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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**.

Dulwich

|| View of Frank Pledge With Court baron of Francis Caltone, Esquire, there held on the Saturday being the twenty-seventh day of October, in the reign of the lord James, by the grace of god King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the faith, &c., of England, France & Ireland the second & of Scotland the thirty-eighth, in the Presence of Henry Longe, gentleman, Steward of the aforesaid Leet & secretary of the aforesaid Court according to the custom of that Court.

ℓ.8.

Excuses  
Complaints

None  
None

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Complaints

None  
None

Sworn for the  
lord King

Edward Fowle gentleman §-x	}	Sworn
John Bone		
John Hale		
Robert Bagger senior		
Thomas Abecke		
Walter Bone §-----x-----		

Richard Watford §-----x-----	}	Sworn
John Longe		
John Feringe		
Robert Beste		
John Mathewe		
John Howe §-----x-----		

Common Fine 4s  
default of suit  
amercement

Who say upon their oath that they gave the lord as the common fine always by at this day, from ancient custom, as appears in the Heading.

And they further say upon their oath that John Staple, Robert Bagger junior, Christopher Savage, John Heathe, William Shott, John Lewis, Richard Parr[=Peare], Robert Starkeye, Walter Hethersale, Thomas Hamond, [blank] Kytchin, gentleman, William Ewins, gentleman, Henry Roper, Esquire, are residents within the bounds of this Leet, & owe suit at the same, & now, solemnly charged, did not come, but made default. Therefore each of them is amerced 2d.

And they further say upon their oath that Robert Beste has 12 perches of ditch from the land of Thomas Hamond

- Penalty called Bouchers feild within the bounds of this Leet, to the harm of the High way there, for want of scouring. Therefore the same Robert is now ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the feast of Philip & James the Apostles next to come, under penalty for each perch then undone of s-----6d.
- Penalty **And further** that Thomas Hamond likewise has 30 perches of ditch likewise to the harm of the High way adjacent to the land of the aforesaid Robert Beste. Therefore the same Thomas is likewise ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the aforesaid time, under the aforesaid penalty.
- Penalty **And further** that Henry Ropar, gentleman, likewise has 30 perches of ditch within the bounds of this Leet, to the harm of the High way there, for want of scouring. Therefore the same Henry is now likewise ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the aforesaid time, under the aforesaid penalty.
- Penalty **And further** that John Stapelles likewise has a certain Ditch, within the bounds of this Leet, adjacent to the High way there, to the harm of the same way, next to his land called Newe Landes, from the fence of Henry Ropper, gentleman, as far as the land of John Fearinge, for want of scouring. Therefore the same John is ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the aforesaid time, under the aforesaid penalty.
- Penalty **And further** that Arthur Kyngsland has a certain ditch, to the harm of the High way, within the bounds of this Leet, 8 perches long, for want of scouring, as far as the land of John Casinghurste. Therefore the same Arthur is ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the aforesaid time, under the aforesaid penalty.
- Penalty **And further** that John Casinghurste likewise has a certain ditch, 20 perches long, to the harm of the High way, within the bounds of this Leet, for want of scouring, through the land of Arthur Kingsland as far as the land of Thomas Abecke. Therefore the same John is now ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the aforesaid time, under the aforesaid penalty.
- Penalty **And further** that Thomas Abecke likewise has a certain ditch, within the bounds of this Leet, to the harm of the High way there, for want of scouring of the same, 16 perches long, from the land of John Casinghurst, as far as the land of Richard Peare. Therefore the same John is now ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the aforesaid time, under the aforesaid penalty.

