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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 M1

[This Roll was previously named S1.]

Roll M1 [previously S1] (front)

[Thursday] 6 May 1641

S1

**Manor of
Dulwich**

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^{View} Court[^] of Frank pledge with Court Baron[^] ^{there} held on Thursday the sixth day of May in the seventeenth Year of the reign of our Lord Charles, by the grace of god King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the faith &c :

Jurors for the king

Hugh Cope
Edmund Redman
Thomas Downer
Richard Ever
Henry Collins
Henry Everard
John Starkye

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Edmund Cursons
Matthew Sheppard
Thomas Hammon
Richard Perry
Daniel Scrivener
Thomas Stephns[sic]
John Bodger

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Sworn

Firstly, they say upon their oath that ^{3s 4d} Arthur Rothmeale, ^{3s 4d} [blank] Collins, ^{3s 4d} [blank] Abbott, ^{3s 4d} Nicholas Bodger, ^{3s 4d} Thomas Turner, ^{3s 4d} Richard Waterhouse, are residents within the purview of this leet, and owe suit of Court, & at this day make default; therefore each of them amerced, as appears over their heads.

Also, they say upon their oath that the aforesaid Arthur Rothmeale encroached upon the western part of the Common, by the building of one house called 'a Cart house'; therefore amerced ----- } £ s d
2 - 00 - 00

Also, they say upon their oath that the aforesaid Arthur Rothmeale has built a bridge called 'a brick bridge', and a gate, over the western part of the aforesaid Common; therefore amerced ----- } £
02 - 00 - 00

Also, they say upon their oath that the aforesaid Arthur Rothmeale for constructing[sic] a ditch upon the western part of the aforesaid Common; therefore amerced ----- } 02 - 00 - 00

Also, they say upon their oath that the aforesaid Arthur Rothmeale has encroached upon the western part of the aforesaid Common, namely three parts of one[i.e. ¾] acre; therefore amerced ----- } £
02 00

Also, it is ordered by the aforesaid Jurors that [blank] Collins shall make a water-course in the end of the Ashe poole, to the land of Thomas Hamon, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next, under pain^{for} ^ each rod then undone of ----- } s d
00 - 03 - 04

Also, it is ordered by the aforesaid Jurors that Edmund Redman shall make his ditch from the College, as far as Robert Glover's orchard, before the feast of Shrovetide now next to come, under pain for each rod then undone of ----- } s d
00 - 03 - 04

Also, it is ordered by the aforesaid Jurors that Nicholas Bodger shall clear his ditch through the whole of his land, from Pinniers[sic] leas to the foot of the hill, under pain for each rod undone at the feast of Saint Michael next to come of ----- } s d
00 - 01 - 00

Also, it is ordered by the aforesaid Jurors that [blank] Boulton, widow, shall rebuild the foot-way, called 'a footepath', next to the end of her barn, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next, under pain of ----- } s
00 - 10 - 00

The Jurors present that Phillip Scruff, baker, made his bread below the assize of bread in the last year, in the following manner, in these English words, that is to say: 'his penny wheaten loaf weighed but nine ounces, & his penny white loaf weighed but six-&-a-half ounces, the best red wheat was then only at 5s 6d a bushel'; therefore amerced ----- } £i
02 - 00 - 00

Also, it is ordered by the aforesaid Jurors that no-one shall pasture his cattle upon the Common except inhabitants, in English '*house holders*', within the purview of this Leet, under pain of ----- } 00 - 10 - 00

Also, they present that William Staple made default in not labouring in the high-way with his horse and Cart for three days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 05 - 00

Also, they present that Robert Parker made default in not labouring in the high-way with his horse and cart for three days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 05 - 00^S

Also, they present that Nicholas Bodger made default in not labouring in the high-way with his horse and cart for one day; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 05 - 00^S

Also, they present that Hugo Coape made default in not labouring in the high-way with his horse and cart for one day; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 05 - 00^S

Also, they present that John Alleyn made default in not procuring one workman in the high-way for two days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 02 - 00^S

Also, they present that John Underwood made default in not procuring one workman in the high-way for six days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 06 - 00

Also, they present that Richard Kemsill made default in not procuring one workman in the high-way for five days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 01 - 00^S

Also, they present that Thomas Steevens made default in not procuring one workman in the high-way for four days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 01 - 00^S

Also, they present that Henry Mathew made default in not procuring one workman in the high-way for five days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 01 - 00^S

Also, they present that Edmund Cursenes made default in not procuring one workman in the high-way
for two days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 01 - 00^s

Also, they present that Thomas Turner made default in not procuring one workman in the high-way for
six days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 01 - 00^s

Also, they present that Thomas Oxeley made default in not procuring one workman in the high-way for
six days; therefore amerced ----- } 00 - 01 - 00^s

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[End of M1 [previously S1] (recto).

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Court Rolles **S**
Anno 1635
et 1636

et 1641

[End of Roll M1 [previously S1].]