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[f. 60] **Cheltenham. Court baron of William Norwood esq. farmer held Friday 5 January 7 James [1610], before John Stubbe understeward**

Essoins: Walter Parry, Roger Holder, John Currier, Richard Strowde, William Strowde and John Maries jun.

Free tenants making default: William <6d.> Ligon esq., Giles <6d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <6d.> Machin gent., Alexander <6d.> Packer gent., Robert <4d.> Bycke jun., and Reginald <2d.> Milton owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Tenants in base tenure making default: Thomas <2d.> Horwood, Thomas <4d.> Hawkins, Robert <4d.> Hawthorne, Richard <4d.> Gardiner, William <2d.> Whithorne jun., Thomas <2d.> Gregory, Walter <2d.> Lane and Michael <2d.> Gooderich owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Warr attorn: Thomas Machin gent. and Toby Packer gent. po lo suis [somehow means per their attorney] William Locksmith v Richard Wills alias Willys in the said dispute.

Machin et al. v Wills: Thomas and Toby per their attorney come and appear in court v said Richard in the said plea, and Richard in person came and sought a last day at next court. Therefore a day is given, etc.

View: Anthony Greenway and Thomas Major appointed and sworn to take a view of a disputed hedge between a close occupied by William Mayles and a close of Richard Hayward in Cheltenham; ordered to take view before next court at request of both William [and] Richard, and place markers in the due places, on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

Day given to viewers: Viewers, namely William Gregory, Robert Bycke, John Milles and Thomas Sturmy, have a last day for the better inquiring into a disputed hedge between the orchard of Anthony Greenway and demesne land now occupied by Thomas Milton; ordered to place markers in the due places and present to next court, on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

Presentment of view: Viewers between William Bycke and Thomas Jones present that the tree upon the land in dispute has been felled 'indifferently', and is considered to be of both parties. Therefore by order of the court it is divided between the parties.

Grant: Richard Banaster gent. bailiff of the hundred and liberty of Cheltenham swears that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to William Milton 2 selions of land with appurtenances shooting on Westal Green lying on the E side of the house of William Milton, to hold for Thomas's lifetime and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 60v] Grant: Nicholas Wells and Robert Yarneton 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to Thomas Milton a close called the Croft, to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. Mathewes to bear customary dues etc. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Richard Pates gent. And Thomas Sturmy 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to John Bishoppe 2 closes of meadow or pasture called Lowdy meads (5 a.) in Arle (excepting 'the bodies of all maner of trees whatsoever, as well oaks ashes & elmes, as of willows popler sally maple fruite trees & such like'), to hold from Lady Day 1617 for the lifetime of Thomas and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering yearly to Thomas 2 hens at feast of Circumcision during the term; Thomas to bear all customary dues etc. Bishoppe 'shall not loppe any

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maner of fruite trees' after the expiry of 6 years after the death of Thomas, during the remainder of the term. For enrolment, 4d.

Affeerers: Thomas Cartwright and Toby Packer, sworn. Fines profits and amercements at this court: 4s. 10d.; hundred 4d., total 5s. 2d.

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Continuation: Dispute between William Mayles and John Gregory, continued to next court etc.

Grevill v Mansell et al., barr:¹ Ann via her attorney comes etc. and says that Samuel Mansell and John Higgen as bailiffs of John Stubbe and his wife Jane taking of said animals in the said place etc. should not lawfully, etc., because she says that long before the taking of the animals a certain William Grevill gent. deceased, late husband of Ann when alive was seised in his demesne and by fee of and in various lands meadows and pastures being parcel of the manor of Ashley or Charlton Kings, and that he (and all others of like status in respect of these premises) had (and from time out of mind were accustomed to have) for himself as farmer and for his tenants, for term of life or widowhood, for terms of years and at will common pasture for all animals, namely oxen, cows and sheep, levant & couchant in and on the said land as well as lands belonging to it

[f. 61] in the following form, namely in one year for the whole year from the feast of purification of BVM until the next, and then for the next 2 years, each year, from the time the fields are [cleared] in the manor of Ashley or Charlton Kings, *anglice* 'are ridde of the grayne corne & hay there growing' until the feast of purification of BVM next following. And that the said William Grevill being seised of these premises long before the said time etc. enfeofed of the land, tenements and the other premises a certain Robert George esq. and Edward Badgehott gent. to hold for the use of William Grevill for the term of his life without impeachment of waste, and after his death for the use of Ann Grevill for her lifetime while unmarried, and after her death to heirs of William, by virtue of which enfeofment and the force of act of parliament 4 Feb 27 Hy 8 *de usibus in possessione transferend*' William Grevill was seised of said land as free tenant for his lifetime, with remainder to Ann Grevill for her lifetime. Therefore, William Grevill before his death and Ann after his death being seised of said land as free tenants lawfully had common pasture in the said place from feast of purification of BVM last for a whole year, therefore Ann Grevill when she put the said animals, 3 oxen, in the said place she was using her common pasture as she was well entitled to, whereas Samuel Maunsell and John Higgen took and led away and impounded them unlawfully and without justice. And she is prepared to prove this; therefore seeks judgement etc.

Warr attorn: Said Samuel and John place their William Locksmith² v said Ann in the said plea, and by their attorney seek a day for replication at next court. And a day is given etc.

James Hawsted pl. v Robert Bycke jun. in a plea of trespass; def. to be attached for chattels to value of 4d., does not come. Therefore forfeits etc. Plaint continued to next court.

Agreement: Dispute between James Hawsted and William Hawker is agreed.

¹ 'a plea ... which is said to be sufficient to destroy the Plaintiff's action' (Jacob, *New Law Dictionary*)

² William Locksmith gent. of Gloucester appears as an attorney in several deeds of this era, eg GDR/109/page 201

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Day given: James Hawsted pl. v Thomas Kemat in a plea of trespass. Def. being attached comes, pl. seeks a day for statement at next court. Therefore a day is given.

[f. 61v] Day given: James Hawsted pl. v Anthony Greeneway in plea of trespass; def. being attached comes, pl. seeks day for statement at next court; therefore day is given etc.

Roger Holder pl. v Edmund Gooderich and Margaret Bycke widow in a plea of trespass.

Day given: Anthony Greeneway pl. v James Hawsted in a plea of trespass; def. being exacted comes; pl. seeks day for statement at next court, therefore day is given etc.

James Hawsted pl. v Anthony Greeneway in a plea of trespass.

Attachment: William Rudgedall pl. v Nicholas Wells in a plea of trespass; def. being exacted does not come; is therefore to be attached etc.

Summons: William Rudgedall v. Nicholas Wells in a plea of debt upon demand 6s; def. being exacted does not come, therefore to be summoned etc.

Profits of this court: 4d.

[f. 62] **Cheltenham: Court baron of manor of William Norwood esq. farmer held Friday 2 March 7 James [1610] by John Stubbe understeward**

Essoins: Thomas Higges gent., Walter Parry, William Higges, William Strowde sen., Robert Machin, John Mason and Robert Hawthorne.

Homage:

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| William Gregory | John Maries jun. | Richard Rogers |
| Thomas Jones | John Whithorne | Anthony Greeneway |
| John Mylles | Geoffrey Tuffley | Andrew Gale |
| Robert Yarneton | John Powell | Robert Milton |
| Richard Gardner | | <i>sworn</i> |

Free tenants making default: William <6d.> Ligon esq., Giles <6d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <6d.> Machin gent. and Alexander <comp.> Packer owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Tenants in base tenure making default: Thomas <2d.> Horwood, Thomas <4d.> Hawkins, Thomas <4d.> Mathewes, William <2d.> Whithorne jun., Walter <2d.> Lane and Walter <4d.> Pate owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Death: Elizabeth Morrey widow, relict of Anthony Rogers late tenant in base tenure of 1 messuage with all its lands lying in Alstone has died³ since the last court, therefore falls to the lord a heriot, being compounded as 40s., and paid to the bailiff; and George Rogers is the younger son and customary heir of Anthony.

³ Will of an Elizabeth Morry of Tewkesbury, 1610 [Glos Wills]

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Admittance: George Rogers younger son and heir of Anthony Rogers seeks admittance as tenant to the above premises, to hold in base tenure for rent, heriot and customary services. Gives fine of 9s. 2½d., being twice the yearly rent, makes fealty and is admitted. For enrolment, 4d.

View: Richard Pates gent., Samuel Ruggedall and Thomas Wager appointed and sworn to take view of bounds between close of John Whithorne called Ravensyate and a close of Nicholas Dowdeswell called Woollenbreach in Charlton Kings; ordered to place markers in the due places and present to next court, on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

Continuance of view: view continued between William Mayles and Richard Hayward until next court, and Robert Cox, Nicholas Leech and Edward Leech are sworn as witnesses for William.

[f. 62v] Grant: William Gregory sen. and Robert Yarneton 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to William Gregory of Uckington jun. all the following parcels of land in Arle, namely 4 'rewes' and 1 gore in Hillfield shooting on a close of William Gregory called Gotheridge breach adjacent to land of Walter French W; 4 'rewes' in Middlefield shooting N-S between land of Walter French W and land of [blank] E; also 10 selions lying together in Haydon Hillfield in a place called Brandyards between land of John Ligon esq. N and land of Thomas Mathewes S, together with common pasture at the rate of 5 acres, to hold from Michaelmas 1615 for the lifetime of Mathewes and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering annually to Mathewes 2 hens at Christmas. Gregory is excused customary duties on the 5 acres during his term. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: John Whithorne tenant in base tenure in person grants to John Tytchett 12 selions arable land in Charlton Kings in the common fields of Knavenhill field and the Lower field now in the occupation of John Whithorne, of which 1 lies in Benbridge, in Nine Lands length furlong between land of William Ruggedall on both sides, 1 in the same furlong between land of William Combe N and of Thomas Cherington S; 1 stitch shooting on the Foorden leynes, 1 selion called a 'thorough Rewe' in the same furlong, 2 selions in Velditche, 1 selion shooting on Short Grynall, 1 selion shooting on the Ridgeway next to land of William Higgis S, 1 other selion shooting on Cullyford, 1 selion shooting on Strawfords headland, and 1 selion in Richell croft next to land of William Rudgdall S; also all that part of a barn now occupied by John Tytchett, to hold from Michaelmas last for term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Machin et al. v Wills: Thomas Machin and Toby Packer come per their attorney and place themselves against Richard Wills alias Willys in the said plea; Richard in person comes and seeks a last day at next court, and has peremptory etc. Therefore a day is given to Thomas and Toby etc.

Affeerers: Thomas Cartwright and Toby Packer, sworn. Fines profits and amercements this court: 53s. 6½d., of which heriot 40s., fines 9s. 2½d.

[f. 63] 794jpg **Cheltenham. Hundred Court held before John Stubbe understeward and Richard Banaster gent. bailiff on 2 March 7 James [1610]**

Grevill v Mansell et al., replication: Samuel Mansell and John Higgen in their own recognisance maintain in all things what they have said before, and do not acknowledge that anything Ann has said is true. They say that what has already been alleged should not preclude the taking from being recognised as lawful, because (they say) Ann of her own volition placed the said 3 oxen in the place in which etc., causing damage there; moreover that William Grevill and others of like status were since time out of mind accustomed for themselves, farmers and tenants for term of life or widowhood,

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for terms of years and at will common pasture for all her beasts, namely oxen, cows and sheep, levant & couchant in and upon the said land as well as lands belonging to it, in manner and form following, namely in one year for the whole year from the feast of purification of BVM until the next, at any time of year, and then for the next 2 years, each year, from the time the fields in the manor of Ashley alias Charlton Kings are 'ridde of the graine corne and haye there growing' until the next feast of purification of BVM, as Ann previously pleaded. And she is prepared to prove this, whereupon she seeks judgement and the return of her oxen. Therefore a day is given to Ann at next court for re-enquiring.

Agreement: dispute between James Hawsted and Robert Bycke agreed.

Agreement: dispute between James Hawsted and Thomas Kematt agreed.

