

Calendar of Freeman 1569-1835

Introduction by Graham Davies, February 2022

Freemen had a recognised status and certain trading privileges. They voted for the mayor with or without freeholders or other 'burgesses'. Residence at Lyme was enjoined in the 16th century. The sons of mayors, the sons of freemen, and apprentices obtained the freedom of Lyme on easier terms than other people.

The Museum has a calendar (register) of freemen of Lyme Regis in the form of 60 loose leaf typed foolscap pages. Team member Richard Wells (2016) has transcribed (OCR) the document to produce this digital file. He has included the page numbers (2-61) of the typed calendar. The document itself refers to other page numbers, with the prefix (p.) which suggests that it has been copied from an earlier record. It is believed that the information comes from the researches of historian and former curator of the Museum Cyril Wanklyn. To save the town's ancient records from oblivion, he had them translated, summarised and bound in the 1930s producing a collection of Court Books and Calendars covering the period from 1309 to 1835.

(p.2) Oath of a Freeman²

You shall swear that you shall be good and true to our Sovereign lady the Queen that now is, and to her heirs (and successors)³, kings and queens. You shall be obedient to the mayor and other officers of this town of Lyme Regis for the time being; the franchises, liberties and customs and all other orders which are for the common wealth thereof you shall maintain and keep harmless, to your power. You shall be contributory to all manner charges within the said town, as "watche, tasks, lott, and skott," and all other charges, bearing your part according to your power as other freemen do. You shall colour no foreigners' goods. You shall know no foreigners to buy nor sell any merchandise with any other foreigner within the town or liberty, but you shall warn the mayor thereof or his brethren. (You shall implead or sue no freeman out of this town whilst you may have right and Justice within the same town. You shall not by writ of certiorari, corpus cum causa, writ of privilege or by any other writ remove or consent to the removing of any cause, or the tenor of any cause or matter that shall be depending before the said mayor or his deputy by action to be commenced against you by any freeman or foreigner without the licence and consent (sic) [consent] of the said mayor for the time being)⁴. Ye shall know no gatherings, conventicles or conspiracies made against the Queen's peace, but you shall warn the mayor thereof and let it to your power. All these points and articles and every of them you shall well and truly keep according to the orders and customs of the town, to your power, so help you God, and by the holy contents of this book, and upon peril of losing of your freedom.

² In a different hand from that of p.1.

³ Words in brackets crossed out.

⁴ Words in brackets underlined.

(p.1) ¹The names of them that be made free, viz., those that are no burgesses, they to be called free men; and those that are burgesses, they to be called free burgesses, all of which do pay a fine and take their oaths.

¹ A separate pagination now begins. the first page is given in full as a specimen. After that the Register is Calendared.

May 16th, 1569	John Combe of Lyme Regis was admitted and sworn a freeman of the said town in the eleventh year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, in the time of Robert Davy mayor.
December 12th, 1569	Richard Davy of Lyme Regis was admitted and sworn a freeman of the said town and in the 12th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, In the time of John Garland mayor.
December 12th, 1569	Peter Wilcokes of Lyme Regis was admitted and sworn a freeman of the said town and in the 12th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth
October 30th, 1570	Thomas Denslo of Lyme Regis was admitted and sworn a freeman of the said town and in the 12th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.
March 18th, 1570	John Bellemy of Lyme Regis was admitted and sworn a freeman of the said town and in the 13th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth.
(4) September 19th 1575	Robert Tutchyn of Lyme Regis was admitted and sworn freeman of the said town and in the 17th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth, and must pay for the same 40s., whereof he is allowed 20s. for his pains of the Cobb warden, in the time of Robert Davy mayor.
April 30th, 1575	George Plea of Lyme Regis was admitted and sworn freeman of the said town and in the 18th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth and hath paid. (Marginal note: A free burgess by paying his fine).
(p.2) April 29th 1577 April 29th, 1577 September 30th 1577	Walter Harvye of Colway admitted and sworn freeman. Richard Bedford admitted and sworn freeman. John Jones admitted and sworn freeman. (Marginal note: A free burgess by paying his fine).
April 20th 1578 October 6th 1578	Phillip Harvye admitted and sworn freeman. Nicholas Hassarde admitted and sworn. (Marginal note: A free burgess buying his freedom).
May 4th 1579 December 8th 1579 December 8th 1579 (p.3) December 8th 1579 (5) December 8th 1579 December 13th 1579	John Kerydge admitted and sworn freeman. Henry Woodroff admitted and sworn freeman. Thomas Whetcome admitted and sworn freemen. Nicholas Smythe admitted and sworn freeman. Thomas Hyat admitted and sworn freeman. John Davy the son of Mr. Robert Davy.
August 28th 1581 October 16th 1581	John Skore the younger of Lyme merchant. Nicholas Deane of Lyme, mercer. (A free burgess by buying his freedom)
April 22nd 1583 April 22nd 1583 (p.4) April 22nd 1583	John Ley of Lyme merchant. (A free burgess by buying his freedom). John Perratt of Lyme, merchant. (A free burgess by buying his freedom). John Hassard junior of lyme merchant.

April 22nd 1583	Richard Norris of lyme, merchant.
June 3rd 1583	Richard Davidge of Lyme merchant.
Jan 20th 1583(-4)	James Hill of Lyme clothier.
September 12th 1585	Richard Rose of lyme merchant.
August 22nd 1586	Walter Tucker of Lyme merchant.
September 12th 1586 (p.5)	William Hill of Lyme merchant.
September 14th 1586	John Strangwaies [Strangways] esquire and John Fitzjames esquire admitted to the freedom.
December 16th 1588	John Hayes.
December 16th 1588	Marcus Barnes.
May 26th 1589	John Cogan mariner.
August 31st 1590	Christopher Elemstone, Silvester Jorden, John Hassard junior, Nicholas Hunt.
October 19th 1590	Anthony More.
July 12th 1591	Robert Broke is admitted to the freedom upon his oath.
April 17th 1592 (p.6)	Robert Hassard junior.
April 17th 1592	John Hill.
June 12th 1592	John Woodroff.
August 14th 1592	Mathew Davy.
June 23rd 1595 (6)	William Durston.
August 25th 1595	William Davy.
October 7th 1595	John Bydgood agent admitted to the freedom and council being also chosen constable the same year at the law day 6th October.
September 13th 1596	Thomas Whitehead admitted to the freedom.
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April 18th 1597	Thomas Pears.
April 18th 1597	Philip Hiat.
April 18th 1597	Nicholas Stretchley.
November 7th 1597	John Follett mariner.
November 14th 1597	Christopher Dowll.
January 9th 1598	Robert Collyns.
February 13th 1598	Robert Bragg.
April 24th 1598	William Elesdon junior.
May 22nd 1598	Thomasine Durston widow the relict of Alexander Durston a freeman. (Marginal note: 'feme sole')
August 14th 1598 (p.8)	William Hockett.
August 28th 1598	George Somers of Berne gent.
October 2nd 1598	Thomas Hooper.
January 29th 1599	Robert Hassard gent.
April 16th 1599	Richard Stone.

August 4th 1600	George Tuthill.
October 13th, 1600	William Bagster.
May 4th 1601	Robert Strode of Parnham esquire.
September 14th 1601	Stephen Bonner.
October 3rd 1603	John Vyney.
August 13th 1604	Thomas Carswell.
October 1st, 1604	John Viney sworn to be of the council.
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October 1st 1604	Sir John Browne knight.
February 11th 1605	Baldwin Semford.
April 22nd 1605	William Webber alias Blackford.
April 22nd 1605	Barnard Drake gent.
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May 27th 1605	John Peters.
October 21st 1605	William Newall.
November 25th 1605	John Burgh.
September 30th 1606	John Lymbry of Charmouth.
October 6th 1606	John Titherley esquire.
October 5th 1606	Sir John Jeffry of Catherston knight.
June 12th 1607	Thomas Beat of Ratcliff.
August 31st 1607	Sir Robert Strode of Parneham knight.
August 31st 1607	Sir Richard Strode knight.
September 26th 1608	James Churchey and William Keridge.
October 3rd 1608	The Lord Thomas Howard, Lord Viscount Bindon, and one of the noble order of the Garter, and Lieutenant of this county.
October 3rd 1608	Sir George Moreton knight.
October 3rd 1608	Sir Robert Myller knight.
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October 3rd 1608	Sir John Strangewayses of Abbotsbury knight.
November 21st 1608	William Alford.
January 30th 1609	Nicholas Somer.
May 31st 1610	Richard Harvy, merchant, collector of the customs, sworn and admitted and without any fine, only in regard he vouchsafed to take the wardenship of the Cobb Ale, for the benefit of the Cobb upon him.
May 31st 1610	John Newall For a fine of 50s.
July 30th 1610	William Alford now admitted.
October 22nd 1610	Nicolas Whetcom mariner. For a fine of 60s.
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April 15th 1611	James Tucker merchant being a freeman's son.
April 15th 1611	John Crewkerne gent. For the fine of 10s. in respect he was in the office of Cobb wardenship.
July 10th 1611	Arthur Gregory gent, chief searcher of the port of Poole and members thereof.
August 26th 1611	Mr. Anthony Ellesdon gent. And sworn to the council the same day.
August 26th 1611	William Gaich.

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September 30th 1611 Sir Robert Browne knight.
September 30th 1611 George Browne of Simsborowe¹ esquire and John Browne esquire. The said George Browne esquire sworn to the office of Recorder the same day.

May 25th 1612 George Pley Junior.
May 26th 1612 Robert Cogans.
May 26th 1612 Thomas Larcombe.
June 15th 1612 Philip Stansby.
June 15th 1612 Richard Alford.
July 20th 1612 Richard Butcher cooper.
August 31st 1612 John Checkley of Charmouth, mariner.

June 17th 1613 Ralph Fitzjames gent.
November 26th 1613 John Hassard the younger merchant.
December 6th 1613 Richard Wright gent.
March 2nd 1613(-4) John Drake of Ash esquire and Mr. John Drake his son.

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August 8th 1614 Eleanor Seaward,
October 17th 1614 Henry Tydburie.

June 5th 1615 John Stokes.
September 25th 1615 John Tucker.

¹ Presumably Symondsburly

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October 2nd 1615 John Hassard the younger again admitted.
November 20th 1615 John Rose junior.

