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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 L9

[N.B. This Roll was previously named O1.]

Roll L9 [previously O1] (front)

[Tuesday] 21 April, 1629.

O1

Manor of Dulwich

¶ **Legal Court** Or View of Frank pledge with Court Baron there held on the twenty-first day of April in the Fifth year of the reign of the 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.

Essoins

¶ [blank]

Constable

¶ Robert Starkey **is** elected & Sworn in the aforesaid office, faithfully to execute until &c.

Headboroughs

¶ Edmund Curson & Nicholas Michell **are** elected & Sworn in the aforesaid office, faithfully to execute until &c.

Aleconners

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

Jurors
for the Lord King

¶ John Casinghurst
Thomas Downer
William Mathews
Favor Foxe
Robert Starkey
John Duffell
Edmund Curson

Sworn

Richard Staughton .
Walter Bone .
William Staple .
Nicholas Mitchell
John Bristowe.
Richard Perrye &
Thomas Holman .

Sworn

verdict
of the Jury

¶ **Which said Jurors**, upon their oath, say & present in manner & form following, §
that is to say: we find That John Appleton, gent., was at the last Court pained to –
cleanse his ditch in Croxted lane, from the great slough in the lane, to the common
sewer, for the conveying of the water out of the said lane, before the 24th day of

7s.

June last past, upon pain of 12d for every rod undone by the said day, which, -- because it was not done by the day, we amerce him, that is to say for seven rods undone § _____

And we further pain him, or his tenant, to cleanse the said ditch according § to the former order, before the 29th day of September next coming, on pain pain of § _____ = 14s.

We further [pain] the said John Appleton, or his tenant, to cleanse their ditch, § that is the common sewer, twenty rods from the said lane into their own ground, for the emptying of the water out of the lane, and to hang a -- water-gate at the coming-in of the water out of the lane, and to lay -- a more sufficient bridge over the sewer, before the twenty-ninth day of -- September next ensuing, Upon pain of § _____ = 40s

Also, we present William Stapley, one of the Jury, for being drunk upon the § Court Day, so that he became unserviceable to this Court; Wherefore we do amerce him in § _____ = 2s 6d.

Also, we present John Scrivenor for selling his beer and ale above § the rate of a penny a quart, to the injuring of the neighbours & others, Wherefore we amerce him in § _____ = 10s.

Also, we present the said John Scrivenor for keeping a disordered howse, § insofar as he permits the neighbours who so wish to continue their --- drinking, and to be drunk, & men's children and servants to be there by night and day, drinking, swearing, & sometimes to be together by the x x eares[sic,?eaves]; wherefore we amerce him in § _____ = 20s.

Also, we present Phillip [blank], a Baker of Newington, for selling §
bread within this Manor under the true weight and assize of bread, §
which being ten sundry times weighed and was always found too
light; Wherefore we amerce him in § _____ 40s.

Also, we present[sic, order] Lawrence Brimley[sic, Brinley] to lay a §
bridge at the stile going over out of Great Woodsire into his own ground,
and to make stiles in the Church path more decent and fitting through
his ground, before the twenty-ninth day of December next ensuing,
upon pain of § _____ 6s 8d.

Also, we order that John Duffin shall mend his stiles in the church §
paths, in the like manner, & by the said day, upon pain of § _____ 3s 4d.

Also, we likewise order that John Duffin shall cleanse his ditch in §
Blanch downe, from the slade in the foot-path, to the stile at the ---
pond end, six rods from the stile under Addington meade hedge, to -- §
carry the water out of the path, to be done before the twenty-ninth day
of September, upon pain for every rod then undone § _____ 12d.

Also, we further ordain that he shall lay a bridge over the slade, before §
the said day, upon pain of § _____ 3s 4d.

Also, we order that Robert Bodger shall cleanse his ditch at Ashpoole §
end, from the corner of yeoman Batte's land, twelve rods beyond the --
turning up to the hill, to be done before the 29th day of September -- §
next ensuing, upon pain for every rod undone of _____ 12d.