Agreement: Separate disputes between James Hawsted and Anthony Greeneway agreed.

Attachment: Roger Holder pl. v Edmund Gooderich and Margaret Blicke widow in a plea of trespass; finds as pledge John Do and Richard Ro who being solemnly exacted do not come, therefore to be attached etc.

Day given: Nicholas Wells appears at the suit of William Rudgedall in a plea of trespass; pl. has a day for statement at next court.

Day given: the same Nicholas appears at the suit of said William in a plea of debt; pl. has a day for statement at next court; and a day is given to def. etc.

William Hawker pl. v Thomas Gregory in a plea of trespass etc.

[f. 63v] **Cheltenham. Court baron of William Norwood esq. farmer held Friday 23 March 7 James [1610] by John Stubbe understeward**

Essoins: Robert Machin, Reginald Milton and John Holder per Edward Dennys.

Free tenants making default: William <6d.. ligo esq., Giles <6d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <6d.> Machin gent., Alexander <com.> Packer gent., Richard <6?d.> Pate gent., Humphrey <2d.> Harris, Robert <?d.> Bycke jun., John <2d.> Litle and John <2d.> Smyth owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Tenants in base tenure making default: Thomas <2d.> Horwood, John <2d.> Mason, Thomas <4d.> Mathewes, John <2d.> Powell, Thomas <2d.> Jones, Richard <2d.> Gardiner, William <2d.> Whithorne jun., Walter <2d.> Lane and Walter <2d.> Pate owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Mason et al. v Wills: Thomas Machin and Toby Packer come via their attorney and appear against said Richard Wills alias Willys in the said plea; Richard comes in person and says etc. in no thing is there any error; upon which a day is given to the parties as before at next court etc.

View presented: the viewers previously appointed between William Mayles and Richard Hayward present that they have taken a view and placed markers in the due places according to evidence given to them.

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View presented: Samuel Ruggedall one of the viewers previously appointed between John Whithorne and Nicholas Dowdeswell and presents that he and Richard Pate gent. have taken the view and placed markers in the due places.

Grant: Thomas Hawkins and John Maries 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Walter Showell gent. tenant in base tenure granted to Henry Mason of Cheltenham cordwainer a messuage with all its lands, in Cheltenham, to hold from this date for Showell's lifetime and a term of 12 years thereafter; rendering to the lord all customary dues and services, and to Showell nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Affeerers: Thomas Cartwright and Toby Packer, sworn. Fines profits and amercements this court: 4s. 8d.

[f 64] **Cheltenham. Hundred court held before John Stubbe understeward and Richard Banaster gent. 23 March [1610]**

Grevill v Mansell et al., judgement returned 'sur nonsuite'; execution: Samuel Mansell and John Higgin were summoned to respond to Ann Grevill widow in a plea of taking etc., and now at this court they come (per their attorney), and said Ann, who has this day to make rejoinder at this court being solemnly exacted does not come, nor does she press her plea. Therefore agreed that she and [blank] her pledges are in mercy, and that Samuel and John may go hence *sine die*, and that they as bailiffs of John Stubbe and his wife Jane should have return of the said animals etc. Upon which the Bailiff is ordered etc.

Holder v Blycke etc.: Margaret Blycke appears at the suit of Roger Holder in a plea of trespass. Pl. has a day for statement at next court, therefore a day is given for Margaret, and until Edmund Gooderich continues with agreement to next etc.

Continuance: separate disputes between William Ruggedall and Nicholas Wells are continued by agreement of parties to next court.

Attachment: William Hawker pl. v Thomas Gregory in a plea of trespass; let him be attached etc.

Richard Pates gent. pl. v John Ashemead in a plea of trespass.

[f. 64v.] 797jpg **Cheltenham. View of frankpledge held Friday 13 April 8 James [1610] by John Stubbe understeward**

Essoins: Walter Parry, Thomas Higgs, Walter Arcoll, Walter White jun., David Jones, Arnold Wollary, John Wylkes, Henry Mason, John Morley, Thomas Wells, John Hamans, Edward Browne, John Rogers, Richard Merrell, John Reeve, jun., William Clifford, Robert White, Thomas Roberts, John Brocke, John Tytchett, Thomas Brookes, Thomas Elbrowe, Gabriel Newman and William Smith.

Jury for the lord king:

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| Richard Pates gent. | Thomas Gough | Reginald Milton |
| Samuel Ruggedall | William Strowde sen. | Richard Howse |
| Thomas Cartwright | Ralph Randle | William Clifford |
| Edward Dowdeswell alias Wheeler | William Milton | |
| Giles Mathewes | Thomas Sturmy | |

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Cheltenham, affray: William Strowde jun. and Thomas Coales constables present that — <3s. 4d.> Bosden gent. and John <3s. 4d.> Davis alias Butler each made affray upon the other and drew blood within the precinct of this leet against the king's peace, therefore each in mercy as shown. Edward Budding is pledge for Bosden, and John Holdy for Butler.

Similarly, John <12d.> Bloxham and William <12d.> Fynch made affray upon each other; and John <3s. 4d.> Manford and Richard <3s. 4d.> Latmer made affray upon each other within the said precinct against the king's peace; therefore each in mercy as shown.

Thomas Parry bailiff of the borough presents that all is well.

Charlton: John Whithorne constable present that Roger Holder, Robert Gooderich, Richard Churches, Edward Wells, James Hicks, Thomas Hewes, Edward Ballinger, William Ballinger, John Arthur, Mark Jacksons, William Combe jun., William Whithorne, John Gale, Thomas Crumpe, William Cherington and Richard Alexander played unlawful games, namely 'trappe' within the said precinct, against statute. Therefore each in mercy 4d.

Common fines:

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| Giles Hawling constable of Swindon, 2s. |
| Edward Church, tithingman for Leckhampton, 3s. |
| Edward Lypppate, tithingman for Cheltenham, 5s. |
| John Blicke, tithingman for Charlton, 2s. 6d. |
| William Durham, tithingman for Bafford, 3s. 5d. |
| John Abington, tithingmanfor Ashley, 5s. |
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| Robert Yarneton, tithingman for Arle, 3s. |
| Thomas Mathewes, tithingman for Alstone, 2s. 3d. |
| Richard Pates, tithingman for Westal, Naunton & Sandford, 3s. |
| Richard Howse, tithingman for Bradwell, 5s. |

Richard Free, constable for Leckhampton, presents that all is well.

Butchers in mercy: Toby Packer and John Eaton meat-inspectors present that John <6d.> Eaton, James <12d.> Hawsted, Christopher <6d.> Gr[e]ning, Thomas <12d.> Ashmeade, William <4d.> Reade, Walter <6d.> White and Joan <4d.> Cuming widow of Cheltenham butchers slaughtered calves since the last court within the said precinct against statute, therefore each in mercy as shown.

Victuallers in mercy: Thomas Humphries alias Major ale-taster presents that David <2s.> Powell, Thomas <2s. 6d.> Milton, William <2s. 6d.> Mayles, Henry <12d.> Gregory, Geoffrey <12d.> Tuffley, Walter <6d.> Arcoll and Joan <18d.> Baggott widow sold ale and beer in stone jars of less than the king's standard since the last leet within the said precinct against statute; therefore each in mercy as shown.

Water conservators: John Maries jun., Robert Hawthorne and Nicholas Wells water conservators come and present that all is well.

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Highway surveyors: Nicholas Barnes, John Sturmy supervisors of king's highways in Cheltenham; Thomas Cartwright and Roger Holder in Charlton; Anthony Higgs and Thomas Marshall in Westal, Naunton & Sandford, — in Leckhampton, Edward Dutson and Thomas Roberts in Swindon.

Hayward: Richard Deagle is chosen for the office of Hayward of Cheltenham, is sworn, and is to have salary in accordance with order of last court.

Oath of allegiance: Anthony Sturmy, William Brocke, Robert Barnes and Richard Ballinger swear allegiance to the king.

Affirmation of jury: jury being exacted come and swear that everything presented above is true; further, that Thomas <6d.> Grening, William <12d.> Fox, George <4d.> Gooderich, William <4d.> Weare alias Pip[er], Edward <4d.> Holder, Richard <4d.> Hale, John <2d.> Ballinger, Walter <4d.> Higgs and Henry <2d.> Machin are inhabitants within the precinct and this day make default; therefore each in mercy as shown.

Penalty for pledge: a day is given to Giles Hawling, John Brocke, Richard Flucke, Richard Rolfe, Thomas Hore, Thomas Maus and Francis Wheeler to offer oath of allegiance at next court, on pain of 12d. for anyone making default.

[f. 65v] Jury defaulters: presented that Edward Horwood, William Hilton, John Strowde, Richard Strowde were returned by the bailiff to enquire for the king and are residents within the said precinct, and made default this day. Therefore each in mercy 12d. [had been summoned for jury service but didn't]

Building a cottage: presented that William <13s. 4d.> Bicke of Alstone yeoman built a cottage in Westal as a habitation, and settled a certain — — in it, where in truth the said William never assigned or joined to the cottage 4 a. of land according to the order for measuring and computing from the freehold of the said William, as he should have done according to statute. Therefore in mercy as shown.

Similarly: presented that Edward Hewes of Charlton tailor built a certain cottage in Charlton within said precinct, where in truth he did not assign 4 a. etc. Therefore in mercy 6s. 8d.

Converting cottage into 2 dwellings: William Adams of Charlton husbandman arranged and converted the western side of a house in Charlton into a habitable cottage, namely so that William Attwell could use the said western side of the house as habitation, William himself living in the same house, where in truth William Adams [did not set aside] 4a. etc., therefore in mercy 3s. 4d.

Similarly: Humphrey <3s. 4d.> Harris and Thomas <3s. 4d.> Clerke presented for similar, therefore each in mercy as shown.

Cheltenham, unscoured ditches: presented that a certain ditch next to Otye peece near the king's highway (10 perches) is unscoured and uncleaned through the fault of Henry <12d.> Gregory; therefore in mercy, and ordered to sufficiently clean it before Pentecost, on pain of 10s.

Charlton: another ditch near Harpe lane, 20 perches in length, is unscoured through the fault of Edward Gooderich. Therefore in mercy 2s. 6d. and ordered to clean it before Pentecost, on pain of 20s.

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Cheltenham, dungheaps: William <12d.> Hawker, William <3d.> Okey and Ann <3d.> Budding put up dungheaps, creating a public nuisance; therefore in mercy as shown, and ordered to remove before Pentecost on pain of 3s. 4d.

Timber nuisance: Richard Cox placed timber in the king's highway, creating a public nuisance; therefore in mercy 12d., and ordered to remove it by 3 May, on pain of 10s.

Alstone, unscoured ditch: a certain ditch extending from Nashwell to the end of John Packer's meadow, 20 perches in length, is unscoured, creating public nuisance, through the fault of John Strowde and Richard Strowde. Therefore each in mercy 2s. 6d., and ordered to sufficiently clean it before Pentecost, on pain of 20s.

[f. 66] Penalty: presented that the common pound there is in need of repair, therefore ordered to be repaired before Pentecost on pain of 20s.

Arle: presented that the king's highway in Barbridge lane is in disrepair, and that the ditches there are flooded, creating a public nuisance, through the fault of inhabitants there; therefore ordered that inhabitants are to sufficiently repair said road before feast of St John Baptist, on pain of 20s., and to clean the ditches on both sides, where needed, before Pentecost, on pain of 10s. for anyone defaulting.

Unscoured gutter: presented that a certain gutter against the house of Joan Baggott is unscoured through her neglect, creating a public nuisance. Therefore in mercy 12d., and ordered to clean it before Pentecost, and to keep it so from time to time afterwards, on pain of 5s.

Dungheap: presented that John Edwards built a dungheap, creating nuisance to the king's highway. Therefore in mercy 12d., and ordered to remove it before 3 May, on pain of 6s. 8d.

Penalty: ordered that everyone where necessary is to sufficiently make and repair the 'cawseyes' in Cheltenham street in front of and against his house and land, through the whole town on the N side, before feast of St James Apostle, on pain of 6s. 8d. for anyone making default.

