issue of the rights of Freeman's sons and Free holders be delivered to Mr. Benjamin Follett

Courts of Hustings April 24<sup>th</sup> 1780.

p.434-44) Further writs from the Court of King's Bench for restoring to office the capital Burgesses named at the Hustings Court of Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Courts of Hustings held July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1780.

When 6 peremptory writs of mandamus from the Court of King's Bench ordering the restoration to office of the Capital Burgesses already mentioned.

31<sup>st</sup> July 1780

At this Court 24 new Freemen are created, all being artisans, traders or merchants of Lyme and "resident within this borough."

Each of the 6 Capital Burgesses, mentioned previously, who had been deprived of office was now ordered to be restored, so that the successive writs of mandamus were complied with.

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p.444-61) Courts of Hustings held Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> 1780

Richard Churchill Davie presents a complaint against the Hon. Henry Fane, Francis Hamond, Inigo William Jones, Arthur Raymond, Francis Fane, and David Robert Michel as Capital Burgesses. These "articles of complaint" follow substantially the same lines as those of John Coade reported above, and each offender has notice to appear and answer them at the Court of Hustings to be held on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> next and that all the Burgesses have notice to attend.

Courts of Hustings held Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1780

7 Capital Burgesses being present and all the impeached members were absent. 33 other burgesses were also present. A resolution to remove all the offending members was passed.

Courts of Hustings held Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1780

All the impeached Capital Burgesses being absent. Four Capital Burgesses, viz., John Coade, Mayor, Giles Davie, Warren Lisle, George Kerbey and Robert Clark (William Peterson and John Puddicombe, reputed Fanites, not voting) are deputed to nominate two candidates for the Mayoralty, which two candidates are George Kerbey and Robert Clarke. A jury of Freemen, 33 in number, elect George Kerbey as Mayor. Giles Davie is chosen Coroner, and Samuel Oliver, Constable. ( *Previously to the revolt of Giles Davie in 1778 the Juries of Freemen to choose the Mayor had seldom exceeded 12. C.W. )*

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1780.

When 6 more inhabitants and residents were admitted to the Freedom.

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p.464-76) Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1780

Henry Harford, Esq., and Lionel Darell, the younger, Esq., the Hon. Henry Fane and David Robert Michel, Esq., being candidates "upon the Election of Members to serve in the next Parliament" ..... the said Henry Harford and Lionel Darell are duly elected and returned by John Coade, Esq., Mayor of this Borough, and the Burgesses, Freemen and Freeholders, all inhabitants of the same ..... to serve in the next Parliament by a majority of 85 votes.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1780.

Richard Trayte, inhabitant, is nominated by John Coade, Mayor, to be his freeman.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, before Benjamin Follett, Steward, Jury of 14 named.

Swearing in of officials:

|                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| George Kerbey,                     | Mayor                              |
| Giles Davie,                       | Coroner                            |
| Robert Smith, John Kerbey,         | Cobb warden                        |
| Richard Edwards, Thomas Newton,    | Leather sealers & searchers        |
| Richard Hooke,                     | Water Bailiff, Hayward, Scavenger. |
| Peter Domett, George Kerbey, jun., | Serjeants-at-mace,                 |
| Samuel Oliver, Joseph May,         |                                    |
| John Love, John Lock,              | Constables.                        |

Courts of Hustings held Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1780.

Mr. John Russell attorney for

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11 Freeman who had been admitted on July 31<sup>st</sup> 1780, tenders for each of them his resignation of that position in consideration that the "fines and Fees" paid for admission are returned to each. Resignations accepted accordingly.

John Jones attorney for Hon. Henry Fane and David Robert Michel requires the Town Clerk to produce all evidence necessary to be disclosed at the hearing of their election petition before the House of Commons, the Town Clerk is directed to comply with this request.

p.476-80) Courts of Hustings held Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1781.

Francis Hamond presiding as Mayor, vice George Kerbey.

A notice of Francis Hamond was produced and read to the effect that at the Custom House on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1780, a meeting had been held under the presidency of Arthur Raymond as senior Capital Burgess, for the purpose of electing a mayor "according to the directions of the statute of the 11<sup>th</sup> of George 1.

The Capital Burgesses present, all members of or adherents of the Fane family and assembled in a room called the Collectors' Office, part of the said Custom House, nominated Francis Hamond and David Robert Michel to a Jury of 9 Freeman, and Francis Hamond was duly elected. The mayor then ordered that Nathaniel Wallis, eldest son of Joseph Wallis deceased, capital burgess, be admitted a Freeman.

Courts of Hustings held Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1781.

Arthur Raymond to repair the breaches in the Cobb and the sea walls, caused by the late storms.

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March, 26<sup>th</sup> 1781

Indentures of apprenticeship between Thomas Steward Mitchell, aged 12 years, who binds himself apprentice to John Brown of Poole, mariner, to learn the art of sea-service for 5 years. Usual detailed conditions.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1781

John, Earl of Westmorland, eldest son of John, Earl of Westmorland, late a Capital Burgess of this Borough deceased, is admitted to the Freedom of the Borough.

p.485-500) Courts of Hustings held May 14<sup>th</sup> 1781.

John Trayt, admitted to the Freedom of the Borough as the nominee of John Coade on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1780, formally resigns and surrenders his freedom.

May 21<sup>st</sup> 1781

The style of holding these Courts to be entered for the future as held before the mayor or his deputy and two Capital Burgesses.

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1781

Indentures of apprenticeship between Thomas Stoward Mitchell, aged 13 years and Alexander Trotter of Bosham for 6 years, to learn the "art, trade or business of a mariner, Trotter being Master of the 60 ton sloop "Swallow" of Chichester now lying in the Cobb. Usual detailed conditions. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>

Election of new Mayor.

Capital Burgesses nominate Hon. Henry Fane and Arthur Raymond as candidates. Jury of 17 Freeman elect Arthur Raymond. William Peterson coroner, Thomas Lock, constable.

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1781.

followed by

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the Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, before Benjamin Follett, Steward. Jury of 25

is sworn

p.500-11)

Swearing in of officials - .

Arthur Raymond,

William Peterson,

Robert Smith, John Kerbey,

John Haskins, John Deem,

Mayor.

Coroner.

Cobb warden

Leather sealers & searchers

Samuel Leaves,  
Samuel Norman, William Eyres,  
Mathew Love,  
Thomas Lock, Thomas Kaynes,  
Samuel Norman, John Fudge,  
Arthur Raymond,

Bellman, Water Bailiff, Scavenger.  
Serjeants-at-mace,  
Hayward.  
  
Constables.  
Chamberlain

Inspected 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1781, by order of the Commissioners of the Stamp Office, Walter -- ? --, Collector of the post horse duties.

Hustings Court held Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1782.

Ordered (1) that the house in Church Street occupied by Edward Upjohn be demised at a Head rent  
(2) that a third life be granted to the assignee of George Jackson on the house in Mill Green in the occupation of Peter Turle.

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Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1782.

The messuage, late Creed's, at the upper end of Church Street, being put up to auction, Sr. William Peterson was the highest bidder. Other conditions stated.

p.572-79)

(Inspected 1782 Thomas London)

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1782.

The Court, after opening, adjourned to the-house of Arthur Raymond and being there held, 12 individuals are admitted to the freedom of the Borough, all being strangers and non-residents except John Kerbey son of George Kerbey, Capital Burgess, and William Byres, Serjeant-at-mace.

( see a note on this meeting at p.160. C.W. )

Courts of Hustings held 29<sup>th</sup> 1782.

Rev. Joseph Domett of Bovey Tracey, Devon, admitted to Freedom.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

John Gape of Beer Regis admitted to freedom.

June 17<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Richard Templeman of Shaftesbury admitted to the freedom.

p.519-30)

July 29<sup>th</sup>

William Lowther of Uffington, Lincs, admitted to freedom. Hon. Henry Fane, William Peterson, Robert Clarke and George Kerbey appointed to examine the Mayor's Accounts.

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1782.

Election of new Mayor,

The Capital Burgesses nominate Francis Fane and Francis Hamond as candidates and a Jury of 21 (named) choose Francis fane for Mayor. ( *his name does not occur among the freemen of that date in the register of freemen.* C.W. )

William Bennett

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of Emanuel (sic) College (Cambridge) who was on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April last elected a Freeman, is now admitted.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

Lessee of the Town Mills ordered to repair the Arch at the Lynch.

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1782.

First few lines of an indenture of apprenticeship of William Thomas is followed by two blank pages.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1782.

Indentures of apprenticeship of Samuel Case, aged 13 years, to John James owner of the sloop "William & Betsey" of Lyme Regis to "learn the art of sea service " until he is 21. Usual recital of conditions.

p.530-44) Court Leet and View of frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, steward. Jury {named} of 15 sworn.

Swearing in of officials.

|                                 |                                        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Francis Fane,                   | Mayor                                  |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, |                                        |
| John Fudge, jun.                | Constables                             |
| Samuel Norman, William Evers,   | Serjeants-at-mace                      |
| Robert Smith, John Warren,      | Cobb-Wardens                           |
| Matthew Love,                   | Hayward                                |
| Samuel Leaves,                  | Bellman, scavenger, and water-bailiff. |

( It may be noted that no Coroner nor any searchers and sealers of leather were sworn in this year. C.W. )

Courts of Hustings held Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1782

Indentures of apprenticeship between Thomas Cookney,

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aged 12, son of Thomas Cookney of Lyme Regis, fisherman, who binds himself to his father to "learn his art" the father receiving £5 from a Charity for binding poor children. Usual recital of conditions.

Courts of Hustings held March 10<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Bowling Green ordered to be dyked round to prevent trespass on the grounds adjoining.

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1783.

Robert Love, Matthew Love and every other butcher to be sued for rents due on their standings.

Breaches in the Cobb ordered to be reported to the Board of Ordnance with a request for their repair.

p.544-54)

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Ordered that one of the old guns, being quite decayed, shall have a chain fixed to it with 20 fathom of rope and a buoy for the use of vessels in and out of the Cobb in times of storm.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Jury in the above-mentioned plea of Carpenter v. Love, assess the damages to the plaintiff at £5.16s.6d. "and for those costs and charges two pence", but judgement is deferred.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1783.

In Carpenter v. Love the damages adjudged to the plaintiff are £7.16s.10d. and the costs allowed are £3.17s,2d.

( of these two cases mentioned originally on March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> respectively the first is "continued" from Court to Court till March 21<sup>st</sup> 1785, and the second till Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1787, in spite of the above Judgements. After the dates given they fade aout and are alluded to no more. C.W. )

In Moley v.

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Tucker a Jury is demanded.

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1783.

In Moley v. Tucker a jury of 12 attends and assess the damages to the plaintiff at £2. 2s. "and for those costs and charges twopence". Judgement deferred.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Damages in Moley v. Tucker are £2. 2s. for the plaintiff and costs £2. 18s.

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Courts of Hustings held Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Election of new Mayor.

The Capital Burgesses nominate William Peterson and David Robert Michel as candidates, whereupon a jury of 19 freemen (named) choose William Peterson for Mayor, George Kerbey as Coroner

Francis Lock as Constable, Arthur Raymond, Chamberlain.

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1783.

Samuel Norman to hold the Fairs and Markets at a yearly rent of £4

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge Benjamin Follett, steward (Jury named)

Swearing in of officials:

|                                 |                                        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| William Peterson,               | Mayor                                  |
| George Kerbey,                  | Coroner                                |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, |                                        |
| John Fudge, jun. Thomas Lock,   | Constables                             |
| Robert Smith, John Warren,      | Cobb-Wardens                           |
| Samuel Leaves,                  | Bellman, scavenger, and water-bailiff. |

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Matthew Love,                        | Hayward                          |
| William Peterson, Jun, Thomas Traite | Searchers and sealers of leather |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,        | Serjeants-at-mace.               |

p.564-75) Courts of Hustings held Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1783.

By the order of the Corporation several, who were ordered to attend attended and requested that the money might remain in the hands of Mr. Davie, Coade, and Follett.

*( It is not clear what this refers to. C.W. )*

p.575-86) (Inspected 1784 S. Mosman)

Courts of Hustings held July 12<sup>th</sup> 1784

Jury in Mills v. Lansdown attend and award the plaintiff £3.3s.0 and for "costs and charges twopence" Judgement deferred.

July 19<sup>th</sup> 1784

Judgement in Mills v. Lansdown given, viz., £3.3s.0 damages and £2.18s.10d. costs.

p.587-600) Courts of Hustings held Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1784

Rev. Henry Key Bonney

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and Miles Barkley admitted to Freedom.

Election of New Mayor

David Robert Michel and Inigo William Jones are nominated as candidates by the Capital Burgesses.

Jury of 19 Freemen choose David Robert Michel. George Kerbey chosen Coroner, John Fudge, Jun. chosen Constable, Arthur Raymond chosen Chamberlain.

John Haskins, cordwainer, and Benjamin Bazely, mason, inhabitants and freeholders, demand to be sworn as Freemen and are refused.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1784 Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before Benjamin Follett, steward, Jury of 13 names and sworn.

Swearing in of officials

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| David Robert Michel,          | Mayor                            |
| George Kerbey,                | Coroner                          |
| Samuel Norman,                |                                  |
| John Wood. Thomas Trayte,     | Constables                       |
| Samuel Leaves,                | Water Bailiff                    |
| Samuel Palmer,                | Hayward.                         |
| Robert Smith, John Warren,    | Cobb-Wardens                     |
| Thomas Trayte, Samuel Mormon, | Searchers and sealers of leather |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres, | Serjeants-at-mace.               |

The Court Leet was then adjourned.

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Courts of Hustings held Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1784.

John Fudge Jun. at the adjourned Court Leet was sworn to the office of constable.

p.612-21)

Courts of Hustings held Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 1784.

Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate Inigo William Jones and Arthur Raymond. Jury of 14 (named) choose Arthur Raymond for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner, John Fudge, Jun. for Constable, Arthur Raymond for Chamberlain.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1784.

Dwelling-houses of Samuel Darner and William Long now agreed to be let on terms cited.

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1784,

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge is held before Benjamin Follett, steward (Jury named)

Swearing in of officials:

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Arthur Raymond,                 | Mayor      |
| William Peterson,               | Coroner    |
| John Fudge, Jun. Samuel Norman, |            |
| Thomas Trayte, Samuel Rogers,   | Constables |

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|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Robert Smith, William Peterson, | Cobb Wardens                      |
| Samuel Rogers,                  | Hayward                           |
| Samuel Norman, Thomas Trayte    | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,   | Serjeants-at-mace.                |

Hustings Courts held Oct, 10<sup>th</sup> 1785.

John Wright to rent the Bowling Green for one year for 10/6, he using it only as a Bowling Green, keeping it well fenced and allowing the Mayor and Burgesses to resort thereto.

p.633-648)

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1785.

George Gibbs, mariner, admitted to the Freedom of Lyme on March 16<sup>th</sup> now takes the oaths.

Aug, 28<sup>th</sup> 1785.

Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses (named) nominate David Robert Michel and Inigo William Jones as candidates. Jury of 14 Freemen (named) elect David Robert Michel for Mayor, William Peterson, jun. for Coroner, John Fudge, Jun., for Constable, Arthur Raymond for Chamberlain.

