

ORDER to those Freeman that refuse to take the office of Cobb warden, 1609

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Spelling as written.

An order made touching those Freeman that / shall refuse to take the Office of Cobb Warden ship / upon them being nomynated (nominated) and elected thereunto made the xth (10th) Days of Aprill (April) Ano Dom 1609 in / the Counsell houseas (Council houses) followeth viz:

Whereas the Mayor & Burgesses of this town of Lyme / Regis by virtue of their Charter confirmed to them by the / Kings Matic (sic) are enabled at all tymes and tymes as there occasions shallbee to make any good & wholesome laws and / ordynance for the common wealth of the said towne for the same ordynance be not against the laws of this / Realms. And Whereas sometimes heretofore those / persons that have been nominated & chosen by the Mayor / & Burgesses in the Myll Greene [Mill Green] on Easter Day to bee / Cobb Warden according to the Customs have refused / & would not in any part take and execute that office/ and many tymes being warned by the Sergeant to / come to the mais? att the Myllegreene aforesaid have / refused to come, and sometimes willfullye absent - / themselves because they will not be chosen wardens. / Now therefore ? is this daye ordered and Decreed / in the Counsel House at Lyme Rege by the Worshipful / Anthony Moane gent. Mayor of the Town of Lyme / aforesaid & others the Capitall Burgesses of the / same Towne whose names are to these presents - / subscribed as also and the Advise and convent of William / Gybbes Esquire Steward of the said Towne and Richard Symonds Esquire Steward of the said Towne / That from henceforth whensoever the Mayor and / Burgesses of the Towne aforesaid shall on Easter day / in the Mille Greene of Lyme aforesaid ?? to - / the Collection of the Cobb Wardens as aforesaid and - /shall then and there nominate elect and choose two - / persons that are or shall be then free of the ffranches / called ffreemen to be Cobb Wardens for that yere [year] / then to c? and they or any of them shall refuse / the Office or being warned by the Sergeants from the // Mayor that daye to come to the said Myll green do / refuse to come or any shall wilfully absent themselves / being sent for that in such case both he that doth refuse / to come or absent himself or shall refuse the Office aforesaid / shall have his freedome of the franchises forthwith and / never to bee admitted againe thereunto without the / consent of the Mayor and his Brethren for the tyme / being without payment of such a fyne [fine] to the Mayor / of the said Town to the use of the Corporation of the said Towne as shall be adjudged by the said Mayor and his Brethren or the mosts ?? of them –

[signed] Anthony Moone Mayor

George Somers

John Hassard

Richard Norris

John Bidgaad

Ric. Carpten