

Court Book Calendar 1647-1670

PREFACE

This Calendar extends from 1647 to 1670, There is thus a gap of 20 years between it and the Calendar of the previous Court Book, This Calendar is chiefly made up from two originals, viz.,

A vellum-bound Volume of about 500 pages, the front of which is contained in pp. 1 to 60 of the typed Calendar, and the reverse of which is given to proceedings at General Sessions of the Peace, which fill up pp. 61 to 85 of the typed Calendar.

Roll of a Draft Court Book (i.e., notes for the main Court Book) covering the years 1668 to 1670, This has now been made into a separate volume.

But since this Calendar was bound another Draft Court Book, containing notes for the years 1665 to 1668 only has come to light. The three new pages of Calendar derived from this source are inserted as nearly as possible at the appropriate dates, viz., after pp. 47, 53 and 55. The Draft Book has now been placed in a separate case.

The work of transcription has again been done by Mr. J. R. Crompton of the Public Record Office.

The usual indexes and glossary will be found after p. 85. [*Glossary only copied R.W.*]

Numbers in the margin of the typed pages refer to the folios of the originals.

Numbers in red ink in the text refer to the corresponding numbers of each item of the Glossary.

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C.W. June, 1937.

[*All Hustings with date only not copied R.W.*]

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CALENDAR OF LYME REGIS COURT BOOK 1647-1670

p.1) 11 October, 1647,

Thomas Wroth knight, John Young knight, Thomas Erie esquire and Francis Cheatell esquire were sworn to the liberty of this town by Edmund Prediaux esquire recorder, Richard Alford being then mayor.

Richard Davy was sworn to the liberty of this town 10 September, 1649, John Davy being then mayor.

p.13) Court for the election of officials, 30 August. 1647.

It is ordered by the Court that no capital burgess of this town and no man admitted to the liberty of this town

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shall come to the hall or the church without a gown (loga.) or cloak (pallium), namely a burgess with a gown and a freeman with a cloak, under penalty of 12d. each, according to the ancient custom.

Capital Burgessess:

Anthony Ellesdon gent, mayor. Richard Alford, merchant. John Parrett, gent. Richard Rose, esquire. Francis Harvey, merchant. Thomas Ceely, esquire. John Davy, merchant. Ignatius Turner, merchant. who say that Richard Alford and Ignatius Turner are worthy to be considered in the election of a mayor. And the freemen of the town are ordered to elect one of them as mayor.

Freemen of the town sworn to elect a new mayor.

William Newall, Nicholas Whetcombe senior, Henry Tidbury, Edward Gregory, Nicholas Page, William Dare, Thomas Seaward, John Newall, John Stokes, John Cogan, Nicholas Whetcombe junior, Thomas Taylor, James Gaich, John Dare, James Bagster, John Turner, John Hackwood, John Burgh, Amyell Hart, Daniel Follett, William Kerridge, Gabriel West, Samuel Whetcomb, Robert Buridge, Solomon Andrewes, Michael Larcombe, John Westley, James Hill, who elect Richard Alford as mayor.

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p.20) Entry of recognisances for the following ale-sellers, Abel Thomas, Sarah Sandford, John Tucker, John Collyer, Thomas Low, Winifred Somers, Mary Davy.

Husting Court held 17 January, 1648,

John Turner versus Robert Burrige and Elizabeth his wife in a plea of debt. The Jury find that the defendants owe the plaintiff 10 £, The Court postpones execution until the opinion of the Recorder be obtained. (Marginal note;) 29 May, 1647. The opinion of the Recorder, given under his hand, is that the execution ought not to be allowed.

p.24) Husting Court held 17 April. 1648,

p.25) It is agreed between the mayor and burgesses of Lyme Regis and Robert Holden that the said Robert Holden shall hold and enjoy the town 'greist' mills with the

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appurtenances from the five and twentieth day of March last for one and twenty years under the yearly rent of fifty pounds, to be paid at the four usual quarters by even portions, and the said Robert Holden is to keep them well repaired and to leave them in as good plight as now they are, all the stones save one being but one year's wearing and the other but of two years wearing, and he is to pay all charges and duties issuing out of the same, provided if the charge of the army continue above one year, then from thence forward the Corporation is to discharge that rate.

(mark of Robert Holden).

p.32) Court for the election of officials held 28 August. 1648.

Mayor. John Davy and Ignatius Turner chosen by the capital burgesses.
John Davy chosen by the freemen.

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Lists only Husting Court dates – no information.

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p.47) Court for the election of officials, held 27 August. 1649.

Mayor. Ignatius Turner and Richard Rose chosen by the capital burgesses.
Ignatius Turner chosen by the freemen.

p.48) Husting Court held 15 October. 1649.

It is ordered by the court that Benjamin James shall have liberty to grant a certain place called 'custome house' in the town to one John Ellesdon, gent and his assigns.

Husting Court held 18 March, 1650.

p.53) At this Court Henry Plucknett, John Rawthwell and Robert Bragge junior were sworn attornies of this court, and it was ordered by the Court that no other attorney should be admitted to the court except the aforesaid and Robert Bragge senior, previously sworn.

(Note: Throughout this Court Book: the initials of the attornies are placed above the names of the parties in each case. C.W.)

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p.57) Court of View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 6 May 1650 before Matthew Bragge gent steward. (*This court is given in full as a specimen. For subsequent courts only maters of outstanding interest will be given C.W. .*)

The Jurors:

William Newall	James Rill	William Dare	Michael Larcombe	Nicholas Whetcombe senior
John Burton	Thomas Seaward	Thomas Taylor	Nicholas Page	John Westley
Edward Gregory	Benjamin James.	John Hackwood.		

The jurors say on their oath that the heirs of Richard Swayne esquire, Gabriel Burgh gent, John Jones gent, Robert Marsh, John Hassard gent, John Kerridge clerk, Nicholas Whetcombe Junior, John Newall, and Nicholas Samford are free suitors of this Court, and have made default and not appeared. Therefore each of them in mercy... 6d.

And that John Cogan, Samuel Whetcombe, Daniel Follett, Solomon Androwes, James Bagster,

Alexander Clarke, William Clarke, Nicholas Cookeney Richard Bacon junior, Robert Rowland, John Harris, Humphrey Ames, William Trickey, Thomas Kingston, William Rowland, Elias Sprake Junior, William Buckland, John Miller, Mathew Scorch, Richard Smith, Robert Chicks, Richard Bagge, Samuel Quyntine alias Fryer, Ambrose Vickary, John Okeshade, John Browns, Theophilus Bacon, Thomas Hart, Robert Seaward, Nicholas Cogan, Richard Pitts, Michael Bonner, Richard Stone, Edward Glade, Thomas Way, William Hore, Hugh Drew,

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Nathaniel Colman, John Norwood, William Swayne, Richard Bacon senior. Andrew Newall, Richard Newall, John Tucker, Cornelius Barton, p.58) Gregory Walter, Richard Scorch, William Scorch, Henry Tutchin, William Tree, William Lymbry, Gregory Smith, Robert Holden, John Colmer, John Collyer, John Squier, Simon Best, William Abbott, Robert Bowdon, Hugh Robins, Robert Miller, William Pickerel, Richard Betty, John Somers junior, Joseph Somers, Nicholas Wiscombe, Thomas Liddy, Nicholas Samford, Thomas Sprake, John Howell, Richard Sprake, Richard Damer, John Gamage, John Williams, Francis Sprake, William Borrow, Thomas Moore, William Berry, John Isaacke, Simon Hussye, John Newman, John Truynne, Henry Davy, William Potbury, William Reed, John Robyns, Thomas Williams, Henry Ingram, John Baseley, James Baseley, Robert Sweets, Abell Thomas, John James, Thomas Dolman, Christopher Smith, James Pockey, Samuel Lacy, John Westofer, Tobias Abbott, Christopher Lamerton, Thomas Ferry, Robert Wolmington, George Teape, Thomas Templeman, William Stone, John Hellier, Samuel Hoyte, William Body, John Masters, William White, William Lymbry, Stephen Hellier, John Tutchin, John Hounsell, William Browning, Thomas Westover, William Westofer, Peter Westofer, John Romery, James Pattison, Alexander Browne, Robert Ree, Elias Danyell, George Luce senior and George Luce junior are residents within the precincts of this Court and have not appeared but made default. Therefore each of them in mercy 3d.

And that John Perrett gent has not opened the commonway at the spring next the common park as he was ordered to do at the last Court. Therefore he has forfeited 6s.8d.

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and he is ordered to do it before the feast of St. John Baptist next under penalty of 10s.

And that the said John Parrett has not widened the way next to his barn in 'Poundstreete', as he was ordered at the last court. Therefore he has forfeited 6s, 8d. And he is ordered to do it before the feast of St. John Baptist next under penalty of 10s.

p.59) And that Anthony Ellesdon gent has not yet opened the parcel of land annexed by him in the highway above the common park as he was ordered to do at the last Court. Therefore he has forfeited 6s. 8d. And he is ordered to widen the same before the feast of St. John the Baptist next under penalty of 10s.

And that Richard Alford has not yet opened the piece of land called 'Crawleys plott' and the piece called 'the hopyard' next to 'bay house', as he was ordered to do at the last court. Therefore he has forfeited 6s. 8d. And he is ordered to do so before the feast of St. John the Baptist next under penalty of 10s.

And that Robert Seaward has not scoured the watercourse at the west end of the town as he was ordered at the last Court. Therefore he has forfeited 6s. 8d. And he is ordered to scour it well and sufficiently before the feast of St. John the Baptist next under penalty of 10s.

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And that Charles Leverstocke, Thomas Sprake and Ambrose Vickery have not repaired their chimneys as they were ordered at the last Court. Therefore each of them has forfeited 3s. 4d. And they are ordered to scour them well and sufficiently under penalty of 6s. 8d.

And that John Jeanes has not scoured his ditch leading by Thomas Seaward's courtyard as he was ordered at the last Court. Therefore he has forfeited 3s. 4d. And he is ordered to do so before the feast of Pentecost next under penalty of 6s. 8d.

And that John Coxe junior has not yet removed the dung lying in the highway next to the barn of

Richard Rose esquire as (etc.) Therefore he has forfeited 3s. 4d. And he is ordered to do so before the feast of Pentecost next under penalty of 6s. 8d.

And that John Stokes has not yet scoured his ditch next to his orchard as (etc.) Therefore he has forfeited 3s. 4d. And he is ordered to do so before the feast of Pentecost next under penalty of 6s. 8d.

And that the inhabitants of the town have not yet stopped up the necessary house next the 'almes house', as (etc.) Therefore they have forfeited 6s. 8d. And they are ordered to do so before the feast of Pentecost next under penalty of 10s.

And that Charles Leverstocke has allowed his geese to go at large in the ways to the prejudice of the water. Therefore in mercy 12d.

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And he is ordered not to offend in this way again under penalty of 3s. 4d.

And that there is no cuckingstoole within the town. Therefore the inhabitants are ordered to provide one before the feast of St. John the Baptist next under penalty of 3s. 4d.

And that Robert Holden has thrown stones and earth on to the piece of ground next the 'Georgegate'. Therefore he is ordered to remove the same before the feast of Pentecost next under penalty of 3s. 4d.

And that John Cox Junior has not scoured the ditch leading to his land next to Snook's house. Therefore he is ordered to scour it well and sufficiently before the feast of Pentecost next under penalty of 3s. 4d.

And that Elizabeth Williams widow has not scoured the ditch next to Colway pound. Therefore she is ordered to scour it well and sufficiently before the feast of Pentecost next under penalty of 3s. 4d.

p.63) Court for the election of a new mayor held 26 August 1650,
Richard Rose esquire and Robert Burrige chosen by the capital burgesses.
Richard Rose chosen by the freemen.

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p.70) Husting Court held 7 April.1651.

Lyme Regis. The Court of Husting of the Town aforesaid there held the xxj.th daie of Aprill in the yere of our Lord 1651 before Ignatius Turner mayor of the said towne (and) Anthony Ellesdon. (*Ellesdon crossed out, with a note:- 'mort' (?)*)

(*From this date until 20 August, 1660, when it reverts to Latin, the Court Book is in English. p.71 begins with a continuation of the Court of 7 April, 1651. C.W. - Then comes-*)

The names of all men dwelling within the precinct of the Court of Lyme Regis or owing suit to the same Court written and made the third day of May, 1658.

Capital Burgesses:-

Gabriel West, mayor. Richard Alford, Robert Burrige, John Davy, Walter West, Ignatius Turner.

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Amyell Hart John Eyre John Ellesdon John Hellwill* Solomon Andrew John Hill * John Eyre
Walter Tucker.

Freemen:-

William Dare James Bagster James Gaich John Burton Thomas Chard John Williams
Richard Butcher Thomas Taylor Samuel Whetcombe Abraham Pitts Nicholas Whetcombe
John Whetcombe Baruch Pitts Edward Keech Edward Gregory John Coxe Walter Tucker*
Richard Woodford Thomas Seaward William Pickerell John Bragge John Tucker John Hackwood
William White* Thomas Bertram* William Courtney James Hill* Benjamin Stone John Wesley
Anthony Braddicke Daniel Follett Edward Edwards Robert Holden William Smyth George Breholt
William Osborne.

p.72) Freeholders:
Henry Henley, Esq. Gabriel Burgh Henry Rose gent Robert Jones gent John Parrett gent

Richard Marsh Richard Harvey** John Tucker of Exon Roger Whitfeild Robert Carswell.
(* crossed out. ** opposite this name is a note which looks like 'sch')

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John Tucker of Coombestreet, The heirs of Susan Wislade, Mary Cogan, the heirs of John Tanner*
John Hassard gent, Richard Newell**, William Ellesdon gent, Robert Dare, Mary Davy widow,
Nicholas Dare, Nicholas Sanford, Robert Coad, Anne Scorch, Mr. Ames Short, Mary Scorch, William Cogan,
Robert Davy, John Creed, Mary Luckis, Sara Deane. (*Crossed out, **Crossed out and Gregory Alford
substituted)

Common suitors.