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Courts of Hustings held Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1786

John Michel, eldest son of David Robert Michel is made a Freeman.

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge Benjamin Follett, steward (Jury named) Swearing in of officials: Jury (named) 14 sworn.

Swearing in of officials

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| David Robert Michel,           | Mayor                             |
| William Peterson, jun.         | Coroner                           |
| John Fudge, Samuel Norman,     |                                   |
| Thomas Trayte, Samuel Rogers,  | Constables                        |
| Robert Smith, William Bagwell, | Cobb Wardens                      |
| Samuel Rogers,                 | Hayward                           |
| Samuel Norman, Thomas Trayte   | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,  | Serjeants-at-mace.                |
| Samuel Leaves,                 | Water-bailiff                     |

p.649-59) Hustings Courts held Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 1786.  
 Arthur Mills Raymond, son of Arthur Raymond, claims admission as a Freeman and takes the oath.  
 Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1786  
 Jackson v. Hooke, Jury to be summoned to assess the damages due to the plaintiff.  
 Arthur Raymond, Chamberlain, to set about the repair of the Cobb and sea-walls and draw upon  
 Hon. Henry Fane for the cost.  
 Town Clerk to order George Tucker and others to remove timber and other things from the Cobb  
 walls.

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1786  
 Jackson v Hooks discontinued.

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1786  
 Town Clerk to write to the M.P's, of the great damage done to

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the Cobb and sea walls by the late

storms.

p.659-70)

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1786  
 Ordered that the sea-wall against the south end of Samuel Scriven's house near Cobb Gate be  
 repaired, Scriven bringing the stones for that purpose.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1786  
 Indentures of apprenticeship for 7 years between James Humphrey of Lyme Regis and George  
 Dobson of Sunderland, mariner, "to learn his art". £23 being paid in instalments spread over the seven  
 years to the mother of the apprentice, Other conditions in the usual form.

p.670-81) Courts of Hustings held July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1787.  
 Custom House with the Walk and its pillars to be repaired.  
 Leave given to Thomas Yarnold of Lyme Regis to assign to John Brown of Evesham a certain  
 tenement situated a little above Bell Cliff.

Aug, 27<sup>th</sup> 1787  
 Election of new Mayor  
 Capital Burgesses nominate Inigo William Jones and John Warren as candidates Jury of 14 Freemen  
 (named) choose John Warren, William Peterson is chosen Coroner, John Fudge Is chosen Constable, Arthur  
 Raymond is chosen Chamberlain.  
 Town Clerk ordered to produce his accounts with the Corporation.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1787  
 Robert Robertson, appointed in 1782 as schoolmaster, In

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place of the Rev. Henry Sleep dismissed,

having become "disordered", James Blackmore is chosen to take his place and teach 10 Charity boys for  
 £10 a year.  
 Eastern sea-wall being out of repair the Chamberlain is directed to put it in order.  
 The Archway at Cobb Gate, being out of repair, is ordered to be taken down and gates to be  
 repaired and erected again.

p.661-701) Court Leet and view of Frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, steward (Jury of 12 named)  
 Swearing in of officials.

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| John Warren,                   | Mayor        |
| William Peterson,              | Coroner      |
| John Fudge, Samuel Norman,     |              |
| Thomas Trayte, Samuel Rogers,  | Constables   |
| Robert Smith, William Bagwell, | Cobb Wardens |

Samuel Rogers,  
Samuel Norman, Thomas Trayte  
Samuel Norman, William Eyres,  
Samuel Leaves,

Hayward  
Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Serjeants-at-mace.  
Water-bailiff

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1787.

Earl Poulett granted a lease of the Bowling Green for 21 years at a rent of 10/6 a year, he keeping it in repair and allowing it to be used solely as a Bowling Green with free Ingress and

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egress for the Mayor

and Burgesses.

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1787.

Street between Church and Town Mills ordered to be repaired.

Feb, 26<sup>th</sup> 1788

Water in the street between the Church and the Town Mills being a nuisance, ordered to be turned into the Common Sewer.

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1788

Premises in middle Row assigned to Richard Collett and James Hyde of London in 1778 are now allowed to be demised to Emanuel Levy, of Lyme Regis, watchmaker.

End of Book August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1779 - June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1788.

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### CALENDAR OF COURT BOOK.

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1788 - December 20<sup>th</sup> 1802.

p.702-13)

Courts of Hustings held June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1788.

Bellman ordered to cry round the town that all persons in arrear for rent due to the Corporation should bring the same to the Town Hall on Monday next.

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Samuel Norman and Charles Beere to levy forthwith all arrears of head rents due to the Corporation.

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>

Steps going up Bell Cliff to be repaired.

Dwelling-house of Thomas Norman on Mill Green ordered to be sold.

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1788

Election of New Mayor.

Capital Burgesses nominate Hon. Thomas Fane and David Robert Michel. Jury of 13 Freemen (named) choose Hon. Thomas Fane for Mayor. William Peterson for Coroner, Samuel Norman for Constable, Arthur Raymond for Chamberlain.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1788.

5 guineas reward offered for apprehension of Catherine Land who broke the prison or for persons concerned therein.

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1788

A lease in reversion of the Bowling Green House to be granted to William Daniel.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1788.

Brian Combe sworn a Freeman.

Chamberlain to repair the under wall leading to the Crab Head and to put posts at the Cobb where wanted.

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Court Leet and View of Frankpledge on the same day before Benjamin Follett, steward

Jury (named) of 13 sworn.

Swearing in of officials

Hon. Thomas Fane,  
William Peterson,  
John Fudge, Samuel Norman,  
Thomas Trayte, Samuel Rogers,  
Robert Smith, Samuel Norman,  
Samuel Rogers,  
Samuel Norman, Thomas Trayte  
Samuel Norman, William Eyres,  
Samuel Leaves,

Mayor  
Coroner  
  
Constables  
Cobb Wardens  
Hayward  
Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Serjeants-at-mace.  
Water-bailiff

p.713-25) Dwelling-house on Mill Green in occupation of William Walker, weaver, be leased to him under certain new conditions.

*This insertion is intended to throw light on the system under which the Fanes governed Lyme. On days when the new Mayor was elected or on the day of the Court Leet, they, their relatives, and supporters ( none of them natives of Lyme) swarmed into the Borough. On the other 50 weeks in each year they left the conduct of affairs to two or three local place-men; and, if any Fane was Mayor, he exercised his office by deputy. Thus on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1788 - the week before the Court Leet -John Warren, William Peterson and Joseph Wallis (all creatures of the Fane family) did the business. On Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Court Leet,*

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*the following*

*were present: - John Warren, Mayor, Hon. Henry Fane, Recorder, David Robert Michel, Arthur Raymond, William Peterson, the Earl of Westmorland, Robert Clarke, Francis Fane, Thomas Fane, Joseph Wallis, i.e., 10 Capital Burgesses as against three, and all these were either Fanes, or related to the Fanes, or men whose positions were dependent on the Fanes. On Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, the week after the Court Leet, the scene changes back to what it was before, and we have the following in attendance, viz: John Warren, a controller of Customs at Lyme, who acts as deputy for the new Mayor, Henry Fane, and his colleagues Robert Clarke and Joseph Wallis. Particulars of nearly all the above individuals will be found at pp.83-115 of the Register of Freemen. C.W. )*

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1788.

Six new mooring posts be placed at the Cobb.

Courts of Hustings held March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1789.

Henry Hawkings to have the lease under certain conditions of a plot of ground on the eastern side of his messuage.

p.725-38) Courts of Hustings held April 13<sup>th</sup> 1789.

Ordered that the Town Wall under and the Town wall against the sea by Cobb Gate be repaired.  
20<sup>th</sup> April 1789.

Both of the Town Fire engines to be repaired.

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1789.

Arthur Raymond, Chamberlain, to draw on the Hon. Henry Fane for repairs to Cobb and sea walls)  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 1789.

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Deed of apprenticeship between Abraham Gibbs, aged 15, and Christopher Dobson, mariner of Monkwearmouth, Durham, whereby the latter is to teach the former his "art" for five years and in lieu of providing apparel is to pay yearly amounts rising from £3 in the first year to £7 in the fifth year. Other conditions as usual.

Courts of Hustings held June 29<sup>th</sup> 1789.

Arthur Raymond to draw on Hon. Henry Fane for Cobb and sea walls.



July 6<sup>th</sup> 1789.

Arthur Raymond to repair the fire engine.

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1789.

New lease of certain premises ordered to be granted to Samuel Norman.

p.738-751) Town Clerk on Sunday next "according to custom"\* to give notice of the forthcoming election of a new mayor ( *This custom has not hitherto been mentioned.* C.W. )

Aug.31<sup>st</sup> 1789.

Election of new Mayor William Peterson and David Robert Michel chosen as candidates by the Capital Burgesses. Jury (named) of 18 freemen elect William Peterson, Mayor, Arthur Raymond Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman, Constable.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1789.

Several "timber trees" floating near the shore and having been violently driven by the sea against the Cobb and sea-walls and done much damage, ordered to be removed.

28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1789.

John Collings and Wm. Daniel to have leases of certain premises (not definitely specified)

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granted to them, long recital of conditions.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1789 Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, steward. Jury (named) of 14 Freemen.

Swearing in of officials.

William Peterson,

Mayor

Arthur Raymond,

Coroner

John Fudge, Samuel Norman,

Thomas Trayte, Samuel Rogers,

Constables

Robert Smith, William Bagwell,

Cobb Wardens

Samuel Rogers,

Hayward

Samuel Norman, Thomas Trayte,

Searchers and sealers of leather.

Samuel Norman, William Eyres,

Serjeants-at-mace.

William Hooke,

Water-bailiff

Arthur Raymond , Chamberlain to draw on Hon. Henry Fane for £50 for repair of Cobb and Sea walls.

p.751-64)

Courts of Hustings Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1790.

Indentures of apprenticeship between John Cross of Winsham. Som., aged 16 and William Jerrard, master of the brig "Experiment" of Weymouth, mariner, whereby the latter engages to teach the former his "art" for 6 years. Long recital of conditions.

March 29<sup>th</sup> 1790

Indentures of apprenticeship for 7 years between William Wells of Lyme Regis aged 14 and Henry Major of Lyme Regis,

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mariner, and Master of the sloop "Fanny", a London trader, whereby the latter is to teach the former his "art". Usual recital of conditions.

p.764-72)

Courts of Hustings held June 7<sup>th</sup> 1790

John Stevens, son of John Stevens of Lyme Regis, fisherman, binds himself apprentice to his father to "learn his art" till he is 21. Recital of conditions.

June 21<sup>st</sup>

Wm. Peterson, Mayor, to draw on Hon. Henry Fane for £100 for repairs to the Cobb.

Courts of Hustings held August 30<sup>th</sup> 1790.

### Election of New Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Edward Buckley Batson and David Robert Michel.

Jury of 15 Freeman (named) choose Edward Buckley Batson for Mayor, Joseph Wallis for Coroner, William Peterson, Chamberlain. (*Arthur Raymond had died in December 1789. C.W. )* Samuel Norman, Constable.

p.772-41) Courts of Hustings held Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1790.

Ordered that a lease, granted to John Whitty of premises In the street between the Mill and the church, should on expiry be given to Charles Beere. Detailed conditions.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, steward. Jury of 13 Freeman (named)

Swearing in of officials;

Edward Buckley Batson,

Mayor

Joseph Wallis

Coroner

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John Fudge, Samuel Norman,

Thomas Trayte, Samuel Rogers,

Constables

Robert Smith, William Bagwell,

Cobb Wardens

Samuel Rogers,

Hayward

Samuel Norman, Thomas Trayte,

Searchers and sealers of leather.

Samuel Norman, William Eyres,

Serjeants-at-mace.

William Hooke,

Water-bailiff

Courts of Hustings held April 18<sup>th</sup> 1791.

Cobb Gate, Cobb Causeway, Cobb wall, Walls of and steps to Bell Cliff with the footways at the side in Broad Street to be repaired

p.791-802) Courts of Hustings held July 11<sup>th</sup> 1791.

Mr. Henley's steward to be written to about a certain vacant tenement.

July 25<sup>th</sup> 1791

William Peterson, Chamberlain, to draw on Hon. Henry Fane for £50 for repairs to the "Cobb Head"

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1791

Water courses of the Borough to be repaired.

### Election of New Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate Joseph Wallis and David Robert Michel as candidates, Jury of 11 Freeman (named) choose Joseph Wallis as Mayor, John Warren as Coroner, William Peterson as Chamberlain, Samuel Norman as Constable.

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p.802-15) Courts of Hustings held Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1791.

William Peterson, Chamberlain, ordered to draw on Hon. Henry Fane for £150 for repair of Cobb and sea walls.

Court adjourned to the house of Joseph Wallis. (*Possibly the illness of Joseph Wallis, mayor elect may have caused this adjournment. C.W. )*

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before Benjamin Follett, steward. Jury sworn of 14 Freeman (named)

Swearing In of officials

Joseph Wallis,

Mayor

John Warren,

Coroner

William Eyres, Samuel Norman,

John Wood, Samuel Rogers,

Constables

Robert Smith, William Bagwell,  
Samuel Rogers,  
Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards,  
Samuel Norman, William Eyres,  
William Hooke,

Cobb Wardens  
Hayward  
Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Serjeants-at-mace.  
Water-bailiff

Courts of Hustings held Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1791.

John Look, Rev. Mr. Byrnes, William Byres, Jun., and Serjeant Norman to show cause "why they should not remove the incroachments in the Corporation"

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1791.

Ordered by this Court the Account beginning (to wit) 1790 The Corporation of Lyme Dr. 1790 with the Hon. Henry Fane Cr.

And ending

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by Ballance (sic) due to the Corporation £507. 7s. 5d

By one year's special service to Lady Day 1791. £89. 18s. 0d.

£816. 7s. 7d.

£816. 7s. 7d.

Shall be entered by the Town Clerk in the Mayoralty Book of accounts of this Corporation to perpetuate (sic) the same.

p.815-26)

Courts of Hustings held Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1792

William Peterson, Chamberlain, to draw on Hon. Henry fane for £50 for repair of Cobb and sea-walls.

March 26<sup>th</sup>

William Peterson to draw for £100 on Hon. Henry Fane for repairs to Cobb and sea walls.

June 4<sup>th</sup>

60 ton of Portland stone to be ordered for repair of sea-walls.

p.826-41)

July 16<sup>th</sup>

William Peterson, Chamberlain, to draw on Hon. Henry £100 for repair of Cobb and sea-walls

Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>

Samuel Forward, attorney admitted to the Freedom and appointed Town Clerk.

( Benjamin Follett had died Jan. 14th, 1798. C.W. )

Election of new Mayor:

David Robert Michel and Hon. Thomas Fane nominated by the Capital Burgesses. Jury of 16 Freemen (named) choose David Robert Michel for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman, Constable.

William Peterson to draw on the Hon. Henry Fane for £100 for repair of Cobb and sea-walls, Licenses to assign certain tenements to be given to John Harris and Giles Davie.

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New lease to be granted to Robert Smith, on surrender of his present lease.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1792.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before Samuel Forward, steward, Jury sworn of 16 Freemen (named).