Whole hundred: ordered that everyone within the whole hundred is to scour and clean his ditches adjacent to the king's highways sufficiently where needed, before feast of St John Baptist, on pain of 12d. per perch for default.

Road repair: presented that Reginald <6d.> Milton and Thomas <6d.> Gregory are inhabitants within the parish of Cheltenham and did not send plough[team]s for mending the king's highways but made default; therefore each in mercy as shown.

Affeerers: Thomas Cartwright, Toby Packer, sworn. Fines profits and amercements this court: £4 6s. 8d.

[f. 66v] **Cheltenham: Court baron of William Norwood esq. farmer held 13 April 8 James [1610], by John Stubbe understeward**

Essoins: none

Homage:

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| Toby Packer | John Hall | Anthony Higges |
| Anthony Greeneway | Thomas Cox | Robert Milton |
| John Mason | Roger Holder | Andrew Gale |
| Richard Strowde | Robert Hawthorne | Robert Yarneton |

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Compounding for suit of court: Anthony Bycknell burgess compounds to pay to be excused suit of court until next Michaelmas, 8d., and the same annually thereafter.

Default: William <6d.> Ligon esq., Giles <6d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <6d.> Machin gent., Alexander <6d.> packer gent., Robert <6d.> Bycke are free tenants; Thomas <2d.> Horwood., Thomas <6d.> Hawkins, Walter <2d.> Lane and George <6d.> Rogers are tenants in base tenure; and Francis <6d.> Osboldeston, Michael <6d.> Wood, John <6d.> Browne, Ralph <6d.> Jeynes clerk, John <6d.> Clarvo and Thomas <6d.> Tuffley are burgesses, all owing suit of court, and are in mercy as shown.

Forfeit: William Bycke and Robert Bycke did not remove the ditch across ‘the way of husbandry’ leading from Arle into the Hillfield as previously ordered, therefore forfeit separate penalties of 40s. and 13s. 4d., but reduced by the court’s grace to 13s. 4d.

Charlton, orders: ordered by the whole homage that inhabitants of Cudnell are to make and hang sufficient gate[s] across the way opposite William Combe’s barn before 3 May, on pain of 6s. 8d.

Ordered that each is to make his hedges in the ‘banke’ by the king’s highway there, before 24 Apr., on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

Ordered that each is to scour his ditches from the ‘bulhill’ of Roger Holder to the ‘waineshard’⁴ of William Combe in Tymbercombe next to the way leading towards Ravensgate, before feast of St John Baptist, on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

Ordered that no-one is to keep sheep or cattle in Milfurlong or the Slade, unless upon his own lands, from 16 Apr. to the end of harvest, on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

[p. 67] Ordered that no-one is to keep any cattle in Longfurlong, Picked Lande, Breach or Ryworth from 16 Apr. until the day the said fields or furlongs are cleared of grain, on pain of 3s. 4d. for each offence.

Cheltenham: ordered that Anthony Greeneway, Giles Mathewe and Thomas Gough are to scour their ditches from the west side of the way from the Church house to and ‘per’ the marker of Anthony Greeneway’s orchard, by 20 June next, on pain of 6s. 8d.

Ordered that each is to scour his ditches on the N side of the town, from Anthony Greeneway’s acre called Milacre, where necessary, to the lower end of town, by 20 June next, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that each is to make his hedges around the Marsh before 3 May, on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

Ordered that each is to scour his ditches from the ‘wayneshard’ at the end of Robert Fawkes’s lane as far as Swindon bridge on the N side of the road, before the feast of St John Baptist, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that no-one is to pasture, tether or keep any cattle (except their draught cattle) in the stubbles before the end of harvest, on pain of 3s. 4d.

⁴ Wainshard: *Shard* is a local Gloucestershire term for a gap in the hedge, and there are local 17th-century references to one or more *waynsheard* near Kingroad Farm, i.e. gaps wide enough for wagons to pass through. (Richard Coates, *The farm- and field-names of old Shirehampton*, 2012)

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Ordered that each is to scour his ditches from the mill of Henry Bowen to the lower end of town on the S side, before the feast of St John Baptist, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that no-one is to pasture in the Marsh any young [animals] over 1 year of age, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that no burgess or other person having pasture in the Marsh, lacking his own cattle to pasture, is to let his pasture to any other person, but is to take up the capacity of the Marsh according to the rate of 4d. for pasture of each beast, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that burgesses are to have and retain the Marsh for their own use until the end of harvest, on pain of 20s.

Ordered that each burgess each night shall lead (or cause to be led) his cattle out beyond the Marsh and keep them there, on pain of 10s.

Ordered that no sheep to be kept in the Lower field on the N side of the way leading from Okeley gate to the oak of Elizabeth Badger widow in the Lower field from 1 Aug. until St Edward's day, on pain of 40s.

[f. 67v] Ordered that for the preservation of the grain, that anyone having or occupying any land now in severalty in the tithing of Cheltenham ('Lammas leasues or grounds'), with the sole exception of lands of Edward Badger gent. called Ockeleys, may lawfully hold and keep in severalty to his own use the said Lammas leasues or grounds until the end of harvest; and that no-one is to break into or voluntarily put any cattle in them before the end of harvest, on pain of 40s.

Ordered that John Hall is allowed to keep in severalty his land called the Moores until the end of harvest, paying the inhabitants there 13s. 4d. rent, providing nevertheless that he puts no cattle other than his own there, on pain of 40s. No-one to try to contravene this order, on pain of 40s.

Similar order made for Robert Eckley, on same condition and penalty; rent 5s.

Arle: ordered that each is to scour his ditches on the S side of Barbridge Lane from Barbridge to Pillgrove bridge, before feast of St John Baptist, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that the said ditch be made and scoured to a width of 2 ft, and that what comes out should not be carried away but thrown on the said way, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that the ditch from Robert Yarneton's Newmans Hey gate up to the end of the town be scoured in similar fashion, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that each is to sufficiently make their hedges from John Barnes's close to Gotheridge Breach before feast of the Holy Cross [3 May], on pain of 3s. 4d.

Alstone: ordered that no-one is to keep any cattle in sown fields unless sufficiently tethered, or with the approval of Thomas Sturmy and Thomas Jones in such places which may be conveniently cleared of grain, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that no-one is to keep or tether any cattle in the [St?]eene meade until the hay has been cleared, on pain of 10s.

No sheep to be put in the same meadow until the feast of All Saints, on pain of 3s. 4d.

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No sheep to be put in the Rewen field until 14 days before Michaelmas next, on pain of 3s. 4d.

[p. 68] Ordered that no sheep to be kept or put in Bayes hill field until the end of harvest, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that no sheep is to be kept in the Hill field and Sandfield until St Edward's day, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Sandford: ordered that no cattle sheep or lambs to be kept or introduced in Sandford field from Whore Lane end to Sandford oaks on the N side of the way, from 6 May until the end of harvest, on pain of 6s. 8d.

Ordered that no sheep or lambs to be kept in the stubbles from Whore Lane end up to Widow Ireland's pear tree on the N side of the way, until 7 days after the end of harvest, on pain of 6s. 8d.

Ordered that no-one is to tether any horses in the same field on the stubbles until the end of harvest, on pain of 3s. 4d.

Ordered that each is to sufficiently scour his ditches in Redacre bottom from Lypiatt Lane to Broad Lane, by 7 May next, on pain of 6s. 8d.

Grant: Robert Hawthorne tenant in base tenure in person grants to John Greves of 'Hardewicke' in the parish of Elmstone, Glos., yeoman his messuage and all its lands lying in Northfield, Charlton Kings, to hold from the death of Robert Hawthorne for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Richard Rogers tenant in base tenure in person grants to John Ashemeade 1 a. arable land lying in Cheltenham Lower field in a furlong there extending E-W between land of John Mason N and land of Thomas Gough S, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Samuel Rudgedall and Roger Holder 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Elizabeth Collett widow and relict of Robert Collett deceased late tenant in base tenure granted to William Collett their son all that messuage, with all its houses, buildings, lands, meadows and pastures in Cheltenham, together with waste, to hold without impeachment of waste for the lifetime of Elizabeth and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering annually to Elizabeth during her lifetime 12d., and for the remainder of the term nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 68v] Grant: Walter Pate tenant in base tenure in person grants to David Jones a house in Morende in Charlton with its garden, backside, and homestead extending from the house across the brook W, between land now or late in the occupation of Thomas Clerke S and land of Anne Mansell or Alexander N; also an arable headland in Charlton in a place called the Lye, with appurtenances, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years, paying Walter yearly 12d. at Michaelmas; David to be responsible for repairs to the premises, with Walter finding the necessary large timbers. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Richard Pates gent. and Roger Holder 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Walter Pate tenant in base tenure granted to Chambers Slaughter of Upper Slaughter, Glos., gent. the following parcels of land, namely 2 closes of meadow called Ravensgate meads, 3 closes of land called Pennybreach, 1 parcel of meadow called the Furlonge, 1 parcel of land called Baffords Paddocke, 1 parcel of land called Lylly Leynes, and 1 other parcel of land called Hanlocke; also 1 a. arable land lying dispersed

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in Knavenhill and Lower fields, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years. Rendering yearly 1d. if asked. Provided that of Walter Pate pays Slaughter £20 annually, namely £10 on Lady Day 1611, £10 the following Michaelmas, and so on for the remainder of the term, then the grant is void. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Thomas Sturmy and Andrew Gale 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to William Brocke 1 close of pasture or arable called Harris breach, and 4 selions of arable land in Hilfurse; also 1 selion of arable on Heydon Hill, all now occupied by Brocke; also 1 other selion of arable in Heydon Hill shooting on Westbreach, together with common pasture pro rata (excepting woods and underwoods growing on the S side of Harris breche, and the lop of all oaks, elms and ashes growing there), to hold for Mathewes' lifetime and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering annually to Mathewes, his heirs or assigns, after the end of the first 10 years of the term 2 hens at

[f. 69] Christmas, and thus for the remainder of the term. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Thomas Sturmy and Geoffrey Tuffley 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to John Sturmy 13 selions of land on the S side of land called Brandyards, and 1 piece of land called the Harpe; also 5 'rewes' and 1 gore of arable land in Hilfield between lands of William Gregory E and W; to hold from Michaelmas 1615 for Mathewes lifetime and for a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering to Mathewes annually 2 hens at Christmas. ~~And Mathewes excuses the premises from annual rent and heriot due to the lord of the manor.~~ [margin: The lord does not consent to this article.] For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Thomas Parry bailiff of the borough, with Thomas Humfries alias Major and William Wattes burgesses, present that Thomas Kemys burgess and his wife Joan granted to their son Richard Kemys a half-burgage in Cheltenham, of which one part, adjacent to the street, lies between land of Walter French alias Lane W and land of Thomas Gregory E; and the other part lies between land of Walter French W and land of John Norton E, to hold subject to customary dues and services. Relief due to the lord 6d.; for enrolment, 4d.

View: Ordered that Anthony Greeneway, Richard Rogers, Robert Eckley, and John Ashemeade are to take a view of the limits and bounds between lands of Thomas Goughe and Giles Mathewe in Laverham; also if John Ireland will make a ditch across the yoke way leading from Meade furlong to the street there, also between the homsteads of Richard White and Thomas Gough, on pain of 3s. 4d. for any failure, sufficient notice having being given. William Hawker, Geoffrey Tuffley and William White are sworn to give evidence etc.

View: ordered that Roger Holder, John Currier and John Whithorne are to take a view of the division between land of Robert Machin in Hencroft and a close of Walter Pate called Pheasants, on pain of 3s. 4d. etc.

[f. 69v] Machin et al. v Wills: continuance with the agreement of the parties as before until next court etc.

Affeerers: Thomas Cartwright, Toby Packer, sworn. Fines, profits and amercements this court: 22s. 10d.