(About 260 names given, on pp. 72 and 73, and continued on p. 86).

(p.72) The Court Leet Law Day and Court Baron for the Manor of Lyme Regis there holden and kept the
21st day of April in the year of our Lord 1651. (No entry of this court is to be found, however).

(p.76) An order made at this Court being the 14th day of July, 1651 concerning the water in the town by
the Mayor and Burgesses and divers freemen of this town. It is ordered that whosoever shall turn away the
water out of its ancient course now running into the west end

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of the town shall pay for every time so
doing five shillings, and that whosoever shall keep any pigs or ducks to annoy the said water or shall filth or
foul the same by drawing of fish in the same or by suffering horses to drink therein or do any other
annoyance to the said water shall pay for every time so doing three shillings and four pence, which
forfeitures are to be paid to the water bailiffs of the said town to be employed about the keeping and
cleansing the same water, and Mr. William Newall and Benjamin James are appointed water bailiffs for this
year until Michaelmas 1652, and are to present and levy the same forfeitures as often as occasion shall be,
and the like order is made concerning the water in the east street. (Signatures of Ignatius Turner mayor,
Anthony Ellesdon, Richard Alford, John Davy, Gabriel West, William Newell, Nicholas Whetcomb, Samuel
Whetcomb, James Hill, John Burton.

p.78) Court for the election of Mayor held 25 August 1651.
Anthony Ellesdon and Richard Alford chosen by the capital burgesses.
Anthony Ellesdon chosen by the freemen.

p.80) Court Leet, Law Day, and Court Baron held 6 October, 1651
(Nothing is entered under this head except the names of the Jury)

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p.81) 20 October 1651.
Anthony Spencer sworn hayward.
Elias Danyell and William Bagge sworn leather sealers.
John Edwards and Richard Woodford sworn sealers of cloth.
Court Leet, law day, and Court Baron held 10 May. 1652
(Nothing is entered under this head except the names of the jury)

p.89) The 21st of June 1652 Alice Carswell in full Court is by the mayor and burgesses disfranchised of her
freedom for refusing to answer the mayor of the truth on her oath.

Husting Court held 2 August. 1652.

Edward Slade doth inform Mr. Mayor and other Justices here that he the said Edward Slade, the
xxvjth day of

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June last left a 'horsebeast' with a hackney saddle in his own ground called 'Beaver' in the
county of Devon, which saddle was taken away from the said horse, and the said saddle is since found in
the possession of William Browning.

This day Robert Holden is made a freeman of this town and hath taken his oath.

p.90) Husting Court held 16 August. 1652.

Court for election of a new mayor, held 30 August. 1652.

Richard Alford and Walter West chosen by the capital burgesses.

Richard Alford chosen by the freemen.

p.93) Court Leet. Law Day, and Court Baron, held 4 October, 1652.

Swearing of officials;-

Constables.	Robert Dare, John Holwill, Benjamin James.
Sealers of cloth.	Jasper Sprake, Elias Sprake.
Leather sealers.	Thomas Way, William Buckland.
Cobb Receiver.	Edward Gregory.
Ale taster,	Robert Parris.
Hayward.	Anthony Spencer.

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It is agreed between William Scortch and Alice Scortch and ordered by their consents that Mr. Anthony Ellesdon and Mr. Gabriel West, to whom all differences between the said parties are referred shall determine the same differences if they can, otherwise that John Merefeild esquire shall direct who hath title to the house in question, and the parties are to be bound by it. (Mark of Alice Scortch and signature of William Scorch).

p.95) The jury present that there is no cucking stool in this town and that the pillory ought to be amended. And therefore it is ordered that a cucking stool be provided and the pillory amended before next court under pain of £5.

And that the 'pill' or 'cesterne' under Mrs. White's porch is very dangerous and ought to be amended by Charles Leverstocke the younger, who is ordered to amend it within a fortnight under the pain of 3s. 4d.

Court of Husting held 18 October. 1652.

p.97) Tipplers licensed to sell beer and ale for this year to come and their recognisances entered into upon condition to sell wholesome victuals, to keep good order, not to keep or suffer any unlawful games, and to keep the assize. (Names given).

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Husting Court held 17 January, 1653.

p.100) Thomas Gully plaintiff against William Maryes defendant in a plea of debt, ordered by consent to be continued as now it is until Monday the 28th of February, next, and not to be removed but by order from the Committee of Indempnity.

p.101) Husting Court held 7 February. 1653.

Yevon Guilloze plaintiff against James Hooper defendant in a plea of debt, the defendant is attached by seventeen "ballads" of linen cloth remaining in the 'states seller' in this town.

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p.110) Court Leet, Law Day and Court Baron, held 2 May. 1653.

The Jury present that the house of office belonging to the new alms house is annoyance to the neighbours and passengers which the Court will consider of.

p.111) And that John Cox ought to scour the porters' ditch. Therefore it is ordered that he doth sufficiently scour the same before Whit-Sunday under pain of 6s.8d.

Court for election of a, new mayor, held 29 August. 1653.

John Davy and Walter West chosen by the capital burgesses.

John Davy chosen by the freemen.

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p.121) Husting Court held 19 September. 1653

At this Court came John Curtis and desired that the voluntary oaths of Anthony Spencer and Abraham Hawkins might be here recorded, who voluntarily taking their oaths do say that Robert Curtis father of the said John did often say in their hearing that the said John Curtis should have his house and land in Lyme, for that his son Thomas was otherwise provided for in Blackmoore. (Marks of Spencer and Hawkins).

p.122) Court Leet. Law Day, and Court Baron, held 3 October, 1653.

Swearing of officials:-

Sergeants at mace:	Jasper Sprake, Charles Leverstocke.
Constables:	John Turner, Abraham Sanford, Walter Tucker.
Sealers of Leather:	John Prince, Thomas Sprake.
Sealers of cloth:	John Edwards, Richard Woodford.
Cobb Receivers:	Richard Gregory.
Ale taster:	Robert Parris.
Hayward:	Anthony Spencer.

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p.134) Court Leet. Law Day, and Court Baron, held 17 April. 1654.

At this Court Daniel Follett being warned to be one of the Jury, who appearing in Court was required by the Court to lay his hand on the book and to be sworn truly to present as the rest of the Jurors were, which said Daniel Follett did obstinately refuse to be sworn and so departed in contempt of the Court, which was contrary to his former oath which he took when he was admitted a freeman of this town, and therefore there is a fine of forty shillings imposed on him by the Court.

The Jurors do present divers freeholders and other inhabitants within this leet for not appearing at this Court, but because it was pretended they had no notice of this Court they were all pardoned by the favour of the Court.

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p.135) The jurors aforesaid do present Solomon Androwes, Edward Gregory and William Stone severally for making several dung "mixons" before their several houses to the annoyance of the Town.

And that Henry Henley, Esq. had altered a footpath going to Hole, who was to lay it open before Midsummer, pain 5s.

And that Mr. Walter West had caused a 'dungmixon' to be made by the George Gate who is to remove it within 16 days, pain 5s.

p.140) Court for Election of a Mew Mayor held 28 August 1654.

Ignatius Turner and Walter West chosen by the capital burgesses.

Walter West chosen by the freemen.

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p.143) Court Leet, Law day, and Court Baron held 2 October., 1654.

Swearing of officials for the year to come:

Mayor:	Walter West.
Justice of Peace:	John Davy.
Coroner and Justice of Peace:	Richard Alford.
Constables:	Michael Larcombe, John Bragge, John Whetcombe
Serjeants at mace:	Jasper Sprake, Charles Butcher.
Cobb Receiver;	Edward Gregory.
Leather Sealers:	Thomas Way. William Buckland.
Cloth Sealers:	Simon Hussey*, Elias Sprake, *Richard Damer originally written, but crossed out.
Ale taster:	Robert Parris.
Hayward:	Anthony Spencer.

Presentments:-

p.147) That John Cox the younger hath not cleansed the watercourse running into Mr. Rose's 'Rackclose' and 'Porters Dich'.

And that the bridge called 'Bridgefoote' leading towards 'Millgreene' ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the town because it is very dangerous.

And that John Williams, John Tucker, John Burton and William Cogan do owe several reliefs to the

lords of this manor, but how much the said reliefs are, the jurors do not know.

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And that Henry Henley, Esq., hath stopped the way leading from Lyme to Hole formerly presented and not amended who is therefore ordered to lay it open before the first day of November next under the Pain of 6s, 8d.

And that ten deal boards in the possession of Solomon Andrew to the value of 10s. were casually the death of Nicholas Potter and therefore the said boards are forfeited to the lords of this manor as a deodand.

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p.156) Court Leet. Law Day and Court Baron held 7 May 1655.

The jurors present that there are dunghills made in the street to annoyance one against the Pillory and another on the "Cornehill" and therefore it is ordered that the same be removed by the inhabitants of the town before Whit-Sunday next under pain of 3s. 4d.

p.157) And that Thomas Seaward hath annoyed the "Pott water" and therefore is amerced 12d. and ordered to do so no more under the pain of 6s. 8d.

And that there is a dangerous place in the gun cliff which ought to be stopped, and therefore the inhabitants of the town are ordered to stop the same before Midsummer next under the pain of 5s.

And that the water courses at the Mill green are in decay and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the town, who are ordered to amend the same before Midsummer next under the pain of 5s.

p.158) Husting Court held 28 May, 1655.

John Lymbrey plaintiff against Richard Davy defendant in a plea of debt upon the demand of 119£, 13s. 6d. in arrerages of accompt. There is 40s. pledge given by

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the plaintiff, but the defendant hath not as yet given a pledge, which 40s. do rest in the Town Clerk's hands. It is ordered by consent that this cause shall proceed to trial, but not to be tried until this day come five weeks, and then at the trial the defendant is to be here in Court by the engagement of his father Mr. John Davy which is done by the consent of Stephen Lymbrey the plaintiff's brother and agent in this business, he being present in Court.

p.161) Court for the election of a new mayor, held 27 August. 1655.

Ignatius Turner and Gabriel West chosen by the capital burgesses.

Ignatius Turner chosen by the freemen.

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Officers sworn at this Court:

Mayor:	Ignatius Turner.
Coroner and Justice of Peace.	Richard Alford.
Constables,	Daniel Follett George Weekes Baruch Pitts.
Leathersealers.	Robert Bragg Thomas Sprake.
Serjeant.	Christopher Smith.
Cloth sealers.	John Edwards Richard Woodford.
Cobb Receiver for Keelage	Samuel Hoyte.
Ale taster.	Robert Farvis.

p.167) The Jury present that William Flintoffe hath built a house so near the pound that it hinders the water course who is ordered to amend it before the next court under the pain of 6s, 8d.

And that George Alford and the widow Davy would not permit the aletaster to taste their beer, being licensed to sell beer, and therefor each of them amerced 6d.

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p.193) Court for election of a new Mayor, held 26 August, 1656.

Robert Burridge and Gabriel West chosen by the capital burgesses.

Robert Burridge chosen by the freemen.

Court Leet, Law Day, and Court Baron, held 28 April. 1656.

The Jurors present that the way near the mill of Elias Sprake ought to be amended, it being very bad, and therefore it is ordered that the said Elias Sprake shall amend the same way or pluck down the 'weare' which causeth the badness of the said way before the next Court under pain of 10s.

p.195) And that the walls of the house in Combstreete formerly a brewhouse do hang dangerously. Therefore it is ordered that the occupiers of the same house do

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amend the same before

Whit-Sunday next under the pain of 10s.

p.196) The constables present that (several persons) being licensed to sell beer have broken the assize by selling less than an ale quart for a penny contrary to the statute. And therefore each of them have forfeited according to the statute: 20s.

p.201) Court Leet. Law Day, and Court Baron, held 6 October 1656.

The Jury present that at this Court were sworn officers for the year following, to wit,

Robert Burridge, mayor.

Abraham Pitts and Benjamin James, constables.

Richard Woodford and William Pickerell, cloth sealers.

Thomas Way and William Buckland, leather sealers.

Samuel Hoyte, Cobb receiver for keelage and ballast.

Robert Parris, ale taster.

And that Richard Alford hath removed a hedge leaving no land marks in a close next the highway leading to Coliton at the end of Shire lane, which close belongs to the Town in fee, and now is laid open

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to Mr. Alford's land without distinction, therefore it is ordered that the said Richard Alford shall before the next Court put some marks for distinction there under the pain of 3s.4d.

And that John Crosse hath encroached upon the way in Sherborne lane by building a little shop thereon, who is ordered either to pluck it down or compound with the lords for the same before next Court under the pain of 3s.4d.

John Collyer not to suffer the well in Pound Close to be annoyed by horses drinking but to amend it for preventing thereof before Christmas next under the pain of 3s.4d.

p.206) Husting Court held 10 November, 1656.

Benjamin Stone plaintiff against Stephen Lymbrey defendant in a plea of debt. The Court will further advise until the 24th day of this instant November, at which time if Mr. Recorder doth not send his opinion to be that Judgment ought not to be entered then Judgment shall be entered.