- Penalty And further that Thomas [sic, Richard] Peare likewise has a certain ditch, 12 perches long, to the harm of the High way, within the bounds of this Leet, for want of scouring, from the land of Thomas Abecke as far as John Hunte's orchard. Therefore the same Thomas[sic] is likewise ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the aforesaid time, under the aforesaid penalty.
- Penalty And further that John Hunte likewise has 6 perches of ditch unscoured, to the harm of the High way, within the bounds of this Leet, as far as Richard Peare's gate. Therefore the same John is likewise ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the aforesaid time, under the aforesaid penalty.
- At this View [blank] Lewes, widow, is enjoined to throw & lay down a certain bridge called 'a *Wholme*' [=whelm] before her gate, and to scour her ditch there, such that the water there has its right course, as it was accustomed and ought to be, before the feast of the Nativity of the Lord next to come, under penalty of §----- 5s.
- Penalty And further that Christopher Savaye[sic] has 20 perches of ditch next to the land of John Hall, within the bounds of this Leet, to the harm of the High way there, for want of scouring the same. Therefore the same Christopher is ordered to scour that ditch sufficiently, before the feast of Philip & James the Apostles next to come, under penalty for each perch then undone of §---6d.
- Penalty And further that John Hall likewise has a certain ditch, 30 perches long, within the bounds of this Leet, to the harm of the High way there, for want of scouring, from the land of Christopher Savaye[sic] as far as the footbridge, in English '*the foote bridge*', & thence [blank] as far as the Common [blank] within the Manor bounds, before the feast of Saint John the Baptist next, under the aforesaid penalty.
- amercement And further they say upon their oath that Mathew Wythers trespassed with his cattle in the wood called Hamondes Coppies contrary to the ordinance previously made within the aforesaid Manor & the custom of that Manor. Therefore he is amerced.
- amercement And further that Walter Bonne & John Ambler carried away one cart-load of furzes from the Common of Dulwich, within the aforesaid manor, & sold them to one [blank] George, gentleman, likewise against the ordinance & custom of the same. Therefore each of them is amerced.
- amercement # And further that Nicholas Randolle of Lodlinge[?] cut down underwood called '*Furs*' [furze] within the Common of this Manor, upon Dulwich Common, & dug ground, in English '*turves*', upon that Common, not being a tenant of this Manor, contrary to the

aforesaid ordinances & customs. Therefore he is amerced §----- 6s 8d.

amercement

And further that Sir Richard Buckland, by his servants, cut down two Cart-loads of underwood called Furzes, & carried them away from the Common & liberty of Dulwich, contrary to the aforesaid order & custom. Therefore he is amerced §---- 6s 8d.

amercement

And further that William Catisbye of Lewsame[=Lewisham] carried away one cart-load of furze, called '*Fires*', from the Common of Dulwich, contrary to the aforesaid order & custom. Therefore he is amerced §----- 6s 8d.

amercement

And further that Thomas Parry, gentleman, & [blank] Waters, his servant, broke a section of hedge, in English '*A gappe*', in the wood towards Hamondes Coppes. Therefore he [Parry] is amerced.

amercement

And further that Thomas Hamond & Christopher Savaye broke & entered into the wood called Hamondes Coppes, contrary to the aforesaid custom & ordinance. Therefore they are amerced.

At this View Thomas Parry is enjoined to make two steps, in English '*steppes*', at his two stiles, in English '*stiles*', within the bounds of this Leet, before the next Leet, under penalty.

At this View William George is likewise enjoined likewise to make one step at his stile, between Evance[sic, ?], before the aforesaid time, under penalty.

At this View [blank] Hoppkyns, gentleman, is likewise ordered to make steps at his stile in the lands called Blanch downe & to carry away his mud, in English '*his Mudde*', dumped by him in the footpath outside his pond, to the harm of that way, within the bounds of this Leet, leading towards London & the church of Dullwiche[sic, Camberwell].

[End of K3 [previously L8] (front). K3 [previously L8] (back) follows below.]

Roll K3 [previously L8] (back) On the right-hand side of the triangular flap at the top of this side of the Roll is written, in pencil (below some erased text, also in pencil, now illegible) what looks like :

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*[Saturday] 27 Oct 1604 (continued)*

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## Ordinance

At this View Francis Calton, Esquire, is enjoined to make a pair of stocks within the bounds of this Leet, before the next Leet, under penalty of forfeiting to the lord King §--- 40s.