Swearing in of officials:

David Robert Michel,  
William Peterson,  
William Eyres, Samuel Norman,  
John Wood, Samuel Rogers,  
Robert Smith, William Bagwell,

Mayor  
Coroner  
  
Constables  
Cobb Wardens

Samuel Rogers,  
Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards,  
Samuel Norman, William Eyres,  
Henry Leaves,

Hayward  
Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Serjeants-at-mace.  
Water-bailiff

p.852-61) Courts of Hustings held July 22nd 1793.

William West of Uplyme apprentices himself to William North of Southampton, mariner, and Master of

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the sloop 'Unity' to learn the "Art of a Mariner" for 3 years, the apprentice receiving £10 in each of the first 2 years and £15. 5s. 0d. in the last year. Usual detailed conditions.

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate John Warren and Joseph Wallis as candidates, Jury of 13 Freemen (named) elect John Warren for Mayor, William Peterson Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman, Constable.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1793.

Timber work near sea-walls and 4 mooring-posts at the Cobb to be repaired.

p.862-76) September 30<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before Samuel Forward, steward, Jury of 13 (named)

Swearing in of officials

John Warren,  
William Peterson,  
William Eyres, Samuel Norman,  
John Wood, John Freeman,  
William Bagwell, Samuel Norman,  
Samuel Rogers,  
Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards,

Mayor  
Coroner  
  
Constables  
Cobb Wardens  
Hayward  
Searchers and sealers of leather.

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Samuel Norman, William Eyres,  
Henry Leaves,

Serjeants-at-mace.  
Water-bailiff

p.876-86) Courts of Hustings held Aug. 15th 1794.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Hon. Thomas Fane, David Robert Michel. Jury of 14 Freemen (named) elect Hon. Thomas Fane as Mayor, William Peterson Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman, constable.

p.886-98) Courts of Hustings held Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1794.

Thomas Silk of Axminster apprentices himself to Henry Dinham Chard of Lyme Regis, shipwright, for 7 years "to learn his art", the sums of 4/- week being to the apprentice for the first four years in lieu of meat, drink, and lodging, 5/- a week the fifth and sixth years, and 6/- a week the last year, other conditions as usual.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1794.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge Jury (named) of 15 Freemen.

Swearing in of officials

Hon. Thomas Fane,  
William Peterson,

Mayor  
Coroner

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William Eyres, jun., Samuel Norman,

|                                                      |                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John Wood, John Freeman,                             | Constables                        |
| William Bagwell, Samuel Norman,                      | Cobb Wardens                      |
| Samuel Rogers,                                       | Hayward                           |
| Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards,                      | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,                        | Serjeants-at-mace.                |
| Thomas Norman,                                       | Water-bailiff                     |
| (Thomas Norman, as water bailiff, to have £5 a year) |                                   |

p.907-18) Courts of Hustings held Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1795.

Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates William Daniel and Edward Buckley Batson Jury of 12 Freemen (named)

Choose William Daniel for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable.

p.918-25) Oct. 5th 1795.

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Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before Samuel Forward, steward, Jury of 14 freemen (named)

Swearing in of officials

|                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| William Daniel,                     | Mayor                             |
| William Peterson,                   | Coroner                           |
| William Eyres, jun., Samuel Norman, |                                   |
| John Wood, John Freeman,            | Constables                        |
| William Bagwell, Samuel Norman,     | Cobb Wardens                      |
| Samuel Rogers,                      | Hayward                           |
| Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards,     | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,       | Serjeants-at-mace.                |
| Thomas Norman,                      | Water-bailiff                     |

Courts of Hustings held Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1796

William Peterson to draw on Hon. Henry fane for £180 for repair of Cobb and sea-walls.

p.929-43)

Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 1796.

George Smith, attorney admitted to the freedom and chosen Town Clerk vice Samuel Forward, deceased.

Also Hon. William Cockayne and William Meaker admitted to Freedom.

Thomas Rawlings sworn a Capital Burgess.

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Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Thomas Rawlings, and Hon. Thomas Fane, Jury of 14 freemen (named) choose Thomas Rawlings as Mayor, William Peterson Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman Constable.

William Peterson to draw on Hon. Henry Fane for £74. 17s. 5d., balance of account for repairs to the Cobb.

p.943-53)

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1796. Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward,

Swearing in of officials

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Thomas Rawlings                 | Mayor        |
| William Peterson,               | Coroner      |
| Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,     |              |
| John Wood, John Freeman,        | Constables   |
| William Bagwell, Samuel Norman, | Cobb Wardens |

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Samuel Rogers,                  | Hayward                           |
| Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards, | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,   | Serjeants-at-mace.                |
| Thomas Norman,                  | Water-bailiff                     |

Courts of Hustings held Nov.14<sup>th</sup> 1796.

Thomas Bishop of Lyme Regis, aged 13 becomes apprenticed for 7 years to Henry Dinham Chard, shipwright of Lyme Regis "to learn

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his art" the apprentice receiving 1/- a week the first year Increasing by 1/- a year up to the 7th year. Usual detailed conditions.

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1797.

p.963-74) Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates William Peterson and Francis Fane, Jury of 14 Freemen (named) choose William Peterson for Mayor, William Daniel for Coroner, Samuel Norman for constable.

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1797

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward, Jury of 13 Freemen (named).

Swearing in of officials

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| William Peterson,               | Mayor                             |
| William Daniel,                 | Coroner                           |
| Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,     |                                   |
| John Wood, John Freeman,        | Constables                        |
| Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards, | Searchers and sealers of leather. |

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Samuel Rogers,                  | Hayward             |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens        |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,   | Serjeants -at -mace |
| "Also present as on the file"   |                     |

John Donne, Simon Lee and George Ward admitted as Freeman as well as George Bagster, sen., at the nomination of David Robert Michel and Joseph Mends, son of Rev. Thomas Mends, at the nomination of William Peterson.

( George Ward: It is worth noting that this new Freeman, not a native of Lyme, was foreman of the Jury on this occasion. C.W.)

p.985-93) Courts of Hustings held June 4<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Battery and platform to be constructed to receive 4 24-pounder guns as advised by the Lord Lieutenant for the defence of Lyme.

p.993-1010) Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Hon. Thomas Fane and David Robert Michel, Jury of 17 Freemen (named) choose Hon. Thomas Fane for Mayor, William Daniel for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable.

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Courts of Hustings held Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> 1798.

New lease of premises on Mill Green to be granted to Robert Clarke on his surrender of present lease.

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward Jury of 13 Freemen (named)

Swearing in of officials

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Hon. Thomas Fane, | Mayor |
|-------------------|-------|

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| William Daniel,                 | Coroner                           |
| Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,     |                                   |
| Caleb Clarke, John Freeman,     | Constables                        |
| Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards, | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Rogers,                  | Hayward                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,   | Serjeants -at -mace               |
| Thomas Norman,                  | Water bailiff                     |

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#### Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Hon. Henry Fane and John Warren, Jury of 15 Freemen (named) elect John Warren, for Mayor, William Daniel for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Herman for Constable

Arthur Hills Raymond was made a Capital Burgees and Rev. William Evans admitted to the Freedom

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1799.

p.1030-42)

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward Jury of 13 Freemen (named) sworn.

#### Swearing in of officials

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John Warren,                    | Mayor                             |
| William Daniel,                 | Coroner                           |
| Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,     |                                   |
| Caleb Clarke, John Freeman,     | Constables                        |
| Samuel Norman, Stephen Edwards, | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Rogers,                  | Hayward                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| Samuel Norman, William Eyres,   | Serjeants -at -mace               |
| Thomas Norman,                  | Water bailiff                     |

Courts of Hustings held Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1799.

A considerable breach made in the Cobb Walls is ordered to be repaired immediately,

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the Chamberlain drawing

on the Treasurer for the necessary funds

p.1042-54)

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1800

An address of congratulation to George III on his providential escape from the late horrid and treasonable attempt on "your Majesty's sacred person" was voted for transmission through Lord Westmorland, Recorder.

p.1054-70)

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1800

#### Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Arthur Mills Raymond and David Robert Michel Jury of 13 Freemen (named) choose Arthur Mills Raymond for Mayor, William Daniel for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

Edward Cotton admitted to the Freedom

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1800.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward, Jury of 13 Freemen (named) sworn.

#### Swearing in of officials

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| John Warren,    | Mayor   |
| William Daniel, | Coroner |

Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,  
Robert Cox, John Freeman, Constables

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Stephen Edwards, Richard Edwards, Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, Cobb wardens  
Samuel Rogers, Hayward  
Thomas Norman, Water bailiff  
Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark, Serjeants -at -mace

p.1080-91) Aug. 31st 1801

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates William Daniel and David Robert Michel Jury of 12  
Freemen (named) choose William Daniel for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain,  
Samuel Norman for Constable.

Simon Lee was made a Capital Burgess

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1801

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward, Jury of 13 Freemen (named)  
sworn.

Swearing in of officials

William Daniel, Mayor

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William Peterson, Coroner  
Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,  
Robert Cox, John Freeman, Constables  
Stephen Edwards, Richard Edwards, Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, Cobb wardens  
Robert Aplin, Hayward  
Thomas Norman, Water bailiff  
Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark, Serjeants -at -mace

p.1091-1106) Courts of Hustings held May 24<sup>th</sup> 1802.

Chamberlain to get the sea-walls repaired.

p.1106-28) July 5<sup>th</sup> 1802.

Henry Fane, eldest son of Hon. Henry Fane deceased and Charles Blair, eldest son of Charles Blair  
deceased, are admitted to the Freedom.

Henry Fane and John Michel are made Capital Burgesses.

Charles Fane admitted to the Freedom in his absence Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Henry Fane and John Michel, Jury of 14 Freemen  
(named) sworn choose

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Henry Fane for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain,  
Samuel Norman for Constable.

Viscount Lowther, having by letter on June 3<sup>rd</sup> resigned his position as Capital Burgess, Charles Blair,  
a Freeman, is appointed Capital Burgess in his place,

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1802.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward. Jury of 14 Freemen (named)  
sworn.

Swearing In of officials

Henry Fane, Mayor  
William Peterson, Coroner  
Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,



Robert Cox, John Freeman,  
Stephen Edwards, Richard Edwards,  
Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,  
Thomas Norman,  
Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,

Constables  
Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Cobb wardens  
Water bailiff  
Serjeants -at -mace

(End of Court Book, June 1785 - December 1802)

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From this point there is no bound volume of the record of Lyme's Hustings Court until we come to the year 1819. The following Calendar from Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 1802, until Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1819, is compiled from a series of paper-covered note-books out of which a more permanent volume could have been composed, and might actually have been composed, but is lost. These note-books have their pages numbered in pencil at foot and we begin with the first of them at p.1128b, i.e., Dec.27<sup>th</sup> 1802. The earlier pages of this book are a repetition.

p.1127-40) Courts of Hustings held Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 1803.

Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Simon Lee and John Michel, Jury of 14 Freemen (named) elect Simon Lee for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

William Meke sworn in as Freeman.

p.1140-68) Courts of Hustings held Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1803.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward. Jury (named) of 13 is sworn.

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Swearing In of officials

Simon Lee,  
William Peterson,  
Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,  
Robert Cox, John Freeman,  
Stephen Edwards, Richard Edwards,  
Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,  
Samuel Freeman  
Thomas Norman,  
Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,

Mayor  
Coroner  
  
Constables  
Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Cobb wardens  
Hayward  
Water bailiff  
Serjeants -at -mace

Courts of Hustings held Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1804

Chamberlain ordered to draw on Treasurer for money for repair of Cobb and sea-walls.

Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1804.

p.1168-80) Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates John Michel and Charles Blair. Jury of 10 Freemen (named) elect John Michel for Mayor

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William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1804.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward. Jury (named) of 13 Freemen sworn

Swearing in of officials:

John Michel,  
John Peterson,

Mayor  
Coroner

|                                                                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,                                                         |                                   |
| Robert Cox, John Freeman,                                                           | Constables                        |
| Stephen Edwards, Richard Edwards,                                                   | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,                                                     | Cobb wardens                      |
| Samuel Freeman                                                                      | Hayward                           |
| Thomas Norman,                                                                      | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,                                                         | Serjeants -at -mace               |
| John Channon Lee, James Blackmore, Robert Clarke admitted to Freedom.               |                                   |
| Chamberlain's accounts to be examined by John Warren, William Daniel and Simon Lee. |                                   |

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p.1180-97a) Courts of Hustings held July 8th 1805.

Treasurer to sell the Corporation's holding of 3% Reduced Annuities to pay for repairs to Cobb and sea-walls.

Aug 26th 1805.

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates William Peterson and Thomas Rawlings. Jury of 12 Freemen (named) select William Peterson for Mayor, William Daniel for Coroner, William Petersen for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

Lord Burghersh, James Michael Clark , and Joseph Mends admitted to the Freedom.

*(James Clark does not occur in the register of Freemen. He was not a native of Lyme. C.W. )*

p.1197a-2021b) Courts of Hustings held Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1805.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward. Jury of 13 Freemen (named) is sworn.

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| William Peterson,           | Mayor      |
| William Daniel,             | Coroner    |
| Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman, |            |
| Robert Cox, John Freeman,   | Constables |

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thomas Lakey, jun., Thomas Beere | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,  | Cobb wardens                      |
| Samuel Freeman                   | Hayward                           |
| Thomas Norman,                   | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,      | Serjeants -at -mace               |

Courts of Hustings held Aug. 25th 1806

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Arthur Mills Raymond and Thomas Rawlings. Jury (named) of 8 Freemen choose Arthur Mills Raymond for Mayor, William Daniel for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 6th 1806.

p.2021b-2038) Swearing in of officials:  
Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward jury(named) of 13 sworn

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Arthur Mills Raymond, | Mayor |
|-----------------------|-------|

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| William Daniel,                  | Coroner                           |
| Thomas Lock, Samuel Norman,      |                                   |
| Robert Cox, John Freeman,        | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, jun., Thomas Beere | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,  | Cobb wardens                      |
| Samuel Freeman                   | Hayward                           |
| Thomas Norman,                   | Water bailiff                     |

Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark, Serjeants -at -mace  
John George Donne admitted to Freedom.

Courts of Hustings held Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1807.

Ordered that sufficient of the Corporation's holding of 3% reduced annuities be sold through the Treasurer.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Westmorland, to pay for repairs to Cobb and Sea-walls.  
p.2038-65) Aug.31<sup>st</sup> 1807

Election of a new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Brigadier General John Michel and John Donne. Jury (named) of 13 Freemen choose

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John Donne for Mayor, William Daniel for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

Philip Rawlings admitted to the Freedom.

Chamberlain's accounts to be examined by John Warren, William Daniel, Simon Lee and John Donne, or any two of them

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1807.

Chamberlain ordered to provide new cloaks, coats and hats for the Serjeants-at-mace.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1807.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward Jury (named) of 14 sworn.

Swearing in of officials

|                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John Donne,                        | Mayor                             |
| William Daniel,                    | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, John Freeman,       |                                   |
| Abraham Mills, Joseph Cox,         | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, jun., Samuel Staple, | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,    | Cobb wardens                      |
| Robert Applin,                     | Hayward                           |
| Thomas Norman,                     | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,        | Serjeants -at -mace               |

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Court of Hustings held Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1807.

Robert Cox, plumber, offers to take the water works of the town for 21 years subject to certain conditions. Agreement to be prepared.