[f. 70] **Cheltenham. Court baron of manor of William Norwood esq. farmer held Friday 1 June 8 James [1610] by John Stubbe understeward**

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Essoins: Richard Mathewes, John Whithorne, Edward Dowdeswell alias Wheeler, Richard Gardiner, Richard Strowde, Richard Heyward, John Powell, Anthony Greenway and John Miller per Edward Dennys.

Homage:

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| Richard Pates gent. | John Currier | John Maries jun. |
| Thomas Cartwright | Thomas Wager | Thomas Jones |
| Toby Packer | John Mason | Robert Milton |
| Robert Hawthorne | Robert Yarneton | Nicholas Wells |

Compounding: George Rogers tenant in base tenure compounds to be excused suit of court until Michaelmas next, 12d., and annually 18d. thereafter.

Default for suit of court: homage presents that William <2s.> Ligon kt, James <12d.> Clifford esq., Giles <4d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <4d.> Machin gent. being free tenants, and Samuel <2d.> Rudgedall, Thomas <2d.> Mathewes, William <2d.> Whithorne jun., Richard <2d.> White and Walter <2d.> Pate being tenants in base tenure owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Death: presented that Margaret Strawford relict of John Strawford late tenant in base tenure of a messuage with all its lands etc. has died;⁵ whereupon falls to the lord heriot of one heifer price £3 6s. 8d. Richard Strawford, of full age, is their younger son and next heir. Proclamation is made etc. and Richard is admitted and makes fealty, giving the lord for entry 8s. 4d., being double the yearly rent. For enrolment, 4d.

Alienation: presented that Ludovick Packer by deed sold and alienated to Thomas Cox 1 parcel (3 a.) of meadow or pasture lately enclosed in Whaddon field in Cheltenham, and 4 selions arable land (2 a.) in Coltham field, Charlton Kings, holding from the chief lord of fee by rent and service as previously owed; relief to lord [blank]. Makes fealty.

[f. 70v] Alienation: presented that Thomas Higges by deed gave and granted to Thomas Cox 3 a. meadow, 2 lying in Whaddon mead and the third in Sandford mead, holding from the chief lord of fee by rent and service as previously owed; relief to lord [blank]. Makes fealty.

View: Richard Pates and Thomas Cartwright appointed and sworn to take a view of a hedge between a close of Henry Collett and a close occupied by William Whithorne called Milkewell etc, on pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

Continuation of view: view between Giles Mathewes and Thomas Goughe continued to next court; Richard Holder ordered to give evidence, on pain of 5s.

Machin et al. v Wills: Now, at this court held 1 June 8 James the parties come, and Thomas Machin and Toby Packer says that earlier etc. and seek that the said judgement on account of errors in the record and proceedings be revoked, annulled, and held to be of no effect, and that everything they have lost on account of this judgement should be restored. Therefore a day is given at next court.

Grant: Thomas Sturmy and Geoffrey Tuffley 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to John Sturmy of Cheltenham 2 selions ('2 halfe Rewes') lying near

⁵ Will of a Margaret Strawford proved 1610 [Glos Wills; 'abode not given']

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Westhedge in Hillfield, and another selion of land in Sandfield near White Crosse, having land of Thomas Barnes E (common pasture excepted), to hold from next Michaelmas for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. Mathewes to be spared all payments due to the lord. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Thomas Hawkins and Geoffrey Tuffley 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Isabel Machin widow, relict of Anthony Machin, granted to her 3 daughters Mary, Isabel and Anne 'all her base tenure lands', to hold in equal portions after the death of Isabel

[f. 71] for a term of 12 years, on condition that Edith the older daughter of Isabel sen. is to have £4 annually for each of the 12 years out of the proceeds of the above premises, in default of which Edith may enter upon the premises and distrain to the value of her annuity. For enrolment, 4d.

Grants of burgage: Thomas Parry bailiff of the borough with William Wattes and Thomas Fynch burgesses swear that Richard Kemys burgess gave and granted to Thomas Kemys his father and his wife Joan a quantity of burgage in Cheltenham next to the street between land of Walter French W and land of Thomas Gregory E, to hold of the chief lord by rent and service etc., whereupon relief due to the lord 6d. For enrolment, 4d.

Thomas Parry bailiff of the borough with William Wattes and Thomas Fynch burgesses swear that Richard Kemys burgess granted to Thomas Humfries alias Major a quantity of burgage shooting on Meadfurlong between land of Walter French W and land of John Norton E, to hold of the chief lord by rent and service etc. Provided that if Kemys pays Humfries £11 at or before next Michaelmas, the grant is void. For enrolment, 4d.

Affeerers: Richard Pates gent., Thomas Cartwright, sworn.

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Separate disputes between Roger Holder and Margaret Blicke, and the same Roger and Edmund Gooderich, and William Hawker and Thomas Grgeory, and Richard Pates and John Ashmeade, settled.

Separate dispute between Wiliam Rudgedal and Nicholas Wells continued etc.

Fines profits and amercements this court: £4 1s. 8d., of which heriots £3 6s. 8d., fines 8s. 4d., reliefs [blank]

[f. 71v] Cheltenham. Court baron of manor of William Norwood esq. farmer held Friday 13 July 8 James [1610] by John Stubbe understeward

Essoins: William Strowde, Richard Strowde, John Litle, Reginald Milton, Thomas Gregory, Henry Collett, Richard Mathewes and Robert Mathewes.

Tenants making default: William <2s.> Ligon kt, James <2s.> Clifford esq., Giles <4d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <4d.> Machin gent., Robert <pr.> Packer being free tenants, and Samuel <2d.> Rudgedall, Thomas <2d.> Horwood and William <2d.> Whithorne tenants in base tenure make default this day and are in mercy as shown.

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Views: viewers between Thomas Parry and John Milles present they that have taken the view and placed markers in the due places.

View between Thomas Gough and Giles Mathewe continued to next court.

Viewers between Henry Collett and William Whithorne re a hedge at Milkewell present that the disputed tree in the hedge belongs to Collett.

Grant: Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure in person grants to Thomas Hawkins 2 leynes in Westal shooting on Westal Green between land of William Hilton W and certain land of Arnold Ligon kt E, to hold from this day for the lifetime of Mathewes and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: John Milles and Geoffrey Tuffley 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to John Mason 2 closes of pasture called the Groves and the Leynes in Arle (except lop and shred, other than sufficient for hedge repair), to hold from Lady Day 1621 for a term of 2 years. Either Mathewes is himself to pay all customary dues, or Mason is to do so, reimbursing Mathewes at his dwelling house in Alstone. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Machin et al. v Wills: Day given to the parties as before, until next court etc.

[f. 72] Richard Banster gent. chief bailiff of the hundred or liberty of Cheltenham swears that Joan Sharford widow tenant in base tenure granted to her daughter Margaret Sharford a close of pasture called the Grove and a close called Hycroft in Arle, now in the occupation of Joan Sharford (lop and shred excepted, other than sufficient for hedge repair), to hold after the death of Joan and for a term of 8 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. Provided that if Joan or executors during her lifetime or within 6 months after her death pay £20 to Margaret, in accordance with the last will of her father Walter Sharford deceased, and £40 given to Joan by the said Margaret, then this grant to be void. For enrolment, 4d.

Affeerers: Richard Pates and Thomas Cartwright, sworn.

Cheltenham. Hundred court held before Richard Banaster bailiff and John Stubbe understeward the same 17 July [1610].

Day for statement given peremptorily: Unless William Rudgedall makes statement against Nicholas Welles in 2 separate pleas at the next court, 'not proceeded' will be entered against said pl.

Thomas Fynch pl. v Walter Fox in a plea of taking and unlawful detention of one gelding, colour black, price [blank]. Pledge etc. Def. appears personally; pl. seeks a day for statement at next court, therefore a day is given etc.

Robert Gale pl. v John Kematt, John Dowdeswell sen., John Bracegirdle, James Hickes, Humphrey Harris, Thomas Arthur and Giles Clerke in a plea of trespass; defs. being solemnly exacted do not come, therefore to be attached etc.

Fines, profits and amercements this court: 6s. 2d.

[f. 72v] **Cheltenham. Court baron of manor of William Norwood esq. farmer held Friday 3 August 8 James [1610] before Henry Norwood esq. chief steward**

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Essoins: Richard Mathewes, Richard Rogers, Thomas Humfries alias Major, Thomas Parry, Richard Strowde, Robert Bycke, Richard Hayward, John Currier and Robert Hawthorne per Edward Dennys.

Free tenants making default: William <2s.> Ligon kt, James <2s.> Clifford esq., Giles <4d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <4d.> Machin gent., Richard <4d.> Pates gent., Thomas <4d.> Cartwright, Robert <2d.> Packer and Walter <4d.> Mason owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Tenants in base tenure making default: Robert <2d.> Machin, Thomas <2d.> Hawkins, Thomas <2d.> Mathewes, John <2d.> Powell, Thomas <2d.> Jones, William <2d.> Whithorne jun., Walter <2d.> Lake and Walter <2d.> Pate owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Compounding for suit of court: Toby Packer compounds to be excused suit of court until next Michaelmas 6d., and then 18d. annually.

Machin et al. v Wills: a day is given peremptorily until the next court etc.

Admission: George Knight who has married Isabel lately wife of Anthony Machin, late tenant in base tenure of 4½ messuages with appurtenances in Cheltenham, seeks admission in base tenure to said messuages with all their lands. Gives to the lord as fine £38, makes fealty, and is admitted. For enrolment, 4d.

Affeerers: Richard Pates gent., Thomas Cartwright, sworn. Fines, profits and amercements this court: £38 7s. 6d., of which fines £38.

[f. 73] **Cheltenham. Pleas held before Henry Norwood esq. chief steward and Richard Banaster gent. chief bailiff on the said 3 August 8 James [1610]**

Not proceeding: William Ruggedall does not proceed as plaintiff with his plea of debt against Nicholas Wells. Therefore in mercy, and Nicholas goes *sine die* etc.

The same William does not proceed against the same Nicholas in a plea of trespass. Therefore in mercy, and Nicholas is given *sine die* etc.

Thomas Fynch pl. v Walter Fox in a plea of taking etc., is to have day for statement at this court, etc.

Attachment: John Dowdeswell sen. and Humphrey Harris defs. at the suit of Robert Gale in a plea of trespass appear in person, upon which a day is given etc. at next court. And John Kematt, John Bracegirdle, James Hickes, Thomas Arthur and Giles Clerke other defs. at suit of Robert in the same plea do not come, and therefore to be attached etc. Defs. to appear and pl. to have a day for statement at next court etc.

John Edwards gent. pl. against Giles Mathewes in a plea of taking and unlawful detention of 1 gelding etc. Def. appears in person, pl. given day for statement at next court, etc.

John Mason pl. v Richard Robins in a plea of trespass; def. being exacted does not appear, therefore to be attached etc.

Summons: Joan Lane who was wife of Richard Lane seeks against William Hilton gent. a third part of 4 a. land with appurtenances in Alstone as her dowry from her husband Richard. William therefore summoned to next court etc.

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[f. 73v] **Cheltenham. Court baron of manor of William Norwood esq. farmer held Friday 7 September 8 James [1610] before Henry Norwood esq. chief steward**

Essoins: John Maries jun., Thomas Mathewes and Walter Mason per Edward Dennys.

Homage:

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| Richard Pates gent. | Andrew Gale |
| Humphrey Harris | Richard Rogers |
| Thomas Cartwright | Richard Strawford |
| Roger Holder | Robert Milton |
| William Whithorne sen. | Nicholas Wells |
| Robert Machin | Thomas Wager |
| Robert Yarneton | sworn |

Free tenants making default: William <2s.> Ligon kt, James <2s.> Clifford esq., Giles <4d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <4d.> Machin gent., Robert <4d.> Bycke jun., and Richard <4d.> Mathewes owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Tenants in base tenure making default: Thomas <2d.> Horwood, Thomas <4d.> Hawkins, John <4d.> Powell, William <4d.> Whithorne jun., and Walter <2d.> Lane owe suit of court and are in mercy as shown.