March 4th 1616 John Davie.
August 19th 1616 Thomas Seaward.
April 22nd 1616 William Hill.

February 3rd 1617 Giles Carpenter.
April 28th 1617 Nicholas Strangwaies esquire.
June 31st 1617 John Martyn.
July 28th 1617 William Fowler.
August 25th 1617 Sir Edward Underhill knight, Henry Rouswell esquire, John Poole esquire, James Mabb gent, and Henry Symons clerk.
September 1st 1617 Thomas Larke.

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October 6th 1617 Sir Thomas Trenchard knight and Richard Mallock esquire.
October 10th 1617 William Rede.

January 26th 1618 Thomas Drake gent.

September 30th 1616 Sidracke Pitt.
October 14th 1616 John Harvey.
August 25th 1617 Nicholas Clegg of Hiempton.
September 15th 1617 John Stansby.

July 20th 1619 Nicholas Salter of the city of London gent and Thomas Salter of London merchant.

August 2nd 1619	John Perratt.
October 4th 1619	Sir Anthony Vincent knight, John Pawlett, Ames Pawlett, Henry Pawlett, Thomas Thin, Peter Predeaux, John Hewish and George Coles esquires.
May 15th 1620	John Seaward.
January 3rd 1620 (p.14)	Thomas Corbyn.
May 8th 1620	John Dymont.
May 22nd 1620	Arthur Tucker.
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July 16th 1621	Ralph Featherstone gent of Clifford's Inn.
August 27th 1621	Humphrey Waldron, Philip Pawlett esquires, Robert Hassard gent, and Peter Hassard merchant.
January 24th 1625	Edward Lymbry of Charmouth mariner.
March 21st 1625	Christopher Cogan mercer.
March 21st 1625	Edward Gregory merchant.
July 18th 1625	Francis Piccott mariner.
August 21st 1626	John Cogan the younger merchant.
August 28th 1626	Samuel Barnes merchant. For the fine of 10s. only, because he was a freeman's and a merchant's son.
October 23rd 1626	Joseph Hassard son of Robert Hassard of Charmouth, merchant and freeman of this town was admitted upon his oath to the freedom of the town as the son of a merchant freeman, notwithstanding that he and his father lived out of the town.
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November 27th 1626	Nicholas Paige merchant. For the fine of 10s. only, for that he was an apprentice with a merchant freeman.
August 27th 1627	John Harvey merchant son of Mr. Richard Harvey now mayor. For a fine of 10s. because he was a merchant freeman's son.
July 7th 1628	Samuel Deane Joiner. For the fine of 40s.
August 25th 1628	John Hallett merchant servant to Mr. Richard Alford mayor admitted as the apprentice of a merchant freeman for the fine of 10s.
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October 13th 1628	James Bagster, or (as he would call himself) Bagtorr, admitted. For fine of 40s.
November 7th 1629	Richard Davy mariner.
January 18th 1630	John Davy mariner.
August 9th 1630	Michael Larkham and George Bagster.
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January 17th 1631	William Dare mariner.
April 25th 1631	John Milles. For the fine of 4s.
The 27th of July 1631	Christopher Erle esquire counsellor at law was this day admitted into the freedom of the town, and having taken the oaths of supremacy and allegiance was this day sworn into the office of the Recorder of this Town and Justice of the Peace within this town, parish, and Cobb. And forasmuch as it appeared to Mr. Mayor and the rest of the capital burgesses now present in the Council Chamber that Sir Walter Erle knight now present also in the said Council Chamber had been many years since

admitted into the freedom of this town, but his name is not found to be here recorded, for the better establishment of his freedom it is now agreed by the said mayor and capital burgesses that the said Sir Walter Erie shall be readmitted, and he is now admitted accordingly, and accepted as a freeman of this town.

August 22nd 1631 Richard Rose gent. And the same day also admitted to the Council of the town, taking the oath of a capital burgess.

August 29th 1631 Laurence Maydwell esquire one of the Six Clerks of his Majesty's most honourable Court of Chancery.

November 6th 1631 Robert Carsewell merchant. For the fine of 3 l. whereof 20s. was given back to him again by the consent of the company.

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December 19th 1631 John Newall son of William Newall mariner was admitted, and had his freedom freely given him at the request of Mr, Mayor.

August 27th 1632 Hugh Churchey was admitted as the son of a merchant freeman for the fine of 10s. only but upon this express agreement at the time of his admission, that he should take no benefit of his freedom, but during such time and whiles he shall be resident and inhabitant within the town.

December 4th 1637 George Pley merchant.

March 12th 1638 Thomas Ceely gent.

August 27th 1638 Richard Broderipte of Naperton esquire.

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August 27th 1638 Nicholas Putt of Gittisham, Co. Devon esquire.

August 20th 1640 Henry Dare of Lyme Regis.

September 20th 1641 William Skelton of Lyme Regis gent.

1642 Gregory Alford of Lyme Regis merchant.,(day and month not given)

October 2nd 1643 William Kerridge of Lyme Regis merchant.

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December 23rd 1644 John Hackwood of Lyme Regis mercer

January 6th 1645 Thomas Collins of Lyme Regis mercer.

June 2nd 1645 Amyell Bart of Lyme Regis mercer.

December 22nd 1645 Richard Mallack gent. During residence only.

January 12th 1646 John Fowler mercer.

January 11th 1647 Robert Bowdich mercer.

January 18th 1647 John Hassard gent.

January 18th 1647 Abraham Pitts mercer.

March 8th 1647 Solomon Androwes.

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April 12th 1647 John Burton, John Westley and Daniel Follett.

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May 3rd 1647 James Hill. So long as he remains in the town.

June 21st 1647 Gabriel Seat and Thomas Taylor. So long as they shall remain in the town.

October 11th 1647	Thorns Wroth knight, John Young knight, Thomas Earle esquire and Francis Cheatell esquire. (Edmund Prediaux recorder being present).	
October 8th 1649	Thomas Bertram. So long as he remains in the town.	
No date	John Williams and Robert Holden. (Anthony Ellesdon mayor). Anna Dare, Mary Fowler and Martha Fowler admitted to buy and sell while they are unmarried, paying to the mayor yearly 5s. apiece.	
December 6th 1652	Robert Dare and John Holwill admitted freemen, as long as they live in the town.	
September 12th 1653	William White. As long as he lives in the town.	
February 20th 1654	George Barrett.	As long (etc.)
July 10th 1654	Walter Tucker.	As long (etc.)
July 17th 1654	Baruch Pitts.	As long (etc.)
August 14th 1654	John Bragge.	As long (etc.)
March 26th 1655	John Ellesdon gent.	As long (etc.) And sworn to the Council the same day.
August 6th 1655	William Cogan.	As long (etc.)
September 28th 1655	William Ellesdon gent.	As long (etc.) And sworn to the Council the same day. This admittance is made void by order the 10th day of December 1665.
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March 10th 1656	John Hill ¹	
June 30th 1656	John Whetcombe ¹	
July 7th 1656	Richard Woodford ¹	
July 7th 1656	William Pickerell ¹	
July 7th 1656	Edward Keech ¹ and John Cox ¹	
August 4th 1656	John Eyres gent ¹	
September 27th 1656	William Courtney ¹	
March 16th 1657	Benjamin Stone ¹	
April 6th 1658	Anthony Braddicke ¹	
July 12th 1658	Edward Edwards ¹	
September 26th 1658	William Smith ¹	
September 26th 1659	William Osborne ¹	
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April 4th 1660	Walter Young esquire.	
May 18th 1660	John Strode of Parneham esquire high sheriff of the county of Dorset, coming to this town to proclaim King Charles the Second and having proclaimed the same was admitted a freeman of this town.	
May 18th 1660	Sir Courtney Pole baronet attending the service of the proclaiming his Majesty Charles the Second was admitted a freeman of the town.	
May 18th 1660	William Floyer esquire, John Fry esquire, John Neuburgh esquire, Richard Bishop esquire, Hercules Pyne esquire, and John Rose esquire, all attending the same service were admitted freemen of this town.	
May 18th 1660	John Hore ² esquire attending the same service was admitted a freeman of this town.	

¹ As long as he lives in the Town.

² The reading of this name is doubtful.

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June 18th 1660

Christopher Dore¹ and William Cottell¹ admitted freemen.

Amiel Hart junior¹ (No date given – Amiel Hart mayor)

Robert Coad¹

George Strode esquire recorder admitted freeman and one of the Justices for the town, parish, and Cobb, and one of the capital burgesses. (No date given).

April 15th 1661

Anthony Ellesdon¹ admitted freeman.

April 15th 1661

Edward Body¹

April 15th 1661

John Way¹

April 22nd 1661

Samuel Pitts¹

May 20th 1661

William Whetcombe¹

May 20th 1661

John Edwards¹

January 14th 1662

William Parbray¹

October 11th 1662:

John Strangways esquire,

Humphrey Bishopp esquire.

Robert Tyderleigh esquire.

Thomas Orchard gent.

Gerrard Napper Baronet, of Morecrichell.

Ralph Bankes of Kingston Hall knight.

Giles Strangwayes of Melbury esquire,

Matthew Davyes of Shaftesbury esquire.

Henry Whiteaker of Matcomb esquire.

Robert Culliford of Encombe esquire,

Thomas Fownes of Steepleton esquire.

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John Churchill of Meston esquire.

Anthony Etherick of Wimborne esquire.

John Hawker. 14 Charles II (1662-1663) (No day or month given)

Gregory Alford mayor.

¹ As long as he lives in the town.

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August 8th 1664

John Tucker (16 Charles II).

December 19th 1664

Samuel Pike (16 Charles II).

January 8th, 1665

Andrew Tucker (16 Charles II).

August 9th 1666

Charles duke of Richmond and Lenox, earl of Leitchfeild and Darnley, Lord D'Aubigny, Baron of Newberry, Leighton Bronswald, Settingington, Torbolton, Cruxton and Methuen, Lord High Chamberlain and Admiral of Scotland, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Dorset, Knight of the most noble order of the Garter and Gentleman of his Majesty's Bedchamber, was admitted and sworn freeman of this town (18 Charles II).

Sir Edward Stradling Baronet of St. Dunnetts in Glamorgan-shire. The same day.

Sir John Warr, knight, of Hestercombe in the County of Somerset. The same day.