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(From now on courts appear to have been held regularly once a week, though sometime all pleas are postponed C.W.).

p.220) Court Leet. Law Day and Court Baron held 20 April. 1657,

The jury present that Thomas Dolman, Christopher Smith and Robert Ree have three several barrels standing on the tops of their several chimneys dangerous for fire, who are severally ordered to take them down before Midsummer next under the several pains of each of them of 5s.

And that the Corporation ought to provide town buckets for carrying of water in time of danger of fire which is promised to be considered of.

p.236) Husting court held 24 August. 1657.

James Gaich plaintiff against William Westover defendant in a plea of trespass. The last Court the defendant pleaded that the Close where the trespass is supposed to be committed is a Close called New Close, which is the freehold of the defendant, to which the plaintiff then replied that the said trespass was committed in the house and a close called the Drang being the freehold of the plaintiff.

Court for election of a new mayor, held 31 August, 1657.

p.238) Gabriel West and Richard Alford chosen by the capital burgesses.
Gabriel west chosen by the freemen.

p.243) Court Leet, Law Day, and Court Baron held 5 October 1657
Swearing of officials

Mayor: Gabriel West.
Justice of the peace: Robert Burridge.

Coroner and Justice of Peace: Ignatius Turner.
Constables,: Abraham Pitts, William Smith.
Serjeants at mace Christopher Smith, Richard Thompson.
Leather sealers: Thomas Way, Thomas Sprake.
Cloth measurer: Jasper Sprake.
Hayward: Anthony Spencer.
Ale taster. Robert Court.
Sealers of cloth. Jasper Sprake, William Bury.

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p.245) The Jury present that the street between John Collyer's door and Gosling's bridge ought to be repaired and therefore the surveyors for the highways are ordered sufficiently to do it before Christmas next under the pain of 5s.

And that Robert Holden hath a barrel on the top of his chimney at the Three Cups and Christopher Smith the like on his chimney, being dangerous In respect of firing and therefore It is ordered that they take down the said barrels or perfectly attend the chimneys before Christmas next under pain of 5s.

And that there is a defect of town ladders, which are promised shortly to be provided by the Corporation.

And that there are at the sign of the Ship two bad mantles which need to be repaired and therefore It is ordered that John Collyer do sufficiently repair the same before Christmas next under pain of 6s.8d.

p.246) And that Mr. Richard Alford hath taken in a plot called the 'hopyeard' and another plot called 'Craudley's plott' both out of the highway, who is ordered to lay it open again before next Court under pain of 6s.8d.

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And that Mr. John Ellesdon hath taken in some part of the highway above the pound leading to Ware, who is ordered to lay it open again before next Court under pain of 6s.8d.

Tipplers licensed to sell ale, beer, and cider within the town of Lyme Regis until the Monday after Michaelmas next by Gabriel West mayor, Robert Burridge, and Ignatius Turner Justices of peace there, the second day of November, 1667.

Abel Thomas 20 £
George Alford 10 £.
John Tucker 10 £.

John Tucker 20 £.
George Alford 10 £.
Abel Thomas 10 £.

George Alford 20 £.
Abel Thomas 10 £.
John Tucker 10 £.

John Collyer 20 £.
Abel Thomas 10 £.

John Tucker	10 £.
Mary Davy widow	20 £.
Abel Thomas	10 £.
George Alford	10 £.

who are bound in several recognisances to his highness the Lord Protector, etc., as aforesaid with condition to perform the several articles following, to wit:

- 1: that they suffer no persons to be tippling in their houses against the laws herein provided. 36
2. That they suffer not any persons to play at unlawful games In their houses.
- 3 That they suffer none but such as have necessary occasion to be or remain drinking in their houses on the Lord's day.
4. That they suffer none to be drinking there at unseasonable times of the night.
5. That they suffer no other disorder or misrule in their houses.

p.267) Court Leet, Law Day and Court Baron, held 3 May 1658. by Matthew Bragge gent steward there.

The Jury present that John Jeanes hath a dangerous wall next the 'George Combe', who is ordered to amend it within ten days under the pain of 5s.

And that there are several reliefs due to the lords of this manor upon the several deaths of Anthony Ellesdon, Richard Rose, William Newell, and John Tanner, but what in particular they know not.

And that John Ellesdon, Henry Rose, Richard Newell and the widow Tanner are the next tenants thereunto.

p.274) 21 June 1658. This day Mr. Thomas Taylor did promise and engage to Mr. Mayor and Mr. Robert Burridge to discharge this town and parish from all charges that may come or be to the same by means of the residing of his brother-in-law John Lush in the town and parish aforesaid, so long as the said Thomas Taylor doth live in town, in

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the presence of Amyell Bart, Thomas Burridge. And Matthew Bragge.

(Signature of Matthew Bragge).

p.281) Court for the election of a new mayor, held 30 August. 1658
 Amyell Hart and Solomon Andrew chosen by the capital burgesses.
 Solomon Andrew chosen by the freemen.

p.286) Court Leet. Law Day, and Court Baron held 4 October. 1658.
 Swearing of officials,

Mayor:	Solomon Andrew.
Justice of Peace:	Gabriel West.
Coroner and Justice of Peace:	Robert Burridge.
Serjeant at the mace:	Christopher Smith, Richard Thompson.
Leather sealers:	Thomas Sprake, John Prince.
Constables:	William Smith, William Cogan.
Cloth sealers:	Jasper Sprake, George Cleaves.
Ale taster:	Jasper Sprake.

p.287) The Jury present that Richard Alford doth suffer the water near Bay House to run out of its course, to the annoyance of the way near Colway bridge, who is ordered to amend it before Christmas next under the pain of 3s.4d.

p.302) 4 April. 1659. There are chosen for this year to be churchwardens Abraham Pitts and Daniel Follett.

Overseers for the poor, Edward Edwards, William Whetcombe, Richard Marsh, and Samuel Pitts.

Surveyor for the highways: Nicholas Stocker and William Martyn.

p.305) Court Leet, Law Day and Court Baron, held 25 April 1659
The Jurors present that John Cox hath not yet sufficiently scoured his ditch called Porter's ditch and therefore hath forfeited the pain on him imposed 5s.

And that Richard Alford a freeholder of this manor is since the last court dead, whereupon happened for a relief 17d.

And that the freehold sometime belonging to John Tanner is aliened, part to Mr. Ames Short for which a relief is due, viz: 11d.

And other part thereof to William Cogan for which there is due for a relief 6d.

p.321) Court for election of a new mayor. held 29 August, 1659.

John Ellesdon and John Holwill chosen by the capital burgesses.

John Ellesdon chosen by the freemen.

p.326) Court Leet; Law Day and Court Baron, held 3 October 1659. Swearing of officials

Mayor: John Ellesdon.

Justice of Peace: Solomon Andrew.

Coroner and Justice of Peace: Gabriel West.

Constables: Thomas Taylor, Anthony Broddick, Edward Keech.

Serjeants at mace: Christopher Smith, Richard Thompson.

Leather sealers: William Buckland, Robert Bragge.

Cloth sealers: Jasper Sprake, Richard Thompson.

Hayward: Baptist Baseley.

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p.327) (Various presentments by the Jury as to defaulters) Which said Jurors being again called to present, Richard Woodford and John Cox two of the said Jurors were departed in contempt of the Court, and therefore a fine of ten shillings was imposed on each of them by the steward for their several offences.

And afterwards they the said Richard Woodford and John Cox came to the steward and acknowledged their fault and desired to have their fine lessened or taken away, and joined in the presentment with the rest, which presentment is as followeth:-

p.328) Presentments, including:-

That Benjamin James hath laid soil in Charmouth lane to the annoyance of the pot water there.

p.337) 7 May, 1660.

There are chosen surveyors for the highways for this year Benjamin James and William Osborne.

Churchwardens, William Smith and Nathaniel Tiderleigh.

Overseers for the poor, John Williams, John Tucker, George Alford, and Edward Body.

Court Leet. Law Day and Court Baron, held 14 May 1660.

The Jury present that there doth want a sufficient gutter to be made in the high way for carrying the water constantly from Colway pound into Mr. Rose's 'Rackmead', and that the ditches ought to be kept scoured in that lane and therefore the surveyors of the highways are ordered to amend it before Midsummer next under the pain of 10s.

And that the streets of this town do want reparation, which the Jurors are informed

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ought to repair, and therefore it is now agreed between the corporation and the Jurors that for the present reparation thereof there shall be a general rate made, and afterwards that the same be once repaired the same shall be kept repaired by the corporation.

And that John Ellesdon gent Mayor of the Town aforesaid hath made a 'dungmixon' in the street near the 'church hatch' to annoyance, who is ordered to remove the same before midsummer next and to lay no more there under the pain of 3s.4d.

p.341) And that James Mynson hath turned the potwater out of its course into 'Woodmead', for

which he is amerced 12d.

And that there are no butts within the parish of Lyme Regis and that there have been none here by the space of three months last past, for which the inhabitants of the said parish have forfeited the penalty in the statute mentioned, viz: 20s.

And that Thomas Newton doth keep a tailor's trade in the town without serving an apprentice here. And that two sons of the widow Browne are fit to be bound out to masters.

p.352) Court for the election of a new mayor, held 27 August, 1660.
Amiel Hart and John Eyre chosen by the capital burgesses.
Amiel Hart chosen by the freemen.

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p.355) Court Leet with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 1 October. 1660,
Swearing of officials:

Mayor:	Amiel Hart.
Justice of the peace:	John Ellesdon gent.
Coroner and Justice of the Peace:	Solomon Andrew.
Constables:	John Tucker, John Wesley.
Serjeants at mace:	Christopher Smith, Richard Thompson.

And then the Husting Court was adjourned till the next Court, and the Court of Frankpledge until two hours after noon of the same day, and from that hour till the next day the ninth hour before noon, and from that hour until summoned again.

p.364) Husting Court held 7 January. 1661.

At this Court Thomas Orchard gent was restored to the office of Common Clerk of the town by virtue of a writ of our lord the king addressed to the mayor and burgesses and is admitted on oath.

p.366) The oath of allegiance or obedience to his Majesty verbatim as it is in the statute was taken by all those whose names do follow the 21st of January, 1661, before Amiel Hart mayor, John Ellesdon gent and Solomon Andrew. (166 names given, headed by Ames Short, minister).

p.369) And the same oath was taken the 22nd day of January 1660 by John Crow before Amiel Hart mayor and John Ellesdon gent.

And the fourth day of February the same oath was taken by all those whose names do follow before the said

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Amiel Hart mayor, John Ellesdon gent and Solomon Andrew. (37 names given).

And the same oath was taken the 25th day of February, 1661, before the same Justices by (4 names).

p.377) 15 April. 1661.
Anthony Ellesdon, Edward Body, John Way, sworn freemen.
22nd April. 1661.
Samuel Pitts sworn free burgess.

p.378) Court leet. law day and court baron, held 6 May, 1661.

p.380) The Jury present that John Jeanes has built part of his house on the land belonging to the poor of the town.

p.384) Court for the election of a new mayor, held 26 August. 1661.
John Ayre and Walter Tucker chosen by the capital burgesses.
John Ayre chosen by the freemen.

p.387) Court Leet with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held at the time of the Husting Court. 30 September, 1661. before Thomas Orchard gent steward.
Swearing of officials:-

Mayor: John Eyres, gent.
 Justice of the Peace: Amiel Hart.
 Coroner and Justice of the Peace: John Ellesdon, gent.
 Constables: Robert Code, Baruch Pitts, Matthew West.
 Serjeants at mace: Christopher Smyth, Richard Thompson.

And then the court of hustings was adjourned until Monday next and the Legal Court and View of Frankpledge until

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the third hour after noon (and thence till Monday the 28th of October next, and thence till again summoned, but before the said adjournment were sworn:) *(the words in the brackets crossed out)*

Sealers of leather: John Prince, Robert Bragg.
 Ale taster. (No name given).
 Sealers of cloth. (No names given).

The Jurors present that Thomas Parsons has built a stable in Poundstreete on the waste land. Therefore he has incurred the pain of 5s.

And that the porters of the parish ought to scour the lowerdich and have not done so, by which the aqueduct is obstructed and therefore they have incurred the pain of 6s.8d.

p.389) And that the Corporation have not a water bailiff in the town according to the custom.

And that John Williams has erected 'durnes ostii' on the waste land in Coombstreete. Therefore he is fined 3s.4d. *(durnes is an English word meaning posts, ostii presumably means doors or gates)*

And that upon the flow of the sea there was found within the bounds of the manor a piece of wreck called 'Shumack' which pertains to the corporation as lords of the manor, but the exact quantity the Jurors do not know. *(Shumack – a material used in tanning)*

And further they present that Anthony Ellesdon gent, John Edwards and Edward Body, Jurors sworn to enquire for the King, have gone away and absented themselves from their fellows without licence and have not returned, to the grave impediment of the service of our lord the King, and therefore they are each fined 20s.

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P.390) And further they present Samuel Hoyte for that he in the said Court behaved himself contemptuously, to the disturbance of the Court and its work. Therefore he is fined 5s.

And afterwards the Court was adjourned till Wednesday, 31st October next, and then till a new summons.

p.403) Legal Court and View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held; 21 April. 1662, before Thomas Orchard, gent, common clerk of the said town and steward there.

p.406) The Jurors present that the porters have allowed the street called the Cornhill to be dirty.

p.413) Court for the election of a new mayor held 25 August. 1662.

Walter Tucker and Gregory Alford chosen by the capital burgesses.

Gregory Alford merchant chosen by the freemen.

(The courts between 25 August 1662 & 20 March 1665, are not entered. A different handwriting begins on page 415 C.W.)

p.415) Husting Court held 20 March 1665.

