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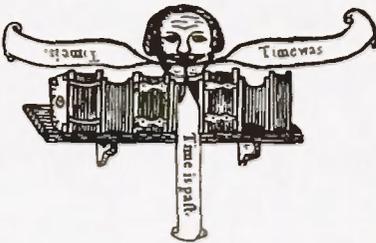
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Records of Early English Drama

The aim of *Records of Early English Drama* (REED) is to find, transcribe, and publish external evidence of dramatic, ceremonial, and minstrel activity in Great Britain before 1642. The executive editor would be grateful for comments on and corrections to the present volume and for having any relevant additional material drawn to her attention.

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As a REED editor sits in record offices with heaps of documents awaiting attention, Alps on Alps arising, he or she may muse about metaphors to describe the labours past and labours yet to come. At one stage I likened the research to coal-mining – solitary, endless, and often grimy labour at the coal face. But as my research developed over the years I happened upon a happier and more accurate metaphor: long-distance sailing. I set out upon this adventurous and challenging voyage in 1979, launched by my long-time friend and staunch academic colleague, Alexandra Johnston, director of the REED project. I value her friendship, encouragement, and advice more than words can say; we have had some exciting times keeping the Shropshire project (and the REED project itself) afloat and moving forward, and I am deeply grateful for her loyalty, enthusiasm, and inspiration. All who have been associated with REED well appreciate that the project owes an incalculable debt of gratitude to Prudence Tracy, whose death in 1993 saddened us immensely. Prudence acted for many years as the University of Toronto Press representative at REED, and her wise counsel was invaluable. I personally profited from her advice as I negotiated the tricky shoals of grant applications and other negotiations and I mark her passing with deep regret.

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The first persons encountered during a REED project are the archivists and librarians under whose care the documents and other materials are preserved. As I acknowledge later in discussing

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Symbols

| | | | |
|---------|--|-----|---|
| BL | British Library | PRO | Public Record Office |
| Bodl. | Bodleian Library | SCO | Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Office |
| HRO | Hereford Record Office | SRO | Shropshire Record Office |
| LSL | Local Studies Library | SSL | Shrewsbury School Library |
| NLW | National Library of Wales | | |
| A | Antiquarian Compilation | | |
| AC | Antiquarian Collection | | |
| AR | Antiquarian Reminiscences | | |
| CPR | <i>Calendar of Patent Rolls</i> | | |
| [EN] | Endnote material | | |
| OED | <i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> | | |
| REED | Records of Early English Drama | | |
| STC | A.W. Pollard and G.R. Redgrave (comps), <i>Short-Title Catalogue ... 1475–1640</i> | | |
| TSANHS | <i>Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological and Natural History Society</i> | | |
| TSAS | <i>Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society</i> | | |
| VCH | <i>The Victoria County History of the Counties of England</i> | | |
| Wing | D.G. Wing (comp), <i>Short Title Catalogue ... 1641–1700</i> | | |
| * | (after folio, page, membrane, or sheet number) see endnote | | |
| <...> | lost or illegible letters in the original | | |
| [] | cancellation in the original | | |
| (blank) | a blank in the original where writing would be expected | | |
| ° ° | matter in the original added in another hand | | |
| ⌈ ⌋ | interlineation above the line | | |
| ⌊ ⌋ | interlineation below the line | | |
| ^ | caret mark in the original | | |
| ... | ellipsis of original matter | | |
| | change of folio, membrane, sheet, or page in passages of continuous prose | | |
| Ⓜ | right-hand marginale | | |
| † | marginale too long for the left-hand margin | | |

Dioceses

DIOCESE OF COVENTRY AND LICHFIELD

1584

Articles of Enquiry of Bishop William Overton *STC: 10224*

sig A3v

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...

19 Whether the Minister or Churchwardens haue suffered anye Lordes of Misrule, or Sommer Lords or Ladies, or any disguised persons, or Morisedancers, or others at Christmas, or any time in sommer to come vnreuerently pyping, dauncing, or playing in church or churchyarde, with vnseemely scoffes, iestes, ribauldrie, or at any other place & time, namely in time of deuine Seruice, or Sermons, and what they be that commit such disorders, or accompanie, or maintaine them?

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1609

Articles of Enquiry of Archbishop Richard Bancroft *STC: 10225*

sig B2

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51 Item Whether haue you or your predecessors Church-wardens there suffered since the last parson? any playes, feasts banquets Church-ales, drinkings, or any other prophane vsages to be kept in your church, Chappelles or church yard, or bells to be rung in superstitiously vpon holydaies or daies abrogated by Law

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1610

Articles of Enquiry of Bishop Richard Neile *STC: 10226*

sig A4*

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21 Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, keepe any man or woman in

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their houses, that are suspected to be either of euill religion, or of bad life; or whether he they or any of them incontinent persons themselues, or giuen to drunkennesse, or to be haunters of Tauerns, Alehouses, or suspected places, common Dicers, Carders, Tableplayers, Swearers, Dauncers, or otherwise suspected persons, of any notorious crime, or light and vnseemely behaiour, or giue euill example of life? 5

...

sigs B3–3v*

...

20 Whether the Ministers and Church-wardens haue suffered any Feastes, Banquets, Churchales, or Drinkinges in the Church, or any Lords of Misrule, or Summer Lord or Lady, or any disguised persons: I any Players, or May-games, or any Moris dauncers at any time to come vnreuerently into the Church or Church-yarde, and there to daunce or play, or shew themselues disguised in the time of common prayer, and what they be that commit such disorder, or that accompanied or maintayned them, or any Playes to be played in the Church? 15

...

1620

Articles of Enquiry of Bishop Thomas Morton STC: 10227

sigs B1v–2

...

35 Whether you and the Church-wardens, Quest-men, or Side-men from time to time, doe, and haue done their diligences, in not suffering any idle person to abide either in the Church-yard, or Church-porch, in Seruice or Sermon time, but causing them either to come into the Church to heare diuine Seruice, or to depart, and not disturbe such as be hearers there? And whether haue they, and doe you diligently see the parishioners duly resort to the Church euery Sunday and Holiday, and there to remaine during diuine Seruice I and Sermon? And whether you or your predecessors, Church-wardens there, suffer any Playes, Feasts, Drinkings, or any other prophane vsages, to be kept in your Church, Chappell, or Church-yards, or haue suffered to your and their vttermost power and endeuour, any person or persons to be tippling or drinking in any Inne or Victualing house in your Parish, during the time of diuine Seruice or Sermon, on Sundaies and Holidaiies? 30 35

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13/ any²: Any appears as catchword on sig B3

1632

Articles of Enquiry of Archbishop George Abbot STC: 10227.3

sigs B1–1v

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VI. Touching the Church-wardens and Sidemen. 5

34 VVHether you the Churchwardens, Quest-men, or Sidemen from time to time do & haue done their diligences, in not suffering any idle person to abide either in the Church-yard, or Church-porch in Seruice or Sermon time, but causing them either to come into the Church to heare diuine Seruice, or to depart, & not disturbe such as bee hearers there? And whether haue they, 10 and do you diligently see the l Parishioners duly resort to the Church euery Sunday and Holy-day, and there to remaine during diuine Seruice & Sermon? And whether you or your predecessors Church-wardens there, suffer any Playes, Feasts, Drinkings, or any other prophane vsages, to bee kept in your Church, Chappel or Church yards, or haue suffered to your and their 15 vttermost power and endeauour, any person or persons, to be tippling or drinking in any Inne or Victualling house in your Parish, during the time of diuine Seruice or Sermon, on Sundayes or Holydayes?

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DIOCESE OF HEREFORD

1348

Register of Bishop John Trillek HRO

ff 91–1v* (6 October)

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® Ad
prohibendum
ludos
theatrales fieri
in ecclesiis

¶ Quia iuxta prophete vocem, domum domini decet sanccitudol/ in ea quicquam excerceri non conuenit quod a cultu religionis fuerit alienum. Cum igitur in ludis theatralibus qui interdum in ecclesiis fiunt scurilitas & turpiloquium que ab apostolo nedum in templo domini quod domus oracionis teste saluatore 30 fore & vocari debet/ sed vbilibet simpliciter prohibentur, aliaque ad ludibrium pertinencia, ex quibus corda fidelium qui in locis eisdem attendere debent sacra solempnia & deuotis oracionibus insisterel/ ad inania distrahantur, & deuocio subtrahitur eorundem ut plurimum interuenire dinoscantur/ in diuini nominis offensam, & assistencium seu spectancium perniciosum exemplum? 35 nos huiusmodi abusum prout tenemur iuxta sacrorum canonum sancciones, ne per huiusmodi turpitudinem ecclesie inquinetur honestas? ab ecclesiis nostre diocesis extirpare cupientes/ tibi in virtute sancte obediencie districte precipimus & firmiter iniungendo mandamus quatenus huiusmodi ludos siue interludia in ecclesia de .l. eiusdem nostre diocesis, in qua talia inhonesta frequencius 40

11/ Parishioners: Parishio appears as catchword on sig B1

vt intelleximus fieri solebant *sub interminacione anathematis de cetero studeas prohibere. Quos vero in hac parte contradictores inueneris seu rebelles tanquam diuini officij perturbatores denuncies sentenciam excommunicacionis ipso facto dampnabiliter* | incurrisse, nihilominus eos de quorum nominibus tibi per inquisitionem, quam super hoc per te fieri volumus, constiterit/ cites 5
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 prefigendum quid feceris in premissis per litteras tuas patentes habentes hunc tenorem aliquo sigillo auctentico consignatas./ Datum &c

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1586

Articles of Enquiry of Bishop Herbert Westfaling STC: 10215

sig B1v

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41 Whether any Lords of misrule, dauncers, plaiers, or any other disguised persons do daunce, or play any vnseemly parts in the Church, Church-yard, 20
 or Chappell-yard, or whether are there any playes or common drinking kept in church, or Church-yarde, who maintaine & accompany such?

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1592

Articles of Enquiry of Bishop Herbert Westfaling STC: 10215.5

sig B1v

...

40. Whether the minister and churchwardens haue suffered any lordes of misrule, dancers, plaiers, or any other disguised persons to daunce, or play 30
 any vnseemly partes in the church or church-yarde, chappell or chappell-yarde, if they haue what be the names of such lordes of misrule, dauncers, plaiers &c. And whether are there any plaies or any drinkings kept in any of the said places, who maintaine and accompany such?

...

1634

Articles of Enquiry of Bishop Augustine Lindsell STC: 10216

p 6 (*Concerning church property and furnishings*)

...

7 Whether is your Church or Chappell-yard well fenced, and kept without

abuse: and if not, whose is the default? Hath any person encroached upon the ground of the Church-yard? hath any used that place, consecrated to an holy use, prophanely or wickedly? Hath any quarrelled or stricken one another, either in the Church or Church-yard? Hath any person behaved himself rudely, and disorderly in either, used any filthy or prophane talk, or any other rude or immodest behaviour in them? Have any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Suppers, Church-ales, Drinkings, temporall Courts or Leets, Lay-juries, Musters, or any other prophane usage been suffered to be kept in your Church, Chappell, or Church-yard? Have any annoyed your Church-yard, or the fence thereof, by putting in of cattell, by hanging of clothes, or by laying any dust, dung, or other filthinesse there?

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1635

Articles of Enquiry of Bishop Matthew Wren *stc*: 10217

p 4 (*Concerning church property and furnishings*)

...

7 Whether is your Church-yard or Chappell yard well-fenced, and kept without abuse? and if not, whose is the default? hath any person encroached vpon the Church-yard, by setting vp any kinde of building or fence vpon it, or by opening any doore, gate, or stile into it? hath any vsed that place (consecrated to an holie vse) prophanely or wickedly? hath any quarrelled or stricken one another, either in the Church or Church-yard? hath any person behaved himselfe rudely, and disorderly in either, or vsed any filthy or prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behaiour in them? haue any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Suppers, Church ales, Drinkings, Temporall Courts, or Leets, Lay-iuries, Musters, exercise of dancing, stoole-ball, foot-ball, or the like, or any other prophane vsage, beene suffered to be kept in your Church, Chappell, or Church-yard? Haue any annoied your Church-yard, or the fence thereof, by putting in of chattell, by hanging vp of clothes, or by laying any dust, dung, or other filthiness there? When graues are digged, are the bones of the dead piously vsed, and decently interred againe, and laid vp in some fit place as beseemeth Christians? And is the whole consecrate ground kept free from swine, and all other nastinesse?

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1639

Articles of Enquiry of Archdeacon Morgan Goodwyn *stc*: 10217.5

sigs B2v–3* (*Concerning the conduct of parishioners*)

...

17 Whether any person in your Parish do exercise any trade or labour, buy or sell, or keepe open Shops or Ware-houses upon any Sundaie or Holy-day,

by themselves, their servants, or Apprentises, or have otherwise prophaned the said dayes, contrary to the Orders of the Church of England? And whether | there be any In-keepers, Ale-house-keepers, Victuallers or other Persons, that permit any Persons in their Houses to eate, drinke, or play, during the time of Divine Service or Sermon, or reading the Homilies, in the forenoone or afternoone upon those dayes? 5

...

sig B3v (*Concerning the conduct of churchwardens and sidesmen*)

...

1 VWhether you, and the Church-wardens, Quest-men, or Side-men from time to time do, and have done their diligence, in not suffering any idle person to abide either in the Church-yard, or Church-porch, in Service or Sermon time, but causing them either to come into the Church to heare Divine Service, or to depart, and not to disturbe such as be hearers there? 10
And whether they have, and you do diligently see the Parishioners duly resort to the Church every Sunday and Holy-day, and there to remaine during Divine Service and Sermon? And whether you or your predecessors, Churchwardens there, suffer any Playes, Feasts, Drinkings, or other prophaine usages to bee kept in your Church, Chappell, or Church-yards, or have suffered 20
any person or persons, without restraining them to your and their uttermost power to be tipling or drinking in any Inne or victualling house, in your Parish, during the time of Divine Service and Sermons on Sundays and Holidayes? 25

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1640

Articles of Enquiry of Bishop George Coke STC: 10218

sigs A3–3v* (*Concerning church property and furnishings*)

...

7 Whether is your Church or Chappell-yard well fenced, and kept without abuse and if not whose is the default? hath any person incroached upon the ground of the churchyard? hath any used that place consecrated to an holy use, prophanely or wickedly? Hath any quarrelled or stricken one another, either in the Church or Churchyard? Hath any person behaved himselfe 35
rudely, and disorderly in either, used any filthy | filthy or prophane talk, or any other rude and immodest behaviour in them? Have any playes, Feasts, Banquets, Suppers, Church-ales, Drinkings, temporall Courts or Leets, Lay-juries, Musters, or any other prophane usage been suffered to be kept in your

11/ VWhether: *large initial VV*

36/ filthy | filthy: *ditography; first filthy acts as catchword*

Church, Chappell, or Church-yard? Have any annoyed your Church-yard, or the fence thereof, by putting in of cattell, by hanging of clothes, or by laying any dust, dung, or other filthinesse there? And kept free from Swine, and all other nastinesse?

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Boroughs and Parishes

ACTON SCOTT

1289

Inquest on the Death of Hugh de Weston PRO: C 145/48
single mb* (30 June)

Inquisicio facta die Iouis in crastino *Sancti Petri & Pauli* anno *regni regis*
Edwardi .xvij^o. *per* hos Iuratores subscriptos videlicet. *Rogerum filium*
Stephani de Atton Willelmum filium Rogeri de Stonacton Ricardum filium
Reginaldi de Hatton Willelmum Kete de Hattone Reginaldum Crate de 10
eadem Thomam Russel de Stonacton Ricardum Hamund de eadem Henricum
filium Thome de eadem Ricardum filium Iohannis fabri de Walle Ricardum
filium Willelmi Roberd de Walle Willelmum de le Wode & Ricardum de
Cimiterio de Hope. Ad inquirendum super sacramentum suum vtrum
Iohannes de Quercubus de Scottes Acton rettatus de morte Hugonis de 15
Weston Capellani interfecit eundem Hugonem se defendendo Ita quod mortem
propriam aliter euasisse non potuit an per feloniam aut maliciam excogitatum
nec ne Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod non per feloniam nec
maliciam excogitatum sed se defendendo Ita videlicet quod contigit die 20
Natiuitatis domini post solis occasum anno regni regis .Edwardi. xvj. quod
Ricardus filius Willelmi de Skottesacton tenuit quamdam tabernam in eadem
villa et cum eam tenuit erant quidam [can]tantes ante domum [in] qua taberna
predicta tenebatur. Ita quod Hugo de Weston Capellanus venit transiens per
hostelarium dicti Ricardi filii Willelmi & litigauit cum cantatoribus ibidem 25
astantibus quia immense erat inebriatus et cum certasset vidit dictum
Iohannem de quercubus astantem & cantantem quem quidem Iohannem
aliquantulum odio habebat eo quod bene cantauit & habere voluit amorem
quarumdam mulierum quarum dictus Hugo amorem multum habere affectauit

19–20/ die Natiuitatis ... xvj: 25 December 1287
21/ quamdam: qu written over other letters

22/ erant: small hole follows; no text missing
25/ immense: 6 minims in MS

que ibidem erant prope illos in quodam campo & confestim arripuit quendam
 gladium nudum in manu sua & occurrit ei & ipsum ¹[Iohannem] percussit
 cum dicto Gladio in capite semel secundo tercio & plagam ei dedit immensam
 & eciam amputavit fere duos digitos de manu sinistra et cum percussit dictus
 Iohannes flexis genibus & manibus leuatis petiit pacem dei & domini Regis 5
 Tandem dictus Iohannes videns mortis periculum ¹[sibi] iminere occurrit in
 quendam angulum prope vicum ¹[sub quodam] muro lapideo lapideo &
 extraxit cutellum voluit ipsum defendisse Et predictus Hugo capellanus
 occurrit ei & voluit ipsum occidisse Et predictus Iohannes vidit (...)tem
 propriam euasisse aliter non potuit percussit dictum Hugonem Capellanum 10
 cum dicto cultello in pectore vnde statim post (...) Iohannes occidit dictum
 Hugonem Capellanum se defendendo & aliter non-

ASTON BOTTERELL

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1608

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 142
 f [35]* (8 November)

*Proceedings of the court held before James Bailey, LLD, in the presence of James
 Lawrence, notary public and deputy registrar* 20

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Whethill/

Catherina Iones de eadem/ detecta per Rectorem ibidem, that she she vppon
 the next Sundaie after michellmas last; to be at Evening Praier there to be
 catechised she cam, not but went to a wake to Aston/. quesita in 13 diem 25
 decembris predicti &c ex certificario apparitoris &c vijs et modis in proximum
 &c./ citata per publicum edictum in ecclesia ibidem in xvij. Ianuarij predicti
 &c ex certificario apparitoris &c excommunicata &c/.

Contra eandem

Vppon the xiith of November 1608 being reproved by some of her honest 30
 parishioners for dancing on the Saboath daie and not comming to be
 catechesed; said, I care not for parson Acton toord in his teathe; I will dance
 on the Saboath daie in despite of him even at his nose./

7/ lapideo lapideo: *dittography*8/ cutellum: *for cultellum*9/ (...)tem: *lower left corner torn; 10mm of text lost, probably quod mortem*11/ (...): *lower left corner torn; 25mm of text lost*23/ she she: *dittography*24/ next Sundaie ... last: *2 October 1608*

BISHOPS CASTLE

1606

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 129
pp 308–9 (31 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Clun deanery before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general of Robert Bennett, bishop of Hereford

...

Andreas Mason detectus that he keepeth these persons drinckinge in his howse at prayer tyme vpon a Saboth day two strange minstrelles ffranciscus More Edward ap Iohn & Iohn Madox

°ad gratiam! *°Citatus &c excommunicatus!* &c [vltimo die Martij 1607 comparuit]° |

°ad gratiam! ffranciscus More detectus that he did drincke in an Alehowse vpon a Saboth day at prayer tyme *°Citatus &c excommunicatus &c Quo die dominus decreuit vt supra/ xxij die Iulij 1607 comparuit et reseruata est &c Et dominus ipsum dimisit sub admonicione &c°*

Edwardus ap Iohn pro *Consimili* *°Citatus &c excommunicatus &c Quo die similiter vt supra/°*

Iohannes Madox pro *Consimili* *°[Citatus] Citatus &c in xix diem Novembris predicti &c excommunicatus!* Quo die similiter vt supra/°

dimissio Thomas Bird pro *Consimili* *°xxx° die Martij 1607 comparuit et dominus ipsum cum admonitione dimisit°*

Hugo Watters detectus that he did keepe minstrelles and dauncinge vpon a Saboth day at the tyme of divyne service at Eveninge *°quesitus &c. Citatus &c in xix diem Novembris predicti &c excommunicatus!* Quo die similiter vt supra/°

BITTERLEY

1606

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 129
p 145*

...

ffranciscus Smithes de Snitton *parochie predictae* for keeping dauncing in his howse die *dominico*, &c aboutes a fortnight last past [pu] intimated the [16]

14 of October 1606: vocetur ad *respondendum* et ad *specificandum nomina delinquentium* &c penultimo Octobris 1606. *comparuit* et *negavit* that there was noe dauncing in his howse but at his howse and by 2^r or 3^r of humfry Coundleys maides of the same Vnde *dimissus*

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p 240* (30 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general of Robert Bennett, bishop of Hereford, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public and deputy registrar

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Cayneham
° *debet feodum* °
Nicholas [^][°Dauies°] *servant* to Elinor Berrie de *eadem* for dauncing on the saboath daie in the parish of Bitterley °18 *Novembris* *comparuit* et *respondet* ° the dauncinge was in ° ffrancis Smithes howse [°*presente*°] Iohn Prince [Bridget Hare] Elizabeth Prince and Ann Price Gerge Chese °

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ad *graciam*
dimissio
Bitterley
Iohn watkis of the same *pro simili Citatus per Apparitorem preconizatus non comparuit*

Thomas walker de Snitton *pro simili comparuit* [fatetur] et *cum admonitione dimittitur*

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Citatus in proximum
Iohannes Prince of ledwich *parochie* de Ludford *pro simili quesitus citatus in xviii decembris predicti &c non comparuit &c excommunicatus*

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dimissio
Bridget hare [of] *servant* to Humfrie Coundler *pro simili* dimittitur

BRIDGNORTH

c 1305–15

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Inquest on the Death of William de Baveney PRO: C 145/67/20
single mb* (5 December)

Inquisicio facta die Iouis die Comitatus salopescire In vigilia Beati Nicholai coram vicecomite & custodibus placitorum Corone eiusdem Comitatus de Morte Willelmi de Balbeneye apud Bruges interfecti per hos subscriptos .videlicet. Rogerum sperrenghose Willelmum de ceperleton milites Henricum de morfeld Hugonem de Dodemonston Philippum de Beckeburr' Adam Huberd Oliuerum fratrem suum Hugonem de Wlonkeslowe Philippum de Eggedon Iohannem Conseyl Ranulphum de Harpecote Robertum de Doditon

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3–4/ was noe ... *dimissus*. continued in left margin

Qui dicunt super eorum sacramentum quod cum quidem homines de terra domini Rogeri de Mortuo mari venerunt apud Bruges die Beati Iacobi Apostoli ad quandam carolam causa Ludendi Quedam contencio mota fuit inter predictos homines & homines de villa de Bruges Inter quos predictus Willelmus de Balbeneye percussit Rogerum Husse in capite & ab eo sanguinem 5 extraxit & predictus Rogerus statim adiuit Walterum filium Willelmi de Phenes qui tunc erat Constabularius eiusdem ville & bailliuus Hundredi de Stottesdon faciendo grauem inde querimoniam petens sibi Iusticiam exhiberi qui dictus Walterus surexit & Iuit cum dicto Rogero & inuenit homines quam plures extra muros de Bruges versus villam sagittantes & homines predicte 10 ville minantes & dictus Walterus qui erat bailliuus per predictam querimoniam peciit ab eisdem plegios standi recto. qui noluerunt set predictus Willelmus de Balbeneye insultum fecit predicto Waltero & ipsum cepit per humeros & prostrauit ad pedes suos bis semel bis ter & cum quarto ipsum prostrare 15 voluerit predictus Walterus quandam haccam de poco arripuit & predictum Willelmum de Balbeneye causa fugiendi ab eo cum alacritate euadere non potuit percussit in gargeta Ita quod obiit. In huius rei testimonium predicti Iuratores huic Inquisicioni sigilla sua apposuerunt.

1501–2

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Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 100* (2 January–1 January) (Payments)

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| | | |
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| Item for berynge the lyh ³ te on corpus christi day | ij s. iij d. | 25 |
| Item payd to the mynstrell and berynge the baner | vij d. | |
| Item for breke faste on corpus christi day | xv d. | |
| Item for a stryke whete | vij d. | |
| Item savorcorne clowys and mace to the kakys | iiij d. ob. | |
| Item for bottur to kakys | iiij d. | 30 |
| Item for mowtton to sopper | xij d. | |
| Item for xij chekyns | xij d. | |
| Item for bakynge the bredd and kakys | ij d. | |
| Item for wood to dyh ³ tte soppere thys ij tymys | iiij d. | |
| Item for xvj galons ale | xvj d. | 35 |

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2–3/ die ... Apostoli: 25 July

14/ bis ... bis: first bis redundant

25/ corpus christi day: 10 June 1501

1502-3

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 100v* (2 January-1 January) (Payments)

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| ... | | 5 |
| Item spende at the fest of Corpus christityd a stryk of whet | xv d. | |
| Item the bakynge therof | j d. | |
| Item spicys & butter to the Cakys [^] & to supper ¹ | vj d. | |
| Item xvj Galluzs ale | ij s. | |
| Item payd for flesche | ix d. | 10 |
| Item payd for Bred to Breckfast | iiij d. | |
| Item payd for the beryng of the lyht | [xviiij d.] xx d. | |
| Item payd to the mynstrell | iiij d. | |
| Item payd for wod for dy3ting the breckfast & soper | v d. | |
| Item [^] payd for xij ¹ Chekyns the price | xij d. | 15 |
| Item payd for v shuldurs Motuz and a brest & a | | |
| Cost of the same | xij d. | |
| Item for Costardys with othyr thyngys | ix d. | |
| ... | | 20 |

1503-4

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 101 (2 January-1 January) (Payments and receipts)

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| ... | | 25 |
| Item payd for a stryke and di. whett | xx d. | |
| Item payd for [xvj] [xviiij ¹] Galluzs ale the price | xxj d. | |
| Item payd for Motuz | xx d. | |
| Item payd for a quarter of vell | vij d. | |
| Item payd for [^] [xij ¹] Chekyns [xij] | xij d. | 30 |
| Item payd for spice for the kakys & for sopper & Breckfast | viiij d. | |
| Item payd for Buttur for the Chekyns & to the kakys | iiij d. | |
| Item for Bakynge of Bred and Kakys | ij d. | |
| Item for makynge of the Custardys & Creyme & Reyssyngys to the Same ¹ & suger ¹ | v d. | 35 |
| Item payd for fyre to dy3t your Breckffast & soper | v d. | |
| Item Reyssyngys | j d. | |
| Item payd for the Beryng of the ly3t on Corpus christi day | ij s. ij d. | |
| Item payd to the mynstrell and for his dyner | vj d. | |

6/ fest ... christityd: 26 May 1502

16/ shuldurs: ut written out and also indicated by abbreviation mark

38/ Corpus christi day: 15 June 1503

Item *payd* to the *mynsterellys* at *soper* iiiij d.

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1506–7

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 102v* (2 January–1 January) (*Payments and receipts*)

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| Item for berryng the lyh ₃ tt and a <i>mynsterell</i> on <i>corpus christi</i> day | <...> | |
| Item for ij stryke whett | xx d. | 10 |
| Item for xvij galons ale price | x<...> | |
| Item for iiiij scheldurs motten and a quoste | x<...> | |
| Item for a legge velle | <...> | |
| Item for xij chekyns | x<...> | |
| Item for a lambe | x<...> | 15 |
| Item for butter | iiij (<...>) | |
| Item for spyce | ij (<...>) | |
| Item for sugere and for chese | <...> | |
| Item for woode and <i>seruanttes</i> | <...> | |

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1508–9

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 103v* (2 January–1 January) (*Expenses and receipts*)

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| Item for beryng the lyh ₃ t and the baner | ij<...> | |
| Item <i>payde</i> to the <i>mynsterelle</i> | v<...> | |

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1511–12

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 105v (2 January–1 January) (*Expenses and receipts*)

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| Item <i>ffor</i> beryng the lyh ₃ tt and the baner on <i>corpus christi</i> day | ij<...> | |
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and the
mynstrelle

9/ *corpus christi* day: 11 June 1506

9/ <...>: sums on f102v partly illegible due to tight binding

18/ for²: written over illegible letters

27/ ij<...>: sums on f103v partly illegible due to tight binding

36/ *corpus christi* day: 19 June 1511

36/ ij<...>: sums on f105v partly illegible due to tight binding

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| <i>Item</i> ffor v li. wax to make ij torchys | ijj s. | |
| ... | | |
| <i>Item</i> payde ffor makyng of the ij new torchys | vijj d. | |
| <i>Item</i> for vij li. wax to pez and schotte | iiij s viij (.) | |
| <i>Item</i> for iiij li. wax to cope the torchys | ij s. viij (.) | 5 |
| ... | | |
| <i>Item</i> payde to Iohn degerē ffor schettyng of xij torchys | x (...) | |
| <i>Item</i> ffor coping of iiij torchys to the same Iohn | iiij d. | |
| <i>Item</i> spend vppon a barrege when we made the torchys | (...) | |
| <i>Item</i> payde ffor a quart and a half of rosen to the torchys | xx (.) | 10 |
| <i>Item</i> payde ffor pake thredde to bynde the torchys when there pesyde | ij d. | |
| ... | | |

1514–15

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Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 106v* (2 January–1 January) (*Payments and receipts*)

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| <i>Item</i> payd for the beryng of the lyzt and the baner with the mynstrell | ij s. j d. | 20 |
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1515–17

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

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Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 107* (2 January–1 January) (*Payments and receipts*)

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| <i>Item</i> payd for the beryng of the lyzt | ij s. vj d. | |
| <i>Item</i> payd to ij mynstrellys | vj d. | 30 |

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1540–1

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 44* (2 January–1 January) (*Payments*)

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| <i>Item</i> paid for berryng xiiij torchis on Corppus Crystis day | xiiij d. | |
| <i>Item</i> paid for beryng our bannar | ij d. | |
| <i>Item</i> paid to our Mynsterelles for his peyns taking | [vj d.] ij d. | 40 |

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f 44v*

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | The ere of rorde 154 | |
| Memorandum paid on Corpus | Crysty day for Carreche the lyght and the banar Item the Mynstorell | xj d. ij d. 5 |
| Item paid on Corpus | Crysty day for Carreche the lyght and the bannar Item to the Mynstorells | xij d. iiij d. |
| | ... | |
| | 1543–4 | 10 |
| | <i>Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book</i> | |
| | Mercers' Company of London Archives f 45v (2 January–1 January) (Payments) | |
| Memorandum on Corpus Crysty day | the ere of our lorde 1543 Item for Carreche of the bannar Item for vij torges Item to the Mynstorell Item paid for a Man to wate Apon Thomas Whord and Ihon tayllar balliffes Item paid for A harnes Man in fowke leis Tyme and thomas bettertons being balliffes | 15 ij d. vij d. ij d. vij d. 20 vj d. |
| | ... | |
| | 1544–5 | 25 |
| | <i>Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book</i> | |
| | Mercers' Company of London Archives f 45v (2 January–1 January) (Payments) | |
| | ... | |
| Memorandum on Corpus Crysty day | the ere of our lorde god 1544 Item for Carreche of the bannar and iiij torchis Item for watares [°daw lees°] pleying before the sacroment | 30 vj d. ij d. |
| | ... | |
| | 1551–2 | 35 |
| | <i>Chamberlain's Accounts</i> SRO: 4000/F/1/1 | |
| | single mb (2 January–1 January) (Allowances) | |
| | ... | |
| | ...Et de xx d. to the pleyers at the commaund of master ballyffes... | |

3/ rorde: for our lorde (?)
3/ 154: for 1540

16–17m/ Corpus Crysty day: 24 May 1543
31–2m/ Corpus Crysty day: 12 June 1544

...Et de v s. to the kynges mynstrelles At the commaund of *master ballyffes*...

...

1570–1

Great Leet Book SRO: 4001/J/5, No. 2

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f 629* (2 January–1 January) (*Decision of 2 January assembly*)

...

At *which daie* it is concorded and agreed aswell by the bailiffes and xxiiij Aldermen as also by the comburgesses that no playars or Berwardes shalbe receved vpon the Townes chardges, but if any will see the same Plaies or Bere baytinges, the same most be vpon there owne costes & chardges And that Richard May from hensforth shall receave no money of the Towne for instructing of the children, but onlie xl s. out of the vsshers stipend

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1587–8

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 31v (2 January–1 January) (*Payments after 31 March*)

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paid the mynstrells at pyples

viiij d.

1588–9

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/7

mb 5* (2 January–1 January) (*Allowances for 25 April–1 January*)

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...

...Item paied at Roger Harleis by the commaundment of *master bailiffes* vpon them *which* plaied Robin Hood ii s. vj d....

...

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1590–1

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/9

mb 3* (2 January–1 January) (*Allowances*)

...

...Item bestowed vpon the *Queenes* players at the dauncinge on the Rop by debenter x s....

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1592-3

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 36* (2 January-1 January) (Payments)

...

paid ffor charge of our soper bred & drinke ix s. and paid
the plaers x d. & payd more to Roo xvj d. & to the Ringers
xij d. [all] is

xij s. iiij d.

...

1595-6

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/13

single mb (2 January-1 January) (Allowances)

...

...Item to my Lord dudleyes Berewarde at thappoyntment of master Bailliffes
ij s. vj d....

...

1596-7

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/14

mb 1 (2 January-1 January) (Allowances)

...

...Item payd to the Queens players at master Baillffes apoyntment ¹by
debenter¹ xx s....

...

Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book

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f 39* (Payments)

...

Laid out at our Last meating at Thomas Smites for our bankett
deliuerd the poore in bred
paid to a Virginall player

x s. 30

viiij d.

xij d.

...

1598-9

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/17

mb 1 (2 January-1 January) (Allowances)

...

... Item to Players at master Bailliffes appoyntment vj s. viij d....

...

1601–2**Great Leet Book** SRO: 4001/J/5, No. 3

p 54 (2 January–1 January) (Town ordinances adopted 4 December)

...

[Item that from hencefurth no playors of *commadies* Tragedies or other stage
playes shalbe *permytted* to be played in the Counsell howse or Towne Hall,
but that the playors therof may playe in their Innes, yf yt so please them./]

...

1603–4**Chamberlain's Accounts** SRO: 4000/F/1/21

mb 4* (2 January–1 January) (Allowances)

...

Item payed to theme *which* played on the *dromme* and *ffyffe*
at the coronation daye

xx d. 15

...

nf* (Attached notes)

...

Item paied to the kinges players

ij li. 20

...

1604–5**Chamberlain's Accounts** SRO: 4000/F/1/22

mb 4 (2 January–1 January) (Allowances)

...

Item Payed to Players at the appoyntment of *master* Bailliffes

x s.

...

1605–6**Mercers', Drapers', and Ironmongers' Company Book**

Mercers' Company of London Archives

f 2 (2 January–1 January) (Payments)

...

Item paid at our metings at Mrs Stantis ffor wyne Mynstres &
for Richard May & mr Tydd

v s.

...

1606-7

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/24
mb 4 (2 January-1 January) (Allowances)

...

Item Payed to the plears by *master* Bailliffes appoyntment xl s. 5

...

Item Payed to Tomlins the Berward by *master* Bailliffes
apoyntment iij s. iiij d.

...

