

Court Book Calendar 1604 - 1608

PREFACE.

This is the first Lyme Court Book of the Stuart period, and the Calendar of it runs from February 1603/4 to April 1608.

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CALENDAR of COURT BOOK 1604-1608.

(At the beginning is the following classified list of the cases in the book. The pagination begins after it.)

p.1) Apprisers.

Thomas Pears and William Legg apprisers upon John Griffen's goods arrested 13 August, 1604.

Thomas Hooper and Andrew Davey apprisers of the distresses taken for ameracements 28 January 1604 - 5.

William Legg and Richard Stone apprisers 15 April, 1605.

Richard Stone and William Moxedge apprisers between Robert Barnes and Paul Vildey, 11 August, 1606.

John Cogan, senior, and William Bagster apprisers of certain cloth, 23 November, 1607.

Auditors:

Auditors assigned between Richard Reynolles and John Martyn plaintiffs and John Vyney defendant, 4th June 1604.

Auditors assigned between Thomas Syms and John Raymond, 16th September, 1605.

Auditors assigned between Robert Bragg and Richard Abbott 7th July, 1606.

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Auditors assigned between John Wilson and Thomas Seward, 22 December, 1606.

Alice Weeks daughter of John Brooke, 30 September, 1605. (see p.181)

p.2) Returns of Juries.

Between	Thomas Carswell	&	William Stokes,	6 February. 1603 - 4.
	Richard Davidge	&	Nicholas Hardy,	6 Feb. 1603 - 4.
	Osmond Wakelye	&	Thomas Crocker	19 March, 1603 - 4.
	James Estmond	&	John Bellamy	19 March, 1603 - 4.
	John Woodroof	&	Stephen Clark	23 April, 1604.
	John Roze	&	Roger Lechland	23 April, 1604.
	Hugh Webb	&	Thomas Chaplen	7 May, 1604.
	Richard Reynolles, John Martyn	&	John Vyney	14 May, 1604.
	William Kerford	&	Henry Elmeston	29 October, 1604.
	Henry Baker	&	Nicholas Williams	10 December, 1604.
	Holman	&	Thomas Waldron	17 December, 1604.
	Richard Hardy	&	Thomas Yates	8 April, 1605.
	Nicholas Wylliams	&	Henry Baker	29 April, 1605.
	Edward French	&	Henry Baker	13 May, 1605.
	John Sprake	&	Henry Keat	3 June, 1605.
	John Rose	&	Richard Abbott	1 July, 1605.

John Hassard	&	John Raymond	5 August, 1605.
Thomas Syms	&	John Raymond	5 August, 1605.

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p.3)	William Bartlet	&	Thomas Drake	14 October, 1605
	Thomas Clark	&	Benjamin Cooper	14 October, 1605
	William Wakelye	&	John Peach	9 December, 1605
	Edward Doughtie, clerk	&	Walter Myller	16 December. 1605.
	Henry Samwayes	&	William Newall	23 December 1605.
	William Ford, etc.	&	Richard Fornes	5 May, 1606.
	Robert Bragg	&	Richard Abbott	7 July, 1606.
	John Peters	&	John Spurway	21 July, 1606
	Walter Myller	&	Edward Doughtie, clerk	18 August, 1606.
	Henry Huet	&	John Burch	3 November, 1606.
	Nicholas Moxon	&	James Churchey	10 November, 1606.
	William Douch	&	George Lymbry	8 December, 1606
	Walter Harvy & others	&	John Vyney & others	9 February, 1606 - 7.
	John Abbott and his wife	&	Richard Davey	16 February, 1606 - 7
	Ellynor Gyles	&	William Kerford	16 February, 1606 - 7
	Hugh Bourman	&	Noy Randall	20 April, 1607
	John Day	&	John Roze	8 June, 1607
	Nicholas Somers	&	Thomas Farwell	9 November. 1607
	Thomas Carswell	&	Edward Mylepley	9 November. 1607
	John Collyer	&	Henry Elmeston	7 March. 1607 - 8
John Carpenter, clerk	&	William Hockett	14 March, 1607 - 8	
John Hassard, senior	&	John Vyney and others	21 March, 1607 - 8	
Markes Barnes	&	William Webber	4 April, 1608	

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Entering of Judgements

A judgment for William Stokes against Thomas Carswell 6 Feb. 1603 – 4.

For	Robert Moxon	against	Roger Hodder	5 March 1603 – 4.
	Edward Lymbry		Thomas Whithed	16 April 1604
	Richard Belpitt		Thomas Whithed	16 April 1604
	John Woodroff		Steven Clark	16 April 1604
	John Rose		Roger Lechland	23 April, 1604
	James Estmond		John Bellamy	23 April 1604
	John Lumberd		Richard Bedford	7 May, 1604
	John Woodroff		Steven Clark	7 May, 1604
	Nicholas Day		John Fowler	7 May, 1604
	Richard Reynolds & John Martyn		John Vyney	14th May, 1604
	William Wynter		Thomas Whithed	14th May, 1604
	Markes Barnes		Charles Barret	21 st May, 1604
	Markes Barnes		Thomas Whithed	18 June, 1604
	Edward Amy		Markes Barnes	23 July, 1604
	Walter Harvy		Richard Abbott	10 September, 1604.
	Thomas Crocker		Osmond Wakeley	22 October, 1604.
	William Pares		Steven Hart	29 October, 1604.
	Ellys Lee		John Jones	5 November, 1604.

p.4) A judgment for nonsuit between John Pynney and Priam Hore 19 November, 1604

For	Henry Tucker	against	Thorne	19 November, 1604
	Henry Baker		Nicholas Williams	17 December 1604
	Thomas Waldron		Peter Holman	17 December 1604
	Alice Davey		Steven Lymbry	14 January 1604 - 5
	Samuel Childe		Thomas Samford	11 February, 1604 - 5
	John Vyney		John Turner	4 March, 1604 - 5

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For	John Barnes	against	Thomas Thorne	22 April, 1605
	Nicholas Wylliams		Henry Baker	3 June, 1605
	Richard Davidge		Thomas Belman	3 June, 1605
	Richard Hardye		Thomas Yate	3 June, 1605
	Edward French		Henry Baker	3 June, 1605
	John Sprake		Henry Keat	3 June, 1605
	William Pears		Matilda Peach	22 July, 1605
	John Alford		Matilda Peach	22 July, 1605
	John Alford		Matilda Peach	22 July, 1605
	Steven Hodder		Peter Browne	22 July, 1605
	John Ross		Richard Abbott	22 July, 1605
	Richard Bragg		Bridget Grinter	19 August, 1605
	John Hassard		John Raymond	19 August, 1605
	Thomas Syms		John Raymond	19 August, 1605
	Richard Lyell		John Gully	9 September, 1605
	John Vyney		Nicholas Day	7 October, 1605
	Richard Lyell		John Gully	7 October, 1605
	William Bartlett		Thomas Drake	14 October, 1605.
	Markes Barnes		James Estmond	21 October 1605.
	William Newall		Markes Barnes	18 November, 1605.
	Robert Weeks		Andrew Davye	25 November, 1605.
	William Wakelye		John Peach	9 December, 1605.
	William Kerford		Henry Elместon	23 December, 1605.
p.5)	Henry Samwayes		William Newall	23 December, 1605.
	Elizabeth Berry, widow		Richard Bedford	24 March, 1605 - 6
	Sir George Somers, knight		Richard Bedford	24 March, 1605 - 6
	Thomas Bragg		Edward Bragg	24 March, 1605 - 6
	Andrew Davey		William Kerford	14 April, 1606
	Thomas Clark		William Kerford	19 May 1606.