At this Court Thomas Orchard gent, was discharged from the office of common clerk of the town; and William Hodges gent took upon himself the said office and was sworn and signed according to the tenor of the statute.

Husting Court held 27 March. 1665: William Austin.

The said William late of Busselton in the county of Southampton *(presumably Burtlesdon, Southampton C.W.)* was taken in the town of lyme Regis and upon examination was found to be a rogue

and vagabond and to be travelling with a false pass. Therefore it is ordered by the mayor and justices that the said William shall have punishment according to the statutes of England, which was duly done.

The same day being Monday in Easter week were elected the following officials for the ensuing year according to the custom of the said town, viz.

Churchwardens:	Thomas Taylor, Andrew Tucker
Overseers of the poor	Nathaniel Perrott, William Gaich, John James, William Pickerell
Overseers of the Highways	John Collier, Nicholas Stocker

p.417) Legal Court and View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 17 April. 1665. before Abraham Pitts gent deputy steward.

p.418) The jurors present that - - - - Stone, widow, has altered the path through the close called Barrclose leading to Colway Bridge. And she is ordered to restore the old path under penalty of 3s. 4d.

p.425) Court for the election of a new mayor held 28 August. 1665.
John Tucker and William Cottell chosen by the capital burgesses.
John Tucker chosen by the freemen.

p.428) Nicholas Dunscombe of Chiddeocke In the County of Dorset tanner is bound to our lord the king in 20 £.

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Benjamin James of Lyme Regis and Joseph James of the same are bound each in 10 £. On condition that the said Nicholas shall appear at the next session of the peace to be held for this town and meanwhile shall be of good behaviour. Taken before William Smyth mayor.

This recognisance was occasioned as followeth, The said Nicholas Dunscombe being advised by Mr. Walter Tucker, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, not to give such language, if he did that he would have the good behaviour of him. The said Dunscombe replied, then you must have that from me that you never had yourself.

Husting Court held 2 October, 1665.

Legal Court with View of Frankpledge of the town and parish with Court Baron, held 2 October, 1665.

Swearing of officials.

Mayor:	John Tucker, merchant.
Justice of the Peace:	William Smith.
Coroner and Justice of the Peaces	Walter Tucker.
p.429) Constables:	Richard Woodford, Robert Cawley, Robert Holding, Edward Roach.
Serjeants at mace:	Francis Wells, John Miniffee.
Sealers of leathers:	John Prince, Elias Daniell.
Ale Taster:	Jasper Sprake.

And then the Court of Husting was adjourned till the following Monday, and the legal court and view of frankpledge with Court Baron till the third hour after noon of this day.

At which hour the Jurors returned and presented a certain presentment in writing under their hands as follows (In English):

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We present Thomas Cox for leaving his plough in the street before William Mount Stephens' house, to the annoyance of such as have occasion to walk in that street in the night season, we order him to remove it in a week upon pain of 2s.6d.

Item we present the waywardens for not looking after the water at the 'easter' end of the town which if not remedied will suddenly spoil the new causeway. We give them time to do it by Allhallowtide

next upon pain of 20s.

p.430) Item we present Thomas Clarke the baker for engrossing of corn before the Inhabitants of the town are served. We order him not to do it again upon pain of 5s. for each offence.

Item we present the officers of the corporation for not weighing the baker's bread according to the statute. If they neglect it again we pain them 10s. for each market day.

Husting Court held 9 October, 1665.

p.431) Samuel Pyke of Lyme Regis mercer bound to good behaviour and to appear at the next session of the peace for refusing to watch witness Richard Woodford constable.

Husting Court held 8 January. 1666.

p.434) Andrew Tucker sworn freeman.

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p.5) Husting Court held 7 May. 1666.

Ordered by the Mayor and Justices that John North take down his sign called the Red Lion and sign post lately at up against the house of Sara Pattey without the consent of the mayor and Justices on or before the 24th June next, otherwise to make his personal appearance then before them to answer his contempt.

p.13) Court Leet held 1 October. 1666.

Declaration of repudiation of the Solemn League and Covenant by Solomon Andrew mayor, John Tucker Justice, and William Smith Justice. (Signatures).

p.14) "Business to be done at the Sessions held the first of October 1666."

Persons convicted for conventicles: - Thomas Boner, John Sprake, William Palmer, George Luce, John Hellier, John Stevens, John Coxe, Zephaniah Smith.

Mr. John Williams elected capital burgess in place of Mr. John Perrott.

Husting Court held 3 November. 1666.

George Luce is to have a grant for the corn market for his life. Rent 50s. The first payment at Christmas next.

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p.438) Legal Court and View of Frankpledge held 7 May. 1666. before Abraham Pitts, Deputy Steward.

Presentments:

p.439) We present the mayor and corporation for not providing a water 'bayly' to look after the pot water. To provide one by the first of June under penalty of 40s.

Item we present Joseph James for annoying his neighbours by keeping his tan skins pits in his backside according to information given as upon oath. To remove them by the 29th of September next under the penalty of 40s.

Item we present John North for erecting a sign without leave of the Corporation.

p.440) Husting Court held 14 May. 1666.

Edward Bragg sworn attorney of this Court.

p.444) Husting Court held 13 August. 1666.

At this Court proclamation was made that a general session of the peace would be held on 27 August next.

p.445) Husting Court held 27 August. 1666.
At this court a new mayor was elected in the form following:
Solomon Andrew and William Cottle chosen by the capital burgesses.
Solomon Andrew chosen by the freemen.

Samuel Pike elected constable by the mayor and capital burgesses.

p.446) Thomas Ferry senior of Lyme Regis is bound to our Lord the King in 20 £.
Thomas Taylor of the same, merchant, in 10 £.
John Miniffiee of the same, tucker, in 10 £.

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The condition of this recognisance is that the said Thomas Ferry shall personally appear before the mayor and burgesses at the next general session of the peace to be held at Lyme. Taken before William Smith justice of the peace 10 September, 1666, for saying Mr. John Tucker mayor denied him justice.

p.447) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 1 October. 1666, before William Hodges, gent steward.

Swearing of officials:

Mayor:	Solomon Andrew, gent.
Justice of the Peace:	John Tucker, merchant.
Coroner and Justice of the Peace:	William Smyth, merchant.
Serjeants at mace:	Francis Wells, John Miniffiee.
Constables:	John Darbye, Samuel Pike, John Coxe, George Breholt.
Sealers of Leather:	John Prince, Elias Daniell.
Hayward:	Baptist Baseley.
Water Bailiff:	Baptist Baseley.
Ale Tastier:	Jasper Sprake.

p.448) Cobb receivers and Cobb bailiffs: John Tucker, Benjamin Stone.

Presentments:

p.449) The Jury present Matthew Bayly for throwing out ballast in Cobb and John James for the like offence to the annoyance of the Cobb. We order them to remove this ballast by the first of November next upon pain of 5s. each.

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Item we present the masters of vessels following, vis., John Davie, Robert Callie, William Burgess, William Gaich, John James, Benjamin Stone, for having sharp limpet head bolts in their bend of their vessels to the endangering of other vessels contrary to an ancient order of the corporation, we order them to take them all out by the 25th of December next upon the pain of 3s.4d. for each bolt.

Item we present John Thomas and Hugh Cox for coming with their ploughs between the western work of the Cobb and the headmost vessels, to the great damage of their cables. We order them not to do so again upon pain of 5s. each.

We present the corporation for not repairing the streets of the town.

We present William Osborne for mooring his vessel on the head of a post to the endangering of the Cobb work for which we amerce him 5s.

We present the corporation for not repairing several breaches in the Cobb work which we desire may be looked after.

We present Mr. William Cottle, Mr. William Coggan, Mr. Edward Edwards for coming to the Bench at the Court Leet and Sessions without gowns. We order them to provide and wear their gowns by the 24th of December next, to wear them as they ought to do upon pain of 40s. each.

p.452) Husting Court held 12 November. 1666.

p.453) It is ordered by the Court that William Cogan one of the Capital burgesses of the town shall find good security for exonerating the town and parish from all charges to which they may be liable on

late of Penne in the parish of Whitchurch, Co. Dorset, now living in this town.

It is ordered by the Court that Elizabeth Langley of Bridport, Co. Dorset, now living in Lyme, shall remove hence to Bridport on Sunday next, otherwise the overseers of the poor shall instruct her to appear at the next Court, to hear what shall be specially determined concerning her.

p.454) Husting Court held 3 December. 1666.

Memorandum that John Bigg was licensed to sell beer for one year in the house he now lives in next the Bowling Alley.

p.458) Husting Court held 11 February, 1666.

Memorandum that the underwritten persons were convicted of being at a conventicle on the tenth of February at the house of John Creed. Therefore it is ordered by Solomon Andrew mayor, John Tucker and William Smyth justices of the peace that they shall pay the fine imposed upon them, and if any shall refuse to pay the fine imposed they shall be sent to the King's prison and shall there remain for the space of twenty days, according to the statute made thereupon:-

Thomas Mudford of Ingsbatch:	6s. 8d.
Benjamin James	6d.
John Grubham	6d.
John Creed.	6d.
William Poole	6d.
Nicholas Stone	6d.
William Browning	6d.
Thomas Wise senior	6d.
Thomas Potbury	6d.
John Crow	6d.
Richard Dogood	6d.
Stephen Smyth's boy	6d.
John Wesely	6d.
Roger Hollard	6d.

p.460) Husting Court held 8 April. 1667.

At this Court the following persons nominated according to the statute were elected to the following offices:

Thomas Taylor, Andrew Tucker	Churchwardens.
James Minson, John North	Way-wardens.
Gabriel West, Benjamin James senior	Overseers of the Poor.
John Carsewell, George Marvell.	

Husting Court held 29 April. 1667.

It is ordered by the Court that Robert Bragg shall pay 12d. a week to the overseers of the poor until he can find sufficient security to discharge the town of any expenses it may be liable to on account of one Thomas Wyat an apprentice residing in the town.

James Tucker was sworn freeman at this Court.

p.461) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 29 April. 1667.

Presentments:

Item we present the waywardens for not repairing the Causeway that leads towards the bowling green. We order it to be repaired by Midsummer next upon pain of 20s.

Item we present Mr. William Cottle, Mr. William Cogan and Mr. Edward Edwards for coming to the bench at this Court Leet 40s. already forfeited, which was done by the consent of the Recorder, we think it fit that they should provide them gowns and use them as they ought by the next Court to be held for the election of a new mayor, upon pain of 4 £. each defaulting.

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p.462) Husting Court held 6 May. 1667.

To this court came Peter Abbot and was bound in a certain recognisance as follows:- Peter Abbot of Axmouth in the county of Devon shoemaker is bound to our lord the king in 20 £.

Thomas Hart of Lyme Regis, shoemaker, is bound to our lord the King in 10 £.

The condition of the said recognisance is that if Peter Abbot do depart the town of Lyme Regis aforesaid within a week after Whitsuntide next then the Recognisance to be void.

p.465) Husting Court held 3 June, 1667.

Matthew Bayley at this Court was chosen and sworn one of the freemen of this town so long as he shall live in the said town. (*Similar entries for John Carsewell and William Carsewell C.W.*)

p.466) Richard Hobbs gent at this Court was sworn one of the attornies of this Court.

P.470) Husting Court held 29 July 1667.

On the complaint of John Elsdon gent, one of the capital burgesses, it was ordered by the Court that William Reede should appear at this day, which he did, and was bound in 40 £. to appear at the next general sessions of the peace in Lyme,

p.471) The occasion of binding over the said William Reed is for that he the said William Reed told Mr. Elsdon one of the Capital Burgesses of this town that he had made a base rate, meaning the rate for the royal aid and

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p.23) Husting Court held 11 February. 1667.

(*Persons convicted for holding a conventicle. See Calendar of Court Book. P. 51. The Draft Book, however, states that Captain Gregory Alford appeared and convicted them C.W.*)

p.31) Husting Court held 29 July. 1667.

Warrant made for the apprehending of Mr. John Williams for refusing to take the oath of a capital burges or pay a fine of 100 £. on him imposed for such his refusal.

p.34) Court Leet held 30 September. 1667.

William Mountstephens bound over for threatening to kill his wife.

p.35) Repudiation of the Solemn League and Covenant. (Signatures of William Cottle mayor, Solomon Andrews, and John Tucker Justices)

p.36) Ordered that John Buckland be committed to the Cock Moils for striking in the face of the Court.

p.41) Husting Court held 9 December, 1667.

Thomas Weaver sworn to the oath of supremacy and allegiance and also a freeman.

p.42) Court held 16 December. 1667.

Nathaniel Tyderly junior sworn freeman.

p.46) Court held 24 February. 1668.

Thomas Weaver for refusing to collect the royal aid rate and to find surety is committed to prison until he find sureties to appear at ye next assizes to bee held for the county.

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(from page 53:) additional supply, by the said Mr. Elsdon and one Mr. Burredge made for Lyme Regis.

p.472) John Crowe of Lyme Regis tobacco pipe maker bound over to keep the peace.

The occasion of the binding over the aforesaid John Crowe is for that the said John Crowe was found tipping in the garden of an ale house or common tipping house on the Sabbath day and doth not usually frequent the divine service used in the Church of England.

p.473) Husting Court held 26 August 1667,

At this Court a new mayor was chosen as follows:-

William Cottle and Edward Edwards chosen by the capital burgesses.

William Cottle chosen by the freemen.

Robert Carsewell was chosen by the burgesses as constable for the ensuing year.

p.475) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 30 September 1667.

Swearing of officials:-

William Cottle: Mayor.

Solomon Andrew: Justice of the Peace.

John Tucker: Coroner and Justice of the Peace.