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Thomas Freeke esquire of Shroveton.
 Robert Harvey esquire of Jewes co. Somerset.
 George Markeham esquire of Ollerton co. Nottingham.
 John Every esquire of Glanville Wootten.
 John Oldwys mayor of Chetnoll.
 (All the same day).

April 29th 1667 James Tucker (19 Charles II).
 June 3rd 1667 Matthew Bayly {19 Charles II }.
 June 3rd 1667 John Carsewell (19 Charles II).
 June 3rd 1667 William Carsewell (19 Charles II).
 October 14th 1667 William Burges (19 Charles II). ¹
 December 9th 1667 Thomas Weaver (19 Charles II). ¹
 December 6th 1667 Nathaniel Tyderleigh Junior ¹.(19 Charles II).

¹ As long as he lives In the town.

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January 18th 1669 Robert Cally (20 Charles II). ¹
 January 18th 1669 Thomas Bowditch (20 Charles II). ¹
 (Marginal note) he has forfeited his freedom).

April 25th 1670 Hugh Buckland (22 Charles II). ¹
 April 26th 1670 William Bowditch (22 Charles II) ¹

February 27th 1671 William Williams of Bristol, merchant. And it is granted that when the said William shall come to live in the town he shall pay 20s.to the use of the Cobb (23 Charles II).

May 1st 1671 Joseph Gundry of Bristol, merchant. condition that when he comes to live in the town he shall pay 3 l. to the use of the Corporation. (23 Charles II).

August 21st 1671 John Cogan son of William Cogan, mayor. (23 Charles II).

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September 4th 1671 William Bennett (23 Charles II).
 October 23rd 1671 Thomas Colbert (23 Charles II).

June 17th 1672 John James (24 Charles II).
 December 9th 1672 Matthew West (24 Charles II).

September 22nd 1673 Ferdinand Lacy ¹.

August 31st 1674 Thomas Bowdidge ¹.
 August 31st 1674 Nicholas Newell ¹.

April 1st 1675 Sir Francis North knight, chief Justice of the Common Bench.
 April 1st 1675 Roger North of the Middle Temple, London, esquire.
 April 1st 1675 Laurence Swanton of Sarum, Co. Wilts., esquire.

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April 1st 1675 John Stevens of Sarum, Co. Wilts., esquire.
 April 1st 1675 Andrew Loder of Dorchester, Co. Dorset.

¹ As long as he lives in the town.

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April 1st 1675 George Pley Junior of Weymouth and Milcomb Regis, gent.
 August 23rd 1675 John Davie ¹
 October 11th 1675 Richard Snooke ¹ (27 Charles II)

July 31st 1676	Benjamin stone Junior ¹ (28 Charles II)
September 4th 1676	John Burr ridge ¹ (28 Charles II)
December 11th 1676	John Cox, merchant ¹ (28 Charles II)
January 15th 1677 (p.30)	John Case, mariner ¹
February 5th 1677	James Hitchcocke fuller ¹
February 26th 1677	Matthew Sprake, fuller ¹
April 10th 1677	Sir Thomas Jones knight, Justice of the King's Bench. (29 Charles II) Thomas Jones of Lincoln's Inn, Co Middlesex, esquire. The same day. Daniel Jones gent. The same day. Gabriele Barnes of the Inner Temple, London, esquire. The same day.
August 26th 1678	William Strode of Parneham, esquire, George Parree of Lillington, Co. Dorset gent, The same day. Solomon Andrew Junior of Lyme Regis merchant. The same day.
September 2nd 1678 (p.31)	Nathaniel Butler ¹ of Lyme Regis goldsmith. John Bowdidge ¹ of L:yme Regis, mercer. The same day.
May 12th 1679	Robert Smith ¹ of Lyme Regis merchant, for 10s. because he was the son and heir of William Smith deceased, late mayor and capital burgess. John Ellesdon gent ¹ The same day

¹ So long as he shall live in the town.

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September 30th 1679	Henry Henley of Leigh, Co, Somerset esquire. Thomas Moore of Wild Court, Co. Somerset, esquire. The same day. William Bragge of Sadborow, Co. Devon. The same day. John Trenchard of Taunton, Co. Somerset, esquire. The same day. John Speake of White Lackington, Co. Somerset, esquire. The same day. Amos Bampfild of (a blank), Co. Somerset, gent. The same day. Richard Dammer of Lyme Regis, fuller ¹ .
October 6th 1679 (p.32)	
October 13th, 1679	Robert Burr ridge ¹ of Lyme Regis, merchant.
October 4th 1680	Sir Walter Young of Colyton, Baronet.
October 4th 1680	John Pole of Shute, esquire.
October 4th 1680	William Morris of Werrington, Co. Devon, esquire.
October 4th 1680	Duke of Oterton, esquire.
October 4th 1680	Duke, junior, esquire, of Oterton.
April 4th 1681	Robert Moore of Lyme Regis, mariner.
April 8th 1681	Thomas Earl of Stamford, lord of Groby, lord Lile, Woodville, Bonville, Ashley, and Hanington.
May 2nd 1681	Ralph Frewin ¹ of Lyme, merchant.
November 7th 1681	John Jones ¹ son of Robert Jones of Lyme Regis gent.

¹ So long as he shall live in the town.

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January 6th 1682 (p.33)	Walter Tucker, son of Walter Tucker, a capital burgees lately deceased. Upon payment of 10s. according to the custom.
May 1st 1682	John Standerwicke ¹ of Lyme Regis, Merchant.

December 13th 1682	John Edwards ¹ son and heir of Edward Edwards a capital burghess. Upon payment of 10s. according to the custom.
July 9th 1683	Benjamin Beere ¹ of Lyme Regis merchant.
July 17th 1683	Robert Jones ¹ of Lyme Regis gent.
August 27th 1683	Thomas Chaff of Westhall, Co, Dorset esquire.
September 24th 1683	James Pitts ¹ of Lyme Regis merchant.
October 1st 1683	John, Earl of Bristol, Baron Digby of Sherborne, lord lieutenant of the county of Dorset and of the town and county of Poole and 'custos otulorum' of the said county.
June 30th 1684	Thomas Darracott ¹ of Lyme Regis merchant.
June 30th 1684	John Lymen ¹ of Lyme Regis merchant.
July 7th 1684	Edward Mavell ¹ of Lyme Regis merchant.
October 27th 1684	Samuel Courtney ¹ of Lyme Regis Merchant,

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Mr. Robert Burridge, was displaced of the mayoralty the sixth day of January 84(-5) by a new charter, and restored to his place again by an order of Council and proclamation the second day of November, 1688.

September 16th 1689	Thomas Lee.
September 30th 1689	Thomas Pitts.

¹ As long as he shall live in the town.

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March 31st 1690	John Dare mariner, William Hardy apothecary and John Hussey fuller, the same day
January 26th 1691	Robert Fowler merchant.
August 31st 1691.	Nathaniel Gundy (?) merchant. Andrew Drake Joiner and John Hounsell fuller. The same day.
August 8th 1692	Robert Carswell.
July 3rd 1693	John Tow apothecary
April 30th 1694	John Fowler.
August 27th 1694	Robert Colberd.
October 1st 1694	Joseph Gaich.

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January 19th 1685

By the new charter; ²

Thomas Taylor, merchant.
Matthew West, merchant.
Ralph Frewin, merchant.
John Cox senior, merchant.
Robert Holden, merchant.
Richard Dammer Junior, fuller.
Walter Tucker, merchant.
Ferdinand Lacy, merchant.
John Lymen, merchant.
Richard Woodford, merchant.

John Bowdidge, mercer.
John Coad, merchant.
Thomas Bowdidge, vintner.
William Whetcombe, merchant.
William Bennett, merchant.

(p.36) James Hitchcocke, fuller.
Benjamin Stone senior, mariner.
John Tucker, mariner.
Edward Bodie, mariner.

² All of Lyme Regis

(22) (continued)
Samuel Courteney, merchant.
John Edwards, merchant.
Nathaniel Tyderleigh, gent.
Edward Keetch, merchant.
Richard Newell, merchant.
Matthew Bayley, mariner.

February 23rd 1685 Francis Alford of Hay in the parish of Lyme Regis.

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October 1st 1694. Joseph Gaich.
August 19th 1695 John Hart ¹
August 26th 1695 Henry Bunston ¹
No date: John Tucker ¹ son and heir of Andrew Tucker. (William Carswell mayor).

July 12th 1697 Robert Henley esquire, sworn burgess.
August 30th 1697 Richard Waddon esquire, recorder.
May 16th 1697 William Strong ¹

October 3rd 1698 Samuel Shaw and William Braddicke.

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December 4th 1699 John Henley of Colway, gent.

July 13th 1700 The most noble Charles, Duke of Bolton, Marquis of Winchester, Earl of Wiltshire, Lord St. John of Basing, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Dorset, a member of his Majesty's Privy Council, was chosen to the freedom (electus in libertatem) of the borough and took an oath in these words :-
You shall hereafter acknowledge yourself to be a freeman of this town, and you shall bear the love and affection of a freeman to the same. You shall comfort and yield this town help and strength in all their lawful occasions and according to your skill and ability shall advise them for the best, so help you God.

¹ So long as he shall live in the town

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Henry Henley esquire of Leigh, Co. Somerset,
 James Crofts esquire, of London,
 Thomas Travel, knight, of Milburn Seek, Co. Somerset.
 Thomas Coward, esquire, of Winchester, were likewise chosen to the
 freedom of the borough and took the oath.

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March 3rd 1701

William Pyne ¹ and William Pyke¹

September 14th 1702

Simon Bayly¹.

June 19th 1703

Laurence, Earl of Rochester, Viscount Hyde of Kenilworth, Baron Hyde of
 Wotton Bassett, etc.

August 30th 1703

Robert Carswell¹, son of William Carswell of Lyme Regis deceased,
 admitted by virtue of a certain ordinance bearing date October 5th 1696.

September 20th 1703

John Wise¹.

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June 19th 1704

George Coade¹.

June 19th ,1704

Samuel Bull¹.

July 17th 1704

Henry Cox¹.

October 23rd 1704

Robert Burridge Junior.

October 23rd 1704

Benjamin Beere Junior.

December 4th 1704

Nathaniel Knott¹.

