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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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Roll L3 (front) [This Roll was previously named M8.] [Wednesday] 11 Apr 1621.

**Dulwich in
the County
of Surrey**

A.D. 1621. M.8.

At the View of Frank Pledge with Court Baron of Edward Allen Esquire,
there held on Wednesday the Eleventh Day of April in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of our Lord James,
by the grace of god King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c., and of Scotland x x x
the Fifty-fourth Year, in the Presence of John Harryes Esquire, Steward there.

Excuses Thomas Horne[sic, ?Hamon] is excused through Robert Hunt ; Robert Bodger is excused through John Bodger ;
Samuel Bridges is excused through Thomas Caltone.

Constable } Richard Staughton { Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath. And now at this Court
he is discharged. And William Lewes is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Tithingmen } Robert Hewitt { Appear and, Sworn present with Oaths. And now at this Court they are discharged.
John^{and} Bodger { And Robert Starkeye and Walter Bone are newly elected, and they are Sworn.

**Taster
of Ales** } Ralph Canterburye { Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath. And now
at this Court he is discharged. And Daniel Cranwell
is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Bailiff Benjamin Hearne Appears, and is ordered to make a return.

**Head
Pledges and
Homage** } John Cassinghurst } Sworn { Robert Hewitt } Sworn { Edward[sic, Edmund] Redman } Sworn
Richard Staughton } Matthew Withers } William Mathew }
William Lewes } Henry Collyns } John Bodger }
Nicholas Foster } Mathias Allen } }
Robert Starkeye } Johannes Staples } }
o-----o }
o-----o }

Common Fine -- 4s, paid to the Lord } Who Say upon their oath, that they Gave the Lord as the Common Fine at this Day
} for Dulwich, as appears in the Heading.

In the first place, the Jurors upon their oath present That as there is as follows a certain High way lying next to the College of Dulwich aforesaid, within the jurisdiction of this Court, upon the west side of the said College, badly ruined, to the serious annoyance of the inhabitants and of all of the subjects of the said lord King travelling by the aforesaid way, And now a certain parcel of land, being a free-holding of the same Edward Allen ^{bordering there,} adjacent to the aforesaid way, containing sixty rods of land '*deposita est*' (in English '*is laid out*') to make another way; which parcel of land has been surveyed by the aforesaid Jurors, and they find the aforesaid parcel of land or road to be more ^{suitably} convenient, And the aforesaid Jurors ordain that the aforesaid way should be made ^{and his cuee} with '*arena*', in English '*Gravell*', and that a certain bridge should be placed over the Common '*Fluvium*', in English '*the Common Sewar*' constructed there, so that carts and Carriages may travel by the aforesaid way, and this to be done at the sole and proper Cost of the aforesaid Edward. And that afterwards in future the aforesaid way shall be repaired by the inhabitants of the aforesaid Manor, And that they shall be obliged to maintain the aforesaid way and bridge themselves, And if anyone shall do contrary to the obligation, or in contempt of this order, he shall forfeit o----- **£10.**

Likewise the aforesaid Jurors likewise order that each holder of land lying between Dulwich aforesaid and Camberwell **[within]** the jurisdiction of this Court shall mend, and so keep mended, the rustic Stiles and bridges leading from Dulwich as far as the Headland of Blanch downe, with '*the Crosse barre*', or with a foot '*salario*', in English '*a foot stepp*' on either side of the same rustic stile and bridge, And this to be done before the feast of Saint John the Baptist next coming, under penalty for each rustic stile and bridge not by then repaired of o----- **5s.**

Likewise they likewise order that no person or persons shall break the hedges, or carry away the firewood of any inhabitants within the jurisdiction of this Manor, under penalty of forfeiting for each time so offending: o----- **2s.**

Likewise they likewise order that no person or persons shall break the rustic Stiles within the jurisdiction of this Court, under penalty of forfeiting for each occasion of such offending o----- **10s.**

Likewise they likewise order that Matthew Withers shall scour his Ditch lying at the end of his Barn, in Dulwich aforesaid, within the jurisdiction of this Manor, as far as the way leading to Greene= streete there; now, by this Court, it is Ordered ^{that he shall do it} ~~within this time and~~ the feast of Saint Bartholomew next coming, under penalty of forfeiting for each rod thereof not scoured o----- **12d.**

Likewise the aforesaid Jurors say upon their aforesaid oath that Walter Ethersall has not made a conduit, in English 'a *sluce*', in the entrance to his courtyard there, in accordance with the order made at the last Court held for the aforesaid Manor. Therefore he is amerced &c. And now, whereby he forfeits the penalty imposed upon him at 10s, it is ^{further} ordered that the aforesaid Walter shall make his aforesaid conduit, in English 'a *Sluce*', before the twenty-fourth day of August next coming, under penalty of o----- **20s.**

Likewise they likewise present that the aforesaid Walter has not scoured his Ditch from his aforesaid conduit as far as the end of his Garden there, in accordance with the penalty of **2s** imposed upon him in the last Court for each rod under-done, whereby he forfeits 6s. And now at this Court it is ordered, by the aforesaid Jurors, that the aforesaid Walter shall scour his aforesaid ditch before the twenty-fourth day of August next coming, under penalty for each rod which shall not then have been scoured of **2s.**

Likewise they likewise present that the aforesaid Walter has not made a rustic Stile at the end of his Garden there. Therefore he is amerced 2s. And now it is ordered that the aforesaid Walter should make the rustic stile before the twenty-fourth day of August next coming, under penalty of o----- **4s.**