Francis Wells, John Miniffee; Serjeants at Mace.

Thomas Taylor and John Bragg: Constables.

William Lymbry: Cobb receiver and Cobb bailiff.

John Prince, Elias Daniell: Sealers of leather.

Baptist Baseley: Hayward.

p.476) Baptist Baselys: Water bailiff.

Jasper Sprake: Ale Taster.

Presentments:

p.477) Item we present the water bayliff for not seeing the pot water covered before William Noldridge's house and in Bay Lane. We order him to do it by the 10th of October next upon payment of 3s.4d.

Item we present Thomas Burrige for detaining a strayed sheep in his custody as he confessed in open court which do belong to the Lords of the Leet, being not owned in Lyme, we order him to deliver up the sheep to Mr. Mayor by the 6th of October on pain of 5s.

Item we present Thomas Cox for detaining a strayed colt (etc.)

Item we have made a rate for a yearly pay to the water bailiff which we desire the mayor and justices will confirm.

The water bailiff presents that Richard Tucker washeth his salt bags in the 'shutt' (*shute ? C.W.*) which is a great annoyance to the pot water, for which the jurors aforesaid do amerce him 3s.4d.

p.478) Husting Court held 14 October. 1667.

It is ordered by the mayor and burgesses that Henry Ingram shall remove one William Browne his servant out of the town within a week from this day, otherwise the said Henry shall find good security to appear at the next session of the peace.

William Burges sworn freeman of the town so long as he shall live within it.

Husting Court held 5 April. 1668.

Benjamin James for saying to the mayor that he would not have Justice done, he being an overseer of the poor and refused to pay the poor although by his own account there is 4 £. odd money uncollected; and the poor being not paid and complaint thereof being made to Mr. Mayor, and the said James being questioned for it said he would not have Justice done him, reflecting thereby on Mr. Mayor and the Justices, although before that time he had a warrant to collect the poor money. For which words he is

ordered to find surety to appear at the next - - - -, and in default to be committed to the gaol of this town until he doth enter with sureties into his recognisance.

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p.480) Husting Court held 2 December. 1667.
To this Court came William Whetcombe and was sworn constable for this year.

p.481) Husting Court held 9 December. 1667.
Thomas Weaver sworn freeman.

(The Spring Court Leet for 1668 is not entered C.W.).

p.490) Husting Court held 31 August. 1668.
Election of new mayor.

p.491) Edward Edwards and William Cogan chosen by the capital burgesses,
Edward Edwards chosen by the freemen.

At this Court George Alford was declared by the burgesses to be one of the constables for the ensuing year.

At this Court Robert Coad and John Whettcombe two of the freemen of the town were elected by the burgesses to the office of capital burges.

It was ordered by the mayor and burgesses that the said Robert and John should appear at the next court to take the oath, under penalty of 100 £.

Husting Court held 7 September. 1668.

Robert Coad and John Whettcombe appeared and were sworn to the office of capital burges.

p.492) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 6 October 1668. before William Hodges gent steward.

Swearing of officials

Edward Edwards, merchant: Mayor.
William Cottle, merchant: Justice of the Peace.

Solomon Andrew: Justice of the Peace and Coroner.
Francis Wells and John Miniffee: Serjeants at mace.
William Courtney, George Alford: Constables.
William Burges, John Bragg &

p.493) Ellas Daniell & John Prince: Sealers of leather.
Baptist Basely: Hayward.
Jasper Sprake: Ale Taster.
Edward Keech, Robert Cally: Cobwardens.

Presentments:

Item we present Thomas Parsons for laying his timber in the highway from the Town Clerk's house to his own dwelling house.

P.494) Item we present Mrs. Sarah Ellesdon, William Hill, Nicholas Hilliar and William Buckland for making a dungmixon in the street at the 'Churchhatch' to the annoyance of passengers and endangering the church wall.

Item we present Mr. Robert Holden for having a dangerous 'poyningend' in the bakehouse where Heward Staple lives the oven being in the same wall. We order him to amend the same by the first of November on pain of ten shillings.

Item we present Mr. Robert Coad for making a 'furze house over the oven of his bakehouse where Gregory Smiths lives and leaving the 'furze house' open to the street to the endangering of setting the town on fire. We order him to remove the same by this day fortnight on pain of forty shillings.

Item we present Samuel Pike who being sworn of this Jury deserted and went out of town. We amerce him 3s. 4d.

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p.495) The Hayward's presentment.
Christopher Smith's wife for emptying a chamber pot into the potwater before their door.
That the pound being rotten wants to be repaired.

p.501) Husting Court held 18 January 1669.
Robert Cally sworn one of the freemen of the town.
Thomas Bowditch also sworn.

p.506) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 3 May. 1669.
Presentments:

Item we present the water bailiff for not scouring the town lake at the west end of the town. We order it to be done by Whitsuntide next upon pain of 6s.8d.

Item we present John James for not conveying away a spring that ariseth in his house in the tower, to the annoyance of the neighbours. We order him to divert the same by Whitsuntide next on pain of 5s.

p.507) Item we present William Rose for not scouring his ditch at the eastern end of the town which comes down from the pound as far as 'three mead style'.

p.508) We present Mrs. Mary Alford for not clearing her ditch from Lanchcraft well to the next gate on this side.

We present Captain Alford for not clearing his ditch and watering place at the bars of his ground at the west end of the town.

p.515) Husting Court held 30 August. 1669.
Election of a new mayor:

p.516) William Cogan and Robert Coad chosen by the capital burgesses.
Robert Coad chosen by the freemen.

Nathaniel Tiderleigh Junior was chosen by the burgesses as constable for the ensuing year.

p.518) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron held 4 October. 1669. by William Hodges gent steward.

Swearing of officials,

Robert Coad: Mayor.

Edward Edwards: Justice of the Peace.

William Cottle: Justice of the Peace and Coroner.

p.519) Francis Wells and John Minifee: Serjeants at mace.

John Carsewell, William Pickerall: Constables.

John Way, Nathaniel Tyderleigh Junior

John Prince, Elias Daniel: Sealers of leather.

Baptist Bazely: Hayward.

Jasper Sprake: Ale Taster.

Presentments:

p.520) Item we present Mr. Robert Holden for having a dangerous oven in the public bakehouse where Edward Staple lives to the endangering the setting the town on fire. We give him time to amend it by the 20th of this month on pain of 5 £.

p.521) Item we present the mayor and corporation for not repairing the town bridge.
Item we present the mayor and corporation for not planching the town walk.

p.527) Husting Court held 4 April. 1670.
At this Court Matthew West and William Whettcombe were chosen churchwardens for the ensuing year.

Amiel Hart, Baruch Pitts, Thomas Bowdich and Joseph Case were chosen overseers of the poor. Thomas Godfry and John Coram were chosen surveyors of the highways.

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p.532) Husting Court held 29 August. 1670.

Election of a new mayor:

William Cogan and John Whettcombe chosen by the capital burgesses.

p.533) William Cogan chosen by the freemen.

At this Court William Bennett was chosen constable for the ensuing year.

To this Court came Amiel Hart merchant and took upon himself the office of capital burgess of the town and was sworn to the said office.

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CALENDAR PART II

(Beginning from the other end of the Book).

p.3) Lyme Regis At the session of the peace held there 11 October, 1647.

Recognisances:

Recognisance for 40 £. Richard Butcher of Lyme Regis cooper. Sureties: William Clark of the same, seaman. John Cooper of the same, cooper, in 20 £. each. Condition, that Richard Butcher shall appear at the next general session of the peace to be held in the said town and meanwhile shall be of good behaviour. Taken 20 march 1646 -7 (Forfeited), and Richard Butcher to be bound again.

John Samwaies of Chideocke shoemaker. Sureties: Thomas Dolman of Lyme Regis cooper and Andrew Morris of Lyme Regis saddler. Condition: as above. Taken 20 April, 1647. (Forfeited and John Samwaies convicted of drunkenness).

Cyprian Wyatt of lyme Regis blacksmith. Sureties: Richard Wyatt of Allington Co. Dorset, tailor. Henry Ingram of lyme Regis blacksmith. Condition: as above. Taken 24 September, 1647. (Discharged).

p.4) Richard Gaunge of Chard Co. Somerset husbandman 10 £. Condition: that he shall appear at the next general assizes to be held in the county

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of Dorset to give evidence against Robert Chicke, Anne his wife, and Richard Damer. Taken 22 May, 1650 before Ignatius Turner mayor and Antony Ellesdon.

Joseph Drewer of Stoke Subterhamden Co. Somerset, yeoman 5 £. Condition: that he shall appear at the next general session of the peace in Lyme Regis to give evidence against Robert Way. Taken 24 May, 1650, before Ignatius Turner mayor and Anthony Ellesdon.

Richard Parke junior of Southperrott, Co. Dorset, yeoman 10 £. Sureties: Richard Parke senior of Southperrott yeoman; Thomas Dolman of Lyme Regis cooper. To appear at the next general session of the peace in Lyme Regis and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. (Discharged)

p.5) Robert Chicke of Lyme Regis and Anne his wife 40 £. Sureties: Nathaniel Colman of Lyme Regis, silk weaver and Michael Larcombe of Lyme Regis merchant. Condition: that the said Anne shall appear at the next general assizes for Dorset and meanwhile shall be of good behaviour. Taken 11 May, 1650.

Richard Dammer of Lyme Regis, tucker 20 £. Sureties: Samuel Whetcombe of Lyme Regis, merchant; Henry Guppie of Lyme Regis, tucker. To appear at the next general assizes for Dorset and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 11 may, 1650.

Robert Way of Charmouth Joiner 10 £. Sureties: John Westley of Lyme, merchant; John Cox junior of Charmouth, yeoman.

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To appear at the general session of the peace in Lyme and meanwhile to keep the peace towards all people and especially towards Joseph Drawer. Taken 14 May, 1660. (Discharged).

p.6) William Orchards of Chidiocke mariner 40 £. Sureties: Solomon Androwes and John Westley of Lyme, merchants. To appear at the next general session of the peace in Lyme and meanwhile to be of good

behaviour. Taken 18 July, 1650. (Discharged).

Samuel Hoyte of Lyme, labourer 20 £. Sureties: William Browning of Lyme, fuller, and Nathaniel Colman of Lyme, silk weaver. To appear at the next general sessions at Lyme, and in the mean time to keep the peace against all people of the town, and especially against Mary Samford, widow. Taken 3 May, 1651. (This party was afterwards bound to the assizes at Dorchester 17 July, 1651, and discharged upon an indictment, and therefore his recognisance is discharged).

p.7) Thomas Lidey of Lyme, porter and Margaret his wife 20 £. Sureties: Richard Darner of Lyme, tucker, and John Crosse of Lyme, tailor. Condition, that the said Margaret shall appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to keep the peace, especially against Christian, wife of John Coxe. taken 2 February 1661 - 2, (Discharged).

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Abel Thomas of Lyme, innholder, 20 £. Sureties. Thomas Way of Lyme, shoemaker, and John Crosse of Lyme, tailor, to appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 28 June, 1652. (Discharged).

P.8) William Mountstephen of Lyme, blacksmith, 10 £. Sureties: Solomon Androwes and James Bagster of yme, merchants. Condition, that neither the said William nor his wife shall sell any ale or beer without licence, and that he shall appear at the next general session of the peace. Taken 7 August, 1652. (20s. paid to the constable for the poor, and discharged)

Alice Carsewell of Lyme, widow, 20 £. Sureties: John Burton of Lyme, merchant, and Jasper Sprake of Lyme, fuller. Condition, not to sell any ale or beer without licence, and to appear (etc.) Taken (page torn) (20s. paid to the constable to the use of the poor, and discharged).

p.9) Robert Yeardbury of Widworthise, Co. Devon, yeoman 10 £. Sureties: Charles Leverstocke of Lyme, butcher, and John Hellyar of Lyme, haberdasher. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to keep the peace, especially towards Edward Hamett. Taken 27 October, 1662. (Forfeited, but continued).

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John Hewett of Braunscombe, Co. Devon. husbandman 10 £. Sureties: George Teape and Denis Pickett. Condition, that Joan Tissard wife of Henry Tissard shall appear at the next general sessions of the peace. (Forfeited)

p.10) William Body of Lyme, tailor 20 £. Sureties: Robert Holden, miller, and John Burton, mariner. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and to sell no beer or ale hereafter in this town without licence. Taken 2 May, 1653. (20s. paid to the constable to the use of the poor and discharged).

Matthew Baylie of Lyme, mariner, 20 £. Sureties: John Burton of Lyme, mariner, and Jasper Sprake of Lyme, fuller. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and in the meantime to be of good behaviour. Taken 18 July, 1653. (Respited).

Tristram Floud of Lyme barber, 20 £. Sureties: Benjamin James of Lyme, skinner, and Christopher Smith of Lyme, cooper. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 26 July, 1653. (Discharged).

p.11) Henry Davy of Lyme, currier, 20 £. Sureties: William Buckland the elder and Elias Daniell of Lyme, shoemakers.

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To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. (Discharged, and a new recognisance till the next sessions in the same manner).

Peter Westover of Lyme, 10 £. Sureties: Benjamin James and John Hellier of Lyme. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and to sell no beer or ale hereafter in this town without licence. (Committed till he pay 20s. to the use of the poor, which is paid and the party discharged).

p.13) Lyme: The general sessions of the peace for the town aforesaid there held the 27th day of September, 1653 before Richard Alford mayor, Edmund Prideaux esquire recorder there and Attorney general for the Common Wealth and Ignatius Turner justices of peace within the said town.

The jury.