¹ So long as he shall live in the town

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May 15th 1706

Thomas Freke esquire (who the same day was chosen one of the burgesses
 of this borough for the next parliament) was chosen to the freedom and took
 an oath. (as on p.38)

May 6th 1706

James Hooper, plumber¹.

October 28th 1706

Samuel Butt ^{1 2} Innholder.

January 20th 1707

John Bragg¹ cordwainer.

July 14th 1707

John Earl Poulet, lord of Hinton St. George, Co. Somerset, lord lieutenant of
 the county of Devon.

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February 23rd 1708

John Kerridge of Lyme Regis, tailor.

March 13th 1708

Peter King, esquire, of the Inner Temple, Recorder.

October 3rd 1709

William Poole Junior, of Lyme Regis. clothier.

December 26th 1709

Joseph Randall of Lyme Regis, cooper.

July 11th 1710

John Morris Junior, cooper.

July 9th 1711

John Reade of Lyme Regis, gent.

(At this point there is a marginal note "checked by Charles Bridges,")

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March 31st 1712

George Mantell of Lyme Regis, gent.

July 14th 1712 John Bowdidge of Lyme Regis, merchant, son of John Bowdidge a capital burghess.
September 1st 1712 Geoffrey Bartlett of Lyme Regis, goldsmith, John Gundry of Lyme Regis, merchant, and Laurence Howley of Lyme Regis, carpenter, were admitted.

(At this point there is a marginal note: Supervis' adhuc Johannem Cochran: checked thus far by Jochran Cochran: 43 admissions unstamped).

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¹ So long as he shall live in the town.

² The reading of this surname is not certain.

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February 9th 1719 Joseph Wallis of Lyme Regis.
(adhuc supervis: Robert Baynes)
June 30th 1720 Richard Churchill of Lyme Regis, clothier.
Robert Bragge of Lyme Regis, mercer and Samuel Cain¹ of Lyme Regis, yeoman, were admitted.
July 19th , 1720 Henry Holt Henley, esquire, son and heir of Henry Henley a capital burghess.
Samuel Courtenay Junior, son of Samuel Courtenay now mayor,
Andrew Tucker,
Lancelot Jordan, gent,
Joseph Winter, sailor
William Read, sailor,
Thomas Gollop, mercer, were admitted.

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July 19th 1720 Joseph Creed of Lyme Regis was admitted and being one of the people called Quakers did not take the oath but made a solemn declaration.
July 25th 1720 James Wyatt, Junior, sailor,
Thomas Callway, Thomas Clarke, John Penny, James Trew, Henry White, George Pockett, and John Keynes.
October 3rd 1720 Noah Mohan of Lyme Regis.
September 20th 1721 William Hare of Lyme Regis.

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February 10th 1722 George Richardson, gent.
Robert Cossens, tidesman.

¹ The reading of this surname is not certain.

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Arthur Raymond sailor.
Roddon Samwayes, gent,
Samuel Butcher, tidesman.
Richard Bovett.
William Walbridge.
Robert Watts, tidesman.
Joseph Swetland, tidesman.
Thomas White.
Nicholas Lathy, Junior
John Bowdidge, Junior.

	Abraham Boutcher.
<u>February 19th 1722</u>	William Smith. John Gundry. Laurence Howley. Thomas Reade Stephen Turner. Samuel Gray. Thomas Hollard, junior. Peter King. Thomas Swain. (Checked so far: William Longman)
(p.4) <u>September 18th 1722</u> October 1st 1722	Nathaniel Gundry son of Nathaniel Gundry a capital burgess. John Burrige son and heir of Robert Burrige, mayor.
September 30th 1723	Edward Rose, gent, and John Carswell, merchant.
(p.5) March 16th 1724	John Newell son and heir of Nicholas Newell late capital burgess. (Checked: Robert Baynes)
(27) August 31st 1724	Francis Purchase Junior of Lyme Regis.
(p.6) October 4th 1725	John Cox of Lyme Regis (Checked: William Longman).
August 29th 1726 October 11th 1726	Michael Owen. Samson White.
(p.7) April 14th 1727	George Cresseuer, esquire.
<u>July 26th 1727</u>	Henry Drax, esquire Abraham Long, sailor. Robert Read, sailor William Read. Junior. James Paddy. Jnr. John Lindesay. Jnr. Samuel Beves. Jnr. Richard Turner. Jnr. William Carswell. Jnr. Robert Curtis. Jnr. Thomas Lock, shipwright. John Browne, clockmaker. John Pecket, cordwainer. Joseph Marder, goldsmith. Isaac Pitts, barber. Francis Randall. Sailor. Nathaniel Cook. Joseph Seward, mason.

	John Cookney, Junior, Shipwright. George Bruk, barber. Matthew Bazely, butcher. Benjamin Knight.
(28) (p.8) August 16th 1727	Giles Lawrence and Joseph Randall, junior (elected 16th July). Oath taken before John Burrige, mayor, and Robert Burrige junior, a capital burgess at the house of Lancelot Jordan, gent, in Broadstreet.
May 6th 1728	John Tucker son and heir of Andrew Tucker, mayor. (Checked by Robert Baynes)
(p.9) August 20th 1728 September 30th 1728	Thomas Tucker brother of Andrew Tucker, mayor. Richard Cox of Yeovil, gent, brother of John Cox, mayor.
<u>September 30th, 1728</u>	Thomas Nappe of Tyntenhull, Co, Somerset, gent. Warren Lisle of Weymouth, gent. John Channon of Lyme Regis, mercer. John Domett of Lyme Regis, yeoman. John Rodbard of Merriott, Co. Somerset, esquire. John Henley of Abbots Wotton, Co. Dorset, esquire. William James of Forton, Co. Somerset, tanner. Robert Fowler Coade, son of George Coade, a capital burgess.
(p.10) <u>October 9th 1728</u>	Joseph Whitney of Lyme Regis, gent, surveyor of the customs. John Bonner of Lyme Regis, sailor. William Denning of Lyme Regis, mason. Thomas Bragg of Lyme Regis, cordwainer. George Kearby of Lyme Regis, Innholder. Benjamin Bazely of Lyme Regis, butcher. Thomas Loving, Junior, of the same, yeoman.
(29)	John Bart of Lyme Regis, Joiner, John Pinney of Hewwood in the pariah of Thorncomb, Co.Devon, clothier. John Bell of Lyme Regis, cordwainer. Simon Lee of Lyme Regis, shipwright. George Coade, junior, son of George Coade a capital burgess. Abraham Pool of Lyme Regis, fuller. Robert Henley of Glanvills Wotton, Co.Dorset, esquire. Charles Cox of Norton-sub-Hambden, Co.Somerset, surgeon. Samuel Kitson of Yeovil, Co.Somerset, gent. Robert Henley of Weymouth, mercer. Joseph Parrett of Axminster, clothier. William Dean of South Chard, Co.Somerset, clothier. John Stuckey of Wynsham, Co.Somerset, gent.
(p.11) <u>November 25th 1728</u>	Admission of Robert Henley of Weymouth and Melcomb Regis, and George Coade, Junior, who had been elected 9th October last. Admission of Abraham Poole, who had been elected 9th October last. And being a Quaker he made a solemn affirmation Instead of taking the oath.
<u>December 9th 1728</u>	Admission of John Henley, Charles Cox, and Samuel Kitson, previously elected.

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December 16th 1728 Admission of John Stuckey, Joseph Parrett, and William Deane, previously elected.

January 20th 1729 Admission of Robert Henley of Glanvills Wotton, previously elected.

(30)
 October 10th 1729 Roger Jones of Buckland, Co.Brecon, esquire.

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 March 18th 1730 Edmund Cock, Junior, of Exeter, fuller.

August 30th 1731 Thomas Henley of Lyme Regis, doctor in medicine, brother of Henry Henley, mayor.
 Azaria Pinney of Bettiscomb, Co.Dorset, esquire.

(p.14)
 John Coade, son of George Coade, a capital burgess.
 Matthew Paul Junior, esquire, of the Grange in the parish of Burstock, Co.Dorset.
 (Checked so far William Longman).

August 18th 1732 Matthew Paul Junior, previously elected, admitted and sworn.
 October 2nd 1732 William Smith of (entry not completed)

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 October 9th 1735 Thomas Enchmarch of Tiverton, Co.Devon, merchant, at the nomination of Mr. Robert Fowler Coade, late mayor.
 John Baker of Lyme Regis, mercer. at the nomination of Thomas Henley, mayor.

October 4th 1736 Thomas Fane of Bristol, gentleman.

August 29th 1737 Henry Fane of London, esquire.
 October 3rd 1737 Benjamin Follett of Lyme Regis, gentleman. at the nomination of Francis Fane, mayor.

October 2nd 1738 Benjamin Coade, son of George Coade of Lyme Regis, woolstapler. at the nomination of George Coade, Junior, mayor.

October 1st 1739 Nathaniel Pretor of Chard, Co.Somerset, gentleman, at the nomination of Henry Holt Henley, mayor.

(31)
 October 5th 1741 John Cox of Lyme Regis, tobacconist. At the nomination of John Coade, mayor.
 (Inspected by me: B. Bromhead)

(p.19)
 August 30th 1742 Giles Churchill of Bridport, maltster. At the nomination of Richard Churchill, mayor.

October 10th 1743 Richard Henvill of Charmouth, esquire. At the nomination of Henry Fane, late mayor.
 (Inspected July 5th 1744. William Longman)

September 24th 1744 Samuel Coade, son of George Coade, mayor, is named by him to the rest of the capital burgesses to be his freeman and by them approved of, and on the 25th day of August, 1746, is duly sworn and admitted.

August 25th 1746 Philobeth Domett. At the nomination of John Newell when mayor.

August 25th 1746 Kane William Horneck, esquire. At the nomination of the mayor and burgesses.

April 27th 1747 Peter Henley esquire, nominated by Robert Henley, late mayor his uncle. Admitted 5th October.

April 27th 1747 Samuel Warren of Lyme Regis, maltster, nominated by Henry Holt Henley. Mayor.

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June 18th 1747 Walter Oke the younger of Lyme Regis, gentleman, nominated by John Scrope, late mayor.

October 5th 1747 The Rev. Samuel Creswicke, Clerk Dean of (Wells) At the nomination of the mayor and burgesses.

