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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 L13 [N.B. This Roll was previously named Q.]

Roll L13 [previously Q] (front) [Wednesday] 1 May 1633.

Q

View of Frank pledge with Court Baron there, started and held on Wednesday, the first day of May, in the Ninth Year of the reign of our Lord Charles, now king of England, &c, by Thomas Edgar, Esq., Steward there.

Manor of Dulwiche

Jurors for the King

John Casinghurst	}	Sworn	John Duffin	}	Sworn
Edward[sic] Redman			Nicholas Michill		
William Staple			John Barrett		
Thomas Hamond			Robert Starkye		
Edward[sic] Cursone			Henry Collens &		
James Nelham			Robert Kingsland		

6s 8d

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Firstly, the aforesaid Jurors say upon their oath that Henry Downes[sic], Thomas Downes[sic], and Richard Tredgould are Tithingmen who residents within the purview of this View of Frank Pledge aforesaid, and at this day (as they were warned in lawful manner) make default nevertheless they and each of them make default. Therefore each of them is amerced, as appears over their head.

20s

Aleconner **Also**, they present that John Scrivener, by his wife, is a common tippler of ale, and sells ale by illegal measures, and breaks amercement the Assize. Therefore he is amerced, as appears over his head.

Overloaded the Common unjustly. amercement **Also**, they present that Paul Baxter, one of the inhabitants in the purview of this Leet, wrongfully overburdened the Common of the aforesaid Manor, within the aforesaid View of Frank Pledge, with sheep of others unknown, not resident within this Leet, for the personal gain of the said Paul taken therefor, for and during winter-time last past. Therefore he is amerced -----2s 6d.

Amercement **Also**, they present that James Nelham, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one year last past, did not work in the High-ways with his two carts for six days, or any of them. Therefore he is amerced ---- £6.

Amercement **Also**, they present that Thomas Downer, inhabiting within the purview of this leet for the space of one year last past, did not work in the High-ways with his cart for six days, or any of them. Therefore he is amerced ---- £3.

Amercement **Also**, they present that Favor Fox, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one year last past, did not work in the High-ways there with his cart for five days, or any of them. Therefore he is amerced ----- £2 10s.

Amercement **Also**, they present that John Casinghurst, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one year last past, not work in the High-ways there with his cart for four days, or any of them. Therefore he is amerced ----- £2.

Amercement **Also**, they present that John Duffin, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one year last past, did not work in the high-ways there with his cart for two days, or either of them. Therefore he is amerced -- £1.

Amercement **Also**, they present that Nicholas Bodger, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one year last past, did not work in the High-ways there for two days, or either of them, with his cart. Therefore he is amerced -- £1.

Amercement **Also**, they present that William Staple, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one year ^{last} past, did not work in the high-ways there for two days, or either of them, with his cart. Therefore he is amerced -- £1.

Amercement **Also**, they present that Robert Starkey, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one year last past, did not work in the High-ways there for two days, or either of them, with his cart. Therefore he is amerced -- £1.

Amercement **Also**, they present that Paul Baxter, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one year now last past, lacked the work of one workman in repairing the High-ways there for four days, and each of them. Therefore he is amerced — 4s.

Amercement **Also**, they present that John Glover, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one whole year last past, lacked the work of one workman in repairing the High-ways there for four days, and each of them. Therefore he is amerced – 4s.

Amercement **Also**, they present that Walter Ethersall, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one whole year last past, lacked the work of one workman in repairing the high-ways for six days, and each of them. Therefore he is amerced – 6s.

Amercement **Also**, they present that Thomas Elles, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one whole year last past, lacked the work of one workman in repairing the High-ways for four days, and each of them. Therefore he is amerced – 4s.

Amercement **Also**, they present that John Underwood, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one whole year last past, lacked the work of one workman in repairing the High-ways for four days, and each of them. Therefore he is amerced – 4s.

Amercement **Also**, they present that John Scrivener, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one whole year last past, lacked the work of one workman in repairing the High-ways for two days, and each of them. Therefore he is amerced --- 2s.

Amercement **Also**, they present that James Deacon, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one whole year last past, lacked the work of one workman in repairing the High-ways for two days, and each of them. Therefore he is amerced --- 2s.

Amercement **Also**, they present that Edward Redman, inhabiting within the purview of this Leet for the space of one whole year last past, lacked the work of one workman in repairing the High-ways for one day. Therefore he is amerced ----- 12d.

Office of Constable **Also**, the aforesaid Head Pledges elected Thomas Hamond, one of the residents within the purview of this Leet, to the office of Constable, to exercise and execute the same there, who being now present in Court, undertook his Bodily Oath to execute that office well and faithfully &c.

Office of -----
Headborough **And likewise** they elected Hugh Bolton and Nicholas Bodger, two of the residents within the purview of this Leet, to hold in Court, the office of Headborough there, who being now present ^ both of them were Sworn separately and respectively well and faithfully to exercise and execute that office there, &c.

Office of
Aleconner **And likewise** they elected Thomas Stephens, one of the residents ^ within the purview of this Leet, to hold the office of Aleconner there, who being now present in Court, undertook his Bodily Oath to exercise and execute that office in a good and faithful manner &c.

Firstly, it is ordered that Paul Baxter, one of the residents within the purview of this Leet, should make and hang one watergate in the watercourse next to his close, at the north end of Hugh Bolton's barn, for the better evacuation of water flowing out there, before the twenty-first day of this June, under pain of 20s.

And Likewise, the same Paul Baxter is ordered to place a post on his side of the ditch, for hanging one end of the aforesaid gate, before the same twenty-first day of this June, under pain of – 5s.

