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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 L10

[N.B. This Roll was previously named N1.]

Roll L10 [previously N1] (front)

[Wednesday] 13 Oct 1630.

N1

Manor of Dulwich }

¶ **Legal Court** or View of Frankpledge, with Court Baron, held on the thirteenth day of October in the Sixth 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, gent., Steward there, &c.

Essoins ¶

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Constable

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

Hedborows

¶ Johannes Scrivenor }
¶ Ricardus Crayne } are elected & Sworn in the aforesaid office, faithfully to execute until &c.

Taster of Ales

¶ John[sic, James] Decon is elected & Sworn in the aforesaid office, faithfully to execute until &c.

Jurors for the Lord King

¶ James Nelham
John Casinghurst
William Franklyn
Favor Foxe
John Duffild
Edmund Redman
Robert Starkey

Sworn

¶ John Bodger
John Scrivenor
Henry Collins
Thomas Hammon
Edmund Curson
William Mathew
William Collins

Sworn

verdict
of the Jurors

¶ **Which said** Jurors, upon their oath, say & present in manner & form following, namely : - II-
We find that John Apleton gent was pained at a court held in April 1629 to cleanse his ditch in
Croxted lane, from the great Slough in the said lane to the common sewer, for the conveying
of the water of the said lane, which should have been done before the 24th day of June then
next following, which, because it was not done, we amerce him in II-----

7s.

amercement

amercement

Also, we find likewise that the said John Apleton was pained afterwards to cleanse the II-----
the *[sic]* said ditch before the twenty-ninth day of September then next following, which,
because it was not done, therefore we amerce him in II-----

14s.

amercement

Also, we present that the said John Apleton was pained for to cleanse the common II-----
Sewer, twenty rods from the aforesaid lane into his own ground, for avoiding the water out
of the lane, and to lay a more sufficient bridge over the Sewer, and to hang a water gate x
at the coming-in of the water out of the lane, which, because it was not done before the
twenty-ninth x day of September 1630, therefore we amerce him in II-----

40s.

order with penalty

Also, we do order that the said John Apleton shall hang a watergate at the coming-in II-----
of the water out of Croxted lane, and to cleanse the water Sewer twenty rods down there,
on ground sufficiently *[?]* to receive the water down the Sewer, before the first day of
February next, on pain of II-----

£3

amercement

Also, we present that the said John Apleton was pained to make and cleanse his ditch, II-----
from the end of the College pale, to the stile over against the pound, x
before the twenty-ninth day of September 1629, which, because it was not done, therefore
we amerce him II-----

8s.

order with penalty **Also**, we order That Sir Henry Compton, knight, shall cleanse his ditch, from the Il-----
great Slough in Croxted lane to the water sewer, before the fourth day of x x } 40s.
May next, on pain of -----

order with penalty **Also**, we further order that the said Sir Henry Compton shall lay a more sufficient bridge Il-----
over the water Sewer, before the twentieth day of December next, upon pain of ----- } 40s.

order with penalty **Also**, we further order order[sic] that the said Sir Henry Compton shall make & Il-----
x x x cleanse his ditch, from the north end of John Casinghurst's ground near x x x } 2s.
to the College, to their orchard end, before the first day of January next, upon x x x
pain for every Rod then undone -----

order with penalty **Also**, we further order that the said Sir Henry Compton shall hang a watergate at Il-----
the coming-in of the water at his orchard end, next to the high way, before the 20th day } 40s.
of December next, upon pain of -----

order with penalty **Also**, we further order that the said Sir Henry Compton shall cleanse & make Il-----
his ditch from the aforesaid watergate, or coming-in of the water, to Thomas Downer's x x } 5s.
ground called Newlandes, five foot wide & four foot deep, before the tenth day of March x
next, Upon pain for every rod then undone -----

amercement **Also**, we finde that Henry Huchinson was pained to hang a watergate against -----
the widow Quarrell's barn, which, because it was not done, Therefore we amerce him x } 6s.
in -----

order with penalty

Also, we order that the said Henry Huchinson shall hang a watergate in the II-----
said place before the twentieth day of December next, upon pain of ----- } 20s.

Also, we order that the said Henry Huchinson shall make his hedge accordingly as the II-----
Jury has set it out between John Casinghurst and himself, before the 20th day of March x x } £4.
next, upon pain of -----

[End of L10 [previously N1] (front). L10 [previously N1] (back) follows below.]

Roll L10 [previously N1] (back)

[Wednesday] 13 Oct 1630 (continued).