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1607-8

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/25
f [1v]* (Expenses for the lord president)

...

geeven to the playes that came *with* my Lord from Kynlett 1-0-0 15

...

1609-10

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/26
mb 4 (2 January-1 January) (Allowances)

...

Item Payed by debenter to mr Baker for money bestowed on
the Princes players xx s.

...

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1616-17

Chamberlain's Accounts SRO: 4000/F/1/35
single mb* (2 January-1 January) (Allowances)

Item geven to two Ittaylians by *master* Bailiffes appoyntment v s. 30

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CHURCH STRETTON

1589

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Diocese of Hereford Acts of Office HRO: box 17, vol 68
f [233] (8 September)

*Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery before William Langford,
deputy judge of Francis Bevans, LL.D, vicar general of Hereford diocese*

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nullus talis

Walterus Burrie Ludimagister/ notatus anglice for setting forth playes and
enterludes on the sabothe daye/

CLAUERLEY

1621

Bill of Complaint and Answer in Ridge v. Elliots PRO: STAC 8/250/31
mbs [2-3]* (13 November)

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To the Kin(...) most excellent Maiestie
 (...) Complayning sheweth and Informeth your most excellent maiestie
 y(...) highnes most faithfull and obedyente Subiects Iohn Rydge of Claverly
 in the Countie of Salopp Clerke william Pratt of Bobington in the [^]countie 10
 of Stafford yeoman^l and Elizabeth his wyffe That (...) all subtill and
 ffradulente attempts plotts and practisses and esppecially suche (>)s (>)end to
 the abuse of the innocencie of the vnexperiencid yeares of vnmarried damsell
 by drawinge them by Conynge insynuation [^]to^l giue the^r i^re consents
 (...)ithout consente of theire parents or governors haue bine found by 15
 experyence to be so dangerously pernyciouse to your *maiesties* peaceable and
 happie govermente of this your highnes kingdom of England that there
[^]haue heeretofore^l bine made and (...)nd holsom lawes and stattuts within
 this your Maiesties said kingdom of England for the suppressinge of the
 same and in *which* said [^]lawes &^l Stattuts dyverse sharpe and severe 20
 punnishmentes are to bee inflycted vpon offenders in that kinde (...)id
 subiecte Iohn Rydge havinge yssue your said Subiecte Elizabeth Pratt his
 onlie daughter whom hee had soe vertuusly brought vpp and educated that
 shee was by reason of her sober and honest Conversacion well reputed (...)ll
 the beter sorte of your *Maiesties* subiects Inhabytinge therabouts Now so it 25
 is yf it shall please your most excellent Maiestie one Humfrie Elliotts of
 Claverly in the said Countie *gentleman* well knowinge that your said subiecte
 Iohn (...) his fatherly affeccion towards the said Elizabeth did intende and
 was Resolved not only to giue her for her advancmente in mariadge a great
 porcion of his estate but to conferr vpon her all the Resydewe therof after 30
 his death (...)he said Iohn Rydge (...)d noe waie bee drawne to Consente
 that the said Elizabeth should marie with him the said Humfrie Elliotts hee
 the said Humfrie Elliotts owt of a most Covetuse & greedie desire to gaine
 to (...) the greatest (>)ar(...) estate of your said subiecte Iohn Ridge did
 without any feare or dread of any your maiesties said lawes & stattuts of this 35
 your highnes kingdom of England vnlawfully Resolve to attempte to procure
 (...)beth to marie with him the said Humfrie Elliotts or with some other

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31/ (...)he: 40mm of text obliterated by hole

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37/ (...)beth: 42mm of text obliterated by hole

such person as would vpon Mariadge with the said Elizabeth giue vnto him the said Humfrie Elliotts a great parte of the said Iohn Rydges estate (...)ge soe ent(...)d into the Co(...)tuse and wicked herte of the said H(...)mfry Elliotts hee the said Humfrie Ell^ri^otts did make such his resolucion knowne ^rto one^l Edward Hinkes of Claverly afforesaid yeoman and thervpon the said Humfrie Elliotts a(...)rd Hinkes did vnlawfully confederate Conclude and agree to geather to attempt to marrie with the said Elizabeth without the Consente of your said subiecte the said Iohn Rydge ^r& that^l which of them soeuer should ffirst ^rso^l obteyne the said El(...)th in maria(...) should giue (...)to the other fiue hundred pounds which vnlawfull Contracte and bargaine beinge soe concluded and agreed vpon betweene them, they the said Humfrie Elliotts and Edward Hinkes assocyatinge (...) them selues for (...)he effectinge therof ^rwilliam Elliottes of Cla(...)erlie aforesaid gentleman Thomas (...)hitmore of Clauerly aforesaid gentleman ffrancis Hinkes of Bridgenorth laborer^l David Evans of Claverly afforesaid husbandman Ellinor Smyth of Claverly afforesaid spinster Richard Soley of Claverly afforesaid laborer and Margaret his wyffe ^rdaniel key alias keyme alias kemey Iohn Grauenor of Clauerley aforesaid laborer^l and Thomas Sotherne of Bridgnorth in the said Countie ^rbutcher^l whome they knew to bee all ffitt persons to bee Instruments for the effectinge of any wicked or ^rvn^llawfull accion they the said Humfrie Elliotts Edward Hinkes ^rwilliam Elliottes Thomas whitmore ffrancis Hinkes Daniell key alias kemye alias kemey^l David Evans Ellinor Smyth Richard S(...)ley Margaret Soley ^rIohn Grau(...)nor^l and Thomas Sotherne did most wi(...)kedly Corruptly and vnlawfully in the moneth of August in the seaventeenth yeare of your *Maiesties* Raigne ouer this your highnes kingdom of England plott practysse Combyne Conf(...)derate and agree together to procure the said Edward Hinkes to bee reteyned by your said subiect the said Iohn Rydge as his sarvant in howshould with him to the intente and purposse that hee myght therby haue the more ffred(...)er(...)ie of accesse from tyme to tyme to the said Elizabeth to soliccitt her first to marie the said Humfrie Elliotts and yf hee fownd her not inclynable thervnto then ^rto^l sollicytte her in that behalfe for him selfe the said Edward Hinkes and the said Confederatts did farther for the effectinge therof with the lesse dyffyculty as they Conceyved most wickedly Corruptly and vnlawfully plott Confederatt Conclude and agree to gether to dyscorradge all other parsons to attempte to (...)bteyne the said Elizabeth in mariadge by publishinge and devulginge generally ^rfalse^l and slanderuse tales and Reproaches against the said Elizabeth and with all vnder Coller of the said Edward Hinkes lyvinge in howse with her to scandalyse

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9/ El(...)th: 20mm of text obliterated by hole

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29/ ffred(...)er(...)ie: 27mm of text worn or obscured

h⟨.⟩ Chastitie with to much famyliaritye with the said Edward Hinkes and
 to devulge the same in ^λ[diuers] scandalus and Infamus lybellus verses Rymes
 plaies and enterluds and that yf they Could not by any of those waies or
 meanes ⟨.⟩orke and effecte such their intended purpose that then the said
 Confederatts should & would ffalsly pretende that the said Edward Hinkes 5
 and the said Elizabeth were lawfully Contracted in matrimoney together and
 that hee the said Edward Hinkes should sue the said Elizabeth vpon the said
 Contracte and that the said Humfrie Elliotts ^λ[william Elliottes Thomas
 Whitmore ffrancis Hinkes Daniell key *alias* keme *alias* kemey] David Evans
 Elinor Smyth Richard Soley Margaretg his wyffe ^λ[John Grauenor] and 10
 Thomas Sotherne should be *produced* as wittnesses to *proue* the said false
pre⟨.⟩ended Contracte and should vpon their Corporall oathes when they
 were soe *produced* willfully ffalsly and Corruptly depose matter to *proue* the
 said Contracte All which beinge soe concluded and agreed vpon as afforesaid
 they the said Confederatts did in execucon of th⟨.⟩ said plott practisse and 15
 Confederacie by themselues and the ^λ[i]re frends *procure* your said subiecte
 Iohn Rydge to Reteyne as his sarvante in howse with him the said Edward
 Hinkes who beinge soe Reteyned did within short tyme after in farther
 execucon of the said vnlawfull plott and practisse and by the vnlawfull
 abetmente and *procurement*e of the said other Confederatts sollicit the said 20
 Elizabeth to marie with him the said Humfry Elliotts and perceavinge that
 shee was fully Resolved not to agree thervnto hee the said Edward Hinkes
 did eftsones in farther execucon of the said plott and practisse and by the
 vnlawfull abettment and procurmente of the said other Confederatts (hee the
 said Edward Hinkes beinge then saruante in howse with your said subiecte 25
 Iohn Rydge as afforesaid and withowt his ^λ[consent]) labor and sollicit the
 sa⟨.⟩ Elizabeth to marrie with him the said Edward Hink⟨.⟩ ^λ[but] the said
 Elizabeth much dysdeyninge that the said Hinkes should attempte to move
 her therein did giue him such a scornefull and Resolute denyall that hee the
 said E⟨.⟩ward Hinkes was altogether hoples to obteyne the same which beinge 30
 made knowne to the said other Confederatts hee the said Edward Hinkes &
 the said other Confederatts in farther execucon of the said plott & practisse
 d⟨.⟩ most maliciusly falsly & vnlawfully publish and devulge both in Claverly
 afforesaid & alsoe in dyverse other places therabouts that the said Elizabeth
 was in love with the said Edward Hinkes and that hee had abusd her ⟨.⟩hastitie 35
 and gotten her with Child and that hee was Co⟨...⟩acted vnto her and the
 said Confederatts did soe devulge and publish such their said most false &

8/ ^λ: caret written over a letter, possibly p11/ *produced*: corrected from produces12/ *there*: corrected from there

15/ th⟨.⟩: final letter obliterated by small hole

19/ *execucon*: for *execucion*; abbreviation mark omitted

27/ Hink⟨.⟩: final letters obliterated by small hole

36/ Co⟨...⟩acted: letters obliterated by small hole

wicked accusacion with such Confydencc & fayned false Imagined
 Cyrcomstances that many of your *maiesties* *subiects* dwellinge therabouts
 who were not *partyculerly* acquaynted with the said Elizabeth her vertuose
 mynde & modeste sober & honest cariadge did giue faith & Creditt to the
 same But the said Confederats havinge soe devulged the said false and wicked
 accusacons They the said Confederats together with one Samuell Hill of
 Claverly afforesaid Naylor ffrancis Daie of the same Cooper [^][Daniell key
alias keyme *alias* Kemey¹ and dyverse other vnlawfull *persons* their [^][ayders¹
 [ape(.).res] and Assystantes and whose names your said subiects most humble
 praie maie be incerted into this bill as they shall hapen to bee knowne in
 farther execucion of the said plott and practysse did to the intente and
 purpose not only so to defame the said Elizabeth but alsoe to make her the
 more vile odyuse and Contempryble did most wickedly mallicyusly scandalusly
 & vnlawfully penn wryght fframe & devyse or cause to bee penned wrytten
 framed or devysed dyverse scandaluse & lybelluse and infamus verses in
 nature & forme of a plaie dyalogwise wherin it was devysed that one of the
 actors should bee apparellled in womens apparell & bolstered & sett forth as
 though shee were great with Child & should apparsonatt the said Elizabeth
 vnder the name of Ienney & one other of the said actors should apparsonate
 the said Edward Hinkes vnder the name of Iockey & that your said subiecte
 the said Elizabeth vnder the name of the said Ienney should ffyrst Chardge
 the said Hinkes {(. . .)} [^][vnder¹ the name of Iockey that hee was father of her
 Child And that two others of the said actors should apparsonate [^][one of
 them¹ vnder the name [(. . .)] of ffurioso the said Humfrie Ellotts, and [^][the
 other¹ vnder the name of Tumido an vnknowne Ruffian who should also
 Ins[t]ynuate that they had abusd the Chastetie of your said subiecte Elizabeth
 so apparsonated by the name of Ienney & *which* said scandalus lybell and
 verses doe Conteyne also dyverse other like scandalus & lybeluse matters of
 Reproach in dyverse other *partes* and passadges therof tendinge to the great
 Reproach scandall and Infamie of the said Elizabeth *which* said Infamuse and
 scandalus lybells & verses ffollow in hec verba ffooles fortune to the tune of
 A:B:C: Ginny: whenas I slept in fortunes [lapp¹: then tender in her fickell
 eye: beinge kept by her from all myshap from [owe] [woe¹ from shame from
 povertie: Then did my frends come in by flockes the [^][firse¹ scarce gonn
 the second knocks: And still they haunte mee frequently still vowing love &
 Constancie: But sith the Castle of my fame: is ranseckte by eternall shame
 Like summer birdes they falsly flie: the winters of my messerie. wheras braue
 gallants for me stroue: for euerie daie I had a loue all winds [^][did¹ then [did]
 blow sutors home: when now thers none will at mee come which maks mee

6/ accusacons: for accusacions; abbreviation mark omitted
 31/ hec: e corrected from a

37/ summer: 4 minims in MS

lyue thus in destresse: thus pininge in my hevynes & like the turtle makinge
 mone: to liue lamente & lie alone: Enter Iockey: †to the tune of barnaby:†
 Ginney: welcome Iockey to thine owne sweetinge: Iockey: Thankes sweete
 linney weell kise at our meetinge: they kise Ginney: howe couldst thou this
 longe for goe mee: & not once in a moneth come to mee: Iockey: it was 5
 because thou wouldst not loue mee Ginny: Alasse sweet Iockey it was to proue
 thee: Nea from a woman is noe denyill: aske thrise at least to make a triall:
 But sith constant I doe the finde: To thee Ile be lovinge to thee Ile be kinde:
 Ile loue thee not weekly noe [^]noe¹ nor yearly Ile loue thee daylie Ile loue
 thee deerly: Ile loue thee onlie Ile loue thee ever thers nothinge [but nothinge] 10
 but death shall vs two sever: Iockey: who o o oo vp the Case is altered [is
 altered] now I could not haue a kise the last tyme I was heere vnder a speriall
 suplycavitt Itts fit[ly] sweet Ginney thou shouldest be righted & [they] [^]thye¹
 loue with loue requited Ile loue thee lap thee and Imbrace thee kyse thee clip
 thee and vnlace thee But what ist I feele heere ginney Alasse doe not spie it 15
 it is thine owne picture yf that thou couldst see it: Iockey: yf thes by thy
 pictures Ile none of thy payntinge: linney: O turne againe Iockey & keepe
 mee from fayntinge Iockey: Ile turne to thee ginney but alwaies *provid* thou
 finde another father this knaverie to hide [^]linny:† Its honor sweet Iockey for
 to bee a father: Iockey. To bee without warshipp I sure had rather: ginney: A 20
 ffather hath blessings Cap Cursie and knee: Iockey: Lett mothers then take
 such honors for mee: Ginney: And doe you refuse your linney to marrie:
 Iockey: my backe is to weeke such burthens to carrie why should I take thee
 for to vndoe mee: Iinnie: whi should you forsake mee havinge done this vnto
 mee: Iockey: I did but in Iest for *which* I am sorrie: Iinnie: It *proved* in 25
 earnest as appeares by the storrie: *which* yf you refuse I must tell you the
 lawes of the land they shall compell you: Iockey: for now it is gott it must
 haue [(.)] breedinge yf I did finde gettinge then thou finde ffeedinge: Iinie/
 Thus be they servd that men doe trust: whose words are false & deeds vniust:
 whose flinty harts [^]and¹ Addears eares regard not wofull womens teares what 30
 should I doe I cannot die: my whings are Clipt [^]I¹ [&c] cannot flie & heere
 to liue thus in disgrace its worse then hell or hellish place: well sith they practisse
 knaverie thers knaves abroade as well as they and before Ile be abusd [^]these
 knaues like knaues shall sure be vsd¹: The rorars that did doe this wronge:
 will com from sea befort [it] be longe: & lett my belly be esped A new 35

1/ lyue: corrected from loue
 4/ linney: corrected from ginney
 6/ Ginny: 4 minims in MS
 17/ thy: corrected from the
 17/ linney: 4 minims in MS
 18/ ginney: 4 minims in MS

19/ †linny: 4 minims in MS
 23/ why: corrected from whi
 25/ Iinnie: 5 minims in MS
 26/ must: u *written over another letter, possibly o*
 35/ befort: corrected from before

knaves trap I will *provid* To take these gallants vnder hand: as soone as they
 sett foote on land for sith that lacks proue *periured* men what foole would
 trust his master Iohn: Enter [ffurrosso] [ffurioso]: Tumido gallents Iockey
 there man [^][To the tune of (*blank*)¹ ffurioso: (its) marvell shee is so longe
 shee was vsd att becke to flie vnlesse that shee doth come anon I will forswere 5
 her companie: Tumido: why braue Brother whats the matter: that you mutter
 at her hast yf theire were a reson why I am the man that should dystaste
 [ffurioso:] you knowe the wench is myne by course [ffurioso] such courses
 now I must dysdaine I must bee first & you shall staie vntill her tayle bee
 coole againe Tumido: zoones I scorne thuse to bee vsd, & will you offer to a 10
 ffriend, shart before Ile bee abused [y]our swords [y]our loues and lyves shall
 end: ffurioso: have patience brother & though[t] I bee earnest bente against
 the game Ile make a motion reasonably yf that your furie like the same wee
 will cast lotts who shall inioy her no other strife weell haue about her yf that
 you drawe the longeste from mee you shall haue the wench Ile goe without 15
 her: Iockey: Ile make the cutts: ffurioso: drawe firste brother for aduantage:
 Tumido: the longest the longest Ile haue the prise: ffurioso: Nea firste lets
 see what is my fortune: it fortunes that my brother lies: Enter Linney: & the
 Counstable & sturdie: Tumido: Then loe shee comes enough for twentie take
 her take her to thy call: Iockey: this once Ile stepp before my master lest poore 20
 Iockey paie for all: Linney: hasten Constable they are runninge o faine they
 would vs overgoe Constable: One knaue *prevents* anothers [Cr{...}] [^][coning]¹
 I scorne that they should serve [^][mee]¹ soe to make such hast it doth not boote
 sir: heere I doe arest you both. ffurrioso How now sir knave & at whose
 suite sir to obey wee would bee loath: Constable: Att her sute where you haue 25
 bine suters [{...}] [^][Iocy]¹ draw master draw: Constable Nea hould your hands
 & doe not swagger: ffurioso: out you knaves you base *promooters* knowe
 then gallants from a begger: Constable I am in office & doe knowe dyrectly
 what the law doth saie yf soe bee rich men doe offende as well as poore they
 must obey: Tumido: who is it sir knave that wee offend. Constable: Loe heere 30
 shee comes thats your accuser: Tumido: althoughe that wee for her did send
 wee haue noe (stomacke now to vse her) Linney O would your stomacks had
 binne soe weake when (you attempted) my defame: ffurioso[io]/ out thou

4/ (its): now illegible; read by Sisson

6/ Tumido: u apparently added as correction

14/ strife: e written over another letter, possibly t

17/ Tumido: 4 minims in MS

18/ what: written over another, partially erased word

18/ Linney: 4 minims in MS

19/ Tumido: u added later

21/ Linney: 4 minims in MS

24/ whose: written over another word

30, 31/ Tumido: 4 minims in MS

32/ (stomacke ... her): 60mm of damaged text;
read by Sisson

32/ Linney: 4 minims in MS

33/ soe: written over another word

33/ (you attempted): 40mm of damaged text;
read by Sisson

strumpett basse & shamlesse wee know thee not nor scarce thy name
 remember sir your former follies vpon the ⟨same yor wrongd linney ffurioso:⟩
 Lewd Impudent you lie you lie my ⟨shoulder shapd for noe such carriage
 Constable these words⟩ sweete sole they will not serve the law the law it shall
 inforce to aright the wronge ⟨ffurioso: prate not knaue lest that wee turne⟩ 5
 thee to a cours: ffor dost thou thinke that gentell blod & men that bee most
 brauely borne: will seeme to staine there noble race with things that bee the
 Contries scorne linney The tree is knowne ⟨still by [^][his^l] frught strangers
 blush to heere you brage it is a Coblers base Condytion for to giue a maid
 the ⟨bagg⟩ ffurioso: An auntiente slander [to] [^][of^l] the trade to bee a maid is 10
 seldum seene And of thy nam I nere knew any that could ⟨reach⟩ aleaventeene:
 liney: A maid I was but you inticd mee and attempted my dysg[^][r^l]ace
[^][ffurioso^l] Blith pockey queane didst thou not spice mee the first tyme I [s⟨...⟩]
[^][sawe^l] thy face ffalse mens words they are noe slander sweet Neybour keepe
 them both in hould ⟨I must home⟩ I ⟨burst⟩ in sunder my tormets they are 15
 manyfold O my back o my bones O my head doth cleaue in twayne I may
 thanke myne owne kynd harte for *procur*ing all this paine: Constable: looke
 to them [^][Sturdie^l] Iockey: its better for to bee ⟨a foole then to⟩ bee ⟨a rich⟩
 mans Child for fooles oft tymes they haue [^][great^l] fortunes when the wiser
 are beguild As plainly now it doth apeare by this my luckey Iockeys case 20
 wheras the sarvant sings the songe and the master beares the basse ⟨harke⟩
 harke harke. ffurioso: brother sith that wee bee taken & censure most abide
 be it what it will as lovinge frends our costs & Chardges weell Deuide: Tumido:
 faire words fond fellows they may flatter & the ⟨ffolish man beguile but with
 mee⟩ hers noe such matter I like not to Deuid such spoile the law allowes no 25

2/ remember: *speech prefix linney missing*

2/ ⟨same ... furioso⟩: 100mm of damaged text; read by Sisson

3–4/ ⟨shoulder ... words⟩: 200mm of damaged text; read by Sisson

5/ ⟨ffurioso ... turne⟩: 100mm of damaged text; read by Sisson

8/ linney: 4 minims in MS

8/ ⟨still by [^][his^l]⟩: 30mm of damaged text; read by Sisson

10/ ⟨bagg⟩: now illegible; read by Sisson

11/ ⟨reach⟩: now illegible; read by Sisson

14/ ffalse: *speech prefix linney missing*

15/ ⟨I must home⟩ I ⟨burst⟩: 55mm of damaged text; read by Sisson

15/ tormets: *for torments; abbreviation mark missing*

18/ ⟨a foole then to⟩ bee ⟨a rich⟩: 62mm of damaged text; read by Sisson

19/ tymes: *irregular blank area, extending 65mm x 40 to 56mm begins here; no text missing*

21/ ⟨harke⟩: now illegible; read by Sisson

23/ Tumido: 4 minims in MS

24–5/ ⟨ffolish ... mee⟩: 80mm of damaged text; read by Sisson

such particion nor ffathers more then one to bee wherfore sweet sir as you did gett it you shall keep it (<... ffurioso:) vnlesse that thou will yeald & vow to mee to keepe a part as a parte to thee belongs I vow to see thy faithlesse harte Sturdy: Be quiett gentlemen be quiett helpe master helpe: Tumido: I scorne to take (<.) part in paine with him that would haue all the sporte remember that you did mee wronge: ffurioso: then base false ffrend haue at thy harte Enter the Constable Exit Iockey hee creeps Iockey: O the Constable the Constable scape now & scape for euer: Constable: Keepe the peace or strike them downe Ile haue noe brablinge heere [<...>] beleevit yf either offer once [^][a] blow strike him downe that first shall [quiet] [^][giue it] whats the matter that you brable: Tumido: [^][the matter is] I wronge sustaine ffurioso: Iudg you yf (<having sharre>) in pleasure must not likwisse sharre in paine hee had his parte with mee in pleasure Tumido: so perhaps had many more but you as fools doe promyse maryadge & are like to paie [^][herefore] [therefore] & I the same will witnes with you [^][ffurioso] Ile witnes you did what you durst Tumido: but second actions naught prevaile but only to destroie the first Enter the mydwiffe & doll her maid with a maultsiue with two Children one her head Constable: heers comes a matron graue & learned in the art of Lechery Lett her now end all greife betweene you & sett things streight which be awrie what saie you mother these two gallants kyst a wench & shees with Child now you must Iudg who ought to keepe it but lett the wench not bee [^][be] guild: Midwyfe: ffirst I would haue you for to binde them to [obeye] [^][abide] the [emde] [^][end] I make Tumido: wee both agree Midwyfe then doll sett downe Ile fitt them for the wenchs sake Heers for you your Mistris token A boie which you cannot dislike And hers for you a bounsinge wench O hould your handes & doe not strike: ffurioso: Zoones giuest mee a foolish wench take it backe vnto the mother: Midwyfe: & why not you good sir I praie goe | Drincke vntoot as well (<...>) Take it take it & be thankfull & that I may prevent your Curses follow mee and I will shew you where that you shall gett your nurses Exit Midwyfe: Constable: sturdy: ffurioso: Tumido: Doll Its hapie that poore doll is easd of her load & (<other>) waie for it is odd I wente to look a needle in a load of haye O one Iockey should haue had the wench but sith hee scaped in such sorte the tricke is new & yf I finde him Iockey hee shall paie mee forte Enter Iockey [^][to the tune of the new masque] the proverb it proues still true for mee (<wheras all doe saie its better>) to [^][be] a foole then to bee a rich

2/ (<... ffurioso): 90mm of damaged text;
only speech prefix read by Sisson

4,11,13,15,23/ Tumido: 4 minims in MS

6/ ffrend: apparently written over an erasure

12/ (<having sharre>): now illegible; read by Sisson

12/ sharre²: second r written over another letter

18/ heers: for heere (?)

26/ Zoones: Z written over another letter

28/ (<...>): 22mm of damaged text

31/ (<other>): now illegible; read by Sisson

35/ (<wheras ... better>): 77mm of damaged text;
read by Sisson

mans Child for fooles they haue fortune the wyse are beguild for Iockey still
 goes free goes free for Iockey still goes free wheras noe lesse then a Cuple of
 babes of Iockes owne gettinge of the drabes had <fathers> <...> Iockes <...> but
 now <...> gallants proue nurces for mee And Iockey still goes free goes free
 and Iockey still goes free But now sith that the daunger is past & I am free 5
 Ile haue another cast sith I haue the <...>ince againe for Iockey still goes free
 goes free for Iockey still goes free Enter the Constable sturdy doll Constabell
 yett not so free as you suppose you shall be a ffather in dispite of your nose the
 Ch<ild ...>her & find <...> gett it Iockey no no no Constabell But did you
 <not> gett it Iockey. no. Constable. This no: no: no: it will not serve Although 10
 you deny the Child to deserve the wench <...> her <...> And cann you deny it
 Iockey no no no <Constable can> you deny it Iockey no Howe what will you
 giue me yf ^λI¹ doe tell a tricke to defeate her this trike <I can sell com out with
 your money and down with yor purse Iockey no no no neuer the Childe is
 at nurse and Iockey still goes free goes free & Iockey still goes free Constable 15
 nea yf you had hope> heers one will depose shee said you infor^λc¹d her. her
 credit to loose its death by the law & hange thou shalt & art thou not guilty
 of this <fault confesse confesse Iockey & be hanged & be hanged confesse &
 be hanged ...> of this crime shee should h haue confesd it before this time the
 daunger is past: Constable: first gett ¹a¹ release com <com> I must haue you 20
 <to> a Iustice of pea<ce> for Iockey must not goe free goe free for Iockey must
 not goe ffree Iockey <harke> first master Constable a worde in your eare nea
 come further of they <ought not> to heare this all that I saie to him thats in
 bandes one [<...>] ¹payre¹ of heeles is worth two [peare] ¹payre¹ of hands:

3/ <fathers>: now illegible; read by Sisson

3-4/ <...> Iockes <...> but now <...>: 175mm of torn or obscured text

6/ Ile: I written over another letter

6/ <...>ince: 180mm of torn or damaged text; Sisson read ince as nurse

9/ Ch<ild ...>her: 175mm of damaged or torn text: partly read by Sisson

9/ <...>: 80mm of damaged or torn text

10/ <not>: now illegible; read by Sisson

11/ <...>²: 210mm of damaged or torn text

12/ <Constable can>: now much obscured; read by Sisson

12/ Howe: speech prefix Constable missing

13-16/ <I can ... hope>: 550mm of damaged or torn text; read by Sisson

18-19/ <fault ... hanged ...>: 325mm of damaged or torn text; partly read by Sisson

20/ <com>: now illegible; read by Sisson

21/ <to>: now illegible; read by Sisson

21/ pea<ce>: now illegible; read by Sisson

22/ <harke>: now illegible; read by Sisson

23/ <ought not>: now illegible; read by Sisson

Constable: O hould the theiffe hees gone hees gon(.) o hould the theiffe hees
 gone And the said Samuell Hill ffrancis Daie Humfry E(.)iottes Edward
 H(.)kes (...) Evans Ellinor Smyth ^rwilliam E(...)tts (...) (.)hit(.)ore francis
 Hinkes Dan(...) key *alias* keyme *alias* kemey^r R(...)ard Soley Mar(.)rett his
 wyffe ^rIohn G(...)nor^r Thomas Sotherne havinge soe (...)ysed fframed 5
 penned and writen the said false scandalus & Infamus lybell plaie interlude
 & verses or Caused the same to bee soe devised penned fframed & (...)
 ffrancis daie (.)umfrie Elliotts Edward Hinkes ^rwilliam Elliottes thomas
 (...)tmo(.) ffrancis Hinkes daniell key *alias* keyme *alias* kemey^r David E(.)ns
 Ellinor Smyth Richard Soley Margaret Soley ^rIohn Grauenore &^r Thomas 10
 Sotherne assocyattinge vnto them selves one Richard white of Claverly bla(ck)
 smyth & w(.)lliam har(...) of the same (...) & dyve^r se other vnknowne
 persons whose names also your said subiectes humblie praie may be herin
 incerted as they shall hereafter happen to b(.) knowne did in farther execucion
 of the said plott and practisse to defame (.)he said Elyzabeth (...) said most 15
 (...)ly malicy(.)sly & vnlawfully singe saie (.)evu(.)ge & publish the said false
 scandalus & Infamus lybell and verses in the said Towne of Claverly & in
 dyuerse other places in the Countie of Salopp and elsewhere within your
 (...)lme of England or the (...) of dyverse your ma(.)sties Subiects and did
 malliciously & vnlawfully vpon such their readinge & pub(...)hinge therof 20
 interp(...) & expound the same Infamus & scandalus lybell & verses and
 perticul(...)press that your s(...) subi(...) and intended by the said Ienney &
 the said Edward Hinkes by the said Iockey And not so contented they the
 said Samuell Hill ffrancis Daie William Hardwi(.)ke H(.)mfr(.)e E(.)iottes
 (...)ward Hynkes ^r(.)illiam (...) th(.)as wh(.)tm(...) ffr(...)is Hinkes (...)ll 25
 key (...) key(.) *alias* kemey^r D(...)d E(...) Ellinor Smyth Richard Soley
 Margaret Soley ^rIohn Grauenor^r Thomas Sotherne Richard white & the
 said other vnknowne persons did also in farther execucion of the said plott
 & practisse wickedly mall(...)ly & vnlawfully (...) the xijth day off August
 last beinge the Saboth daie apparell & disg^ruise the said william Hard(.)ke 30
 at Claverly afforesaid in womens apparell bolstered & sett owt in shew and
 sem(...)nce as yf (...) then great with Ch(...)hend also apparell and disguise
 the said Richard white and dyvers others of the said Confederats & persons
 vnknowne in seuerall other formes and fashions of attyer & they beinge all
 of them (...) aparell(.) and dysguised (...) said william Hardwicke did then 35
 & there by the vnlawfull abettmente and *procurement* of all the seid other

7/ (...): 100mm of damaged text

22/ perticul(...)press: 55mm of damaged and obscure text

22/ subi(...): 80mm of damaged and obscure text

32/ yf (...): 40mm of illegible text

32/ Ch(...)hend: 60mm of damaged and obscure text

Confederats vnlawfully wickedly and malliciously plaie ¹& acte the parte of
 the seid Ienny and the said R(.)cha(.) & hi(.) by the vnlawfull abetmente
 and procuremente of the said other Confederats [...] vnlawfully and
 Malliciously plaie and acte the parte of the said Iockey and the said other
 Confederats did by the vnlawfull (...) & procuremente (.) the said Confederats 5
 then & ther also acte the other partes of the said lybellus and Infamus plaie
 and verses everie of them most malliciously [seinge] ¹sayeinge and Repeatinge
 the severall partes of the said lybellus plaie (...) the same (...)yshed &
 expressed as afforesaid in the presence of a great Number of your *Maiesties*
 subiectes so assembled purposly vpon the ¹said saboth daie to heere the 10
 same at Claverly afforesaid and did also malliciously vnlawfully and scandalus(.)
 saie repeate and acte the same both at Claverly & at dyverse and ¹severall
 other tymes and places within the said County & elsewhere in your *Maiesties*
 Realme of England at dyverse & severall other tymes the s(.)id actors &
 Confederats much reioysinge at the sainge actinge plainge & Repeatinge 15
 therof to the great & Intolerable abuse [&] scandall ¹& reproach of your
 said subiecte (.) the said Elizabeth And the said Confederats not s(.)
 sattysfied did also in farther execucion of the said plott and practisse and to
 the end farther to traduce and scandaliz your said subiects the said Elizabeth
 and the said Iohn Rydge her father did most wickedly malliciously and 20
 scandallusly devyse penn frame and wright an other false Infamus lybellus
 and sandaluse wrighting(.) in the nature ¹fforme of an Interlude or plaie
 in prose and which said lybellus enterlude or plaie the said Confederats at
 Claverly afforesaid & in dyverse other places in the said Countie and elsewhere
 did malliciously scandallusly and lybellusly repeat plaie & acte in the presence 25
 of a great multytude of your *Maiesties* subiects assembled together to heere
 the same in which said last mencioned lybellus and Infamus plaie or Interlude
 your said subiecte (.) the said Elizabeth was againe apparsonated by [the]
¹one [said] Iohn Bett (.) beinge then & there Attyr(.)d in womens apparell
 & did then & there plaie & Represent a most Impudente bould a ¹udaciuse 30
 strumpett & which hee then & there soe Represented by the said vnlawfull
 abettmente & procuremente of the said other Confederats to apparsonatt
 therby your said subiecte Elizabeth and least that the said Mallicious purpose
 of the said Confederats therin myght not bee generally conceived &
 vnderstoode by all the said spectators they the said Confederats did openly 35
 & publicly in the tyme of such their actinge & repeatinge of the said plaie
 & interlude interprett & expownd them selves & saie that by the said strumpett
 they did intende & meane Rydges Daughter meaninge your said subiect the
 said Elizabeth daughter of your said subiecte the said Iohn Rydge as afforesaid