And Likewise, the same Paul Baxter is ordered to make and adequately scour his ditch next to his close, ten rods in length, from the said watergate, thence into a certain field next adjoining, so that water flowing out of Hugh Bolton' forecourt, into the said ditch there, will not be obstructed, before the first day of July next to come, under pain for each rod thereof not by then done by him ----- 2s.

Also, Likewise, it is ordered that Edmund Corsens and John Scrivener, two inhabitants within the purview of this Leet, should make and hang one watergate in the watercourse in the upper end of their close called Wateringes, next to Edmund Redman's close, and that it be done before the last day of August next to come, under pain of ---- 10s.

Likewise also it is ordered that Richard Tredgould, an inhabitant within the purview of this leet, should scour his ditch from the end of John Casinghurst's close opposite land of Dulwich College, as far as the end of his garden, and that it be done before the first day of September next to come under pain for each rod not by then done by him ---- 12d.

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Likewise, it is also ordered that Richard Tredgould should make and hang one watergate in the watercourse at the east end of his orchard, for draining water out of the high-way there, before the first day of September next to come, under pain of **13s**.

Also, it is further ordered that the said Richard Tredgould should make and hang a watergate in the watercourse between the fields called Litle Borns, next to Croxted Lane, and should scour the watercourse there twenty perches in length, so that water in the aforesaid Croxted Lane goes from there in, through, and across the same field without obstruction, through his failure to allow it to run from there, and that it be done before the last day of September next to come, under penalty of ---- £2 - 13s - 4d.

penalty

And also, it is ordered that the said Richard Tredgould should adequately scour his ditch next to Croxted Lane, under the close adjoining, from a certain great mudpool, in English 'Sloughe' there, as far as ^{the} a common sewer – to drain the water out of the said slough, and that it be done before the last day of September next to come, under penalty, for each rod not by then done by him, of ----12d.

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Roll L13 [previously Q] (back)

[Wednesday] 1 May 1633 (continued)

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penalty

Also, it is ordered that the said John Casinghurst should adequately scour his ditch at the end of his old garden, from there as far as Richard Tredgould's field, and the same to be done before the first day of September next to come, under pain for each perch thereof not by then done by him --- 12d

penalty

Also, it is ordered that John Scrivener, [blank] Kinge, widow, Thomas Fox and Nicholas Michill, should adequately make [illegible], separately and respectively, a ditch ~~ditch~~ or watercourse so that as much respectively in their closes is [illegible] adequately carry from their exits, from the field called Waterings as far as the entrance thereof into the high-way ~~thence~~ there and the same to be done before the last day of September next to come, under pain for each perch thereof not done by [illegible] each respectively, as preferred, shown to be done [?]---- 5s.

Licence

Also, it is ordered that the current overseers of high-way workmen should apply the labour of one workman for at least six days, towards making a ditch and an adequate watercourse, to water [?, to which] the late overseers were charged, as seems to them expedient.

Also, it is ordered that Thomas Downer should scour his ditch from the field called Great Brownings to the ditch[sic] called Lanes Pond, before the last day of September next to come, under pain for each perch then

unscoured of --- 12d.

Also, it is ordered that the same Thomas Downer should also scour ^{the whole of} his ditch next to the lands called Milands ^{last} ~~lands~~ ^{land} before the said ^{last} diem September next to come, under pain for each rod thereof not by then scoured of ----12d.

Also, It is ordered that [John] Merriton should adequately hang one water-gate in the water-course going out of the high-way into the lands called Milands citra Lanste ^[sic, Lane's] pond, before the last day of August next to come, under pain of ---- 13s - 4d.

Also, It is ordered that Walter Ethersall should scour his ditch from Thomas Hamon's mansion house to Faver Fox's barn, before the said last day of August next to come, under pain for each rod then unscoured of – 1s.

Also, it is ordered that Thomas Hamon should scour his ditch from the end of his garden as far as the field called ---- Butchers field, and six perches within the field, to be done before the said last day of September next to come, under pain for each perch then unscoured of --- 12d.

Also, it is ordered that John Duffin should scour his ditch next to the field called Butchers Field, from the land of Nicholas Bodger as far as the land of Thomas Hamon, ~~to be done~~ before the said last day of September next to come, under pain for each perch then unscoured of ---12d.

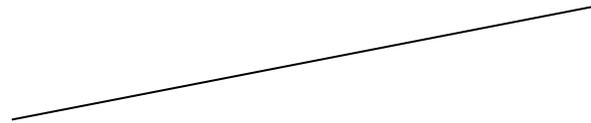
[Robert Parker of Lambeth Dean] **Also**, it is ordered that Nicholas Bodger should scour his ditch, from the land of [blank] Parkar ^{as far as the top of the} hill, ^{to be done} before the last day of September next to come, under pain for each perch then unscoured of ---12d.

Also, it is ordered that Thomas Downer should make a bridge over 'the Common Sewer' in the Eighteen Acres close, and shall ^{and to do it} make the bridge firm, so that water may not escape, ^{and} before the twentieth day of June next to come, under pain of ----- 10s.

Also, it is ordered that the same Thomas Downer should make a bridge at the stile next to the Burial Ground x x before

the last day of September next to come, under pain of ----- 3s - 4d.

Also, it is ordered that henceforth none but those living within the manor of Dulwich shall put any cattle or any soil, in English '*dunge*', upon the Commons ~~or~~ of the aforesaid Manor, or any thereof, under pain for each such offence of --- 10s.



[End of Roll L13 [previously Q], which seems unfinished.]