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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 L6 [previously M11] (front)

[Tuesday] 11 Apr 1626. N.B. There may be more than one Roll missing between L5 [previously M10] and L6 [previously M11].

Manor
of Dulwich
1626

¶ Legal Court, or View of Frankpledge with Court Baron, of Edward Alleyn, Esquire, held there on the eleventh day of April in the Second Year of the reign of our Lord Charles, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the faith, &c., by Henry Underwood, gentleman, Steward there.

Excuses

¶ M.11.

Constable

¶ John Casinghurst is elected & Sworn to the office of Constable, well & faithfully to discharge the same until &c

Headboroughs

¶ Edmund[sic] Redmond[sic] & William Staple are elected & Sworn to the office of the Headboroughs, well & faithfully to discharge the same until &c

Taster
of Ales

¶ John Bristowe is elected & Sworn to the office of Aleconner, well & faithfully to execute the same until &c.

Jurors for the
Lord King

¶ John Casinghurst
Nicholas Foster
William Mathew
Thomas Downer
Edmund[sic] Redman
Richard Stoughton
George Quarrell

Sworn

¶ William Staple
John Bodger
Walter Bone
Henry Collyns
Thomas Hammon
Daniel Cranwell
Thomas Lane

Sworn

verdict of
the Jurors

Which said Jurors, upon their oath, say & present that Henry Curson was a tenant of the Lord of this Manor, and died after the last Court, And that Edward[sic] Curson, brother of the same Henry, is the nearest heir, and of full age, which said Edward[sic], being then present in Court, made fealty to the Lord, & was admitted tenant thereof, in accordance with the custom of the aforesaid Manor &c

And further they present that Robert Starkey, Robert Bodger, Walter Hethersall, Thomas Hamon, Samuel Bridges, Richard Pere[sic, Pare], Henry Kingsland, William Lawton, John Bissick, William Sharpe, Henry Mathew, Thomas Stevens, Thomas Foxe, William Collyns, Roger Hayman, John Starkey, & Nicholas Bodger are residents & dwellers within the aforesaid Manor, & owe suit of Court, & make default. Therefore each of them is amerced, as appears over their heads &c.

And further they present that Favor Fox, inhabiting within the aforesaid Manor, sold Ale by the quart, in English 'by the quart', at the rate & price for each quart of one penny & one halfpenny [i.e. 1½d]. Therefore he is amerced at six shillings & eight pence &c.

And further they present that Walter Hethersall, being previously summoned to lay a conduit, in English 'a Sluce' at the gate of his house, for the passage of water, in English 'for the passage of the water', And he has not done the same, Therefore he is amerced six shillings & eight pence &c.

And further they present that the aforesaid Walter Hethersall sold Ale by unlawful measures. Therefore he is amerced at three shillings & four pence &c.

And further they present that one Theodorus Owle of Lambeth, Baker, sold bread within the aforesaid Manor lacking size & weight, in English 'without the Assize and weight', Therefore he is amerced at thirteen shillings & four pence &c.

And further they present that Favor Foxe receives, in English 'doth enterteine' neighbours' servants in his house, whereby their masters are greatly impaired. Therefore he is amerced at six shillings & eight pence.

William Mathews is Ordered to scour his ditch in Croxted lane belonging to a certain piece of land called Great Borns, from the upper slough, in English 'the upper slowghe' in the same lane, as far as the great slough there, before the feast of saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty for each rod unscoured, in English 'left undone', of 12d.

Samuel Bridges is Ordered to scour his ditch in the lane called Croxted lane, from the great slough there called 'the great Slowghe' as far as the common drain called 'the common sewer' in a certain parcel of land called Little

Bornes, for taking water away from the same slough into the common drain there, before the said feast of saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty for each rod unscoured, in English '*left undone*', of 12d.

order with penalty Robert Starkye is Ordered to scour his ditch next to his House, opposite a certain place called Brockwell's Greene, from the house of one William Francklyn as far as the common sewer there, before the feast of saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty for each rod unscoured, in English '*left undone*', of 12d.

order with penalty [Blank] Hedly, widow, is Ordered to scour her ditch called '*the foote pathe ditche*' in a certain place there called Blanch=
to
downe, from the pond there called '*the fowle slade*' in the lane, ^ the pond, in English '*to the pond*', in the end of the close there called Long Close, but Also to scour her ditch under the meadow called Addington Meade, for taking water away from the pond there, so that the aforesaid lane be not flooded with water, before the feast of the Nativity of saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty of 10s.

order with penalty Walter Hethersoll is Ordered to repair the lane leading as far as the Stile at the end of his apple-orchard, so that his neighbours might come dry, in English '*might come drye*', to the Stile in wintertime, in English '*in wynter tyme*', and to make a Stile in his Close in the lane leading as far as Greenstrete, before the feast of the Nativity of saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty of 10s.

order with penalty William Mathew is Ordered to make a Stile outside the lane leading as far as his Close, towards the aforesaid Walter Hethersoll's Stile, and to make one other Stile at the end of his Close leading as far as Greenstreete, with a bridge over the ditch, whereby neighbours & inhabitants of the Lord King may avoid the foul lane there, before the feast of the Nativity of saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty of 10s.

order with penalty Walter Hethersoll is Ordered to lay a conduit, ^{in English} ^ '*a Sluce*', at the gate of his house, for the passage of water, in English '*for the passage of the water*', before the last day of September next to come, under penalty of 13s 4d.

Favor Foxe is Ordered that neither he nor any other Victualler within the aforesaid Manor shall receive, in English '*shall*
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enterteyne' in their houses, by day or night, any servants of their neighbours, under penalty ^ each Infracion of forfeiting

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to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor II-----I 10s.

[End of L6 [previously M11] (front). L6 [previously M11] (back) continues below.]

Roll L6 [previously M11] (back) [Tuesday] 11 Apr 1626 (continued).

M11v

Order It is Ordered by the Court that if any Baker shall sell any bread within the aforesaid Manor lacking weight & Assize, that then each Baker so offending shall forfeit to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor II----- 6s 8d.

Order And it is further ordered that John Bristowe, Aleconner, shall once in fourteen days weigh the bread of Bakers, & receive notice of the same in writing, not only of the weight of the same bread, but also of the price of the grain he sells or is selling, under penalty for each Infraction of forfeiting to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor II----- 3s 4d.

order with penalty Daniel Cramway[sic, Cranwell] is Ordered to repair his Curtilege, in English '*his Hog yarde*', & to Keep the same clean & dry, in English '*cleane & drye*', so that his neighbours be not offended with the stench thereof, before the feast of the Nativity of saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty of II----- 5s.

Sworn to allegiance ¶ Robert Barrett, John Barre, Edmund[sic] Curson, & Thomas Steevens, were Sworn to their allegiance.

Total of perquisites of this Court II-----I 40s 8d

by Henry Underwood, Steward.



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