October 5th 1747 Robert Smith of Lyme Regis, mason. At the nomination of the mayor and burgesses.

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October 5th 1747 John Tozer of Exeter, mercer, nominated by Robert Fowler Coade, late mayor. Sworn 29th August, 1748. (Inspected. Thomas Steel).

October 3rd 1748 The Rev. David Symes of Lyme Regis, clerk. At the nomination of the present mayor.

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August 27th 1750 John Fane, esquire, and Henry Rodbard esquire.

September 30th 1751 Henry Cornish Henley of Leigh, Co.Somerset, esquire. Phocion Henley of Abbots Wooton, Co.Dorset, clerk. Thomas Francis of Topsham, gentleman; and Samuel Gundry of Lyme Regis, gentleman. P. Henley and Francis sworn.

January 13th 1752 Samuel Gundry sworn. (Examined, 1752. Thomas Jones).

October 1st 1753 Francis Hamond of Lyme Regis, gentleman. At the nomination of Hon. Francis Fane, late mayor.

October 1st 1753 Arthur Raymond of Axminster, gentleman. At the nomination of Samuel Warren, mayor.

October 6th 1755 William Kerbey of Wellington, Co.Somerset, grocer. At the nomination of his father, late mayor.

October 4th 1756 Mr. Joseph Wallis, late mayor, proposed and offered his son Joseph to be his freeman, which is approved of by the mayor and burgesses.

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November 8th 1756 Joseph Wallis the younger sworn and admitted.

October 3rd 1757 Richard Luther of Ongar, Co.Essex, esquire.

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August 28th 1758 William Ekins Peirs of Okey, near Wells, Co. Somerset, esquire. Henry Swymmer of Bristol merchant and the Rev. Mr. John Whetham of the university of Oxford. Peirs nominated by John Fane mayor. the others elected by the corporation.

August 27th 1759 Richard Luther of Onger, Co.Sussex, esquire, sworn and admitted (elected October 3rd 1757)

August 27th 1759 Andrew Tucker esquire, Henry Coxe tallow chandler; John Clarke white bread baker; John Hart, Joiner.
(Inspected 1760: Thomas Jones)

August 27th 1759 Thomas Collier of Weymouth, mariner.

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August 25th 1760 John Luther son of Richard Luther, mayor. Henry Fane son of Thomas Fane, esquire, recorder. By the corporation. The Rev. Benjamin Symes of Lyme Regis, clerk. By Thomas Fane, late mayor.

August 31st 1761 Benjamin Baker, son of John Baker late mayor and nominated by him.
(Inspected 1763, by me, J. Lawrence).

October 3rd 1763 William Peterson of Lyme Regis, gentleman, nominated by Mr. Arthur Raymond, late mayor.

October 3rd 1763 James Willis of Lyme Regis, mariner. nominated by Warren Lisle, esquire, late mayor.

October 7th, 1765 Giles Davie of Lyme Regis, gentleman.
nominated by Richard Churchill, late mayor.
(Inspected, 1766: Thomas Jones).

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October 6th 1766 Thomas Pyne the younger of Bristol, gentleman. Nominated by Henry Swymmer, late mayor.

October 6th 1766 Robert Clarke of Lyne Regis, nominated by John Baker, mayor.

August 31st 1767 Charles Blair, esquire, of the gift of the mayor and burgesses.

March 17th 1768 Edward Phelips of Montacute, Co.Somerset, esquire, John Puddicombe of Lyme Regis.

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August 28th 1768 Benjamin Domet Puddicombe, son of John Puddicombe mayor, and nominated by him.
Inigo William Jones of Argyle Street, St. James's, Westminster, esquire.
Nominated by the Hon. Henry Fane, late mayor.

August 28th 1771 John Luther, esquire, a freeman, elected a capital Burgess In place of George Coade lately deceased.

August 31st 1772 John Fane, esquire, son of Henry Fane, esquire, a capital Burgess.

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October 6th 1772 Samuel Warren the younger, nominated by Samuel Warren the elder, mayor 1759, he not having nominated a freeman before in respect of having served that office in that year.

August 30th 1773 John Alexander Panten of Sackville Street, London, esquire, John Follett of the Temple, London, esquire, son of Benjamin Follett, town clerk.

October 25th 1773 Samuel Warren the younger elected, 5th October 1772, sworn and admitted.

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August 27th 1774 Francis Fane, esquire, son of Henry Fane, esquire, a capital Burgess.

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August 28th 1775

John Warren, nominated by his father Samuel Warren, mayor 1764, he not having nominated before.

June 9th 1777

William Peterson the younger. Nominated by William Peterson his father, mayor 1773, he not having nominated before.

June 9th 1777

David Robert Michel of Dulish, Co.Dorset, esquire.

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June 15th 1778

Thomas Follett, esquire, of Lyme Regis¹. Nominated by Robert Clarke, late mayor².

Richard Churchill Davie, cooper of Lyme Regis¹, nominated by Giles Davie, mayor.

Giles Davie the younger, common brewer of Lyme Regis¹. On payment of 10s. as being eldest son of the mayor.

William Poole merchant of Lyme Regis¹. On payment of 10s, as son and heir of Abraham Pool deceased².

John Peckett, woolstapler, of Lyme Regis¹ for 10s. as son and heir of John Peckett deceased²

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Joseph Trew Hellier of Lyme Regis¹. for 10s. as son and heir of James Trew deceased².

John Swain, tidewaiter of Lyme Regis¹. For 10s. as son and heir of Thomas Swain deceased².

Michael Owen, cabinet maker of Lyme Regis¹. For 10s. as son and heir of Michael Owen deceased².

Edward Lock, weaver of Lyme Regis¹. For 10s. as son and heir of Thomas Lock deceased².

¹ As long as he shall reside in the town.

² Ousted by judgment in quo warranto.

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June 29th 1778

Jacob Pady of Lyme Regis¹. for 10s. as being son and heir of Jacob Pady deceased².

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William Read of Lyme Regis¹. for 10s. as son and heir of William Read deceased²

August 10th 1778

Thomas Jordan of Lyme Regis¹. for 10s. as son and heir of Lancelot Jordan deceased²

August 24th 1778

Joseph Staple of Lyme Regis¹. For 10s. as son and heir of John Staple deceased².

September 28th 1778³

Zachariah Drower of Lyme Regis, glazier.

John Eveleigh of Lyme, mercer.

Henry Sleep of Lyme, cleric.

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Charles Beere of Lyme, scrivener.

William Trent of Lyme, Joiner.

James Bagster of Lyme, Joiner.

Charles Cawley of Lyme, vintner.

John Domett of Lyme, tidewaiter.

Richard Edwards of Lyme, cordwainer.

Matthew Bowdidge of Lyme, shareman (shoreman?).

Thomas Follett of Lyme, esquire.

Henry White of Lyme, hellier.

Thomas Newton of Lyme, cordwainer.

Richard Hutchings of Lyme, Joiner.

(p.32) Stephen Edwards of Lyme, cordwainer.
William Read of Lyme, cordwainer.
William Peckett of Lyme, woolstapler.

³ All of this day ousted by Judgment in quo warranto

¹ As long as he shall live in the town.

² Ousted by Judgment in quo warranto.

(37) Charles Haydon of Lyme, cooper.
George Bagster of Lyme, tailor.
Samuel England of Lyme, maltster.
Henry Hawkings of Lyme, joiner.
Francis Long of Lyme, blacksmith,
George Kerbey of Lyme, serjeant-at-mace.
Peter Domett of Lyme, perukemaker.
John Avery of Lyme, perukemaker.

(p.33) Benjamin Bazly of Lyme, mason.
John Kerbey of Lyme, grocer.
Thomas Lee of Lyme, hellier.
John Haskings of Lyme, cordwainer,
Nathaniel Upjohn of Lyme, mason.
Matthew Love of Lyme, butcher.
Richard Brownsdon of Lyme, weaver.
John Davie of Lyme, victualler.
William Gibbs of Lyme, mariner.
John Davie of Lyme, gentleman.
Joseph Lock of Lyme, tailor.

(p.34) James Cooke of Lyme, weaver.
John Look of Lyme, woolcomber.
William Roman of Lyme, woolcomber.
Samuel Quick of Lyme, baker.
Ralph Troyte of Lyme, baker.
John Oliver of Lyme, hellier.
William Oliver of Lyme, hellier.
Robert Love of Lyme, mason.
Thomas Cookney of Lyme, fisherman.
Thomas Lakey of Lyme, labourer.
Edward Upjohn of Lyme, mason.

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(p.35) Joseph Speed of Lyme, woolcomber.
Samuel Lock of Lyme, gardener.
Thomas White of Lyme, joiner.
Joan Cookney of Lyme, butcher.

October 5th 1778 ¹

Samuel Oliver of Lyme, hellier.
William Oliver the younger, mariner.
Ralph Freeman of Lyme, mason.

- Henry Golton of Lyme, mariner.
- (p.36) John Westlake of Lyme, mariner.
William Walker of Lyme, weaver.
John Winter of Lyme, yeoman.
John Langford of Lyme, mariner.
Joseph Swain of Lyme, Joiner.
John Love of Lyme, mason.
Joseph Langford of Lyme, woolcomber.
Edward Lock the younger of Lyme, mariner.
Rowland Swan of Lyme, labourer.
Nathaniel Cooke of Lyme, mariner.
James Mills of Lyme, mariner.
John Stone of Lyme, tailor.
- (p37) John Curtis of Lyme, mariner.
Christopher Melhuish of Lyme, weaver.
- November 2nd 1778 John Smith of Lyme, weaver.¹
- July 31st 1780² Charles Cawley of Lyme, victualler.³
John Eveleigh of Lyme, mercer.³

² Ousted by judgment in quo warranto.

¹ All of this day ousted by judgment in quo warranto.

³ By purchase for £5.