2/ (...): 80mm of illegible text

8/ (...): 42mm of illegible text

8/ (...)yshed: 35mm of illegible text

22/ sandaluse: for scandaluse

to the farther great reproach & scandall of your said subiects And wheras
 with in short tyme a<...> notwithstandinge all the said wicked plotts &
 practisses and the execucion of the same as afforsaid your said subiect Elizabeth
 was with the good likinge & consente of her said ffather most willingly
 Contracted & married to your said subiect william Pratt And that <...> Daies 5
 in question for such theire <...> as afforesaid hee the said Edward Hinkes
 Conceavinge a deepe & setled Mallice <...> your said subiectes william Pratt
 & Elizabeth his wyffe partly in execucion of the said Mallice & partly to
 prèvente such punishmente as they feared would bee inflicted vpon them for
 that which they had soe acted & donne as afforesaid did by the vnlawfull 10
 abettmente & procurement of the said other Confederats assocyat vnto him
 selfe [one] [^] the said[^] Iohn Gravenor of Claverly afforesaid laborer Edward
 Tymyns of London yeoman ffrancis Tymyns of London afforesaid yeoman
 & giuen to vnderstand that your said Subiects the said william Pratt &
 Elizabeth his wiffe [^] did determine[^] the ffowerteenth daie of Iuly last past & 15
 in the night tyme of the same daie to passe alonge togeather in your Maiesties
 highe waie leadinge frome Claverlie to <..>e bridge in the said Countye neere
 vnto the Mantion [(or)] [^] &[^] dwellinge howse of the said Iohn Ridge &
 beinge soe asociated they the said Edward Hinkes Iohn Gravynor Edward
 Tymyns and ffrancis Tymyns did by the vnlawfull abetment & procurmente 20
 of the said other Confederates most wickedly plott practise Conspier & agree
 to gether to lie [^] in[^] waite in the said highe waie where they Conceived your
 said subtes william Pratt & Elizabeth his wyffe then soe intended to passe as
 afforesaid & then & there suddenly & at vnawares to laie violente hands
 vpon them & to murder them which beinge soe vnlawfully [(...)] 25
 plotted Concluded & agreed vpon betweene them they the said Edward
 Hinkes Iohn Gravenor Edward Tymyns & ffrancis Tymyns by the vnlawfull
 abetmente & procurmente of the said other Confederats did vpon the said
 ffowerteenth daie of Iuly last past at Claverly afforesaid array and weapon
 them selues with longe pike staues bills swords dagge^r's & other weapons 30
 aswell inuasive as Defensiue & beinge soe armed weaponed & arrayed they
 the said Edward Hinkes Iohn Grauynor Edward Tymyns [(...)] and ffrancis
 Tymyns did in riotuse & vnlawfull mannor secretly lie in waite in the said
 highe waie where they expected the Cominge of your said subiects as afforesaid
 to haue supresed & murdered them as afforesaid & then & there soe 35
 Contynued weaponed & expectinge the Cominge of your said subiects
 [dyuerse <...>] together but your said subiects beinge hapilie diverted vpon
 other occacons not to returne to the said Iohn Ridge his howse as they

5/ <...>: 183mm of illegible text

6/ <...>: 45mm of illegible text

7/ <...>: 45mm of illegible text

23/ subtes: for subiectes; abbreviation mark missing

25/ [(...)]: 60mm erasure covered by line fillers

38/ occacons: for occacions; abbreviation mark missing

intended & one william Knowles & Alice prestwood then Cominge Causually
 alonge in the waie where the said Conserpators soe laie in waite as affores(. . .)
 And the said Conserpators veinly thinkinge & Imagininge that they the said
 william Knowles & Alice Prestwoode had bin your said subiects the said
 william Pratte & Elizabeth his wyffe they the said Edward Hinkes Iohn 5
 Gravenor Edward Tymyns and ffrancis Tymyns soe weaponed armed &
 prepared as afforesaid did then & there in the nyght tyme Ryottusly &
 vnlawfully assalte the [^]saied[^] william Knowles And Alce Prestwood who
 forth wth fledd from them & with all possible speed hasted to recover the
 said Towne of Claverly for their succor & defence vnto *which* said Towne 10
 the said [C(. . .)] [^]conspirators[^] Ryottusly & vnlawfully pursued after them
 with such furie & rage that dyverse the inhabytta[^]n^{ts} of the said Towne
 were Inforced to Ryse out of their bedds to saue them from the daunger &
 Myscheefe soe intended against them To the great terror & affrightmente of
 all your *maiesties* lovinge subiects dwellinge & inhabitinge therabouts But 15
 the said Humfrie Elliotts & Edward Hinkes not soe contente in farther
 execucion of the said first plott & confederacie & by the vnlawfull abetmente
 & procuremente of the [^]saied william Elliottes Thomas Whitmore ffrancis
 Hinkes Daniell Key *alias* Keyme *alias* Kemey[^] David Evans Ellinor Smyth
 Richard Soley & Margaret[^] his wyffe [^]Iohn Grauenore & Thomas Sotherne[^] 20
 & of the said other Confederats did falsly wickedly & vnlawfully *pretende*
 & publish in the moneth of August last past & at dyverse & sundrie other
 tymes sythence at Claverly afforesaid & dyverse other places in the said
 County of Salopp & elsewhere that hee the said Edward Hinkes was lawfully
 Contracted in Matrimony to the said Elizabeth & hath also vnlawfully & 25
 Corruptly labored sollicited & suborned the said [^]william Elliottes Thomas
 whitmore ffrancis Hinkes[^] David Evans Ellinor Smyth Richard Soley [(. . .)]
 Margaret[^] his wyffe [^]Iohn Grauerer & Thomas Sotherne[^] falsly corruptly
 willfully & vnlawfully [A] and directly Contrarie to their owne expresse
 knowledges to swere depose & testifie vpon their Corporall oathes when 30
 soeuer they shall bee thervnto legally Called to testifie as witness(. . .)s in any
 your *Maiesties* temporall or ecclesyasticall Cour(. . .)es Concerninge the said
 supposed Contracte that they were *presente* & did both heare & see the said
 Edward Hinkes lawfully contracted to your said *subiecte* Elizabeth & also
 that they haue heard the said Elizabeth often Confesse the same wheras in 35
 truth the said Edward Hinkes doth well know that there was [not] [^]neuer[^]
 any words of contracte nor any words tendinge to any such purpose vsed
 between(. . .) him & the said Elizabeth And the rather to induce the said David
 Evans Ellinor Smyth Richard Soley & Margaret[^] Soley to contynew & *persiste*
 in such their false wicked intended purpose [the] hee the said Edward Hinkes 40

[(...)] [^][hath] given to the said David Evans a hatt a doublett a dagger &
 other aparell as a reward in that be halfe & to the said Ellinor Smyth severall
 somes of money amountinge to the some of ffiue shillings as a (..)ward in
 that behalfe & to the said Richard [^][Soley] & Margarett his wyffe daylie
 Maynteynance & Releiffe together with dyverse other somes of money gifts
 & rewards *which* the said Edward Hinkes hath given & *promysed* to giue
 vnto them wickedly & falsly to witnes & testifie the said Contracte as
 afforesaid I(.) tender Consyderacion wherof & forasmuch as all & singuler
 the said consperacies confederacies plotts & practisses makinge fframinge
 writtinge dyvulginge & publishinge of the said scandalus & (...) Rymes &
 lybellus enterluds & plaies Ryotts seduceinge of false wittnesses & all &
 singuler the said offences & mysdemeanors are directly contrarie to dyvers
 the good & holsom lawes & statuts of this your *Maiesties* Realme of England
 And haue bin all d(.)n & comitted since your *Maiesties* last most gratius
 generall & ffree pardon And that it would be great incorradgemente to
 other offenders of this kinde to comitt the like offences yf this soe great &
 heynous offenders should escape vnpunished Maie it therfore please your
Maiestie to graunte your highnes most gracious writts of Subpena to bee
 directed to ye [^][said] Humfry Elliottes Edward Hinkes Thomas Sotherne
 Thomas whytmore William Elliotts ffrancis Hinkes Samuell Hill ffrancis
 Daie Richard white william Hardwicke Iohn Bett David Evans Ellinor Smyth
 Richard Soley & Margarett his wyffe Edward Tymyns ffrancis Tymyns
[^][Daniell key a(...) (...)me a(...) (...)emey] Iohn Gra(.)enor Comaundinge
 them therby at a certaine daie & vnder a [^][certaine] paine therin to bee
 lymytted *personally* to bee & appeare before your *Maiestie* & your most
 honora(...) (...)unsell in your *Maiestes* high Courte of Starchamber (..)hen &
 there to Aunswere the [per] *premysses* & to stand to & abid such farther
 order & dereccions there in as to your *Maiestie* & your said counsell shall bee
 thought fitt & your said sub(...)s shall daylie praie for the longe contynuan(.)e
 of your *Maiestes* happie Raigne over vs:/

(signed) Higg(o)ns

mb [1] (19 November)

°decima nona die Novembris Anno 19 Iacobi Regis°

(signed) °T Sherker°

The ioynt and seuerall answers of Edward Hincks Samuell Hill and ffrances
 daye defendants to the Bill of Complainte of Iohn Ridge Clerk William Pratt
 and Elizabeth named in the said Bill uiffe of the said Pratt complaynantes./
 The said defendantes and euery of them all advantage of Exception to the

incertaynty and insufficiency of the said Bill to them laid, *euery* of them nowe
 and at all tymes hereafter saved and reserved for full and derect answere to
 the same Bill say and *euery* of them sayeth as followeth, And ferst the said
 Edward Hyncks sayeth that he verylie beleveth that the said Bill is exhibited
 against this defendante of mere malice to vex this defendante and to put 5
 hym to causlesse charge and expence to deterr and hinder this defendante
 from prosecutinge his iust cause in the ecclesiasticall Court against the said
 Elizabeth for and vppon a contract of marriadge made betweene her and
 this defendante for which this defendante hath heretofore comenced suite in
 the ecclesiasticall Court against her for this defendante hath heard that some 10
 of the Complaynantes have said and given out in speaches that if they gott
 this defendante to London they would make this defendante fast enough
 from pursuying vppon the said Contract. But for manifestacion of the truth
 of soe much as concerneth this defendante to answere vnto he this defendante
 denyeth that there was at any tyme any such practize or agreement betweene 15
 Eliots in the Bill named a defendante and this defendante as is by the Bill
 pretended And this defendante doth alsoe deny that *euer* he moued or
 solicited the said Elizabeth to marry with the said Elliotts But this defendante
 sayeth that it is true that this defendante was heretofore servant in howse to
 the Complaynant Ridge and Whilst this defendante was soe servant to the 20
 said Ridge and the said Elizabeth daughter to the said Ridge beinge then
 single and vnmarried in the same howse shee beinge then as this defendante
 thinketh and hopeth to prove of the adge of seaventeene yeares or thereabouts
 there grewe effeccion of loue in way of marryage betwene this defendante
 and the said Elizabeth soe as at last a contrect of marryage was had and made 25
 betweene this defendante and the said Elizabeth as this defendante hopeth
 sufficiently to proue and manifest after *which* contract made this defendante
 vnderstandinge of a marryage intended by the Complaynant Ridge to be had
 betwene the said Elezabeth and the said Complaynant Pratt this defendante
 did before the marryage of the said Pratt with the said Elizabeth put in his 30
 Caveat in the peculiar Ecclesiasticall Court of Bridgnorth in the County of
 Salopp within the Iurisdiction of *which* peculiar Court the said towne of
 Claverlye is scituatt and afterwardes this defendante procured forth of the said
 peculiar Court a Citacion against the said Elizabeth to appeare and answere
 in the said Court for and Concerninge the *said* Contract *which* Citacion as 35
 this defendante heard was shewed to the said Ridge but the said Elizabeth
 did not appeare therevppon and therefore this defendante procured another
 Citacion against the said Elezabeth forth of the same Court to appeare and
 answere there for and Concerninge the said Contract *which* Citacion was
 served vppon her but shee appeared not in *person* and was therefore by order 40
 of that Court excommunicated after *which* about Bartho^r([.])mew tyde now
 last past shee appeared in the ecclesiasticall Court of the Arches and was there

as this defendante heard absolued from her excommunicacion and obteyned
 out of the same Court of Arches an inhibition to the said peculiar Court but
 hath not yet ^{hether to} served this defendante with any processe to appeare
 in the said Court of arches vpon the said appeale howbeit this defendante
 intendeth to proceed against the said Elizabeth in the ecclesiasticall Court for
 and concerninge the said Contract as he hopeth is lawfull for him to doe and
 hopeth that this honorable Court will not be pleased to deeme his beinge
 contracted to the said Elezabeth any offence at all worthy any examinacion
 or Censure of or in this honorable Court But this defendante denyeth that
 he hath cast any aspersions of vnchastity or incontineny vppon the said
 Elizabeth or hath given out that shee was or is with Child by this defendante
 or any other nor was this defendante any actor in the play or playes in the
 Bill mencioned nor knoweth who made the same nor doth this defendante
 knowe or beleve that the same play or playes or any thinge therein was made
 or ment by of or concerning the said Elezabeth or this defendante or by the
 said Pratt or by of or concerninge any other person whome this defendante
 knoweth And this defendante denyeth that he hath given or promised any
 thinge to any person or persons whatsoever to become false witnesses on his
 behalfe in any matter howbeit this defendant ^{Confesseth} that whilst he
 dwelt with the plainant Ridge he this defendante gave an old hatt at on tyme
 and two pence at other tyme to Elenor Smyth a servant then in the same howse
 whoe vsed to drive the plowe and to doe other drudgery and this defendante
 did alsoe give to one other servant then in the same house called davy whome
 as this defendante thinketh the Bill nameth to be David Evans an old cast
 dublet But this defendante ^{denyeth} that he gave any the said things to
 drawe the said David or Elenor to be false witnesses in any matter or for any
 other vnlawfull cause or Consideracion And the said Samuell Hill and
 ffrances Day for themselues respectively say that for these twelue yeares last
 past or more these defendants with others have for the lawfull merrymēt
^{and recreacion} of themselves and their neighbors for the most parte yearly
 in sommer ^{tyme} acted some interlude or play in the presence of inhabitants
 of Claverly and others whoe have bene spectators and auditors and present
 thereat and that the said Samuell ^{hill} hath for the most parte acted the
 parte of the Clowne or foole in such playes and interluds And it is true that
 these defendantes Samuell and ffrances accordinge to their said former vse
 and custome in other former yeares for other playes were alsoe actors in the
 play or enterlude in the Bill of Complaynt mencioned and did act their parts
 therein the said Samuell actinge the parte of on Ioculus the foole or clowne
 therein and the said ffrancis actinge therein the parte of one Loueland an
 vsurer and alsoe the parte of a philosopher but these defendants nor eyther

of them did meane or intend to scandalize any of the *plainantes* thereby or
any other nor doe knowe or beleve nor have published that any *parte* or *partes*
in the same play was or were made meant or intended by of or concernge
any of the *Complaynants* or by of or concernge the said defendante Hincks
But these defendantes say that they first acted the same play on a Sunday in 5
the after noone after Eveninge prayer the *plainant* Ridge himselfe havinge
ended Eveninge prayer that day very erly in the afternoone and soener then
vsually of purpose that there might be tyme for the actinge of the same play
for the recreacion of the spectators And the plaintiffes Ridge and Elizabeth
were *present* and spectators at the actinge there at both then and at some 10
other tymes when the same was acted in Claverly aforesaid and the said Pratt
was alsoe *present* at some of those tymes of actinge thereof as these defendants
veryly thinke And the said Elizabeth was alsoe *present* and a spectator at one
tyme when the same play was acted by these defendants and their fellowe
actors in the Towne of Bobeton But these defendants say that true it is that 15
at one of the tymes of actinge the same play one of there fellowe actors called
danyell whose Sirname these defendants knowe not actinge the parte of one
called Bravado in that play when he should as his parte was have said Iustics
mittimus daughter said in steade thereof Master [Riches] [^][Ridges] daughter
but for what cause or reason he soe said all these defendantes say they knowe 20
nor doe thinke that the same was soe spoken with any intent to defame or
scandalize the said Elizabeth And these defendantes did not at any tyme act
the same play or any *parte* therein at any tyme duringe the tyme of devine
service nor did any thinge therein with purpose or intent to wrong abuse or
offend any *person* or *person* whatsoever And are therefore hopefull that this 25
Court will not be pleased to deeme their actinge of and in the same play to
be any offence worthy the examinacion or Censure of this Honorable Court
And all these defendants say and euery of them respectiuey for himselfe sayth
as to all and euery the Conspiracyes confederacyes plotts practizes makinge
framinge writinge divulginge and publishinge of scandalous and infamous 30
Rymes and Libellous interludes and playes Riotts seducinge of false witnesses
offences and misdemeanors in the Bill of *Complaynt* [men] mencioned and
therein or thereby Layde to the Charge of these defendants or any of them
they these defendants and euery of them are thereof and of euery of them not
guilty in such sort manner and forme as the same are in and by the said bill 35
of *Complaynt* sett forth and declared all *which* these defendantes and euery
of them respectiuey doe and will averr and proue as this honorable Court
shall award and doe humbly pray to be hence dismissed with their and
euery of their *Costes* and Chardges in this behalfe wrongfully susteyned ./.
(signed) ffferroux 40

CLEE ST MARGARET

1619

Archdeaconry of Hereford Acts of Office HRO: box 24, vol 90
f [254v]* (12 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge of Oliver Lloyd, official principal, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public

Nicolaus Mylychap for using the *communion* cloath of Abdon for a flagge in a morrice daunce/

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ff [378v-9] (13 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge of Oliver Lloyd, official principal, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public

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Isacus Evans

Iohannes Meole

Abdon.

gardiani ibidem, notantur officio that the communion cloath was lent to make a flagge for a morrice dance. 16 die decembris 1619 in ecclesia de ludlowe coram magistro wallweyne deputato &c comparuerunt personaliter dicti gardiani; quos dominus examinavit quoad huiusmodi articulum; ipsi responderunt That one Nicholas Mylychap of the parishe [of Saint Margaretes Clea] (as they heard) did borrow the said cloathe, and that one Thomas Chellmicke of Abdon did take the said cloathe out of the said church of Abdon profaning the same by vsing it as a flagg in a morrice dance: vnde dominus decrevit dictum Mylychap, et Chellmicke citandos fore erga proximum &c ad informandum animum suum in hac parte, et ad respondendum [amp;c] articulis huiusmodi excessus concernentibus &c/

Ste Margaretes
Clea

Nicholaus Mylychap vt supra

Abdon.

Thomas Chelmick vt supra

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33/ *concernentibus: obscured by ink blot*

1619/20

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 136
ff [131v-2]* (18 January)

*Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, 5
deputy judge of Oliver Lloyd, official principal, in the presence of Thomas Duppa
and James Lawrence, notaries public*

Abdon

Isacus Evans

Iohannes Meole 10

dimissio

*gardiani ibidem the communion cloath was lent to make a flagge for a morrice
dance comparuerunt quos dominus examinavit quoad huiusmodi articulum,
ipsi responderunt That one Nicholas Millichapp of the parrishe of St Margaret
Clea (as they heard) did borrowe the said cloathe, and that one Thomas
Chelmick of Abdon did take the said cloathe out of the church of Abdon 15
profaning the same by vsing it as a flagg in a morrice dance: vnde dominus
decrevit dictos Millichapp et Chelmicke citandos fore erga proximum &c ad
informandum animum suum in hac parte, et ad respondendum huiusmodi
excessum concernentibus &c °8 ffebruarij 1619 dominus eos dimisit ad
proximam deteccionem ° 20*

mortuus est

Thomas Chellmicke *pro consimili vt supra*

°*Quo die comparuit personaliter dictus Chellmicke, obiectoque ei articulo
&c et interrogatus: de modo huiusmodi excessus oblatoque ei iuramento de
veritate in hac parte dicenda [et in] ad interrogacionem &c necnon trina 25
vice requisitus et iussus per dominum quod subiret huiusmodi iuramentum
pertinaciter recusavit &c vnde dominus pronunciauit eum contumacem &c
et in penam &c decrevit excommunicatum fore! °8 ffebruarij 1619 in ecclesia
de Ludlowe coram magistro Wallwin surrogato &c comparuit dictus Chelmicke
quem dominus ad eius petitionem facta prius fide absoluit a sententia &c 30
deinde interrogatus in vim iuramenti sui responderet that he had the key of the
church dore at mr Taskers house yat mistres Tasker threw it on the boord &
he tooke them & went to the church & fetched the comunion table carpette
at the request of Nicholas Millichop as he thinketh | Chelmicke he brought
it to mr Taskers house & threew it on the table & Millichap tooke it thence, 35
& he further confessed that it was vsed two dayes in a morrice daunce & that
[one day] it was carried by Edward Millichop of the heath, / and that he, Iohn
Barrett William Millichop of the heath, Walter Millichop of St Margaret
clee Ioseph Tedstell of the clee Nicholas Tudge William amaund of the Clee
& Iohn Chelmicke./ ° 40*

34-40/ Chelmicke he brought ... Chelmicke./°: continuation on f [132] linked to main text by matching sigla

f [6]*

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Citetur in proximum

°Nicholaus Millichapp for vsing the communion cloath of Abdon for a flagg in a Morrice dance° °citatus 4 ffebruarij 1619 personaliter per Thomam James 9 ffebruarij predicti preconizato &c et non comparente &c dominus pronunciauit eum contumacem &c sed reservavit eius penam in proximum 2^{do} Martij 1619 apud Ludlowe coram magistro Wallwin surrogato &c comparuit dictus Millichap et dominus oneravit eum de fideliter respondendo &c deposuit that one [Randle Baylie] Thomas Chelmarshe did fetch the Comunion table carpet from the church to the parsons house where was then the said Millichap the parsons wyfe maid & mother in lawe & the said Millichap tooke it & carried it to the place where the same was vsed for a flagge in a morrice daunce, and he saith that Thomas Chelmicke John Chelmicke Nicolas Evans John Barrett william Millichap Ioseph Tedstell walter servant of william Knott of the Heath & William Amaund did daunce & that Edward Millichap did carry the flagge/ quam confessionem dominus acceptavit et dominus monuit eum ad comparendum apud herefordiam 27 instantis Martij vide in 7 sequenti folio/°

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f [134] (8 February)

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Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery in The Angel in Ludlow before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge, in the presence of Thomas Crumpe (recording) and Thomas Duppa, notaries public

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Abdon/

contra Iohannem Tasker clericum/

8° ffebruarij anno domini 1619 iuxta &c in camera vocata the hall of stage in hospitio vocato the Angell apud Ludlow Coram magistro Gabriele Wallwyn surrogato &c [presente Thoma duppa] comparuit personaliter dictus Iohannes Tasker clericus quem dominus iuramento oneravit de fideliter respondendo &c qui sic iuratus et interrogatus in vim iuramenti sui predicti respondit et fassus est that on the friday next before whitsonday last past one Nicholas

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16/ where: w written over h

17-22/ Iohn Chelmicke ... folio/: continued in left margin and linked to main text by matching sigla

22/ in 7 sequenti folio: ie, on f [13v], transcribed below (p 45)

37/ the friday ... last past: 14 May 1619

Millichap came to him & desired him that he might have the loane of the comunion table carpett, and told him the said Tasker that he had the goodwill of ffrancis weaver Isaack Dewe and Edward Millichap, and that he the said Tasker answered that if the said Millichapp had their good willes therevnto he the said Tasker would not be against it, and that the said Millichapp the next day after did fetch the said Comunion table carpett owt of his the said Taskers howse without his the said Taskers consent [^]or privitie¹ Quam confessionem dominus acceptavit et monuit dictum Tasker ad denuo comparendum coram domino vicario generali in loco Consistoriali Herefordie xxvij^{mo} Martij proximi ad videndum vltiorem processum fieri in hoc negotio. 10
27 Martij 1620 in loco Consistoriali &c coram domino vicario generali &c comparuit dictus Tasker quem dominus monuit ad comparendum coram eo in camera sua hodie inter horas 3 et 4^{am} postea coram domino vicario generali &c inter horas predictas in eius camera &c comparuit dictus Tasker qui interrogatus per dominum Iudicantem in vim iuramenti sui alias prestiti affirmavit that he was not told nor did vnderstand [^]nor conceive¹ to what purpose the said Millichap would borow the said carpett vntill the said carpett had bene vsed for a flagge at the morrice daunce, & that he would not have consented to have lent the same, if he had knowne to what vse they would have put it 20

per me (signed) Iohannem Tasker

ff [12v–13]* (21 March)

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge, in the presence of James Lawrence 25

[St Margaretes
Clea]
de Abdon
citetur in Iovis
ante Pasche
10 (.) A vacat

[Thomas Chellmarshe vt supra videlicet: for yat he fetcht the communion table cloathe of Abdon and vsed the same as a flagg in a morrice dance]

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de Abdon
In decanatu de
Wenlock

Thomas Chellmicke for dancing the said morrice dance die dominico
(blank)

de Abdon
In decanatu de
Wenlock

Iohannes Chellmick pro consimili (blank)

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Munslowe
In decanatu de
Wenlock

Nicholas Evans pro consimili (blank)

- Ste Margaretes
Clea
° dimissio °
° dimissio °
- Iohannes Barret pro consimilil xxj die martij *predicti* in ecclesia de ludlowe coram magistro Wallwayne deputato &c comparuit et dominus iniunxit ei ad comparendum coram eo vel alio quocunque competenti Iudice in loco consistoriali herefordie die lunæ proximo – xxvij viz die Martij instantis [hora] inter horas ix et xj ante meridiem | 5
- ° dimissio °
Stoke
milboroughe:
- Willimus Mylychap pro consimili °12 Aprilis 1620 apud Ludlowe coram magistro Iames surrogato &c comparuit dictus Willimus Millychap et dominus eum iuramento oneravit de fideliter respondendo &c qui sic iuratus et interrogatus negavit that he was ever consentinge or privie to the borowinge of the carpet articulate tamen fassus est that he did daunce in the morrice articulate in which the comunion carpett articulate was vsed & a flagge & that he vnderstood & knewe yat it was the comunion carpett articulate [before] [when] he daunced before it in the morrice articulate & not before quam confessionem dominus acceptavit quatenus &c et iniunxit ei penitenciam iuxta schedulam &c °16 Iunij *predicti* comparuit et certificavit in vim &c ° 15
- Ste Margaretes
Clea
° dimissio °
- Iosephus Tedstill pro consimilil xxj Martij *predicti* similiter vt in causa contra Barret 20
- ° ceruificet
penitenciam °
Stoke
Milboroughe
- Walterus °Pugh° Servus willelmi Knot pro consimili Quo die similiter vt in proxima precedenti causa / °12 Aprilis *predicti* comparuit dictus Pugh &c dominus oneravit eum de fideliter respondendo &c qui sic iuratus et interrogatus in vim iuramenti sui deposuit that he was not privie nor consentinge to the borowinge of the carpett nor ever heard that it should be borrowed or brought to the place [(st)] where the morrice was to be daunced vntill he came to the place & sawe it & heard it reported soe to be tamen fassus est that he did daunce before it after he knew it to be the comunion carpet quam confessionem dominus acceptavit quatenus &c et [dominus] iniunxit penitenciam vt Edwardo Millichap° 25 30
- Ste Margaretes
Clea
Citetur in
proximum
- Willimus a Maunde pro consimili °12 April 162 dominus oneravit eum iuramento de fideliter respondendo &c qui sic iuratus et interrogatus fassus est that he heard talke that a cloth should be borrowed at Abdon to be vsed in

12/ & a flagge: for as a flagge

14–16/ in the morrice ... in vim &c: continued in left margin and linked to main text by matching sigla

21/ °Pugh°: added in hand of Thomas Crumpe, probably on 12 April

26/ the¹: th written over other letters

27–30/ he did daunce ... Millichap°: continued in left margin and linked to main text by matching sigla

29/ iniunxit: for iniunxit; abbreviation mark missing

32/ 162: for 1620

°*dimissio*° the morrice *articulate* & that he daunced the morrice before it & vnderstood at the tyme when he soe daunced that it was the *comunion* table carpett [^] & not before¹ *quam confessionem dominus accepavit quatenus* &c et iniunxit *penitenciam iuxta* &c° °vj° die Septembris 1620 *comparuit* et introduxit formam et in vim *iuramenti* sui *certificavit* de *peractione penitencie* vnde *dimissus*° 5

°*dimissio*° Edwardus Mylychap did carry the flagge °12 Aprilis 1620 Apud Ludlow coram *magistro* Iames *surrogato* &c *comparuit* dictus Edwardus Millichap et *dominus eum* *iuramento* oneravit de *fideliter respondendo* &c qui sic *iuratus* 10 et *interrogatus* in vim *iuramenti* sui fassus est that he & divers others did agree to daunce a morrice & to borrow a flagge from Ludlowe & coming [did by chauce come] where the morrice daunce *articulate* was & [did daunce with them &] did beare a cloth (*which* was there brought to be vsed for a flagge) as a flagge in the same morrice, & that since the said dauncinge this 15 deponent hath heard that the *said* cloth [was the said cloth] was the carpett of the *comunion* table of Abdon & he further deposeth that he was not consentinge nor privie to the borowing of the said carpet nor knew or had heard that it was the said carpet vntill it had bene one day by him vsed tamen fassus est that he did beare the said carpet as a flagge two dayes after in the 20 *said* morrice daunce *quam confessionem dominus accepavit quatenus* et *monuit eum* ad *agnoscendum* eius *culpam* coram *ministro* et *gardianis* &c *iuxta schedulam* et *monuit eum* ad *extrahendum schedulam* &c et ad *certificandum*° °16 Iunij *predicti* *comparuit* et *certificavit* in vim &c° 25

1620

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 136
f [13v] (27 March)

Proceedings of the court held in the consistory of Hereford Cathedral and in the official principal's quarters before Oliver Lloyd, official principal, in the presence of Thomas Crumpe 30

St. Margaretes Clea *contra* Millichop/ 27 Martij 1620 in loco *Consistoriali* *comparuit* dictus Millichap quem *dominus* *monuit* ad *comparendum* coram eo in camera 35
Abdon sua hodie inter horas 3 et 4 postea coram *domino* *vicario generali* &c in eius camera &c inter horas *predictas*, *comparuit* dictus Millichap qui *interrogatus*
Coldweston

11–12/ & divers ... & coming: *inserted in margin and linked to main text by matching sigla*

15/ this: i *written over e*

21–4/ *quatenus ...vim &c*°: *continued in left margin and linked to main text by matching sigla*

21/ et: *for &c* et

°*dimissio*°

per dominum Iudicantem in vim iuramenti sui fassus est that [^][he] the said Nicolas Millichap [&c] [together with] [Nicolas Evans Iohn Barrett Edward Millichap William Millichap Walter the servant of *william* Thomas] Thomas Chelmeck/ & Iohn Chelmecke of Abdon, Ioseph Tedstell *william* a Maund Iohn Barret of the *parishe* of St Margaretes Clee [of the o(..)g] Nicholas Evans *alias* Tudge of the ouerland in the *parishe* of Munslowe and [Edward Millichap &c] William Millichap of the *parishe* of Stoke Milborowe did consent that the comunion table carpett of Abdon should be borowed to be vsed for a flagge in a morrice daunce in the *parishe* of St Margaretes clee, & that he the said Nicolas Millichap went & borowed accordingly, but beleeveth that the said Mr Tasker did not know to what vse the said carpett was soe borowed, but saith it was vsed as a flagge in a morrice daunce in the *parishe* of St Margaret Clee on Munday & tewsdai in whitson weeke last & that he is very sorofull for the said offence, et submisit se &c vnde *dominus* iniunxit ei *penitentiam* [^][publicam] iuxta [s] *schedulam* &c et monuit eum ad extrahendum °vj° die Septembris 1620 apud ludlowe coram magistro Wallwin &c comparuit et introduxit formam et in vim iuramenti sui *certificavit* de peractione *penitencie* vnde *dimissus*. /°

f [138v] (12 April)

Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery before John James, deputy judge, in the presence of Thomas Crumpe, notary public

Munslow/

dimissio

Nicholaus Evans/ 12 Aprilis 1620 apud Ludlowe coram magistro Iohanne Iames surrogato comparuit et *dominus* eum iuramento oneravit de fideliter respondendo qui sic iuratus et interrogatus fassus est that he did daunce the morrice *articulate* where the carpett *articulate* was vsed as a flagge [et in vim iuramenti sui *predicti*] and that at the tyme when he soe daunced he vnderstood that & was told that the said flagge was fetched from Abdon church & that it had bene vsed there for the comunion table carpett & not before quam confessionem *dominus* acceptavit quatenus &c et iniuxit *penitentiam* iuxta *schedulam* &c et monuit eum ad extrahendum *schedulam* &c et ad *certificandum* &c °citatus per Evaine apparitorem 5 Maij vltimi ad comparendum in ecclesia de ludlowe xxiiij° die Maij *predicti* publice preco trina vice dicto Evaine et nullo modo comparente *dominus* pronuntiavit ipsum contumacem decimo sexto die Iunij *predicti* comparuit et *dominus* revocavit decretum

10/ the: *written over* this

13/ Munday ... last: 17–18 May 1619

32/ iniuxit: *for* iniunxit; *abbreviation mark missing*34/ Evaine: *written over another word*35/ preco: *for* preconizato (?)35/ Evaine: *for* Evans

excommunicationis et ad statim introduxit formam et in vim iuramenti sui *certificavit de peractione penitentiae* vnde dimissus.^o

Abdon/
dimissio

Iohannes Chelmecke/ pro consimili 12 Aprilis 1620 apud Ludlowe &c comparuit &c et dominus eum iuramento oneravit de fideliter respondendo &c qui sic iuratus et interrogatus in vim iuramenti sui deposuit that he heard before the morrice daunce *articulate* some speece that the *comunion* carpett *articulate* should be [vsed] borowed to be vsed at the said morrice for a flagge but gave noe consent thereto tamen fatetur that he did daunce before the said carpett in the morrice *articulate* & did before the said dauncinge know that the said cloth did vsually lye on Abdon *comunion* & had often seene it lye there [at] the [tyme of the] *comunion* table quam *confessionem dominus* acceptavit quatenus &c et iniunxit ei *penitentiam* iuxta *schedulam* ^odecimo sexto die Iunij *predicti* introducta forma cum *certificarijs* dimissus^o

f [14]*

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before John James, deputy judge, in the presence of Thomas Crumpe, notary public

dimissio

Iohannes Barret, 12 Aprilis 1620 apud Ludlowe coram magistro Iohanne James surrogato &c comparuit dictus Barret quem dominus iuramento oneravit de fideliter respondendo qui sic iuratus et interrogatus deposuit that he & others had speech of borrowinge [the] a cloth from Abdon church to be vsed as a flagge in a morrice daunce *articulate* & that this deponent did his endeavour to borowe the same of Isaake Dewse & ffrauncis weaver of Abdon & that they refused to lend it or to give their [goe] consentes thereto & bad this deponent to goe to the churchwardens, & he further deposeth that after wardes the said cloth was borowed & brought to the place where the morrice *articulate* was daunced & that this deponent did daunce ye morrice *articulate* before the said carpett & that he did vnderstand at the tyme when he soe daunced & before that the said carper was vsually laid on the *comunion* table of Abdon at the tyme of the *comunion* quam *confessionem dominus* acceptavit quatenus &c et iniunxit *penitentiam* iuxta *schedulam* &c ^odecimo quinto die Iunij *predicti* comparuit et introduxit formam et in vim iuramenti sui *certificavit de peractione penitentiae* iuxta &c^o

dimissio

Iosephus Tedstill/ 12 Aprilis *predicti* comparuit &c et dominus iuramento eum oneravit de fideliter respondendo &c qui sic iuratus et interrogatus

7/ speece: for speeche

11/ *comunion*: for *comunion* table

12/ there: for there on or vpon

deposuit that he with others did daunce the morrice *articulate* before the carpett *articulate* & that he never heard that Abdon *comunion* table carpett shoulde be borrowed not ever knew nor head that it was the *comunion* carpett vntill longe since the said dauncinge *quam confessionem dominus acceptavit quatenus* &c et monuit *eum* ne vltorius &c *eumque* dimisit &c

f [17]*

°*dimissio*° Adam Wildinge drummer at a morrice dance° *quesitus* 8 Aprilis 1620 in ecclesia de Ludlowe *dominus* decrevit *eum* citandum vijs et modis in proximum. 10
°xxiiij° die Maij 1620 apud ludlowe coram magistro Iames &c comparuit dictus Wilding et obiecto ei articulo *fassus* est articulum esse verum et iuramentum *prestitit* that he did not knowe that the cloth carried as a flagg in the morrice daunce *articulat* was the cloth vsed for the ministracion of the *communion* in the church of Abdon *articulat*: neither was he consenting to the borroweing 15
of the same cloath *quam confessionem dominus acceptavit* et dimisit *ipsum* dimisit *cum admonicione*°