At this View it is ordered, by the consensus & agreement of all & singular the tenants now present at this View, & being sworn, that if any deceitful person or persons should cut down or carry away any furzes outside this manor to any Place, he should forfeit to the lord for each cartload of those furzes ten shillings, And it is likewise further agreed & ordered, in the aforesaid form, that he or they who so cut down those furzes, if being tenants of the aforesaid Manor, should forfeit to the lord of this Manor §--- 10s



## Now for the Court

## Homage

§ Thomas Parry §----- He was Sworn.

## Inquisition

defaults of  
tenants

The Headmen, by the authority of the steward, by the oath of the aforesaid homage, who say upon their oath that  
4d. 4d. 4d. 4d.  
Sir Edward[sic] Bowier, John Bowier, gentleman, Ellis Parry & Thomas Turner, are tenants of the lord of this Manor, And owe  
suit at this Court, And now, solemnly charged, they have not come, but have made default. Therefore each of them is amerced,  
as appears over their heads.

Humphrey  
Emersone

§ At This Court it is Found by the aforesaid homage that Humphrey Emersone, one of the customary tenants of this Manor,  
after the last Court, died seised of & in one acre of customary land, with appurtenances, called Kennalls, whereby falls to the  
lord a heriot, namely 4d, being the rent of one Year owed to the lord for the aforesaid acre of land according to the custom of  
the aforesaid Manor, because at the time of his death the aforesaid Humphrey had no animals, And that Henry Emersone is  
his kinsman & nearest heir according to the custom of that Manor, & of full age Upon which, [to] this Court now sitting here,  
himself  
comes the aforesaid Henry Emerson in his own person, & humbly seeks of the lord of this Manor to be admitted tenant to the  
aforesaid acre of land with appurtenances, To whom the lord, by his aforesaid Steward, conceded seisin thereof to him, To  
Have & to hold to himself and his heirs of the lord of that Manor, by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the  
aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, rent, & other customs & services thereof hitherto owed & by law accustomed And  
the same Henry Emersone paid the lord the aforesaid[?] relief, gave the lord as a fine for his entry as appears in the  
Heading, made fealty therefor to the lord, & was admitted tenant thereof, to hold in the aforesaid form.

Fine §--17s.

At This Court it is likewise Found by the whole aforesaid homage, that Richard Cursone, one of the customary tenants of  
this Manor, since the last Court likewise died, seised of & in one tenement & three acres of customary land, be it more or less,  
with appurtenances, held of the lord of this Manor, whereby falls to the lord as a heriot, namely 12d, being the rent for one  
whole Year owed to the lord of that Manor for the aforesaid tenement, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, Because  
# at the time of his death the aforesaid Richard Cursone had no animals. And that Edmund Cursone is the nearest heir of the  
same Richard Cursone, his younger brother, by & according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, And is of full age. Upon  
which now comes to this sitting Court the aforesaid Edmund, in his own person, & humbly seeks of the lord of that Manor to

Fine §--£3

be himself admitted tenants of the premises, To whom the lord, by his aforesaid Steward, conceded seising thereof to him, to have & to hold to himself & his heirs of the lord of this Manor, by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of that Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, rent, & other customs & services thereof hitherto owed & by law accustomed, **And the same** Edmund paid the aforesaid[?] relief to the lord, And he gave the lord as a fine for his entry as appears in the Heading, And he made fealty therefor to the lord, And he was admitted tenant thereof, to hold in the aforesaid form.

Licence

**To This Court** here, in open Court, comes Sir Edmund Bowier, one of the customary tenants of this Manor, & seeks from the lord of that Manor Licence to demise to farm three parcels of customary land of that Manor, containing eleven acres, be it more or less, now in the tenure & occupation of John Hall or of his assigns, being parcel of the customary lands & tenements of the same Edmund held of the lord of that Manor, to one James Draper & his assigns, for the term of twenty-and-one Years beginning immediately after the death of Joan Haull, now wife of the aforesaid John Haull, to which Edmund the Lord conceded licence therefor, in the aforesaid form, **And the same** Edmund gave the lord as a fine for that licence as appears in the heading, which said fine the lord, from his special grace, remitted. Therefore the same Edmund will be quit of that fine therefor.

Fine §---7s.

[End of Roll K3 [previously L8].]