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1808.

Next Fair to be kept on Tuesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1808.

p.2065-86) August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1808.

Information exhibited by William Daniel against Joseph Bishop, mariner, for being drunk. Fined five shillings,

August 29<sup>th</sup> 1808.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Arthur Mills Raymond and Charles Blair, Jury of 17 freemen (named) choose Arthur Mills Raymond for Mayor, William Daniel for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

A survey of encroachments on the lands of the Corporation to be made and a quit rent set upon them.

Court of Hustings held Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1808.

The timber work under Cobb date to be repaired and 'Portland Block' to be provided for the latter.  
Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1808.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward, Jury (named), of 13 sworn.

Swearing in of officials:

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Arthur Mills Raymond,           | Mayor                             |
| William Daniel,                 | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, Thomas Beer,     |                                   |
| Abraham Mills, Joseph Cox,      | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,      | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| Robert Applin,                  | Hayward                           |
| Thomas Norman,                  | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,     | Serjeants -at -mace               |

p.2086-99) Courts of Hustings held Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1808.

Notice of election of a coroner on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> in place of William Daniel declared. Charles Blair resigns his position as Capital Burgess.

William Peterson chosen for Coroner.

Charles William Michel and George Proctor Upton are admitted to the Freedom and, together with Robert Clarke, already a Freeman, are made Capital Burgesses, in place of the late Hon. Thomas Fane, the late William Daniel and Charles Blair respectively.

Francis William Fane, Vere Fane, Rev. (?) Thomas Fane and George Bagster, Jun. are admitted to the

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Freedom.

p.3000-20) *[is this an error, ? the number has jumped from 2099, should this read 2100 ? the numbers in red in brackets will continue to be copied as recorded R.W. ]*

March 13<sup>th</sup> 1809

Principal inhabitants apply for leave to build a wall on the sea-shore from the Fort to the Cobb to make a "commodious walk", Proposed wall and walk to be submitted to the Corporation at their next General Meeting.

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1809

Six 'Portland Block Stones' to be provided for the new wall on the west side of the Fort Wall.

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1809

Above Portland Stone being insufficient, enough to be provided to extend from the angle 50 ft. towards the Cobb.

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1809.

Sixty feet of Oak Poles and Rails to put round Bell Cliff and that it be gravelled with 'Woodhouse Hill Gravel'.

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1809

Election of New Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates John Warren and Charles Michel, Jury (named) of 13 choose John Warren for Mayor, William Peterson for coroner and chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

Courts of Hustings Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1809.

Fair to be held on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> next.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1809.

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward. Jury (named) of 16 sworn

Swearing in of officials:

John Warren

Mayor,

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| William Peterson                | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, Thomas Beer,     |                                   |
| Abraham Mills, Joseph Cox,      | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,      | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| Robert Applin,                  | Hayward                           |
| Thomas Norman,                  | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,     | Serjeants -at -mace               |

Giles Davie applies for the surrender and renewal of a lease of a tenement near the Bowling Green.  
Caleb Clarke applies for a new lease in exchange for his present one.

p.3020-49) Courts of Hustings held Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1809

Breach in Cobb-Gate wall to be repaired.

August 27<sup>th</sup> 1810

Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates John Donne and Charles William Michel.

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Jury of 12 Freeman (named) choose Charles William Michel for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable.

Rev. Brian Combe made a Capital Burgess in place of E. B. Batson deceased.

Rev. Henry Kay Bonney, Rev. Joseph Hallett Batten and John Chambers admitted to freedom.

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1810

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury of 13 (named) sworn

Swearing in of officials:

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Charles William Michel,         | Mayor                             |
| William Peterson,               | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  |                                   |
| Abraham Mills, Joseph Cox,      | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,      | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| Robert Applin,                  | Hayward                           |
| Thomas Norman,                  | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,     | Serjeants -at -mace               |

Courts of Hustings held Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1810.

Cobb Gate wall and quay to be repaired and the latter widened.

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Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1811

Election of New Mayor

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates William Peterson and Arthur Mills Raymond, Jury (named) of 14 Freeman choose William Peterson for Mayor, John Donne for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

Jetty to be extended from the East wall under the Church.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1811

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury of 14 (named) sworn.

Swearing in of officials:

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| William Peterson, | Mayor   |
| John Donne        | Coroner |

|                                                                                            |                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,<br>Abraham Mills, Joseph Cox,<br>Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood, | Constables<br>Searchers and sealers of leather. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,<br>Robert Applin,<br>Thomas Norman,<br>Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark, | Cobb wardens<br>Hayward<br>Water bailiff<br>Serjeants -at -mace |
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Chamberlain's accounts to be examined by Warren and Donne

p.3073-85)

Courts of Hustings held Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1811

Samuel Norman agrees to the addition of a life on the 'Golden Hart' for £100, and prays for a licence to demise the premises to Mr. John Davie, his being the life intended.

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1812

Messrs. Burrridge, having enclosed certain lands belonging to the Corporation, lying westward to what is called the "Cobb Pound", notice to be given them to take the paling down.

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1812.

Samuel Norman, Serjeant-at-mace and Cobb-warden reports the delivery to Mr. William Burrridge, jun. of the above order of the Court but that the latter persisted in carrying on his enclosure, and the Cobb-wardens are ordered to proceed to take down the enclosure but to acquaint Burrridge of their Intention so to do, so that he may have another opportunity of removing the enclosure himself. The land in question is stated to be of great use to mariners for lodging their boats, storing timber, etc.

Chamberlain to provide 100 tons of "Portland Block" for repair of the Cobb and Sea-walls.

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1812.

p.3085-3100)

Mayor

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produces a letter from Wm. Burrridge and son asking for a schedule of the rates of Cobb duties and requesting to know under what authority and when the rates were fixed. Information ordered to be supplied.

Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> 1812

Henry Dinham Chard, shipwright, having reported on the fences, etc., set up at or near the Cobb on property of the Corporation, said fences ordered to be taken down at once by Burrridge or by officers of the Corporation. 24<sup>th</sup> Aug, in the matter of the fences, etc., erected by William Burrridge at the Cobb, a solicitor attended on his behalf and informed the Court that if their orders were carried into effect, Burrridge, who was provided with two barrels of gun powder and blunderbusses, would oppose force to force. The Members of the Court decided to suspend their intended action.

Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1812.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Arthur Mills Raymond and Robert Proctor Upton, Jury of 13 Freeman (named) choose Arthur Mills Raymond for Mayor, John Donne for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain,

William Burrridge to be Informed of the intention of the Corporation to pull down his fences, etc., at the Cobb, unless he resists by force.

p.3100-08)

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1812

Court Leet end View of Frankpledge, held before George Smith, steward. Jury of 17 (named) sworn.

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Swearing in of officials

|                                                                        |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Arthur Mills Raymond,<br>John Donne,<br>Samuel Norman, William Domett, | Mayor<br>Coroner |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|

Abraham Mills, Joseph Cox,  
Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,  
Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,  
Robert Applin,  
Thomas Norman,  
Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,

Constables  
Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Cobb wardens  
Hayward  
Water bailiff  
Serjeants -at -mace

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1812.

James Smith and William Manfield appointed surveyors of highways

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1812

Letters received from Messrs. Wm. Burrige sen. and Jun. by William Peterson are produced signifying the intention of the former to submit satisfactory documents which would avoid proceedings at law and stating that William Burrige, Jun. was detained at Portsmouth and that the title deeds had not arrived. Corporation indicates its readiness to wait till a subsequent meeting of the Court.

p.3108-30)

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1813.

Samuel Norman and Caleb Clarke resign their positions as Freeman, resignations accepted .

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May 17<sup>th</sup> 1813

Solicitor to William Burrige requests that his costs be paid immediately to prevent an execution.

Lord Westmorland to be requested to lodge a sufficient sum for this at Coutts Bank by the sale of 3% Stock.

August 30<sup>th</sup> 1813.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Charles William Michel and Robert Clarke, Jury of 11 Freeman (named) choose Robert Clarke for Mayor, John Donne for Coroner, Samuel Norman for Constable Samuel Norman and Caleb Clarke admitted to Freedom.

Karl of Westmorland authorised to sell the remainder of the Stock of the Corporation "when Called upon by the Chamberlain in part discharge of the Town Clerk's bill.

p.3130-47)

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Court Leet Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1813, before George Smith, steward. Jury (named) of 14 sworn

Swearing in of officials:

Robert Clarke,  
John Donne,  
Samuel Norman, William Dommett,  
Abraham Mills, Joseph Cox,

Mayor  
Coroner  
  
Constables

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Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,  
Samuel Norman, William Bagwell,  
Robert Applin,  
John Wood jun.,  
Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,

Searchers and sealers of leather.  
Cobb wardens  
Hayward  
Water bailiff  
Serjeants -at -mace

Town Water Course to be repaired.

Samuel Fowler, a tenant of the Corporation, to demise his tenement to Thomas Edward Clarke, of Chard, attorney.

Water course at bottom of Sherborne Lane to be repaired.

Courts of Hustings held April 4<sup>th</sup> 1814.

Road at Cobb leading to the quay to be repaired.

p.3148-72)

August 29<sup>th</sup> 1814.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital burgesses nominate as candidates George Proctor Upton and Rev. Brian Combe, Jury (named) of 7 Freemen elect Rev. Brian Combe for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable.

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John Thomas Fane admitted to Freedom in place of Hon. Thomas Fane deceased, and made a capital burgess in place of Francis Fane deceased.

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before held before George Smith, steward. Jury of 18 (named) sworn.  
p.3203-32)

Swearing in of officials

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rev. Brian Combe,               | Mayor                             |
| William Peterson,               | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  |                                   |
| Abraham Mills, Joseph Cox,      | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey jun, Samuel Wood,  | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| Robert Applin,                  | Hayward                           |
| John Wood jun.,                 | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,     | Serjeants -at -mace               |

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August 21<sup>st</sup> 1815.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates John Donne and George Proctor Upton, Jury of 14 Freemen (named) elect John Bonne for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable

William Pomroy Daniel, son of the late William Daniel, admitted to Freedom.

p.3203-32) Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1815.

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward Jury of 14 (named) sworn.

Swearing in of officials

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John Donne,                     | Mayor                             |
| William Peterson,               | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  |                                   |
| William Wood, Joseph Cox,       | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey jun, Samuel Wood,  | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| Robert Applin,                  | Hayward                           |
| John Wood jun.,                 | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,     | Serjeants -at -mace               |

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Courts of Hustings held March 4<sup>th</sup> 1816.

Chamberlain ordered without delay to deliver particulars of his receipts and disbursements "home to the present time".

p.3232-43) Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1816.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Charles William Michel and George Proctor Upton Jury of 18 freemen (named) elect George Proctor Upton for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for constable.

Rev. Edward Fane admitted to Freedom.

Chamberlain to order 50 tone of Portland stone for the Cobb.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1816.



Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward Jury (named) of 14 sworn.

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| George Procter Upton, | Mayor   |
| William Peterson,     | Coroner |

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|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  | Constables                        |
| William Wood, Samuel Osborne,   | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Thomas Lakey jun, Samuel Wood,  | Cobb wardens                      |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Hayward                           |
| Robert Applin,                  | Water bailiff                     |
| John Wood jun.,                 | Serjeants -at -mace               |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,     |                                   |

Rev. Joseph Domett, a Freeman, becomes a Capital Burgess in place of Thomas Rawlings, deceased.  
Robert Cox, Yeoman, and William Palmer, Common Brewer, chosen surveyors of the highways out  
of a list returned by the Constables.

p.3248-64) Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> 1817

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidate John Warren and Arthur Mills Raymond

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Jury sworn of 13 Freeman (named) elect John Warren for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and  
Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable.

Court of Hustings held Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1817.

Woodwork of sea walls to be repaired.

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1817.

Lower part of Sherborne Lane to be repaired.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1817.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury of 13 (named) is  
sworn.

Swearing in of officials:

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John Warren,                    | Mayor                             |
| William Peterson,               | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  | Constables                        |
| William Wood, Samuel Osborne,   | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,      | Cobb wardens                      |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Hayward                           |
| Robert Applin,                  | Water bailiff                     |
| John Wood,                      | Serjeants -at -mace               |
| Samuel Norman, Caleb Clark,     |                                   |

p.3264-95) Courts of Hustings held March 30<sup>th</sup> 1818

William Domett

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appointed Serjeant-at-mace in place of Caleb Clarke, deceased.

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1818

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as Candidates Rev, Joseph Domett and General John Michel, Jury of 12  
Freemen (named) elect Rev. Joseph Domett for Mayor, William Peterson for Coroner and Chamberlain,  
Samuel Norman for Constable.

Vere Fane, Freeman, is made a Capital Burgess in place of Rev. Brian Combe deceased, and Sir  
William Walter Yea, Bart, and the Rev. Robert Montague Austin are made Freeman.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1818.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward, Jury of 13 Freeman (named) is sworn.

Swearing in of officials:

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Rev. Joseph Domett,             | Mayor      |
| William Peterson,               | Coroner    |
| Samuel Norman, William Dommett, |            |
| William Wood, Abraham Mills,    | Constables |

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,      | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| Robert Applin,                  | Hayward                           |
| John Wood,                      | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  | Serjeants -at -mace               |

Chamberlain to repair the wood work and sea-fences adjoining the town.

Courts of Hustings held, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1813.

24<sup>th</sup>. Friday the 25th being fixed for Market Day, it is ordered that the Market be held on Thursday, the

*(At this point the Calendar is resumed from the bound volume 1819-1831. C.W. )*

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CALENDAR OF COURT BOOK, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1819 – September 12<sup>th</sup> 1831.

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Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1819

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidate William Peterson and Arthur Mills Raymond, Jury of 13 Freeman (named) choose William Peterson for Mayor, Robert Clarke for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1819.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 15 is sworn.

Swearing in of officials

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| William Peterson,              | Mayor      |
| Robert Clarke                  | Coroner    |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett, |            |
| William Wood, Abraham Mills,   | Constables |

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,      | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| John Wood,                      | Hayward                           |
| John Wood,                      | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  | Serjeants -at -mace               |

p.3313-33)

Courts of Hustings held Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1820.

Fair fixed for Feb. 15th to be advertised in Sherborne Newspaper, and Dorchester and Sherborne Journal.

August 28<sup>th</sup> 1820.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates George Proctor Upton and Lieut. Gen. John Michel, Jury of 13 Freeman (named) choose George Proctor Upton for Mayor, Robert Clarke for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

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Vera Fane resigns his position as Capital Burgess and John Chambers, Freeman, is appointed in his place. ( According to the Register of Freeman he resigned en Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1833, but he had been re-appointed on Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1819. i.e immediately after the above resignation. C.W. )

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1820.

Sea fences under the baths and the sea-walls east of Cobb Gate to be repaired.

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 14 sworn.

Swearing-in of officials:

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| George Proctor Upton,           | Mayor                             |
| Robert Clarke,                  | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Dommett, |                                   |
| William Wood, Abraham Mills,    | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,      | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| John Wood,                      | Hayward                           |
| John Wood,                      | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  | Serjeants -at -mace               |

p.3333-57) Courts of Hustings held March 26<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Chamberlain ordered to

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draw on Coutts' for £200 for the use of the Corporation.