William Newall John Tucker Henry Tidbury Abraham Pitts William Dare Howard Gregory
Michael Larcombe Robert Holden Samuel Whetcombe John Turner Nicholas Whetcombe junior
James Hill John Burton John Westley Solomon Androwes;

who being sworne do present that:

Thomas Seaward, Philip Hounsell, John Hellen, Mary Gardner, Anne Leverstoke and Richard Squire have sold beer in this town without license, and therefore they are ordered to pay 20s. apiece to the use of the poor.

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And also they present that Alice Sandford did likewise sell beer without license but she is licensed by the Court.

And also they do present that Mary Somers widow did also sell beer without license, and, being formerly convicted for the same offence, it is ordered by the Court that she shall be whipped according to the statute.

And also they do present that Abel Thomas, John Tucker, John Collyer, Winifred Somers, Mary Davy, George Alford and Elizabeth Low, being licensed to sell beer have not kept the assize. And therefore it is ordered that every of them shall pay twenty shillings apiece to the use of the poor according to the statute.

p.14) And also they do present that John Collyer and Hugh Cox being way wardens for the last year have not given in their accompt, who are ordered speedily to deliver in their accompt.

And also they do present Henry Trott for making unlawful measures for beer and selling them not being sealed, who being present in Court and taxing the jurors and giving ill words in the Court is bound to appear at the next sessions and in the meantime to be of the good behaviour.

And also they do present that several things have been formerly presented at several Court leet days past which are not yet repaired nor amended, whereupon this Court will advise.

And also they do present that several considerable sums of money have been given to this Town for the relief of poor widows, orphans, and such as sustained loss in the late wars in this Town, which the jurors do not understand are converted to the uses aforesaid, whereupon this Court will also advise.

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p.15) And at this Court came Margaret the wife of Thomas Lidey, and did appear upon the recognisance against her and is discharged.

And at this Court came Abel Thomas of Lyme in the county of Dorset innholder and did appear upon his recognisance and is discharged.

And at this Court came William Mount Stephen of Lyme in the county of Dorset, blacksmith, and did appear upon his recognisance, and having paid 20s. to the use of the poor for selling beer without license is discharged.

And at this Court came Alice Carswell of Lyme, widow, and did appear upon her recognisance, and having paid 20s. to the use of the poor for selling beer without license is discharged.

And at this Court came Richard Parke the younger of South Perrott in the county of Dorset yeoman and did appear upon his recognisance, and having paid 5s. for being drunk to the use of the poor is discharged.

And at this Court came Robert Way of Charmouth in the county of Dorset joiner, and did appear upon his recognisance and is discharged.

And at this Court came William Orchard of Chidiocke in the county of Dorset mariner and did appear upon his recognisance and is discharged.

And at this Court came William Body of Lyme tailor and did appear upon his recognisance, and having paid 20s. to the use of the poor for selling beer without license is discharged.

And at this Court came Tristram Floud of Lyme, barber, and did appear upon his recognisance and is discharged.

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And at this Court came Henry Davy of Lyme currier and did appear upon his recognisance and is bound over to the next sessions with the sane sureties.

And at this Court came Peter Westover of Lyme and did appear upon his recognisances and is committed till he pays 20s. to the use of the poor for selling beer without licence which is paid.

And at this Court Robert Yeardbury of Widworthie in the county of Devon, yeoman, was called on his recognisance and the Court being informed that he is in the State's service it is continued till the next sessions on the same sureties.

And at this Court John Hewet of Braunscombe in the county of Devon, husbandman, was called on his recognisance of 5 £. to bring in Joan Tissard and George Teape and Denis Pickett on their recognisances of 5 £. apiece, who not appearing their recognisances are forfeited.

End of Sessions

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p.16) Recognisances.

Matthew Baylie of Lyme, mariner, 20 £. Sureties: John Burton of Lyme, mariner, Jasper Sprake of Lyme, fuller. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 18 July, 1653. The appearance should have been at the last sessions but because the said Matthew Baylie was then at sea, it was respited till next sessions. (Discharged).

Henry Davy of Lyme, currier, 20 £. Sureties: William Buckland the elder and Ellas Daniell of Lyme shoemakers. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 27 September 1653 before Richard Alford mayor and Edmond Prideaux, esquire, Recorder. (Discharged).

Robert Yeardbury of Widworthie in the county of Devon, yeoman, 10 £. Sureties: Charles Leverstocke of Lyme, butcher, and John Hellyour of Lyme, haberdasher. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace and meanwhile to keep the peace especially against Edward Hamett. Taken 27 October, 1652. This appearance should have been at the last sessions, but upon information that the said Robert Yeardbury is in the State's service it is continued till the next sessions.

p.17) Henry Trott of Lyme, pewterer, 20 £. Sureties: John Hackwood of Lyme, mercer, and John Tucker of Lyme, innholder.

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To appear at the next general sessions of the peace and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 27 September, 1653, before Richard Alford mayor, and Edmond Prideaux esquire, recorder, the cause, for that he said in face of the Court the Jury were simple in presenting him, and being told by Mr. Recorder that he should not affront the Court nor tax the Jury, but should find sureties of the good behaviour, the said Trott said positively he would not, and that he hoped the Commission of Array was not now going. (Discharged).

William Mountstephen of Lyme, blacksmith, 20 £. Surety: John Shave of Uplyme, yeoman. To appear at the next general session of the peace and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 23 January, 1653 - 4.

John Tilman of Lyme, baker, 20 £. Surety: Henry Tutchin of Lyme, glazier. Condition, that Amy wife of the said John Tilman shall appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 23 January, 1653 - 4.

p.18) Anne Rasher of Lyme, spinster, 20 £. Sureties: Humphrey Ames of Lyme, husbandman, and Richard Thompson of Lyme, tailor. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and to be of good 'abearing' for one whole year after the 11th day of August next. Taken 11 May, 1654.

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The general sessions of the peace for the town aforesaid there held the 28th day of August, 1654, before John Davy, mayor, Edmond Prideaux, esquire, Recorder there, and Attorney general of the Common Wealth, Anthony Ellesdon and Richard Alford Justices of peace within the said town.

The jury:-

William Newall John Tucker Nicholas Whetcombe Abraham Pitts the elder John Westley
Henry Tidbury Thomas Taylor William Dare Samuel Whetcombe Solomon Androwes
John Holwill Nicholas Whetcombe William White the younger.

Who having an indictment against William Mountstephen of an assault against Amy the wife of John Tilman, did not find the same and presented nothing but all well.

Matthew Baylie being bound over to this sessions did appear and was discharged.

So likewise were Henry Davy, Henry Trott, William Mountstephen, John Tilman and Amy his wife, who did all appear and were all discharged.

The end of this session.

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William Wheteombe of Lyme, merchant, 20 £. Sureties: Samuel Whetcombe and John Whetcombe of Lyme, merchants. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 18 September, 1664. (Fees not paid).

Robert Deane of Lyme Regis, fuller, 20 £. Sureties: William Stone of Lyme, fuller and Nicholas Helliour of Lyme, hatter. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 16 January, 1654 - 5. (Fees not paid).

p.20) Edward Norwood of Lyme, fisherman, 20 £. Sureties: John Helliour of Lyme, feltmaker, Nicholas Squier of Lyme, shoemaker. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 28 March, 1655. (Fees not paid).

Henry Gill of Lyme, husbandmen, 20 £. Sureties: William Berry and Ambrose Viccary of Lyme, husbandmen. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 1 August, 1655. (Fees not paid).

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Robert Damer of Lyme, fuller, and Anstice his wife, 20 £. Sureties: John Hellier of Lyme, feltmaker, and Richard Budge of Lyme, fuller. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 1 August, 1655. (Fees not paid).

Hugh Robins of Lyme, weaver, 10 £. Sureties: John Williams and Daniel Follett, Condition, as above. Taken 17 September, 1655. (Fees paid).

p.21) John Romery of Lyme, mason, 20 £. Sureties: Robert Coad of Lyme, mariner; Richard Bagge of Lyme, shoemaker. Condition, as above. Taken 7 January, 1655 - 6. (Fees not paid).

John Dryver of Lyme, mariner, 40 £. Sureties: James Gaich of Lyme, mariner; John Williams of Lyme, merchant. Condition, as above. Taken 12 March, 1655 - 6. (Fees not paid).

Thomas Seaward of Lyme, merchant, 40 £. Sureties: William Browning of Lyme, fuller, George Cleeves of Lyme, tailor. Condition, as above. Taken 12 March, 1655 - 6. (Fees not paid).

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p.22) Thomas Way the elder of Lyme, Cordwainer, 40 £. Sureties: John Bigges of Lyme, yeoman, and Richard Bagge of Lyme, cordwainer. To appear at the next general sessions, and meanwhile to keep the peace against all, especially against John Boyse. Taken 15 April 1656. (Fees not paid).

Simon Griggess of Lyme, fuller, 40 £. Sureties: Thomas Way the younger and Thomas Way the elder, both of Lyme. Condition, as the preceding. Taken 15 April, 1656. (Fees not paid).

John Prince of Lyme, shoemaker, 10 £. Sureties: Benjamin James of Lyme, skinner and Thomas Way of Lyme, shoemaker. To appear at the next general session of the peace and meanwhile not to sell any beer, ale or cider within the town without licence. Taken 19 May, 1656. (Fees not paid).

p.23) Frances Squire of Lyme, widow, 10 £. Sureties: Nicholas Squire of Lyme, shoemaker, and John Butcher of Lyme, cooper. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile not to sell any ale, beer or cider within the town without license. Taken 19 may 1656. (Fees not paid).

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Thomas Bertram of Lyme, merchant, 40 £. Sureties: William Bragge of Lyme, shoemaker and Richard Webber of Lyme, mariner. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be 'of the good abearing'. Taken 2 June, 1656. (Fees not paid)

Matthew Williams of Bridport, seaman, 10 £. Sureties: John Baker of Mynehead, Co. Somerset, seaman, and William King of Southampton, seaman. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace,

and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 20 April, 1657. For abusing the constables in words. (Fees not paid)

p.24) Thomasine Norwood of Lyme, widow, 10 £. Sureties: Edward Norwood of Lyme, husbandman; Robert Gill of Lyme, husbandman. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 22 May, 1657. (Fees not paid)

Rebecca Wakely of Lyme, spinster 20 £. Sureties: Francis Wells of Lyme, yeoman, and William Swayne of Lyme, mason. Condition, as the preceding. Taken 12 December, 1657. For confessing herself to be unlawfully begotten with child. (Fees not paid)

Nicholas Spencer of Lyme, shoemaker, 20 £. Sureties: Hugh Robins of Lyme, weaver, and Richard Bagge of Lyme, shoemaker. Condition, as the preceding.

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Taken 12 December, 1657. For being accused to

be the father of a child unlawfully begotten and refusing to give security to discharge the parish. (Fees not paid)

p.25) May Smith of Lyme, spinster, 20 £. Sureties: Gregory Smith of Lyme, baker; John Croe of Lyme, 'laceman'; William Follett of Lyme, labourer. Condition as the preceding. Taken 12 December, 1657. For being with child unlawfully and not naming the father. (Fee not paid)

Edward Milpley of Charmouth, mariner, 10 £. Sureties: Nicholas Whetcombe and John Coxe of Lyme, merchants. To appear at the next general sessions for the peace, and meanwhile to keep the peace against all people. Taken 29 March, 1658. For breaking the peace against some belonging to the Customs. (Fees paid)

William Mountstephens of Lyme, blacksmith, 20 £. Sureties: Benjamin James of Lyme 'Whitetawer'; John Hackwood of Lyme, mercer. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 25 August, 1658. For misusing his wife and for abusing the constable, being under his custody. (Fees not paid)

p.26) John Metford of Lyme Regis, sailor, 20 £. Sureties: Robert Chicke of Lyme, tailor and John Butcher of Lyme, cooper. Condition, as the preceding. Taken 11 January, 1659 - 60. For detaining Fryer's wife against her husband's will. (Fees paid)

Elisabeth, the wife of George Luce of Lyme 'hellyour', 10 £.

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Sureties: George Luce of Lyme, 'helliior' and Robert Bragg of Lyme, shoemaker. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to keep the peace against all people, especially against John Okeshave. Taken 22 February, 1659 – 60. For throwing a stone to Okeshave and striking him. (Fees not paid)

John Okeshave of Lyme, carpenter, 10 £. Sureties: William Buckland, shoemaker, and Nicholas Helliior, felt maker. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to keep the peace, especially against Elizabeth wife of George Luce. Taken 22 February, 1659 – 60. Upon the oath of the said Elizabeth, for fear. (Fees not paid).

p.27) Joan Wood of Lyme Regis, spinster, 10 £. Sureties: Simon Shute of Lyme, cordwainer; Nicholas Hellyior of Lyme, feltmaker. To appear (etc.) and meanwhile to be of good Behaviour. Taken 14 July, 1660. This is for taking three nails of 'rosterne' from Mr. Kerridge, being confessed upon her examination. (Fees paid)

Samuel Fryer of Lyme, husbandman, 10 £. Sureties: Robert Chicke of Lyme, tailor, and John Hellen of Lyme, husbandman. Condition, as the preceding. Taken 7 December, 1660. For suspicion of felony. (Fees not paid)

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Lyme Regis: At the general session of the peace for the said town held there 10 April, 13 Charles II (1661) before Amiel Hart, mayor, George Strode, esquire, recorder, John Ellesdon, gent, and Solomon Andrewes, justices of the peace,

The jury:

William Dare William Courtney James Baxter Thomas Tailor Edward Gregory Edward Keech

James Gaich John Cox William Cogan Richard Woodford Robert Holding William Peckerell
Baruch Pitts William Osborne William Smyth Robert Coade Edward Edwards

Who being sworn and charged say on their oath that Samuel Fryer on the 5th of December, 1660, at Lyme Regis took by force a hatchet, value 6d. and a smith's 'hander' value 3d. belonging- to Thomas Godfrey. The said Samuel says that he is not guilty and puts himself upon the country. And a certain jury of the country, namely, (Names given) being good and lawful men of Lyme Regis say on their oath that Samuel Fryer is guilty. Upon which the judgment of the court is that the said Samuel shall be whipped as the law demands.