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°*dimissio*° Willimus Poulter servus Iohannis Smith 20
the lordes shepperd° 4 Maij 1620 in ecclesia de Ludlowe comparuit et *dominus eum* dimisit *cum admonicione*.

f [141v]* (3 May)

Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery before John James, deputy judge, in the presence of Thomas Duppa, notary public

°*dimissio*° Nicholaus Reighnoldes was ffrier at the morrice daunce at St Margaretes Clee 30
Abdon *citatus* &c in 3 diem Maij *predicti* in ecclesia de Ludlowe coram magistro
I s. Iames artium magistro deputato &c comparuit *personaliter* dictus [Rog] Reighnoldes et obiecto ei articulo *fassus* est articulum esse verum et submitit se correctioni *domini Iudicantis* *quam confessionem dominus acceptavit* et iniunxit ei *vnum* [dec] diem *penitentiali* more et monuit *ipsum* ad extrahendum 35
formam et ad *certificandum* hoc in loco 23 Maij *instantis*/ °quarto Iulij *preconizatus* &c non comparuit &c *reservata pena* in proximum &c/° decimo nono die *mensis decembris* 1620 in ecclesia de ludlowe coram magistro Gabriele Wallwin artium magistro deputato &c et *continuavit* *certificarium*

3/ not: for nor

3/ head: for heard

16–17/ dimisit *ipsum* dimisit: second dimisit *redundant*

16/ *ipsum*: 4 *minims* in MS

38/ &c et: for &c comparuit et (?)

penitentie in proximum deinde dominus wallwin decrevit ipsum *excommunicatum fore* / °16 die Ianuarij 1620 in ecclesia de ludlowe coram magistris Wallwin et Iames deputatis &c comparuit et domini revocarunt decretum ex errore &c et quoad causam principalem dimissus est cum admonicione &c °

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f [16]* (4 May)

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public

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dimissio

°Iohannes Bottrell for carring a sword in morrice daunce betweene morninge and eveninge praier die dominico° Quarto die Maij 1620 coram magistro Gabriele wallweyne Surrogato &c comparuit personaliter apud ludlowe presente me Iacobo Lawrence; obiectoque ei articulo fassus est articulum esse verum: et iuramentum prestitit that he did not knowe that the cloath carried as a flagg in the morrice dance articulat was the cloath vsed for the ministracion of the communion in the church of Abdon articulat: neither was he consenting to the borowing of the same cloath Quam confessionem dominus acceptavit et inflixit ei vnum diem penitencie iuxta schedulam &c et monuit ad comparendum in proximo ad certificandum &c/ Postea dominus ipsum sub admonicione &c dimisit/

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f [17v]*

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dimissio

°Ricardus eudlicke the hobbie horse° 4° Maij 1620 comparuit et obiecto articulo fassus est &c et similiter vt Walterus Millichap habet ad certificandum 4 Iulij proximo/ °5 Iulij 1620 preconizatus &c nullo modo comparens &c excommunicatus.° deinde sedente curia comparuit et introduxit formam et in vim iuramenti sui certificavit de peractione penitentie iuxta &c dimissus°

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°dimissio°

°Walterus [eudlicke] Millichapp my lordes vice or sonne° 4 Maij 1620 in ecclesia de Ludlow coram magistro Wallwin comparuit dictus Walterus Millichap et obiecto articulo fassus est that he was the lordes foole & did daunce in the morrice where the comunion table carpett was vsed as a flagge & that he then knew that it was the said carpet at the tyme when he did daunce & that Iohn Barrett & the rest of the morrice dauncers were consenting & did give their consent to the borowinge thereof quam confessionem

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2-4/ de ludlowe coram ... admonicione &c°: continued in left margin and linked to main text by matching sigla
21/ comparendum: 4 minims in MS

dominus acceptavit quatenus &c et iniunxit ei *penitentiam* iuxta *schedulam* &c °xv° die Iunij *predicti* comparuit et introduxit *formam* et in vim &c *certificavit*°

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CLEOBURY MORTIMER

1613

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 132
ff [77v–8]* (23 November)

Proceedings of the court held for Burford deanery before Silas Griffithes, STD, deputy judge of James Bailey, vicar general, in the presence of Thomas Duppa, notary public

Tenburie

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Richardus Clea/

dimissio/

for plaieinge a stage plaie on the saboth daie Quo die comparuit *alias personaliter* apprehensus; obiectoque ei articulo fassus est that he and his companie plaied at Cleburie on a munday, and at Neene on a Tuesday, and not and vppon the saboth day at any tyme: vnde *prestito iuramento* &c *dominus eum* ab officio suo dimisit/

Cleburie
Mortimer

Thomas Watmoore for plaieinge a stage plaie on the Saboth daie, in the parrishe of Cleburie Mortimer, and Rocke ex *relacione* Iohannis Bach in vim Iuramenti sui/ °viiij die ffebruarij 1613 coram *domino* doctore Griffith deputato &c comparuit obiectoque ei articulo &c fassus est esse verum: [...]
et submitit se &c Vnde monitus est quod deinceps &c Et sic *dimissus/*°

dimissio/

Thomas Turner *alias* dawson de eadem
pro consimili/ °Citatus in viij diem ffebruarij *predicti* &c *preconizatus* &c
nullo modo comparuit &c ° |

dimissio

Iohannes Turner *alias* dawson de eadem
pro consimili/ °viiij die ffebruarij *predicti* Similiter vt supra *dimissus* cum
admonicione &c.°

Iohannes ffarmer *pro consimili/*
°Citatus per publicum edictum in viij diem ffebruarij *predicti* &c *preconizatus*
&c nullo modo comparuit &c reservata pena in proximum &c/°

19–20/ and not and not: *ditography*

24/ *relacione*: for *relacione*

dimissio Willimus Norgrove de eadem *pro consimili*
 °Quo die *Similiter* vt supra dimissus est cum admonicione &c°

Hopton Wafers Humfridus Evans *pro consimili*
Dimissio °Quo die *Similiter*°

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1615

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 134
 f [23]* (23 May)

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Proceedings of the court held for Burford deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge and cleric

dimissio Willimus Pennell de Barnes Landes *parochie predicte*
notatur officio for makeinge and singinge a rime as followeth *videlicet*
 goodman Blake can knitt a knott hey dirrie sandie, and goodwief Blake can
 crusse a pott that is as fine as can be, William Blake is poore & bare &c he
 gaged his sawe for a pott of ale &c Robert Blake can heele a hose &c the
 goodwief Camebridg will not parte from the droppinge of her nose &c
 Ann Blake is as leane as a rake and Margerie Blake can cracke a cake &c
 reservata pena in hunc diem/ °17 die Iulij *predicti comparuit personaliter*
obiectoque ei articulo &c negavit esse verum. Vnde dominus eum admonuit
 &c et sic dimissus est.°

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Per Willimum
 Blake

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dimissio Thomas Pennell eius filius *pro consimili Similiter* vt supra °17 die Iulij
predicti Similiter vt supra./°

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dimissio (*blank*) Goodward serviens dicti Willimi *pro consimili Similiter* °17 Iulij
predicti Similiter vt supra./°

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CLEOBURY NORTH**1619/20**

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 136
 f [64v] (18 February)

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Proceedings of the court held for Stottesdon deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge of Oliver Lloyd, LL.D, official principal and commissary, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public

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dimissio Thomas dallowe [*alias ffawconer*] for selling of ale tempore *divinorum* and
 keepinge dancing in his howse *citatus* &c in *vjtum diem decembris predicti*

comparuit et obiecto ei articulo fassus est articulum esse verum quam confessionem dominus acceptavit &c postea dominus ex causis ipsum dimisit cum admonicione ...

DIDDLEBURY

1613

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 132
ff [21–1v]* (23 November)

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before Silas Griffithes, STD, deputy judge of James Bailey, LLD, vicar general

3 dies penitencie 1 in ecclesia propria 1 in ecclesia de Lidbury Northe 1 in ecclesia de Ludlow †

°Iohannes Gardner for plainge of an enterlude vpon the saboth daie °

Quo die comparuit personaliter dictus Iohannes Gardener, obiectoque ei articulo &c fassus est esse verum, et fassus est vterius that he withe his Companie plaid likewise at lidbury northe vpon a Saboathe daie; Vnde dominus iniurxit ei penitenciam &c iuxta formam schedulæ &c et monuit ad comparendum in proximo ad certificandum &c/ dein dominus [eum Iuramento] obtulit ei iuramentum de fideliter respondendo &c et de detegendo nomina spectatorum &c recusavit subire illud Iuramentum Vnde dominus pronunciavit eum contumacem &c et in penam &c decrevit excommunicatum fore/

3 dies 1 in ecclesia propria 1 in ecclesia de Rushbury 1 in ecclesia de Eaton/†
Iohannes Spraggs pro consimili/

°Quo die Similiter vt supra/°

3 dies in ecclesia 1 in ecclesia de Stanton lacie 1 in ecclesia de Bromfield 1 in ecclesia de Culmington/†

Culmington/ Charolus Troit pro consimili/

°Quo die similiter/ [vnde]°

[diddlebury] Henricus Weauer pro consimili/

Culmington/ °Citatus in hos diem et locum &c excommunicatus/°

Culmington °Thomas hamond pro consimili°

xiiiij° die decembris predicti in ecclesia de Ludlowe coram doctore Griffithes Surrogato &c comparuit, obiectoque ei articulo &c fassus est esse verum: dein dominus obtulit ei Iuramentum vt supra &c recusavit subire &c Vnde dominus pronunciavit eum contumacem &c et in penam &c decrevit excommunicatum fore.

- didlburie °ffranciscus ap humfrey *pro consimili*°
Quo die *Similiter* vt supra/ *excommunicatus* in recusando subire *Iuramentum*
vt supra/ °xix^{no} die Ianuarij *predicti* *Similiter* vt in actu *contra* ffostbrooke./° |
- didlbury °Willimus Barker *pro consimili*° 5
°*dimissio*° Quo die *excommunicatus* vt supra *excommunicatus* in recusando subire
he being required to take his oathe touching this matter, said he would sware fast enough without the booke/ *Iuramentum* &c °xix° die Ianuarij *predicti* *Similiter* vt in actu *contra*
ffostbrooke octavo die mensis ffebruarij 1613 iuxta &c in Ecclesia de ludlowe
coram doctore Griffithes deputato &c comparuit *personaliter* dictus Willimus
Barker et introduxit *formam* et in vim iuramenti sui *certificavit* de *peractione* 10
penitentie vnde *dimissus*/°
- didlbury °Georgius ffostbrooke *pro consimili*°
Quo die *excommunicatus* vt supra/ °xix° die mensis Ianuarij 1613 iuxta &c
°*dimissio*° in Ecclesia *parochiali* de ludlowe coram venerabili viro magistro Silvano 15
Griffithes [de] sacre theologie *professore* deputato &c comparuit *personaliter*
dictus Georgius fforst[(...)]brooke et *prestito* prius iuramento de *parendo iuri*
tunc *dominus* ipsum absoluit et *examinatus* in vim iuramenti sui *respondet*
vt in charta vnde *dominus* super confessione sua iniunxit ei vnum *dieim*
penitentie in Ecclesia *ibidem* more *penitentiali* et ad *confitendum articulum* 20
flexis genibus Et ad *certificandum* in *proximo*/° viij die ffebruarij *predicti*
[*comparuit preconizatus* &c] °*Similiter* vt supra/°
- didlburie Iohannes Wellence *pro consimili* | 25
°Quo die *excommunicatus* vt supra°
- °*dimissio*°
didlburie Thomas Tegge *pro consimili*
°*in proximo secundo die dominico*° Quo die *excommunicatus* vt supra/ °xix° die Ianuarij *predicti* *Similiter* vt supra
viij° die ffebruarij *predicti* *Similiter* vt supra/° 30
- [didlburie] Nicholaus Tippin *pro consimili* |
Culmington °Quo die *excommunicatus* vt supra/°
- f [27] 35
- °*dimissio*° °Iohannes Corser for beinge present at an enterlude in didleburie vppon the
sabothe daie/°
Iohannes dun *parochie* de Stoke
milboroughe was also presente
[(...Cl...)] viij die ffebruarij *predicti* in ecclesia de Ludlow coram doctore Griffithes
Surrogato &c comparuit dictus Iohannes Corser; obiectoque ei *articulo* &c 40
fassus est esse verum: Vnde *dimissus est cum admonicione* &c
- 19/ *dieim*: for diem

Iohannes Nornecott de Corfton
pro consimili / °viiij die ffebruarij *predicti* (*blank*)°

Iohannes Higgins de eadem
pro consimili / °Citatus in viij diem ffebruarij *predicti* &c preconizatus &c
excommunicatus!°

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EATON CONSTANTINE

c 1625–40

Richard Baxter, Reliquiæ Baxterianæ Wing: B1370
 pp 1–3*

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We lived in a Country that had but little Preaching at all: In the Village where I was born there was four Readers successively in Six years time, ignorant Men, and two of them immoral in their lives; who were all my School masters. In the Village where my Father lived, there was a Reader of about Eighty years of Age that never preached, and had two Churches about Twenty miles distant: His Eye-sight failing him, he said Common-Prayer without Book; but for the Reading of the Psalms and Chapters, he got a Common Thresher and Day-Labourer one year, and a Taylor another year: (for the Clerk could not read well): And at last he had a Kinsman of his own, (the excellentest Stage-player in all the Country, and a good Gamester and good Fellow) that got Orders and supplied one of his Places! After him another younger Kinsman, that could write and read, got Orders: And at the same time another Neighbour's Son that had been a while at School turn'd Minister, and who would needs go further than the rest, ventur'd to preach (and after got a Living in Staffordshire,) and when he had been a Preacher about Twelve or Sixteen years, he was fain to give over, it being discovered that his Orders were forged by the first ingenious Stage-Player. After him another Neighbour's Son took Orders, when he had been a while an Attorney's Clerk, and a common Drunkard, and tipled himself into so great Poverty, that he had no other way to live: It was feared that he and more of them came by their Orders the same way...

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In the village where I lived the Reader read the Common-Prayer briefly, and the rest of the Day even till dark Night almost, except Eating time, was spent in Dancing under a May-Pole and a great Tree, not far from my Father's Door: where all the Town did meet together: And though one of my Father's own Tenants was the Piper, he could not restrain him, nor break the Sport: So that we could not read the Scripture in our Family without the great

disturbance of the Taber and Pipe and Noise in the Street! Many times my Mind was inclined to be among them, and sometimes I broke loose from Conscience, and joyned with them; and the more I did it the more I was enclined to it. But when I heard them call my Father Puritan, it did much to cure me and alienate me from them: for I consider'd that my Father's Exercise 5 of Reading the Scripture, was better than theirs, and would surely be better thought on by all men at the last; and I considered what it was for that he and others were thus derided. When I heard them speak | scornfully of others as Puritans whom I never knew, I was at first apt to believe all the Lies and Slanders wherewith they loaded them: But when I heard my own Father so 10 reproached, and perceived the Drunkards were the forwardest in the reproach, I perceived that it was mere Malice: For my Father never scrupled Common-Prayer or Ceremonies, nor spake against Bishops, nor ever so much as prayed but by a Book or Form, being not ever acquainted then with any that did otherwise: But only for reading Scripture when the rest were Dancing on the 15 Lord's Day, and for praying (by a Form out of the end of the Common Prayer Book) in his House, and for reprovng Drunkards and Swearers, and for talking sometimes a few words of Scripture and the Life to come, he was reviled commonly by the name of Puritan, Precisian and Hypocrite: and so were the Godly Conformable Ministers that lived any where in the Country 20 near us, not only by our Neighbours, but by the common talk of the Vulgar Rabble of all about us. By this Experience I was fully convinc'd that Godly People were the best, and those that despised them and lived in Sin and Pleasure, were a malignant unhappy sort of People: and this kept me out of their Company, except now and then when the Love of Sports and Play 25 enticed me.

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Richard Baxter, The Divine Appointment of the Lords Day Wing: B1253
pp 115–17*

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4. These Dancings, and Playes, and Wakes and other riotous sports, are a strong temptation | also to them that are not of the riotous societies, but have convictions on their hearts, that they have greater and better things to mind. Without accusing others, I may say that I know this by bad experience. I 35 cannot forget, when my Conscience was against their courses, and called me to better things, how hardly when I was young, I passed by the Dancing, and the Playing Congregations; and especially when in the Passage I must bear their scorn.

And I was one Year a School-master, and found how hard it was for the 40 poor Children, to avoid such snares, even when they were sure to be whipt the next day for their pleasures.

5. And those Riots and Playes are injurious to the pious and sober persons who dislike them. For it is they that shall be made the Rabbles Scorn, and the Drunkards Song; Besides that the noise oft times annoyeth them when they should be calmly serving God. And they are hindered from governing and instructing their Families, while their Children and Servants are thus tempted to be gone, and their hearts are all the while in the playing place. Never did a hungry dog more grudge at his restraint from meat, than Children and young Servants usually grudge, to be Catechised, or kept to holy exercises, when they hear the pipe, or the noise of the licentious multitude in the Streets. I cannot forget, that in my Youth in those late times, when we lost the labours of some of our Conformable Godly Teachers, for not Reading publickly the Book for Sports and Dancing on the Lords dayes, one of my Fathers own Tenants was the Town Piper, hired by the Year (for many Years together) and the place of the Dancing Assembly was not an hundred yards from our door; and we could not on the Lords day, either read a Chapter, or Pray, or sing a Psalm, or Catechise or instruct a Servant, but with the noise of the Pipe and Taber, and the Whootings in the Street, continually in our Ears; And even among a tractable people, we were the common Scorn of all the Rabble in the Streets, and called Puritans, Precisians and Hypocrites, because we rather chose but to read the Scriptures, than to do as they did (Though there was no favour of any Non-conformity in our Family.) And when the people by the Book were allowed to Play and Dance, out of publick Service-time, they could so hardly break off their Sports, that many a time the Reader was fain to stay till the Piper and Players would give over; And sometimes the Morrice-Dancers would come into the Church, in all their Linnen and Scarfs and Antick Dresses, with Morrice-bells jingling at their leggs. And as soon as Common Prayer was read, did haste out presently to their Play again....

1637

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 39, vol 146
f [426]* (June)

Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery

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Iohannes Philips detectus for vnlawfully rearing and setting a summer Powle vpon the ffeast day of Pentecost last past contrary to the Kings maiesties Lawes *continuata causa in hunc diem quo die comparuit idem Thomas Phillips et dominus audita causa dimisit &c sine feodo.*

dimissio

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FARLOW

1608

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 130
p 35* (13 October)

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Proceedings of the court held before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public

°Whethill/°
°dimissio°
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°Thomas walker informatus per magistrum Acton Rectorem *ibidem* that he was absent the fowe^r r^th of September beinge sonday from eveninge prayer and prophaninge the saboth day in dauncinge and drinkeinge att ffarlowes wake. /° (*blank*)

dimissio
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°Iudea Matell pro consimili° xiiij die Octobris 1608 coram magistro Iacobo Bailye legum doctore &c comparuit dicta Iuditha obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi, fassa est eundem esse verum Et interrogata per dominum Iudicantem, quoad ceteros delinquentes in hac parte loco et tempore predictis, dicit quod Thomas Walker Willelmus Doughtie ^[de Whethill] Thomas Nicholles de ffarelowe, Catherina Iones, serua magistri Detton, ^[Robertus] Iames de Whethill, Edwardus Corfielde de whethill, Morrice Iones mr Actons man fuerunt tunc et *ibidem* presentes. et hoc in vim iuramenti sui &c Vnde dominus monuit eam de reformando se in posterum &c Et sic dimissa est
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Citentur delinquentes

dimissio
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°Katherina° ^[Iones]° serva magistri Detton pro consimili° Quo xiiij^{to} die Octobris predicti comparuit dicta Katherina, Cui dominus obtulit Iuramentum de dicendo veritatem in hac parte super interrogacione &c fatetur delictum per se &c et interrogata de interessentibus &c in vim iuramenti &c dicit; Willelmum Doughtie; Thomam Doughtie de whethill; et margareta eius vxorem, Robertum Iames gardianum de Whethill; Thomam walker de eadem; Thomam Nicholles de ffarelowe, Iuditham Mantle; Edwardum Corfielde de whethill, [(.)] Thomam Malpas de Clebury mortimer, Thomam Ellcox de Stotesden; Annam Angell de ffarelowe; fuisse tunc et *ibidem* presentes &c Vnde monita est posthac &c vt supra &c
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Edwardus Corfeild pro consimili/ (*blank*)
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15/ Matell: for Mantell (?); cp L.31

26/ Iuramentum: u written over other letters, possibly iu

29/ margareta: for margaretam; abbreviation mark missing

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 142
f [25]* (8 November)

Proceedings of the court held before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general

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dimissio

Thomas Nicholles de ffarelowe; for[...] concealing the disorder, donne and committed by drincking dancing, and other misbehavioure; by diuers persons [and] on a Sundaie latelie, tempore diuinorum Quo die comparuit dictus Thomas Nicholles obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi negavit &c Vnde dominus monuit eum ad comparendum in loco consistoriali Herefordie; die veneris proximo ad septimanam coram eo &c. hora canonicarum &c ad recipiendum articulos in hac parte &c sub pena iuris &c/ Postea prestito iuramento per eundem; de fideliter requirendo in hac parte &c monitus est ad exhibendum presentacionem in proximo &c dein dominus dimisit ipsum cum admonicione &c

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ff [33-5]* (8 November)

Proceedings of the court held before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public and deputy registrar

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Whethill

°Thomas walker informatus per magistrum Iohannem Acton Rectorem ibidem that he was absent the fowerth of September beinge sonday from ev[...]ieninge prayer and prophaninge the saboth day in Dauncinge and drinckinge at ffarlowes wake° Quo die comparuit dictus Walker; obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi, fassus est eundem esse verum, quoad absenciam ab ecclesia vespertinis precibus tempore articulato/ cetera negavit &c Vnde habet ad comparendum apud Herefordiam proximo Consistorio &c. ad recipiendum articulos &c. postea fatetur that he did dance the time and place articulatur &c. Vnde habet ad peragendum penitenciam per vnum diem more penitenciali &c in ecclesia ibidem &c et ad certificandum in proximo &c

dimissio

°Willimus Doughtie pro consimili° Quo die comparuit dictus Willimus Doughtie, obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi, negavit &c Vnde habet, ad purgandum se in proximo &c cum sexta manu &c. facta proclamacione &c postea submitit se &c. et agnovit culpam in ea parte, seque eiusdem rite penituisse et penitere &c. Vnde dimissus sub admonicione &c/

*Farelowe°

°Thomas Nicholles pro consimili,° Quo die comparuit dictus Nicholles

dimissio obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi, oblatoque ei iuramento &c de fideliter respondendo interrogatis per dominum in hac parte, prestitoque. &c fatetur that he was present the time and place articulat: Vnde habet vnum diem penitencie more penitenciali &c in ecclesia ibidem et ad certificandum in proximo &c/ Postea dimissus est cum admonicione | 5

dimissio °Mauritius Iones servus magistri Acton pro consimili° Quo die comparuit dictus Mauritius Iones; quem dominus iuramento oneravit de fideliter respondendo &c. dixit, that Thomas doughtie; william doughtie; Thomas Nicholles, William Mylychap, and Robert Trowe de Aston Botrell; Iohn Sharpe; et alios in proxima sequenti pagina sequenti annotatos &c; et dicit se interfuisse &c but did not dance. &c Vnde dimissus 10

dimissio °Robertus Iames gardianus pro consimili° 15 Quo die comparuit dictus Robertus Iames et dominus ipsum examinavit in vim iuramenti sui &c dicit in vim eiusdem sui iuramenti that was both at morning and Evening praier, at his one parishe Church, and did go to ffarelowe, to supper but did not then dance, nether did anie dauncing at that time Vnde dimissus 20

dimissio °Thomas Doughtie pro consimili° Quo die comparuit dictus Thomas doughtie obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi fassus est that he present the time and place articulat, &c Vnde habet ad peragendum vnum diem penitencie more penitenciali &c in ecclesia ibidem &c et ad certificandum in proximo &c. | 25
Citetur in proximum 13 decembris predicti preconizatus &c non certificavit &c 14 Martij 1608 comparuit et petijt beneficium absolucionis et dominus ipsum absolvit et dimisit | 30

dimissio °Margareta eius vxor pro consimili,° quesita &c vijs et modis &c in proximum &c; citata in 13 diem decembris predicti &c ex certificario Sowtherne apparitoris &c preconizata &c non comparuit &c Quo die in persona dicti mariti sui absolvitur et dimittitur 35

Farelowe *dimissio* °Anna Angell de ffarelowe pro consimili° [citata &c] quesita &c. vijs et modis &c. Postea dominus dimisit dictam Annam Angell sub admonicione &c. |

11/ sequenti pagina sequenti: second sequenti redundant
17/ was: for he was

24/ present: for was present
36m/ Farelowe: in italic script

°Stotesden/°
dimissio °Thomas Ellcox pro *consimili*°
 Quo die *comparuit dictus* Ellcox *obiectoque* ei *articulo huiusmodi*; *fassus* est
 that he did plaie the time and place *articulat* as ministrell Vnde *dominus*
influxit ei vnum diem *penitencie* more *penitenciali* in ecclesia *ibidem* &c et
 ad *certificandum* in *proximo* &c Postea *dimissus* est sub *admonicione* &c

dimissio °Edwardus Corfeild pro *consimili*°
 Quo die *comparuit dictus* Edwardus Corfelde; *obiectoque* ei *articulo*
huiusmodi *fassus* est that he was there *present*, but did not dance at all.
 Vnde *monitus* est *imposterum* &c Vnde *dimissus* est &c/

(After 8 November)

Proceedings at various sessions arising from Maurice Jones' statement

Aston
 Botrell
 °*dimissio*°
 William Mylychap, for being at ffarelowes wake as abovesaid, prophaning
 the Sabaoth daie in drincking, dancing, &c *quesitus* in 13 diem *decembris*
predicti &c ex *certificario* *apparitoris* &c *vijs* et *modis* in *proximum* &c °xvij°
 die *mensis* Ianuarij 1608 *iuxta* &c in Ecclesia de ludlowe coram *domino*
 Vicario generali &c *comparuit personaliter* dictus *Willelmus* et super
examinatione articuli dominus cum *admonition*(.) *ipsum* *dimisit*!°

Aston
 Bottrell
 °*dimissio*°
 Robertus Trowe pro *consimili* *quesitus* in 13 diem *decembris predicti* &c ex
certificario *apparitoris* &c. *vijs* et *modis* in *proximum* &c °xvij° die Ianuarij
 1608 *iuxta* &c in Ecclesia de ludlowe coram *domino* vicario generali &c
comparuit personaliter dictus Robertus Trowe et *dominus cum* *admonicione*
ipsum *dimisit*.!°

Ex *informatione* Mauritiij Iones in *vim iuramenti* sui.

Whethill
dimissio
 Iohannes Sharpe pro *consimili*! 24 die *Novembris predicti*, *comparuit* dictus
 Iohannes Sharpe; *obiectoque* ei *articulo huiusmodi* *negavit* &c. Vnde *prestito*
iuramento, that he did neither dance nor drincke there *dimissus* est. &c/

dimissio
 Iane (*blank*) Sister in law to mr detton pro *consimili* xxiiij^{to} die *Novembris*
 1608 *examinata causa per dominum*, *dimissa* est sub *admonicione*! &c./

Neene
 savadge
 Humfridus ffarelowe pro *consimili*, 24 die *Novembris* 1608 in ecclesia de

22/ *admonition*(.): *edge of sheet cut off; probably admonitione*

30/ Ex ... sui: *in italic script in left margin and connected to all cases on f [34v] by brace*

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|---------------------------------------|---|----------|
| <i>dimissio</i> | Ludlowe. coram magistro Iacobo Bailie doctore &c comparuit dictus ffareley. Cui dominus obiecit articulum ipse negavit. Vnde habet ad purgandum se in proximo cum 3 manu &c facta proclamacione &c/ 13 die decembris 1608 in ecclesia de Ludlow coram domino Vicario generali &c comparuit dictus Humfridus ffarelowe; et super vltiori examinacione cause &c dominus dimisit. ipsum sub admonicione &c | 5 |
| <i>dimissio/</i> | Edwardus ffarelow pro consimili 24 die Novembris 1608. in ecclesia de Ludlowe comparuit dictus ffarelowe obiectoque ei articulo &c negavit articulum esse verum Vnde habet ad purgandum se in proximo cum 3 manu &c facta proclamacione &c 13 die decembris. predicti super vltiori examinacione causee &c. monitus est posthac &c. | 10 |
| <i>dimissio/</i> | Iohannes Salsburie pro consimili 24 die Novembris predicti comparuit dictus Salsburie; obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi negavit, Vnde facta fide &c dominus ipsum dimisit. | 15 |
| Stotesden | ffraunciscus Roe; did fight with Humfrey ffarelowe, tunc et ibidem, quesitus in xxiiij diem Novembris predicti &c vijs et modis in proximum &c 18 die Ianuarij Anno domini 1608 in ecclesia de Ludlowe coram domino Vicario generali &c comparuit dictus ffranciscus Roe obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi fatetur that he was there the time and place articulatur, cetera negavit &c Vnde habet ad purgandum se in proximo cum 3 manu &c facta proclamacione &c/. x ^o ffebrarij 1608 preconizatus non comparuit 7 Aprilis 1609 comparuit et super examinacione cause dominus inflixit ad confitendum articulum in vsuali vestitu &c et ad certificandum in proximo &c | 20 25 |
| | ex informatione Mauritij Iones in vim iuramenti sui | |
| Neene Savadge | Humfridus ffarelow. pro consimili &c (blank) | 30 |
| Whethill./ Mr Heynams 3 daughters. | Mr. Heynams 3 daughters (blank) | 35 |
| <i>dimissio</i> | margeria Heynam 24 die Novembris predicti; comparuit dicta margeria, | 35 |

} Vide superiorem actum.

3-6/ in ecclesia de Ludlow ... admonicione &c: continued in left margin and linked to main text by matching sigla
 12/ causee: for cause
 24/ ffebrarij: for ffebruarij
 28/ ex ... sui: in italic script in left margin and connected to the first three cases on f[35] by brace
 32/ Vide superiorem actum: in italic script
 34-5m/ Mr Heynams 3 daughters: in italic script

obietoque ei articulo huiusmodi negavit eundem esse verum. &c Vnde habet ad purgandum se in proximo cum 2 manu &c postea prestito iuramento de innocencia dimissa est.

alias dimissus

Quo die Robertus Iames de Whethill. in vim iuramenti sui affirmavit that he did here William Doughtie saie, that he wold dance on the Saboath daie (excepting Service time) in despite of master Chauncellor./

...

GREET

1606

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 129
pp 15-17* (30 July)

Proceedings of the court held before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general

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dimissio

°John Hall./ for dauncing vppon the sabboth day/° Quo die comparuit dictus Iohannes Hall et fassus est articulum esse verum &c Vnde monitus est &c

dimissio

°Edward Hall/ pro consimili° Quo die similiter vt supra &c/

dimissio

°John Heycockes/ pro consimili° Quo die similiter vt supra &c/ |

°Charles Tyler/ pro consimili° Quo die similiter vt supra &c/

dimissio

°George Broley/ pro consimili° Quo die similiter

dimissio

°Arthure the servaunt of Henry Cooke.
pro consimili° Quo die similiter vt supra &c/

dimissio/

°Dauid the servaunt of Richard hall./
pro consimili° Quo die similiter vt supra &c/

dimissio/

non solvit
feodum

°John Lewes/ pro consimili° Quo die similiter vt supra &c/

dimissio/

°Iames Deykyns/ pro consimili° Quo die similiter vt supra &c/ |

Noble

°Edward Noble/ pro consimili° excommunicatus/

Thomas yop ministrell, he plaied &c/ *citatus in proximum/ citatus per publicum edictum* in 4 Septembris predicti &c *excommunicatus*

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HABBERLEY

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1631

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 38, vol 139
f [315v]* (26 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Pontesbury deanery before Thomas Colbatch, MA, deputy judge, in the presence of Thomas Lawrence, notary public

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Richardus Cowper detectus for plaieng with a taber and pipe in time of divine service in the afternoone the xvth day of Maie being sondaie vijs et midis in hunc diem vltimo Ianuarij predicti *similiter* vt in actu contra Beddowe

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excommunicatio

HOPESAY

1622

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 37, vol 138
f 274* (31 October)

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Proceedings of the court held for Clun deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge of Oliver Lloyd, LL.D, official principal and commissary, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public and registrar

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contra Charolum Whitall

detectus for dauncing on the sabaoth day betweene morning and evening praier. / °Quo die introducta citacione &c. *preconizatus &c comparuit personaliter* obiectoque ei articulo &c fatetur esse verum. vnde habet ad *peragendum vnum diem penitencie &c et monuit ad comparendum in proximo & ad certificandum &c et tunc &c°*

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20 Novembris

contra Samuelem wall/ *pro consimilil* °Quo die *similiter*°

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contra Thomam wall iuniorem/ *pro consimilil* °Quo die *similiter*°

contra Thomam Bright *pro consimilil* °Quo die *similiter*°

contra Edwardum Hamons pro consimilil °Quo die *similiter* vt supra°

Egdon

contra Iohannem Bridges/ pro consimilil °Quo die *similiter*°

KINLET

1635

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 38, vol 140
f [53] (30 July)

Proceedings of the court held for Stottesdon deanery before William Skinner, LLD, vicar general, in the presence of Richard Brasier, notary public and registrar

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dimissio

Ricardus Hardinge *detectus* for sellinge of ale commonly vpon ye saboth day in ye time of diuine prayer and ye last sunday beinge ye 5 day of Iuly had dauncinge and reuelinge at his house all Eueninge praier tyme. °nono Septembris 1635 *introducata citacione personaliter* executata per Powell 15 die Augusti *vltimi* infra parochiam *predictam* *preconizato* trina vice dicto hardinge et nullo modo *comparente dominus* *pronunciavit* eum *contumacem* et in penam *excommunicationis* 22° die *mensis* Octobris 1635 in *ecclesia parochiali* de Ludlowe coram Erasmo Powell *artium* magistro deputato &c *comparuit personaliter* dictus Hardinge et *dominus* ad eius *peticionem* eum absoluit a *sentencia excommunicationis* *prestito* prius *iuramento* de *parendo iuri* &c deinde *examinata causa* eum *dimisit* cum *admonicione*°

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LITTLE WENLOCK

1618

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 135
f [88v] (1 September)

Proceedings of the court held before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge

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Barrowe

dimissio

Evanus Yates for plaieinge vpon the saboath daie at Lite Wenlocke *citatus* &c in xij diem *Novembris predicti* *preconizatus* &c *comparuit personaliter* dictus Yates et *obiecto* ei *articulo* vnde *dominus* *iniunxit* ei ad *confitendum articulum* coram ministro et *gardianis* de Wenlocke *parva* die *dominico proximo* immediate post *preces finitas* Et ad *certificandum* in *proximo* prim(.) die *mensis* decembris 1618 apud ludlowe coram magistro Gabriele Wallwin *artium* magistro deputato &c *comparuit personaliter* Iohannes [Yates] hochkis

et introduxit formam et in vim iuramenti sui *certificavit* dictum Yates peregisse penitentiam iuxta formam &c vnde dimissus

1619

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 135

f [102] (10 November)

dimissio

Maria Blakeway filia Rogeri Blakeway de eadem detecta that shee the xxij day of August 1619 being sunday together with others did manteigne a minstrell to play with taber and pipe in the howse of one Edward harding ale seller/ betweene morning and Evening praier she with others there dancing before Evening praier 10 die Novembris 1619 in ecclesia de ludlowe coram magistro Wallwine deputato &c comparuit personaliter obiectoque ei articulo &c fassa est esse verum &c vnde habet ad peragendum 3 dies penitencie iuxta schedulam &c et ad comparendum in proximo &c 1 viz. die decembris proximi hoc in loco ad certificandum &c/ ° primo die decembris predicti preconizata trina vice et nullo modo comparente neque de peractione penitentie certificante dominus pronuntiavit ipsam contumacem et in penam excommunicationis per magistrum James xix^o die Ianuarij 1619 iuxta &c apud Ludlowe coram magistro Iohanne James artium magistro deputato &c comparuit Iohannes hochkis ad cuius petitionem dominus ipsam absolvit a sententia excommunicationis in eius persona &c et [int] dominus intersicit decretum vt dicta Maria agnoscat detectum suum coram ministro et gardianis ibidem aliquo die dominico Et ad certificandum in proximo secundo die Martij predicti &c ad idem in proximum xxj^o die Martij predicti introducto certificario dimissa^o

vide retroacta

Edwardus harding vt supra 10 die Novembris predicti comparuit dictus Edwardus Harding

1621/2

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 37, vol 143

f [49v]* (before 19 February)

contra Iannam Chilton/ for keepinge drinkinge & dauncinge in her house at tyme of eveninge prayer the xvth of Aprill beyng the sabaoth day quesita &c in hos diem et locum preconizata &c non comparuit vijs et modis in proximum citata per publicum edictum 19 ffebruarij 1621 preconizata et non comparuit &c excommunicata

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22/ intersicit: *for* interserit (?)