Death: Elianor Gooderich relict of Walter Gooderich late tenant in base tenure of 2 messuages with appurtenances lying in Ham in Charlton Kings has died⁶ since the last court, upon which there falls to to the lord heriot of best beasts, namely 2 cows price £6. Edward Gooderich being of full age is their younger son and next heir. Proclamation is made, Edward seeks admission as tenant in base tenure with customary rent and heriot, and gives to the lord fine of 40s. 2d., being twice the yearly rent; is admitted. For enrolment, 4d.

Death: John Holder late tenant in base tenure of 1 messuage in Ham in Charlton Kings has died, whereupon falls to the lord heriot of best beast, namely 1 ox, price £3. Remainder to his wife Ann, according to custom.

Alienation: William Higges of London mercer sold to William Whithorne 1 tenement with all its lands in Charlton Kings. Relief due to the lord 8s. William makes fealty.

[f. 74] Upon this, a day is given to the homage at next court for better enquiring of and about certain articles, and certifying, upon pain of 3s. 4d.

Grant: Thomas Hawkins and Geoffrey Tuffley 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to Thomas Cowles 1 close of meadow or pasture called Lower Close in Alstone, to hold from the expiry of his earlier grant, for the lifetime of Mathewes and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. Provided nevertheless that if Thomas Mathewes pays Cowles £3 5s. next Michaelmas, the grant is void. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Richard Rogers tenant in base tenure in person grants to John Mason 2 a. arable land in Cheltenham, one of which lies in Whaddon field now in the occupation of Rogers, and the other lies

⁶ Will of Eleanor Gootheridge of Charlton Kings listed 1610 in Glos Wills, though noted there as 'missing'

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in the Lower field, occupied by Mason, to hold from next Michaelmas for a term of 12 years. For enrolment, 4d.

Burgage grant: Thomas Parry bailiff of the borough, with Thomas Fynch and Nicholas Barnes burgesses, swears that Thomas Gregory of the city of Westminster, Middx., yeoman granted to Parry a half-burgage in Cheltenham (now in the occupation of Richard Cox) between the house of Thomas Gough E and the house of Thomas Kemys W for the use of Thomas Barnes, to hold of the chief lord of fee by rent and service etc. Relief of 6d. due to the lord. Barnes makes fealty and is admitted. For enrolment, 4d.

Afterwards to this court came Thomas Barnes burgess and grants to Thomas Atkins [the same half-burgage], to hold from Michaelmas next and for a term of 7 years thereafter. Rendering annually to Barnes 40s. at Lady Day and Michaelmas in equal portions. Atkins to keep the premises in all necessary repair during the term. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 74v] Burgage grant: after the aforementioned grant at this court to Thomas Atkins, came Thomas Barnes burgess in person, and presents that he granted to John Edwards all that half-burgage occupied by Richard Cox [etc., as preceding], to hold of the chief lord and rendering customary services and dues, paying relief 6d. Provided that if Thomas Barnes shall excuse Edwards a certain written obligation in which Edwards granted tenure (for a debt due to Thomas Barnes) to Thomas Gregory of Westminster yeoman in the sum of £20, by paying £10 on 1 Jan. next, *and* if Barnes pays Edwards £20 at Michaelmas 1621, the grant is void. For enrolment, 4d.

Thomas Sturmy and Andrew Gale 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to John Mason of Cheltenham all his meadows within Arle mead and Kingsmead, to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Robert Packer son and heir of Thomas Packer who in life held the manor of Comptons at a yearly rent of 5s. and the manor of Powers at a yearly rent of 5s., as appears by the presentment of the homage at a court of this manor held 21 Sept. 6 James [1608, *above fo 27ish*], gives to the lord relief 10s., and makes fealty.

Machin et al. v Wills alias Willys: on which day there came before the steward the said Thomas Machin and Toby Packer per their attorney, and Richard Wills alias Willys in person, and upon each and every premise having been heard, diligently examined and understood, it appeared to the said steward, that in the suit, proceedings and rendering of judgment of the said suit there was manifest error. And therefore because of the defect and error et al. in the rolls of the record of the proceedings and plea of the suit of the said complainant, it is agreed by this court, that the judgment containing this error is invalid and to be held of utterly no effect, and entirely revoked and nullified. But yet by the assent of the parties it is ordered by the steward that if Richard Wills alias Willys should raise his suit against the said Toby Packer for the said tenements at the next court baron to be held in this manor, and take his suit from court to court as far as he may, then at the same court the possession of the said tenements with profits therefrom arising shall be sequestered delivered to and remain in the hands of Richard Banaster gent. chief bailiff of the manor, until judgement of the tenements be returned. And that immediately after this judgement being made of the tenements, then possession to be delivered to him for whom judgment is given. Otherwise, if Richard does not raise his suit against Toby for the tenements at the next court according to this order, then at that next court Toby shall be admitted tenant in base tenure to the said tenements. And Thomas and Toby shall have possession of the

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tenements and profits for the time between the said judgement and the revocation of the order, and to everything which Machin and Packer had lost by reason of said judgement, they shall be restored.

Affeerers: Richard Pates, Thomas Cartwright, sworn.

[f. 75] **Cheltenham. Pleas held before Henry Norwood esq. chief steward and Richard Banaster gent. bailiff, on the said 7 September 8 James [1610]**

Continuance: dispute between Thomas Fynch and Walter Fox in a plea of taking etc., to be continued in stat quo inde usq prox cur pre.. parties etc.

Day given: Robert Gale pl. v John Dowdeswell and Humphrey Harris appeared at last court, and John Kematt, John Bracegirdle, James Hycks, Thomas Arthur and Giles Clerke appear this day; to have a day for statement. Therefore a day is given for def.

Statement of Edwards: Giles Mathewes was summoned at request of John Edwards in a plea of taking etc. Edwards, through his attorney William Locksmith pleads that Giles Mathewes on 10 July 8 James in Laverham, Cheltenham, took 1 gelding of belonging to Edwards, impounded it and unlawfully detained it against pledges etc. Edwards is thereby the worse off and has damages to value of 30s. Accordingly, advances his suit etc. Def. seeks li lo at next [court]; therefore a day is given.

Settlement: Dispute between John Mason and Richard Robins is settled.

[?Agard?] de grand' cape⁷: Joan who was wife of Richard Lane in person places herself at this court against William Hilton gent. in a plea of a one-third part of 4 a. land in Alstone, which Joan in this court claims as her dower from Richard her late husband, held under this domain. Hilton does not come, and is to summoned etc. Therefore judgement that the one-third part of the said premises and appurtenances to be taken into the hand of the lord etc. And a day etc. Summoned to be at next court, etc.

Reginald Milton pl. v Thomas Gregory of Arle in a plea of trespass.

Fines profits and amercements this court, £13 8s. 2d., of which heriot £10, fines 40s. 2d., reliefs 19s.

[f. 75v and f. 76 are both blank]

[f. 76v] **Cheltenham. View of frankpledge held 5 October 8 James [1610] before Henry Norwood esq. chief steward**

Names of free tenants:⁸

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| William Ligon kt | Lodovick Packer com. | William Gale com. |
| William Norwood esq. farmer | John Packer com. | William Strowde jun. com. |
| James Clifford esq. | William Combe | John Holdshippe com. |
| John Partridge esq. com | William Higges | Reginald Milton |
| Giles Grevill gent. | William Rudgetall (sick, died ⁹) | Richard Mathewes |

⁷ Grand Cape: 'a Writ on Plea of Land where the Tenant makes Default in Appearance at the Day given, for the King to take the Land into his Hands etc.' (Jacob, New Law Dictionary)

⁸ Names are preceded by up to 5 'register-style' markings, dots presumably indicating attendance at subsequent courts, crosses absence, and annotations such as ess, aeg, mort. However, as it is not known with certainty which courts these markings refer to, they are omitted here.

⁹ Will of William Rudgetale of Charlton Kings noted 1611 [Glos Wills]

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| Thomas Machin gent. | Richard Strowde | John Litle |
| John Roberts gent. com. | William Strowde sen. | William Boughon gent. com. |
| Richard Pates gent. | Walter French alias Lane com. | John Jacksons com. |
| Alexander Packer gent. com. | Edward Gooderich alias Wheeler | John Smith |
| Thomas Cartwright | Humphrey Harris | Thomas Humphries alias Major (died ¹⁰) |
| William Whithorne | William Gregory | Richard Harnes com. |
| Thomas Higges gent. | Anthony Greeneway | John Packwood com. |
| Robert Packer | Robert Bycke jun. | Richard Hayward |
| Thomas Parry | William Adams com. | William Man com. |
| Walter Parry | Richard Alexander | Thomas George |
| Christopher Merrett com. | William Milton com. | Henry Collett |
| Richard Wickware com. | Walter Mason | Thomas Cope |
| | William Hilton gent. | Thomas Lee alias Mason |
| | | “51” (recte 50) |

Names of tenants in base tenure:

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| Richard Pates gent. | Thomas Hawkins (died) | Walter Shewell com. |
| John Packer | Thomas Mathewes | Christopher Merrett com. |
| Thomas Cartwright | Robert Abraham com. | Thomas Crumpe com. |
| Toby Packer com. | John Powell | Richard Wills |
| William Rudgedall (died) | Anthony Higges com. | John Buckle com. |
| Samuel Rudgedall | Anthony Greeneway | Thomas Gregory |
| Thomas Horwood | Robert Bycke jun. | Robert Milton |
| Roger Holder | Richard Rogers | Richard White |
| John Currier | John Mills (died ¹¹) | Walter Lane |
| Robert Machin | Thomas Kempe com. | Michael Gooderich |
| John Whithorne | Thomas Hilpe com. | Walter Pate |
| Thomas Wager (sick) | Richard Garne com. | George Rogers com. |
| William Whithorne sen. com. | William Welshe com. | Richard Strawford |
| William Cliveley | Geoffrey Tuffley | Edward Gooderich |
| Nicholas Wells | Thomas Jones | George Knight com. |
| Richard Stubbe com. | Robert Hawthorne | William Bycke |
| Walter French alias Lane com. | Thomas Barnes com. | William Combe |
| William Gregory | Giles Mathewes | |
| Robert Yarneton | Lodovick Packer com. | |
| John Mason | Richard Gardner | |
| Thomas Sturmy | William Whithorne jun. | |
| John Mason jun. | ‘58, 59’ [recte 59 if Walter Pate is excuded] | |

Names of burgesses:

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| Thomas Parry | William Wattes | Walter White jun. |
| Thomas Gough | Thomas Fynch | Walter Arcoll |
| John Mason | Richard Davison | Thomas Butler |
| John Stile | Thomas Hyett | Walter French alias Lane |
| Francis Osboldston | Richard Yarneton | Richard Pates gent. |
| Michael Wood | John Hall | John Benfield |

¹⁰ Will of Thomas ‘Vumfreys alias Manor’ of Cheltenham noted 1611 [Glos Wills]

¹¹ Will of John Mills of Cheltenham noted 1611 [Glos Wills]

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| William Gregory | Robert Bycke sen. | Richard Fynch |
| Henry Kemys | Thomas Machin gent. | Nicholas Barnes |
| Richard Strowde | Richard Banaster gent. | Thomas Kemys |
| William Strowde sen. | John Clarvo | William Hawker |
| William Strowde jun. | Richard Rogers | Walter White sen. |
| Thomas Gregory jun. | Robert Cox | Thomas Barnes |
| Thomas Humfries alias Major | Thomas Tuffley | Anthony Bycknell |
| John Browne | Edward Dutson | |
| John Bloxham | Robert Newman | |
| Ralph Jeynes clerk | John Ashemead | [45] |

[f. 77] Essoins: David Jones, John Norton, John Diggason, Thomas Diggason, Henry Mason, John Wylles, Thomas Harris, John Okey per Thomas Parry, John Mylles, Richard Ballinger, Richard Hooper, Walter Arcoll per Edmund Lyppiate, Walter Whithorne per John Abington gent., Walter Brocke per Robert Yarneton, Giles Hawling sen., Thomas Roberts per Giles Hawling sen., Henry Mason, John Wylkes per Thomas Mathewes, Robert Freeman and Robert Bryto' per Richard Howse and Henry Baylies per John Blycke.

