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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 L14 [N.B. This Roll was previously named R.]

Roll L14 [previously R] (front) [Monday] 14 April 1634.

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## Manor of Dulwich

**View of Frank Pledge** with Court Barron there, started and held on Monday the fourteenth day of April in the Tenth Year of the reign of our lord Charles, now king of England, &c., by Thomas Edgar, Steward there .

Jurors for the king	John Casinghurst	}	Edward[sic] Cursons
	James Nelham		John Duffell
	Faver Fox		Robert Starkye
	Edward[sic] Redman		Richard Crane
	William Staple		Henry Collens
	Thomas Downer		Thomas Hamon &
	Paul Baxter		John Bodger

**Office of Constable** **First**, the Head pledges elected Edward[sic] Redman, one of the residents within the purview of this leet, to the office of Constable, exercising and executing 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 John Duffell and Robert Kingsland, two residents within the purview of this leet, to hold the office of Headborough there; who, being now present in Court, each of them undertook the oath, separately and respectively, to exercise and execute that office there well and faithfully &c.

**Office of  
Aleconner**

**And Likewise** they elected Henry Mathewe, 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 from now well and faithfully, &c.

**Tithingman**

Stephen Wells, servant of Nicholas Bodger, resident within the purview of this Leet, aged twenty-one years, was sworn as a tithingman, &c .

**Tithingman**

James Goddinge, son and heir apparent of James Goddinge, resident within the purview of this Leet, aged nineteen years, was sworn as a tithingman &c .

**Also**, they present John Apleton, gent., and Richard Tredgould, inhabitants and residents within the purview of this Leet, for manifest failures that are in the ditch or water-course in their close, running out of the high-way, to the serious harm of the high-way; And also it is Ordered that they dig out, or cause to be dug out, five feet in width and four feet in depth of the said ditch or water-course, from the end of their gardens adjoining the high-way as far as the end of the ditch which Thomas Downer was making under the Nulands[sic, ?Milands] hedge; And may they do the same, &c., before the last day of September next to come, under pain, for each perch thereof by then undone by them, of five shillings ----- £0 --- 5s --- 0d.

**Also**, it is ordered that the same John Apleton and Richard Tredgould should cut, or cause to be cut, their ditch that Thomas Downer was making under the Nulands, the Coney acre, and the Eighteene acres hedge, one foot greater in width than it now is, next to their land, from the beginning as far as the end of the water-course; And may they do the same, &c., before the last day of September next to come, under pain of ----- £3 --- 6s --- 8d.

**Also**, it is ordered that John Casinghurst, an inhabitant within the purview of this Leet, should make and scour the common ditch, in English '*the Comon Sewer ditche*' under the Courte meade hedge in Croxstead Lane, from Paul Baxter's close, as it was usually done, so as to let the water flow freely, without any impediment; And may he do the same before the last day of July next to come, under pain of ----- £2 --- 6s --- 8d.

**Also**, it is ordered that Henry Hutchinson and Paul Baxter, two inhabitants within the purview of this Leet, should make or scour their ditch in Croxstead Lane. so that the water should have its ancient course, and also passage as it had in former times,

lest it be ruined; And may the same be done before the last day of June next to come, under pain of ----- £1 --- 6s --- 8d.

**Also**, it is ordered that Thomas Downer, an inhabitant within the purview of this Lete, should scour his ditch, from the angle of the Great Brownenings as far as Lane's Pond, and set an adequate bridge over the ditch, at the stile; And may he do the same before the last day of August next to come, under pain of ----- £1 --- 0s --- 0d.

**Also**, it is ordered that John Merriton, an inhabitant within the purview of this Leet, should scour his ditch in Nulands, from the high-way next to Lane's Pond, as far as the end of his close next to John Bodger's lands, so that he may have a freer water-course out of the highway than he now has; And may he do the same before the last day of September next to come, under pain of ----- £1 --- 13s --- 4d.

**Also**, it is ordered that Richard Tredgould, an inhabitant within the purview of this Leet, shall hang one water-gate at the end of the water-course coming into the Litle Bornes by Croxstead lane, so that water may have egress out of that lane; and may he do the same before the last day of September next to come, under pain of ----- £0 --- 13s --- 4d.

**Also**, it is ordered that Henry Hutchinson and Paul Baxter, two inhabitants within the purview of this Lete, shall jointly scour their water-course next to Hugh Bolton's close, from two perches within the yard of the said Hugh Bolton and twelve perches from the said Hugh's close, so that his yard be not flooded as it was, and that the said Henry Hutchinson and Paul Baxter shall hang a sufficient water-gate; and may they do the same before the last day of September next to come, under pain of ----- £0 --- 13s --- 4d.  
thereby.

**Also**, they present Walter Ethersall, Ale-seller, that he sold ale by illegal measures, and broke the Assize <sup>^</sup> Therefore he is amerced.

**Also**, they present the same Walter Ethersall, Ale-seller, for keeping a disorderly house, and entertaining in his house not only neighbours but also strangers, [ illegible ] drinking, contrary to the law provided in such a case. Therefore he is amerced.

**Also**, they present that at this Court it is Agreed between the Lords of this Manor and Phillippa Foster, widow, copyhold tenant of this Manor, that the same Phillippa should have licence to demise to Hugh Bolton for twenty-one years from the Feast of Saint Michael Archangel last past a piece of copyhold land containing two and a half acres, parcel of the land called Napps, lying and abutting upon

the Common Sewer on the east side and upon a piece of land belonging to the College, now in the tenure of the said Hugh Bolton, also parcel of the land called Napps towards the west, and upon a piece of land now in the occupation of William Staple, also parcel of the land called Napps, towards the north, and upon a piece of land called Bournes, now in the occupation of Faver Fox, towards the south.

**Also**, they present that by the assent of the Lords of this Manor, and with the assent of the Jurors, Richard Abbottes or his Assigns <sup>yearly by licence and</sup> is granted a small piece of land <sup>^</sup> by agreement [illegible] yard of the old tenement in Dulwiche lately in the occupation of Richard Stawton, and in consideration thereof he gave one pound thirteen shillings and four pence for the repair of the high-ways.

**Also**, they present that by the assent of the Lords of this Manor (during their will), and with the assent of the Jurors, Richard Crane <sup>lately [illegible]</sup> is granted a small piece of the Common <sup>^</sup> [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] of old in this tenement in Dulwiche now in his tenure, and in consideration thereof **the said Richard Crane** gave thirty shillings for the repair of the high-ways.

**Also**, they present that at the last Court Paul Baxter was ordered to set a water-gate in the water-course next to Hugh Bolton's barn, before the twenty-fourth [sic] day of June then next to come, under pain of twenty shillings, in which he defaults. Therefore he is Amerced ----- £0 --- 0s --- 0d.

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**Also**, they present that at the last Court Richard Tredgould was ordered to set a water-gate in the water-course next to his garden to divert water from the high-way, before the first day of September then next to come, in which he defaults. Therefore he is Amerced

13s

**Also**, they present that at the last Court Thomas Downer was ordered to set a bridge over the ditch next to the Burial Ground before the last day of September then next to come, under pain of three shillings and four pence, in which he defaults. Therefore Amerced -- 0 - 3<sup>s</sup> - 4<sup>d</sup>

*and John Cooper*

**Also**, they present that Henry Downer, Thomas Downer, and Richard Tredgould at the last Court <sup>^</sup> [were] separately

[In the next line, most of which is destroyed, the only legible word is 'default'. There may have been other lines.]

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