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And the said William Dare and his fellows say that Joan Wood, spinster, on the 13th of July, 1660, at Lyme Regis stole a certain quantity of woollen cloth, namely three nails Of 'Rosterne' from John Kerridge, value 6d. And the said Joan says that she is not guilty and puts herself upon the country. And the said James Minson and his fellows say that the said Joan is not guilty and she is discharged.

And the said William Dare and his fellows present that John Jeanes has sold beer without licence in the town. And it is ordered by the court that he shall pay to the poor of Lyme Regis as the law demands.

And they also present that Thomas Seaward, senior, Alice Bertram, widow, Obedience Scorch, widow, William Trickey, William Body, Mary Gardiner, widow, Samuel Whetcombe have sold beer at Lyme Regis without licence, according to the presentment of the constables. It is ordered that they shall each pay 20s. to the use of the poor as the law demands.

And further they present that George Alford, Joan Somers, Anne Sampford, widow, Mary Davie, widow, John Collier, Thomas Burridge, Elizabeth Loe, widow, Anastacia Tucker, widow, Mary Templeman, widow, have sold beer by unlawful measures. Therefore it is ordered that they shall each pay 20s, to the use of the poor as the law demands.

And further they present that Gregory Smyth, William Follett, William Northeridge, John Tilman, and Nicholas Spencer are evil livers and common profaners of the Sabbath and do not come to the sermons preached in the parish church, as by the information of the constables.

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p.29) And the said William being summoned pays to the mayor 20s. for the said offences.

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p.31) Recognisances.

Thomas Newton of Lyme, tailor, 40 £. Sureties: Elias Sprake of Uplyme, husbandman; Richard Gaich of Lyme, mariner. To appear at the next general sessions of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken in full Husting Court 2 December, 13 Charles II (1661). For entertaining Susanna Alford and the 'Genny men' in suspicious manner and on the Lord's day, a suspect bawdy house. (*Guinea men ? Sailors from a Guinea merchantman. C.W*)

William Osborne of Lyme, merchant, 40 £. Sureties: John Osborne of Uplyme, husbandman; Nathaniel Sweet of Culllton, mercer, 40£. Condition, as the preceding. Taken 5 December, 1661. For getting a bastard by Anne Stour, as by examinations taken.

24 December, 1661: John Williams was chosen constable.

(There follow a number of recognisances for licences to sell beer)

p.33) Samuel Fryer of Lyme, husbandman, 10 £. Sureties: Richard Bagg of Lyme, cordwainer; Samuel Potter of the same, tobacco cutter.

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To appear at the next general session of the peace. For whipping his wife and threatening to kill her, in the presence of Robert Coade and Baruch Pitts, constables. Taken 9 May, 14 Charles II (1662).

John Stower of Lyme, husbandman, 10 £. Surety: Margaret Grenfeild of the same, widow. Condition, that the said John and Mary his wife shall appear (etc.) For rescuing a gelding in the way at the park and for whipping Gregory Varder's servant. Taken 9 June, 14 Charles II (1662).

Margaret Grenfeild of Lyme, widow, 10 £. Surety: John Stower of the same husbandman. As the

preceding. For the same. Taken same day.

p.34) Lyme Regis. Session of the peace of the said town held at the 'Motehall' 6 October (year not given). Gregory Alford sworn mayor.

The Jury.

William Dare John Way Anthony Ellesdon Edward Gregory John Tucker John Edwards
William Pickerell Nicholas Wheteomb Samuel Whetcomb William Wheteomb Thomas Tailor
William Cottle Richard Woodford Edward Body John Cox. *(No proceedings entered)*

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Recognisance. Thomas Burridge of Lyme, innholder, 40 £. Sureties: Robert Holder of Lyme, merchant; John Cox of Lyme, yeoman. To appear at the next general session of the peace, and meanwhile to be of good behaviour. Taken 7 October, 1662. For entertaining Christopher Smyth's servant and contempt of the constables which are his bail.

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CALENDAR OF DRAFT COURT BOOK 1668-1670.

p.1) Husting Court held 7 September. 1668.

John Whetcomb and Robert Coad for refusing to take the oath of a chief magistrate or to pay their fine are committed to the town hall until they submit either to take the oath or pay the fine of 100 £. Wells hath them in charge. Afterwards, to wit the same day they submitted and took the oath and so are discharged from their imprisonment and also from their respective fines.

p.2) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge, held 5 October. 1668.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do declare that we and either of us hold that there lies no obligation upon us or any other person from the oath called the Solemn League and Covenant, and that the same was in itself an unlawful oath and imposed upon the subjects of this realm against the known laws and liberties of the kingdom. (Signatures of Edward Edwards, William Cottle and Solomon Andrews).

General Session of the Peace, held 5 October. 1668.

Recognisances.

Hugh Buckland of Lyme, mariner, 20 £. Sureties: Francis Broadmead and Elias Sprake. Condition, to appear at today's session of the peace.

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This recognisance was taken 2 September last, and the occasion was for that the said Hugh refused to serve as a Juror touching the inquest about the death of Thomas the son of John Lush, and Ruth, the daughter of Gilbert Downing. The said Hugh this day appeared, and submitting himself to the Court acknowledged his error and was discharged.

Thomas Wyatt of Uplyme, lime burner, 20 £. Sureties: James Minson and Richard Tucker of Lyme. Condition, that he shall appear at this session and prosecute his traverse to a bill of Indictment. The said Thomas did appear, but being not ready by the favour of the Court it is continued till next sessions.

William Mountstephens of Lyme, blacksmith, 40 £. Sureties: John Biggs, Richard Wilson. Condition, that the said Mount Stephens should appear this sessions and in the meantime be of the good behaviour unto all his Majesty's liege people, but in especial to his wife, who swears she standeth in fear of her life of him, as by the information of Mr. Andrews appeareth. The said Mountstephens this day appeared, but it was not thought he should be discharged, so he is continued over to the next session, but hath paid no fees for this.

John Crow of Lyme, tobacco pipe maker, 20 £. Surety: Abraham Pitts of Lyme. Taken 19 August, 1667. Condition, that the said John Crow do appear at the next Sessions, and in the meantime be of the good behaviour, the occasion being for that he tippled in a garden of an ale house on the Sabbath day, and did not frequent the public 'ordinance'. At the last session which

was held this time twelve month, the said Crow did not appear, being then at London, but by the favour of the Court and desire of the surety Mr. Pitts it was continued over till this Session, for which binding and continuance the said Crow paid 6s.8d.
p.7) Husting Court held 16 November. 1668.

Recognisance.

Thomas Burrige, 20 £. Sureties: John Wills, tobacco cutter. William Hill, glazier. Condition, to observe the statutes for tipling and to grind at the - - - - mill.

p.13) Husting Court held 29 March. 1669.

William Hill at this court was warned by Mr. Mayor that he doth not sell or let any house to one Henry Willmott, for fear of a charge to fall on the town.

p.20) Husting Court held 4 October. 1669.

Declaration as to the Solemn League and Covenant (as above), with signatures of Robert Coad, Edward Edwards, and William Cottle.

p.26) Husting Court held 4 April. 1670.

(In this book Thomas Burredge is given as overseer of the poor, Thomas Bowdich in the Court Book proper).

p.30) Declaration as to the Solemn League and Covenant (as above), with signatures of William Cogan, Robert Coad, and Edward Edwards.

p.32) Session of the Peace held 17 October. 1670. (Names of jury given, but no proceedings)

GLOSSARY AND NOTES.

Abearing	Demeanour, behaviour.
Alford, Richard	He was five times Mayor of Lyme and once held office even under the Commonwealth, viz., in 1652: In spite of this he was a "malignant and a desperate one" (Drake's Diary), being taken prisoner by the people of Lyme during the siege in 1644 for conveyance to Portsmouth. From. p. 12 he was clearly dead in 1658, leaving his better known son, the intensely pro-Stuart, Gregory Alford to play his part (which he did most valiantly) in more congenial Royalist surroundings.
All-hallow-tide	November 1st. Amerce(d) fine(d).
Apprentices	Apparently no one could set up for himself in a trade at Lyme, unless he had first served as an apprentice in that trade.
Aqueduct	May be taken as the equivalent of "water-course". See p. 73 of Calendar of Court Book 1613-1627.
Array, Commission of	Refers to the calling out of the militia.
Attorney-General	Edmund Prideaux was Cromwell's Attorney General from 1649 till his death in 1659.

Backside -	Back premises.
Ballads	Clearly means bales, probably through 'ballet' in the sense of "a little ball". The O.E.D. does not countenance this use of 'ballad'.
Barrels on chimneys	Must presumably have been meant to serve the purpose of cowls. Obviously they were a serious addition to the ever-present dread of fire in old Lyme.
Base rate	presumably means 'unfair assessment.
Blackmore	Unless Blackdown, Bettescombe, is meant, this must presumably be Blackmoor Vale, Somerset.

Brewhouse	Until recent years there was a brew-house at the N.W. corner of Coombe Street, near Gosling Bridge. Its wall, of blocks of old lias, abutted on to the Mill stream which flows down the Lynch. It was approached by the short roadway now (1937) leading to "John, the Baker."	
Bridgefoot	"leading towards Mill Green" cannot be accurately identified, but in Fugitive Pieces IX, fol. 91(1) "a bridge commonly called Bridgfont" is presented (April 1646) as broken and in want of repair. Clearly this is the same place.	
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Busselton	See note at foot of page.	
Butts	These, when in order, were on Mill Green, but in 1660 archery had been replaced by firearms.	
Capital Burgess.	Was the name given in Elizabeth's Charter of 1591 to members of the Borough Council.	
Ceely, Thomas	As Mayor during the siege year (1644) had been made Governor of Lyme, with the military rank of Colonel. In 1662 he and a few others were ousted from the Corporation by Government for refusing; to take the oath of allegiance to Charles II. See Calendar of Finance, p.60.	
Charmouth Lane	Once a direct road between Lyme and Charmouth at the foot of the cliffs. A portion of the Lyme end of it still exists. The rest has fallen into the sea. A watercourse, starting from a spring in Charmouth Lane, ran thence down Church Street and formed the town's supply of pot water on the Eastern side.	
Che(a)ttle, Francis	This recipient of the honorary Freedom of Lyme in 1647 was the eldest son of Henry Chettle of Blandford St. Mary. He was for Corfe Castle in the Long Parliament, and thus a colleague of Lyme's Recorder Edmund Prideaux. He was also a member of the Middle Temple and therefore, like Prldeaux, a barrister.	
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Christian	As a woman's name was not unusual in 1651.	
Chief magistrate	probably does not mean Mayor but "capital burgess". £100 was the fine for refusing to serve on the Council.	
Church Hatch	Clearly refers to some stile or wicket gate leading into the Churchyard.	
Church Wardens	The reference of 1659 (p. 37) to the election of these officials by the Borough Council is the first on record. Are we to presume that the leasing of Lyme's Prebend by the Borough Council had already started?. It is generally dated 9 years later on.	
Cockmoile	See note "Sundry Mayors' Accounts" Vol. 2, p. 314.	
Colway Pound	This is the first mention of such a place in all the series of Court Books. Colway no doubt possessed one as "being a Manor."	
Common Park	This is the first mention of such a place. Possibly it is synonymous with the "Land belonging to the poor" on p.42. nothing is known of its position.	
Conventicles	see "Creed, John."	
Cooper	An artisan who had to do with the construction or repair of wooden casks.	
Coram, John	Was this Surveyor of the highways in 1670 the father of Thomas Coram?. It is generally held that Thomas was born in 1668.	
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Cordwainer	Bootmaker from Cordova (Spain) famed for its leather in olden days. Lyme had a famous cattle market in the 17th century. See the constant references to "leather-sealers," i.e., skin inspectors, in this volume.	
Cornhill	The name given to the end of Broad Street on the South-West side where it was split in two by the Shambles and Middle Row. Probably there was a	

	corn market there in former times.	
Country, Put himself on;	Demanded a Jury.	
Court Baron	The name given to any assembly of the freehold tenants of a manor.	
Courts, holding of	The Weekly Court of the Mayor seems to have been held somewhat irregularly during most of the Commonwealth, but after 1657 greater strictness was observed.	
Crawley's plot	Except that it was near Haye House, cannot be identified.	
Creed, John	The Conventicles Act had been passed in 1664 and Creed was a notable rebel in refusing to go to Church. Consequently he figures often in Lyme's Misdemeanour Book He is also the hero of one of the documents shown in Lyme's Museum under the head of "Conventicles Forbidden". Of course, the arrival of William III and the Toleration Act of 1689 put an end to persecution.	
Cucking-Stool	See note "Sundry Mayors' Accounts," Vol. 2, p. 315.	106
Custom House	This stood at the bottom of Broad Street opposite to Cobb Gate, where the public conveniences now (1937) are. There was a new Custom House in 1555 and another built in 1697. This was burnt down in the fire of 1844, See p. 89 of the Calendar of Finance.	
Deodand	This has never been mentioned before in these Court Books. The planks seem to have fallen on the man and killed him.	
Drang	In Dorset dialect is a narrow passage. The use of part of a freehold as a 'drang' may have conferred that name upon the whole.	
Durnes ostii	See note at foot of page. Halliwell gives both 'dur' and 'dura' as Anglo-Saxon for a 'door' or gate-post.	
Engrossment of corn	Refers to some attempt at buying up corn so as to create a monopoly and increase the price. This offence seems to have been very rampant in Elizabeth's reign. See Portfolio I of Fugitive Pieces, folios 16, 17, 35.	107
Erle, Thomas	This recipient of the honorary freedom of Lyme in 1647 was probably the son of Sir Walter Erle of Charborough (a noted Parliamentarian and M.P. for Lyme in 1626 and the Short Parliament of 1640), who died in 1650. He was Member for Milborne Port, Som., in the Short Parliament of 1640 and thus a colleague of Prideaux in that Parliament.	
False pass	This is a reference to the Poor Laws of Elizabeth, under which a pauper could be passed on from village to village until he reached his legal habitation.	
Frankpledge, View of Free Burgess	See note on p. 77 of Court Book for 1613-27. See notes on "Free Burgesses" at p. 72 of Court Book 1592-1602 and on Burgesses at p. 132 of Court Book 1578-84.	
Furze-house	Bakers used furze extensively for heating their ovens. Both of the big fires of 1803 and 1844 are attributed to this.	108
Genny-men	See note on the page. Another possible interpretation is journeymen.	
George Gate, George Comb	These places clearly took their names from the old George Inn which occupied part of George Square. It was burnt down in the fire of 1844.	
Gosling Bridge	The bridge over the river which unites the North end of Coombe Street with Mill Green.	
Greist Mills	Holden was the tenant of the Town Mills. See note p. 84 of the Court Book 1613-27. They were flour mills and grist means corn to be ground.	
Guilloze	The name is clearly foreign, probably Breton. The forename may be Jevon or	

Yevon.