Jury for the lord king:

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| Walter Parry | John Powell |
| Giles Mathewes | Walter Cooke |
| Richard Strowde | John Maries sen |
| Thomas Gooderiche | William Gregory |
| Edward Dowdeswell alias Wheeler | Henry Lane |
| Edmund Horwood | John Merrell |
| John Currier | |

Affray: William Strowde and Thomas Cowles constables of Cheltenham present that on 22 June last, Gabriel <3d.> Page made affray on and drew blood of Henry Bowen at Cheltenham, with a [blank] price [blank]. Therefore in mercy as shown. Pledge for Page: William Strowde jun.

Games: presented that William Mayles, David Powell, widow Phelps, John Holdy, Geoffrey Tuffley, Walter Arcoll, John Dole, widow Baggott, Richard Farre, widow Cliveley and Thomas Webbe are common tipplers and permitted unlawful games, namely [blank] in their dwelling houses within the precinct of this view of frankpledge, and permitted divers persons to play there since the last leet in contempt of the lord and against the form of the statute. Therefore each in mercy 2s. 6d.

Residents: Thomas Parry bailiff of the borough presents that David Powell, Thomas Gregory, William White and Hugh Powell are residents in the borough, and today make default; each in mercy 4d.

Unlawful sports: John Whithorne constable of Charlton presents that Thomas Hewes, William Ballinger and John Hywood play unlawful sports namely 'coits' since the last leet. Therefore each in mercy 4d.

Common fines etc.: Giles Hawling constable of Swindon comes. Common fine 2s. Further presents that Henry <4d.> Wyllys, Giles <4d.> Hampton, William <6d.> Gale, Edward <12d.> Dutson, Thomas <4d.> Latnor, John <6d.> Hamons, Thomas <2d.> Stevens, Thomas <6d.> Merrell, Thomas

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<4d.> Wells and Thomas <2d.> Collins are resident in Swindon and today make default; therefore in mercy as shown.

John Blicke tithingman for Charlton Kings comes: common fine 2s. 6d.

[f. 77v] Residents: further presented that that Gracian Gale, Edward Holder, John Holder and Thomas Cartwrite son of Richard Cartwright are residents within the tithing of Charlton Kings and this day make default; each in mercy 2d.

William Durham tithingman for Bafford comes; common fine 3s. 5d. Further presented that Ralph Abbott, John Tytchett and Thomas Gootheridge are residents within the tithing and this day make default; each in mercy 2d.

John Abington tithingman for Ashley comes; common fine 5s. Further presented that Richard Keene, William Cliveley sen., John Churches, John Strawford, Thomas Lewes, Thomas Lewes jun., John Cliveley, Richard Ballinger [and] his son William, and William Free are residents within the tithing and this day make default; each in mercy 2d.

Edward Lypppyate tithingman for Cheltenham comes; common fine 5s. Further presented that John Higgess, Christopher Leech, Edward Dubberley, Walter Lane, William Nicols, Richard Flucke, Humphrey Dowdeswell, John Dobbins, Morgan Wharton, Edward Elbrowe, Thomas Townesend, George Taylor, William Powle, William Jones, Edward Cardell, John Arter, Edward Roberts, Thomas Warde, Nicholas Lyppeate, Walter Arcoll jun., Elias Arcoll, William Twynning, Walter Fox, Henry Bowen, Ralph Taylor, William Holder, Robert Bennett, Francis Cooke, William Burrowes, Christopher Tuffley, Richard Watkins sen., Humphrey Kent, John Clifford, Thomas Hall, William Faux, Thomas Jacksons, Edward <comp.> Budding, Richard Weaver and Edward Blisse are residents within the tithing, and this day make default; therefore each in mercy 2d.

Robert Yarneton tithing man for Arle comes; common fine 3s., further presented that William <2d.> Smyth is resident within precinct of this leet, and this day makes default; in mercy as shown.

Thomas Mathewes tithingman for Alstone comes; common fine 2s. 3d., further presented that John <6d.> Stephens, William <4d.> Bycke, and Richard <3d.> Robins are residents within the tithing and this day make default; each in mercy as shown.

Richard Pates tithingman for Westal, Naunton and Sandford comes; common fine 3s., further presented that Richard Smyth, Richard Wilcox, Giles Walter, William Hilton, Richard Greeneway and Alexander Perkins are resident within the tithing and this day make default; therefore each in mercy 2d.

Richard Howse tithingman for Bradwell comes; common fine 5s.; further presented that Francis Hawker, Henry Fluck, Richard Flucke, Richard Roffe, Robert Walton, Richard Ashefeild, Stephen Smart, Robert Ruggedall, John Sollars, John Hoore, Thomas Hoore, Walter Cherington, William Yate, Anthony Steward and Thomas Bassett are residents within the tithing, and this day make default; therefore each in mercy 2d.

[f. 78] Edward Church tithingman for Leckhampton comes; common fine 3s.; further presented that George Griffin, John Evans, John Crumpe and Ralph Crumpe are residents within the tithing, and this day make default; therefore each in mercy 2d.

Richard Free constable of Leckhampton presents that all is well.

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Butchers: Toby Packer and John Eaton meat inspectors present that Eaton himself, James Hawsted, Thomas Ashemead, William Reade and Walter White butchers slaughtered veal under the age of 5 weeks within the precinct of the leet since the last view of frankpledge against the form of the statute; therefore each in mercy 12d.

John Sturmy and Ralph Holdy leather inspectors present that all is well.

Thomas Humfries ale-taster presents that David Powell, Thomas Milton, Henry Gregory, William Mayles, Geoffrey Tuffley, John Holdy and Walter Arcoll sen. sold ale and beer in unlawful jars of less than the royal standard since the last leet, against statute; therefore each in mercy 2s.

John Maries jun., Robert Hawthorne and Nicholas Wells supervisors of waters present that all is well.

Nicholas Barnes and John Sturmy highway supervisors in Cheltenham present that all is well.

Ways: Thomas Cartwright and Roger Holder present that John Izord, Thomas Jacksons, William Adams, Richard Gooderich and Thomas Farmor are inhabitants, not having a plough nor being retained for annual service, did not work on repairing the king's highways according to statute, therefore each in mercy 12d.

Anthony Higges and Thomas Marshall supervisors of king's highways in Westal, Naunton & Sandford present that all is well.

George Carpenter one of the supervisors of king's highways in Leckhampton presents that all is well. Walter Cherington, the other supervisor, fails to come and present this day, therefore in mercy 3s. 4d.

Edward <3s. 4d.> Dutson and Thomas <3s. 4d.> Roberts supervisors of the king's highways in Swindon fail to come and present this day, therefore each in mercy as shown.

Pound-breaking: Richard Deagle, common hayward (*messor*) of Cheltenham presents that he attached a horse causing damage in fields there, and put it in the common pound. A certain Walter Fox on [blank] day last broke the pound and took his horse, against the peace etc. Therefore in mercy 3s. 4d.

Also presents that Walter White exceeded the capacity of pasture in Cheltenham with his sheep, to the number of 80, contrary to earlier order of the court (1 Mar. 6 James). Therefore forfeits 10s.

[f. 78v] Concerning William Strowde sen.: because while Richard Deagle common hayward of Cheltenham was presenting that a certain Walter White overburdened the common pasture there with his sheep to the number of 80 sheep, the said William in open court in manifest and bad example to others said in the following English words 'You (meaning the steward) doe him the more wronge (meaning Walter) if you punishe him for it (meaning the overburdening).' Therefore said William is fined 3s. 4d.

Jury affirms that all the above is true. Further, they say that Thomas Cliveley and John Crumpe are residents within this view of frankpledge and were lawfully returned by the bailiff to enquire for the king, but did not come, therefore make default and are each in mercy 12d.

Keeping a cottage: they present that Edward <12d.> Hewes of Charlton tailor has sustained maintained and continued a certain cottage in Charlton as a habitation for the space of the past 6 months, and in truth did not assign 4 a. land adjacent to the cottage as per the ordinance out of his freehold land, contrary to the form of statute. Therefore in mercy 10s.

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Similar: William <6d.> Atwell alias Wells of Charlton Kings tanner sustained, maintained and continued a cottage in Charlton Kings as a habitation for the last 6 months, without assigning 4 a. land etc. Therefore in mercy 10s.

William Bycke of Alstone yeoman sustained, maintained and continued a certain cottage as a habitation in Westal for the space of 5 months and more, namely from 13 Apr. last until today, without assigning 4 a. land from his freehold, against the form of statute. Therefore in mercy 10s.

Forfeit: presented that a certain ditch in Barbridge Lane was not scoured before Pentecost, through the fault of Thomas Bycke. Therefore forfeits penalty of 3s. 4d.

Forfeit: presented that John Edwards gent. allowed 4 of his pigs to go at large in the common greensward without rings, contrary to earlier order. Therefore forfeits 12d. per pig: 4s.

Pound-breaking: presented that Walter <2s.> Fox on [blank] day last broke the common pound etc.

Similar: presented that Thomas Roberts of Cheltenham husbandman (*agricola*) on [blank] day last broke the common pound etc. [entry appears to be lightly struck through]

Hedge-breaking: [blank] daughter of Adam Badsom and [blank] daughter of Margerie Waterman alias Tuffley are common hedge-breakers, therefore each in mercy as shown [No ameracements shown in margin, but a remark in a different hand: 'Lay them by the heeles if the stals will knit']¹²

Buyer of bovils¹³ hides: presented that James <5s.> Hawsted of Cheltenham butcher by his servant bought bovil skins ('hides') and sold them again, contrary to statute. Therefore in mercy.

Fine and ameracements for bloodshed: concerning the fine of John Whithorne constable of Charlton because he declined (*cancellavit*) to present a certain affray and spilling of blood made by Thomas Warden upon William the servant of Richard Pates gent., against the peace, and of the said Thomas ~~3s. 4d.~~ [unresolved word at foot of page].

[p. 79] Cheltenham penalties: Firstly ordered by assent of whole jury that Richard Farre sen. is to remove from his house the travelling man and woman lately taken in by him, before next Friday, on pain of 6s. 8d.

Ordered that no-one within the town is to take in anyone either to stay or to live in their house until the next leet, unless sufficient security be previously given to spare the town, on pain of 20s.

Ordered that each person keeping 'a mastiff dogge shall sufficiently keepe him musled' when warned to, on pain of 5s.

Order continued: Ordered by assent of the whole jury as follows: 'that the Armo^r there shalbe deliv[er]ed to the Constable for the tyme being by a schedule indented; And that the rent of the m[ar]kett house shalbe ymployed towards the dressing & keeping of the same and for that the Armor shalbe continually kept in the same house such a p[er]son shall dwell in the same as the Constables w[i]th some of the cheifest Inh[ab]itants shall make choice of for the better keeping of the said Armor.'¹⁴

¹² Possible meaning: put the offenders in the stocks, if they will close tightly enough to hold them.

¹³ Not found in English Dialect Dictionary

¹⁴ [Presumably to be linked with the 1608 Men and Armour survey]

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Ordered that each is to sufficiently scour his ditches adjoining the king's highways where necessary, before next feast of All Saints, and to keep them sufficiently scoured from time to time, on pain of 6d. for default.

Officers chosen for the year, and sworn:

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| Thomas Atkins and John Hall | constables of Cheltenham |
| Richard Pates, gent. | Bailiff of borough |
| John Dowdeswell | Constable of Charlton Kings |
| John Morley | Constable of Swindon |
| Thomas Faux | Tithingman for Cheltenham |
| Thomas Cartwright | Tithingman for Charlton Kings |
| Thomas Whithorne | Tithingman for Bafford |
| John Buckle | Tithingman for Ashley |
| Walter French alias Lane | Tithingman for Arle |
| Thomas Hawkins | Tithingman for Alstone |
| William Wayte | Tithingman for Westal |
| Nathaniel Goddard | Tithingman for Bradwell |
| William Strowde jun. and James Hawsted* | Meat inspectors |
| Thomas Goodcheape and Thomas Civill* | Leather inspectors |
| Richard Hayward | Ale-taster |
| John Maries jun., Robert Hawthorne, Nicholas Welles | Supervisors of waters |

* To be sworn at next court, on pain of 20s.