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Ordered that the rates on "deals, plank, or other description of board" required by the Corporation for the use of the Cobb be reduced to 10/- for every hundred of "deals, plank\*, etc.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1821.

Henry Jefford, one of the overseers of the poor produced the sworn return required under the census of Population Act.

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1821.

William Peterson is appointed collector of the Rates and Duties granted under the Cobb Act of the second of George IV.

August 27<sup>th</sup> 1821

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates John Chambers and Lieut. Gen, John Michel, Jury of 13 Freeman (named) choose John Chambers for Mayor, Robert Clarke for Coroner, William Peterson for Chamberlain and Samuel Norman for Constable.

The Following admitted to Freedom, vis., Sir Evan Nepean, Sir Edward Synge, Molyneux Hyde Nepean, Major John Clarke, Thomas Brown Hardwicke, John Templeman, Thomas Coulson Carpenter, Charles Marr, Robert George Civil (? Cecil) Fane and Robert Bouchier Wray.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1821

Town Clerk ordered to apply to William Peterson for an account of Corporation rents in arrear.

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Butchers ordered

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to pay arrears for rent of their standings.

Notice to be given for letting the Fairs and Markets.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1821.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury of 18 sworn.

Swearing-in of officials:

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| John Chambers, | Mayor. |
|----------------|--------|

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Robert Clarke                   | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  |                                   |
| William Wood, Abraham Mills,    | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,      | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Bagwell, | Cobb wardens                      |
| John Wood,                      | Hayward                           |
| John Wood,                      | Water bailiff                     |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,  | Serjeants -at -mace               |

The following orders were made:

John Warren to receive the Harbour Dues under the new Cobb Act.

William Peterson with Samuel Davie to be collector of the Harbour Dues under the Act.

George Smith, Town Clerk, to be the Clerk under the Act Rates on "Deals, Plank or other description of Boards for the Corporation be 8d. for every 100 running feet, 3 inches thick.

Serjeants-at-mace to collect 1/- a week for each standing at the Shambles from each butcher and receive 40s. a year for doing so.

Fairs and markets to be let to Richard Fowler, cordwainer, for one year at 15/- payable quarterly.

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John Warren to pay George Smith £100 further on account of his bill in soliciting the Lyme Harbour Act out of the Harbour Dues.  
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Courts of Hustings held Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1821.

John Warren and Mr Robert Clarke requested to superintend the repairs to m the Cobb during the Chamberlain's illness.

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Abraham Mills, stone mason, and Samuel Norman, Cobb-warden, report on the repairs needed for the Cobb and sea-walls. Repairs ordered to be carried out.

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1821.

Cargo of Portland stone to be procured.

Market House to be repaired.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Another cargo of Portland stone to be procured.

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Rates and duties for every puncheon of molasses brought into the Cobb to be reduced to 1/- a puncheon.

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1821.

Order to pay Mr. George Smith £53. 8s. 10d. on account of his charges in soliciting the Harbour Act.

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Another cargo of Portland stone to be ordered.

May 27<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Old slip at the Cobb to be rebuilt that carriages may be able to pass therefrom to the farther part of the Cobb.

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Another cargo of Portland stone to be ordered.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1822.

Persons taking away stones or pebbles from the shore without licence to be prosecuted.

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as Candidates Lieut. Gen. John Michel and George Proctor Upton

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Jury of 19 Freeman (named) elect Lieut. Gen. John Michel for mayor, Albert Clarke for coroner and chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable.

400 tone of 'Portland Block' to be ordered for repair of Cobb and sea-walls.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Court Leet and view of frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 14 sworn.

Swearing-in of officials:

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lieut. Gen. John Michel        | Mayor                             |
| Robert Clarke                  | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett, |                                   |
| William Wood, Abraham Mills,   | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,     | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett, | Cobb wardens                      |
| John Wood,                     | Hayward & Water bailiff           |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett, | Serjeants -at -mace               |

Dr. Carpenter is given permission to take the stones lying opposite the property of Mrs. Powell for the purpose of draining the lands.

The tender of £60 for one year by William Domett for farming the fairs and Markets and standings of the Shambles to be

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accepted. This letting to be done in future the first Monday after St. Bartholomew's day.

John Warren and Samuel Davie to be Collectors of Harbour dues for the ensuing year and £25 a year be divided between the Treasurer, Collectors and Clerk.  
p.3378-97)

Courts of Hustings held Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Samuel Norman, Cobb-warden reports that several coping stones had been maliciously thrown down from Gun Cliff. Reward of £5 offered for discovery of offender.

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1822.

Opinion of counsel to be taken on a claim by the Overseers of the Poor for a rate on the tolls of the Butchers' standings.

Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> 1823.

William Stevens, surveyor of the Turnpike, be allowed to take up to 10 cartloads of sand from now to May 26<sup>th</sup> out Of the Cobb.

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1823.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates William Pomeroy Daniel and Charles William Michel, Jury (named) of 16 Freemen choose William Pomeroy Daniel as Mayor, Thomas Coulson Carpenter as Coroner John Warren as Chamberlain and Samuel Norman as Constable.

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Captain Francis William Fane, R.N., Lieut. Col. Mildmay Fane, Henry Trotman Lee, Thomas Andros and James Edwards, Jun. admitted to Freedom.

Thomas Coulson Carpenter and Charles Marr made Capital Burgesses in place of Simon Lee and Robert Clarke deceased.

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Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1823.

Court Leet apd View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury sworn of 15 (named)

Swearing in of Officials:

|                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| William Pomroy Daniel              | Mayor                             |
| Thomas Coulson Carpenter           | Coroner                           |
| Samuel Norman, Henry Jefford jun., |                                   |
| John Champ, John Bazely,           | Constables                        |
| Thomas Lakey, Samuel Wood,         | Searchers and sealers of leather. |
| Samuel Norman, William Domett,     | Cobb wardens                      |

John Wood,  
Thomas Beere,  
Samuel Norman, William Domett,

Hayward  
Water bailiff  
Serjeants -at -mace

Some officers under the Cobb Harbour Act to be re-appointed.

Tolls of Fairs and Markets be let for one year to William Domett for £52. 10s. 0d.

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Oak posts to be provided for the Cobb.

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1823.

Mr. Synge to be allowed to take two cart loads of gravel from the beach for his own use..

Mr. Warren to be allowed to take four loads of gravel from the beach within the next 6 days.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Turnpike Trustees apply for money to widen Silver Street, cover the watercourses and make a causeway; 10 guineas allowed.

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Lord Westmorland to invest £600 at Coutts in Exchequer Bills.

Opinion of counsel to be taken on the rights of the Corporation over the "ledges" and as to taking proceedings against persons who remove stones from the beach.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1824.

Draft of above case submitted and approved and ordered to be referred to the Attorney-General.

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as Candidates George Proctor Upton and Charles William Michel, Jury (named) of 18 freemen sworn elect George Proctor Upton for Mayor, Thomas Coulson Carpenter for Coroner, John Warren for Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable, (ordered that a salary of £80 a year be payable to the Chamberlain out of the Cobb Duties.

Vere Fane to be made a Capital Burgess ( *but see p.107 C.W.*) vice John Fane, deceased

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Courts of Hustings held Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Michaelmas Fair to be held on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 15 sworn.

Swearing in of Officials:

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| George Proctor Upton,     | Mayor   |
| Thomas Coulson Carpenter, | Coroner |

Officers appointed under the Cobb Act to be continued.

Thomas Coulson Carpenter, John Chambers and Charles Marr to examine the Chamberlain's accounts.

p.3421-44)

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Chamberlain to buy two oak posts for the Cobb.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1824.

Town Clerk to give notice to stop fireworks on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> .

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Crab Heed at the Cobb to be repaired immediately.

Mooring chains to be procured for the safety of vessels.

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 1825.

Eastern Jetty wall to be repaired.

Candlemas fair fixed for Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1825.

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1825.

Bill of £133. 3s. 1d. for mooring chains and anchor to be paid.

Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 1825.

Election of new Mayor

Capital Burgesses, nominate as candidates Thomas Coulson Carpenter and Vere Fane, Jury (named) of 17 Freemen sworn choose Thomas Coulson Carpenter for Mayor, Charles Marr for Coroner and Chamberlain, Samuel Norman for Constable.

Hon. Henry Sutton Fane admitted to Freedom.

Following Bye-Laws under the recent Cobb Acts were passed (1) that every person in control of a vessel In the Cobb shall anchor it in such place or manner as the Cobb-warden or other official directs (2) that no person shall leave on the quay or the wall of the Cobb or on the place "commonly called Cobb Gate leading from the beach to the town" any goods, wares, ballast, etc., the maximum fine for any breach of each bye-law being £5.

The wall commonly called the Northern Wall of the Cobb Is to be fixed on, as a convenient place for depositing ballast, stones, etc.

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1825.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 16 sworn.

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Swearing in of Officials:

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas Coulson Carpenter,          | Mayor             |
| Charles Marr,                      | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefford, jun.,               | Cobb warden       |
| John Wood,                         | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere,                      | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefford, jun. William Domett | Serjeants-at-mace |

Samuel Norman prays for exemption from service as Constable, owing to his great age, etc., and is granted an annuity of £30.

The Constables sworn are Henry Jefford, jun., John Champ, John Bayley, John Gaich  
Same officers under Cobb Harbour Act to be reappointed.

p.3444-68)

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1825.

William Pomroy Daniel delivers the Acts passed in 5 and 6 Geo. IV to be placed in the Council Chamber.

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1825.

Fireworks and bonfires to be forbidden on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1826.

Breach by the "Gin Shop and Half Moon" to be repaired as well as the Northern Wall.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1826.

Application to be made to borrow £4000 at 6% on Harbour Duos and Borough property.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1826.

£1200 to be paid to Mr. Holmes, Treasurer of the Ordinance of the Tower for repairs to the Cobb.

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Recorder produces a letter from Arthur Mills Raymond offering the Corporation £4000 on loan to complete the Harbour. Offer accepted, harbour dues, burgages, grist-mill, shambles, Fairs and Markets, closes, custom house cellar or warehouse, rents and head rents being given as securities.

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1826.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Rev. Joseph Domett and Lieut. Gen. John Michel Jury (named) of 14 Freemen elect Rev. Joseph Domett for Mayor, Charles Marr for Coroner and Chamberlain , Henry Jefford, Jun. for Constable.

£100 ordered to be paid by Coutts' to the Trustees of the Ordinance of the Tower towards the repairs of the Cobb.

John Michel, Jun., Henry Fane, Jun., and Henry John Savage admitted to Freedom.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1826.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 17 sworn.

Swearing in of Officials:

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Rev. Joseph Domett   | Mayor         |
| Charles Marr         | Coroner       |
| Henry Jefford, Jun., | Cobb warden   |
| John Wood,           | Hayward       |
| Thomas Beer,         | Water-bailiff |

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Henry Jefford jun., William Domett, Serjeants -at -mace

William Wood, Henry Jefford jun.,

John Champ, John Bazely, Constables

Samuel Davie and Samuel Harvey to be Collectors of Harbour Duties under the Act, the other officers being continued.

p.3468-92) Courts of Hustings held Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1827.

Writ reported as issued against the Corporation by Henry Hoste Henley on the question of the repair of the sea-walls. Appearance ordered to be entered.

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1827.

Wall of the Cobb near the slip to be repaired.

Cobb Accounts amounting to £31. 17s. 4d. to be paid.

Bills amounting to £172. 11s. 10d. for making out the title of the Corporation to all the properties mortgaged to Arthur Mills Raymond.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1827.

Letter received from the Commissioners of H.M. Treasury showing that the total expenditure on the repairs to the Cobb had amounted to £17,667. 0s. 9d. towards the discharge of which £4547. 17s.0d. had been received from the Corporation. The account was settled on payment by the Borough of £119. 0s. 9d. (*the number of shillings, i.e. 17, omitted. C.W. )*

June 11<sup>th</sup> 1827.

Northern wall of Cobb to be repaired and Cobb "to be pointed and grouted" where necessary.

Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1827

Election of new Mayor:

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Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Charles Marr and Lieut. Gen. Charles Michel, Jury (named) of 16 Freemen elect Charles Marr for Mayor, William Pomroy Daniel for Coroner, Charles Marr for Chamberlain Henry Jefford, jun., for Constable.

Rev. James Michel is appointed a Capital Burgess, vice Charles William Michel, and the Hon. Henry Sutton Fane, vice George Proctor Upton deceased.

John Hussey, Rev. Edward Cook Forward, John Drayton and Samuel Bagster are admitted to the Freedom.

Mr. Hingeston's account of payments due to the Town Clerk to be paid, viz., £44. 4s. 6d.

Tolls of Fairs and Markets to be let to William Domett for one year for 50 guineas.

William Dean of 5 Grays Inn be appointed Solicitor in the action of Henry Hoste Henley in addition to the Town Clerk.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1827.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 14 sworn.

Swearing in of Officials:

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Charles Marr | Mayor |
|--------------|-------|



|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| William Pomroy Daniel         | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefford, jun.,          | Cobb-warden       |
| John Wood,                    | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere                  | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefford, William Domett | Serjeants at mace |

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William Wood, Henry Jefford jun.,

John Champ, John Bazely, Constables

Samuel Davie and Samuel Harvey appointed Collectors under the Cobb Act and other officers as before.

p.3492-3515) Courts of Hustings held Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1827.

Bye-Law inflicting a penalty of £5 on anyone who takes horse, carriage, sledge, or truck on any part of the covered way of the Cobb.

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1827.

Fireworks forbidden.

Town Clerk having been paid £180 towards the cost of defending the Henley Action is authorised to receive £40 more.

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1827.

£70 to be remitted to Mr. Dean for costs in the Henley Action.

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1828.

Crab Head to be repaired. Cobb pointed and causeway repaired.

August 25<sup>th</sup> 1828.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as Candidates Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Fane and Lieut. Gen. John Michel. Jury (named) of 15 Freemen sworn elect Lieut. Gen. John Michel for Mayor, William Pomroy Daniel for Coroner, Charles Marr for Chamberlain,

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Henry Jefford, Jun., Constable.

Rev. John James Golden Dowland is admitted to Freedom.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1828.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 19 sworn.

Swearing in of officials:

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lieut. Gen. John Michel,      | Mayor             |
| William Pomroy Daniel,        | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefford, jun.,          | Cobb-warden       |
| Sylvester Eyres,              | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere,                 | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefford, William Domett | Serjeants at mace |

William Wood, Henry Jefford jun.,

John Champ, John Bazely, Constables

Samuel Davie and Samuel Harvey appointed collectors of Cobb Duties and John Warren Treasurer of Cobb Duties.

George Smith, Town Clerk, appointed to carry into effect the Harbour Acts of 1 and 2 Geo. IV.

Fireworks forbidden on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

p.3515-35) March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829.

Mr. Griffith "the Antiquarian" to be paid his costs £96. 7s. for procuring Records from the Tower etc.,

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and Mr. Dean £103. 13s. 0 on account of his bill.

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1829

Damage done to the Guildhall by the fire on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> last and injury to its eastern wall, caused by the fall of the house, to be repaired by Henry Jefford.

June 8<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Crab Head of Cobb to be repaired.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1829.