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For:	William Forde, Jesse Vawse	against	Richard Furnes	19 May. 1606
	John Payne	„	Robert Hendley	7 July, 1606
	Robert Bragg	„	Richard Abbott	7 July 1606
	John Paters	„	John Spurway	21 July 1606
	Thomas Ford	„	Markes Barnes	18 August, 1606
	Walter Miller	„	Edward Doughtie, clerk	25 August, 1606
	John Mychell	„	Nicholas Paige	22 September 1606
	John Lymbry	„	Richard Abbott	22 September 1606
	William Turner	„	Thomas Baylieve	29 September 1606
	John Wilson	„	Thomas Seward	15 December, 1606
	Henry Huett	„	John Burch	15 December, 1606
	Robert Hassard, junior	„	John Wilson	15 December, 1606
	William Douch	„	George Lymbry	15 December, 1606
	Nicholas Moxon	„	James Churchey	15 December, 1606
	Sir John Jeffry, knight	„	Elizabeth Keech alias Furser, widow	22 Dec. 1606

	John Mylborne	„	Elisabeth Keech	22 December, 1606
	William Bellamy	„	Roger Hodder	22 December, 1606
	William Merston	„	Thomas Samford	19 January, 1606 -7
	Laurence Adyn	„	Thomas Samford	19 January, 1606 -7
	John Wilson	„	Thomas Seward	19 January, 1606 -7
p.6)	Edward Bragg	„	Richard Myller	9 February 1607
	Walter Harvy and others	„	John Vyney & others	9 February 1607
	James Churchey	„	Markes Barnes	16 February 1607
	John Abbott	„	Richard Davey	16 February 1607
	Ellynor Gyles	„	William Kerford	16 February 1607
	Walter Harvy	„	Richard Abbott	23 February 1607
	Noy Randall	„	Hugh Bourman	20 April 1607

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For	John Day	against	John Roze	8 June, 1807
	John Grove	„	Markes Barnes	17 August, 1607
	John Gybbes	„	Richard Pullom	17 August, 1607
	Nicholas Somer	„	Thomas Farwell	26 October, 1607
	Nicholas Seward	„	William Newall	26 October, 1607
	John Rosa	„	Thomas Clark	26 October, 1607
	John Burr	„	William Brent	9 November, 1607
	Roger Wallys	„	Roger Luckes	9 November, 1607
	Robert Bragg	„	Roger Luckes	9 November, 1607
	Thomas Carswell	„	Edward Mylpley	9 November, 1607
	John Collyer	„	Henry Elmeston	7 March, 1607 - 8
	John Vyney and others	„	John Hassard, snr & others	21 March 1607 - 8
	William Webber	„	Markes Barnes	4 April, 1608.

Moneys remaining in Court board and in men's hands, and bills shewed in Court.

John Forward paid £7. in full payment of £12. due to Roger Hodder, which £7. remaineth in Mr. James Hill's hands, 9 July 1604.

Item 13s.4d. paid by John Forward to the use of Roger Hodder, 23 July, 1604.

George Pley paid 11s.8d. to the use of Edward Manning, 6 August, 1604. The said 11s.8d. is delivered to John Freke 17 September 1604.

p.7) Also 31s.10d. left in the Court board brought in by William Berrye 19 November, 1604.

Also 57s. paid by Thomas Pears to William Hawkins to Edward French's use, in full discharge of the debt and damages, and thereupon the Court withdrawn, 2 September, 1605.

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Richard Bedford's bill made to William Newall is delivered to Markes Barnes, 2 December, 1605.

Henry Shave, clerk, hath paid 13s. in Court to Robert Follet, etc., 17 March, 1605 - 6.

Hugh Harvy's bill upon John Harvy and John Burr shewed in Court, 23 June 1606.

Also 55s. paid by Thomas Seward to John Wilson's use, 26 January, 1606 - 7.

Also £6.14d. paid by Michael Humfry to Nicholas Perratt, 15 June, 1607.

Also 8s.6d. delivered by George Pley to Edward Maning's use, 26 June, 1607, on Friday.

Also 5s.8d. tendered in Court by Thomas Clark to John Roze's use, 19 October, 1607.

Also 50s. left in the Court board, paid by Peter Browne, and delivered again to Mr. Freke, 15 February, 1607(-8)

Entering of non-suits.

A non-suit between Robert Brooke and Bartholomew Payne 17 September, 1604.

Between Alexander Combe	and	Moses Warren,	12 November, 1604
Philip Stansby	„	William Bodye	11 February, 1604 -5
Thomas Hester	„	Henry Grillye	7 October, 1605

	William Pitcher	„	William Hyett	7 October, 1605
	Richard Wills	„	John Peach	7 October, 1605
	William Carver	„	Alice Cox	21 October, 1605
p.8)	Richard Lamerton	„	Nicholas Days	19 May, 1606
	Jesse Vawse	„	Silvester Jurden,	21 July, 1606
	William Keridge	„	Jesse Vawse	21 July, 1606
	John Geare, clerk	„	William Somer	29 September, 1606
	Christian Chaplen, widow	„	Thomas Churchey & John House	15 December, 1606

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Between Thomas Cogan	and	James Baseley,	26 January, 1606 -7
Robert Lymbry	„	Walter Tucker	16 February, 1606 - 7
Robert Lymbry	„	Anthony Elesdon	16 February, 1606 - 7
John Abbott	„	Richard Davy	2 March, 1606 - 7
Bartholomew Burton			2 March, 1606 - 7
Thomas Hooper	and	John Burch	11 May, 1607
William Pears	„	Henry Gybbens	10 August, 1607
Robert Smith	„	William Hocket,	17 August, 1607
Robert Hardye	„	William Newall,	26 October, 1607
William Hocket	„	John Carpenter, clerk.	14 March, 1607 -8

Returns of writs of privilege, etc.

A writ of corpus cum causa between John Roze and Roger Lechland, 6 February, 1603 - 4

A writ of procedendo between John Roze and Roger Lechland, 26 March 1604

A writ of privilege between John Roze and Roger Lechland, 2 April, 1604.

A writ of procedendo between John Rose and Roger Lechland, 23 April, 1604.

A writ of error between John Roze and Roger Lechland, 14 May, 1604.

A writ of error between James Estmond and John Bellamy, the same day,

A writ of certiorari brought by Markes Barnes, 6 August, 1604.

A writ of procedendo exeoucionem iudicii for James Estmond Against John Bellamy, 22 April, 1605.

p.9) A writ of error for John Bellamy against James Estmond, 13 May, 1605.

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A writ of corpus cum causa for Thomas Babb on the same day.

A writ of error between Henry Baker alias Breuer and Edward French, 3 June, 1605.

A writ of privilege for William Newall against Henry Samwayes, 8 July, 1605.

A writ of procedendo ad execuionem etc. for Edward French against Henry Baker alias Bruer, 12 August, 1605.

A writ of privilege for John Raymond, 23 September, 1605.

A writ of error brought by John Raymond against John Hassard, senior, the same day.

A writ of habeas corpus for Edward Doughtie clerk the 7th of October, 1605.

A writ of error for Thomas Drake against William Bartlet, 4 November, 1605.

A writ of habeas corpus for Benjamin Cooper against Thomas Clark, 18 November, 1605.

A writ of procedendo for Henry Samwayes against William Newall, 25 November, 1605.

A writ of procedendo for Walter Myller against Edward Doughtie, clerk, 2 December, 1605.

A writ of privilege for Edward Doughtie, clerk, against Edward Monday, 16 December, 1605.

A writ of habeas corpus for John Raymond the same day.

A writ of error brought by William Newall against Henry Samwayes, 20 January, 1605 -6.

A writ of execuionem iudicii for William Bartlet against Thomas Drake alias Grimston, 10 March, 1605 -6.

A writ of error for Richard Furnes against William Fourd and Jesse Vawse, 26 May, 1606.

A writ of habeas corpus for Richard Abbott against Robert Bragg, 2 June, 1606.