23/ detectum: *for* defectum (?)

1636

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 39, vol 146
f [419v] (9 November)

Proceedings of the court held before William Skinner, LLD, vicar general and official principal of the bishop of Hereford 5

recessit.

Iohannes Binner minstrell *detectus* for not coming to morning prayer on Sunday the 8^t day of May, alsoe beinge absent both from morning and evening prayer vpon Ascention day being vpon both the said dayes tabouring and playing in the towne aforesaid./ 10

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LLANSILIN

1612 15

Bill of Complaint and Interrogatory in Lloyd v. ap Edward

PRO: STAC 8/205/21

sheet [35]* (9 November) (*Bill of complaint*)

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...since *which* time they the sayd Iohn ap Edward ap Richard and the residue of the said conspirators [(.)] or some of them have made and contrived divers faulse and slanderous libells against *your* said subiectes his wiffe and children *which* they have put in verse or rime and caused them to be songe *which* *your* said subiect cannot as yett gett a sight or Coppie of intendinge as much as in them lieth to Defame slander and take awaie *your* said subiectes good name... 20 25

...

sheet [31]* (20 November) (*Interrogatories to be administered to defendants*) 30

...

- 9 Item whether did the said Richard Edwardes or you devise and make any welshe or English slanderous libells or Rimes of the *complaynant*, his wiffe and children or not, and whether did the said Richard [^][Edwardes] make any slanderous libelles or wellch songes of one Cathering Verch David ap Howell ap Ienkin neighbours to the *complaynant*, what was the effecte of the same libelles Rimes and songes and when where and in what company did you heare the said Richard Edwardes publish and pronounce the said libelles and Rimes, and whether is he not a comon libeller or maker of songes and Rimes and against what other persons haue you knowne him to make libelles and 35 40

songes and what weare the same libells and songes, and did he or you publish any libelles of any noble man or woman declare it and whether are not the[y] said Iohn ap Edward and Richard Edwardes common coseners and deceivers of the kinges maiesties subiectes with false dice, what persons haue they or either of so Cosened and deceived wheire att what gamne, wherein, att what place, and whether are they common Defamers of Ladies gentlewomen and others, whom have they soe defamed, wherein and vpon what occasion, and by whose procurement, declare what you knowe or have credebly heard to be true herein

...

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sheets [17–18]* (*Welsh verses attached to bill of complaint*)

Iessus

- | | | |
|---|---|----|
| 1 | Gwryndewch gwynfan dyn anapis owraydd calon y difaris sydd heb fedrv mor ymendio nes i grist rhoi dial arno | 15 |
| 2 | nid ympeched i fy hvnan sidd yn fe[d]rbin me ir owan ond yn siwr mai holl pechode ar awneth fi dad am teidie | 20 |
| 3 | och ne nethim ddrwg vn amser ir sawl sydd mewn gormod trimder ag in wythe yneb a sklawndred ddim o ddiwrth i beie agodod | 25 |
| 4 | Coiliwch y gwir heb i dd[i]owtio nedwch yr fall gael ych dwyllo gresnit ywr gam yr parlie os manegir hin o chwedle | 30 |
| 5 | gwe fi dddw er iodd y geni gwae na beswn gwedi gladdv Gwae fi genedl sydd dosdvrvs fod y carwr mor anapys | 35 |

- 6 Gwae fi consienc i fi trwbllo
gwae fi or wlad y maged ynddo
gwae y ddiaren fod vn kristion
yn dwyn tinged mor anraslon
- 7 Can gwae fi holl ddiiddie fi ennioes
pen fawn i mi neithim achos
yn rhoi kyscod i finegv
kelwydd dibryd foi gwyr Iesv
- 8 gwae ir eneidie y sawl ai cododd
gwae heb pwyll ai kimerodd
a gwae llawer sydd mewn trimder
oran achos hin o sklawnder
- 10 dioddefaswn fi llebyddio
ag y ddarne man fi mrivo
er na biase sklawnder crevlon
yn rhyngv bodd fi gasion
- 11 Onest wir agwragedd diviol
y sawl sy yn arwain meddwl grasol
na rhowch glvst y wrando anwiredd
o flaen dwv mae hyni yn fiedd
- 12 kyfion frenin y gwirionedd
addial yn drwn yn y diwedd
gwiliwch hawir lywenichv
mae yn ddrwg gormod yw fynegv
- ffinis ych kar kwnfannys ai kant
R. E. I
- 9 y Sawl ar E'nfentiodd hyn o Chwedle
fell perylws i bo yn diodde
ar sawl sydd ai bryd yw maentunio
yn dan gwillt fel Crowsu or Elo

sheet [19]* (*English verses attached to bill of complaint*)

Heare lise Intombed wormes meate
 Litle Robin while he lived the greate
 Neither Robin Red brest nor Robin hood 5
 But Robin that was borne never to doe good
 But now I thinke we have earthed the fox
 who stunke while he lived and died of the pox

The Bible is a bable 10
 the lord Chamberlen is a foole
 The ould Queene a bastard
 the Lord Treasurer a long toole

sheet [21]* (*Welsh verses attached to bill of complaint*)

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- 1 Gwrandewch arna (i) yn canmol maeden
 yn (i) fwrch mae hi yn llathen
- 2 Gwrandewch arna (i) yn mynegv 20
 part (o) hanes mawr (i) brynti
 gwedi powlio hi haelie yn gwta
 ni gawn adlodd erbyn gaia
- 3 Ar (i) mam hih aeth yn feistres 25
 hithe (a) yr hono iw lloches
 hi a byriododd (y) dorth fara
 nvs dddw a baid byth (ai) bwvta
- 4 myna ithi [gyr] grys or caniog tewglyd 30
 I roi am (i) chorfvn krachlyd
 a chrwn nad[d]rodd ar [^](i) dwvfron
 yno bydd (r) hwch yn wych ddi[o]gon
- 5 myna iddi own (o) groen hen gefyl 35
 gwedi tori hwnco yn gynyl
 ag (a) chab (o) risglyn derw
 yno (i) byth yr hwch yn hoiw
- 6 Myna slymedg (o) groen draenog 40
 Iw roi yn feind ar frest y wilog
 Rag ofn ir hwch wrth fwtta
 dddwyno [g] yr gown a gostiodd fowrdda

- 7 Iscryffin [(..)] in cribin haiarn
 Pigforch anferth ydiw (r) widdan
 ar (y) ddiowlddes wraig ymladdog
 dyna (i) chwi gynedde yr wilog

The rimes agaynst Cattrin verch Dauid

sheet [22]*

Kadi hir or ty yn y Koed
 y fferch ar toed goletbai
 Hir (i) sowdl bras (i) bram
 hi (a) gyr (i) man pen myno

LLANYBLODWELL

c 1615–25

Grievances against the Court in the Marches

South Glamorgan County Library (Cardiff): MS 3.25

pp 166–9*

... Peter Brereton bering a malice to one Iohn Gryffyth an auntient *gentleman* by descent havinge a seate or kneelinge place in the Chaunsell of his parish church, the *sayd* Brereton (faylinge by vnsemely words to provocke the *sayd* Gryffyth to replies vnto hym any worde, or to say or doe any thinge to the *sayd* Brereton l in the church wheareby hee might haue advantage against hym) came one a certayne Saboth Day from his owne ministers seate to the seate of the *sayd* Iohn Gryffyth & there read service & the next Saboth day folowinge the *sayd* Iohn Gryffyth and Davyd Ianes his sune came to there aforesayd seate in the *sayd* Church and the service booke & the surplisses being sett of purpose by the *sayd* Breretons directiones eyther vppon the *sayd* bench or seate of the *sayd* Iohn Gryffyth or downe by the seate vppon the russhes & dyd ley downe by the seate when the *sayd* Iohn Gryffyth & his svnne came to there *sayd* seates in the *sayd* church: And hearevppon the *sayd* Peeter dyd cause an Informations to be drawn in the name of a relator against the *sayd* Iohn Gryffyth & Davyd his sonne for boulinge pipinge and dansinge vppon the saboth Day, & walkinge in the church vppon the saboth Day at service tyme & for castinge downe the booke & surplusses from the seate &c. & the *sayd* Iohn and davyd pleaded not quyilty & by the testimony of 21. Indifferent wittlnesses of the parishioners cleered themselves of the offences

11/ toed: *fôr* troed
 25/ replies: *fôr* replie

38/ tyme: *4 minims in MS*
 39/ quyilty: *fôr* gulyty

layd to there charge & the *sayd* Brereton likewise havinge examined aboutes
 .21. wittnesses missed to prove any of the *sayd* offences layd to the *sayd* Iohn
 & Davyds charge by any Indifferent *persone* thereof, savinge only the *sayd*
 Breretons sonne, his sisters sonne, his sexton, and an other fellow dyd prove
 that the *sayd* Brereton should aske publickly who had cast downe the *sayd* 5
 booke and surplusses, and that the *sayd* Iohn Gryffyth should aunswere &
 say whosoever dyd cast them, if they were vncast they should be cast againe
 & I will bere hym out: and the *sayd* Iohn & davyd beinge examined vpon
 Interrogataries denied that they dyd cast downe the booke & surplusses &
 nonne of the *sayd* parishioners could prove that the *sayd* Iohn or Davyd had 10
 cast downe the *sayd* booke and surplusses or spoke any such words as were
 probed by the *sayd* 4. wittnesses 36: of the *sayd* parishioners beinge examined
 betweene them one both sydes.// And at the hearinge of the *sayd* case when
 the matter was called to be harde, This is the matter I looke for: And vpon
 the aforesayd proofs the *sayd* Councell convinced the *sayd* Iohn Gryffyth & 15
 his sonne for the *sayd* misdemenors & fined the *sayd* Iohn Gryffyth in 100. li.
 and the *sayd* davyd in .40. li. & .20. nobles Costs noe prooffe at all beinge that
 the *sayd* Iohn or Davyd had caste downe the *sayd* booke or surplusses but that
 the *sayd* Iohn should speke the aforesayd words & the *sayd* Iohn remayned in
 prisone for the *sayd* f[(.)]ine And the *sayd* Iohn out of the prisone throwe the 20
 Iron grate spoke to Iustice Whitlocke & desired hym to bee good vnto hym
 the *sayd* Iohn & to haue commisseratione of his long imprisonmet; who *sayd*
 vnto him, sell your landes whearvpon the *sayd* Iohn replied & sayd: I haue
 noe landes ytt is taken from mee then the Iustice *sayd* you haue a reuertione./

LONG STANTON

25

1635

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 38, vol 140
 ff [172–2v]* (2 June)

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*Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery before Erasmus Powell, in the
 presence of Thomas Duppa, notary public*

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contra Willimum Clevely *detectum* for dauncing contrarie to the kinges 35
Maiesties prohibicion on the saboath dayes betwixt morning ande evening
 prayer. Quo die comparuit cui obiecto articulo &c fassus est articulum esse
 verum &c quam confessionem dominus accepavit &c et iniunxit ei ad
 confitendum articulum in ecclesia predicta tempore divinorum matutinorum
 ^[&c] [verum] et [&c] monuit &c ad certificandum &c in proximo certificario 40
 ministri &c °28° die octobris 1635 quo die vt supra°

22/ imprisonmet: *for* imprisonment; *abbreviation mark missing*

- Iohannes Simons *servus Ricardi Dike detectus pro consimili* quo die comparuit
 &c et fassus est &c cui dominus iniunxit vt in actu *contra Willimum Cleevely*
 &c °2° die mensis Octobris 1635 coram domino Thoma Colbatch *surrogato*
 &c *preconizato* dicto Simons &c comparuit sed non *certificavit peractionem*
 penitentiæ ei alias iniunctæ iuxta &c vnde dominus *pronunciavit eum*
 contumacem &c et in pænam *excommunicacionis* &c °28° octobris 1635
excommunicatus in non certificando°
- Holdgate *contra Rogerum duddall servum Mauricij ffewterell detectum pro consimili*
 Quo die *similiter* vt supra *contra Cleevely et dike et dominus similiter* iniunxit
 in Ecclesia de Holdgate &c °2° die mensis Octobris 1635 coram domino
 Colbatch *predicto* comparuit dictus duddall sed non *certificavit* &c vnde
 dominus *pronunciavit* &c et in pænam *excommunicacionis* deinde renovato
 [decreto &c]°
- Staunton *Anna Gefferes famula Willelmj Cox detecta pro consimili* Quo die *similiter* /
predicta °2° die mensis Octobris 1635 coram domino Thoma Colbatch *surrogato* &c
 comparuit dicta Iefferies sed non *certificavit* &c iuxta &c vnde dominus
pronunciavit &c et in pænam *excommunicacionis* deinde renovato decreto °
- Holdgate *Anna Gittins serva mr Thomas detecta pro consimili* Quo die *similiter* /
 °2° die mensis Octobris 1635 comparuit sed non *certificavit* &c vnde
excommunicata vt supra dominus decrevit ad confitendum &c coram
 Ministro et gardianis et ad *certificandum* &c in proximo ° |
- Iana Wooffe Filia Ricardi wooffe *detecta pro consimili* Quo die *similiter*
 °2° die mensis Octobris 1635 coram domino Thoma Colbatch *surrogato* &c
 comparuit sed non *certificavit peractionem penitentiæ* &c iuxta Iudicialem
 monicionem et iniunctionem &c vnde dominus *pronunciavit* &c et in pænam
excommunicacionis renovato decreto &c ° quo die in proximo °
- Munslow *Anna Smith detecta pro consimili* 17 die Maij 1635 *personaliter citata* infra
 parochiam *predictam per Meole* &c prout [fidem] &c Quo die *preconizata*
 °di missio° et non *comparente excommunicata* &c °22° die Octobris 1635 absoluta est
 in persona Iohannis Meole *per magistrum Colbach et dominus examinata*
causa eam dimisit cum admonicione°
- contra Willimum* °Carpen[ter]° the piper *detectus pro consimili*. Quo die
preconizatus &c et non *comparuit* &c vnde vijs et modis in proximum &c

23–4/ ad confitendum ... proximo: continued in left margin

38/ °Carpen[ter]°: name apparently added by fourth registrar in space left by first

°nono die Septembris 1635 introducto decreto vijs et modis *personaliter* executo 23 die Augusti vltimi infra *parochiam* de didleburie per Meele (prout ipse *fidem* fecit) *preconizatus* &c et non comparuit *excommunicatus* per *dominum vicarium generalem*°

...

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f [173v]*

Iohannes Harley *detectus* per *vicarium ibidem* for vseinge vnreverent speeches against the minister saieinge that he would exercise that manner of dancinge 10
 accordinge as it is commonlie vsed to the despite of the said minister nono
 die mensis Septembris 1635 coram Thoma Colbach *artium magistro* deputato
 &c comparuit *personaliter dictus* harley et obiecto ei *articulo fassus* est
articulum esse verum quam confessionem dominus acceptavit quatenus &c
 et iniunxit ei ad *reconsiliandum* ministro *ibidem* et ad *certificandum* in 15
proximo 21° die Octobris 1635 *introducta forma cum certificario dimissus*
est!

emanavit
dimissio

...

1636

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 39, vol 146
 f [440]* (9 November)

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Proceedings of the court held before William Skinner, LLD, vicar general and official principal of the bishop of Hereford

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...

Willimus Carpender *detectus* for playinge on his pipe and taber on the lords
 daye betwixt morning and Eveninge prayer. contrarie to the kings *Maiesties*
prohibicion and alsoe absentinge himselfe from church in time of catechisinge.
 °25 Iunij 1637 *quæsitus* per Meole *ibidem* &c 5 Iulij 1637 vijs et modis in 30
proximum. 26 Iulij *predicti* *continuatur in proximum*°

extensio

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 mb 1*

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...

...Si vero masculus quisquam voluerit vt est moris eiusdem defuncti vel

defuncte nocturnis vigiliis interesse hoc fieri *permittatur*, dum tamen (...) nec monstra larvarum *inducere*, nec corporis vel fame sue ludibria nec ludos alios inhonestos, *presumat aliqualiter attemperare*...

...

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1446–7

Palmers' Guild Stewards' Accounts SRO: LB 5/3/28
mb 8 (29 September–28 September) (*Expenses*)

...

Et in *stipendium* Symonis Harper *existentis cum* Gilda in eodem festo ij s. vi d. 10

...

1466–7

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/14

f [16v] (October/November–October/November) (*Expenses of John Sparchford and Henry Colewalle, bailiffs*) 15

...

Item for too gownes paied to Iohn Adames for þe waytes (...) 10

...

Item paied to þe kinges Mynstrell vj s. viij d. 20

Item for wyn to þe same Mynstrell iiij d. 10

...

1522–3

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/22 25

f [19]* (October/November–October/November) (*Expenses of Walter Rogers, high bailiff*)

...

Item gave vnto þe kynges mynstres vj s. viij d. 30

...

f [31]* (*Allowances for Richard Vaughan, common sergeant*)

...

nota

Item Iohn luter vj s. viij d. 35

...

nota

William baker mynstrel v s. 35

...

10/ eodem festo: Pentecost, 28 May 1447

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1528–9

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/25

f [16]* (*October/November–October/November*) (*Costs of John Cother and Roger Ferne, bailiffs*)

...
Item paid for a gowne clothe to Morris piper ayenst cristenmas vij s. 5

...
Item gave yn Reward To Mr Talbottes Mynstrelles & sir Edward a croftes Mynstrelles/ sir Thomas a cornewall & Mr Newportes Mynstrelles at Mr Rogers tavarne xij d. 10

f [17]

...
Item in a Rewarde to the kynges mynstrelles vj s. viij d. 15

1530–1

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/26

f [1v] (*1 November–31 October*) (*Expenses of Walter Rogers and John Bradshaw, bailiffs*) 20

Item spend on my lady princes players xij d.

Item gave them in reward iiij s. iiij d.

... 25

Item spend on þe kynges mynstres in wyn & perys iiij s. iiij d.

...
Item to þe kynges mynstrelles vj s. viij d.

... 30

1533–4

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/29

f [1] (*28 October–27 October*) (*Expenses of William Langford and John Lane, bailiffs*)

... 35
Item gave þe kyynges Mynstrelles vj s. viij d.

Item paid ffor j pottell of Mallsey ffor them vj d.

...

f [2] 40

...
Item spend on þe kynges mynstrelles xxij d.

Palmers' Guild Stewards' Accounts SRO: LB 5/3/31
mb 5 (30 November–29 November) (*Expenses*)

...

...Et solutum Edward perkyns histrionum pro labore suo ij s. vj d. & in Regardo dicto perkyns iiij d./...

5

...

1535–6

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/31
f [1] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of John Taylor and William Phelips, bailiffs*) 10

...

Item paid to þe kynges mynstrelles vj s. viij d.

Item spend the same tyme at Ihon tunlyns on þe kynges

mynstrelles

xxij d. 15

...

1537–8

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/33
f [3]* (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of William Evans and Thomas Whelar, bailiffs*) 20

...

Item gevne to my lorde prevey sealls pleyers v s.

Item more spent on them at Mr Wyttalls viij d.

Item gevne to the prine mynstrells vj s. viij d. 25

Item more spent on them & ther horsys iiij s. iiij d.

...

1539–40

Palmers' Guild Stewards' Accounts SRO: LB 5/3/32
mb 3* (30 November–29 November) (*Expenses*) 30

...

...Et in regardo homini cantatori venienti ab Welles xij d....

...

1540-1

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/35

f [36v]* (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of John Bradshaw and Richard Bradford, bailiffs*)

...
Item paid to the pleyars iij s. iiij d. 5
...

f [37v]*

... 10
Item paid to the prynces pleyars for their pley in the chyrche vj s. viij d.
Item the same tyme for wyne ij s. vj d.
Item for there pley pleyed at Alsopps xvij d.
Item for the wyne then xij d.
... 15

Palmers' Guild Stewards' Accounts SRO: LB 5/3/33

mb 1* (30 November-29 November) (*Expenses*)

...
...Datum est in Regardo homini cantatori venienti a magistro varnan xij d.... 20
...

1543-4

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/37

f [20] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Thomas Cother and William Coxe, bailiffs*) 25

...
Item payd [by] to the duke of Suffolke pleyars vj s. viij d.
+ [Item spent on them at Mr alsops xvj d.] 30
...
+ [Item spent on the pryns berward by Mr alsops ij s. x d.]
Item gave in reward to the sayd bereward [xij s.] v s.
...

f [20v]

... 35
Item payd Mr pakynghon Mynstrell xij d.
...

f [21]*

... 40
°Item more spent vpon Mr pope Mr brewton at there fyrst

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Comyng after they wer baylifis at alsoppes In wyn wyne & suger | ij s. vij d. |
| Item more spent ther apon our company atte duke of suffolkes pleyers | iiij s. viij d. |
| ... | |
| Item spent vpon your bretherin atte berbayting [ij s.] | ij s. x d. ^o |
| ... | |

1544-5

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/38 10
f [24]* (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of William Foxe and Richard
Langford, bailiffs*)

| | |
|--|--------|
| ... | |
| Item to the maire of Chesters Mynstrelles in rewarde | vij d. |
| ... | 15 |
| Item gevyn to mr packyngtons mynstrelles at candelmas in reward | xx d. |
| ... | |

1545-6

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/39 20
f [1]* (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of John Taylor and John Hoke,
bailiffs*)

| | |
|---|-----------|
| ... | |
| Item spend vpon maister high Sherif being here with the commissioners of the subsidye | xvj d. 25 |
| Item gyven than vnto mr payckyntons mynstrelles the foresaid commissioners than being here | xij d. |
| ... | |

f [1v]* 30

| | |
|--|---------------|
| ... | |
| Item gyven vnto the kynges mynstrelles | vj s. viij d. |
| Item spend vpon the kynges mynstrelles besyde theyre wyne | xx d. |
| ... | 35 |
| Item gyven vnto my Lordes mynstrelles that cam from lychfeld | iiij d. |
| ... | |

1546–7***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/40

f [34] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses and gifts of John Passie and Lewis Phillips, bailiffs*)

| | |
|--|--------|
| ... | 5 |
| Item gevyn in rewarde to the kynges gester (<i>blank</i>) the fyft day of november | xx d. |
| ... | |
| gevyn to the kynges berwart in Rewarde for his pastyme | xvj d. |
| ... | 10 |

f [34v]*

| | |
|---|---------|
| ... | |
| gevyn to my lord feris mynstrelles | viij d. |
| ... | 15 |
| gevyn to the waytes of Salop In Iune Mr handley Mr Alsop the Chamerley and others beyng present | xij d. |
| ... | |

f [35]

| | |
|--|---------------|
| ... | 20 |
| Spent upon the kynges mynstrelles in august at Mr alsopes dyvers of our brethers beyng there | xxj d. |
| gevyn to them in Rewarde | vj s. viij d. |
| ... | 25 |

1550–1***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/41

f [30] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses and repairs of Thomas Blashfield and John Cocks, bailiffs*)

| | |
|---|------------------|
| ... | 30 |
| Geven my Lorde mercus berewardes in Rewardes | iiij s. |
| ... | |
| Geven to the kinges mynstrelles & Iesters at two seuerall tymes | viiij s. iiij d. |
| ... | 35 |

16/ Mr¹: apparently written over something else

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f [30v]*

...

By a consent geven to walter Tailor in ffebruary for his pastyme
in Christmas

v s.

...

5

f [31v]*

- + Paied for serchyng of iiij^{er} quorses [iiij d.]
Then spend one the vice president thre pottelles of wyne ij s. 10
That tyme geven the yerle of derbyes minstrelles ij s.
...

1551-2

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/42 15f [33] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of John Hoke and Lewis Crowther, bailiffs*)

...

Item givin to Water taylor yn Reward for hys playeng at crystenmas x s.

...

20

1553-4

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/43 25f [66v]* (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of William Foxe and Edmund Sherman, bailiffs*)

Paid to the players whiche played the enterlude in the Castell xvj d.

...

(Expenses of John Taylor, high bailiff) 30

Inprimis to the players xx d.

...

1555-6 35

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/44f [37v] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of William Parterich and Robert Mason, bailiffs*)

...

Item paid to the kynges and quenes mynstrelles in Reward ij s. [iiij d.] 40

...

1559–60

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/48

f [30v] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Thomas Blashfield and Lawrence Beck, bailiffs*)

... 5
 Item when the quenes playeres played [in Novembre] at the
 yeld halle spent and geven them [in] in reward viij s. i<...>
 ...

f [31v] 10

...
 Item the mynstrelles of brystowe for the townes sake
 consedryng the showed them selves as men geven xij d.
 ...

1561–2

Town Rent Gatherer's Account SRO: LB 4/2/124

f [2]* (24 June–23 June)

...
 paid Master Thornton As Aperythe by Master baylyes warrant 20
 for the same xxxvij s. x d.
 °for apparell for a play he devysed°
 ...

1564–5

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/49

f [30v] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Lawrence Beck and Richard Rascoll, bailiffs*)

...
 gyven to therle of oxfordes pleyars [ij] ij s. 30

1566–7

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/51

f [39v] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of John Sherman and William Pinner, bailiffs*) 35

...
 paid the fyrst day of february to the quenes Iester iij<...>
 ...

7/ i<...>: sum in gutter

13/ them: 2 minims in MS

37/ iij<...>: sum in gutter

f [40]

...

more that was geven to Robyn whod x s.

...

payd the xxixth of may to the chylderne *which* did play in the castell x s. 5

...

1567-8

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/52f [33] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Robert Lewis and Edward Badger, bailiffs*) 10

...

Item Gyven to the berwarde in the name of the towne iij s. iiij d.

...

Item gyven agaynst Crystemas to the officers of the Castell to 15

the musyssions ij s./ to mr Syngelton iij s. iiij d./ to mr Becwith

iij s. iiij d./ to mr Whitfyld iij s. iiij d./ to the Coke iij s. iiij d./

to the baker xij d./ to the bruer xij d./ to the Amner xij d./ to

the porter xx d./ to the wyne sellers man vj d./ to the boy of

the Chytthin vj d./

xxj s. 20

...

f [36v]

...

Item gyven to the Pleyers viij d. 25

...

1568-9

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/53f [32]* (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Richard Farr, high bailiff*) 30

...

geven in Rewarde to the Scollmaster of lemster Comynge to thys

[s]towne and pleyng with hys scollers before vs and certen of our

brethern at my lady townsendes

vj s. viij d.

...

35

f [34]

...

geven in Rewarde to on mr lockrood the Quenys mayestys Iestere

the iij day of september

ij s. vj d. 40

...

1569–70

Stitchmen's Guild Minute Book SRO: LB 17/2

f 7 (8 May–7 May)

...

Memorandum that the xvjth day of may 1569 order ys taken that at the the 5
 metynge of thocupacyon at supper on Revelles Sunday by the consentte of
 the wholle ocupacyon that the vj men shalle paye to the stuardes at the same
 supper iiij d. a pes and euery other master [or fremen] shall pay ij d. a pes
 [apon] towardes the stuardes charges
 and alle forene bretherne shall pay at the same supar iiij d. a pes 10

1571–3

Stitchmen's Guild Minute Book SRO: LB 17/2f [11a]* (6 May 1571–3 May 1573) (*Account of Thomas Candland, steward*)

...

Item for wyne bestowed at my Suppar on our feast daye v s. 15
 Item paid to mynstrells the same nyght xij d.

...

1572–3

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/56f [9v] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Lawrence Beck and John Brasier*)

...

Item gevyn to my lord of leysters players the xxth of october by
 consentes xx s./ 25

...

1575–6

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/58f [2]* (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of William Poughnill and Richard 30
 Swanson, bailiffs*)

...

Item geven to Stanney the Queenes man in waye of reward by
 assent of a number of the companie x s. 35

...

Item geven to the childerne or schollers by way of reward for
 playing afore vs and oure bretherne x s.

...

Item to my Lord of Purgeveney's plaiers by wey of reward vj s. viij d. 40

...

1576–7

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/59

bifolium 1, f [1] (28 October–27 October) (*Charges laid out by John Sherman, high bailiff*)

...

Item geven to my lorde stafordes players in the ester weeke
that played in the castell

xiiij s. iiij d.

5

...

bifolium 2, f [1] (*Charges laid out by Thomas Candland, low bailiff*)

10

...

<...> payd to the <...>ers players

v s.

1580–1

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/61

f [1]* (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of John Brasier and John Waties, bailiffs*)

15

...

Bestowed on my lord Burley his players the first of december by
consent of Mr Blashefeld Mr Pognull Mr Partritch and others

vj s. viij d.

20

...

1581–2

AC **Assembly Minute Book** Bodl.: MS Ashmole 1131

f 33* (10 March)

25

...

It is agreed vpon by this assembly yat *master* Bayliffes shall Call before them
ye 6 persons vnder named of theyr brethren as soon as conveniently may
and they all to conferre & lay down a place, how my Lord president shall
be gratified by ye Town towards ye keepinge of St Georges [his] [day] feast.
if it be kept heere, and ye *said* Bayliffes & theyr associates haue Comission
vpon theyr meetinge to call afore them att convenient tyme two out of euery
occupation in ye town & conferr with yem how ye charges may be leuied &
ye same two to be of this company or other of ye best sort of euery occupation.

30

Thomas Blashfield Richard ffarr Thomas Canland

35

William Poughnell Richard Rascoll Thomas Langford

Richard Bayly

...

(18 April)

deliuered out of ye tresury to *master* Baylyes to defray charges ye same day viij li.

deliuered to *master* Chamberlaine ye same day iij li. lackinge x s. for ye furniture of ye reparations of ye Town.

Memorandum yat there was deliuered to *master* Bayliffs ye xth of March 1581 x li. to defray charges.

...

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/62

f [4] (28 October-27 October) (*Charges laid out by William Pinner and Roger Clerk, bailiffs*)

...

payd the xjth day of September to my lorde bartleys pleyars for a Reward, by the apoyntment of mr blashfield mr pognnell mr bayle & others

vj s. vii(.) d.

...

f [6]*

...

payd Roger boke the bocher for his paynes for goynge to mr harvys to buy x wethers & to mr Cowrtneys to buy a noxe to gyve ye lorde presydent a gaynst St [I] gorgys fest

xij d.

payd mr Cowrtney for a noxe to gyve my lorde presydent a gaynst St gorgys fest

vj li. x s.

payd more for x wethers to gyve my lorde the same tyme

v li. x s.

payde the xxth of aprell in the newe howse to make the sygyng men drynke that came from harford to St gorgys fest

ij s. viij d.

...

payd thomas allen for setting vp of the armes of the garter and for the *prefasse*

xij d.

...

f [6v]*

...

gyven to the mynstrelles by the apoyntment of mr Raskall mr bayle mr waytes and others

ij s. vj d.

...

f [7v]

...
 gyven to my lorde of honsdons playars for a Reward the last of Iuly x s.
 ...

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f [8v]

...
 gyven for a Reward to my lorde shendows plears by the a
 poyntment of mr blushfyld mr pognnell and others vj s. viij d.
 ...

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1581-3***Hammermen's Guild Minute Book*** SRO: LB 16/6f [21] (7 May 1581-5 May 1583) (*Disbursements*)

...
 Item the xxij of may at william Symons iij s. ij d.
 Item for spice and wyne at the first hall iiij s.
 Item on the morow breckfast in wyne xiiij d.
 Item to the mynstrells xij d.
 ...

15

Item at the ouerplus of a shot at william walles iiij d.
 Item to the mynsterells the morow after the hall xij d.

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1583-4***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/63f [8] (28 October-27 October) (*Money laid out by Richard Rascoll and John Blashfield, bailiffs*)

...
 gyven the vijth of december to the master of the revells players x s.
 ...

30

f [9]

...
 gyven my lord of essex playars in Iulye xiiij s. iiij d.
 ...

35

gyven the 5 of august my lord of oxfordes playars viij s.
 ...

1583-5

Hammermen's Guild Minute Book SRO: LB 16/6
f [23v] (5 May 1583-9 May 1585) (Disbursements)

...

paid to musytions

ij s. 5

...

1585-6

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/64

f [3v]* (28 October-27 October) (Expenses of Thomas Blashfield and John
Crowther, bailiffs) 10

...

By consent gave Shington my lordes foole

xij d.

...

f [4]

15

By consente geve my lorde of esex players in apryll
mor for that they playd one the next daye

xvj s.

iiij s.

...

20

1589-90

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/66

f [4v] (28 October-27 October) (Disbursements of Robert Berry, low bailiff)
(July) 25

...

Item to the *Queenes* maiestie players

x s.

Item vnto them a gift of whyte wyne and Sugar at there
departinge

[xv] xij d.

...

30

1591-2

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/67

f [8v] (28 October-27 October) (Charges of Thomas Candland, high bailiff)

...

35

Item gave my Lord bartleys players by consent the xj^{the}
of Iune

vj s. viij d.

...

Item bestowed vpon my Lord darsyes players by consent
the 4 of Iulye

xiiij s. iiij d. 40

...

1592–3

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/68f [3] (28 October–27 October) (*Disbursements of Robert Berry, high bailiff*)

...
 Item to my Lord presidentes players a quarte of whit wine 5
 and suger in the new howse xij d.
 Item to them for there play xx s.

1595–6

10

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/71f [1] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Thomas Langford, high bailiff*)

Item paid the yerrle of worceters players The thryd daye
 of desseMBER [b] by Consent of some of our Companye vj s. viij d. 15

f [2]

...
 Item geven my Lord of essex mvsissyons xij d. 20

f [3v]

Item paid to the Quynes players xx s. 25

1596–7

Sir John Stradling, The Storie of the Lower Borowes Merthyr Mawr House

ff 13v–14* (28 October–27 October) 30

... Within few weekes after was kept a grand Christmas in the castle of Ludlowe,
 whither among others of this countrie, resorted the young gentleman Edmond
 van to do his lord & I master the Earle of Pembroke seruice at that solemne
 time, what he spent there ys not to be estemed, being bestowed in ye seruice 35
 of his good lorde, at so solemne a season, among such honorable, worshipfull
 & gentlemanlie companie, where a young man might haue learned as much
 good behaiour & manners, as should haue stuck by him ever after whiles he
 lived. And yf I be not deceaued, our young gentleman learned somewhat there
 that he shall not forgett these vij yeares, though he would. He was at that feast 40
 squier of the body [at yat feast] to one of king Arthures knights (Sir Gawen

A grand
 christmas at
 Ludlowe.