Gable end of Warehouses at west end of the Cobb to be repaired by Jesse Upjohn.

Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1829.

Election of new Mayor.

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates John Chambers and Rev. James Michel, Jury (named) of 16 Freeman elect John Chambers for Mayor, Thomas Coulson Carpenter for Coroner, Charles Marr for Chamberlain, Henry Jefford for Constable.

William Lambert White is admitted to the Freedom. (*The register of Freeman has "Mr. James Lambert White, Solicitor."* C.W. )

The letting of the tolls of the Fairs and Markets to be advertized for one year.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 14 sworn.

Swearing in of officials:

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| John Chambers             | Mayor       |
| Thomas Coulson Carpenter, | Coroner     |
| Henry Jefford             | Cobb-warden |

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|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sylvester Eyres,              | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere,                 | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefford, William Domett | Serjeants at mace |
| William Wood, Henry Jefford,  |                   |
| John Champ, John Bazely,      | Constables        |

Samuel Davie and Samuel Harvey are appointed Collectors of Harbour Dues, John Warren, Treasurer of same, and George Smith, Town Clerk, administrator of the Harbour Acts.

p.3535-56) Courts of Hustings held Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829.

No fireworks on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1829.

Bill of costs, £251. 7. 0d. of Messrs. Hicks and Dean in the Henley Action to be held over and interest allowed on it at 5% from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Candlemas Fair ordered to be held on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1830.

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1830

Chamberlain to inspect Cobb and sea-walls for re-pointing and repair.

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Lieut. Gen. John Michel and Vere Fane, Jury of 19 Freeman (named) elect Vere Fane for Mayor.

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Thomas Coulson Carpenter for Coroner, Charles Marr for Chamberlain, Henry Jefford for Constable, Charles Marr to be Treasurer of Harbour dues, vice, John Warren.

John Hussey appointed a Capital Burgess in place of John Warren deceased.

William Bagster and Robert Holmes admitted to Freedom.

Court of Hustings held Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Ordered that all ballast to be placed outside instead of on the north wall of the Cobb, and to the north of a black line painted on the wall.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, Jury (named) of 13 sworn.

Swearing-in of officials:

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Vere Fane                     | Mayor             |
| Thomas Coulson Carpenter      | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefferd                 | Cobb-warden       |
| Sylvester Eyres               | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere                  | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefford, William Domett | Serjeants at mace |
| William Wood, Henry Jefford,  |                   |
| John Champ, John Bazely,      | Constables        |

James Davie and Samuel Harvey to be Collectors of Harbour Duties, Charles Marr the Treasurer, and George Smith, Town Cleric, to be administrator of the provisions of the Cobb Acts.

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Court of Hustings held Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1830.

End of the north well of the Cobb to be repaired.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1830.

Rate or duty on every pipe, etc., of wine and spirits in Schedule B of the Cobb Act be reduced to one shilling.

Squibs, rockets, serpents and fireworks to be forbidden Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Mooring posts at Cobb to be secured and others fixed.

Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 1831.

Election of New Mayor.

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Thomas Brown Hardwicke and Lieut. Gen. John Michel, Jury (named) of 13 Freemen sworn elect Thomas Brown Hardwicke for Mayor, Charles Marr for Coroner and Chamberlain, Henry Jefferd for Constable.

The following were admitted to the Freedom, viz.: Rev. Charles Wicksted Ethelston, Thomas Williams, William Fleetwood Bury, Edward Overton Lee, William Hingeston, James Marder, George Roberts, John Symes Davie, Cyrus Davie, Thomas Beere, Henry Bennett, George Wood, William Domett, Henry Jefferd, William Wood, Sylvester Eyres and Francis Theophilus Robins.

Mr. William Dean's Bill of Costs in the Henley Action

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amounting to £185. 6s. 0d. to be paid when

possible, interest at 5% being allowed in the meantime.

A similar course to be followed in the case of the bill of Mr. George Smith.

Tolls of Fairs and Markets to be fixed at next Court Leet.

End of Court Book January 4<sup>th</sup> 1819 - September 26<sup>th</sup> 1831.

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*( From this point we come to the end of the bound Volumes once more, and the record is taken up from note-books. In the first of these (Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 1828 - March 5<sup>th</sup> 1832), the period up to Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1831, has already been calendared. We start therefore at p. 3572 with the meeting of Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1831. C.W. )*

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Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1831.

Court Leet and View of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 13 sworn.

Swearing in of officials:

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas Brown Hardwicke,       | Mayor             |
| Charles Marr,                 | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefferd,                | Cobb-warden       |
| Sylvester Eyres,              | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere,                 | Water bailiff     |
| Henry Jefford, William Domett | Serjeants at mace |

William Wood, Henry Jefford,  
James Tucker, Robert Starke, Constables  
Samuel Davie and Henry Jefferd are appointed.  
Vice Samuel Harvey, Collectors of Cobb duties,  
Charles Marr, Treasurer.  
George Smith administrator under the Cobb Act.

Petition (text given) against the Reform Act was approved and ordered to be signed and transmitted to Lord Westmorland for presentation to the House of Lords.

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Courts of Hustings held Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1831.

Nuisances committed by several of the inhabitants having been reported, the Town Clerk was ordered to give notice to the persons offending to remove and abate the nuisances.

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1831.

A report of the adverse judgement of the Court of King's Bench in the Henley action was produced and it was resolved to appeal to the House of Lords.

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1831.

£300 to be paid to Mr. William Dean on account of the expenses of the appeal to the House of Lords.

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1831,

Breach in Gun Cliff caused by violent storm to be repaired.

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1832.

Mr. Raymond agrees to release property on mortgage to him for securing the sum of £4000 (partly repaid) provided the Harbour dues are retained as security for the balance.

Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1832.

Causeway to Cobb Gate to be repaired.

Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> 1832.

An obstruction near the fort jetty to be removed.

Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> 1832.

Bye-law passed under the recent Cobb Acts, compelling owners and masters to give particulars of each vessel and its cargo under a penalty of £5 for refusal.

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1832.

Special session of Justices to be held to grant licences to dealers in game.

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1832.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Lieut. Gen. John Michel and John Hussey, Jury (named) of 25 Freemen choose

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John Hussey for Mayor, Charles Marr for Coroner and Chamberlain, Henry Jefferd for Constable.  
Thomas Walker and Richard Sellers are admitted to the Freedom.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1832.

Fort wall Injured by gale to be repaired.

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1832.

p.3599-3641)

Court Leet and view of Frankpledge held before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 17 sworn

Swearing-in of officials:

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| John Hussey                   | Mayor             |
| Charles Marr                  | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefferd                 | Cobb-warden       |
| Sylvester Eyres               | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere                  | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefford, William Domett | Serjeants at mace |

William Wood, Henry Jefford,  
James Tucker, Robert Starke,

Constables

Lease of tolls of Fairs and Markets be granted to William Domett for £48 for one year.

Henry Jefford and William Wood appointed receivers of Cobb duties under the recent Acts with Charles Marr as Treasurer and George Smith as administrator.

Sherborne Lane to be broken up and macadamised.

Henry Jefford to receive £1. 1s. 6d. for expenses incurred in the matter of the larceny by Louisa Whickers of £2. 5s. 6d.

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Courts of Hustings held Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1833.

£1000 obtained on Mortgage from Mr. Chambers to be paid into the account of the Corporation at Coutts.

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1833.

A memorial on the subject of grants heretofore made on account of the Cobb which was to be addressed to the treasury was submitted and adopted, the Admiralty having expressed an opinion that the Cobb was not likely to be of any use to the Naval Service.

A return was ordered from Whitehall, (1) of the Charitable Funds in possession of the Corporation (2) of the names, professions and trades of such Members of the Corporation as had become magistrates in the last 20 years.

Replies to these requests stated that Cobb dues averaged £450 a year, which amount was quite inadequate for its maintenance.

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Mr. Dean expected the other £1000 for the Corporation next day and asked for the Title Deeds which were to be sent "by the Exeter Old Mall Coach" to Messrs. Coutts.

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1833.

George-Roberts, Schoolmaster, gives notice that he has a printing press and types in his dwelling-house, the notice being entered in accordance with the statute 39 Geo. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Chamberlain to inspect Cobb and Sea-walls.

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1833.

£2000 at Coutts' Bank, being money borrowed on mortgage, to be invested in Exchequer Bills.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 1833.

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Mr. Drayton to receive £1. 16s. 3d. being his bill for the embarkation of the Duchess of Kent and Princess Victoria, and Mr. Henry Jefford 4 guineas for erecting platforms and stages for the same purpose on Thursday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> "from the Cobb, T.R.H. being on their tour to Torquay and Devonport"

19<sup>th</sup> Notice to be published in the Church for the election of the new Mayor.

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Election of New Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Lieut. Gen. John Michel and Charles Marr, Jury (named) of 25 Freemen elect Charles Marr for Mayor, William Hingeston for Coroner, Charles Marr for Chamberlain. Henry Jefford for Constable.

Major John Clarke and William Hingeston, Surgeon, are made Capital Burgesses in the room of John Chambers and Lieut. Col. J. T. Fane, both deceased.

Rev. Andrew Tucker, James Marder, John Bennett, jun. and Joseph Lakey are admitted to the Freedom, as well as Thomas Goulon (?) and Rev. Frederick Parry Hodges. (*Thomas Goulon does not appear in the register of Freemen C.W.*)

Rev. Andrew Tucker having been made a Freeman, is appointed a Capital Burgess In place of Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Fane resigned.

John Drayton and James Edwards, Freemen, are appointed Capital Burgesses.

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Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1833.

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Court Leet and view of Frankpledge before George Smith, steward, Jury (named) of 19 sworn.

Swearing in of officials

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Charles Marr,                  | Mayor             |
| William Hingeston,             | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefferd,                 | Cobb-warden       |
| Sylvester Eyres,               | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere,                  | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefferd, William Domett, | Serjeants-at-mace |
| William Wood, Henry Jefford,   |                   |
| James Tucker, Robert Starke,   | Constables        |

Henry Jefferd and William Wood are appointed receivers of Cobb Duties with (? Charles Marr) as Treasurer and George Smith as administrator under the Cobb Acts.

Lease of Tolls of the Fairs and Markets granted to William Domett for one year for £48.

George Rhodes and Thomas Barns admitted to Freedom. (*Geo. Rhodes not in the register of Freemen. C.W. )*

Courts of Hustings held Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Exchequer Bills to be sold if sufficient amount to pay the interest due on the mortgage of Mr. Chambers, also to pay William Dean two years of interest on his Bills of Costs in the Henley action.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1833.

No fireworks on the 5<sup>th</sup>

Persons owing rents to the Corporation are to pay up.

G. C. Poole who had

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erected a paling at the corner of his house, near Cobb Gate, acknowledged his error, the site being Corporation property and the corner was ordered to be stopped up by a wall, Poole providing the stones.

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1833

Notice to be given of the election of two Capital Burgesses in place of Vere Vane, resigned, and Thomas Coulson Carpenter, deceased; also of a Recorder in place of the latter.

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1833

No quorum attending for the election of Capital Burgesses and a Recorder, fresh notices are ordered to be sent out.

An order under the Recent Cobb Act was issued that no one should "break, remove or carry away any rock, shingle or stones within 20 yards of the Cobb.

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1833.

John Hussey is appointed Recorder and Henry Trotman Lee and Rev. F. P. Hodges made Capital Burgesses.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Chamberlain to Inspect Cobb and Sea-walls for grouting and repair.

Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Chamberlain to make a cart-road to the Crab Head at an expense not exceeding £200.

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates Charles Marr and John Drayton, Jury (named) of 25 Freemen elect Charles Marr as Mayor, William Hingeston as Coroner, Charles Marr as Chamberlain

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and Henry Jefferd as Constable.

William Domett, ----- Tucker admitted to Freedom. (*Tucker not in register of Freemen C.W. )*

William Domett takes a lease of the tolls of Fairs and Markets for one year for £48.

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Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1834 Court Leet and view of frankpledge, held before George Smith, steward. Jury (named) of 14 sworn.

Swearing-in of officials .

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Charles Marr,                   | Mayor             |
| William Hingeston               | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefferd                   | Cobb-warden       |
| Sylvester Eyres                 | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere                    | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefferd, William Domett,  | Serjeants-at-mace |
| William Wood, Henry Jefford,    |                   |
| James Tucker, George Patterson, | Constables        |

Henry Jefferd and William Wood are made receivers of Cobb Duties with Charles Marr as Treasurer and George Smith as administrator under the Cobb Acts.

Courts of Hustings held Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1834.

Fireworks forbidden on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1834.

Henry Jefferd to be inspector of weights and measures under the Act passed 4 and 5 William IV.

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Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1835.

Messrs. Coutts to dispose of £200 of Exchequer Bills to pay interest on mortgages.

Edward Brown to be permitted to lay down pipes to convey gas to property of the Corporation.

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1835.

Henry Jefferd to take down the storehouses at the Cobb and rebuild them according to Drayton's estimate of £86. 6s. 6d.

Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1835.

Edward Overton Lee is made Capital Burgess in place of John Clarke deceased.

Henry Trotman Lee, having resigned his position as Capital Burgess, is appointed Town Clerk in place of George Smith deceased.

Election of new Mayor:

Capital Burgesses nominate as candidates William Hingeston and John Drayton. Jury (named) of 20 Freemen sworn elect William Hingeston for Mayor, John Drayton for Coroner, Charles Marr for Chamberlain. Henry Jefferd for Constable.

Courts of Hustings held Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1835.

General annual licences for Public Houses granted)

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1835.

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Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, held before Henry Trotman Lee, steward, Jury (named) of 18 sworn.

Swearing-in of officials .

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| William Hingeston              | Mayor             |
| John Drayton                   | Coroner           |
| Henry Jefferd                  | Cobb-warden       |
| Sylvester Eyres                | Hayward           |
| Thomas Beere                   | Water-bailiff     |
| Henry Jefferd, William Domett, | Serjeants-at-mace |
| William Wood, Henry Jefford,   |                   |
| James Tucker,                  | Constables        |

Henry Jefferd and William Wood are appointed receivers of Cobb Duties, with Charles Marr as

Treasurer, and H. T. Lea as administrator under the Cobb Acts.

Courts of Hustings held Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1835.

Notice given of a Court to be held at the Town Hall on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> by Charles Saunders and Peter Stafford Carey, Barristers for the purpose of revising the Burgess List, at which certain documents were ordered to be produced.

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1835.

Thomas Hussey admitted to the Freedom.

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1835.

Ordered that this Court be adjourned until the repeal of the Act passed in the last session of Parliament entitled "An act to provide for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales".

THE END.

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## GLOSSARY AND NOTES.

