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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**.

Roll L8

[N.B. This Roll was previously named O2.]

Roll L8 [previously O2] (front)

[Tuesday] 9 October, 1627.

O 2

**Manor of  
Dulwich**

¶ **Legal Court** Or View of Frank pledge, with Court Baron, of the Master, Warden, Fellowship, Brothers, Sisters & Scholars of the College 'Of Gods gyft' in Dulwich, in the County of Surrey, held on the ninth day of October in the Third year of the reign of Lord Charles, by the grace of god King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the faith &c by Henry Underwood, gent., Steward there, &c.  
1627 .

**Essoins**

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**Constable**

¶ John Casingherst, in place of Edmund Redman who was elected, is sworn to the aforesaid office, faithfully to execute until &c,

**Headboroughs**

¶ Richard Perry & John Grafton are elected & Sworn to the aforesaid office, faithfully to execute until &c.

**Taster** of Ales

¶ Thomas Ellis is elected & Sworn to the aforesaid office, faithfully to execute until &c.

**Jurors**

for the Lord King

¶ John Casinghurst		} Sworn
Nicholas Foster		
Thomas Downer		
William Mathews		
Favor Foxe		
Edmund Redman		
Robert Bodger		

¶ John Bodger		} Sworn
William Staple		
Robert Starky		
Thomas Hammon		
Henry Collyns		
William Mathewe		

**verdict**  
of the Jury

amercement II-----  
£4 6s 8d

Which said Jurors, upon their oath, say & present that Theodore Owle & John Walter of Lambeth, Bakers, because they sold within the aforesaid Manor wheaten bread lacking assize thirteen times, contrary to the form of the statute, Therefore for the several offences they are amerced in II----- £4 6s 8d.

amercement II--- 40s

And further they present that Edward Kyppin keeps a victualling house within the aforesaid manor without a licence granted to him; he was presented at the last Court for the same. Therefore he is amerced in II----- 40s.

order with penalty

¶ John Apleton is ordered to cleanse his ditch in the lane called Croxted lane, from the wallow there called the 'Sloughe' in the same lane, as far as the common stream called the 'common sewer', so that water in the same x x wallow there may flow through, before the twenty-fourth day of June next to come, under penalty, for each rod x then & there undone, to forfeit to the Lord II----- 12d.

order with penalty

¶ William Lawton is ordered to make adequate his hedges/fences against the Common, so that the cattle of his neighbours may not stray into his land, before the twenty-fifth day of March next to come, under penalty, for each rod undone, to forfeit to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor ----- 12d.

order with penalty

to make,  
¶ The Inhabitants of the aforesaid Manor are ordered  $\wedge$  in such a place within the aforesaid Manor as they shall think convenient, one adequate pair of boundary-posts, before the feast of the Ascension of the Lord next to come, under penalty of II----- 40s.

order with penalty

¶ Each of the inhabitants of the aforesaid Manor, upon given summons, is ordered to work, or place workmen, for making the aforesaid boundary-posts, before the aforesaid[?] feast of Pentecost next to come, under penalty, for each default, to forfeit to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor II----- 12d.

order with penalty

¶ The Inhabitants of the aforesaid Manor are ordered to use and practise the art of archery, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor for each month lacking practice II-----6s 8d.

Assessors Thomas Downer  
&  
William Mathewe } Sworn

Total perquisites of this Court ||-----| £6 - 6s - 8d

Executed by Henry Underwood, Steward



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