Nora

I trowe was his name) from the estimacon of *which* superficial aduancement, distilled into his head such a superfluous humor of vaine self weening and ambition, that vnneth xvj. ounces of the purest tobacco receaved in at his nares by artifyall fumigacion might stop the course thereof. Of the aboundance of this humor was engendred a festred ulcer, *which* sithens hath broken out to so daungerous a sore, that I doubt the curing of yt will cost litle lesse then five hundred powndes.

A notorious
misdemenor
done by him &
his men in
Lantwit.

...

1600-1

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/125

f [5v] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Edward Powis, high bailiff*)

...

Item geuen to the Quenes plaiers the vjth of december x s.

...

Item geue to the waites of Hereford by the apointment of the company ij s.

...

f [10] (*Expenses of William Hughes, low bailiff*)

...

Item geuen to my Lord Shandoes players x s.

...

1601-3

Hammermen's Guild Minute Book SRO: LB 16/6

f [32] (10 May 1601-8 May 1603) (*Jones' disbursements*)

...

mynstrells ij s. vj d.

...

1602-3

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/127

f [13] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Richard Bailey, high bailiff*)

...

Item paid by the appoyntment of the Company to Arthure Brate musitian at my fellowes howse in the Christmas ij s.

...

1/ estimacon: for estimacion; abbreviation mark missing

37/ at: written over other letters; reading conjectural

37/ my fellowes: John Candland, low bailiff this year

1605–6***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/130f [5v] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Samuel Parker, low bailiff*)

...
 bestowed the 4 of september vpon the Queenes players xx s. 5
 ...

1605–7***Hammermen's Guild Minute Book*** SRO: LB 16/6f [33v] (5 May 1605–10 May 1607) (*Disbursements of Francis Hinton*) 10

...
 ffor wyne at his supper iij s. iiij d.
 at the sealing of the bands for wyne xij d.
 on the mondaye after the feast for wyne ij s. viij d.
 for spice ij s. vj d. 15
 To the Clark ij s.
 for mynstrells vj d.
 ...

(*Disbursements of Richard Cole*) 20

disbussed
 xj s. for wyne at his supper iij s. iiij d.
 on the morow for wyne ij s. viij d.
 for spice ij s. vj d.
 for mynstrells vj d. 25
 To the Clarke ij s.
 ...

1606–7***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/131f [9]* (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Richard Edwards, low bailiff*) 30

...
 Item Bestowed on the musisions the last lawdaye by that
 apointment of the company iij s. 35
 ...

1609–10***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/134f [18v] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Richard Fisher, high bailiff*)

... 40
 Item given by apointment to the players of my Lord President xxx s.
 ...

1613–14

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/136f [15]* (*Late October–late October*) (*Expenses of Thomas Blashfield, chamberlain*)

...

Item to a worke man to pull downe the poulle in Galford
to make a powle [fo] for fyer

iiij d.

5

...

1614–15

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/137f [8v]* (*28 October–27 October*) (*Expenses of Thomas Heath, low bailiff*)

10

paid the waytes for plaijnge vpon the tower at the cominge
of my lord and lady Ewre into this towne

iiij s. iiij d.

...

15

Diocese of Hereford Acts of Office HRO: box 24A, vol 69f [156v]* (*18 January*)*Proceedings of the court held before Silas Griffithes, STD, official principal and
commissary of the bishop of Hereford*

20

...

contra eundem musiciens playinge before him allnight at the bull in Ludlowe
and was drincking sacke and playeinge at tables allnight

...

25

Accounts of the Council in the Marches PRO: SP 46/164f 74* (*12 November–18 April*) (*Accounts of Thomas Eyton, clerk of the kitchen*)

...

To the Taber and pype in the hall at christmas

ij s. vj d.

...

Accounts of the Council in the Marches PRO: E 101/616/21sheet [3]* (*29 September–28 September*) (*Accounts of Alexander Roberts, receiver
of fines*)

35

...

Rewardes to Players and Musicons

vj li. iiij s.

...

13/ cominge: 7 minims in MS

23/ eundem: Roger Laughton, former churchwarden of Cardeston

37/ Musicons: for Musicions; abbreviation mark missing

1615*Accounts of the Council in the Marches* PRO: E 101/613/13f [2v]* (*Rendered 12 November*) (*Accounts of Thomas Eyton, clerk of the kitchen*)

...
 To the Musitions by your lordshipps appointment 23 October xiiij s. iiij d. 5

...
 To the Queenes players by your lordshipps appointment v^{to} November xl s.

1616-17*Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts* SRO: LB 8/1/139f 5* (*28 October-27 October*) (*Expenses of William Gregory, high bailiff*)

Layd owte at the Creating of the Prince in Charge as followeth

| | | | | |
|---|---|----|---|----|
| payed for musycke | 0 | 5 | 0 | 15 |
| gave to the queristers for theyre paynes | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| gave Lenort lloyde for his paynes | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| payed for bred butter drinke & fagots for the vij Children & others to sett them in a redines when thay Carred the armes thay beeing in the new howse | 0 | 3 | 0 | 20 |
| gave the drumor for his paynes | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| layed owte in gunpowder for the same seruis | 0 | 17 | 1 | |
| payed master powell as by order doothe appeare for mackeing a report to the prince his boocke | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| gave the queeanes players by the Consent of master fisher & oothers of the Coompany in november | 0 | 6 | 8 | 25 |

...

f 6

... 30

gave the noble mans players of Scotland *which* Receved the lorde Evers with theyre trumpets at gallvartes gate & at the Castell gate by Consent of Soome of the Coompany

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| | 0 | 7 | 0 | |
|--|---|---|---|--|

payed for xj li. of gounpowder & mache for Servis at the Same tyme beeing the 15 of Ianuarie or thereaboughtes to feche in my lord Evers by Consent of Soome of the Coompany

| | | | | |
|--|---|----|---|----|
| | 0 | 13 | 4 | 35 |
|--|---|----|---|----|

Hee Sent for the Baylyeffes & Soome of the Coompany the Same nighte to See a playe in the Castell & beeing tacken afterward into the sellor thay thoughte yt fitting to geave master williams of the Sellor & the portor

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|----|
| | 0 | 3 | 0 | 40 |
|--|---|---|---|----|

...

f 7

...

| | | | | |
|--|---|----|---|----|
| Spent vppon the mayor of heriford with the Captayne of the Sowldiers & Soome of the Coompany in the new howse at the lorde presidentes Cooming to the towne in wine & other things | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| gave one of the drumers for his paynes | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| payed love the musissioner & his Coompany for all theyre musike at the feaste & the lawe day & my lords Cooming the 26 of may | 0 | 10 | 0 | |
| payed to thomas hoocke for 48 powndes of gownpowder for the feching in of my Lorde Gerard the same tyme at xvj d. the pownde | | | | 10 |
| payed for 48 yardes of mach for the same servis | 3 | 4 | 0 | |
| beestowed vppon the trayne sowlediers & other orations | 0 | 4 | 0 | |
| gave a nother drumer for his paynes | 0 | 1 | 6 | |
| | 0 | 0 | 6 | 15 |

...

f 8

...

| | | | | |
|---|---|----|---|----|
| gave vnto v of the kings trumpiters who Cam to Ludlow to See the towne & the Castell as thay weare passing in to the northe to meete the king there was Spent vppon them in wine bred & beare & other things | 0 | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| & there was geaven them by Concent of soome of the Coompany | 0 | 10 | 0 | 25 |

...

f 17 (*Expenses of Thomas Blashfield, low bailiff*)

...

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--------|
| ffor the Pennons or Bannerolls of the Armes of Prince Charles of Wales. paid to Richard Adames which Coates of Armes the Schollers did beare in their handes | | | | 30 |
| | | | | vij s. |

...

Daniel Powell, The Love of Wales to their soveraigne Prince STC: 20159 35
sigs B2-D2v*

...

HIs Maiesties said Counsell in the Dominion and Principalitie of Wales, and
the Marches of the same (beeing at Ludlow, where his Highnesse chiefe
Seate and Castle for the said Principalitie, now is, and of a long time hath 40

beene) for a Remembrance to all succeeding Ages, haue (by the appoyntment and direction of the right honourable Raph, Lord Eure, Lord President of the said Counsell beeing then absent) commaunded, that the said day, in the yeare aforesaid, being Monday the first day of this present Terme, holden before the said Counsell (beling the very day, whereon the most renowned, high, and mightie Prince Charles Prince of Great Britaine, &c. was at his Maiesties Pallace of White-Hall created Prince of Wales, and Earle of Chester) should be solemnized. 5

For which purpose, the said Iustice took speciall care, as the shortnes of the time would permit, being newly come from London, where he left sir Henry Touneshend, and sir Francis Eure Knights, with Nicholas Ouerbury Esquier, three of the learned Counsell Resident for the saide Principallitie and Marches thereof, at that time attending his Maiesties speciall seruice at London:) and caused to repaire, and assemble at the said Castle of Ludlow, the forenamed sir Thomas Cornewaile high Sherife of the sayd County, with his Staffe of Office, and the said Thomas Harley Esquier (being two of his Counsell there as aforesayd) together with sir Robert Harley Knight of the Bath, sir Francis Cornewaile Knight, Marmaduke Lloyd Esquier, his Maiesties Attorney there, Thomas Powell Esquier his Highnesse Sollicitor, attending the sayd Counsell, Iohn Delabere Doctor of Physicke, William Fox, William Vaughan, Gruffith Lloyd Esquiers, and many other worthy Gentlemen and persons of good account of the Counties of Salop, Hereford, Denbigh, Mountgogomery, Caernaruon, Merioneth, and other countries adioyning, to the number of many thousand persons. 1

The true manner of which Solemnization was as followeth: 25
First, the said Iustice commanded that our said Prince his Armes, with his Name, and Stile there-vnder in Characters fairely subscribed, should be set vp and published, as well vnder the Pulpit of the church of Saint Laurence in Ludlow, and in his Maiesties Chappel within the said Castle, and in the Courthouse of the Principallitie there, as also vpon the gates of the said Towne, and high Crosse there, and likewise vpon the principall Posts and Pillars standing in the Market place within the said Towne of Ludlow. 30

The tenour of which Stile and Subscription here insueth.

Quarto Nouembris. Anno Domini 1616. 35

9/ said Iustice: *Sir Thomas Chamberlain, chief justice of Chester*

14/ London:): *no opening parenthesis*

23/ Mountgogomery: *for Mountgomery; syllable repeated after line-break*

THE right high, Mighty and excellent Prince Charles, Prince of great Britaine and Ireland, Duke of Cornewall, Yorke and of Albany, Marquesse of Ormont, Earle of Rosse, Baron of Armanoch, of the most noble order of the Garter, Knight, Second Sonne by Birth, and now the only and first begotten sonne of the most puissant and potent Iames by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, is this day at White-Hall Created Prince of Wales, and Erle of Chester: and here at Ludlow by vs of the Counsell solemnized within the said Principallitie of Wales. 5

Afterwards, about nine of the Clocke in the fore-noone of the said fourth of Nouember, William Gregory, and Thomas Blashfield Esquiers, Bailifes of the said Towne of Ludlow, accompanied with the Magistrates their Brethren, and all the chiefe Burgesses of the said Towne, very richly clad and apparrelled, attended by their Officers with their Maces before them, and all the Quire of the Church there, singing of Hymnes and Psalmes of thankesgiuing and praise for our sayd Prince, bringing with them sixe yong Youths, being Schollers of the Kings free Schoole of the said Towne, well and richly decked and adorned, | who did beare in their hands seuerall Penons and Bannerolls of the Armes and Atchiuements of our said Prince Charles, that is to say: 15

The formost Scholler bore in his hand the Armes of England and Scotland. 20

The second carried the Armes of the Brittaines and Saxons.

The third, France and Ireland.

The fourth, Northwales and Southwales.

The fift, Cornewall and Chester.

The sixt and the last, carried the Armes of Yorke and Lancaster, with the Plume of feathers and the Prince his Name; 25

Hauing before them the Towne Waites and other lowd Instruments of Musicke, and before the musicke marched a long the number of two hundred souldiers being well appointed and furnished with Halberds, Pikes, Corslets, Muskets, and Caliuers, vnder the conduct and leading of Leonard Lloyd there then Captaine (who in good order had his Lieutenants, and Sergeants brauely arrayed, hauing foure Drums, and two Trumpets sounding before them, besides Fifes, and other winde Instruments, who all of them thus appoynted, came vp to the Castle to attend and bring the said Iustice and Counsell to the Church: 30

And hauing repayred to the Castle Greene there, and meeting Maister Iustice in his Scarlet Robes, with the rest of the Counsell before named in decent maner, vpon the Castle bridge, ac | companied with all the worshipful Counsellors of Law, Atturneis and Clarks belonging to that Court, with sundry Esquiers and Gentlemen, hauing before them Richard Iones Esquier, Sergeant 40

1/ THE: *ornamental initial T*

32/ arrayed; *comma used as closing parenthesis (?)*

at Armes, carrying his Maiesties Mace, William Gooderick Esquier, gentleman Porter, Richard Collins, one of the Vshers of his Maiesties Chamber, and the two messengers of the Court, viz. Piers Gruffith, and Thomas Pingle gentlemen, in rich coates; Francis Trollop gentleman, Marshall of the said Court, Thomas Steuens Gentleman, Yeoman of the Kings Wardrobe there, Gruffith Iones Constable of the Castle, together with all the chiefe Officers of the said Castle (being all of them very richly apparrelled, and hauing another company of Waits and good consorts of Musicke, as Cornets, Sagbuts, and other winde Instruments, playing and sounding all along the way before them) a great Volley of shot was discharged by the said Muskettiers and Caliuers, which so pierced the Ayre with the great noyse of Drummes, and sound of Trumpets, Fifes, Flutes, and other Instruments, as the like in these parts hath not beene seene, to the great admiration, and much reioycing of all the Spectators.

And thereupon marshalling themselues in good array, they all went through the Towne streets, to the Church, singing and reioycing all the way they went, where was another Volley of shotte discharged.

After Prayers said, and Psalmes sung, one M. Thomas Pierson, a graue reuerend diuine and worthy Preacher, made a very learned Sermon of an hour and a half long, vpon the first verse of the 72. Psalm, viz.

Giue the King thy Iudgements, O God, and thy Righteousnesse to the Kings sonne.

Which Sermon being ended, and Psalmes sung by the Singing-men and Quiristers, to and with the great Organs there, all the whole Company returned.

And as they issued out of the Church and Church-yard into the Market place, there was a new Scaffolde purposly erected neare vnto the high Crosse (with a great Bonfire not farre distant) vpon which Scaffolde the said Schollers with their Penons or Banerols of Armes in their hands, as aforesaid, ascended; and as the said Iustice and Counsell passed by, alternatim vttered, and pronounced these seuerall Speeches following:

CAMBRIA tolle caput nuper perpressa dolores

Gaudia nunc animo conduplicata tuo.

Auspicijs lætis Princeps hac luce creatur,

Carolus: ô totus Gratia, totus Amor!

Splendida progenies coelo delapsa supremo

Deliciæ nostri dimidiumque Iouis!

Pluribus obsequijs nos hac de gente tenemur

ô Princeps laudes amplificare tuas.

Ych Dyn,

Pluribus officijs nos hac de sede locoque |
 Debemus titulos concelebrare tuos.
 Ecce tua ipsius proprio tibi iure dicata
 Symbola: iudicibus conueneranda Dijs
 Pluma triplex rutilâ pulchre deuincta coronâ 5
 Orbis inexhaustas flammeus ambit eas
 Illa feras, pardosque truces, aquilasque fugaces
 Exuperant titulis nobilitata suis.
 Scilicet in cœlum super ætheris ardua Sanctos
 Virtutum studijs penna volare notat. 10
 Vox diuina subest cœlesti pectore digna
 Sub Iouis Imperijs * Seruio non alijs.
 Nemo meis dignus nisi qui sit Summus in orbe
 Officijs: Sors est libera namque mea.
 Sic antiqua docent nos Vatum oracula rectè 15
 (Sors est à primâ Sorte secunda mea.)
 Clara coronatæ nos hic Insignia plumæ
 Principis armigeri scutiferique damus.
 Vir venerandè tibi; quæ (te custode) reposta
 Principis hinc nostri nomen in astra ferant. 20
 Dixit Iohannes Cotton.

POndera magna (licet pueri) gestamus; Honoris
 Plena; sed Herculeis viribus æqua satis
 Atlantisque Humeris: de Gentibus vndique nostris 25
 Debetur titulis Imperialis honos.
 Anglia prima suos clarissima signa Leones
 Gestat: cognatos Scotia gestat eos
 Inde perantiquo splendentes lumine Gentes
 Brito Leone nitet: Saxo crucemque gerit | 30
 Gallia succedit, cui iuncta Hybernica tellus
 Portans dulcisona Lilia nexa Lyra.
 Hinc diuisa * duas in partes Cambria: Suntque
 Signa Leone rapax cum gradiente Leo.
 Cestria gestit ouans & ouans Cornubia quinto 35
 Ostentans titulos amplificansque suos
 Eboraco tandem Lancastria iungitur: illis
 Candida purpureæ sic rosa iuncta rosæ
 Singula pulchra satis licet ingens pondus Honoris
 Sola tenent: Ducibus nobilitata suis 40

* = Ordouices
 & Silures.
 Northwales &
 Southwales

Vnde paterna fluit maternaque Gentis origo
 Regibus innumeris quæ numeretur auis
 At splendoris habent immensum corpore in vno
 Crux, Rosa, Spica, Globi, Lilia, Plectra, Leo.
 Vis vnita valet: virtus coniuncta nitescit 5
 Clarior: Hæc nostri Principis arma docent
 Significantque suis. Quæque hæc dignissima sacris
 Arcanis, (Vatum ni minuenda fides)
 Diuinos mores, cœlestia pectora, Mentis
 Plusquam mortales Regibus esse pijs. 10
 Hos fidei curæque tuæ mandamus Honores
 O princeps nostri luxque decusque Fori.
 Dixit Thomas Fisher.

QVid Phæbæa canit vel iactat nomina Delos? 15
 Creta quid omnipotens nomen Iouiale recenset?
 Principis hæc nostri superabit nomina nomen
 Clara per immensum fundens miracula mundum?
 Illum pro cunctis sua Cambria prædicet vnum |
 Vnum præ cunctis vaga fama recenseat illum, 20
 Spargat & Argolicas tua nomina clara per vrbes
 Vrbes Italiæ noscant tua nomina tanta
 Tanta per Assyrios volitent tua nomina muros
 Muros Barbariæ collustrent nomina sacra
 Sacra vel extremæ captant tua nomina Gentes 25
 Gentes condiscant & tradant Posteritati,
 Posteritas tanto gaudebit nomine læta
 Carole gentis honos nostræ, Lux altera Mundi
 Dixit Simon Cotton.

Hæc dies nobis niueo lapillo 30
 Hæc dies festo numeranda ramo
 Carolus Princeps pius hac nitenti
 Luce creatur.
 Principi nostro meritos honores 35
 Maximos illi meritosque amores
 Demus: & quartæ memores Nouembris
 Simus in æuum.
 Bellicus artes amet & Trophæa
 Candidus doctis faueat Camœnis 40

Victor educto gladio rebellem
 Terreat hostem.
 Inclytus factis super astra notis
 Exprimat patrem, pietate matrem
 Et Senex vitæ numeret beatæ
 Tempora longa
 Dixit Edoardvs Savnders. l

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All which were principally inuented and made by the painfull industrie of that iudicious and laborious maister of Artes Humfrey Herbert chiefe Schoole-
 maister of his Maiesties free-Schoole there, vpon one dayes warning. 10

As also these that follow, were then pronounced, being made by that worthy Alderman of Ludlow maister Richard Fisher.

- a Camdens Remaines 15
- b Verstegans etymologies
- c Cardanus inuicta superare significat.
- d Principem & virum magnanimum.
- e Symbolum christianæ professionis.
- f Liliū & rosæ, pulchritudinem, gratiam, bonam famam, & iusta facta
 pollicentur. 20
- g Harmonia, sapientiam diuinam.
- h Vnitatem & securitatem.
- i Garba, spica deorum sunt coronæ, prosperitatem & benignitatem
 significant & denotant. Cardanus †[®] 25

That which the fullnesse of our Ioy brings forth,
 Although not equall to the causes worth;
 That which our humble duetie moues vs to,
 All that our meane Abilitie can do, 30
 Vnto our deare Prince Charles we consecrate,
 His faire beginning to congratulate,
 Charles ^aValiant and ^bAll-Noble signifies,
 And loe, these Emblemes well the same implies
 The ^cOstrich feathers, Fortitude expresse 35
 The Kingly ^dLions intimate no lesse:
 The ^eCrosse Religion, and these fragrant ^fflowers
 The ^gSlash, the ^hGlobes & ⁱCrowne of heauenly powers,
 Are Hieroglyphicks of Nobilitie,
 High Birth, true Wisedome, Iustice, Pietie. 40
 These we present vnto his sacred Name,
 Whose worth contains the Character of Fame.

Thomas Gregorie. l

THrice blessed be the heauenly Prouidence,
 That gau's a Prince of such magnificence,
 Who is the most illustrious flowring Bud
 Of many famous Kingdomes royall Blud,
 And our great Britaines hopefull ornament 5
 Hee shall protect this happy *Gouernment.
 And proudest opposition learne to know,
 The Dutie to our Soueraigne King we owe.
 Now Ludlow maist thou hope (if Gods will bee)
 Thy Princes sacred person heere to see, 10
 And streame out all thy Ioyes to veiw his Face,
 And some officious seruice do his Grace.
 O prosper may he, and his glory more,
 Than any Charles the World had e're before:
 His future yeares exceeding ten times ten, 15
 All those that loue Prince Charles will say Amen.

Walter Aston.

THE which Speeches being ended by the said Schollers (who thereby for
 their gracious boldnesse in the deliuerie thereof, got great applause by the 20
 said Iustice and all the Auditorie) and after another volley of shot discharged,
 they marched and passed by sundry other great Bonfires, whereof one was
 by the Castle Gate, and another was within the vtter Court, or Greene of
 the said Castle, and there marching, discharging of shot, singing, playing on 25
 instruments and heartily reioycing, proceeded into the Court-house of the
 said Principallitie, where the said Iustice very grauely, in the presence and
 audience of all the whole Company there assembled, deliuered these words
 following, or the like in effect, viz.

THIS happy and glorious Day, the bright Sunne-shining glory of Great
 Britaine, being the first day of the Weeke, and the first day of our Terme, 30
 and the next day to the Lords owne Day, his holy Sabaoth: and the next day
 before our wonderfull day of our great deliuerance from the Gunpowder-
 Treason, the Kings day:

The High and Mighty Prince Charles our first Prince of that Name, Prince of 35
 Great Britaine and Ireland, Duke of Cornewall, Yorke, and Albany, Marques
 of Ormont, Earle of Rosse, Baron of Armanoch, of the most Noble Order
 of the Garter, Knight: Second Sonne by Birth, and now the Onely, and
 First Begotten Sonne of the most potent and puissant Iames, by the Grace
 of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King; is this day, at his

1/ THrice: *large initial* T
 19/ THE: *large initial* T

29/ THis: *large initial* T

Maiesties Palace of White-hall, created Prince of Wales and Earle of Chester, being the thirteenth Prince by Creation, in succession of this his Noble Principallitie of Wales. |

This most excellent Prince thus stated and stiled, takes it for a high honour, and great dignitie vnto himselfe to be created Prince of Wales; and therefore all we of this Principallitie and Iurisdiction, are the rather bound to yeeld all honour, dutie, and seruice to him who hath so much honoured vs, and all Wales. 5

And therefore let none scorne nor contemne the power and authoritie thereof, (his Highnesse being graciously pleased to signifie his pleasure to me and my said Brethren of this Counsell) That he would protect and defend the same both by his Highnesse himselfe, and by his Princely meanes to the King his father. 10

And as he is now our first Prince of that name, so I hope he shalbe as religious, victorious, and renowned within these his Maiesties Kingdoms and the Dominions thereof in future times, as those of his Name haue bene in other Kingdomes in former Ages before him, to the great glory of great Britaine. 15

Therefore all our Prayers to God shalbe, that our said Prince may be a continuall comfort and Honour to the King his father, our dread Soueraigne, during his raigne (which God long continue) and afterwards to be the staffe and strength of vs and all Christendome, for the protection and defence of the Church of God, his holy word and Gospel, and that God will blesse Prince Charles our said Prince of Wales, with all his blessings from Heauen, fit for so high and mighty a Prince as he is; as also with long life, royall issue, and happy dayes, for the | good and welfare of this our Church and Commonwealth. 20 25

And let this happy day of the Creation of our sayd Prince of Wales be heere recorded by vs, for a memoriall to all succeeding times: and so againe we say; God saue and bless Prince Charles our said Prince of Wales, and his royall Posterity for euer. 30

These were the words of that reuerend Iudge, there wanteth nothing saue that Grace and Zeale wherewith he pronounced them.

Whereunto all the people with a loud voyce prayed and cryed, Amen, Amen.

And thereupon all the Musick played, Drums were stricke, Flutes whistled, Trumpets sounded, people showted, and another piercing and thundring Volley of shot was let flie, the eccho and report whereof resounded admirably, to the great solace and comfort of all present. 35

And then being full one of the clocke in the after noone, the said Iustice, and Counsell, with the Knights, Esquiers, and best sort of Gentlemen returned into the Castle to dinner (where was a great Feast prouided, with excellent musicke) the Bailiffes also with their Brethren and Burgesses went downe to 40

the Towne, to spend the rest of the day in all ioyfull and iouiall manner, hauing | all of them, before their departure thence, in the presence, and by the appointment of Raph Mansfield Esquier, chiefe Steward to the Kings Houshold there, drunke plentifully of wine, to the happie health and prosperitie, of our said gracious Prince of Wales. 5

Dinner being scarce ended in the Castle, the aforesaide Bailiffes in like pompe, beeing againe accompanied with the whole Quire of the Church, and the Penon-bearers with their Banerols of Armes in their hands, and their Musicke playing before them, came vp in great solemnitie into the Castle, where Maister Iustice ioyfully receiuing them, brought them straight into the Chappell, there to offer their Euening Sacrifice, where much reioycing was without doores, and excellent Musicke of Voyces, in singing many Psalmes and new Anthemes within the saide Chappell. 10

VVhich being finished, the aforesaid Schollers very humbly prostrating themselues with low obeisance, deliuered vp their sayd seuerall Banerolls into the hands of the said Iustice, who willed Richard Adams Gentleman, being skilful in Heraldrie there present, to see them orderly placed in the said Chappel, where they now remaine as remarkeable Trophies of that Solemnitie. 15

And after Prayers ended, the Bailiffes with their company humbly taking their leaue of the | Counsell, Maister Iustice required them still to continue their Ringing, as well for the full solemnizing of the said day of our Prince his sayd Creation, as also to expresse their ioy and thanksgiuing vnto Almighty God for our said dread Soueraignes most admirable Deliuerance, with the royall Queene, illustrious Prince, all the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons of this Realme assembled together in Parliament from the Papists treasonable and horrible conspiracie, and vnmatchable intended Practise of the Gunne-powder treason, in the yeare of our Lord God, one thousand sixe hundred and fiue, and to bee in a readinesse with the sayd Iustice, and Counsell the next morning, to praise God for the same. 20

VVhich accordingly was performed the next day, and a very learned Sermon preached by Maister Thomas Kaye, the Kings Chaplaine, attending the Lord President and Counsell there, vpon the twelue and thirteene Verses of the 116. Psalme. 25

What shall I render vnto the Lord for all his benefites towards me?
I will take the cup of Saluation, and call vpon the name of the Lord. 35

Which Sermon being ended, euery man returned to their home, the Musicke, Ringing, and Bonfires continuing to the great comfort of all | his Maiesties said louing and faithfull Subiects all the said day. 40

This Solemnization the said Iustice was carefull to obserue, for the Glorie of God, the Honour of the King, and Prince of Wales; as well to testifie and expresse his Duetie and Seruice, as also the loyaltie and heartie ioy of all his Maiesties louing Subiects then assembled.

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FINIS

1617–18

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/140

f [4]* (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Simon Cupper, high bailiff*) 10

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+ To the dromer one the kinges byrth daie xij d.

...

1618–19

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Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/141

f [3]* (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Ellis Beddoe, low bailiff*)

...

Item to marten Slaughter the queenes players v s.

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f [6]* (*Expenses of Richard Fisher, high bailiff*)

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6. decembris Item to the Queenes maiesties players by advise of somme of the vj: men v s. 25

...

f [8v] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Thomas Edwards, chamberlain*)

...

Item given vnto the musitions at the law day after Easter by master Baylieffs and the companies appoyntment v s. 30

...

1619–20

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/142

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f [1] (28 October–27 October) (*Expenses of Roger Cotton, high bailiff*)

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Given to the Kinges players ij s. v d.

...

12/ the kinges byrth daie: 19 June

| | | |
|-------|--|------------------------|
| 11 | To the Lady <i>Elizabeths</i> players January 16. 1619: | 5 |
| | ... | |
| 17. | to the Lady <i>Elizabeths</i> players August 23 | 5 s. |
| | ... | |
| | f [5v] (28 October–27 October) (<i>Expenses of Valentine Dawes, chamberlain</i>) | 5 |
| | ... | |
| (.) | payd the musicke by the Companyes apointment [att my feast] | x s. |
| | ... | |
| | | 10 |
| | List of Fines from the Council in the Marches BL: Harley 4220 | |
| | f 88 (28 October–27 October) (<i>Fines assessed at 12 June session</i>) | |
| | ... | |
| Salop | Richard Bulkeley of Bromfield Esquire for assault and affray and beating of william Sherwood at the suite of Georg Mooreley Relator | v li. |
| | Iohn wall of ffelton for the like | v li. |
| | Richard wigley of hewton for the like | xxxiiij s. iiij d. |
| | ... | |
| Salop | William Sherwood of the towne of Ludlow for singing of Rybaldry songs and vsing undecent speeches to Richard Bulkley Esquire in an alehouse at the suite of Iohn Atkins Relator | iiij li. vj s. viij d. |
| | ... | |
| | | 25 |
| | 1620–1 | |
| | Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/143 | |
| | f [1] (28 October–27 October) (<i>Expenses of Thomas Edwards, low bailiff</i>) | |
| | ... | |
| | Item giuen to the Princes players the 27 th of September | v s. 30 |
| | ... | |
| | Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/143 | |
| | f [2] (28 October–27 October) (<i>Expenses of Adam Acton, chamberlain</i>) | |
| | ... | |
| ++ | paid musicke att my fest att master bailyes Comand ^r not alowid ^o 1 | [v s.] ij s. vj d. |
| | ... | |

1/ 5: for 5 s. (?)

8/ musicke: u dotted in error

30/ Item giuen ... v s.: administrative cancellation by auditors

36/ musicke ... Comand: administrative cancellation by auditors

1621-2

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/144f [2v] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Richard Baker, chamberlain*)

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Item for musick att my first feast

[v] [v s.] 5

...

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/144f [2v]* (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Thomas Heath, high bailiff*)

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paid the musysyans in the exas by the apoyntment of the company
 for theyr musycke when [^]the Earle and his countesse^l my lord
 Compton and his lady and *master* Iustice and his lady were at dinner
 at my howse

v s.

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1622-3

Examinations Concerning a Theft at a Bear-Baiting SRO: LB 11/4/50

ff [1-3] (27 November)

Taken before the bailiffs, Thomas Blashfield and Richard Baker

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Hugh Stevens of the parish of disserth in the Countie of Radnor yoman adged
 xxxv yeares or there aboutes being examined conserning the stealing of his pursse
 deposeth and sayth that having occasions at this towne of ludlowe to depose 25
 the *servng* of processe and being in the Castell greene vewinge the beare bayting
 there had in his pursse fyve shillinges eight pence and hearinge [one] ^lone^l aske
 who hath lost a pursse this deponent serched for his pursse and missed the
 same and lokinge vpon the [B] pursse shewed did know the same to be this
 deponentes and *which* was taken from [this deponent] hym in the Castell greene 30
 with fyve shillinges eight pence within the same. / *signum h predicti hugonis*

mr Gruffith
 lloyd to send
 notyce to
 mr Oliuer
 Vaughan

Hugo Stevens *Manucepit* in xl li. ad *parendum* ad *proximam sessionem*

Thomas Peers of ludlowe in the Countie of Salop adged xxiiij yeares or there 35
 aboutes sworne and examined conserning the stealing of the foresaid pursse
 deposeth and sayth that he being in the Castell greene this present daye a
 vewinge the beare baytinge did se the woman who nameth her selfe Elizabeth

5/ for musick: *administrative cancellation by auditors*13/ dinner: *4 minims in MS*23/ disserth: *Diserth and Tre-goed, Radnorshire*28m/ Gruffith: *expansion uncertain*31/ h: *Stevens has signed with his initial*33/ *parendum*: *for comparendum (?)*

Powell gird by the side of the former deponent and put somewhat vnder her
 aperne [^][which she had from hym] [and so departed] having a man with a
 cutt fustian ginger color[ed] and one other woman with her and so [^][they]
 departed and this deponent went to speke with the former deponent to know
 if he had lost any thing but the former deponent was removed and this
 deponent cold not fynd hym

(signed) Thomas Peerse |

Elizabeth Powell of the lye in the Countie of woster the wyffe of Ienkyn
 Powell of the same Cordiner beinge examined when she cam to this tow(⟨.⟩) 10
 of ludlow and vpon what occasions sayth that she cam to this towne this
 present daye a littell before she cam to the Castell greene to se the sportes
 there and the cause of her Comynge was to looke for her husband who had
 departed from this examinat for som debt and denyeth that she was not in
 this towne neither [this] [ister] Daye nor vpon mondaye and beinge examined 15
 where she mett with the [girle mayde] [woman] which was with her sayth
 that she mett with that [mayde] [woman] in the Castell greene and [did]
 Denyeth that she was not in [^][her] compeny [with the said mayd] these three
 dayes [^][to her knowlege] and denyeth the taking awaye of any pursse/ neither
 doth this examinat know what the name of the said [mayde is] woman is 20

Anne Price of llanavon vawer in the Countie of Brecknock the wyeff of Iohn
 Evans of the same petychapman beinge examined concerning the stealinge of
 the foresaid pursse confesseth that she cam to this towne isterdaye aboutes
 x^{en} of the clock in the affore nonn and was isterdaye at the Castell greene 25
 vewing the sportes there and went aboutes a myle out of towne to her lodging
 and cam this Daye agayne aboutes ix^{en} of the clock and went to Castell greene
 this after nonne to se the sportes to enquier for her husband which was
 departed from her these fyve weekes and there mett with the former examinat
 and the former examinat promised to bestowe som meate and Drynke onn 30
 this examinat And beinge demaunded where she had the pursse which was
 taken with them Denyeth that she never saw hit vntill it was taken from the
 grounde and denyeth that [^][she] was in the compeny of the former examinat
 either isterdaye or mondaye .last.

signum predictae Anne + | 35

Thomas Powell of ludlow Butcher Deposeth that he beinge in the Castell
 greene this after nonn was tol(⟨.⟩) by Iohn Prince that the former examines

9/ the lye: *Lye, Worcestershire, near Stourbridge*

10/ tow(⟨.⟩): *hole in sheet*

22/ llanavon vawer: *Llanafan Fawr, Brecknockshire*

35/ +: *Price has signed with her personal mark*

38/ tol(⟨.⟩): *hole in sheet*

were both cutpurses where vpon this deponent followed them and did se the woman who nameth her selfe Elizabeth Powell [and thother] make sondry offers into mens pockettes and thother woman who calls her selfe Ann Price thrustinge after her and towe seuerall tymes they were prevented and at the leanght they cam to the man *which* lost his Pursse and the older woman called Elizabeth did with thone hand lyfte vp her apperne and with thother hand tooke the mans pursse out of his pockett and went ther wayes and this deponent followed them and acquaynted one Richard Voyle with what they had done and so Voyle requested one Richard Nott to goe with this deponent and so they both went after the women and nere the *markett* howse the twoe women met with the man in the Curt dublett who calls hym selfe Ienkyn Moris and they talked together and so the mann departed from them and this deponent and Nott followed the twoe women and [the] in the Church yarde of this ^Λ[towne they¹] were overtaken and the women seing them selves pursued one of them did lett fall the pursse and money [*which* they] [¹sto] ^Λ[were] *which* money was¹ brought vnto *master* Baylieffes with the said ^Λ[twoe] women and when *master* Baylieffes had taken out the money they gave the pursse to be *proclamed* *which* was challenged by the first deponent and further deposeth that the man cam with the twoe women from the Castell greene [talkynk] talkynge together. /

signum + predicti Thome |

Richard Nott of ludford in the Countie of Hereford tayler adged xxiiij yeares or there aboutes deposeth that he and the former deponent *(..)*omas Powell pursued the [tow] twoe women vntill they cam to the Church yarde and this Deponent laying hold of the twoe women chardged them to com before *master* Baylieffes for stealinge ^Λ[of¹] a pursse and with that one of them did lett fall a pursse and money and so this deponent brought the pursse and money and ^Λ[the¹] twoe women before *master* Baylieffes (*signed*) Richard not

ffrancis Smyth of ludlowe Cordiner adged xxxiiij yeares or there aboutes Deposeth that seing Richard Not and Thomas Powell ^Λ[this present daye in the Chyrch Yarde¹] pursuinge twoe women and chardging them to com before *master* Baylieffes did se the woman who calls her selfe Ann Price flyng the said pursse and money from her and so the twoe women and the pursse was brought before *master* Baylieffes

(*signed*) Thomas Blashfild

Richard Baker

ffrances Smith

[Ienkyn Moris Powell of] 1

Ienkyn Moris Powell of llanarth in the Countie of Monmouth beinge *examined* when he cam to this towne of ludlow and vpon what occasions and w(..) were in his compeny sayth that he cam isterdaye [^] to this towne¹ late in the eveninge and there cam with hym from Ricardes Castell *somm* thre or foure men and women and this *examinat* and one of the women cam to the whitt harte and this *examinat* laye there hym selfe a lone and the cause of this *examinat* Comyng was to goe to wemm to worke and this *examinat* confesseth that he was this after nonne in the Castell greene but Denyeth that he spake with any women as he cam out of the Castell gate and beinge *examined* howe he cam by the wollen cloth *which* he gave to make a Ierkyn sayth that [^] isterdaye¹ he bought the said Cloth of a man and a woman at Orleton and gave for the same vj s. beinge three yardes and after his Comyng to this towne sent the same to make hym a Ierkyn and this Daye pawned the said Ierkyn to his hoste for iiij s. and this *examinat* sayth that he Doth not know one [kathe] Elizabeth Powell neither doth he know one Ann Price neither did this *examinat* goe towards the Castell greene with any woman or was any body in his compeny going thither.