[p. 79v] Sworn in plenary: at this view of frankpledge William Leech, John Brocke, Walter Currier, John Whithorne, Peter Marshall, Reginald Lane, Henry Humfries, Thomas Mason, Henry Kemys, Walter Milton, Thomas Webbe, Richard Forty, John Fowler, John Davison, Ralph Churches, John Gregory, Walter Maries, Richard Rogers, Henry Barnes, Robert Cliveley, Thomas Benfield, William Church, John Okey sen., John Baylies, Thomas Sandford, Geoffrey Page, John Okey jun., William Harris, John Taylor, Thomas Thayre, Francis Ible, Richard Watkins, Thomas Clerke, Richard Toms, Walter French, William Wayte, ?Robert? Clerke, Walter Cliveley, Henry Roberts, Edward Cartwright, Thomas Buttolph, William Jones, John ?Gale/Galt?/, Henry Gregory, Ralph Holdy, Richard Jennynge, William Jones, John White, John Hawling, Thomas Elbrowe, Giles Parry, Richard Querne, John Churches, Guy Dobbins, Nicholas Lippyat, William Cartwright, Moyses Blye, Henry Clerke, John Clerke, Walter Smythe, Richard Churches and Robert Gale swear allegiance to the lord king.

Affeerers: Edward Dowdeswell and Giles Mathewes, sworn. Fines, profits and amercements this court: £6 15s.

[f. 80] **Court baron of manor of William Norwood esq. held Friday 5 October 8 James, before Henry Norwood esq. chief steward**

Essoins: John Milles, George Knight, Ralph Jeynes clerk and Walter Arcoll per Edward Dennys.

Homage: Richard Pates gent., Humphrey Harris, Thomas Cartwright, Roger Holder, William Whithorne sen., Robert Machin, Robert Yarneton, Andrew Gale, Richard Rogers, Richard Strawford, Robert Milton, Nicholas Wells and Thomas Wager, who had a day for better enquiring of and about certain articles at this court, being exacted come and swear that William <12d.> Ligon kt, James

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<12d.> Clifford gent., Giles <?4d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <4d.> Machin gent., and Thomas <4d.> Cox are free tenants owing suit of court, making default this day, therefore in mercy as shown.

Tenants in base tenure making default: Thomas <?> Hawkins, William <2d.> Whithorne jun., and Walter <2d.> Lane owe suit of court, therefore in mercy as shown.

Burgesses making default: John <2d.> Style, ~~Francis Osboldeston~~, ~~Michael Wood~~, Robeert <2d.> Bycke sen., John <4d.> Clarke, Thomas <4d.> Tuffley, Edward <6d.> Dutson, ~~Robert Newman~~, Walter <4d.> White jun., Thomas <2d.> Kemys and Anthony <4d.> Bycknell owe suit of court; therefore in mercy as shown.

Composition: George Knight tenant in base tenure owing suit of court compounds to pay the lord to be excused until Michaelmas next, 18d., and thus annually etc.

Comptons manor: they say on oath that a certain manor called Comptons is held of this manor at a yearly rent 24s. 4d., with suit of court and relief when it falls due.

Powers manor: they say on oath that a certain manor called Powers is held of this manor at a yearly rent 14s., with suit of court and relief when it falls due.

Forfeit: they say on oath that Thomas <dead> Hawkins and Henry Collett did not sufficiently scoured their ditches in Ridacre bottome before 7 May as the court ordered, therefore forfeit 6s. 8d., reduced to 3s. 4d.

Penalty: Thomas Mason alias Lee and Edward Hewes ordered to be at next court to show why unlawful words were spoken to the homage concerning a certain presentation made by them, on pain of 13s. 4d. for default.

Admittance of burgess: Thomas Parry bailiff of the borough, with Thomas Major alias Humfries and Thomas Fynch burgesses, present that Richard Kemys burgess granted to Parry a quantity of burgage with appurtenances on the S side of Cheltenham, between land of Walter French alias Lane W and land of John Norton E, for the use of Richard Garner. Relief 3d.; for enrolment, 4d.

[f. 80v] Grant: Nicholas Wells and John Maries jun. 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to Thomas Cowles a close called Overclose in Alstone, to hold from 25 March next for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Thomas Sturmy and John Maries jun. 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Richard Rogers tenant in base tenure granted to John Ashemeade 3 a. arable land in Cheltenham, 2 being in the Over field and the other in the Lower field, shooting on the marsh of John Hall; to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Release: John Harris of Hatherop, Glos., yeoman, in person acknowledges that he has remitted and relinquished for himself and heirs to Lodovick Packer citizen and draper of London, a tenant in base tenure of this manor, all title interest and claim had or might have in a messuage or tenement with its lands in Cheltenham, lately held or occupied by Edward Budding sen., and which Henry Riche citizen and draper of London late tenant in base tenure surrendered to the use of Lodovick Packer. Harris further guarantees against any future claim. For enrolment, 4d.

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Grant: Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure in person grants to Lodovick Packer citizen and draper of London a tenement or mansion house in Alstone, with its barn, stable, garden, orchard and outbuildings, now occupied by Mathewes, together with an adjacent close called Lower close, to hold for the natural life of Thomas and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. Provided that if Mathewes pays Packer £21 at the shop of Walter Parry of Cheltenham mercer on 5 Apr. next without deceit or delay, the grant is void. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 81] Wills v Packer: Richard Wills alias Willys in person comes and complains against Toby Packer in a plea of land, namely a messuage and 3 a. of land in Cheltenham and makes protestation to continue his suit in the form of a royal writ of Ingress super disseisinam in le quibus at common law, and seeks proceedings to be made according to manorial custom etc. And he finds pledges for prosecuting this complaint, namely John Doe and Richard Roe. Richard Wills alias Willys in person then says he himself was seised of the said tenement in his own right by feoff and law according to custom of this manor during the now king's peace, taking from it profits to the value of etc. And of which the said Toby has unlawfully and without justice dispossessed the said Richard Wills alias Willys within the last 30 years. Therefore brings forward his suit.

Order: Upon which Richard Banaster gent. bailiff of the manor and servant of this court is ordered to issue a good summons to said Toby Packer to be at next court held here to reply to Wills alias Willys in the said plea, and then to have the names and this order. Therefore a day is given etc. Toby Packer in person comes, and willingly brings himself to answer to Wills in the said plea. Pledges John Doe and Richard Roe. Packer seeks licence to imparl at next court etc.; a day is given etc.

Ruling: And afterwards at this court it is ordered by the steward with the assent of Richard and Toby that trial be had in the said court without delay etc

Sequestration: upon which the bailiff, Richard Banaster gent., is ordered in accordance with the court's ruling to take possession of the said tenements and to safeguard their profits and fruits, until he should have a [further] order, etc.

[f. 81v, f. 82 blank]

[f. 82v] **Cheltenham. Hundred court etc.; plea held there before Henry Norwood chief steward 5 October 8 James.**

Li[cence to] con[tinue]: Dispute between Thomas Fynch and Walter Fox in a plea of taking etc.

Cont: Robert Gale pl. v John Dowdeswell at al. in a plea of trespass etc. Robert in person pleads that John Dowdeswell, Humphrey Harris, John Kematt, John Bracegirdle, James Hickes, Thomas Arthur and Giles Clerke on 8 June 8 James with force and arms etc. namely mattock (*ligon'*) and hoe (*biden'*)¹⁵ and other instruments of both iron and wood broke the close of Robert at Charlton Kings and dug the soil there and threw up earth and stones, by which Robert was deprived for a long time of the profit of his land, and other outrage brought him, causing grave damage to him, and against the peace etc. He says that he is the worse to the value of £10, and therefore advances his suit etc. Defs. seek licence to imparl at next court, and a day is given.

Peremptory licence to imparl: Giles Mathewes def. at suit of John Edwards gent. in a plea of taking etc., has li lo at this court, and now to next court peremptorily, etc.

¹⁵ bidentis, 'a hoe with two crooked teeth': Notre Dame online Latin Dictionary

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Judgement; upon default: Joan who was wife of Richard Lane placed herself against William Hilton gent. in a plea of one-third part of 4 a. land with appurtenances in Alstone, which Jane in this court claims as her dower, in a plea of dower. [Defendant] did not come, and makes default in that he was summoned at the last court etc., when the bailiff was ordered to take the third into the hands of the lord, [to record] the day of taking, and to properly summon William Hilton to be here at this court, etc. Bailiff now testifies as to the day of taking etc., and that the summons etc. Therefore now agreed that Joan is to recover her seisin in the third by his default. Hilton is in mercy, and bailiff to restore seisin to Joan.

Licence to agree: Reginald Milton pl. v Thomas Gregory of Arle in a plea of trespass etc. Def. appears in person. Agreement.

Affeerers: Robert Hawthorne, John Mason, sworn

Fines, profits and amercements this court: 10s. 7d., of which relief 3d.

[f. 83] **Cheltenham. Court baron of William Norwood esq., held Friday 23 November 8 James by John Stubbe understeward**

Essoins: Robert Packer, Andrew Gale, Thomas Gregory, John Smyth, Richard Strowde, Richard Hayward per Edm? Dennys.

Homage:

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| John Packer | Richard Rogers |
| Thomas Cartwright | Robert Milton |
| Samuel Rudgedall (sick) | Richard Strawford |
| John Whithorne | Geoffrey Tuffley |
| Robert Machin | Thomas Sturny |
| William Cliveley | John Milles (died) <i>sworn</i> |

Wills v Packer: Richard Wills alias Willys comes and places himself against Toby Packer in a plea of land etc. Toby per William Harberts attorney comes and defends his right when etc., and says that he did not deprive Richard of the said tenement as he has alleged in his statement; therefore places himself upon the country.¹⁶ Therefore a day is given etc.

Free tenants making default: William <12d.> Ligon kt, James <12d.> Clifford, Giles <4d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <4d.> Machin gent., and Thomas <4d.> Cox owe suit of court, therefore in mercy as shown.

Tenants in base tenure making default: Roger <2d.> Holder, Thomas <died> Hawkins, John <2d.> Powell, Walter <2d.> Lane, Michael <2d.> Gooderich, Walter <2d.> Pate, Edward <2d.> Gooderiche and George <comp.> Knight owe suit of court, therefore in mercy as shown.

Homage is given a day until next court for better enquiring etc. [no subject stated]

Grant: John Whithorne tenant in base tenure in person grants to Robert Grindle all his customary lands in Charlton Kings, namely a close of arable land called the Croft, another close of arable called

¹⁶ In the text 'super assaiam', but 'p[at]riam' is written above, and a marginal note appears to suggest the change has been suggested by a Mr Bridgeman (not yet further identified).

