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A typical Manor Court Roll starts with apologies for absence and fines for non-attendance without excuse, followed by a list of local tenants serving on the manor jury, or 'Homage'. The 'Court Leet' or 'View of Frankpledge' dealt with minor offences, disputes between neighbours, and such matters as failing to keep ditches clear. The early Rolls list those with goods worth more than 30 pence, and those keeping pigs (and how many they kept). The 'Court Baron' dealt with property transactions and inheritance matters. Sometimes the functions of the two Courts, almost invariably held one after the other on the same day, overlapped. In time, the 'Court Leet' became increasingly less important.

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Text in **red**, apart from modern notes by the transcriber, indicates text missing from, or entirely illegible in, the original Roll. Text in various shades of **grey** indicates text which, in the original Roll, is to a greater or lesser extent difficult to decipher. Otherwise, all contemporaneous text is in **black**, except for presumed later additions which are indicated in **brown** or **blue**.

H.7

Dulwiche // Court baron with View of frank pledge, of Margarete Caulton, widow, there held on the 14th day of October in the Tenth Year of the Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c.

Excuses // Jasper Wrighte and Michael Nuett are excused through Richard Wrighte ; Christopher Ockeland is excused through John Dove ; John Easer is excused through Thomas Ode ; Robert Badger is excused through John Badger ; Robert Lewys is excused through John Lewys ; John Archar is excused through John Hunt ; Henry Mathewe is excused through John Mathewe ; Christopher Curson is excused through John Hunt ; [William] Mannyng is excused through John Dove ; Henry Kingeston is excused through Henry Knyghte ; Edward Cassingehurste is excused through John Lewys ; Richard Arnould is excused through Thomas Ode ; Nicholas Juxe is excused through Henry Knyghte ; Matthew Draper is excused through Giles A-Becke.

free tenants & suitors // Matthew Draper, gentleman ; John Crofte ; Thomas Ode ; Henry Knighte.

presentment of the Constable // Thomas Ode, Constable there, presents upon his oath all's well, and nothing else. And in place of the aforesaid Thomas Ode is elected John Cassingehurste, and he was Sworn to exercise his office.

Head pledges // Henry Huscrofte and Henry Henleye present all's well, and nothing else, And in their place are elected Thomas Longe and Thomas Fearinge, and they were Sworn &c.

Taster of ale // John Hunt presents all's well, and nothing else, And in his place is elected Robert Brooxebye, and he was Sworn & c.

12 not only for the Queen but also for the Lady of this Manor	John Dove	} Sworn	Richard Wrighte	} Sworn	Henry Henleye	} Sworn
	John Crofte		Thomas Odde		William Daulton	
	Henry Knighte		John Hunt		Robert Brooxebye	
	John Mathewe		John Cassinghurst		John Lewes	
	Thomas Fearinge		Henry Dove		Henry Huscroft , who come & affirm all & singular	

the above presentments to be true, And they further Say that they assuredly gave the Lady of this manor at this Day, from ancient custom, c-----4s, And they also Say that John Webster, Customary tenant, makes default, Therefore he is amerced.

- abandoned goods Likewise they present upon their oath one cloth for a doublet, in English '*a dobllette clothe of Sacke clothe*', and one Shirt, in English '*a shurte*', of the possessions of a fugitive felon, and abandoned within this manor, and they remain in the Custody of Henry Henley.
- Amercement Likewise they present Henry Hunter for an Affray made upon John Robinson, and he drew blood from the same John, Therefore &c. amerced c----3s 4d.
- Amercement Likewise they present the said Henry Hunter because he cut boughs and thorns, in English '*bowes and thornes*', within the wood of the lady of this Manor, and carted them outside the lordship, contrary to ordinances and laws of this Manor, therefore he is amerced c---- 8d.
- Amercement Likewise they present John Badger for carrying away stakes, in English '*stakes*', out of the fences of the Lady of this Manor, Therefore he in amerced c---- 12d.
- Amercement Likewise they present John Badger for collecting and carrying away apple-bearing trees, in English '*Crabbes*', before the Feast of Bartholomew the Apostle, contrary to the ordinances and laws of the Lordship, therefore he is amerced c---- 3s.
- Amercement Likewise they present William Priteley of Pencam[=Peckham] for driving his sheep, in English '*for staff dryving of his shepe*' to the Common pasture within the aforesaid manor to graze there, contrary to the ordinance, therefore he is amerced c---- 3s 4d.
- Amercement Likewise they present John Badger for cutting 2 wild apple-bearing trees, in English '*two Crabtrees*', within the wood of the Lady of this manor, Therefore he is amerced c---- 2s.
- John Badger
now tenant Likewise they present Henry Pike of Friarne for driving his sheep, in English '*for staff dryvinge of his shepe*' into the Common pasture within the aforesaid manor, to graze there, therefore he is amerced c---- 3s 4d.
- Amercement Likewise they present William Margery, because he allowed 2 of his pigs to be within the Lordship '*non Jugulatos*', in English '*Unringed*', contrary to orders &c., Therefore he is amerced c---- 8d.