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A writ of procedendo for Robert Bragg against Richard Abbott, 21 July, 1606.

p.10) A writ of privilege for Richard Abbott against Robert Bragg, 21 July, 1606.
 A writ of procedendo for Walter Myller against Edward Doughtie, clerk, 11 August, 1606.
 A writ of corpus cum causa for Thomas Chaplen against John Love, 18 August, 1606.
 A writ of error for Edward Doughtie, clerk, against Walter Myller, 1 September, 1606.
 Another writ of error for Edward Doughtie, clerk, against Walter Myller, 8 September, 1606.
 A writ of procedendo for Robert Bragg against Richard Abbott, 20 October, 1606.
 A writ of error between Thomas Clark and Silvester Jurden and William Kerford, 15 December, 1606
 A writ of error for James Churchey against Nicholas Moxon, 5 January, 1606 -7.
 A writ of privilege for John Burr against Walter Harvy, etc., 26 January, 1606 -7.
 A writ of error for John Vyney and others against Walter Harvy and others, 23 February, 1606 -7.
 A writ of error for William Kerford against Ellynor Gyles, 2 March, 1606 -7.
 A writ of procedendo for Thomas Clark against William Kerford 1 June, 1607.
 A writ of error between John Daye and John Roze, 22 June, 1607.
 A writ of execucionem iudicii between Ellynor Gyles and William Kerford. the same day.
 A writ of corpus cum causa for William Searle against Walter Salter, 10 August, 1607.
 A writ of habeas corpus super privilegium for Henry Gibbens, 19 October, 1607.

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A writ of privilege for John Jurden against Leonard Rugg, 26 October, 1606 (sic, for 1607).
 A writ of privilege for William Hockett against John Carpenter, clerk, 18 January, 1607 - 8.
 A writ of error for Thomas Farwell against Nicolas Somers, 8 February, 1607 - 8.
 A writ of procedendo for John Carpenter, clerk, against William Hockett, 22 February, 1607 - 8.

p.12) Arbitrators or wardsmen .

Mathew Davy and William Bagster arbitrators between William Hawkins and Edmund Tutchin, 20 August, 1604.

An award between Thomas Browne and Alexander Samford, the same day.
 Arbitrators between John Lymbry and Richard Stone, 13 May, 1605.
 Auditors assigned between John Sprake and Henry Keate, 3 June, 1605.
 Arbitrators between Walter Harvy, gent, and John Vyney, 7 October, 1606.
 Between William Kerford and Henry Elmeston, the same day.
 Between Richard Willes and Thomas Peach, 9 December, 1606.
 An award between Richard Stone and Roger Luckes, 26 May, 1606.
 Arbitrators between Robert Bragg and Richard Abbott, October, 1606.
 Between Robert Hassard, merchant, and John Wilson, 22 September, 1606.

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Between Nicholas Moxon and James Churchey, 10 November, 1606.
 Between Robert Bragg and Richard Abbott, 8 December, 1606.
 Between John Abbott and Richard Davy, 15 December, 1606. Their arbitrament certified the 26th of January, 1606 -7.
 Arbitrators between James Esmond and Robert Bennet, 2 March, 1606 -7.
 Between Roger Wallis, etc. and Markes Barnes, 16 March, 1606 -7.
 Between John Jurden and William Webber, the same day.
 An arbitrament between Nicholas Perrat and Michael Humfry, 20 April, 1607.
 An award between Roger Wallis and Markes Barnes, 4 May, 1607.
 Between Nicholas Perrat and Michael Humfry, the same day.
 Between John Hassard, junior, and Hugh Godsale, 12 October, 1607.
 Arbitrators between William Brent and Cuthbert Dawson, 16 November, 1607.
 Between John Day and John Tucker, 18 January, 1607 -8.

Agreements and orders.

An order between Osmond Wakely and Thomas Crocker, 30 July, 1604.
 An agreement between John Forward and Roger Hodder, 24 December, 1604.

An order between Arcules Wakely and Edward Churchill, 28 January, 1604 - 5.

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An order touching goods foreign bought and foreign sold the same day.

An order between Richard Hardy alias Hoskins and Thomas Yates, 11 February, 1604 - 5.

An end made between Thomas Burges and John Collyer, 12 August, 1605.

p.13) An agreement by the mayor, etc., that the Serjeants upon arresting of any person shall bring the party arrested to Mr, Mayor, etc., 9 December, 1605.

An order between Walter Myller and Edward Doughtie, clerk, 18 August, 1606.

An order that John Bellamy shall pay to the town 5s. for a forfeiture, 29 September, 1606.

An order that Peter Luckes shall pay 20s. for a forfeiture, the same day.

An agreement between Raulin Allen and John Thomas, 26 January, 1606 - 7.

Depositions or oaths.

Sir George Somers' oath touching Edward Doughtie, clerk, and Walter Myller, 16 December, 1605.

George Raymond's deposition touching the matter in court between William Somer and John Geare, clerk, 22 September, 1606.

John Bagg's confession against William Berry, 16 March, 1606 - 7.

George Pley's confession against Edward Manning, 6 June, 1607.

Alice Berry's deposition, 7 September, 1607.

Joan Berry's deposition, the same day.

Annes Harvy's deposition, the same day.

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John Dorchester alias Syms a witness for Nicholas Somer, 12 October, 1607.

Thomas Larcombe's oath that he feareth of William Wynter, 22 February, 1607 - 8.

Satisfactions acknowledged.

A satisfaction acknowledged between William Paris and Steven Hart the 19th of November, 1604.

Between Richard Tucker and Thomas Thorne, 10 December, 1604.

By Richard Bragg against Bridget Grinter, widow, 19 August, 1605.

By William Kerford against Henry Elimestone, 20 January, 1605 - 6.

By Thomas Bragg against Edward Bragg, 5 March, 1605 - 6.

By Walter Myller against Edward Doughtie, clerk, 13 October, 1606.

Between William Jones and John Hassard, junior, 12 July, 1607.

Between Anthony Elesdon and Katharine Barnes, widow, 1 February, 1607 - 8.

By Nicholas Moxon against James Churchey, 4 April, 1608.

p.1) Hustings Court held 6 February, 1603 - 4.

p.33) Court of View of Frankpledge held in the Guildhall of the town of Lyme Regis, by Richard Carpenter, deputy steward there before James Hill Mayor of the said town. John Fitzjames, recorder there, and the burgesses of the said town, according to the custom, etc. on Monday after the feast of Hocktide, viz., on the last day of April, 2 James 1 (1604)

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The Jurors for our Lord the King and for the Mayor.

George Pley	William Hill	William Elesdon	Philip Harvey
William Davys	Thomas Hooper	Thomas Denslowe	Richard Elliot
John Kerridge	William Legg	John Cogan	William Hockett
John Roze	Thomas Sampford.	Robert Bragg	

Amercements and ordinances.

The jurors say on their oath that as to amercements and defaults and other matters it appears more fully in the book of ordinances and by-laws remaining of record on the files in the Court of the said

town.

And further they say that Henry lord Cobham, John Jeffrey, knight, and other of the freeholders on this day have made default, as appears in the book of "Ragman Roll". Therefore each of them in mercy 6d.

"Decyners" have made default. And further they say that Hugh Drew, Christopher Bacon, and several other of the residents of the said town on this day, have made default as appears in the book of "Ragman Roll". Therefore each of them in mercy 3d.

Also they find that Charles Barrett is next heir unto Agnes Barrett, widow, deceased, whose death was presented the last law day Court.

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William Peryam, Thomas Marten, James Hackwell, and John Stansbye are this day sworn to be from henceforth faithful and true to our sovereign lord the King and to his heirs and successors.