(*signed*) Thomas Blashfield

Richard Baker

1623-4

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/146

f [1]* (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Adam Acton, low bailiff*)

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Item payd the kinges players v s.

Item payd for gonepowder when my lord Came att michellmas ij s. iij d.

...

Item payd to the [muis] musyke when my lord Came at mychellmas terme and when my lord was with me att

Crysemas and att my fest x s.

...

1624-5

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/147

f [1]* (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Ellis Beddoe, high bailiff*)

[+]

...

Item for musicke at Cristmas x s. [(. . .)]

3/ llanarth: *Llan-arth, Monmouthshire*

4/ w(.): *hole in sheet*

28/ michellmas: 29 September 1624

32/ Crysemas: 25 December 1623

39/ Cristmas: 25 December 1624

insultum et affraiam fecit et ipsum Willimum Baker adtunc et ibidem
verberaverunt vulneraverunt et Maleractaverunt Ita quod de vita sua
desperabatur. et alia enormia ei intulerunt ad graue damnum ipsius Willimi
Baker et Contra pacem domini Domini Regis nunc Coronam et dignitatem
suas &c

°Cogniciones sui proprie Curie quolibet in ij s. vj d.

Powell & price in gaolda (*blank*) Willelmus Baker sequitur hanc billam° l

Bila vera

1630–1

Executrix's Memo of Bailiff's Expenses SRO: LB 8/1/152

f [25]* (8 March 1631/2)

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Item to the kings Players

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...

1631–2

Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts SRO: LB 8/1/153

f [3] (28 October–27 October) (*Accounts of Edward Jones, high bailiff*)

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Item for the [spetinge] Eatinge the bucke

[v li.] iiij li.

query

Item to the keeper that brought the bucke °his man

& the sendinge the warrant°

[x s.] °xij s.°

Item for musicke at that tyme

iiij s. iiij d. 25

query

...

f [7] (*Expenses of Edmund Gregory, chamberlain*)

...

Item to the musitions [att my feaste]

00 5 0 30

...

f [8] (*Expenses of John Patchett, low bailiff*)

...

ffor musick at Christmas and other wiese

viiij s. 35

...

1/ fecit: *for* fecerunt

2/ Maleractaverunt: *for* Maletractaverunt

6/ sui: *for* sue

1632-3***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/154f [4] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of William Powis, low bailiff*)

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| °no allowans° | | | | 5 |
| Ittem ffor musicke | | 0 | 5 | 0 |

...

f [4v] (*Auditor's adjustments*)

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|----|
| °Somme totall of master Bayliffe powies desbursments is | xxviiij li. ix s. vj d. | 10 |
| out of which there is deducted for a quarter sessions dynner | ij li. | |
| a somme of money which is Charged vpon Bayliffe Baker | v li. iij s. | |
| and for musicke | v s.° | |

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1633-4***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/155f [2] (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Thomas Crowther, low bailiff*)

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|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| To the Kinges pleyers | 00 | 05 | 00 | 20 |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|

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f [11v]* (*Expenses of Edward Colbatch, high bailiff*)

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|---|----|----|---|----|
| Ittem for a sugerloafe to Edwarde Berry beinge one of those was presented to the Countesse | 00 | 16 | 7 | 25 |
| Ittem to some of the officers when wee were invited to the maske | 00 | 2 | 6 | |

1634-5***Bailiffs' and Chamberlains' Accounts*** SRO: LB 8/1/156single sheet (28 October-27 October) (*Expenses of Thomas Edwards, high bailiff*)

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|---|---|----|----|--|
| ffor Musicke at Severall Tymes This present yeare | 0 | 15 | 00 | |
|---|---|----|----|--|

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6/ Ittem ... 0 5 0: administrative cancellation by auditors

13/ Bayliffe Baker: Richard Baker, high bailiff this year

21/ Kinges, 05: administrative cancellations by auditors

1642

Letter from Lady Brilliana Harley to her son, Edward

Brampton Bryan Hall: Harley MS 161

ff [1-1v]* (4 June)

My deare Ned

now I thanke you for your letter by Mr Braughton whoo brought it this day some[*t*]thinge late so that. I am shortned in time to rwite to you,

I thinke we must all acknowledeg. Gods greate mercy that the Plot for the takeing of Hull was discourered. I pray God derect the Parlement what they ought to doo for they haue Enimys Enough to looke with an Euill Eye at what thea[*y*]re [doe] Actions.

at Louwdlow they seel vp a May Pole and a thinge like a h[*e*]r[e]a^d upon i[*s*]t and so they did and Croft and gathered a greate many about it and shot at it in derision of Round heads' at Loudlow they rebused Mr Bauges sonne uery much and are so Insolent that they <durst> r[*durst*] [le] not leaue theare howes to come to the fest I acknowledg I doo not thinke me selfe [^]r[*safe*] whear I am I loos' the Comfirt of your fathers Company and am in but littell safety but that my trust is in God, and what is down in your fathers' Estate pleassess him not so tha I wisch me selfe with all my hart at Loudoun. and then your father might be a wittnes of what is spent: but if your father thinke it beest for me to be in the Cuntry I am Every well Pleased with what He shall. I thinke beest,

I haue sent you by this Carryer in a box 3 shirts there is another but it was not quite made on of them is not wasched. I [m]will and Pleas. God send you a nother the next weeke and some Handchershey

I Rwrite yesterday to you by the Post of Loudlow how my thankes was taken at Heariford

I Pray God Blles you and keepe you from sinn and from all other Euills and giue you a Ioyfull meeting with

your

Most Affectinat Mother

(signed) Brilliana Harley

your sister [B] Doll is not [ll] well shee has a great weakenes upon her yet I thanke God this day shee is some thinge better then shee was

June 4

1642

Brampton castell

13/ seel: *for* set (?)14/ and²: *for* at (?)15/ rebused: *for* abused (?)16/ <durst> r[*durst*]: *first* durst obscured by ink blot, second written in above it20/ so tha: *for* so that20-3/ I wisch ... He shall: *written in left margin*22/ Every: *for* very or Every way (?)

LYDBURY NORTH

1589

Diocese of Hereford Acts of Office HRO: box 17, vol 68

f 206v* (1 August)

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Proceedings of the court held for Clun deanery before Francis Bevans, LLD, vicar general of the bishop of Hereford

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Monitus post
hac &c/

Ludi magister notatus anglice for making and setting forth of playes and enterludes diebus dominicis

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gardiani ibidem ad presentandum nomina eorum qui [&] interfuerunt huiusmodi loco, seu lusui/.

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gardiani ad presentandum similiter./

...

Castra
Episcopi

MONKHOPTON

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1547

A *Register of Sir Thomas Botelar, Vicar of Much Wenlock* Leighton: 'Register'

p 106* (17 July)

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17 July. 1547. Eodem die fuit communis ludus apud Hopton monachorum cuius ludi fuit director Richard Lawley.

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MORVILLE

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1611/12

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 131

p 129* (17 March)

Proceedings of the court held before James Bailey, LLD, official principal

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...

°Robertus Corser/° assembled withe others in the parishe of morvielde; at the sound of a drum, whereby the Saboathe daie was profaned, in the 2 daie of ffebruary last/ 7 die mensis [ffebruarij] [Aprilis] 1612 apud ludlowe in ecclesia ibidem coram domino Vicario generali &c comparuit dictus Robertus Corser obiectoque ei articulo &c negavit esse verum: vnde habet ad

dimissio

40

proximum
perendinato

introducendum certificarium &c in proximo &c et tunc &c °vij die Iulij 1612 in ecclesia de ludlowe coram domino vicario generali &c comparuit dictus Corser et examinata causa dimittitur cum admonicione/°

Alicia
dimissio

proximum perendinato†
°vxoꝝ eius consimili/° 7° die mensis ffebruarij predicti Similiter vt supra in persona mariti &c °7° die Iulij 1612 Similiter vt supra/°

MUNSLOW

1606

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 129
p 272 (31 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public

Bridgnorth

(blank) Bird detectus that he vpon sonday the xxvijth of September last past 1606 he came to Munslowe with a beare and there bayted the same beare without the licence of any of the parrishe

dictus (blank) Millard pro Consimili

Munslowe
°in proximo°

Gardiani *ibidem* moniti ad presentandum the names of all those that were at the beare baitinge °Quo die comparuerunt &c habent ad specificandum citra recessum &c°

...

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...

Thomas Arundell detectus for being present at a bearebaiting at Munslowe vpon the Sabaoth daie, and for gathering money then &c./ Citatus &c in xix Novembris predicti &c preconizatus./ &c non comparuit &c. *excommunicatus*/

Tugforde/
dimissio

Thomas Sheparde of Balcot, for being then and there present &c/. xix° die Novembris predicti comparuit &c et super examinacione articuli &c dimissus est cum admonicione

...

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dimissio

(*blank*) eius vxor pro consimili &c xix^o die Novembris predicti &c similiter vt supra. &c

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dimissio

Isack Shapard eorum filius pro consimili &c/ xix^o die Novembris similiter vt supra &c/

...

p 324 (31 October)

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Proceedings of the court held for Clun deanery before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general of the bishop of Hereford

...

Bushops
Castell

dimissio

Humfrey Lawe detectus per gardianos de Munslowe for being present at a bearbaiting at Munslowe vpon the Saboath daie and, putting his dogg then and there at the said Beare/ xix^o die mensis Novembris predicti comparuit dictus Humfridus Law obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi &c fassus est &c monitus est inposterum &c dimissus est

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MYNDTOWN

1613

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 132
f [167]* (24 November)

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Proceedings of the court held for Clun deanery before Silas Griffithes, STD, deputy judge of James Bailey, LLD, vicar general

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°Willimus ffrancke, did keepe dancing in his howse in time of Evening praier/ on the Saboathe daie being the xthe daie of Octeber last/° quesitus &c xv^{to} die mensis decembris predicti comparuit personaliter Elizabetha ffrancke ad cuius petitionem dominus continuavit causam in proximam secundam curiam post festum Purificacionis proximum/ °nono die ffebruarij predicti &c preconizatus &c excommunicatus°

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32/ October: for October

35/ festum Purificacionis 2 February 1613/14

NEEN SAVAGE

1618

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 135
f [54]* (1 September)

Proceedings of the court held before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge

Edwardus ffarmer for dancinge one the (...) daie contrarie to his maiestie decree
citatus &c per publi(...) in xv diem decembris predicti preconizatus &c non
comparuit &c ex(...)

dimissio

Thomas Barker pro consimili xxij^o die Septembris predicti comparuit et
obiecto ei articulo fassus est articulum esse verum vnde dominus iniunxit ei
penitentiam iuxta formam schedule Et ad certificandum in proximo xx^o die
Octobris predicti comparuit et dominus ad eius petitionem continuavit
certificarium penitentie in proximum xj^o die mensis Novembris 1618 in
ecclesia de Ludlowe coram magistro Gabriele Wallwin artium magistro deputato
&c comparuit personaliter dictus Barker et introduxit formam et in vim
iuramenti sui certificavit de peractione penitentie iuxta &c vnde dimissus

dimissio

Walterus Batheridge pro consimili [Quo die] vicesimo die mensis Octobris
predicti comparuit personaliter dictus Mantle et obiecto ei articulo fassus est
articulum esse verum vnde dominus iniunxit ei 2 dies penitentie more
penitentiali Et ad certificandum in proximo xj^o die mensis Novembris predicti
preconizatus &c non comparuit &c xix^o die mensis Ianuarij 1618 iuxta &c
apud Ludlowe coram magistro Gabriele Wallwin artium magistro deputato
&c comparuit et dominus ad eius petitionem ipsum absoluit a sententia
excommunicationis et revocavit prius decretum et iniunxit ei ad confitendum
articulum coram ministro et gardianis ibidem die dominico proximo nono
die ffebruarij predicti comparuit et in vim iuramenti certificavit de peractione
penitentie &c

Thomas Mantle xxij^o Septembris predicti comparuit^o personaliter obiectoque
ei articulo [fassus est] negavit esse verum vnde habet ad purgandum se in
proximo &c cum bina manu &c facta proclamacione &c/^o xx^o die mensis
Octobris predicti [comparuit personaliter] preconizatus &c non comparuit
neque produxit compurgatores iuxta &c vnde dominus pronuntiavit &c et
decrevit ipsum citandum fore erga proximum dicere causas quare &c xj^o die

9/ (...): sheet torn; sabbath missing (?)

10/ publi(...): sheet torn; publicum edictum missing (?)

11/ ex(...): sheet torn; excommunicatus missing (?)

29/ prius: us written above illegible erasure

mensis Novembris predicti preconizatus &c comparuit personaliter dictus Mantle et iuramentum prestit de innocentia sua./

1619

Archdeaconry of Hereford Acts of Office HRO: box 24, vol 90 5
f [292] (20 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Stottesdon deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge of Oliver Lloyd, LLD, official principal of the bishop of Hereford

Iohannes Barker aleman had dauncing in his howse about the xxjth daie of Iune Last past being the saboath daie, and a great assemblie there drinckeing Quo die comparuit et obiecto ei articulo negavit articulum esse verum vnde dominus iniunxit ei ad purgandum se in proximo cum vj^{ta} manu &c facta proclamacione [se] primo die decembris predicti preconizatus &c non comparuit neque produxit compurgatores &c vnde dominus pronuntiavit eum defecisse in purgacione sua et pro convicto haberi et decrevit ipsum citandum fore erga proximum dicere causas quare &c citatus &c per publicum edictum in xv diem decembris predicti preconizatus &c non comparuit &c excommunicatus xix^o die Ianuarij predicti comparuit et dominus ipsum absoluit a sententia excommunicationis &c et ex causis retulit causam ad proximum presentem

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NEWCASTLE

1637

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 39, vol 146
f [290]* (After 30 May)

Proceedings of courts held for Clun deanery, taken out of the book beginning 14 February 1636/7, and held before the official principal 30

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dimissio Daudid Lewis detectus for prophaning the lords day by going out of [theire] [^]his owne parish vnto another parish to the Wake & pastime in New Castle for absenting himselfe from evening prayer. °Quo die comparuit dictus Lewis et fidem fecit se precibus matutinis in ecclesia sua parochiali predicta die prelibato dominico interfuisse et negotiatum esse post meridiem &c in Newcastle necessario &c et dominus perpensa causa dimisit admonicione &c°

dimissio °Thomas Bridges detectus pro consimili 30 Maij 1637 citatus intra parochiam predictam per ffraytell. Quo die preconizatus &c non comparuit &c 40

35/ himselfe: *written as correction over* themselues

38/ admonicione: *for* cum admonicione (?)

excommunicatus &c °4° die Iulij 1637 *predicti comparuit et perpensa causa dominus eum dimisit cum admonicione*°

dimissio

°Griffinus ap Iohn detectus pro consimili./ Quo die Similiter vt in actu *contra Lewis*°

PONTESBURY

1596

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 34, vol 126
f [243]* (4 June)

Proceedings of the court held in the parish church of Ludford before Roger Grene, deputy judge, in the presence of Thomas Crumpe

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contra Thomam Oliuers iuniorem

notatus anglice for drincking dauncing, & banquetting or such like/ tempore diuinorum, [& shoting of guns,] citatus per yong apparitorem &c/ comparuit dictus primo die Iulij predicti/ & examinatus super huiusmodi articulo sub vi Iuramenti &c negauit &c vnde dimissus &c/

dimissio

contra dictum Thomam Oliuers

notatus anglice for shooting of guns tempore diuinorum/ & for dauncing tempore diuinorum/ &c Quo [die] primo die Iulij predicti &c quia denegatur &c vnde dimissus &c

dimissio

contra Richardum Corbet iuniorem

pro simili./ quo [die] primo die Iulij predicti comparuit dictus Richardus Corbet iunior & super examinacione articuli sub vi Iuramenti negauit [^] (vt supra) [^] [precipue infra parochiam de Westburne]

dimissio

contra [Richardum] Iohannem Peens

notatus pro simili/ quodque est vsurarius/ quo die dominus super examinacione articuli huiusmodi sub vi Iuramenti sui eundem Iohannem Peens/ dimisit &c/

dimissio

contra Richardum Collins

notatus anglice being a minstrell for plaieng at divine service vpon trinitie sunday last & diuers other [su(.>)d] sundaies/ & shoting of his [gow] gunne in the sermon tyme vpon whitson munday to the disturbance of the Preacher & hearers of the word/ quo die comparuit, & examinatus sub vi Iuramenti huiusmodi &c dominus eundem Richardum Collins dimitti &c

dimissio

PREES

1601

Examination of Richard Burde SRO: 3365/2211/7
single sheet*

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xxvij^o die Iunij

The examinacion of Richard Burde of wellington

Being *examined* howe he behaved himself vpon whidsonday the monday & Tewsday nexte after sayth that he & his *maister* beinge on ffraunces Sukar 10
cam from wellington vpon whidsonday & lay all night att Prees [^]at his maisters mothers house[^] & on monday they went to whitchurche ffayre & monday night thay lay at Prees & on Tewsday this *examinant* went to the horse Runninge at Prees [^]heath[^] but his *maister* stayed at Prees all that day and they lay together at Prees on Tewsday night & on wensday in the morninge 15
this *examinant* went to wellington & lefte his *maister* att Prees Beinge *examined* whoe sent him to this Towne & [^]for[^] what [sent him] he cam hether sayth on margarett Coxe beinge his maisters Landlady sent him to this Towne to see what his maister did want & howe all matters stood with him and to travell to his maisters ffreundes to procure sureties to Bale his 20
maister vntill the Assises

RUSHBURY

1621

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 37, vol 137
f [83]* (3 May)

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Proceedings against those detected at the bishop's visitation in April 1621, held for Wenlock deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public 30

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dimissio

contra Iohannem Munslow alias yeoman/
detectus for vsing vnlawfull sportes in the churchyard of Rushburie on the sabaoth dayes & namely on the fifteenth & xxijth of April last runinge playnge 35
at stoole ball leapinge & iumppinge & beyinge admonished by the parson said it was but the wearinge a sheete & for that he did not care before most that were at Eveninge prayer in derision, in leapinge he doeth breake the graves with his heeles. vltimo Maij 1621 comparuit et fassus est that he

did daunce in the churchyard with an hobby horse & leap there & beyng forbidden by the *parson* [did] saying that he would *presente* him [said] bad him doe it if he would & did againe leap after him *quam confessionem dominus* acceptavit *quatenus* &c et iniunxit ei *penitentiam iuxta schedulam* &c et monuit eum ad extrahendum *schedulam* &c et ad *certificandum* 19 Iunij 5
1621 *dominus continuavit in proximum* 27 Iunij 1621 Iohannes Englishe *certificavit* et *dominus eum dimisit*

SHEINTON

1614

Attorney-General's Information about Libellous Songs PRO: STAC 8/20/8
mb 3* (8 November)

To the Kinges most excellent *Maiestie* 15
In most humble wise complayning sheweth and informeth to your highnes
Sir ffrancis Bacon knight your *Maiesties* Attorney generall That whereas one
Henry Wood of westcopice in the County of Salop *gentleman* a man of
good name and fame and by all the tyme of his lief hither vnto hath duly
and honestly behaved himself in his vocacion and calling and hath lived in 20
good credit and estimation amongst his neighbours without any note or
tanth of scandall and infamy Nevertheles so it is may it please your highnes
that one Richard Batley and Iohn Shawe men of very dissolute lief and
behaviour and being Common depravers of the Credit and good name of
theyr neighbours greatly maligning the sayd Henry wood and desyring to 25
drawe him into publique scandall and reproch they the sayd Richard Batley
and Iohn Shawe not having the feare of god before theyr eyes nor regarding
your *Maiesties* lawes and the severe punishment most iustly due to the makers
contrivers and publishers of false and infamous libells and rymes did most 30
vnlawfully and malitiously confederate and plott amongst them selves and
with other like evill disposed *persons* to *your* sayd Attorney yett vnknown
whose names when they shall be knowen he humbly prayeth they may be
inserted into this *Information* and made *defendants* to the same how and
by what meanes they might vtterly overthrow the good name and credit 35
of the sayd Henry Wood and bring him into vtter scandall and reproch
and therevpon they the sayd Richard Batley and Iohn Shawe and other the
Confederats aforesayd by the confederacy and plott aforesayd in the monethes
of December Ianuary and ffebruary now last past did most vnlawfully and
malitiously make invent contrive and putt in writing the most infamous and

scandalous libell herevnto annexed and divers other scandalous and libellous
 songes and rymes the sayd libell herevnto annexed and the sayd other libellous
 and infamous songes and rymes conteyning and purporting most false
 scandalous and reprochfull infamyes and vntruthes of and concerning the
 sayd Henry wood tending to the sayd Henry woodes greate infamy disgrace 5
 and damage And the sayd Richard Batley and Iohn Shawe and other the
 Confederatours aforesayd by the confederacy aforesayd att the tymes aforesayd
 and att divers tymes sithence to the greate and insupportable wrong iniury
 sclaunder disgrace and damage of the sayd Henry wood have made divers
 and sundry Copyes of the sayd infamous libell and libellous songes and rymes 10
 and the same have fixed vpon postes and scattered in publique places and att
 great assemblies and meetinges to the end the same might be the more generally
 knowen divulged and spredd abroade to the vtter infamy and disgrace of the
 sayd Henry wood and have allso sent divers Copyes of the sayd libell and
 libellous songes and rymes to divers of theyr freindes and acquaintans as 15
 tokens and newyeres giftes and have likewise published and divulged the sayd
 libell and libellous songes and rymes both by reading and singing the same
 and by delivering Copyes thereof to divers other persons and by divers other
 wayes and meanes whereby the sayd Henry wood hath bene most vniustly
 and causelesly sclaundered defamed wronged and damnified In consideracion 20
 whereof and for that all and singuler the offences & misdemeanours aforesayd
 were committed and done sithence *your Maiesties* last generall and free pardon
 and are very greate and grievous and if the same should not be punished
 would tend to the encouragement and evill example of other like lewd and
 dissolute people and to the intent the sayd offenders may receive condigne 25
 punishment for theyr so great and greivous offences may it please *your highnes*
 to graunt to *your* sayd Attorney *your Maiesties* most gracious writt of sub pena
 to the sayd Richard Batley and Iohn Shawe and theyr Confederates to be
 directed thereby charging and comaunding them and every of them att a
 certein day and vnder a certein payne therein to be limited personally to be 30
 and appeare before *your* hignes and *your* most honnourable Councell in *your*
Maiesties highe Court of starrchamber then and there to ansvere the *premisses*
 and to stand to and abyde such further order and direccion there in as to
your highnes sayd Councell shall seeme to stand with iustice and *your* sayd
 Attorney as he is bound shall ever pray for *your Maiesties* most happy Raigne 35
 over these *your* Realmes long to continew

(signed) Francis Bacon
 Thomas Coventry

mb 2 (*Attached exhibit: text of libellous rhyme*)

Roume Sheinton roume in tyme of death
 I wish to rest in thee
 not *with* Hancockes nor *with* woodcockes 5
 but *with* Heathcocke would I bee
 O Heathe in thy lief thou house and wief
 didest guyde from here flie
 thou stoodest for Christ thou didest resist
 Popes and theyr hierarchie 10
 thou *servantes* sure thou keepest pure
 theyr liberty so restrained
 thou proud thou envious noe
 hit might not be mainteyned
 since thy tyme alas to *faccions* passe 15
 I was both tand and taught
 these popishe bages *with* uncleane Cages
 were about me wrought
 Hancockes brought me Heathcockes taught me
 Woodcockes fraught me *with* Imagerie 20
 In resurreccion iust o Christ I trust
with Heath to be *with* thee
 what say the pure doe they deplore
 yes and make this mocion
 that this deathes fitt he might have quitt 25
 that gave the last potion
 Sheinton for my grave thankes thou shalt have
 when woodcocke endes his lief
 Lend him a rome for hether he will come
 but lay him *with* Cooke his wief 30

Demurrer to the Attorney-General's Information PRO: STAC 8/20/8
 mb 1 (21 November)

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The severall demurrer of Richard Batteley gentleman one 35
 of the defendauntes to the Informacion of Sir ffrauncis
 Bacon Knight his *Maiesties* Attorney generall

Parker

All advantages of exception to the incerteyntie insufficiencie and imperfeccions
 of the saide Infourmacion to him this defendant nowe and att all tymes
 hereafter beinge saved, And by *protestacion* not confessinge or acknowledginge 40

any of the supposed offences or misdemeanors in contrivinge devisinge
 makinge or publishinge the libell or wrytinge to the saide Informacion
 annexed, saith That he thinketh the same Informacion to be *procured* made
 and exhibited into this honorable Courte against him this defendaunt, and
 John Shawe therein named, by the Relacion and att the onely Costes and 5
 Charges in the lawe of Henry Woode therein also named supposed to be
 wronged and Scandalized thereby, who is instigated and sett on soe to doe by
 one Peter Wood vndersheriffe of the Countie of Salopp for the yeare last past,
 which saide Henrye Wood (if he had any iust cause of Complaite againste
 him this defendaunt shoulde and might more properly haue complayned in 10
 his owne name) but that he beinge a Recusant ^λ[heretofore] convicted and
 excommunicated and soe ytt standeth and contynueth obstinated in his
 opinion of recusancie, and will by noe meanes conforme him selfe to his
maiesties lawes, or live or be retayned in his due obedience. as a good and
 duetifull Subiecte ought to doe./ And forasmuch as the Complaite of 15
 the saide Informacion is for makinge devisinge and publishinge of a most
 infamous and scandalous libell supposed to conteyne scandalous and
 reproachfull infamye and vntruthes of and concerninge the saide Henrie Wood
 tendinge to his greate infamye disgrace and damage, And for that alsoe the
 wrytinge tearmed a libell annexed to the saide Informacion, which is supposed 20
 to be made of the saide Henrye Wood, dothe in noe sorte name him, directly
 or indirectly, nor can be drawne by any construccion or intendement to
 concerne him the saide Wood if it were a libell (as in truthe it seemeth not
 to be any libell at all) nor any waie defamatorie to the saide Wood, or any
 other. And for that alsoe the saide wrytinge soe tearmed a libell, to the saide 25
 Informacion annexed, nor any one sentence or worde therof, is expressed
 mencioned or sert downe in the saide Informacion (as it ought to be) and a
 certeyne charge thereof laied againste this defendaunt in the said Informacion,
 neither is it expressed therein howe or in what sorte the saide wrytinge can
 be construed, applyed, or intended, to haue beene made by the saide Henrye 30
 Wood: This defendaunt aswell in respecte of the causes aforesaide as alsoe
 for divers and sondrie other apparaunte causes insufficiencies and defectes in
 the saide Informacion appearinge (vnder the favoure of this most honorable
 Courte, dothe humbly demurre and abide in the lawe and most humbly
 demaundeth the Iudgement of this most honorable Courte whether he shalbe 35
 compelled to make any other or further answer to the saide Informacion
 And humbly praieth to be dismissed out of this honorable Courte with his
 Costes against the saide Henrye Woode the Relator for his vniuste vexacion
 and trouble in this causeles suite./

(signed) James Moore/ 40

11/ name): *parenthesis displaced from l.10, after defendaunt*

34/ Courte.; *comma used for closing parenthesis (?)*

SHIPTON

1635

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 38, vol 140
f [191] (30 July) 5

Proceedings of the court held for Wenlock deanery before the vicar general in the presence of Richard Brasier, registrar

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Holegate

Thomas Crumpe [^][musicus] [^]detectus [^][per gardianos de shipton] for playing 10
in the parish of Shipton on saboath & holydayes being a Recusant and for
not coming to Church °citatus 19 die Augusti 1635 infra parochia de
didleburie prout Meele fidem fecit/ preconizato trina vice et nullo modo
comparente dominus pronunciauit eum contumacem et in penam
excommunicacionis ° 15

SHREWSBURY

1269–70

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/311 20
mb 3* (*Expenses*)

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Symoni filio Hugonis le harpare. v. d. ob.

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1304–5

Letter from Edward, Prince of Wales, to the Abbot of Shrewsbury

PRO: E 163/5/2

mb 14* (12 September)

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Domino 
Abbatī Salopie

Al Abbe de Salop' saluz e chiers amitez. Pur ceo que [nostre] Richard nostre
Rymour desire moult daprendre la menestralcie de Crouther e nous auoms
entendu que vus auez vn bon Croutheour oue vus? vus priouns chierment
que vus voillez comander a vostre Croutheour quil apreigne al dit Richard sa
menestralcie. E que vus voillez trauer a meismes celi Richard sa sustenaunce en 35
vostre dite maison tant come il y demorra entur la prise de la dite menestralcie
pur lamur de nus. E nus vus enuoloms especiaument estre tenuz a mercier.
bon' souz &c. a WhiteWaltham le xij iour de septembre.

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38/ souz: possibly for saloutz

38/ WhiteWaltham: White Waltham, Berkshire

1388–9**Bailiffs' Accounts** SRO: 3365/349mb 1d (*Expenses*)

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- ®+ Item *pacatum* de Tollneto pro histrion' Comit' Arundell & histrion' domini le Straunge 5
XXV s.

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Bailiffs' Weekly Accounts SRO: 3365/350

mb 2d (17–23 January)

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- Item *solutum* pro[pane] & uino Mandatis domino Burnell
tempore Sessionis v s. v d.
Item in *expensis* Nicholai Gerady in dicta sessione ij s. v d.
Item in *expensis* alia die sessionis circa dominum de burnell v s. j. d. 15
Item Datum histrionibus domino Burnell die dominica proxima ante festum
Epiphanie iij s. iij d. Et in *Expensis* Balliuorum apud Acton Burnell eodem
tempore viij d.

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(23–9 May)

- + Item in *expensis* ad prandium & ad Cenam circa histriones
®+ Comit' Arundell die Mercurij in Septimana Pasche xvij s. iij d. ob. 25
...

c 1389–90**Assembly Minute Book 1** SCO: 67 No. 1

f A col 1*

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Ordinacio Procescionis. Artificum Ville. Salopie. In Festo Corporis Christi

☉ Molendinarij.

☉ Pistores.

☉ Piscatores.

☉ Coci

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14/ Nicholai Gerady: apparently town clerk

14/ ij s. v d.: ij, v written as corrections over erasure

16/ domino: for domini

16–17/ die dominica ... Epiphanie: 3 January 1388/9

24/ die Mercurij ... Pasche: 21 April 1389

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| ☉ | Carnifices + | |
| ☉ | Barcarij. + | |
| ☉ | Cordwenarij.. | |
| ☉ | ffabri. | |
| ☉ | Cellarij. | 5 |
| | ⟨.⟩arpentarij. + | |
| | fflechers Cowpers & Bowers. + | |
| | Textores. | |
| | ⟨.⟩onsarij <i>cum</i> Barbitonsoribus. | |
| | ⟨.⟩potecarij. + | 10 |
| | ⟨...⟩res. + | |
| | ⟨...⟩arij | |

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| | <i>Bailiffs' Accounts</i> SRO: 3365/353 | 15 |
| | mb 1d* (<i>Expenses</i>) | |

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... Item in pane & ceruisia expeditis circa Bracy & herbergiator' domini Principis & histriones Comit' Staffordie xvj. d. Item in pane & ceruisia expeditis circa vnum seruientem domini Regis ad arma commedentem cum balliuis. xj. d. ☉ Item in pane & ceruisia expeditis circa histriones domini Principis cenantes cum balliuis. xij d.

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Item in diuersis expensis factis per balliuos in honore ville circa Ministros Principis videlicet herbergiator' histriones Magistrum equorum & histriones Comit' Staffordie ix s. iiij d....

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mb 2d

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... Item datum Ministr' Comit' Arundell vj s. viij d.... Item in expensis de Menstralls Comitum Wygornie & Staffordie ac Ministr' Arundell. per tres vices ix s. iiij d. Item in expensis vicecomitis. & officiorum suorum iij. s. iij d.

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mb 3d

... Item datum histrion' domini Regis in vigilia sancti Egidij vj s. viij d....