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Little Hey, a close of pasture called Beanehey, a close of arable called Highbreache, and all lands in the common fields of Knavenhil field, Lower field, Lye and Hencroft (excepting all woods and underwoods other than sufficient for hedge repair), to hold from feast of All Saints Day last for the term of Whithorne's life and 12 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. Provided that if Whithorne pays Grindle £55 at feast of All Saints next at Grindle's house in Charlton Kings, then the grant is void. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 83v] Grant: Richard Rogers tenant in base tenure in person grant to John Gally 1 a. arable with appurtenances next to the Marsh, to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Richard Rogers tenant in base tenure in person grants to John Ashmeade 1 a. meadow in Whaddon, between land of Richard Gardner W and Giles Mathewes E, to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years; Ashmeade not to plough the land during the term. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Thomas Wager and John Whithorne 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Richard Stubbe tenant in base tenure granted to Thomas Stubbe his mansion house in which the said Thomas now lives, a stable, 2 barns with adjacent backside, 2 closes of pasture, 3 a. arable land and 2 a. pasture in Whaddon (excepting for Richard the lops and all trees growing in the further close, with right of entry etc. to remove them), to hold from last Michaelmas for a term of 12 years. Rendering to Richard £4 annually at Lady Day and Michaelmas in equal portions; Thomas to keep all premises in good repair, with Richard furnishing large timbers. Provided nevertheless that if Thomas moves away outside the said house and lives in any other place, or fails to pay the £4 within 10 days of the due date, then Richard may re-enter the premises and repossess. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: afterwards Wager and Whithorne swear that Richard Stubbe granted to his brother John Stubbe a mansion house, stable, half a barn with adjacent backside, 2 closes of pasture, 3 a. arable and a ½ a. of meadow in Cheltenham, now in the occupation of Thomas Stubbe, and all the yearly rent of £4

[f. 84] from these premises, to hold from Michaelmas last and for a term of 6 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Thomas Wager and John Whithorne 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Richard Stubbe tenant in base tenure granted to his brother John Stubbe a mansion house, half a barn with its garden now in the occupation of Edward Budding in Cheltenham, also its yearly rent of 33s. 8d., to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Robert Yarneton and John Mason 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewe tenant in base tenure granted to William Gregory of Arle 4 broad butts lying in Barbridge field now in the occupation of Thomas Gregory, to hold from Michaelmas last for the lifetime of Thomas Mathewe and a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. Provided nevertheless that if Mathewes pays Gregory 40s. before 16 Oct. next, the grant is void. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: William Gregory and John Maries 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to Robert Bycke senior the following parcels of arable land, namely half a piece of arable land called Natpaddock; 1 'rewe' of arable in White Clay in Rewen field; another 'rewe' shooting on the middle of Wheate furse; another selion shooting on Grenley hedge; a 'rewe' and two half-rewes lying under the hill in Hill field (except lop and shred), to hold from Michaelmas next for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

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Grant: William Gregory and Geoffrey Tuffley 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Robert Bycke tenant in base tenure granted to John Sturmy 6 a. of arable land in Cheltenham Lower field, of which 2 shoot upon the end of closes belonging to Walter Gregory and John Ashemeade, 1 ½ a. are in Sower furlong shooting on Spencers leynes, 1 a. shoots upon a close of Anthony Greeneway, 1 a. adjoins a close called Mardins leasow, and one capital selion lies at Short Hedge; also the yearly rent of £3, to hold from next Michaelmas for a term of 3 years; Sturmy to hold further from Michaelmas 1614 for a term of 9 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

[f. 84v] Thomas Sturmy and John Maries 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to John Sturmy a close called Old Paddocke in Hassords field between a close of Thomas Barnes S and the lane there N; 3 selions in Sandfield near Arle pales, 3 selions in Coversteed, 1 rewe lying on the hill on the E side of selion of Thomas Sturmy, 4 selions in Rewen field shooting on a close of Robert Eckley (common pasture and all annual fruits from any trees growing there excepted), to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. Mathewes to supply 'tynnett'¹⁷ for hedge repair, taken within Alstone tithing. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Richard Rogers and John Maries 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Thomas Mathewes tenant in base tenure granted to William Gregory of Uckington, Glos., his close called Highcrofte in Arle, and 2 a. in Sandfield in Alstone, all now in tenure of William Gregory, to hold from this date for the lifetime of Mathewes and 12 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Richard Pates gent. bailiff of the borough, with Thomas Parry and Robert Cox burgesses, presents that Thomas Tuffley burgess granted to Thomas Cox a half-burgage with appurtenances in Cheltenham lying between land of Thomas Cartwright and others in Charlton Kings E, and land of Robert Cox W, to hold in accordance with custom etc., whereupon falls to the lord relief of 18d. according to true yearly rent. Thomas makes fealty and is admitted burgess. For enrolment, 4d.

Afterwards, Thomas Cox burgess comes in person and presents that he has granted to Richard Pates gent. bailiff of the borough, in the presence of Thomas Parry and Robert Cox burgesses [the same property] for the use of Thomas Cox for his lifetime and after to the use of his son John Cox. Relief 18d. Thomas makes fealty and is admitted burgess. For enrolment, 4d.

Richard Pates gent. bailiff of the borough, with Thomas Fynche and Richard Fynch burgesses, swears that Richard Kemys burgess granted to Richard Cox a half-burgage on the S side of Cheltenham between land of Thomas Butler E and land of Walter Arcoll W,

[f.85] whereupon fell to the lord relief 14d., according to true yearly rent. ~~Richard makes fealty and is admitted burgess.~~ For enrolment, 4d. [In a cramped marginal note, bailiff and burgesses attest that the grant was by way of mortgage, that Richard has died, that the principal was (re)paid before fealty could be made, and that the mortgage is excused.]

Grant: Thomas Jones tenant in base tenure in person grants to Anthony Greeneway a close called Hobbes meade in Cheltenham, and 6 selions arable land (2 a.) in Sandfield in Alstone, to hold from 22 Nov. next for Jones's lifetime and a term of 12 years thereafter. Rendering nothing because already paid. Provided that if Jones pays Greeneway £11 on 24 Nov. 1611 at the dwelling house of Greeneway in Cheltenham, the grant is void. For enrolment, 4d.

¹⁷ Tinet: brushwood and thorns used to repair hedges (Jacob, NLD)

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Grant: Richard Pates, gent., bailiff of the borough, with Thomas Barnes and John Hall burgesses, swear that Robert Bycke granted to Edward Dutson and Robert Newman a burgage and a half-burgage on the S side of the lower end of the town of Cheltenham, as appears in the record of a court baron of this manor held 6 June 7 James; now Robert Newman, for a certain price paid to him by Edward Dutson, grants and releases to Dutson all interest in the premises. Relief 2s. 6d. Edward makes fealty and is admitted. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: John Packer and Richard Gardner 2 tenants in base tenure sear that Thomas Mathewe granted to John Maries jun. a meadow in Alstone meade now in the occupation of John Sturmy (common pasture excepted), to hold from the end of a previous grant made to John Sturmy, for a term of 6 years. Rendering nthing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

View: Thomas Cartwright, John Whithorne, Richard Strawford and William Cliveley sworn and appointed to take a view of hedge between land of Robert Machin called Rowell and land of William Ruggedall shooting upon the same; also of 2 other hedges between land of Robert and William called Shepehouse close and Richoll Croft, and to place markers in the due places and present to next court. On pain of 3s. 4d. for default.

Affeerers: Robert Hawthorne, John Mason, sworn. Fines, profits and amercements this court: 15s. 8d., of which reliefs 6s. 8d.

[f. 85v] **Cheltenham. Pleas at court of hundred held the same day and year [Friday 23 November 8 James] before J. S. understeward and Richard Banaster gent. chief bailiff**

Continuation: Dispute between Robert Gale pl. and John Dowdeswell et al defs., continued to next court.

Judgement upon default: Giles Mathewes was summoned to reply to John Edwards gent. in a plea of why on 10 June 8 James at Cheltenham in a place called Laveram he took a gelding of John Edwards and unlawfully detained it against pledges etc. Giles came in person and sought licence to imparl at next court; [however,] being solemnly exacted he does not come but makes default. Therefore agreed etc.

Robert Bycke pl. v Robert Hamans in a plea of trespass.

Lane v Hilton, execution: bailiff is ordered to make full seisin for the said Joan, etc.

[f. 86] jpg840 **Cheltenham. Court baron of William Norwood esq. farmer held feast of St Thomas Apostle [21 December] 8 James [1610] by John Stubbe understeward.**

Essoins: Richard Gardner, Robert Hawthorne, Thomas George, Reginald Milton, John Milles, Richard White, Thomas Major alias Humfries, George Knight, Thomas Parry and Walter Parry per Edward Dennys.

Further day for better enquiring: On this day the homage namely John Packer, Thomas Cartwright, Samuel Ruggedall, John Whithorne, Robert Machin, Richard Rogers, Robert Milton, Richard Strawford, Geoffrey Tuffley and Thomas Sturmy, being exacted came. John Milles essoined de mal' veniend and William Cliveley did not have a summons. Whereupon a day is given them for better enquiring, towards next court etc.

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Wills v Packer: Said Richard comes in person pl., Toby per his attorney, upon which a last days is given at next court, etc.

Default of tenants: Memo that William <12d.> Ligon kt, James <12d.> Clifford esq., Giles <3d.> Grevill gent., Thomas <3?d.> Machin, Robert <-> Packer, Robert <4d.> Bycke jun., Walter <6d.> Mason, Thomas <3d.> Cox, Thomas <2?d.> Horwood, William <-> Whithorne jun., Walter <2d.> Pate and Edward <4?d.> Gooderich owe suit of court and [therefore in mercy as shown].

Grant: William Gregory and Thomas Hawkins 2 tenants in base tenure swear that Robert Bycke tenant in base tenure granted to William Bycke, John Packer and James Bycke his messuage with all lands etc. in Cheltenham and elsewhere within the manor, to hold without impeachment of waste to hold from this date for the lifetime of Robert and a term of 12 years thereafter, with all customary obligations. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant; afterwards Robert Bycke comes in person and surrenders for the use of his younger son William Bycke [the same premises], whereupon falls due to the lord a heriot of best beast, compounded as 20s. Fine 9s. 2d., being twice the yearly rent. William is admitted tenant but fealty respited until 'etc' [presumably: reaches full age]. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Whereas Robert Bycke earlier at this court granted William Bycke, John Packer and James Bycke [the above premises for the term stated] and then surrendered to his younger son, now come Bycke, Packer and Bycke in person and regrant and assign the said premises to Robert Bycke,

[f. 86v] who indemnifies them against any customary due or service in respect of the premises. For enrolment, 4d.

Burgage grant: William Gregory burgess in person grants to Thomas Howman a whole burgage or tenement in Cheltenham, between house of John White E and of Joan Clyfford spinster W, to hold from Michaelmas last for a term of 20 years. Rendering yearly 46s. 8d. at Lady Day and Michaelmas in equal portions. Howman to keep house and hedges in good repair.. If rent unpaid by 14 days of due date, Gregory may repossess. For enrolment, 4d.

Grant: Thomas Mathewe tenant in base tenure in person grants to William Grgeory 2 'rewes' in Haydon Hill field between lands of John Packer on both sides and shooting E-W on Smale meade, to hold from Michaelmas 1615 for a term of 12 years. Rendering nothing because already paid. For enrolment, 4d.

Copy of chancery decree: To this court comes Mary daughter of Anthony Machin and produces a copy of a decree in chancery between Toby Machin pl. and Isabell Machin widow def., to be placed on file etc.

Affeerers: Robert Hawthorne and John Mason, sworn.

Fines profits and amercements this court, 35s. 6d., of which heriot 20s. and fines 9s. 2d.

[f. 87] **Cheltenham. Pleas at hundred court held on feast of St Thomas apostle same year, before J S understeward and Richard Banaster gent., bailiff**

Gale v Dowdeswell et al: Dispute between Robert Gale pl. and John Dowdeswell et al. defs. in plea of trespass, to be continued to next etc.

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Cont.: Robert Bycke pl. v Robert Hamans in plea of trespass, licence to continue.

Return of order to make seisin: at this court the bailiff Richard Banaster gent. was ordered by virtue of an order addressed to him to have made seisin of a one-third part of 4 a. of land with appurtenances in Alstone within [this manor] etc. Joan who was wife of Richard Lane, by the default of Richard Hilton 21 Dec. in the said year, is to have full seisin of the one-third part of the said 4 a., namely all that one-third part now containing 7 selions next to a certain hedge on the E side, Joan to hold in severalty with metes and bounds, as her dowry.

Edwards v Mathewes, jury summoned: Giles Mathewes was summoned to reply to John Edwards in plea of why he etc. a gelding etc. Giles seeks licence to imparl and after makes default; upon which it is agreed etc. But because it is not known what damages etc. Therefore bailiff is ordered to summon 12 to enquire, etc.

Robert Mansell alias Alixander pl. v Edward Hall and John Flucke in a plea of trespass. And finds pledges John Do and Richard Ro.

[piece continues to 1611]