Affeerors. William Elesdon, John Keridge.

p.34) Orders, pains, and defaults appear in a presentment remaining on the files of this Court.

p.54) 9 July 1604, Thomas Carswell at this day made request to be admitted to the freedom.

p.59) 30 July. 1604. An order between Osmund Wakely and Thomas Crocker was set down in the other paper book, to yield unto the opinion of Mr. Pyne upon the matter.

p.66) The Court for the Election of New Officers. 27 August. 1604.

Capital burgesses.

James Hill, Mayor	John Hassard, senior,	Walter Harvey, gent.
Sir George Somers, knight.	Richard Norrys	John Hassard, junior
Robert Barnes	Anthony Moone, gent.	Christopher Elместon
Richard Carpenter.	John Bydgood, gent.	Sir George Somers, knight,

and Richard Norrys chosen by the capital burgesses.

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Freemen and freeholders.

William Jurdeyn	John Cogan	Richard Davidge	Richard Stone	Walter Tucker
John Roze	George Pley	John Coombe	John Vyney	Markes Barnes
Thomas Denslow	Richard Bedford	John Keridge	Christopher Dowll	Silvester Jurdeyn
Matthew Davy	William Elesdon	Ignacius Buckford	William Davy	William Hill
Philip Heywood	Thomas Pears	Philip Harvey	Thomas Whithed	Robert Bragg
Thomas Wynter	Thomas Hooper	James Hackwell	William Bagster	Thomas Sampford
William Hockett	Philip Ley	Stephen Bonner	Robert Brooke	John Davy
Richard Ellyott	William Tanner	William Legg	Andrew Davy	Henry Wislake
John Hunt	John Sampford	Henry Trail	Thomas Carswell	Richard Skorche

Charles Barrett

Sir George Somers elected mayor by the above freemen and freeholders.

Coroner John Hassard senior

Constables Andrew Davy, William Berry.

Serjeants William Hawkens, Richard Lamerton.

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p.68) Cobb Receivers	John Vyney,[1]	Markes Barnes
Leather Sealers	Peter Browne,	John Medford
Cloth sealers	Thomas Wynter,	William Berry.
Ale tasters	Alexander Westover[2],	Robert Tompkins
Pound keeper		
Weighter and keeper of Kerseys		Thomas Wynter

p.77) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge 1 October, 1604

The Jurors for our lord the King.

John Vyney	Thomas Wynter	George Pley	Richard Ellyott
Thomas Densloe	John Hunt	John Cogan	William Legg

Markes Barnes
William Hill
Thomas Hooper

John Combe
William Bagster

Richard Stone
Philip Harvey

Thomas Sampford
Thomas Carswell

Presentments;

That Philip Heywood, a freeholder, has died since the last court, and a relief is owed.

William Elesdon crossed out. [1]

Ignacius Buckford crossed out. [2]

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That John Davy freeholder has died since the last court, and a relief is owed.

That George Somers, knight, is tenant in fee simple of the houses and lands of which Philip Haywood was possessed at the time of his death.

They further say as to many other things, as appears in a certain schedule or writing of presentments and amercements under their hands remaining on the files of the Court.

p.78) They present by bill of the constables, viz., Thomas Winter and William Bagster, that Walter Abell and William Furnace drew blood on one another 9 March, 1603 – 4.

That William Davy and John Peters drew blood on one another 3 April, 1604.

These two bloodsheds should have been set down the last law day.

That Charles Jurdeyn drew blood upon Thomas Clark, Therefore in mercy 9d.

That Robert Somer drew blood on George Loman. Therefore in mercy 9d.

Those freeholders and commoners that make default of their appearance will appear upon the book of "Ragmen Roe".

Those freeholders and 'desiners' that were essoined at this Court will also appear upon the book of "Ragmen Row".

Mr. John Vyney sworn to the council of the Town at this court.

Sir John Browne, knight, this day sworn a freeman of the town.

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Affeerors Thomas Densloe, Markes Barnes

The officers sworn at the beginning of the Court immediately after three proclamations made for the view of frankpledge.

p.94) 9 November. 1604.

31s.10d. left in the hall board brought in by William Berry of the poor children's goods.

p.109) 28 January. 1604 - 5

At this Court day it is ordered and agreed upon that as concerning the forfeiture of 18 "tapnetts" of figs which Jacques Lardge bought of William Berry being no free-man, that the said Lardge shall forfeit one quarter of the goods, value of 20s., which goods the said Lardge shall have again paying 20s. to Mr. Mayor or his assigns.

p.112) 11 February. 1604 - 5

Baldwin Sampford sworn to be free of the town.

p.127) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge. 22April. 1605.

Freeholders essoined: John Jeffry, knight, John Bydgood, gent, John Wyett, William Davye, Richard Roze, Henry Trail, John Carpenter, clerk, the heir of James Carpenter, Richard Bedford, John Sampford.

The 'deceners' essoined appear in the book of "ragman roll";

The Jurors for, our lord the Klng:

John Vyney, gent, George Pley, Walter Tucker, John Keridge, Thomas Densloe,

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John Roze,

Richard Stone, William Hill, Thomas Wynter, Richard Ellyott, John Coombe, Thomas Sampford, William Bagster, Stephen Bonner,

The jurors say on their oath, as regards amercements and defaults and other matters, as appears in the book of ordinances and by-laws remaining of record on the files of the Court,

They further say that certain freeholders have made default on this day, whose names appear in the book of "Ragman Roll". Therefore each of them in mercy 6d.

They further present that certain "deceners" whose names appear in the book of "Ragman Roll" have made default on this day. Therefore each of them in mercy 3d.

They present also a bill of the constables, viz., that Richard Palmer drew blood of William Coles. Therefore in mercy 9d.

They present also that Richard Squier drew blood of the servant of Thomas Hooper. Therefore in mercy 9d.

And that a certain Hugh Copleston drew blood of Nicholas Stagg, Therefore in mercy 9d.
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They also present that 22 persons, whose names appear in the constables' bill, have played bowls. Therefore each of them in mercy

Affeerors William Elesdon, Richard Stone.

Sworn to the assize of our lord the King:

Robert Hoyte, Francis Godden, John Poynts, Anthony Prist, Richard Bartlet, John Honyford.

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Memorandum, to seek out how the case standeth touching the garden that Alice Weekes the daughter of John Brooke claimeth, that she may have her answer, at the next law day.

William Webber alias Blackford was this day sworn to the freedom of the franchise, and is to pay a fine of 3£. to Mr. Mayor for the same, whereof he hath paid him in hand 40s.

Barnard Drake, gent, was this day sworn to the freedom of the franchise, without any fine paid for the same in regard of his pains taken when he was cobb warden, as for other good causes and considerations.

It is informed that Andrew Davys being not free of the franchise hath sold certain "shomake" to a foreigner without Mr. Mayor's licence and contrary to the charter, and therefore he is assessed by the Mayor and burgesses to forfeit and pay 10s. to the corporation.

At this day Mr. Norrys brought in 33s.4d. which he took for a fine of John Wilsdon upon the seizure of a pipe of wine foreign bought and foreign sold to one Berrye, vintner, whereupon it was considered by Sir George Somers, knight, mayor, of the town aforesaid, and Mr. John Fitzjames esquire recorder of the said town and by the consent of the rest of the capital burgesses that the said John Wilsdon shall have back again 13s.4d., parcel of the aforesaid fine, which is presently delivered him, in respect it is the first fault the said Wilsdon was taken withal in this behalf.

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p. 129) The jurors say that Robert Davye, senior, has alienated to Elizabeth Davy, widow, the house in which she now lives, called Beafront, and a relief of 12d. is owed.

And that John Davye son of John Davye deceased is heir in fee-tail to the lands of which the said John Davy stood seised at the time of his death.

They also present many defaults, as appears more fully in a certain writing of presentments and amercements under their hands remaining on the files among other records of the Court..

p.142) 27 May. 1605.

This day John Peters was sworn to the franchise of the town.

p. 164) 19 August, 1605.