For other pages on which items below occur consult previous indexes.

|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Account, An.                  | This, without other relevant factors, is unintelligible, and no Mayor's Accounts for 1790/91 are extant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| America, War with.            | This celebration at the Three Cups was quite in keeping with the Lyme tradition. The healths drunk would have had the heartfelt approval of the Fanes, as supporters of North and George III, though none of them would have been in Lyme in November. Only a few more enlightened Englishmen like Chatham, Burke and Lyme benefactor, Thomas Hollis, opposed this War. |
| Apprentices                   | The constant record of indentures of apprenticeship seems to have been dying out towards the end of the 18th century. It is worthy of remark that in every instance, whatever the calling of the father might have been - yeoman, farmer, weaver, etc. the boy always went to sea.                                                                                      |
| Attorney General              | In 1824 would have been John Singleton Copley. Later on for many years between 1827 and 1846 he was Lord Chancellor, as Lord Lyndhurst. He lived till 1863.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Barkley, Miles                | Steward to Lord Westmorland on his estate at Apethorpe, Northants. The name should he spelt Berkley.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Baths, The                    | These would have been Jefferd's or Davie's Baths erected in 1806 in the building at the bottom of Church Street, called "The Cinema" and known formerly as the "Drill Hall," a name which probably is connected with the Volunteer Movement of 1860-70. The baths at Argyll House on the sea front were started in the 18 thirties.                                     |
| Bellman                       | Is the official whom we should style Town Crier, even so late as 1876 he is a character in Carroll's "Hunting of the Snark".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Bennett, Rev. William         | This eccentricity of a Cambridge don among the freemen of Lyme Regis is explained by the fact that John Fane, 10th Earl of Westmorland, was at Emmanuel College.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Blair, Charles, sen. and jun. | Were connected by marriage with the Fanes. Their home was at Watchampton in the parish of Winterborne Whitchurch. Charles, sen. died in 1802 at Fulbeck, Lincs., the seat of Henry Fane II (see bellow)                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Burghersh, lord               | Was the courtesy title of the eldest son of the Earls of Westmorland.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Candlemas Fair                | Candlemas Day was Feb. 2nd, and the first of Lyme's two annual fairs was                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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| Capital Burgess     | held on or about that date. The second was held about Michaelmas. Was the title given to the members of Lyme's Borough Council. Until the Municipal Reform Act of 1856, they always met in Camera.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Cawley              | A vintner and tenant of a cellar under the Town Hall, came into the limelight during the Municipal troubles of 1778 - 1781. When the election                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|                     | for the Mayor of 1779/80 came on, the local patriots under Giles Davie locked the Town Hall and deprived the Fanes of access to the Mayor's insignia of office. The Fanes, therefore, held a meeting in Cawley's cellar and elected a mayor of their own, viz., William Peterson, an officer of the Customs who owed his appointment to the Fanes. Locally Peterson was known as the "Coal-hole Mayor".                                                                                     |
| Chamberlain         | Was an official unknown to the Corporation before 1760. He was appointed by the Fanes to keep an eye on receipts and expenditure. The Mayors of Lyme had previously done this work themselves, but a Fane, when made Mayor, would often leave the town on the day of his appointment and not re-appear till his successor was chosen. Some deputy in finance was thus essential. From 1824 the Chamberlain received £20 a year.                                                             |
| Chard, Henry Dinham | After a rather stormy youth, which left its record in proceedings against him more than once at Lyme, settled down to work the shipbuilding yard, which was on the west of the angle formed by the western wall of the Cobb with the Cobb Hamlet. On a plan, now in the Museum, made about 1796 of the Cobb end of the town, Chard's Cottage is shown. Later on it was Cliff Cottage and is now Cliff House. There is a tablet to the memory of Chard's son on the S.W. wall of the Church. |
| Clarke, Robert      | There were two Capital Burgesses of this name. The first went on to the Council in 1768, and was clearly opposed to the Fanes, not only from the date of his appointment, but from the fact that he tried to make a Freeman of Thomas Follett. The second R.C. went on to the Council in 1808 and must therefore have owed his position to the Fanes (See Register of Freeman pp. 35 and 49)                                                                                                |
| Coades, Samuel      | Robert Fowler and John Coade were all sons of George Coade (Mayor 1713/4) and were all established as Freeman of Lyme before the Fane era.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Cobb Gate           | This important feature of Old Lyme is becoming unfamiliar to residents of 1940. See note on p. 153 of the Calendar of the Court Book for 1724-65. We learn for the first time from p. 54 of this Calendar that Cobb Gate had an archway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Cobb Head           | Probably identical with the Crab Head (see below)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Cobb Pound          | No known plan of the Cobb shows exactly where this was.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Cobham House        | Before his death in prison in 1619 Henry Broom, Lord Cobham, was Lord of the Manor of Colway, and owned warehouses on the spot where is now the Parking Place. Hence the name Cobham House. Cobham was implicated with Raleigh in the plot to place Arabella Stuart on the throne. He was never brought to trial, but his estates were forfeited, and after his death the Manor of Colway came into the hands of the Henley family.                                                         |
|                     | 153                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Coffee House        | In the days before 1928 when the Assembly Rooms and its whole group of buildings were swept away to make a 'Parking Place' the S.E. corner of the block was a cafe where light refreshments might be obtained. This at the end of the 17th century was known as the Coffee House. Such houses were then coming into vogue in London, and Lyme had to follow suit.                                                                                                                           |
| Combe. Rev. Brian   | A freeman (1785) and Capital Burgess (1810) of the Fanes was Rector of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|                                    | Charmouth. He died in 1819.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Court Leet and View of Frankpledge | See notes on p.77 of the Calendar for 1613 - 27 and on p.71 of that for 1592-1602,                                                                                                                    |
| Crab Head                          | Is the shorter and mere northerly of the two diverging fingers which form the southern boundary of the Cobb and point to the East. After 1833 it was known as the "Victoria Pier".                    |
| Custom House                       | Stood at the bottom of Broad Street on the North side exactly opposite to Cobb gate. It was burnt down in the big fire of 1844.                                                                       |
| Darrell, Lionel                    | A Director of the East India Company. (See below).                                                                                                                                                    |
| Davie, Giles, jun.                 | The son of the rebel, did not follow In his father's footsteps except that he was a "common brewer". 'He gave his support to the Fanes and was made by them a Custom-House officer.                   |
| Defence of Lyme                    | In 1798 England was in as great peril as in 1940, this explains the unusual preparations recorded on p. 72.                                                                                           |
| Domett, Rev. Joseph                | Of Bovey Tracey, Devon, was one of the many "foreign Freemen brought in by the Fanes, he was made a Capital Burgess in 1816 and resigned in 1833.                                                     |
| Donne, John                        | A Solicitor who lived at Lyme in one of the old houses adjoining Bell Cliff. Ha was made a Freeman in 1797. a Capital Burgese in 1803 and died in 1830. John George Donne (pp. 84, etc,) was his son. |
| Dowland,                           | Rev. John James Golden succeeded his father as Vicar of Winterborne Whitchurch, dying in 1838.                                                                                                        |
| Drayton, John                      | See page 90 of the Register of Freemen and note 46.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Durns                              | According to Halliwell's Dictionary of Provincial Words durns is a "door or gate-post".                                                                                                               |
| Ethelston. Rev. Charles Wicksteed  | Was the Rector of Uplyme. He did not become a Freeman until August 1831 and was consequently disqualified under the Reform Act of 1832, Freedoms conferred subsequently to March 1831 being void.     |
| Evans, Rev. William                | Vicar of Lyme Regis 1798 - 1804. Ha remained a Freeman for the whole period.                                                                                                                          |
| Exeter Old Mail Coach              | More than one Mail Coach from Exeter passed through Axminster in 1833. A coach from Lyme would have joined it there. No coaches direct to London ever came through Lyme.                              |
| Fairs                              | There were two held at Lyme, one at Candlemas, the other at Michaelmas<br>See above.                                                                                                                  |
| Fane, Charles                      | See Register of Freemen, p.92, note 66.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fane, Rev. Edward                  | See Register of Freemen, p.92, note 61.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fane, Francis                      | See Register of Freemen, p. 92, note 63.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fane, Francis William. R.N.        | The grandson of Henry Fane who died 1777 (see note 64 on p.92 of Register of Freemen) and son of John, Henry's eldest son (see supplemental note 68 opposite p. 93 of the Register of Freemen)        |
| Fane, Henry I                      | See Register of Freemen, p. 92, note 64.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fane, Henry II                     | See Register of Freemen, p.93, note 65.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fane, Henry III                    | See Register of Freemen, p.93, note 66.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fane, Henry, Jun. IV               | Was son of Henry III.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fane, Henry Sutton                 | See Register of Freemen, p.93, note 67.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fane, John (9th Earl)              | See Register of Freemen, p. 94, note 69.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fane, John (10th Earl)             | See Register of Freemen, p. 94, note 70.                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Fane, John (Lord Burghersh)             | See Register of Freeman, p. 85, note 21.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fane, John                              | The eldest son of Henry Fane (see note 64 on p. 92 of Register of Freeman) by his third wife Charlotte Luther.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Fane, Col. Mildmay                      | Another son of Henry Fane of Fulbeck (Henry II. ) He was born 1794, became a General in the Army, and died 1868.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Fane, Robert George Cecil               | Yet another and still younger son of Henry Fane of Fulbeck. He was a Commissioner in Bankruptcy, born 1796, died 1864.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fane, Thomas (8th Earl)                 | See Register of Freeman, p. 94, note 74.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fane, Hon. Thomas                       | See Register of Freeman, p. 96, note 75.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fane, Vere                              | Another and older son of Henry II. See Register of Freeman, p. 96, note 76.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Fire Engines                            | One of these may have been that supplied by the sun Insurance co. early in the 18th century, which still leads a precarious existence in one building or another near the Town Hall. The other was possibly that supplied by the Bastard of Blandford in 1722 (see Portfolio of                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 155<br>Fugitive Pieces III folios 60/1) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                         | It has not survived.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Fort                                    | This Fort, so often mentioned, stood a little to the West of Bell Cliff, about opposite the house called Sunny Bank.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Forward, Samuel                         | Succeeded Benjamin Follett ( in 1792) as Town Clerk. He was an attorney of Axminster. He himself died in 1796 and was succeeded by George Smith, another attorney of Axminster.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Freemen of August 1831                  | All these, including unhappily George Roberts, were disqualified by the Reform Act of 1832, which (not unnaturally) rejected as a voter every Freeman made subsequent to March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1831.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Gas, laid on                            | This tentative effort of 1835 was gradually extended to the whole town. In Lyme' s plan of 1841 the Gas Works can be seen in the N.E. corner, a little distance along Charmouth Lane. Gas was coming into general use in London 1814-20.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| George III, Attempt on                  | This attempt on the life of "His Majesty's sacred person" refers to a pistol shot fired at the King when at Drury Lane Theatre on May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1800. No harm was done and the would-be assassin, one Hatfield, was confined as a lunatic till his death in 1841.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Gin Shop and Half Moon                  | Refers to the Alcove in the curve of the west wall of the Cobb. The origin of "Gin Shop" can only be surmised. Roberts, who must have known all about it, is silent on the point.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Golden Hart                             | Until quite recent years this Inn stood at the corner of Church Street and George's Square. It was once an Excise Office as well. It is not the "Monmouth Hotel".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Great West Bay                          | The first sentence of Roberts' History of 1834 states that Lyme stands "at the deepest point of the Great West Bay". This is the Bay which extends from Prawle Point to Portland. The text declares that our Borough "lays" there, but what it "lays" is not recorded.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Guns In 1798                            | See above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Harford.                                | Henry and Darrell, Lionel: The English Chronicle of a later date (March 25th. 1785) speaking - politically, of course of these two partners in a forlorn hope styles them "an American bastard and an Indies Babel, from London" This, being interpreted, simply means that the one was opposed to the disastrous War with our American Colonies. An opinion Shared with many Englishmen from Lord Chatham downwards, and that the other was a Director of the East |

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| Hayward                  | Was the Keeper of the Pound.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Henley, Henry Cornish    | See Register of Freeman, p. 98, note 91a.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Henley Law Suit          | The persistence of the Fanes in this and the money which they expended on it was a scandal. The sea, through neglect of the sea-walls had been allowed to overflow on to Henley's lands. The action might have been finished at Dorchester by the payment of £100 in damages, but the Fanes carried it through every Court right up to the House of Lords, losing the case every time. A contemporary pamphlet on this matter can be seen in Room III of the Museum. Henry Hoste Henley was the son of Henry Cornish Henley by his marriage with Susan Hoste. See p.98 Note 91a of the Register of Freeman. |
| "Hilaries" or "Elleries" | Also called "Ibbaries". is a plot of land which formed the corner of the junction of Cobb Road with Sidmouth Hill. It was always noted for its spring of water.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Hollis, Thomas           | Was the eccentric but benevolent character who was known in connection with many prominent men of the 18th century. Towards the end of his life he became very fond of Lyme and did much good to the Borough when it was sorely in need of help. He was the means of bringing the Earl of Chatham and young William Pitt as visitors to Lyme in 1773. He fell dead suddenly on his property at Corscombe in 1774.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Holmes, Robert           | One of the new non-commercial type of resident, coming into prominence at Lyme, built the house once known as "Holmesdale" and now called "the Little Place" in Silver Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| "Home to"                | i.e. 'right up to' is an expression frequently found in Lyme Regis documents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Hussey, John             | Like Holmes, was another of the new type of non commercial resident at Lyme. For some particulars of him see p.99 of the Register of Freeman and note 98a.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Hustings Court (passim). | See note 45 on p. 159 of the Calendar of Court Book 1724-65.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Jones, Inigo William     | Another "foreign" Freeman introduced by the Fanes. He lived in Argyle Street, London. See Register of Freeman p.83 note 6, and p.100, note 100.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Land Tax                 | With prosperity on the wane, Lyme found this tax an intolerable burden. For particulars of it see p.159 of the Calendar of the Court Book 1724-65 and note 48.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Leather searchers        | For the importance of these officials in Lyme see p.157 of the Calendar of the Court Book 1724-65 and note 35.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Ledges                   | Reefs of gray or blue Lias just below the surface of the water. They soon make                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                        | their existence known to the knees of bathers at Lyme. See "blue ledge stone" P.24.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Liberty Walk           | It may be surmised that this was the name given to the first opening-up of the 'Marine Parade' 'Liberty Square' is shown on the plan of 1796 (?) in the Museum. It was at the extreme East end of the walk or "Marine Parade" close to the Alcove. Lyme has to thank Hollis for the beginning of this improvement |
| Lime Kiln on Cobb Wall | Two or three of these were dotted about Lyme and the plan of the Cobb (1796 ?) in the Museum shows one such kiln, but it does not seem to be "on the Cobb Wall".                                                                                                                                                  |
| Lisle, Warren,         | An official of the Customs who did not owe his position to the Fanes. Many particulars of him will be found at p.160 of the Court Book Calendar for                                                                                                                                                               |