- (39) James Bagster of Lyme, Joiner.³
- (p.38) Joseph Lock of Lyme, tailor³
John Westlake of Lyme, mariner.³
Samuel Oliver of Lyme, tiler³
The Rev. Henry Sleep of Lyme, clerk.³
Abraham Alford of Lyme, weaver.³
Peter Domett of Lyme, peruque maker.³
Stephen Edwards of Lyme, cordwainer.³
John Lock of Lyme, woolcomber.³
- (p.39) Richard Brownsdon of Lyme, woolcomber.³
John Kerbey of Lyme, grocer.¹
Thomas White of Lyme, Joiner.¹
Richard Edwards of Lyme, cordwainer.²
David Wyatt, millman. ²
Matthew Bowdidge of Lyme, Shearman.²
John Peckett of Lyme, woolstapler.²
- (p.40) William Poole of Lyme, merchant.¹
Henry White of Lyme, tiler.¹
John Love of Lyme, butcher.^{3a}
Thomas Lee of Lyme, tiler.¹
John Deem of Lyme, cordwainer.^{3a}

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September 4th 1780⁴

Thomas Jordan of Lyme.¹
Joseph Trew of Lyme.¹
Edward Lock of Lyme.¹
William Read of Lyme, mariner.¹
John Harris of Lyme.²
Samuel Quick of Lyme.²

⁴ All of this day ousted by judgement in quo warranto.

³ By purchase for £5.

^{3a} As a freeholder paid 10s.

¹ As a freeman's son paid 10s.

² As a freeman's apprentice paid 10s.

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September 11th 1780

Richard Troyte of Lyme. Nominated by John Coade mayor. (Resigned voluntarily by deed under his hand and seal).

December 11th 1780

Nathaniel Wallis. As the eldest son of Joseph Wallis deceased, late a capital burgess.

April 23rd 1781

John Earl of Westmoreland, son of John Earl of Westmoreland, late capital burgess deceased.

April 23rd 1781

Carew Maning of Lyme, tidewaiter. Nominated by Arthur Raymond, late mayor.

April 23rd 1781

John Jones of Exeter, gentleman. At the nomination of the mayor and burgesses.

August 27th 1781

The Hon. Thomas Fane. At the nomination of the mayor and burgesses.

August 27th 1781

Henry Banks of Corfe Castle, esquire; John Foster of Lyme, gent; Edward Perry Buckley of Woolcombe esquire. At the nomination of the mayor and burgesses.

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November 2nd 1781

Inspected by order of the Commissioners of the Stamp Office. Walter S....r (name cannot be read with certainty)

April 8th 1782

Edward Buckley Batson of London, esquire.
Edward David Batson of London, esquire.
Lewis Dymock Grosvenor Tregonwell of Anderson, Co. Dorset esquire.
The Rev. James Dowland of White Church, Co.Dorset, clerk.
Robert Lambert of Dorchester, gentleman.
Thomas Meggs of Alner, Co. Dorset, esquire.

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The Rev. Joseph Domet of Bovey Tracey, Co.Devon. clerk.
Thomas Rawlings of Yeovil, apothecary.
Samuel Norman of Lyme, serjeant-at-mace.
William Louthier, esquire.
The Rev. William Bennett, clerk.
John Tucker of Axminster, Co.Devon, grocer.
The Rev. Henry Key Bonny, clerk,

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Giles Rooke, esquire, serjeant-at-law.
John Goose, esquire,
John Kerbey, son of George Kerbey, a capital burgess.
Miles Barkley, esquire.
The Rev. Richard Templeman, clerk,
William Eyres. serjeant-at-mace.

The Rev. Nathaniel Templeman of Dorchester, clerk,
(Inspected 1784: S. Nossman).

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March 16th 1786

The Rev. John Loop, The Rev, Thomas Mends; George Gibbs, mariner.
(Loop sworn).

April 17th 1786

George Gibbs, mariner, sworn.

August 28th 1786

The Rev. Thomas Mends, sworn.

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August 27th 1787

Arthur Mills Raymond, son of Arthur Raymond a capital burgess.

August 25th 1788

The Rev. Benjamin Symes Junior, and Charles Barkley, nominated by the mayor and burgesses.

August 25th 1788

The Rev. Brian Combe. Nominated by John warren, mayor.

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October 6th 1788

Samuel James and William Eyerer the younger, Nominated by the mayor and burgesses.

October 6th 1788

Thomas Neell. Nominated by David Robert Michel, esquire, late mayor.

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October 6th 1788

Caleb Clarke, nominated by Arthur Raymond, esquire, formerly mayor.

August 31st 1789

John Drummond and Charles Berkeley, esquires.

August 31st 1789

Samuel James sworn.

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August 29th 1791

William Daniel, esquire, of Lyme.

August 27th 1792

Mr. Samuel Forward, attorney-at-law. And on the same day he is chosen town clerk in the room and stead of Sir. Benjamin Follett deceased.

October 1st 1792

This day Samuel Forward, town clerk, took in the Council Chamber the Oath of Office of Town Clerk.

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October 1st 1792

John Wallis officer of the Customs. nominated by Joseph Wallis, mayor.

August 29th 1796

Mr. George Smith, attorney-at-law.

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October 2nd 1797

John Donne, George Ward and Simon Lee, esquires.

August 27th 1798

George Bagster, gentleman.

August 26th 1799

William Evans, clerk.

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October 6th 1800

Edward Cotton esquire, elected 26th August, sworn.

July 5th 1802

Henry Fane esquire, eldest son of the Hon. Henry Fane deceased, a capital burgess, and Charles Blair esquire, eldest son of Charles Blair esquire, deceased, a capital burgess.

October 4th 1802

Charles Fane esquire, elected 5th July, sworn.

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August 29th 1803

William Meake esquire, elected 29th August, 1796, sworn.

October 1st 1804	James Blackmore, nominated by William Daniel, late mayor.
October 1st 1804	Robert Clarke.
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August 26th 1804	John Fane, esquire, commonly called Lord Burghersh, eldest son of the Rt. Hon. John Earl of Westmoreland, a capital burgess.
August 26th 1805	James Michel, clerk, and Joseph Mends, eldest son of Thomas Mends, clerk. By the gift of the corporation.
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September 30th 1805	John Channon Lee, esquire, elected 1st October, 1804 on the nomination of Simon Lee, esquire, in respect of his mayoralty, sworn.
October 6th 1806	John George Donne, esquire, eldest son of John Donne, esquire, a capital burgess.
(p.55)	
August 31st 1807	Philip Rawlings, eldest son of Thomas Rawlings, esquire, a capital burgess.
December 19th 1808	Charles William Michel and George Proctor Upton, esquires.
(p.56)	
August 28th 1809	Edward Donne esquire and George Bagster the younger.
August 27th 1810	John Chambers, esquire.
October 1st 1810	Henry Kay Bonney, clerk, and Joseph Hallett Batten, clerk, elected 27th August on the nomination of the mayor and burgesses, sworn.
(p.57)	
August 30th 1813	Vere Fane, esquire, Samuel Norman and Caleb Clarke.
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August 29th 1814	John Thomas Fane esquire, eldest son of the Hon. Thomas Fane, deceased, a capital burgess.
(p.58)	
August 28th 1815	William Pomroy Daniel, eldest son of William Daniel, esquire, deceased, a capital burgess.
August 26th 1816	The Rev. Edward Fane, clerk.
(p.59)	
August 30th 1819	Sir William Walter Yea, Bart. and the Rev. Robert Montagne Austin, clerk, elected 31st August 1818, on the nomination of the mayor and burgesses sworn.
(p.60)	
August 27th 1821	The Rt. Hon. Sir Evan Nepean, Bart., Sir Edward Synge, Bart., Molyneux Hyde Nepean, esquire. Major John Clarke, Thomas Brown Hardwicke, esquire, Thomas Coulson Carpenter, esquire, M.D., John Templeman, esquire, and Charles Marr, esquire.
(p.61)	
August 26th 1822	Robert Bouchier Wrey, esquire, elected 27th August 1821, sworn.
August 26th 1822	John white, esquire.

(p.62)
August 25th 1823 Henry Trotman Lee, esquire, Thomas Andros, esquire James Edwards the younger.

August 25th 1823 John Fane the younger, esquire, eldest son of John Fane, esquire, a capital burgess.

(p.63)
August 29th 1825 Hon. Henry Sutton Fane.

August 28th 1826 John Michel the younger esquire, eldest son of Lieut. Gen. John Michel, a capital burgess.

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(p.64)
August 28th 1826 Henry Fane, esquire, eldest son of Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Fane, G.C.B. Henry John Savage, esquire, captain of the Royal Engineers. (1827 Inspected ¹...?... to enter £3 stamp. Henry ² Parry).

(p.65)
August 27th 1827 John Hussey, esquire; The Rev. Charles Randolph; The Rev. Edward Cook Forward; Mr. John Drayton; Mr. Samuel Bagster.

(I hereby certify that this book contains the names of all persons admitted to the freedom of this borough; and that their admissions have been duly entered on the stamps by law required, dated this 25th June, 1828, G. Smith, Town Clerk.)

Inspected: Geo. Sawtell.

(p.66)
August 25th 1828 Samuel Bagster, elected 27th August 1827, sworn.

August 31st 1829 Mr. James Lambert White, solicitor.

(p.67)
October 5th 1829 John James Golden Dowland, clerk, elected 25th August 1828, on the nomination of the mayor and burgesses, sworn. (May 5th 1830 Inspected: Robert Atkinson).

(p.68)
August 30th, 1830 William Bagster.

(May 14th 1831 Inspected. No stamp produced for the above freeman, William Ady. Afterwards entered on £3 duty. William Ady.)

May 14th 1831 This book is the only record kept of the admission of the freemen of this borough. --- G. Smith, Town Clerk.

¹ An indecipherable word.
² The reading of this name is uncertain.

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(p.69)
August 29th 1831 Robert Holmes, esquire. elected 30th August 1830 on the nomination of the mayor and burgesses sworn.

(pp.69-70)
August 29th 1831 The Rev. Charles Wicksted Ethelston; Thomas Williams, esquire; William Fleetwood Bury, esquire; Mr. Edward Overton Lee; Mr. William Hingeston;

Mr. James Marder; Mr. George Roberts; Mr. John Symes Davie; Mr. Cyrus Davie; Mr. Thomas Beere; Mr. Henry Bennett; George Wood; William Domett; Henry Jeffird [jefferd]; William Wood and Sylvester Eyres.

(Inspected 30th May 1832: G Sawtell).

(p.71)
August 27th 1832

Thomas Walker and Richard Sellers.

(Inspected May 21st 1833: J Greenstreet).