Memorandum to record a composition between the town and Mr. Symon Norrington, vicar, to pay him yearly for the tithes of the town mill 10s. during his natural life. By John Hassard.

p.165) Court for election of new officials, 26 August, 1605.

Mayor: John Hassard, senior, and Richard Norrys Chosen by the capital burgesses,

p.166) Richard Norrys chosen by the freemen and freeholders.

(The next three pages are blank, as if the scribe intended to enter up the presentments later, but never did so)

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Coroner John Hassard, senior

Constables William Elesdon

Walter Deane

p.167) Serjeants at Mace	William Hawkins	Richard Lamerton
Cobb receivers	Walter Tucker	John Kerridge
Leather sealers	Peter Browne	John Bedford
Cloth sealers	Thomas Wynter	Thomas Hooper
Ale tasters	Ignacius Buckford	Alexander Westover
Searchers for raw cloth		
Pound keeper		

p. 180) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge 30 September. 1605.
Swearing of new officials (same as above, except that Richard Stone and Baldwin Samford are now constables).

The jurors for our lord the King (names)

William Elesdon who was chosen for the office of constable has not appeared. Therefore in mercy 20s.

p.181) Whereas Alice Weekes one of the daughters of John Brooke late deceased and Elisabeth Steere one other of the daughters of the said John Brooke do lay claim unto a certain garden plot with the appurtenances being burgage situate in the Coombe street of Lyme

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Regis in the county of Dorset,

challenging and affirming the same to be land descended to them from their said late father John Brooke deceased, they the said Alice and Elisabeth being his heirs, and the mayor and burgesses of Lyme Regis aforesaid for their part forasmuch as they cannot yet find such evidences as they think they have for enjoying and detaining of the said burgage to the use of the corporation, therefore they are contented by one assent and consent that the said burgage shall be presently delivered over to the possession of the said Alice and Elisabeth, to have and to hold the same for one whole year now next ensuing with this proviso or condition, that if the said mayor and burgesses shall within one year now next ensuing happen to find those said evidences whereby the said burgage was formerly granted and conveyed unto them, that then the said Alice and Elisabeth their executors, heirs, or assigns, shall yield and pay unto the said mayor or his successors the rent of four shillings of lawful money of England, but if they shall not find those said evidences by the time aforesaid to prove their said right then it is agreed that from thenceforth they the said Alice and Elisabeth may retain and keep the said burgage to them and their heirs and assigns without molestation and trouble of the said mayor and burgesses or their successors, paying, bearing, and doing such rents, customs, and services to the town as hath been formerly accustomed to be made and done before the said burgage came to the town's hands, and withal the said mayor will deliver over unto them the said Alice and Elisabeth all such writings and evidences as the borough of Lyme Regis have in their custody that do concern the right to the said Alice and Elisabeth of and in the said burgage.

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Signed Martin Weekes, Alice Weekes
Witnesses Richard Carpenter, Samuel Carpenter.

p.182) The jurors also present as is contained in their bill of presentments under their hands.
Names of freeholders who are in default. In mercy 6d. each.
Names of freeholders essoined.
Names of 'desiners' and commoners who have made default appear in the book of "Ragman Row".
Names of those who have played bowls.

p. 183) They also present that bloodshed occurred between John Stevens' family and Thomas Rouby's boy, 9d.

And that William Lockram drew blood of a certain foreigner.

Affeerors Robert Bragg, William Bagster.

Sworn to the assize of our lord the King;

Anthony Woodroff, Henry Tutchin, Jacob Wey, William Morren, John Hackwell, Richard Short, Abraham Norred, Samuel Carpenter, Richard Bowdon, Nicholas Hockett.

Tipplers assigned on this day, viz.:

Peter Browne, John Mycoe (paid 12d.), Richard Ellyot, William Tanner, alias Moxage, John Sampford, Dorothy Waller (paid 12d.) to observe a condition written in the end of this book.

The common brewer is to make beer according to the direction of the mayor.

(The bond, which appears to be an ordinary ale-seller's recognizance is entered on the last page of the book, but is almost completely illegible).

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Dismissed of selling of ale and beer;

Elizabeth Davy, junior, widow, taverner, Thomasin Forward ale tippler, Thomas Lacy, Henry Brewer, beer tippler, and generally no taverners to sell any ale or beer.

p.193) 21 October. 1605.

William Newall of Lyme Regis sworn to the freedom.

p.199) 25 November, 1605.

Mr. John Burr sworn to the freedom,

p.202) 9 December 1605.

It is this day agreed by Mr. Mayor and his brethren that from henceforth the Serjeants upon arresting of any person, he and they shall bring the party arrested to Mr. Mayor or his brethren or deputy before the party be let and the serjeant to take no surety at all of himself.

p.204) 16 December. 1605.

The jurors in the case of Edward Doughtie, clerk, plaintiff, and Walter Miller, defendant, say that the said Miller was not the bailiff or receiver of pence and tenths of the said Doughtie as he alleged. Therefore considered that the said Doughtie shall be in mercy far his false claim.

Sir George Somers, knight, confesseth that being at Chard at the sign of the Lion about three years past he heard Mr, Edward Doughtie, clerk, say that Walter Miller should hold the vicarage of Whitchurche during the life of the said Mr. Doughtie, and the said Mr. Doughtie did say he should give him 102£. or else 100£ and half a boar and a pig for every year during Mr. Doughtie's life.

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p.229) 7 April 1606.

It is ordered and agreed at this day that because Markes Barnes hath not brought in a perfect book of the Cobb duties due for the time of his charge with the money at this day, therefore a further day is given unto him to bring in the same on Monday next at the Court without further delay (to wit) both the book and the money upon pain of losing of his freedom, as also to incur the penalty of the statute.

p.231) 21 April 1606.

It was consented unto that the Cobb work should be set forward.

p.232) 28 April. 1606.

John Burr was this day adjudged to pay the fine of 40s. to the town for that he refused to be Cobb warden.

p.235) 5 May 1606.

See a confession of Nicholas Daye against Richard Lamerton touching the letting go of a prisoner under arrest, in the other paper book.

p.237) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge. 12 May. 1606.

Names of jurors.

The jurors present that Charles lord Montioye earl of Devon a freeholder of divers tenements in Lyme Regis has died since the last legal Court, but who is his heir they do not know. A relief is due 14s.1d. and 9d. and 2s.

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Presentments and amercements to be found in a separate schedule.

Defaults and essoins to be found in the book of "Ragmen Roe".

Affeerors George Play, Walter Tucker.

Warning is given to Markes Barnes by the Court that he do provide a kitchen for the Cobb wardens this Whitsuntide, and also before the next law day to build a Cobb kitchen according to his covenant, or otherwise to give over the plot of ground that was let unto him for a kitchen unto the town.

p.238) Sworn to the assize of our lord the King:

William Hill, Ellyas Sprake, Richard Dyvelyn, John Illerie.

p.262) 11 August. 1606.

The seventh of April, an order set down that Markes Barnes shall bring in his book and money on Monday next following for the Cobb upon pain of losing his freedom, and to incur the penalty of the statute.

The fourteenth of April, the like order to bring in the book and money before the next law-day.

This day forasmuch as Markes Barnes hath had divers days given him by the Court to bring in his receiver's book of the Cobb, which he hath not done, but hath made default, and therefore doth incur the penalty of the statute.

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p.267) Court for the election of officials: 25 August, 1606,

Mayor John Hassard, senior, and Christopher Elmeston chosen by the capital burgesses.

John Hassard chosen by the freemen and freeholders.

Coroner Walter Harvy

Constables Walter Tucker William Legg

Cobb Receivers John Peters John Cogan, senior

Serjeants William Hawkins Richard Lamerton

Sealers of leather Peter Browne John Medford

Sealers of cloth

Ale Tasters

Examiner of raw cloth

Pound keeper

p.273) 8 September. 1606.