Also, we order that John Duffin shall cleanse his ditch at the hedge §
of Butcher's Field, until it comes to Thomas Hammon's ditch, to carry
the water out of the high-way, to be done before the 29th day of --- 12d.
September next ensuing, upon pain for every rod then undone ---
of §

Also, we order that Thomas Hammon shall cleanse his ditch, §
from the end of his orchard, and twelve rods downwards towards -- -- [blank]
Ashpoole end, to be done before the twenty-ninth day of September --
next, upon pain for every rod undone §

Also, we order that Walter Hethersall shall cleanse his ditch, from §
the upper slough in the high-way towards Thomas Hammon's, to his own
door, before the 29th day of September next ensuing, upon pain for
every rod then undone § 12d.

[End of L9 [previously O1] (front). L9 [previously O1] (back) follows below.]

And we further order that the said Walter Hethersall shall cleanse § his ditch at the end of his orchard, to the stile over against Mr Mathewe's barn, and that he shall mend his foot-path to the stile, before the said day, upon pain of § _____ 3s 4d.

Also, we order that the widow Barrett shall make a fence § against the pond in the foot-path at the end of her house, to -- -- defend the passers-by from the danger of the pond, before the 29th day of September next coming, upon pain of § _____ 3s 4d.

Also, we order that John Scrivenor shall open the ditch behind his § house and give the water passage, as it had before, to be done before the 29th day of September next, on pain of § _____ 12d.

Also, we order that he shall cleanse his ditch in front of the house, from Edmond Curson's ditch as far as his ground goes towards --- Nicholas Michell's ground, before the aforesaid day, upon pain for every rod then undone of § _____ 12d.

Also, we order that the widow Kinge and Thomas Fox shall cleanse § so much of the same ditch as belongs to the othe[*sic, ?other's*] ground, by -- the same day, upon pain for every rod then undone § _____ 12d.

Also, we order that John Appleton, or his Tenant, to *[sic, shall]* §
cleanse their ditch over against the College wall, from the end of
their pale, to the stile against the pond, to be done before the - = 12d
29th day of September next ensuing, upon pain for every rod then
undone §

Also, we order that the widow Quarrell shall mend her bridge, §
and give the water passage, before the 29th day of September next - = 2s 6d.
coming, upon pain of §

Also, we order that Henry Hutchins shall cleanse his ditch §
against the widow Quarrell's yard, and to make a water-gate -- = 6s 8d.
at the end of the barn, to give passage to the water, that their
houses be not overflowed, to be done before the 29th day of ---
September next, upon pain of §

Also, we present William Lawton, for driving some of the Inhabitants'
Cattle out of the Manor, and impounding them in another Manor,
contrary to an ancient order of this Court, that is: That no
Inhabitant of this Manor should impound in another Manor, the = 5s.
trespass being committed in this Manor, upon pain of Ten
shillings; wherefore we doe amerce him §

Also, we present Edward Kippin, for inclosing part of the Lord's §
Common, and therefore do order that he shall lay the same open again = 40s.
before the first day of August next ensuing, upon pain of

Also, we present Robert Bodger, for absenting himself from the §
Lord's Court, warning being given to him, therefore we amerce – = 2s.
him in § _____

Also, we present John Bodger, for absenting himself from the §
Lord's Court, warning being given to him; therefore we amerce him – = 12d.
in § _____

Also, we present that all the inhabitants of this Manor within §
the compass of the law, in that they were presented at the last --
Court to provide themselves with bows & arrows, and to use the --
same according to the proclamation set forth by his Majesty, but -- = [blank]
they have not done so; wherefore we amerce them, and every
one of them which had notice given them of the presentment,
in § _____

And we further order that every inhabitant within this §
Manor and within the compass of the law, shall provide for
themselves and, such as have families, for them and their
families, bows and arrows, before the 29th day of August next, = [blank]
and shall use the same accordingly, upon pain for every
default committed against the law provided in that case § _____

Also, we present Robert Freinde of Lambeth, Brewer, §
for selling beer and ale within this Manor at above the
rate of eight shillings a barrel; wherefore we amerce him
in § [blank]

{	Assessors	John Casinghurst	}	Sworn
		Richard Staughton		
		Thomas Downer		
		Thomas Hammond		

Total perquisites §
of this Court § } £4 - 7s - 6d.

Executed by Henry Underwood, Steward

[in a later hand, in pencil :]

1627

[End of Roll L9 [previously O1].]