Hackney Saddle
Hander

A saddle for a riding-horse.
It is difficult to be certain about this. Probably it was the Smith's tongs or pincers.

Hayward
Hay House

see Court Book 1615-27, p. 79.
Still standing, shared with Colway House the distinction of being occupied by Prince Maurice during the siege of 1646. It was at this time owned by Richard Alford (see note above). To

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him succeeded his son, the notorious Gregory, who was Mayor in the year when Monmouth came. Thus Hay House enters also into the story of that eventful time.

Henley, Henry

The second son of Henry Henley of Colway and of Leigh House, Winsham, Chard. He was probably born in 1611. He sat for Lyme Regis in the House of Commons five times between 1661 and 1695. He died in 1696.

Hole Farm

Is the Rhode Barton of 1937. The actual footpath thither, which was diverted or stopped by Henry Henley, is a matter for surmise.

Hopyard

Except that it was near Hay House nothing is known of this place, here mentioned for the first time.

Husting Court (passim).

See note p. 79 of Court Book 1613-27.

Indemnity, Committee of

This was probably one of the many Committees sitting in London for the administration of country during the Commonwealth, and possibly the title is wrongly given.

Ingsbatch

Ingles Batch or English Batch, a hamlet 5 miles S.W. of Bath.

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Jones. Robert

Here appears in a list of Freeholders and is the man whom Roberts calls a "great persecutor of dissenters." Roberts also repeats many queer legends about him. He lived at and possibly built (C.1662) the Great House in Broad Street (which extended downwards from the Pitt House Hotel) and is said to have entertained Jeffreys there, who left his ghost behind him. Jones was a very prominent Tory in the midst of a Whig Community.

Keelage

The toll payable on entering into or anchoring in a harbour.

Ladders
Lake

Probably for use in case of fire.
Has the local meaning here of a stream or watercourse.

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Lanchcraft

This is the well-known close or district (generally written "Lanchycraft") of Uplyme above the "Black Dog" public house. In the 17th century it was the extreme boundary of the parish of Lyme on that side.

Latin in Court Book

It will be noted that from April 1651 to August 1660 the Court Book is not in Latin but in English. This was probably due to the influence of the Commonwealth. With the Restoration we go back to the dark ages. But 70 years later on Lord Chancellor King (who had been Recorder of Lyme in 1707) struck a more decisive blow against Latin as the language of courts of law.

League and Covenant

"The Solemn" with its implication of Presbyterianism was, of course, anathema to the supporters of the Restoration bent on re-establishing the ascendancy of the Church of England. The fact that Charles II himself had

	signed this pernicious document in 1651 meant nothing. Under the Clarendon Code of 1661 the Solemn League and Covenant was burnt by the common hangman. The names of certain notable non-jurors of Lyme are given in pp.58-61 of Calendar of Finance.	
Licenses	A reading of this page leads to the impression that there was little discrimination in the issue of licenses to sell alcoholic liquor in the Lyme of the 17th century.	
Limpett head bolts	An alternative name for these in the 17th century was "fender bolts" and they were intended to serve as fenders in harbour, being stuck	112
	into the bends or thickest planks of a vessel's sides to save her from injury by other vessels. But if the limpet head of the bolt was sharp (as is here the case) and stuck out prominently, the injury which such fenders might cause to other craft is obvious.	
Lymbry, Stephen	This is probably the identical Stephen who failed in September 1651 to bring his boat from Lyme to Charmouth to carry Charles II over to France, because he had been locked up at home by his wife..	
Mantles	See notes in previous Court Books.	
Mixons	Dung heaps.	
Motehall Hall, of Meeting	Guildhall, Town Hall.	
Nail	A measure of length which was 2 1/2 inches.	
New Close	Cannot be identified.	113
Orchard, Thomas	It is evident from p.41 that he had been deprived of the Town Clerkship under the Commonwealth and was now restored by order from London. His place had been taken by Matthew Bragg (see p.7). It will be noted that both Bragg and Orchard acted as Stewards of the Court Leet. This position had generally been held hitherto by some notability of the county or his deputy	
Peace Sessions	Though the second Charter of James I, viz., that granted in 1621, had authorised the Borough to hold general sessions of the peace, no record of such sessions occurs before the present Volume. It is conceivable that the influence of Prideaux may have wrought this change.	
Pentecost	Whitsuntide.	
Pill	Water-pill or pool, places where utensils might be easily filled with potwater in its course down the street.	
Planching	There was a covered way round the Custom House which constituted the Town Walk. The planking may refer to that of the roof or floor.	
Ploughs	A comparison of these passages seems to point to this, viz., that the ploughs referred to are not the ordinary agricultural plough	114
	but the "plows" or sledges used by the official porters of the Corporation for bringing goods along the beach from the Cobb to Cobb Gate or vice-versa.	
Porters	These were they with whom the Corporation made contracts from time to time for conveyance of goods along the beach to and from the Cobb. See note on ploughs above. One of their duties seems to have been that of clearing some ditch, probably at the bottom of Broad Street.	

Potwater	That the water which flowed in open watercourses down Lyme's streets was suitable only for cooking is made evident by many references to fouling of the water.	
Pound Close	Was a plot of land at the N.E. corner of Pound Road, extending almost to Silver Street.	
Pound Street	The reference of 1650 to this street is a fairly early one, but the text shows that it was still rural.	
Poyning end	Sometimes written poynant-end and means simply "pointed end", the end or side of a house which juts out.	
Prideaux, Edmund	Second son of Sir Ed. Prideaux of Netherton Farway, Devon, was of Cambridge (Sidney) and the Inner Temple. He was M.P. for Lyme both in the Short and Long Parliaments and in Cromwell's Parliament of 1654-5. The date of his election as Recorder of Lyme is unknown, but he held the office from 1647 till his death. He was also Cromwell's Attorney General from 1655. Bought Ford Abbey in 1649. Died in 1659.	
Protector, The Lord	This of May 1657 is the only reference to Cromwell in the book. He had been made Lord Protector on May 25th of this year and, dying on Sept. 3, 1658, held the title for only 15 months.	115
Rackclose / Rackmead	See note at p.82 of Court Book 1613-1627.	
Rate for the royal aid	This evidently refers to some subsidy and objection seems to be made that the basis of assessment was unfair.	
Reliefs	See note at p. 82 of Court Book 1613-1627.	
Rose, Richard	The family came from Jersey and were notable residents at Lyme in the 17th century. This Richard was Mayor 1633/4 and was also chosen for 1650/51, but refused to serve. A protest which he made against taxation for the King's navy in 1637 was reported to the Privy Council, but no action was taken. He was M.P. for Lyme in the Long Parliament (1640-1653) with Edmund Prideaux. A presentation of silver flagons, valued then at £24.12s. and worth far more to-day, was made to him in 1647/8. He became the owner of Wootton Fitzpaine before his death, and died in 1655.	
Rosterne / Rostrenen.	The name for a woollen fabric, comes probably from the Breton town See note on Dowlas at p. 405 of Court Book Calendar 1668-74.	
St. John Baptist	June 24th.	116
Ship Inn	A Ship Inn is shown on Lyme's Plan of 1841 and a Ship Inn is at the same place in Coombe Street now. The Ship Inn of to-day replaces a thatched house which was burnt down in the 18 eighties. Old Inns keep to the places they have shown and the Inn of 1841 was probably the same as that of the text.	
Shire Lane	This lane between Dorset and Devon is on the Sidmouth Road a short distance to the right above Morgan's Grave. It would be next "the highway leading to Colyton."	
Short, Ames	See note Sundry Mayors' Accounts, Vol. 2, p.333. It is clear from this passage that he was a Freeholder of Lyme as well as Vicar.	
Shutt	See note on page.	
Silk-weaver	This (1650) is the first mention of silk weaving at Lyme. Silk was, of course, a far later arrival in Lyme than wool, and cannot have come before the end of Elizabeth's reign. On the other hand it lasted later than wool, for three Dorset silk "throwsters" (one of them at Lyme) are mentioned in a directory of 1867.	

Simple	Has here the meaning of 'foolish'.	117
Snook's House	Of course cannot be identified.	
Somers, Winifred	The wife of Sir George Somers, of "Somers Islands", i.e., the Bermudas, was a Winifred. But Somers was dead in 1610 and this is 1647.	
South Perrott	On the Somerset border, 3 ms. S.W. of Crewkerne.	
States sellar	Presumably some official warehouse where goods could be kept in bond by the Corporation. Its locality is unknown.	
Steward	See note at p.83 of Court Book 1613-1627 and "Orchard, Thomas" above.	
Stoke-subter-hamdon	Is the place known now as Stoke-under-Hamdon, 6 ms. N.W. of Yeovil.	
Strangers	The objection to these seems to have been some possible liability in respect of poor relief.	
Strode, Sir George	Succeeded Prideaux as Recorder of Lyme and when the Corporation was manipulated by Government in 1684, he retained office. He was born in 1626, being second son of Sir John Strode of Parnham. He was of Lincoln's Inn and rose to be a Serjeant-at-Law. He was knighted in 1676. He married the daughter of Sir John Fitzjames of Lewston, who had been Recorder of Lyme from 1599. He represented Lyme with Henry Henley in the House of Commons in the short Parliament of March-July 1679. He died at Lewston on Oct. 24, 1701.	118
Sumack / Shumack	See note on page, also reference to 'tan pits' at p.48 and note on Cordwainer above. Tan-pits is another reference to the industry of the dressing of skins at Lyme. See Cordwainer above and white-tawer below.	
Three Cups	This of 1657 is a fairly early reference to the inn which was replacing the medieval 'George'.	
Three Mead Style (sic)	Cannot be identified.	
Tipplers tipping	See note on p.84 of Court Book for 1613-1637. Tippler or tipping must be interpreted according to the context.	
Tower	If the 'Tower House' is intended, this is explained in a note on p.80 of the Court Book for 1592-1602, but probably some other place is meant.	
Town Clerk	This before 1661 would have been Matthew Bragg and after 1661 would have been Thomas Orchard.	
Traverse, Prosecute a	Enter an appearance and a defence to the charges against him.	
Tucker	See note on p.61 of the Court Book for 1604-1608.	119
Ware	This passage seems to suggest that there was a pound on the site of Keble Cottage even in 1657.	
Weare	Weir.	
Wes(t)ley, John	This is presumably the John Wesley to whom a plague-pass (shown at folio 14 of Portfolio III of Fugitive Pieces) was issued in 1665. If so, he was the grandfather of the founder of the Methodists. It is therefore only natural that he should have been fined (p.51) for being at a conventicle in 1666.	
White tawer	Was one who dresses skins with alum or salt so as to retain the natural colour; a saddler, a harness-maker. See Cordwainer and Tan pits above.	
Widworthy	Is between Axminster and Honiton and about 3 miles from the latter.	
Wroth, Sir Thomas	Received the honorary freedom of Lyme on Oct. 11th, 1647, was another of Prideaux' colleagues in the Long Parliament, was of Petherton Park, Somerset. He had been knighted by James I in 1613. He sat for Bridgwater in the House of Commons in 1628, 1640 (the Long Parliament), 1656 and 1660.	

He had been a strong Parliament man

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but found salvation at the end and petitioned for pardon at the Restoration. A little later on he is once called the 'King's Pensioner'. He died at Petherton Park in 1666.

Year not given

This would have been 1662, because Gregory Alford's first mayoralty was 1662/3.

Young, Sir John

Was of the well-known family of Colyton. He was knighted in 1625 and sat for Plymouth in the Long Parliament (1640-53), but was "secluded" therefrom in 1648, probably as being a very lukewarm parliamentarian. He was made a baronet in 1661 and died in 1663. His son, Sir Walter Young, sat for Lyme in the House of Commons Ap. Dec. 1660.

End of Court Book 1647 – 1670

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