Markes Barnes appears in Court to answer for the Cobb Duties,

p.281) 29 September. 1606,

John Lymbry of Charmouth this day sworn to be free of the franchise of Lyme Regis, and paid 5£. for a fine to Mr. Norris, mayor.

It is ordered and agreed that John Bellamy shall pay to the town 5s. for a forfeiture of wine foreign bought and foreign sold.

Also it is ordered that Peter Luckes shall pay 20s. for a forfeit of 400 cwts of wood, foreign

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bought

and foreign sold. John Burr surety.

p.283) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge. 6 October. 1606.

Officials sworn (Karnes as above, except Peter Sprake for John Medford).

Names of jurors:

Names of freeholders defaulting and essoined.

p.284) Names of "deceners" and commoners defaulting and essoined to be found in the book of "Ragman Roe".

Affeerors Robert Bragg Thomas Denslow

Presentments are to be found in the bill of presentments.

Mr. John Titherlie esquire is sworn to be free of the franchise of the town.

Sir John Jeffrie, knight, is sworn to be free of the franchise of the town.

p.285) List of tipplers giving recognizances.

John Mycoe, Peter Browne, shoemaker William Moxage alias. Tanner Richard Ellyott
Dorothy Waller, widow Henry Baker Thomas Sampford John Sampford

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Tipplers disallowed: The widow Bovett, William Lymbry, Jerome Barber the tailor.

6 November, 1606, William Cornishe gives a recognizance.

p.287) 20 October, 1606.

A new serjeant: Symon Tutchen sworn serjeant this day.

p.289) Mr. Robert Bragg confessed here in Court that Richard Abbott did owe him money upon the accompt for the which he now brought his writ, and did wish that he would pay him his money, and it was said by some of the Court, what, did he never come to account with you touching this matter, and he said yes, and upon that account he doth owe me money, which he keepeth from me and I cannot have it from him.

p.332) 9 February. 1606 – 7.

what a pack ought to contain to pay Cobb duties.

It is ordered and agreed by Mr. Mayor and the Court that there shall be from henceforth accounted for a pack as followeth, viz.:

30 Devon dozens or Dorset dozens for a pack.

And 14 Dunsters for a pack

And 14 Riding kerseys for a pack

And a pack of Welsh cottons or friezes as the same is commonly brought upon horse back from Bristol.

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p.359) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge. 27 April. 1607.

Names of freeholders essoined.

Names of "deciners" and commoners essoined are to be found in the book of "Ragman Roe."

Presentments of the jurors are to be found In their bill of presentments.

Affeerors: John Tanner, gent, Thomas Hooper.

Names of the jurors.

The jurors present that Richard Bedford during his life-time alienated his burgage in Lyme Regis to John Bedford son of the said Richard, but by what tenure the said burgage is held they know not. A fine is due for the said alienation, 3s.

That the said Richard Bedford and John Bedford son of the said Richard have died since the last court.

p.360) That the said burgage should descend to Susan wife of Roger Luckes, Agnes, wife of John Creede, and to Alice and John (sic for Joan?) Bedford daughters of the said Richard Bedford, and that - - - - ,wife of the said John Bedford should have the third part of her dower, and that the heirs of the said John Bedford should pay a relief of 3s.

The fine for alienation and the relief aforesaid being 6s. is paid over to Mr. John Vyney In the Court by the town clerk for cushions for the Court.

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Presentments as to bloodshed, bowlers, etc.

p.362) 4 May, 1607.

Delivered to Elizabeth Stere to the use of herself and her sister Alice Weekes. Two poll deeds from William Shillingford to William Tudboll of one burgage lying in the Combestrete of Lyme, the one dated 10 February 14 Henry VIII, the other 6 February 24 Henry VIII.

One other writing from John Best alias Littlejohn, son of Peter Littlejohn, of Charmouth to John Dare, John Burgh, William Dare, Philip - - - - and Richard Shillingford, being a release dated 28 September 24 Henry VII.

Item a grant from Alice Broke unto John Broke of Lyme Regis, tucker (of) one burgage with the appurtenances in the Combe streat of Lyme Regis, dated 4 August, 5 and 6 Philip and Mary.

p.367) 11 May. 1607.

On this day John Tanner, gent, was sworn to the office of attorney in the court of the said town, during the pleasure of the mayor and burgesses.

John Freke sworn to keep to keep counsel.

John Freke was sworn to keep counsel and secret conference (secretum colloquium) had or to be had by the mayor and burgesses.

Mr, Walter Tucker sworn to be of the "counsell"

Mr. Walter Tucker was sworn to the council of the corporation of the town.

p.385) 20 July. 1607.

Sara Marsh, widow, did sell beer without licence and therefore by virtue of the statute she is adjudged

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to pay 20s. the which by the order of Mr. Mayor is given to four fatherless children.

Ordered that Marcus Barnes shall lose his freedom for not bringing in his books and perfecting his accounts as Cobb receiver.

p.395) Election of officials. August. 1607.

Mayor: Robert Hassard, gent, and Walter Tucker chosen by the capital burgesses.
Walter Tucker chosen by the freemen and freeholders.

Coroner John Hassard, senior

Constables Anthony Elesdon, James Tucker.

Receivers for the Cobb Matthew Davy, John Newall.

Serjeants Richard Lamerton, Simon Tutchin.

Sealers of leather Peter Browne, John Medford

Sealers of cloth Thomas Wynter, Thomas Hooper.

Ale Tasters Ignacius Buckford, - - - - -

Examiner of raw kerseys - - - - -

Pound Keeper William Lacey.

p.399) 7 September. 1607.

Mr. John Roze is to pay twopence a year for his porch and is to have a writing for it.

Apprentice. Elisabeth Russell is to serve Mr. Walter Harvy for four years now next ensuing for meat, drink, cloth, and lodging.

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p.406) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge. 5 October. 1607. Swearing of officials.

Names of jurors -

The jurors present various defaults, which appear in their bill of presentments.

Names of freeholders who have made default, In mercy 6d. Each.

Commoners and 'deciners' essoined and defaulting are to be found in the book of "Raggman Row".

Names of persons presented for playing bowls.

Margery Davy, widow of Simon Davy, and Solomon Davy son and heir of the said Simon, came into Court and made claim to a messuage and lands in Lyme Regis which were of the said Simon during his life-time.

John Short and John Roze sworn to the assize of our lord the King.

p.410) 12 October. 1607.

John Dorchester alias Symes sailor, aged 22 years or thereabouts being voluntarily sworn upon the holy Evangelists of God saith that he was one of the company of the ship called the Ellynor in the voyage that he was now last in at the Newfoundland, and saith upon his oath that a partition was made of the fish between the owner and the company, and after that the company made a partition between themselves of the fish that appertained unto them and further saith that Nicholas Somer one of the company being master did send home part of his own fish to his wife by Farwell the master,

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but how much fish he knoweth not, and saith that the fish that he sent home as above said was delivered to Farwell by the said Nicholas Somer.

Recognisances taken before Walter Tucker, mayor, and justice of peace within the town of Lyme Regis and Sir George Somers, knight, and justice of peace within the county aforesaid: Names of ale sellers: John Mycoe, tippler, Peter Browne, tippler, William Moxaige alias Tanner, tippler, Richard Ellyott, tippler, Thomas Sampford, tippler, John Sampford, mariner, William Cornishe, tippler.

p.437) 8 February, 1607 - 8.

Recognisance Alexander Westover in 5£. (Thomas Sampford and Simon Tutchin in 50s. each, his

sureties) to our lord the King, to leave off playing of unlawful games until Christmas next.
p.440) 22 February, 1607 – 8.