Likewise they likewise present that Samuel Bridges, according to the order made at the last Court, has not scoured his ditch lying there, between certain lands of his and lands of a certain John Cassinghurst, leading to a certain bridge called Howlet's Bridge, as far as the eighteen acres, whereby he forfeits for under-repair 40s. And now it is ordered that the aforesaid Samuell should scour the aforesaid Ditch before the twenty-fourth day of August next coming, under penalty for each rod thereof under-scoured of o----- **2s.**

Likewise it is likewise ordered that Richard Taylboys, gent., will scour a certain Ditch of his opposite a certain garden called Carter's garden there, as far as Lanes pond, before the twenty-fourth day of August next coming, under penalty for each rod thereof under-scoured of o----- **12d.**

Likewise they likewise present that predictus Richard Taylboys forcibly took and carried away certain 'Arenas', in English 'Gravell', which were intended for repairing a certain footpath, in English 'a foote waie', lying there next to Lane's pond. Therefore he is amerced o----- **4s.**

[End of L3 [previously M8] (front). L3 [previously M8] (back) continues below.]

Likewise they likewise present that the aforesaid Richard Taylboys made and extended a certain Ditch around[sic] Lane's pond aforesaid, to the serious detriment of all of the subjects of the said lord King travelling by the aforesaid way. And now it is ordered that the aforesaid Richard shall fill in the aforesaid Ditch before the feast of saint John the Baptist next coming, under penalty of o----- **£5.**

Likewise they likewise present that the aforesaid Richard Taylboys has newly erected a certain 'house' [i.e. a privy], in English 'a house of office', in Dulwiche aforesaid, to the serious annoyance of Thomas Calton, gent., and of all the people of the said lord King who approach the house of the same Thomas Calton. And now it is ordered that the aforesaid Richard shall remove the aforesaid 'house' into another place, before the feast of saint John the Baptist next coming, under penalty of o----- **40s.**

Likewise they likewise present that Robert Bodger threw the Corpse of a certain horse into the High way there leading from Dulwiche as far as Camberwell, to the annoyance of all of the people of the said lord King travelling by the aforesaid way. And now it is ordered that neither the aforesaid Robert nor any other person shall throw or leave any Corpse in the aforesaid way, or within the jurisdiction of this Court in any Ditch next to the High way, under penalty of o----- **10s.**

Likewise they likewise present that Francis Peare, since the last Court and before this Court, violently made an assault upon one John Barrett, servant of John Cassinghurst, and drew blood from the same John [Barrett]. Therefore he is amerced o----- **3s 4d.**

Likewise it is likewise ordered that Walter Bone senior should scour his Ditch at Dulwiche aforesaid, from the Barn of the same Walter as far as the apple orchard of a certain John Staples, in Dulwich aforesaid,

before the feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle next coming, under penalty for each rod thereof x x x
under-scoured of o----- **12d.**

Likewise they likewise present that one [Richard] Steele, gent., has and keeps a certain dangerous Dog, which
a boy within the jurisdiction of this Court there
savagely bit ~~the boy of a certain~~ and the Cattle [^] of various inhabitants in the aforesaid Manor, to the serious
of the lord King
damage of his neighbours and of all the people [^] passing by there. And now it is ordered that the aforesaid [Richard]
Steele should restrain the aforesaid Dog by a Collar [lit. 'hang the aforesaid Dog by the neck!'], or remove the same
Dog, before the twenty-fourth day of the present[sic] Month of May, under penalty of o----- **40s.**

Likewise they likewise present, from the complaint of one John Cassinghurst, that people who come to the
house of victuals [i.e. inn/tavern] of one John Underwood pass water into the ponds, in English '*pondes*', of the
aforesaid John Cassinghurst, putrifying in the aforesaid polluted water. And now it is ordered that the aforesaid
John Underwood should cause a fence to be made around the edge of the aforesaid pond, before the feast of
saint John the Baptist next coming, under penalty of o----- **20s.**

Likewise it is likewise ordered that Samuel Bridges, gent., shall support and maintain his rustic Stiles
leading from his land as far as Greenestreet, within the jurisdiction of this Court, as he was ordered to do by
the Court held there, under penalty of o----- **20s.**

Likewise it is likewise ordered that Robert Starkey and the aforesaid Richard Taylboys, or either one of
them to whom it belongs, should rebuild or pull down a certain greatly-ruined Barn near to or bordering a
certain footpath, in English '*a footwaie*', leading as far as the aforesaid College, being under-repaired, to the
serious danger of all of the subjects of the said lord King passing by the aforesaid barn, before the feast of
saint John the Baptist next coming, under penalty of o----- **£5.**

Likewise it is likewise ordered that all the inhabitants of this Manor, within the jurisdiction of this Court, x x x should ring and tether their pigs and sows before the feast of saint John the Baptist next coming, under penalty for each pig then unringed of o----- **6d.**

Likewise they likewise present that Katherine Collins, widow, the aforesaid Matthew Withers, and Walter Ethersall, did not come with their carts and carriages to repair the High ways at the days constituted for surveys of the High ways. Therefore it is ordered that the aforesaid Katherine, Matthew & Walter should come with their carts and carriages at the ^{fixed} days constituted for surveys of the aforesaid ways before the feast of saint John the Baptist next coming, amongst other things to perform the aforesaid works under penalty for each default thereof of o-----/ **10s.**

*Assessed by the whole of the Jurors and of
respectively
the Homage ^ of the aforesaid manor,
on the above-stated day and year.*

[End of Roll L3 [previously M8].]