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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 L12 [N.B. This Roll was previously named P.]

Roll L12 [previously P] (front) [Thursday] 6 Oct 1631.

1631

P

**Manor of Dulwich** } ¶ Legal Court or View of Frankpledge, with Court Baron, held there on the sixth day of October, in the Seventh Year of the reign of Lord Charles, by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of the faith by Henry Underwood gentleman Steward there.

**Essoins** ¶ [blank]

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

**Headboroughs** ¶ John Scrivenor & Richard Crayne are elected & Sworn in the aforesaid office, well & faithfully to execute until &c.

**Taster of Ales** ¶ James Deacon is elected & Sworn in the aforesaid office, well & faithfully to execute until &c.

**Jurors for the Lord King** ¶ **John Casinghurst II** James Nelham Robert Starkey Edmund Redman Henry Collyns Favor Foxe II } Sworn

¶ Paul Baxter II John Scryvenor William Staples Edmund Curson William Mathewe John Bodger II } Sworn

**verdict of the Jury** ¶ Which said Jurors, upon their oath, say & present in manner & form following, that is to say:

¶ **First**, we present That Henry Hutchenson, being a Tenant to the College, was at the last Court pained in twenty shillings to hang a watergate in his ditch at the end of the Widow Quarrell's barn, to give passage to the water that usually overflows her yard and outhousing, before the twentieth day of December then following, But because it was not done, Therefore we amerce him in -----

amercement II--20s

**Also**, we further order that the said Henry Hutchenson shall hang a watergate in the afore- said place, according to the former order, before the 24th day of June next coming, upon pain of -----

order with penalty

**Also**, we present that the said Henry Hutchenson was at the last Court pained in Four pounds to make and set his hedges betweene his own grounds and the grounds that John Casinghurst holds next to his, in their ancient & former places, as the Jury did then set them out, to be done before the twentieth day of March then next ensuing, But because it was not done, therefore we amerce him in -----

amercement II--£4

**Also**, we further order That the said Henry Hutchenson shall set and make his hedges in their ancient places, according to the former order, before the twentieth day of April next coming, upon pain of -----

order with penalty

**Also**, we order that John Appleton, gent., shall hang a watergate in the end of his ditch, at the corner of his orchard, to give passage to the water that used to overflow the high ways, to be done before the twenty-fourth day of June next coming, upon pain of -----

order with penalty

**Also**, we order That Robert Glover and Richard Tredgould shall lay a more sufficient bridge over the Common sewer, between their fields called the little Bornes, in the place where the Bridge now lies, and to set a rail to the bridge, for the safety of the passers-by, to be done before the twenty-fifth day of January next, upon pain of -----

order with penalty

order with penalty **Also**, we further order that the said Robert Glover and Richard Tredgould shall cleanse the aforesaid Common sewer from the aforesaid bridge twenty rods long, between their fields, and shall hang a watergate at or under the bridge, to give way to the water that comes out of the lane, to be done before the twenty-fourth day of June next coming, upon pain of ----- } £3 6s 8d

order with penalty **Also**, we order that the aforesaid Robert Glover shall cleanse his ditch in Croxted lane, from the great slough in the lane to the Common sewer at the aforesaid bridge, to convey the water out of the slough, to be done before the twenty-fourth day of June next, upon pain for every rod then undone ----- } 2s.

order with penalty **Also**, we order That Walter Ethersall shall clense his ditch, from the stile over Il-- against Thomas Hammond's orchard, to the stile over against Favor Foxe's barn, in all the needful places, to be done before the second day of February next ensuing, upon pain for every rod then undone ----- } 2s

order with penalty **Also**, we order That Richard Tredgould shall cleanse his ditch, from the going in of Il-- the way to his ground, at the end of John Casinghurst's ground, to the new ditch at the end of the College wall, to be done before the second day of February next coming, upon pain to pay for every rod then undone ----- } 2s

 order with penalty **Also**, we order That Edmund Curson shall make his hedges between Edmund Redman's ground & his own, ten rods from the place where their hedges are divided, sufficient to keep the said Edmund Redman harmless, to be done before the fifteenth day of January next, upon pain, ~~of~~ for every rod then undone, to pay ----- } 3s 4d

order with penalty **Also**, we further order that the said Edmund Curson shall make all the rest of his hedges, Il-- from the said ten rods, round about his ground, to the high way, and shall cleanse all his ditches belonging to the same, and shall hang a watergate in the end of the ditch at the going out into the lane, to be done before the twentieth day of April next, upon pain of Il----- } £3 6s 8d

**Also**, we present William Cruffe, Baker, for selling his bread to the victuallers within this Manor below the assize and weight of bread, to the injuring of the inhabitants } 40s.  
we  
amercement II—40s of this Manor ; for which <sup>we</sup> do amerce him to pay to the lords of this Manor :

**Also**, we present Walter Ethersall, Alehouse keeper, for keeping a very disordered house, permitting the neighbours who so wish, and also men's servants, to continue there by day and by night, contrary to the law in that case provided, drinking & dis- } 10s  
amercement II—40s ordering themselves ; for which we do amerce him to pay to the Lord of the Manor :

**Also**, we present Nicholas Mitchell, for harbouring in his house one Anne Fielde, who is great with child, and unmarried, to the ill example of the inhabitants, and to the damage of the Lordship ; for which we do order and enjoin the said Nicholas } 10s  
forthwith  
Mitchell <sup>^</sup> to remove the said Anne Fielde from the Lordship, & not to receive her  
order with penalty again into his house, or any part of the Lordship, at any time hereafter, upon pain of

Assessor(s), &c

Total perquisites of this Court II-----I £7 10s

Examined by Henry Underwood, Steward there 

[End of L12 [previously P] (front). L12 [previously P] (back) follows below.]

L12 [previously P] (back)

[and, in a later hand :]

from  
1626  
to  
1631

*White Cross Street &c  
in y<sup>e</sup> Manor of  
Finsbury*

Crowchmans  


[End of Roll L12 [previously P].]