Recognisances Thomas Wynter and William Boddye in 5£. each, William Wynter, in 10£. to appear at the next sessions of the peace within the county of Dorset and to answer to such things, etc., and in the meantime to keep the king's peace.

Thomas Larcomb hath made affidavit that he standeth in bodily fear of William Wynter.
p.463) Legal Court with View of Frankpledge, 28 April. 1608.

Christopher Elimestone, gent, John Bidgood, gent, Richard Norris, Richard Rose, John Rose, John Carpenter, clerk, the heir of James Carpenter, and John Keridge are freeholders and have caused themselves to be essoined on this day. And the names

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of many other 'desiners' who have caused themselves to be essoined, and have made default, appear in the book of "Ragman Roe".

The jurors for our lord the King:

Anthony Moone, gentleman	John Peters	Robert Bragg	William Bagster
George Pleye	William Tanner alias Moxaige.	Robert Hassard, junior	
William Hockett	John Cogan	Richard Ellyott	Andrew Davye
William Legge	Richard Stone	Thomas Carswell	Baldwin Samford

The jurors say on their oath in these words:- We find that John Peters hath not scoured his dyke and pared his hedge from Mr. John Hassard's gate unto the widow Goldsmith's wall, as he was enjoined at the last Court, Therefore doth incur the pain of 10s.

Also that John Peters' tenants do wash books in the street against the order, and therefore do incur the pain of 6s.8d.

p.454) And also we do find that the tenants which dwell In Sherborne lane have cast filth in the lane and suffered their children to defile it against the orders, and therefore do incur the pain of 3s.4d.

And that the tenants of John Perrott's dwelling-houses before the Bell have cast filth and washed their doors contrary to the order and therefore do incur the pain of 6s. apiece.

Also that Mr. Mayor hath not caused the stairs to be railed at Beafont, nor the wall to be made upon

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the wall for avoiding of danger to children, and therefore doth incur the pain of 20s.

And that the widow Sicke's mantle is not amended according to the order and therefore incurred the pain of 3s.4d.

And that Mr, Benjamin Gosse hath not set up the bond stone in the garden by John Cogan's house as he was enjoined the last Court, and therefore hath incurred the pain of 20s.

And do also present upon the constables' bill that the 2nd day of this April Martyn Dolman and Richard Butcher played at tables in Robert Barnes' house, and therefore in mercy.

And that John Powning, John Ollyver, Nathan Batten, John Bonner, and Richard Shuer played to cards in Henry Bruer's house the 3rd of this April, and therefore in mercy.

And that Benjamin Hill and Richard Hobbes the same day played at cards in William Moxedge's house, and therefore in mercy.

And that Edward Bankes and John Samford played at bowls the eleventh of this April, And therefore in mercy.

p-455) A bill of orders and by-laws and faults presented by the Jury appeareth by their bill under their hands remaining upon the file.

John Vyney, William Hill, Thomas Sprake, William Byrnes, John Cogan, Henry Soper and Robert Bowne, sworn to the assize of our Lord the King,

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GLOSSARY AND NOTES.

Affeerors (pp. 17, 21, 22, 27, 30, 32, 34) settled fines and mulcted those who had incurred penalties.

Amercements (pp. 1, 16, 20, 82, 30) = fines

Apprisers (p. 1) are what we should call appraisers, i.e., valuers.

Assize of the King (pp. 37, 40) refers particularly to that held for fixing the statutory price of bread and ale, according to the price of grain.

Auditors (pp. 1, 2) hardly correspond to the modern professional accountants who settle the assets and liabilities and draw up a profit and loss account for a commercial undertaking. They were probably more in the nature of referees who had to adjudicate on small differences in the figures of two disputants.

Beaufront (pp. 24, 39) It is impossible to say for certain whether this place was identical with Bell Cliff or not. p.39 shows that there were steps, with a railing and a wall and a house there. This might suit either Bell Cliff or Gun Cliff. But according to Fugitive Pieces II, fo. 82, p.1,3 unlawful games, such as dicing (1609) were played there. This seems to suit Bell Cliff better than Gun Cliff. Roberts' remark on Beaufront (p.344 of his Social History) is so vague as to be quite useless. See note on Beaufront at p.2 of Glossary and Notes on Fugitive Pieces II. When was Bell Cliff first so called?

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Bell, The (p.39) There is no Bell Public House in Lyme at present (1935) but a Bell was among those applying for a new licence in 1708. Its situation is not known.

Board of hall (p. 21) means that the money was paid out on to the Council Table to be transferred to the account of the town and locked up.

Bondstone (p.40) = boundary stone.

Books, washing of (p.39). Exactly the same, and apparently inexplicable, expression occurs in Fugitive Pieces II, fo. 79, p.l. The meaning is that people were not to wash their dirty linen in the water-course running down the street for the use of everyone. Buck-basket, meaning a basket for dirty clothes, occurs in the "Merry Wives of Windsor", see note on the passage quoted above from Fugitive Pieces II.

Bowls, playing of (p.22) This innocent game was objected to, not so much for say gambling that might have been connected with it, as because addiction to it interfered with the practice of archery, a matter of prime importance in previous centuries, but becoming less urgent at the date of this book.

Bristol (p.33) This reference to Bristol is very interesting. It bears on the considerable trade done between Bristol and Lyme in past centuries by means of pack-horses. To avoid pirates and the dangerous Cornish coast, it was found safer and quicker to send cargoes overland to Lyme. We may presume, too, that cargoes

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were landed at Lyme and sent on in this way to Bristol. If both places dealt in cloth and "Welsh frieses" came into Lyme via Bristol, it is difficult to see what profit there was in this commerce.

Burgage (pp. 25, 26, 34, 35) is an urban tenure held of the King or other landlord at an annual rent.

Capital Burgess (pp. 17, 24) was the title given by Elizabeth's Charter of 1591 to members of the Borough Council.

Certiorari, writ of (p.9) was directed from a higher to a lower court with an order for a certified copy of proceedings.

Cobb Receivers (p. 19) had to collect and account for all Cobb Dues. "For not bringing in his books and perfecting his accounts as Cobb Receiver," Marcus Barnes lost his freedom in 1607 (p.36)

Cobham, Lord (p.16) Henry Brooke, Lord Cobham, was at the time Lord of the Manor of Colway. There must have been a touch of humour in naming him as a defaulter for non-appearance before Lyme's Court Leet in April 1604, for he had been tried in 1603 for his association with Raleigh and others for the plot to "kill the king and his cubs" and place Arabella Stuart on the throne, and was now in the Tower.

There he remained till 1619 when he died, "probably of hunger" says the Complete Peerage. With him the title

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expired and the Manor of Colway passed before long to the Henley family.

Commoner (pp. 20, 27, 32, 34, 37) in this book probably means a member of the community, a burgess, and nothing more.

Corpus cum causa (pp. 9-11) See note on "habeas corpus". Corpus cum causa is one of the forms of writ of Habeas Corpus which is no longer in use and deserves a separate note. It was employed when in an action in an inferior court, a defendant had been arrested. This having occurred, the next step is to remove the proceedings to the court above and bring up the body of the defendant. At the same time a statement of the date and the cause of the arrest has to be laid before the court.

Decyners (pp. 16, 20, 22, 27, 32, 34, 37, 39) all desiners members of a "decena" or tithing.

Devon / Dorset - dozens (p. 33) were kersies of coarse woollen cloth made in either of these counties.

Dunsters (p.33) were a woollen cloth derived from the town of this name in Somerset.

Error, writ of (pp. 9-11) is brought in to remedy a mistake in pleading.

Essoins, essoined (pp. 20, 21, 27, 30, 32, 38, 39) refer to valid excuses accepted as adequate reasons for non-appearance before the Court.

[ad] Execucionem iudicii (pp. 10, 11) is a writ nominally from a higher to a lower court to proceed to carry out a decision already given.