Amercement Likewise they present John Badger for the same for 3 of his pigs, therefore he is amerced c---- 12d.

Amercement Likewise they present Giles Abecke for the same, therefore he is amerced c---- 12d.

Amercement Likewise [they present] John Badger for Truancy and breaking the Assize, therefore he is amerced c---- 3s 4d.

Amercement Likewise they present Ralph Bettles of Pencam[=Peckham] for driving his sheep, in English '*for staff drivynge of his shepe*', into the
Demesne pasture within the aforesaid manor, ^{there} to graze, contrary to orders, therefore he is amerced c---- 3s 4d.

Amercement Likewise they present [blank] Kinge for breaking the Assize of bread within the aforesaid manor, therefore he is amerced of the Lady c---2s.

Amercement Likewise they present Nicholas [Juxe] for breaking the Assize of ale, therefore he is amerced c---- 2s.

Amercement Likewise they present Thomas Ode for pulling out and Carrying away stakes of the Lady, in English '*stakes*', out of her fences, therefore he is amerced c---- 6d.

Amercement Likewise they present John Hunt for the same, therefore he is amerced c---- 6d.

Heriot Likewise they present Walter Bowyer for 'surrendering' 2 acres of land, whereby befalls to the Lady for a heriot c---- 6s 8d.

penalty Likewise William Margery is ordered that he should scour and clean his ditch at the upper End of one Acre of the same William before the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord next to come, under penalty of c—12d for each Rod undone, and so from the aforesaid place as far as The 18 acres, and so before the said Feast, under the aforesaid penalty.

stray Likewise they present one mare as a Stray for over a year, in the Custody of John Cassinghurst, appraised at c--- 4s. Likewise they
stray present one other foal as a Stray from the Feast of Saint John the Baptist, in the Custody of the Said John, and appraised at c—4s

View // Likewise the aforesaid homage is ordered to Hold a view at the Newe Medowe in the Feast of Saint Thomas, and to see whether Henry Knyghte has filled in a certain ditch at the Newe Medowe where he had Encroached upon the Demesne land of the Lady of this manor, as he was ordered [lit. '*has in penalty*'] at the last Court, and for each of them [i.e. *the homage*] in default c—20d, & to give its verdict at the next Court under the aforesaid penalty for whoever will be in default.

View Likewise they are ordered to Hold a view Of the land of John Dove in Dispute between the Said John and Matthew Draper, gentleman, under the aforesaid penalty, and to give [its] verdict at the next Court.

View Likewise they are ordered to hold a view of the limits of hedges/fences and bounds in Dispute between Henry Knighte and John Dove, and also all other things and matters in Dispute, under the aforesaid penalty.

[End of I10 [previously H7] (front). I10 [previously H7] (back) follows below :]

Roll I10 [previously H7] (back) *[Tuesday] 14 Oct 1568 (continued)*

Now of the Court Baron

To this Court came Walter Bowyer, and in open Court surrendered into the Lady's hands one Tenement with two acres of Arable land called Waulcardise Crofte, in Dulwyche aforesaid, to the benefit and use of John Dove, his heirs and assigns, whereby befalls to the Lady, for a heriot, 6s 8d, to which same John Dove the lady, by her Steward, conceded the Said tenement with the Said Two acres of arable land, with all its appurtenances, To Have and to hold to the aforesaid John. his heirs and assigns, at the will of the Lady, According to the custom of the manor, rendering therefor yearly 8d and all other services thereof hitherto Owed and accustomed, and he Gave the Lady as a fine for having such estate 26s 8d, and heriotable when it happens, According to the custom of the aforesaid manor, and he made fealty to the Lady, and seisin was Delivered to him by the rod, and he was admitted tenant thereof.

To this Court came Henry Henleye, and in open Court surrendered into the Lady's Hands one tenement and one acre of pasture called Wattes Crofte, in Dulwiche aforesaid, to the benefit&use[sic] of John Dove, his heirs and Assigns, whereby falls to the Lady for a heriot 3s 4d, to which same John Dove the Lady, by her steward, conceded the [said tenement and] Said acre of pasture, with all its appurtenances, To Have and to hold to the aforesaid John Dove, his heirs and assigns, at the will of the Lady, According to the custom of the manor, rendering therefor

yearly 4d and all other services thereof hitherto Owed and accustomed, and he gave the Lady as a fine for having such estate 13s 4d, and heriotable when it happens, According to the custom of the aforesaid manor, and he made fealty to the Lady, and seisin was Delivered to him by the rod, and he was admitted tenant thereof.

[End of I10 [previously Roll H7].]