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Also, we find that John Dulfien was pained to cleanse his ditch, at the upper end of II-----
Butcher's x x x Field to Thomas Hammon's ground, before the 29th day of September } 4s.
1629, which, because it was not done, therefore we amerce him in -----

Also, we find that Robert Bodger was pained to cleanse and make his ditch, from II-----
yeoman Batt's ground, twelve poles beyond the turning of the Corner, which was not done x } 8s.
then. therefore we amerce him in -----

Also, we order that Nicholas Bodger & Robert Bodger shall cleanse the aforesaid ditch II-----
from yeoman Batte's ground to the corner, before the second day of February next, x x } 2s.
upon pain for every Rod then undone -----

Also, we order that Thomas Downer shall cleanse and make his ditch, from the upper li-
end of Newlandes till it be eighteen rods down against the Eighteene Acres, five foot x x
wide, & four foot deep, & three foot wide in the bottom, before the tenth day [of] March x x
next, upon pain for every Rod then left undone ----- } 5s.

Also, we further order that the said Thomas Downer shall cleanse and make his li-
ditch from the Master's field to Mr Gibbons' ground, four foot wide, & three foot x
deep, and not to dam the water (as it has been heretofore) at the gate way to
hinder the water's passage, before the 28th day of December next, upon pain for
every Rod then left undone ----- } 2s.

Also, we do order that they which are the owners of the lands called Newlandes shall keep &
maintain a good sufficient ditch, for the water to pass in from time to time, so ought [?] x
as need shall require.

Also, we do order that [Robert] Gibbines shall cleanse & make his ditch against Lane's
pond, & so to John Bodger's ground, four foot wide and three foot deep, to receive the water
out of the high way, before the 28th day of December next, upon pain for every rod then
undone ----- } 2s.

Also, we do order that William Frincklin[sic] shall cleanse his ditch from his barne to John
Bodger's ground, before the first day of March next, upon pain for every rod left undone ----- } 2s.

Also, we order that the said William Frincklin shall cleanse his ditch between John Bodger & himself before the 28th day of December next, on pain for every Rod then undone ----- } 2s.

Also, we further order that the said William Frincklin shall have a bridge where it has been used [to be], and that he lay his stile open, & lay a bridge over the ditch as it has been used heretofore to be, before the twentieth day of December next, upon pain of ----- } 12s.

Also, we order that Walter Hethersoll shall cleanse his ditch, from the upper end next next[sic] to Thomas Hammonde, near to the stile, and so all along till it comes to William x x Frinckline's barn, before the first day of Aprill next, on pain for every rod then undone ----- } 2s.

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Also, we find that James [blank] has hung a great gate upon the Lord's demesnes of the manor in Croxted lane. Therefore we order that the said James shall take away his gate, & clearly lay the aforesaid lane open, as it has been in former time, before the x 16th day of June next coming, on pain of ----- } £10

Also, we order That John Apleton & his tenants shall allow Thomas Downer to take one foot in breadth all along out of their own ground, by his ditch side, from the upper end of Newland to the common sewer, without any molestation, upon pain of ----- } £10

Also, we do order that the Widow Foster shall set & make her hedge according as the Jury has set it out between Edmund Redman and herself, before the 20th day of March -- next, upon pain of ~~every~~ ----- } £3

Also, we order that William Frincklin, John Barrett, and Richard Treadgold, shall make their hedge & ditch in the lower field between the Widow Bone and themselves, before the 16th day of January next, upon pain for every Rod then undone ----- } 2s.

Also, it is ordered by the said Court that John Casinghurst and John Duffyn, Surveyors of the high ways, shall see that the foot path leading from the College to the Churchyard be x sufficiently repaired & amended, for the better passage of the inhabitants dwelling there, before the eighth day of January next coming, upon pain of ----- } 10s.

Also, we present Croxted lane, from the common sewer bridge in the aforesaid lane to Brockholle's Greene, to be a party lane. ----- }



Also, we present That from Brockholle's bridge to the corner of Deasy hill, that lane so far to be a party lane, and again the same lane, from the corner of Hockly Hill East to the ^{west} corner of the land which the Founder of the College purchased from Sir Edward Duke, also to be a party lane. }

Also, we present one Darcy, gent., being a resident within the said Manor, and being solemnly summoned by the Steward of the court to do his suit & service, In contempt of the said Court refused to declare his Christian name, therefore he is fined *[sic]* at ----- } £3 6s.

Also, we present these persons hereunder written, for neglecting their service in the high ways with their carts this present year 1630, namely Thomas Downer & Henry Downer x x x for six days, William Francklyn for six days, Nicholas Bodger & Robert Bodger for four days, James Nelham for three days, William Staple for two days, Robert Starkey for one day, Favor Fox for ----- }

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two days, John Duffen for four days, John Casinghurst for two days. Wherefore we do
order that every cart shall do ^{all} their days' work that is here presented, before the 24th
day of May next ^{or} at whatsoever time the College shall call them for their said days' work, upon
pain for every day's work then refused to be done -----

10s.

[End of Roll L10 [previously N1]. This Court record is continued on Roll L11 [previously N2].]