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|                                                 | 1734-65 (note 50) and at p.102 of the Register of Freeman (note 100). He died in 1788.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Loans to Corporation                            | These, and the fact that they let their lawyers' bills run on unpaid* show to what a state the Borough was being reduced by Fane extravagance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Lollard Warehouse                               | This title is redolent of Thomas Hollis. Sureties, and all fighting for freedom of thought, found a friend in him.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset Lowther, Sir Wm       | In 1798 was George, Lord Rivers. Became Lord Lonsdale later on and the biggest borough-monger in the U.K. It cannot be said for certain that he ever actually came to Lyme. He married Augusta, daughter of the 9th Lord Westmorland. See Register of Freeman, p. 102, note 110a.                                                                                                    |
| Luther, John                                    | Appears at Lyme, because the third wife of the Henry Fane who died in 1777 was Charlotte Luther. A brother, Richard Luther, allee a Freeman and Capital Burgess had died in 1768. See Register of Freeman p.103, note 111.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Lynch, the                                      | Roberts, with doubtful accuracy, derives this from one, Michael de Lynche. who sat for Lyme in the House of Commons in 1341. For a more probable explanation see note 19 on p.68 of the Court Book Calendar 1309 - 28.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Marder, James                                   | Still a name well-known in Lyme, seems to have been made a Freeman twice, viz., once on p.126 and again on p.132. He would have been disqualified on both occasions under the Reform Act of 1832. He was a chemist and lived in Broad Street.                                                                                                                                        |
| Market House                                    | This refers to the two-storied building opposite Cobb Gate, the upper storey of which was the Customs House and the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                 | 158<br>ground floor the Market House.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                 | Round It went the walls referred to on p.53, a covered promenade where merchants could meet "on change". It was burnt down in the fire of 1844. Its site is now occupied by public conveniences.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Marr. Charles                                   | Was another of the new class of residents taking root in Lyme. He was a Captain of the 59th regiment, retired on half pay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Mayor, Notice of Election                       | This notice may have been "customary" as stated on p.59 but, so far as this book is concerned, the custom was observed only twice between 1766 and 1835, viz. once in 1790 (p.59) and a second time in 1833 (p.132). The mayor was chosen on the first Monday after St. Bartholomew's day (Aug 24 <sup>th</sup> ) and the choice was confirmed at the subsequent October Court Leet. |
| Mends                                           | For these two clerics, father and son, see note 114 on p.103 of the Register of Freeman.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Michel, Charles William<br>Michel, David Robert | The second son of David Robert below.<br>Whose election as Mayor in 1778 started a local cyclone which eventually confirmed the Fanes in their hold on Lyme, was of Dewlish House, near Dorchester. He was connected with the Fanes by marriage. See Register of Freeman p.103 and note 115.                                                                                         |
| Michel, Rev. James                              | The 6 <sup>th</sup> son of David Robert above and Vicar of Sturminster Newton. The name is mis-spelt at p.82.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Michel, General John                            | The eldest son of David Robert above. He rose to be a Lieut-General in the army.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Michel, John, jun.                              | The eldest son of General John Michel above. He had just come of age when he was admitted to the Freedom. He rose to great distinction in the army attaining the rank of Major-General. He was also Colonel of the 86th regiment and was made a K.C.B. in 1859.                                                                                                                      |
| Middle Row                                      | This still existing island site at the bottom of Broad Street was a "congested                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

area" and a nuisance until the middle of the 19th century. On the East it extended far beyond its present limits until the benevolent Thomas Hollis bought up and pulled down 5 houses there in 1772 (p.18). This enabled him to carry out the further improvements recorded on p.34 and from this began the start of the Walk by the sea-side or "Marine Parade". At the other end were the disgusting Shambles until the fire of 1844 burnt them down. Middle Row was thus of considerable length at one time and formed, with the south end of Broad Street a separate street called Corn

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Hill. There may have been a corn market near at the bottom of the steps leading to Bell Cliff, but nothing is known for certain, except the name Corn Hill. Somewhere on London's Corn Hill there certainly was a corn-market in ancient days.

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| Napper                    | This is a name which we should spell 'Napier'. The Nappers are often referred to as owners of property in Lyme in past times. One member of the family received the honorary Freedom of Lyme in 1662. See Register of Freemen p.103 note 117.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Nepeans                   | Two members of the same family, father and son. Though "foreigners" they had at least the recommendation of belonging to Dorset. See Register of Freemen p.103 and notes 118/9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Norman, Samuel and Clark, | Why these two very subordinate officials of the Corporation should have resigned their position as Freemen in March 1813 and have been restored in August 1813 is a mystery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Parliamentary elections   | The Fanes were shy of recording the fact that Lyme continually chose them for her M.P's. Apart from two bye-elections in 1772 (both of which are noted) there were 15 General Elections during the period covered by this Calendar. Only one of them, viz., that of 1780, when there was a contest, is alluded to.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Peterson, William         | One of the officials of the Customs appointed by the Fanes was their very faithful servant until his death in 1787. His son another William Peterson, followed in his father's footsteps until his death in 1882. See Register of Freemen p. 105 and note 130.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Poulett                   | It is hard to see why John. 4 <sup>th</sup> Earl Poulett, should have wanted a repairing lease of the Bowling Green for 21 years at 10/6 a year. It is true that Poulett house (now the Alexander Hotel) was adjacent to the Bowling Green, but all burgesses were allowed to use it. The same difficulty arises in the case of Messrs. Fudge (p.14) and Wright (p. 61) who took it for one year only. Perhaps it was an effort at economy on the part of the Borough Council to avoid the expense of upkeep. |
| Pound                     | After the Act of 1757 for making the main turnpike road (via Colway Lane) into Lyme from Colway Gate, the Pound seems to have been removed and rebuilt to widen the road (see Fugitive Pieces in fo. 81). The present removal of 1772 appears to have been higher up Pound Street at the corner of Cobb Road. In the nineteenth century it went still higher up on to Sidmouth Hill, i.e., Just above Keble Cottage, where it is shown on the Plan of 1841.                                                   |
| Powell, Mrs.              | The 1813 plan of the sea front shows that General Powell lived at what is now sailed Cliff House. In the plan of 1796 (?) it was "Chard's Cottage" and later was known as Cliff Cottage. The Directory of 1851 in the Museum calls it Westcliff Cottage. See "Stones - removal of," below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Printing press            | This notice of George Roberts seems to us an innocent affair but "39 George                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Prison, The             | <p>III" was 1798/9, a year of great peril to England, when much repressive legislation was in force, legislation presumably still un-repealed in 1833. This word is defined by Johnson thus – "A strong-hold in which persons are confined". But poor Lyme's Cock-moil was chiefly remarkable for the fact that it was not a "strong-hold" and could not confine its prisoners. They were always breaking out, and then rewards were offered for their recapture or for information respecting any person who had assisted them. Probably they needed no assistance.</p>                                                                                                                                             |
| Puddicombe, John        | <p>The reluctance of this man to attend meetings of the Council called by Giles Davie in 1778 puts him down as an adherent of the Fanes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Rawlings. Thomas        | <p>One of the 20 "foreign" Freemen hurriedly admitted by the Fanes during their "hole and corner" meeting of the Corporation at Raymond House. Broad Street, on April 8th, 1782. According to p.41 of the Register of Freemen, Rawlings was an apothecary of Yeovil.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Raymond, Arthur         | <p>Of Raymond House, Broad Street, same from Axminster and was made a Surveyor of Customs by the Fanes (see note 143 on p.107 of the Register of Freemen).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Raymond, Arthur Mills   | <p>Son of the above was born at Lyme in 1767, became a Freeman in 1787 and a Capital Burgess in 1799. He seems to have left Lyme early in life to make his way in London and he certainly succeeded. When the Act of 1835 brought Lyme's Hustings Court to an end, he was a large creditor of the Corporation and the proceeds of the Sale of Corporation property in 1838 must to a great extent have been used to pay off his advances. He died in 1843 and in his Will is said to have been Lord of the Manor of Ealing, Middlesex. For the son of a Surveyor of Customs at Lyme this seems to have been a successful career, mere particulars will be found at note 144 on p.107 of the Register of Freemen.</p> |
| Raymond House Broad St. | <p>Arthur Raymond the Mayor of 1781/2 lived here, and here not the Town Hall was the scene of the Meeting of the Borough Council on Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> 1782. On that occasion the Fanes and their allies swooped on to the town and created a solid block of 20 Freemen, all of whom except two Serjeants-at-mace (their dependents) and John Kerbey, their humble servant, were strangers to Lyme. Crewe's Act, depriving Revenue Officers of the right to vote at Parliamentary Elections, was under discussion and likely to pass, and the passing of it would have deprived the Fanes of a regiment of faithful mercenaries. Substitutes had to be and were</p>                                                 |
|                         | <p style="text-align: right;">161</p> <p>obtained, but the opposition in Lyme (i.e.. almost all the Burgesses) had got wind of these proceedings and, when the Fanes and their friends entered the Town Hall to give offset to their scheme, there was so large a crowd and so much confusion that the meeting was adjourned to Raymond House and then carried through. Probably all this was unconstitutional, but that counted for little in 1782. A record of this event is inscribed on the side of the entrance to Raymond House.</p>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Revising. Barristers    | <p>These avenging angels, the first of their class ever recorded at Lyme, were of course the creation of the Reform Act of 1832.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Rhodes, Ambrose         | <p>Married the Lyme heiress, Sarah Andrew, with whom Fielding had tried to elope in 1725. Owned much property in Lyme through his wife. He died about 1775. The father of Ambrose had been one of Sarah's guardians.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Roberts, George         | <p>The well-known historian of Lyme, was born in 1804 and knew all about the connection of the Fane family with Lyme, but in his book of 1834 deals very</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                             | cursorily with the whole episode. The Freedom conferred upon him on Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup> 1831, was annulled by the Reform Act of 1832.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Rock, The                   | Marked on the (1796 ?) Plan in the Museum. In days when a thoroughfare for vehicles to the Cobb by the beach was necessary, this Rock was a formidable barrier.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Savage, Henry John          | Is described in the Register of Freeman (p.46) as a Captain of the Royal Engineers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Scavenger                   | This subordinate official must have found plenty to do in old Lyme, but he is only mentioned twice. Probably the hayward or water-bailiffs combined his work with their own.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Schoolmaster                | The Rev. Henry Sleep may have been a dissenting cleric, installed as schoolmaster during the disorders in the Corporation 1778-81. The school for 10 boys was probably that which, according to Hutchins, was held from 1720 in a chamber over the church porch. This chamber, known in quite recent years as "The Old Vestry" no longer exists. |
| Shambles                    | See p.162 of the Court Book Calendar for 1784-65 and note 59.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sherborne Lane              | When macadamized can hardly have known itself, nor could macadam have resisted the torrents of heavy rain to which the lane is subject at times.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Sherborne Newspaper         | Would have been what we know today as Pulman's Weekly News. The latter first came into being as the Sherborne Mercury in 1736 one of the oldest of our provincial newspapers.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Silver Street               | The idea that Silver Street could be widened by spending 10 guineas on it makes one smile. True, the watercourses have gone, but the street to-day is deplorably narrow both as regards the roadway and both the "causeways".                                                                                                                    |
| Standings                   | See note 131 on p.396 of the Court Book Calendar 1692-1724.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Steward of the Court Leet   | In these years is invariably the Town Clerk. See p.163 of the Court Book Calendar 1724-65 and note 63.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Street:                     | "From the Church to the Town Mills" was always the gigantic title in old days of what we call Monmouth Street, for "Town Mills" see note 66 on p.163 of Court Book Calendar 1724 – 65.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Stones, etc. from the beach | The upkeep of the Cobb being regarded as essential to the prosperity of the town, all stones on the beach were strictly reserved for the Corporation. This right is confirmed in the charter of Charles I dated June 20th, 1644.                                                                                                                 |
| Swymmer, Henry              | This strange name is accounted for by the fact that the Thomas Fane who became 8th Earl of Westmorland in 1762, had married Elisabeth Swymmer, daughter of a merchant of Bristol.                                                                                                                                                                |
| Symes, Rev. David           | Vicar of Lyme Regis 1731 - 44.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Synge, Sir Edward           | See Register of Freeman p.111, note 161.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Tower, The                  | Before the Public Record Office was begun in Chancery Lane in 1856, our national archives were kept in various places, one of which was the Tower of London.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Town Mills                  | See note 121 above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Treasurer, The              | Was either the Fane M.P's. for the time being or Lord Westmorland and the account of the Borough was kept at Coutts' Bank, Which, it may be presumed, was the Fanes' Bank as well.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tucker, Rev. Andrew         | See Register of Freeman p.112 and note 170.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tucker, William Domett      | Was son of the above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Turle, Peter                | This was once a name well known in Lyme. Miss Turle early in the 19th                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| Tythingmen            | <p>century kept a Girls' school in the old house now used for the Corporation offices. Another of the same name (James Turle) was a distinguished organist at Westminster Abbey and composer of church music.</p> <p>The Constable or Police Officer of a tithing (hamlet)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Upton, George Proctor | A Solicitor of Yeovil.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Walk by sea           | This ambitious and generous effort on the part of the "principal inhabitant" to make a commodious walk from the Fort (see note 52 above) to the Cobb in 1809 was doomed to destruction by the sea, as is shown on a plan of Lyme's seafront dated 1813 which is now in the Museum.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Walk, The             | The only "Walk" known by that name in Lyme, before the "Marine Parade" was thought of, was that under a pent-house roof round the Custom House, a walk which had been in existence from very early times (See note 33 above)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Warrens               | Sam. Warren, Maltster of Lyme Regis, and his two sons Samuel and John seem to have backed the Fanes throughout. But the father died in 1777, i.e., before the rebellion 1778-81 headed by Giles Davie. And of the two sons, John, who signed the petition for a Fane Charter in 1782., is described as a "Collector of Customs at the Port of Lyme Regis" and the General Advertiser, a London newspaper, of March 26th, 1785, in describing the queer constitution of the Borough of Lyme Regis writes of Samuel Warren, jun., thus "Salt Collector, London" Both the sons, therefore, had official positions which they owed to the Fanes. |
| Water Supply          | This advance towards civilisation led to the disuse of dipping places (or 'pills') the sites of some of which are still to be seen here and there on the S.W. side of Silver Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Westmorland, Lord     | This was John, the 10th earl. He eloped in 1782 with Sarah Child, daughter of the well-known banker, but after her death in 1793 the large fortune went to her daughter, who married the 4th earl of Jersey. This Lord Westmorland succeeded to the title in 1774 and died in 1841. He was Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland 1790-94 when Pitt recalled him, and was Lord Of the Privy Seal in Pitt's Cabinet of 1804-6 and in Spencer Perceval's Cabinet of 1809-12. In the latter Ministry he used to distinguish himself by putting his legs on the table during discussion. He behaved in very much the same way to the borough of Lyme Regis.  |
| Whitty, John          | This recalls the name of the founder of the Axminster Carpet Factory who had the room above the Shambles let to him in 1759 for the making of Axminster carpets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Wilhayes              | Willhayes or Cobham Mead is clearly marked on the 1813 Plan of Lyme's Sea Front In the Museum. Perhaps the lane or track (now Cobb Road) which led down from the S.W. corner of Pound Street was called Wilhayes Lane and carried down the spring known as "Hilaries or Elleries" (see note 65 above)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Williams, Thomas      | This "foreign" Freeman, cannot be identified. In any case, as having been admitted later than March 1831, he would have been disqualified under the Reform Act of 1832.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Woodhouse Hill Gravel | It is interesting to know that, in 1809, gravel - a rare commodity in Lyme was brought from Wood house Hill.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Wormsley              | Had been the property in Oxfordshire of John Scrope. It came to Henry Fane of Bristol through his marriage with Scrope's sister, Ann.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wrey, Robert Bouchier | See Register of Freeman p.114 note 184. The spelling Wray in the text is incorrect.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

Yea. Sir William Walter      See Register of Freeman p.114 note 186.

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