Fines, disposal of (pp. 36, 34) The allocation of that on p. 34 to the purchase of cushions for the Town Hall and of the other for the relief of four fatherless children will be noticed.

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Fitzjames, John (pp. 15, 23) of Leweston succeeded George Wadham as Recorder of Lyme Regis in 1599, (see Court Book 1592-1602, p.26, and note at p.71)

Foreign goods / foreigners (pp. 14, 21, 23, 27, 31) When it is remembered that a 'foreigner' was one not free of the Corporation, and that 'foreign goods' were goods owned by such men, these passages become intelligible.

Frankpledge (pp. 15, 19, 25, 29, 32, 37, 38). The court of the View of Frankpledge was always the official title of the Court Leet held twice a year. The "pledge" given is that by every burgess of decent and neighbourly civic conduct.

Freke, John (pp. 7, 8) was one of the attorneys accredited to the Mayor's Court at Lyme. See Court Book 1592-1602 pp. 15 and 20 and notes on p.67 ("Attorneys") and on p. 71 ("Freke")

Geare, John (pp.8, 14) Vicar of Lyme Regis from 1608, matriculated at Magdalan Hall, Oxford, in 1583, when he was 16, but took his M.A. from Queen's College in 1594. He had been a schoolmaster at Wimborne and Sherborne before coming to Lyme. His views in 1606, the earliest mention of him in this book, were too Puritanic even for Lyme Regis at that date. But in the next 35 years, Lyme was becoming more and more sectarian, more and more anti-Episcopal. However, even in those early days of opposition to the Church of England,

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Geare created much dissension in the Borough Council by drawing over to his side, Robert Hassard, an ex-Mayor and an ex-M.P. The latter was in consequence actually dismissed from the Council by Resolution in 1603. In 1603, Geare was not yet Vicar, and the Resolution described him as "an unbeneficed preacher who hath hitherto been the cause of great factions and dissensions amongst us." Later on, about 1612, Geare did something still more notable, for he succeeded in abolishing the annual festivity known as the Cobb Ale. This event had always been good for the revenues of the Cobb, but it also led to great "unseemliness" and disorder. Robert Hassard came back on to the Borough Council in the end, but the Cobb Ale was never revived. Geare seems to have retained the vicariate till his death and,

according to Foster's Alumni Oxonienses this occurred before December 27th, 1645. The living was then in the gift of the ultra-protestant Ellesdons.

Habeas Corpus (pp. 9, 10, 11) The varieties of this writ mentioned on these pages, between the years 1604 and 1607, emphasise the fact that it existed in name long before the well-known Act of 1679. Under that Act, the right was more easily enforced.

Hassard, Robert (pp. 12, 36) Represented Lyme in the House of Commons in 1588/9, in 1592/3, and possibly in 1621/22 and 1624, for the Robert Hassard, M.P. for the latter years may have been his son. He was

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Mayor of Lyme 1600 / 01 and consequently a Freeman, notwithstanding the fact that he lived at Charmouth. He was son of the John Hassard who was Mayor in 1556 and 1557 and cousin of John Hassard "seven times Mayor," who died in 1612. For his religious opinions see note (33) on Geare above.

Hendley, Robert (p. 6) may possibly have been Robert Henley of Leigh House, Winsham, and grandfather of Robert Henley, who came into possession of Colway in 1629, and of Henry Henley who was both of Leigh and Colway. The latter was M.P. for Lyme at times from 1658 to 1695.

Hocktide (p.15) was the second Monday and Tuesday after Easter Day.

Husting (p.15) is literally "house assembly" and the Court was used as a place of local jurisdiction and record.

Illerie, John (p.30) It seems likely that we have in this man's name the origin of the local place-name variously spelt as "Hilleries", "Illeries", and "Ylheryes". It was the plot or close in the angle formed by the junction of the Cobb Road with Sidmouth Hill. It is now (1935) being built over.

Jeffrey, Sir John (pp. 6, 16, 21) of Newlands, Charmouth and Catherston was knighted in 1603, and died in 1611. His gravestone is in the chancel of Whitchurch. His son, George, represented Lyme

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in the House of Commons from December 1609 to the end of that Parliament in 1611. Whether he took the place of John Hassard, declared "bedrid" by the House of Commons in February 1609, or of Sir George Somers who died in Bermuda the same year, it is impossible to say. This family had no connection with that of the notorious Judge.

Jurden, Sylvester (pp. 8, 11, 18). This notable and (on one occasion) contumacious burgess of Lyme, went with Sir George Somers to Bermuda (see note 58 on p. 74 of Court Book 1592-1602).

Mantle (p. 39) is the piece of stone or timber supporting the masonry above a fireplace. The constant dread of fires in Lyme, with its thatched roofs, made the condition of these "mantles" an object of incessant care.

Messuage (p.37) is, first a portion of land for a dwelling with its appurtenances; then the dwelling itself with the outbuildings and the adjacent land.

Newfoundland (p.37). This system of payment for work done in the Newfoundland Cod Fisheries by partition of the catch is interesting. The earliest known date of Lyme's association with these fisheries is February 1561 (see Court Book 1560-1564, p.19). At the passage quoted, the place and the harvest are spoken of as "Newland pfysche".

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Norrington, Simon (p. 24) was the predecessor of John Geare (see note 33 above) in the vicariate of Lyme.

Oath of allegiance (p.17) "All persons above the age of 12 years are to be required to take the Oath of Allegiance in Courts-Leet" (Jacob's Law Dictionary, 1729).

Pack (p.33) The exact dimensions of a 'pack' are difficult to determine. It would be the load normally placed on a pack-horse.

Parcel (p. 23) part of

Procedendo (pp. 9, 10, 11) is a writ whereby an action is removed from a lower to a higher Court.

Ragman Rowe (pp. 16, 20-22, 27, 30, 32, 34 , 37 , 39) The scribe, having hit on this as a convenient description of Lyme's Black Book of Defaulters, will not let it drop, see note p. 77 of Court Book 1592-1602.

Shomake (p.23) is the sumach tree, the leaves of which were used in dyeing.

Somers, Sir George (pp. 5, 14, 17, 18, 20, 23, 28) Of this distinguished citizen of Lyme, so much is known that little need be said. We have in this book (pp. 17, 18) his election as Mayor for 1604/5, and his appearance (p. 28) as witness in a law-suit.

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Tables (p. 46) i.e., boards, for backgammon or other game of chance.

Tapnetts (p.21) of figs, is "tapitts" or "toppets" i.e., rush baskets in which figs were imported. The same word occurs in the same connection at folio 13, p.4 of the Portfolio II of Fugitive Pieces. Roberts (p. 353) transcribes the word as "tapmates".

Tipplers (pp. 27, 32, 38) in these passages are beer sellers rather than beer-drinkers.

Titherlie (p. 32) "Mr. John Titherlie, Esq." Who received the freedom of Lyme in October 1606 was probably a distinguished stranger, such as one of the Titherleys of Chardstock, the tall entrance arch of whose former Manor House can still be seen on the left-hand of the road from Axminster to Chard about 4 miles out of Axminster.

Town Mill (p. 24). This property, at the bottom of the same enclave off Coombe Street as that where the Electric Light Plant (1935) is, was for many centuries a constant source of revenue for Lyme Corporation.

Tucker (p. 35) was the fuller, shrinker, and finisher of cloth. He originated one of the commonest surnames at Lyme and throughout England.

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Tudboll, William (p.35) whose name is also written Tudbold and Tudoll was as notable a burgess. Mayor and freeholder of Lyme as his brother John Tudbold of the Almshouses. He died in 1553 and by his will directed that his body should be buried in the parish church at Lyme "as nye unto my brother John Tudbold as convenyent".

Wardsman (p. 12) is here the giver of an award.

Wall upon the Wall (pp. 39/40) see note (6) on Beaufront above.

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