(p.72)
August 26th 1833
December 9th 1833

The Rev. Andrew Tucker, clerk; James Munden; John Bennett the younger; and Joseph Lakey.

The Rev. Frederic Parry Hodges, clerk, elected 26th August, sworn.

(Examined 17th May 1834: W.H.Morris)

(p.73)
August 25th 1834
August 25th 1834

Thomas Barns, esquire, elected 30th October, 1833, sworn.

William Domett Tucker, eldest son of the Rev. Andrew Tucker, clerk, a capital burgess.

(1835. Inspected 26th June: R. Atkinson).

(p.74)
December 14th 1835

Thomas Hussey, eldest son of John Hussey, esquire, a capital burgess.

(pp. 76-176 are blank).

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(p.176)
August 29th 1768

William Peterson of Lyme, elected 17th March last a capital burgess In place of Richard Luther esquire deceased, sworn.

August 31st 1772

John, Earl of Westmorland, in place of Thomas, late Earl deceased, elected recorder.

August 31st 1772

John Fane, esquire, son of Henry Fane, esquire, elected a capital burgess in place of Joseph Wallis, deceased.

(p.177)
August 31st 1772
August 30th 1773

Inigo William Jones of Argyle Street, St. James's, Westminster, elected a capital burgess in place of Thomas, earl of Westmoreland deceased.

Francis Hamond of Bristol, esquire, elected a capital burgees in place of Robert Fowler Coade , deceased.

(p.178)
August 29th 1774
August 28th 1775

Francis Fane esquire, son of Henry Fane, esquire, elected a capital burgess in place of John, earl of Westmoreland, deceased.

Thomas Pyne of Bristol gentleman, elected a capital burgees in place of Henry Swymmer esquire, deceased.

(p.179)
June 9th 1777
June 9th 1777

David Robert Michel of Dulish, Co. Dorset, esquire elected capital burgess in piece of Samuel Warren, esquire, deceased.

Giles Davie of Lyme elected a capital burgess in place of Thomas Pyne, deceased.

September 28th 1778 William Poole of Lyme elected a capital burgess in place of Henry Fane, deceased.¹

¹ Ousted by judgement of quo warranto.

(48)
October 5th 1778 Richard Churchill Davie of Lyme, elected a capital burgess ¹.

(p.180)
August 28th 1779 John Kerbey of Lyme elected a capital burgess. ¹
Thomas White of Lyme ¹ elected a capital burgess.
Benjamin Follett of Lyme. ¹
Giles Davie the younger of Lyme. ¹

(p.181)
April 23rd 1781 John, earl of Westmoreland, in place of Henry Fane, esquire, deceased.
March 16th 1786 John Warren, In place of Francis Hamond, esquire, deceased.
March 16th 1786 William Peterson the younger, in place of John Luther, esquire, deceased.
March 16th 1786 The Hon. Thomas Fane, in place of George Kerbey deceased.
August 28th 1786 (The same entry repeated).

(Inspected 1787: Thomas London).

(p.183)
August 27th 1787 Joseph Wallis, in place of William Peterson deceased.

(p.184)
August 25th 1788 Charles Blair, esquire, in place of Inigo William Jones, esquire, deceased.
Sir William Lowther, baronet, in place of Giles Davie, deceased.
October 6th 1788 Edward Buckley Batson, in place of Warren Lisle, esquire, deceased.

(p.185)
August 31st 1789 Edward Buckley Batson, in place of Warren Lisle, esquire, deceased (same as previous entries).
August 25th 1794 William Daniel, esquire, in place of Arthur Raymond deceased.

¹ Ousted by judgment of quo warranto

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(p.186)
August 29th 1796 Thomas Rawlings, esquire, in place of John Puddicombe, deceased.

August 26th 1799 Arthur Mills Raymond, esquire, in place of John Coade, esquire, deceased.

(p.187)
August 31st 1801 Simon Lee, esquire, In place of Joseph Wallis, esquire, deceased.

July 5th 1802 Henry Fane, esquire, in place of the Hon. Henry Fane, deceased.
(p.188)
July 5th 1802 John Michell, esquire, in place of Charles Blair, esquire, deceased.
August 30th 1802 Charles Blair, esquire, in place of the Rt. Hon. Lord Lowther, resigned.

(p.189)
August 26th 1805 John Fane, esquire, commonly called Lord Burghersh, in place of Robert Clarke, deceased.
August 26th, 1805 John Donne, esquire, in place of David Robert Michel, esquire, deceased.

(p.190)
December 19th 1808 Charles William Michel, esquire, in place of the Hon. Thomas Fane, deceased.
December 19th 1808 Robert Clarke, in place of William Daniel, esquire, deceased.
December 19th 1808 George Proctor Upton esquire, in place of Charles Blair, esquire, resigned.

(p.191)
August 27th 1810 The Rev. Brian Combe clerk, in place of Edward Buckley Batson, esquire, deceased.

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August 29th 1814 John Thomas Fane, esquire, in place of Francis Fane, esquire, deceased.
September 30th 1816 The Rev. Joseph Domett, clerk, in place of Thomas Rawlings, esquire, deceased.

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August 30th 1819 Vere Fane, esquire, in place of the Rev. Brian Combe, deceased.

August 28th 1820 John Chambers, esquire, in place of Vere Fane, esquire, resigned.

(p.194)
August 26th 1822 William Pomroy Daniel, esquire, in place of William Peterson, esquire, deceased.

August 25th 1823 Thomas Coulson Carpenter, esquire, M.D, in place of Simon Lee, esquire, deceased.

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August 25th 1823 Charles Marr, esquire, in place of Robert Clarke, esquire, deceased.

August 30th 1824 Vere Fane, esquire, in place of John Fane, esquire, deceased.

(p.196)
August 27th 1827 James Michel, clerk, in place of Charles William Michel, esquire, deceased.

July 31st 1830 Thomas Brown Hardwicke, in place of John Donne, esquire, deceased.

(p.197)
August 30th 1830 John Hussey, esquire, in place of John Warren, esquire, deceased.

August 29th 1831 The Hon. Henry Sutton Fane in place of George Proctor Upton, esquire, deceased. (Sworn, Elected 27th August, 1827).

(p.198)
August 26th 1833 The Rev. Andrew Tucker, clerk, in place of Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Fane, resigned.
August 26th 1833 Major John Clarke, in place of John Chambers, esquire, deceased.

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August 26th 1833 Mr. William Hingeston, surgeon, in place of Lieut. Col. John Thomas Fane, deceased.

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August 26th 1833 Mr. John Drayton, merchant, in place of James Michel, clerk, resigned.
August 26th 1833 Mr. James Edwards, merchant, in place of Joseph Domett, clerk, resigned.

(p.200)
December 23rd 1833 Henry Trotman Lee, esquire, in place of Thomas Coulson Carpenter, esquire, deceased.
December 23rd 1833 The Rev. Frederic Parry Hodges, clerk, in place of Vere Fane, esquire, resigned.

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August 31st 1835

Edward Overton Lee, gentleman, in place of major John Clarke, deceased.

(Pages 202-221 are blank. On pp. 222-225 is a list of mayors from 1547 to 1637).

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Admissions to the Council

5 February 26th 1616

Mr. Richard Harvy, collector.

1,2 August 28th 1609

Mr. John Roze and Mr. John Kyrridge.

3 August 26th 1611

Mr. Anthony Ellesdon.

4 August 30th 1614

Mr. William Davey.

6,7 May 12th 1617

Mr. James Tucker and Mr. William Kirridge.

8,9 May 19th 1623

Mr. John Rose, Junior and Mr. John Newall.

10 May 26th 1623

Mr. Giles Carpenter.

11 October 3rd, 1625

Mr. Richard Alford.

12 October 15th 1627

Mr. William Alford and Mr. John Seward.

13 August 22nd 1632

Mr. Richard Roze.

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14¹ March 10th 1638

Francis Harvey, merchant²

14 March 10th 1638

Thomas Ceely, gent.

15 March 10th 1638

Francis Harvey, merchant.

16 September 20th 1641

William Skelton, gent.

17 September 20th 1641

John Hallett, merchant.

July 20th 1645

John Parrett, gent.

January 20th 1646

John Davie, merchant.

October 5th 1646

Ignatius Turner, merchant,

November 22nd 1649

Walter West, merchant.

November 29th 1649

Gabriel West, merchant.

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November 29th 1649

Robert Burridge, merchant.

November 29th 1649

Amiel Hart, merchant.

March 26th 1655

John Ellesdon, gent.

July 7th 1656

Solomon Andrew, merchant.

August 4th 1656

John Eyres. gent.

August 4th 1656

John Holwill, merchant.

August 4th 1656

John Hill, merchant.

April 25th 1659

Walter Tucker, merchant.

August 26th 1661

Gregory Alford, merchant.

October 11th 1662

Sir John strode, knight.

(no date)

George Strode of Lincoln's Inn.

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October 11th 1663

John Strangwaies of Melbury, esquire.

October 11th 1663

Humphrey Bishopp of Chilcomb, esquire.

October 11th 1663

Robert Tiderleigh of Tiderleigh, esquire.

October 11th 1663

Thomas Orchard, gent, common clerk.

October 11th 1663

William Smyth, merchant.

October 11th 1663

John Tucker.

¹ This number deleted.

² This entry is underlined and marked with a cross, possibly implying deletion.

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no date	William Cottle merchant. (Walter Tucker, mayor)
October 5th 1664	William Coggan, merchant.
October 17th 1664	Edward Edwards, merchant.

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September 7th 1668	Robert Coad.
September 7th 1668	John Whettcombe.
August 29th 1670	Amiel Hart.
April 24th 1671	Baruch Pitts
April 24th 1671	Andrew Tucker.
May 11th 1671	Edward Keech.
December 6th 1675	Robert Cawley.

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July 17th 1676	William Carswell.
August 26th 1678	Solomon Andrew junior.
August 26th 1678	John Burr ridge of Lyme Regis, merchant
August 29th 1681	Baruch Pitts of Lyme Regis, merchant
August 29th 1681	Robert Burr ridge of Lyme Regis, merchant
October 7th 1661	James Tucker of Lyme Regis, merchant
October 10th 1681	Edward Keetch of Lyme Regis, merchant
July 17th 1683	Robert Jones of Lyme Regis, gent
September 24th 1683	John Standerwick of Lyme Regis, merchant
November 8th 1688	Matthew West, John Edwards, and Thomas Darracott.
May 12th 1690	Nathaniel Butler and John Lymen.

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October 3rd 1692	Robert Fowler.
May 7th 1694	Samuel Courtney.
May 4th 1696	Benjamin Beere, John Bowdidge, Nathaniel Gundry.
January 16th 1699	Thomas Pitts.

(At this point the election cease to be described as ad concilium and are described as in societatem capitalium burgensium)

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September 30th 1700	Samuel Courtenay.
September 14th 1702	Jonas Whetcomb
July 17th 1704	Nicholas Newell,
September 20th 1708	Robert Burr ridge, Junior.

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October 1st 1708	George Coade, (this election void because he did not take the oath according to the rites of the church of England within one year before his election),
July 11th 1710	George Coade.
April 16th 1711	Henry Henley, esquire (took the oath 23rd July).

April 16th 1711 Robert Colbert.
 (p.278) (Void, because he did not renounce the declaration commonly called "The Solemn league and Covenant at the time of his taking the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.)

April 23rd 1711 Robert Colbert re-elected,
 February 25th 1712 Henry Bunston.
 March 31st 1712 George Mantle.
 July 16th 1712 John Bowdidge.

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June 1st 1719 Thomas Pitts, merchant, in place of John Lymen deceased. (Sworn 8th June)
 August 28th 1721 Henry Holt Henley, esquire, in place of George Mantle, resigned. (Sworn 2nd October)

February 10th 1722 John Bowdidge, junior son and heir of John Bowdidge, a capital burgess.
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August 21st 1722 Robert Carswell; and John Burrige Junior, son and heir of Robert Burrige, mayor.

June 20th 1726 John Cox, In place of Robert Colbert, deceased.
 July 10th 1727 Andrew Tucker, gent, in place of John Bowdidge, deceased.

(p.281) Memorandum that on May 8th, 1 George II (1721) there issued from the Court of King's Bench at Westminster a writ of Mandamus, directed to the mayor and capital burgesses of Lyme Regis, ordering that they should elect a capital burgess in place of Thomas Pitts deceased, whereupon on May 21st George Coade was elected; and on May 24th there

(p.282) issued a writ of Mandamus ordering them to administer to him the usual oaths and to admit him, and on May 28th this was done

Memorandum that on October 4th, 5 George II (1731), before the mayor and burgesses assembled, John Pinney and William Hare, freemen, delivered a writing bearing date October 4th under the hand of Henry Bunston, a capital burgess, the tenor of which is as follows:-

Lyme Regis, October 4th, 1731.

(56) Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Corporation,
 Having been for some time past so infirm as not to be able to attend my duty of a capital of this borough as I ought, and finding my indisposition and infirmities to increase so much as to disable me to attend in proper person, it will be an instance of your favour to excuse me from It, and I desire that you will proceed to an election of one who is better able to discharge the duty of that office than myself, for which purpose I do as much as in me lies of my own accord and free voluntary motion hereby resign surrender and yield up to you the mayor and burgesses of the said borough of Lyme Regis my place and office of capital burgess of the corporation of Lyme Regis aforesaid, and do solemnly declare that I will no longer continue in that office, and do pray that this my resignation may be accepted, and you will oblige. Your very humble servant,
 Henry Bunston

And the said John Pinney and William Hare say on their oath that the said writing was signed and sealed by the said Henry Bunston In their presence; whereupon the mayor and burgesses accepted the said resignation, as by their deed bearing date the said 4th of October does appear, and afterwards John Rodbard was elected a capital burgess.

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October 4th 1736 John Scrope of the city of London, esquire, in place of Nathaniel Gundry deceased; John Coade of Lyme Regis, woolstapler, in place of Robert Burridge, deceased.
(Coade sworn October 11th; Scrope sworn 29th August 1737)

October 1st 1739 Richard Churchill, clothier, In place of Robert Carswell deceased.
August 3rd 1741 Henry Fane, esquire. (Sworn August 31st)

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June 11th 1744 John Newell, gentleman, In place of John Rodbard esquire, deceased.

(Inspected July 5th 1744: William Longman)

September 24th 1744 Robert Henley of Glanfield Wotton, Co.Dorset, esquire, In place of Mr. Andrew Tucker deceased.
August 29th 1748 Samuel Warren, gentleman, in place of Jonas Whetcombe deceased
August 29th 1748 George Kerbey, grocer, in place of Henry Holt Henley, esquire, deceased.

(September 9th 1748 Inspected by Thomas Steele).

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August 28th 1749 Warren Lisle, gentleman.
August 28th 1749 Francis Fane, esquire, elected recorder.
August 31st 1752 Thomas Fane, esquire, in place of John Scrope, esquire, deceased.
August 31st 1752 Joseph Wallis, grocer, in place of Mr. Robert Burridge, deceased.
August 25th 1755 John Baker, In place of Mr. John Newall deceased.
August 29th 1757 Thomas Fane, esquire, elected recorder, in place of the Hon. Francis Fane, esquire, deceased.

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August 29th 1757 John Fane, esquire, in place of the Hon. Francis Fane, esquire, deceased.
August 29th 1757 John Tucker, esquire, in place of George Coade deceased.
August 27th 1759 Richard Luther, in place of Robert Henley, esquire, deceased.

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August 29th 1759 Henry Swymmer, in place of John Burridge, esquire, deceased.
August 29th 1759 Arthur Raymond, In place of John Bowdidge, esquire, deceased.
August 29th 1759 Thomas Francis, in place of John Tucker esquire, deceased.

(Inspected, 1760: Thomas Jones).

August 27th 1766 The Hon. Henry Fane, in place of Thomas Francis, esquire, deceased, who was duly elected in place of John Tucker, esquire, deceased, but was never sworn.

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October 6th 1766 The Hon. Henry Fane, sworn and admitted.

March 17th 1768 John Puddicombe, In place of Mr. Richard Churchill deceased.
Robert Clarke, in place of Mr. John Baker, deceased.
William Peterson, in place of Richard Luther, esquire, deceased.
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February 17th 1583-4

John Perat's disobedience.

William Tanner, Alexander Durston, George Pley, John Ley, Philip Ley, Philip Harvy, John Skore, Robert Barons, Robert Mycoe, John Keridge, James Hill, Ralph Stansby, the freemen that appear, being charged to enquire if John Perrat hath lost his freedom, in that he said to Mr. Mayor, he might choose whether he will come to Mr. Mayor, except it be about matters for the prince.

The freemen do find, that if John Perrat did refuse to come to Mr. Mayor when he was sent for, then he is worthy to lose his liberty; but for the words speaking, we find offence, but not to lose his liberty.

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October 20th 1554

Nicholas Hassard's disobedience.

Silvester Hayne, Thomas Denslo, John Davy, Alexander Durston, George Pley, William Moxage, Richard Morris, Nicolas Deane, Ignatius Buckford, James Hill, and John Keridge, being the freemen that appear upon this matter, have in charge to enquire if Nicholas Hassard hath made a breach of his liberty for his disobedience, for he being commanded by the mayor to lay down his weapons and not to wear them in the streets, he hath denied to lay them down. Also he thrust or shouldered Mr. Mayor yesterday night as Mr. Mayor came by the walk.

The said freemen hereupon having heard evidence to prove the disobedience, etc, do find that Nicholas Hassard ought to lose his freedom, and therefore he is disfranchised.

October 20th 1584

Richard Davidge's contention.

Item; the same freemen the same time being charged likewise to enquire if Richard Davidge hath (p.291) lost his freedom, in that he did sue Mr. Robert Davy late Mayor and freeman of the said town in the higher Court's whereas he might have Justice within this town do find that Richard Davidge hath broken his liberty because he hath sued Mr. Robert Davy out of the liberty and hath done contrary to his oath. And hereupon Mr. Mayor doth respect Judgment in this case, except the said Davidge can show matter or cause why he ought not to lose his liberty.

The 13th of November 1594

Mr. John Hassard, Mayor.

James Hill, George Plee, John Hassard, junior, William Tanner.

(60) Nicholas Hunt, Philip Harvy, Thomas Denslo, John Kerydge, Walter Tucker

Do find that Silvester Jurden hath shewed himself disobedient in that he hath refused to remove his gate set upon the way going out from the church yard to the 'Ester Cleaves' and also hath refused to pay the amercement laid upon the law day for setting up the said gate to the annoyance of the Queen's people.

(pp.292-310 are blank).

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The Oath of the Recorder.

You shall swear hat you shall well and truly execute the office of recorder of and in the town and borough of Lyme Regis during the time you shall enjoy the said office; you shall keep secret the 'councell' of the said town, and finally well and truly do and execute all other things appertaining to the said office of recorder, as near as God shall give you grace. So help you God, and by the holy contents of that book.

(p.317) 1577.

The Oath of the Town Clerk.

You shall swear by the contents of this book that you shall well and truly execute the office of the town clerk of this town of Lyme Regis from time to time during your being in the said office,

according to your wit and power. You shall well and truly enter all actions between party and party, and all orders that shall be agreed upon and appointed to be entered by the mayor in this court. You shall not be of counsel with any person that will attempt any matter against the right of the said town. You shall be obedient to the mayor of this

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town when and as often as he shall have occasion to send you for touching the affairs of the said town in and concerning such things as shall appertain to your said office. His counsel and his brethren's you shall observe and keep of all matters that shall be conceived of in this house or elsewhere for the affairs and the common wealth of this town. The franchisee, liberties and customs thereof you shall maintain and keep harmless to your power; and all other good orders and customs that now standeth in force and such also as shall hereafter be made by the said mayor and his brethren you shall observe and keep to the uttermost of your power. And all these things shall you truly observe and keep, as near as God shall give you grace. So help you God, and by the holy contents of this book.

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The 16th day of February 1572(-3) and in the 15th year of Queen Elizabeth, John Walshe was bound apprentice unto Richard Menifie, tailor, for five years following; and the said Richard Menyfie to teach him his art or science of a tailor, and finding him all things necessary as an apprentice ought to have; in consideration whereof we the mayor and his brethren have given and delivered unto the said Richard Menefie 20s. the which money if the said Menefie do not keep him and teach him as aforesaid, he shall redeliver unto the said mayor. In witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands, the day and year abovesaid.

End.

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