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6/ ⟨.⟩arpentarij: for Carpentarij; edge damaged
9/ ⟨.⟩onsarij: for Tonsarij; edge damaged
10/ ⟨.⟩potecarij: for Apotecarij; edge damaged

32/ Arundell: for comitis de Arundell (?)
38/ vigilia sancti Egidij: 31 August 1389

1407-8

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/355mb 1d* (*Expenses*)

- ...
- ☉ *Item dati ij histrionibus Comit'is Arrundell* .ij s. 5
- ☉ *Item pro ceruisia dictorum histrionum* xij d.
- ...
- ☉ *Item datum cuidam histrioni Comit'isse arrundell per Iohannem glouer balliuum in honore ville xij d.* 10
- ...
- ☉ *Item in expensis circa Iohannem Brugge Escheatorem existentem in domo Iohannis Glouer balliui* xl. d.
- ☉ *In expensis circa histriones domini Powisie ibidem* iiij s. vij d.
- ☉ *Item datum eisdem histrionibus in auro* iij s. iiij d.
- ...
- ☉ *Item datum histrionibus ad Sponsalia consanguinei dauid Holbache in honore ville* xl.d.
- ...
- mb 2d* 20
- ...
- ☉ *Item solutum vj. hominibus stantibus ad portam lapideam illo die quo dominus de ffurnyvale venit ad villam Salopie* ij s.
- ...
- ☉ *Item solutum Iohanni Rygale nuncio Comit'is arrundell vj s. viij d. Item histrion' eiusdem Comit'is. iij s. iiij. d. Item histrionibus domini de Talbot ij s. Item histrionibus domini de ffurnyvale ij.s.* 25
- ...
- ...*Item ad domum dauid holbache illo die quo Consanguineus suus desponsatus fuit iij. lagene vini rubei ... Item Wele & laken quando venerunt cum balliuis* 30
- de domo holbache j potellum vini rubei & j. potellum vini albi Item eisdem Wele & laken in comitiua balliuorum alia vice j. lagena j. quarta vini rubei & j. potellum vini albi Item eisdem j. lagena j. lagena vini rubei & j. lagena vini albi Item domino de furnyvale iiij. lagene vini Item domino Talbot iij. lagene Item Comiti arrundell in die sessionis iiij. lagene vini rubei & j lagena albi...* 35
- ...

1426-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/363mb 1d* (*Expenses*)

- ...
- ☉ Item datum histrionibus ad sponsalia in domo Iohannis Perle in honore ville 5
vj s. viij d.
- ...
- ☉ Item datum histrionibus ducis Gloucestrie in honore ville vj s. viij d.
- ☉ Item datum j. lagene vini eisdem histrionibus de Romenei & Malmesey xvj d. 10
- ...
- ☉ Item pro expensis factis circa histriones domini Talbot iiij s. vj d.
- ☉ Item datum eisdem histrionibus in honore ville vj s. viij d.
- ...

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mb 2d*

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- ☉ Item datum ad sponsalia Iohannis Shotton Iunioris ad histriones domini Grey & al⁹ histrionum x s. iiij d. 20
- ...

mb 3d

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- ☉ Item datum histrionibus ducis Gloucestrie vj s. viij d.
- ☉ In vino expedito super dictos histriones viij d. 25
- ...

1432-3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/364mb 2d* (*Expenses*)

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- ...
- Item pro liberatis trium Subballiuorum duorum histrionum & Clamatoris l s. vj d.
- ...

10/ Malmesey: 2 minims in MS

19/ al⁹ histrionum: for alium or alios histrionum (?)

1435-6

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/367mb 1d (*Expenses*)

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Item solutum pro liberatis trium Weytes ville & Communitatis
hoc anno 5
xx s.

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1436-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/373mb 2d (*Expenses*)

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☉ Item in denariis datis Ministrallis Comitis Staffordie. vj s. viij d.

☉ Item solutum pro vino dato eisdem Ministrallis xvij d.

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1437-8

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/370(a)mb 3 (*Expenses*)

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+ ☉ Item pro liberata. Clamatoris & duorum Ministrallorum.
vocatorum Waytes ville predicte xv. s. x. d.

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☉ Item pro expensis factis in vino super Magnam Inquisitionem. ville
ad Sessionem Iusticiariorum pacis tentam die Martis in crastino 25
sancti Hillarij anno xvj^o. & Ministrallos. Comitis Staffordie
eodem tempore apud Salopiam existentes xix. d.

☉ Item in denariis datis predictis Ministrallis vj s. viij d.

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1438-9

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/375mb 2 (*Expenses*)

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Item Thome fforster pro liberata panni sex sessorum iiij li. duorum histrionum 35
vocatorum Waytes. x s. & Clamatoris v s.

Item pro liberata Balliuorum xl s. vj li. xv s.

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25-6/ die Martis ... anno xvj^o: Tuesday, 14 January 16 Henry VI, ie, 1437/8
35-6/ iiij li., x s., v s.: *underlined in MS*

1441-2

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377mb 1* (*Expenses*)

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- Ⓒ Item in denariis datis. histrionibus. Regis pro honestate ville [mense Octobris]. 5
x[j]. s.
- Ⓒ Item in vino expedito super balliuos & eosdem histriones. 20
xxj. d.
- ...
- Ⓒ Item solutum Edwardo Bastard pro liberatis Clamatoris & trium histrionum vocatorum Waytes quolibet capiente v. s. 10
xx. s.
- ...

1442-3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377mb 2 (*Expenses*)

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- Ⓒ Item in regardo facto histrionibus Comitis Staffordie. 15
vj s. viij d.
- Ⓒ Item in vino expedito super Balliuos & eosdem Ministrallos. 20
xxij. d.
- ...
- Ⓒ Item solutum Edwardo Bastard pro liberata trium histrionum vocatorum Waytes quolibet capiente v. s. 20
xv. s.
- ...

1443-4

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377mb 3 (*Expenses*)

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- Ⓒ Item in denariis datis. histrionibus Comitis Salopie pro honestate ville 25
x. s.
- Ⓒ Item pro vino expedito super Balliuos & eosdem histriones. 30
ij. s.
- ...

1444-5

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377mb 4 (*Expenses*)

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- Ⓒ Item in denariis datis histrionibus Comitis arundell &c. 35
vj s. viij d.
- Ⓒ Item in vino expedito super balliuos &c. eosdem ministrallos. 30
xij. d. ob.
- ...

- ㊦ Item [^][Willelmo lewter¹ Ministrallo eunti coram Balliuis in
vigilia Natiuitatis Iohannis. xx. d.
- ㊦ Item pro pane & vino expenditis super balliuis & aliis probis
hominibus secum ambulatibus eadem nocte iiij. s. viij d.
- ...
- ㊦ Item pro [vino] pane & vino [^][videlicet vj. lagenis¹ expenditis
super balliuis & aliis probis hominibus. cum illis ambulatibus
in vigilia apostolorum petri & pauli iiij. s.
- ...
- ㊦ Item solutum histrioni vocato Trumpet eundo coram Balliuis in
vigiliis Natiuitatis Iohannis Baptiste & apostolorum petri & pauli xij d.
- ...
- mb 4d
- ...
- ㊦ Item in denariis datis. histrionibus Regis pro honestate ¹ville¹ x. s.
- ㊦ Item pro vino expedito super balliuos & eosdem histriones xvj d.
- ...
- ㊦ Item in denariis solutis histrionibus Comit^{is} Salopie pro honestate
 ville &c x. s. 20
- ㊦ Item in vino expedito super Balliuos & eosdem histriones xvij d.
- ...

1445-6

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377

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mb 5* (*Expenses*)

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- ㊦ Item in denariis. datis histrionibus Comit^{is} arundell vj. s. viij. d.
- ㊦ Item in vino [d] expedito super balliuos. & eosdem histriones xij. d. ob.
- ...
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- ㊦ Item in denariis datis Ministrallis Comit^{is} de Tankeruill pro
honestate ville [^][iiij s. & pro vino eisdem iiij d.] &c. iiij. s. iiij. d.
- ...
- ㊦ Item in denariis datis cuidam histrioni veteri Comit^{is} Salopie iij. s. iiij d.
- ㊦ Item in denariis datis vj histrionibus ducis Eboraci vj. s. viij. d. 35
- ...

2/ *vigilia ... Iohannis: 23 June 1445*8/ *vigilia ... pauli: 28 June 1445*32/ *iiij s.¹, iiij d.¹: underlined in MS*

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| Ⓒ | Item pro expensis Balliuorum & hominum secum existencium & sequencium in vigilia Natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste videlicet in vino | iiij s. | |
| Ⓒ | Item in denariis datis [Ioh] Willelmo luter Ministrallo eadem nocte ambulante coram Balliuis pro labore [^] [suo] | xij d. | |
| Ⓒ | Item pro expensis Balliuorum in vigilia apostolorum petri & pauli & hominum illos sequencium pro honestate ville & conseruacione pacis | vj. s. viij. d. | 5 |
| Ⓒ | Item in denariis datis duobus Ministrallis eadem nocte &c | xx. d. | |
| | ... | | |
| Ⓒ | Item pro expensis domine de Talbot vxoris Magistri Iohannis Talbot ad iantaculum suum & in vino expedito super dictam dominam in Mansione sua ad lusum. extra Muros in septimana pentecostes duobus diebus. eiusdem septimane | lxxvj s. vj. d. | 10 |
| | ... | | |
| Ⓒ | Item in vino (.)xpendito super Magistrum Iohannem Talbot Militem in vigilia Translacionis sancti Thome | xvj. d. | 15 |
| Ⓒ | Item in vino expedito super Ministrall' Magistri Iohannis Talbot | vj. d. | |
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| | mb 5d | | |
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| Ⓒ | Item in denariis datis histrionibus Comitibus Southfolkie | iiij s. iiiij d. | |
| Ⓒ | Item in vino expedito super Balliuos. Inquisitores ville de probis hominibus pro rakyng & predictos histriones | ij. s. v. d. | 25 |
| | ... | | |

2/ vigilia ... Baptiste: 23 June 1446

5/ ambulante: for ambulanti

6-7/ vigilia ... pauli: 28 June 1446

7/ sequencium: q obscured by blot

11/ domine de Talbot: Elizabeth, wife of John Talbot, later fifth earl of Shrewsbury

12/ Talbot: o obscured by blot

13-14/ septimana pentecostes: 5-11 June 1446

16/ (.)xpendito: for expedito; letter illegible

17/ in vigilia ... Thome: either Saturday, 2 July, the eve of the Translation of St Thomas the Apostle, or Wednesday, 6 July, the eve of the Translation of St Thomas of Canterbury

1446-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377mb 6 (*Expenses*)

- ...
- ☉ Item in denariis datis histrionibus Comit̄is de Tankeruill. iij s. iiij d. 5
- ...
- ☉ Item ⁊ tribus¹ Ministrallis Regis de regardo [sibi] ⁊ illis¹ facto pro honestate ⁊ ville¹. vj. s. viij. d.
- ☉ Item vni Ministrallo Comit̄is Salopie pro consimili regardo. xx. d.
- ☉ Item pro vino expedito super Ministrallos predictos xv. d. 10
- ☉ Item Ministrallis ducis Eboraci de regardo illis facto &c vj. s. viij. d.
- ☉ Item pro vino expedito super e[l.]o¹ sdem Ministrallos xij. d.
- ☉ Item pro vino expedito. super Balliuos & alios probos & legales homines illos sequentes in vigilia Natiuitatis Iohannis Baptiste iij s. vj. d.
- ☉ Item ⁊ duobus¹ Ministrallis euntibus coram Balliuis eadem nocte viij. d. 15
- ...
- ☉ Item Thome fforster pro liberata trium histrionum vocatorum Waytes & Iohannis Caluerhall Clamatoris ville quolibet capiente v. s. xx. s.

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mb 6d

- ...
- ☉ Item pro qu[o.]dam regardo facto histrionibus siue Ministrallis Regis pro honestate ville videlicet vj. vltra seruientes suos x. s.
- ☉ Item in vino dato eisdem Balliuis & aliis ibidem existentibus xv d. 25
- ...

1447-8

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377mb 7 (*Expenses*)

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- ...
- ☉ Item in denariis datis Mimis Comit̄is Staffordie ⁊ xl. d.¹ & Mimis Comis de arundell pro honestate ville vj. s. viij. d. et pro vino eisdem per balliuos ibidem xx. d. xj. s. viij d.
- ...
- ☉ Item duobus Ministrallis Comit̄is Tankeruyle pro regardo pro honestate ville iij s. iiij d. 35
- ...

14/ vigilia ... Baptiste: 23 June 1447

17/ Thome fforster: bailiff this year

17/ histrionum: t obscured by crease in membrane

17/ vocatorum: oc obscured by blot

18/ v. s.: underlined in MS

33/ Comis: for Comit̄is; abbreviation mark missing

mb 7d*

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- Ⓒ Item dauid Bent Coruisario pro expensis factos equitando
propter Ministrall' ad Gloucestriam vj. s. viij d.

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1449-50

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377mb 8 (*Expenses*)

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- Ⓒ Item denarijs datis iiij^{or} histrionibus domini Regis ij^{os} pro
honestate ville. x s. 10
- Ⓒ In vino expedito super eosdem Minstrallos eodem tempore.
pro honestate ville xij. d.

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mb 8d

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- Ⓒ Item in exemijs datis videlicet in I. pipa vini rubij data domino
duci Eboraci in suo aduentu a terra hibernie xij^o die Mensis 20
Septembris. iiij li.
- Ⓒ Item in denarijs datis histrionibus dicti domini eodem tempore
pro honestate ville xx s.
- Ⓒ Item in vino expendendo super eosdem Minstrallos pro honestate
ville odem tempore & super alijs seruientibus dicti domini iiij s. ij d. 25

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1450-1

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/377mb 9 (*Expenses*)

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- Ⓒ In denarijs datis Histrionibus domini ducis de Bukyngham cum balliuis
existentibus xiiij s. iiij d. & in vino expedito Super eosdem Minstrallos pro
Honestate ville ij s. iij d. 30

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- Ⓒ Item tribus Mynstralhis ville predicte vocatis Waytes pro togis
suis emptis pro honestate ville xv s. xv s. 35

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3/ factos: for factis

11/ ij^{os}: meaning unclear

25/ odem: for eodem

33-4/ xiiij s. iiij d., ij s. iij d.: *underlined in MS*37/ xv s.¹: *underlined in MS*

- ㊦ Item Solutum Mynstrall' domini Comit' de arondell xx d.
 ...
 ㊦ Item solutum & datum histrioni domini Comit' Salopie pro honestate ville. iij s. iiij d. & in vino expedito super eundem Minstrallum in presencia Balliuorum & aliorum proborum xij d. iiij s. iiij d. 5
 ...
 ㊦ Item Minstrall' domini Iohannis Talbot Militis pro honestate ville iiij s. iiij d.
 ...
 ㊦ Item pro quatuor Minstrallis domini Comit' Arundell pro Honestate ville in presencia Balliuorum Ricardi Stury Rogeri Eyton & aliorum proborum hominum x s. in vino expedito Super eosdem Minstrallos in presencia Balliuorum &c xvj d. xj s. iiij d. 10
 ...
 ㊦ Item in vino expedito Super Balliuos & alios probos homines illis existentes in vigilia Natiuitatis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste pro honestate ville vij s. x d. 15
 ㊦ Item vno Minstrallo Comit' Salopie eunti coram Balliuis & alijs probis hominibus in vigilia Natiuitatis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste pro honestate ville iiij s. iiij d. 20
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mb 9d

- ㊦ Item Histrionibus domini ducis Eboraci pro honestate ville x s. 25
 ㊦ Item in vino expedito super eosdem Minstrallos in presencia Balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum pro Honestate ville xx d.
 ...
 ㊦ Item in denarijs datis vni Minstrallo domini Comit' Salopie ij s. 30
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1451-2

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/380series 2, mb 1 (*Expenses*)

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- ㊦ Item in denarijs datis & in vino expendendo super quodam Minstrallo

11/ Ricardi Stury: *bailiff* 1445-6 and 1452-3; *MP* 1444-611-12/ Rogeri Eyton: *bailiff* 1445-6 and 1449-5016/ illis: *for cum illis*; is *obscured by blot*16/ *vigilia ... Baptiste: 23 June 1451*18/ vno: *for vni*28/ *xx d.*: *underlined in MS*

*domini Comitis salopie in presencia Balliuorum & aliorum
proborum hominum pro honestate ville* iiij s. ix d.

iiij s. ix (.)

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- Ⓒ Item in denarijs datis histrionibus domini ducis de Bokynham
videlicet quatuor in presencia Balliuorum Ricardi Stury Roberti
Scryven Thome forster & aliorum proborum hominum pro
honestate ville

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xiiij s. iiij d.

- Ⓒ In vino expedito super eosdem eodem tempore

iiij s. ix d.

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mb 1d

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- Ⓒ Item pro Iantaculo Balliuorum & aliorum legalium hominum
ad Secundam Magnam Curiam tentam die Iouis proximo ante
festum Sancti Georgij Martiris hoc anno

xvij s. iij d. 15

- Ⓒ Item duobus histrionibus domini de awdeley eodem die in
presencia Balliuorum & aliorum legalium hominum

iiij s. iiij d.

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- Ⓒ Item quatuor Ministrallis domini ducis Eboraci in presencia
Balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum pro honestate
ville

xiiij s. iiij d. 20

- Ⓒ Item in vino expedito super eosdem Ministrallos pro
honestate ville

iiij s. vj d.

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1452–3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/382

mb 1 (*Expenses*)

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- Ⓒ Item vni Minstrallo coram Balliuis transeunti [coram] in vigilijs
Natiuitatis Sancti Iohannis Baptiste & Sancti Petri pro honestate
ville

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ij s. vj d.

- non allocatur Ⓒ Item duobus hominibus duo Candelabra vocata Cressantes coram
Balliuis portantibus pro honestate ville in noctibus predictis

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5/ Ricardi Stury: *bailiff* 1445–6 and 1452–3; *MP* 1444–6

5–6/ Roberti Scryven: *bailiff* 1450–1

6/ Thome forster: *bailiff* 1446–7

14–15/ die ... Martiris: 20 April 1452

30–1/ vigilijs ... Petri: 23 and 28 June 1453

mb 2

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- ☉ Item in denarijs datis histrionibus domini ducis de Excestra
pro honestate ville *per superuisum sex Sessorum* vj s. viij d.
- ☉ In vino expendendo super eosdem pro honestate ville xvij d. 5
- ☉ In denarijs datis iiij^{or} histrionibus domini ducis de Bukynham
pro honestate ville & solutum est *per Manus Iohannis Colton* xiiij s. iiij d.
- ☉ In pane & vino expenditis super eosdem pro honestate ville xx d.

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- ☉ In denarijs datis Iohanni Gos Minstrallo domini Comitis Salopie
pro honestate ville in *presencia Balliuorum & aliorum proborum*
hominum vj s. viij d. 15
- ☉ In pane & vino expendendo super eodem Minstrallo eodem
tempore xvij d.
- ...
- ☉ In vino *expendito* super quodam Ministrallo domini Comitis Salopie vj d.
- ☉ Item in denarijs datis eidem Ministrallo pro honestate ville iiij s. iiij d. 20
- ...
- ☉ Item Iohanni Phelypps Pyper pro suo labore in *vigilia Natiuitatis*
Sancti Iohannis Baptiste & in vigilia Sancti Petri ij s.

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1457-8

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/385mb 1 (*Expenses*)

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- ☉ Et in denarijs solutis iiij^{or} Minstrallis domini ducis de
Bukyngham pro quodam *regardo illis dato pro honestate*
ville & solutum ad Manus Rogeri Sorysby xiiij s. iiij d. 30
- ☉ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino *expendito super dictos*
Minstrallos eodem tempore & solutum ad Manus dicti
Rogeri Sorysby ij s. ij d. 35
- ...
- ☉ Et in denarijs solutis pro duabus lagenis vini albi *vocati Ruynysch*
Wyne & vna lagena vini Rubij datis domino de Powys pro honestate
ville & solutum est ad manus Willelmi Nesse iiij s. viij d.

71 Iohannis Colton: *one of the Six Men this year*
32/ Rogeri Sorysby: *one of the Six Men this year*

39/ Willelmi Nesse: *one of the Six Men this year*

- ㉔ Et in denarijs datis duobus Minstrallis domini de Powys pro
 honestate ville & solutum est ad manus Willelmi Wootten vj s. viij d.
- ㉕ Et in denarijs solutis pro vna lagena vini de Ruyn data dictis
 Minstrallis pro honestate ville & solutum est ad Manus
 Willelmi Nesse xvj d. 5
- ...
- ㉖ Et in denarijs datis duobus Minstrallis domini Comitís Salopie
 in presencia Balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum pro
 honestate ville v s.
- ㉗ Et in denarijs Solutis pro vino expendito super eosdem Minstrallos
 pro honestate ville & solutum est ad manus Willelmi Nesse xviiij d. 10
- ...
- ㉘ Et in denarijs datis vni Minstrallo domini principis & suo puero
 pro honestate ville & solutum est ad Manus Rogeri Sorysby x s.
- ㉙ Et in denarijs Solutis pro vino expendito super dictum Minstrallum
 pro honestate. ville. & solutum est ad Manus dicti Rogeri xx d. 15
- ...
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- Et (..) denarijs datis tribus Minstrallis domini de Penbrok pro
 honestate ville et solutum est ad manus Rogeri Sorysby vj s. viij d.
- Et (..) denarijs solutis pro vino expendito super dic(..)
 Minstrallos in presencia Balliuorum et aliorum proborum
 hominum & solutum est ad manum dicti Rogeri xij d. 25
- ...
- ㉚ Et in denarijs Solutis tribus Minstrallis domini comitis Salopie
 pro honestate ville in presencia Balliuorum & aliorum proborum
 hominum x s.
- ㉛ Et in vino expendito super dictos Minstrallos pro honestate ville
 & solutum est ad Manus Willelmi Wootton xvj d. 30
- ...
- ㉜ Et in denarijs datis vj Ministrallis domini Regis in presencia
 Balliuorum et aliorum proborum hominum pro honestate.
 ville & solutum per manus Rogeri Sorysby xx s. 35
- ㉝ Et in vino expendito super eosdem Minstrallos pro honestate
 ville & solutum est ad manus dicti Rogeri Sorysby xx d.
- ...

2/ Willelmi Wootten: one of the Six Men this year

2/ Wootten: tt obscured by blot

21, 23/ (..) denarijs: text very worn; probably in denarijs

23/ dic(...): text very worn; probably dictos

- ㊦ Et in denarijs Solutis & datis quatuor Minstrallis domini ducis
 de Eboraco. pro honestate ville xiiij s. iiij d.
 ㊦ Et in vino expedito super dictos Minstrallos pro honestate ville
 et Solutum est ad manus dicti Rogeri Sorysby ij s. ij d.
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 ㊦ Et in denarijs quatuor Minstrallis domini ducis de Excestra
 pro honestate ville & solutum est ad manus Rogeri adys x s.
 ㊦ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino expedito super dictos Minstrallos
 pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Willelmi Nesse xx d.
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1458–9

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/387

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mb 1 (*Expenses*)

- ㊦ Et in denarijs Solutis tribus Minstrallis vocatis Waytes pro liberata
 eorum quolibet eorum capiente pro liberata predicta v s. xv s.
 ... 20
 ㊦ Et in denarijs datis pro regardo vni Minstrallo domini principis
 pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Willelmi Bykton vj s. viij d.
 ㊦ Et in denarijs Solutis pro l vino expedito super dictum
 Minstrallum & solutum est ad manus eiusdem Willelmi ij s.
 ... 25

1460–1

Assembly Minute Book 1 sco: 67 No. 1f 86* (31 May) (*Agreement on the Corpus Christi procession*)

- ... 30
 To all tho this present writyng endented schal see or here Iohn Bulcley weuer
 william Nesse Coruisor Iohn wiche Coruisor and Robart Vryen send gretyng
 that wher diuers contrauercyes and debatz were had moued and stered With
 in the Towne of Schrouesbyry by twyn the Craftes of fflechers Cowpers and
 Bowers on that on parte and Carpenters on that other parte of the Whiche 35

Collation with sco: 67 No. 1 (D) f 86: 31/ endented] *D* omits 32/ william
 Nesse ... Vryen] Iohn ffox Sadillor Hugh Kynton and Willyam Nesse Coruisers *D*

9/ Rogeri adys: *bailiff this year*19/ v s.: *underlined in MS*22/ Willelmi Bykton: *one of the Six Men this year*23/ l: *for lagena (?)*31/ tho: *for tho that (?)*

Contrauercyce and debatz as wel the seid ffelechers Cowpers and Bowers as
 the seid Carpenters were compromysed and ensured to stond and abide for
 theym and all other of the seid Craftz that shal succede after theym to suche
 award and rule as was to us thocht resonable and Conuenable bytwyn the
 seid parties of and in Especiall among other thynges as for that goyng in 5
 procession on Corpus christi day ffurst we award and deme that from thys
 tyme furth in the seid procession the baner and Wax of the seid Carpenters
 schal go on the right honde at the first setyng out of the seid procession so
 that the baner of Iurneymen of Carpenters go on the lifte honde of the baner
 of the maysturs of ffelechers Cowpers and Bowers And in like wise we award 10
 and deme that the baner and wax of the seid ffelechers Cowpers and Bowers go
 on the lift honde the baner of maysters of Carpenters in the seid precession
 And if so be the maysters of ffelechers Cowpers and Bowers [make] make a
 nother baner in tyme comyng of ther owne propire goodes that then the seid
 baner go in the seid procession bytwyn the baners of maysters of Carpenters 15
 and the baner of Iurneymen of the seid Carpenters And if so happen in tyme
 to come that the seruauntz of ffelechers Cowpers and Bowers make a baner that
 then the seid bener go on the lift honde the baner of Iurneymen of Carpenters
 in the seid procession Also we award that all the wax and all the baners of the
 seid Craftes afore the seid procession meet [together] [on corpus christi day] 20
 [in Seynt] In the Churcheyerd of Seynt Iulians [of Salop so that al the seid
 craftz after pere assemble may] and [Whether come furst to a bide other And
 so to] go to the abbay after the Custume and vsage as other Craftes haue vsed
 tieme out of mynd [and if any of the seid parties that now be or intyme
 comyng] shalbe Item we award and deme for vnite tranquillite and pes for 25
 euer to be had among the parties aforeseid as for their goyng in the seid
 procession that an alderman of ffelechers Cowpers and Bowers go on the right
 honde and in like wise an alderman of Carpenters on the lift honde and then
 an alderman of Carpenters on the right hond and a ffelechter Bower or Cowper
 on the lift honde and so to continue in the seid precession person by person 30
 egaly as ferre as the nowmber woll extend and if so happen in tyme to come
 that ther be more persons on that on parte then on that other parte that then
 we award and deme the more part be put in dowble nowmbre afore so that
 the rule of Eldermen be kept of both the seid parties as hit is afore expressed

Collation with sco: 67 No. 1 (D) f 86: 3/ that shal] as schall D 4/ bytwyn]
 betwix D 5] that] their D 8-10/ of the seid procession ... and Bowers] [of]
 [& so is [to] contynue in] the seid procession D 11/ go] schall goe D 15-25/ the
 baners of maysters ... shalbe] in the seid procession D 27/ and Bowers] or bowere
 D 28/ on] of D 28/ and then] and in [lyke wise] then D 29/ on] of D 31/ and
 if] if hit D 32/ ther be] there schall be D 32/ that³] the D 33/ deme the] deme
 that the D

and if any of the seid *parties* that now be or in tyme comyng shalbe contrarye any *parcell* of this award afore expressed that he lose at euery suche default xiiij s. iiij d. half to the baillifs for the tyme beyng to the vse of the comyns and that other half to the seid light þat so forfet with out grace or pardon and if an(.) persone or persons of the seid craftes that now be or in tyme comyng shalbe absent hym from the seid *procession* without cause resonable that he lose at euery suche default xiiij s. iiij d. and if any persone or persons of the seid craftz that now be or in tyme comyng shalbe make any affray or assaut in disturbing of the seid *precession* that he lose at euery suche default vj s. viij d. to the sustentacion of his light that makyth thaffray without grace or pardon in maner and furme afore expressed also we award and deme that yf so be the wardens and Stuardes for the tyme beyng woll not leve the peyne or peynes aboueseid so forfet that then the seid wardens and Stuardes forfet and lose at euery suche default xxvj s. viij d. without grace or pardon of the whiche xiiij s. iiij d. to the baillifs for the tyme beyng to the vse of the comyns and xiiij s. iiij d. to the Sustentacion the light that so forfet Also we award and deme that non of the seid *parties* reseyue no maner laborer into the seid lightes but he occupie the seid craftz with out thassent and agreement of all the seid Craftz In witnes wherof we the seid Iohn W(.) Iohn and Robart arbiters afore named *with* þe Seales of Iohn Haidlagh William Tyler (...) wardens & Stuardes of Carpen(...) Nicholaus fflecher Edmund Cowper Iohn Gogh Cowper and Richard Gwyn fflecher wardens and Stuardes of fflechers Cowpers and Bowe(.) to this *our* award endented haue putt *our* Seales in feith and Truth of the *premysses* that on *parte* to remayne with Carpenters (...) þat oþer *parte* to remayne *with* fflechers Bowers and Cowpers at Salop on Sunday next before Corpus christi day the yere of the regne of kyng Edward the fourth the first/

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/899

mb 15d (*Expenses*)

- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs Solutis pro duobus. togis emptis pro duobus
Minstrallis ville vocatis Waytes pro liberata sua. x[v] s.
- ...
- Ⓒ Et solutum pro vna toga empta pro vno Minstrallo ville. dicto
le Waytes. pro honestate ville & solutum est ad manus dauid
Bagle Tayllor v s.
- ...

Collation with sco: 67 No. 1 (D) f 86: 1-26/ and if any of ... the first/] *D omits*

16/ the light: *for* of the light

19/ W(...): *lower right side of sheet worn*

34/ vna: a *written over illegible erasure*

35/ Waytes.: *for* Wayte. (?)

35-6/ dauid Bagle: *one of the Six Men this year*

mb 16d

...

Et in denarijs Solutis & datis *quinque* Minstrallis domini Regis
pro quodam riguardo illis dato *pro honestate* ville

xx s.

Et in denarijs Solutis *pro* vino dato dictis Ministrallis *pro*
honestate ville & solutum est ad manus Willelmi Walford

ij s.

...

1462-3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/391

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mb 1 (*Expenses*)

...

Ⓒ Et in denarijs Solutis *pro* quodam riguardo [...] dato [i]iiij^{bus}
Minstrallis domini Regis *pro* *honestate* ville & solutum ad
Manus Iohannis Colton

xiiij s. iiij d. 15

Ⓒ Et in denarijs Solutis *pro* vino dato dictis Minstrallis *pro*
honestate ville & solutum ad Manus Roberti Vryen

iiij s.

...

1463-4

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/392

20

mb 1d* (*Expenses*)

...

Et in denarijs solutis tribus Minstrallis vocatis Waytes et *pro*
Liberata eorum quolibet eorum capiente *pro* liberata predicta
v s. & solutum ad manus hugonis hosyer

25

xv s.

...

Et in denarijs Solutis ade Goldesmyth *pro* factura circularum
de la Scochyns histrionu ville vocatorum Waytes

xxxiiij s.

...

Et in denarijs Solutis *pro* vino dato abbati Salopie in festo
corporis christi *pro* *honestate* ville

viiij d.

mb 2

...

Ⓒ Et in denarijs Solutis *pro* quodam riguardo dato *quinque* Minstrallis domini

35

3/ denarijs: for denarijs

6/ Willelmi Walford: one of the Six Men this year

15/ Iohannis Colton: one of the Six Men this year

17/ Roberti Vryen: one of the Six Men this year

26/ v s.: underlined in MS

26/ hugonis hosyer: bailiff this year

29/ histrionu: for histrionum; abbreviation mark missing

29/ xxxiiij: corrected from xxxij

31-2/ festo corporis christi: 31 May 1464

- Regis in *presencia*. *balliuorum* & *aliorum proborum hominum*
pro honestate. *ville* & *solutum* est ad Manus Rogeri ffox xx s.
- Ⓒ Et in *denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis histrionibus* in *presencia*
balliuorum & *aliorum proborum hominum pro honestate ville* &
solutum est ad Manus Rogeri ffox iij s. vj d. 5
- ...

1465-6

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/396mb 1d* (*Expenses*)

10

- Ⓒ Et in *denarijs Solutis pro quodam regardo dato quinque*
Minstrallis domini Regis & *solutum per Manus Thome*
Goldesmyth xij s. iij d.
- Ⓒ Et in *denarijs Solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis pro*
honestate ville & *solutum ad manus Iohannis Otteley* iij s. 15
- ...

1466-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/398mb 1 (*Expenses*)

20

- Ⓒ Et de xv s. *solutis eidem Willelmo pro liberata trium*
Minstrallorum vocatorum Wates hoc anno xv s. 25
- Ⓒ Et de iij s. vj d. *solutis pro vino dato Minstrall' Comit' Wygornie*
pro honestate ville & *solutum ad Manus Willelmi Pontesbury* iij (...)
- ...

mb 1d

30

- Ⓒ Et in *denarijs Solutis sex Mynstrallis domini Regis pro quodam regardo*
illis dato pro honestate ville & *solutum ad manus Iohannis Wyrall* xx s.

2/ Rogeri ffox: *one of the Six Men this year*

12/ dato: t obscured by blot

13-14/ Thome Goldesmyth: *one of the Six Men this year*23/ xv s.: *underlined in MS*23/ eidem Willelmo: *William Sugdon, named in the preceding entry, one of the Six Men this year*27/ Willelmi Pontesbury: *mercier, guild warden 1482-3, one of the Six Men this year*27/ iij (...): *edge of membrane torn away*33/ Iohannis Wyrall: *one of the Six Men this year*

- C** Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato eisdem Minstrallibus pro honestate ville & solutis ad manus Roberti Vryen <...>
 ...
 Et in denarijs solutis Iohanni Otteley pro vino aretro non soluto & dato Mynstrallibus Comitís Wygornie in eius itinere ad castrum de dynbiegh iij s. vj d. 5
 ... iij s. vj d.

1467–8

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/401

mb 1 (*Expenses*) 10

- C** Et de xv s. solutis pro liberata trium histrionum siue Minstrallorum vocatorum Waytes quilibet capiens pro Liberata predicta v s. & solutum ad Manus Willelmi Sugdon 15
 ... xv s.

mb 1d

- C** Et in denarijs Solutis tribus histrionibus vocatis siue dictis Waytes de villa hoc anno pro quodam regardo illis dato 20
 ... v s.

mb 3d

- C** Et in denarijs solutis tribus Minstrallis domini Regis cum balliuis existentibus pro quodam regardo illis dato pro honestate ville & solutum ad Manus Willelmi Sugdon 25
 ... xx s.
C Et in vino dato eisdem Minstrallis in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum cum dictis balliuis existentium & solutum ad Manus Iohannis Otteley. 30
 ... xij d.

2/ Roberti Vryen: *one of the Six Men this year*

2/ (...): *edge of membrane torn away*

4/ Iohanni Otteley: *one of the Twenty-five this year*

5–6/ castrum de dynbiegh: *Denbigh Castle, Denbighshire, about 20 miles from Wrexham*

6/ iij s. vj d.¹: *underlined in MS*

14/ v s.: *underlined in MS*

15/ Willelmi Sugdon: *one of the Six Men this year*

30/ cum: *obscured by blot*

31/ Iohannis Otteley: *coroner this year*

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641
f [1v]* (9 April 1467-28 April 1468) (Inventory)

Memorandum that ther was delyuerd to Hewe ffyssher and Thomas Beche by
Hewe seymrer and William longdon. xij torches xij towres xij [white] bendes 5
j black bende a skochon of rede Sylke xl pensels ...

...

f [2] (Refurbishing of torches)

Costes of torches renued and repayred by Thomas Barbor Anno. vij^o Regis
Edwardi iiiij^{ti}

There was delyuerd to the said Thomas Barbor by the stywardes in Wex. six
score & .xviiiij lj.

And he delyuerd agayne .x. score and xix li. [euery li. at iiij d.] 15
so that to hym was paid for iiij^{xx} [pounde] and on euery pound
at iiij d. the hool summe paid to hym xxvj s. viij d.

...

1468-9

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641
f [2]* (28 April-13 April)

...

...Item the stywardes bene alowid for wex beryng vj d. of money forfett
Memorandum of costez and expences done by dauid ap herry and Thomas 25
madockes agayns Corpus christi feest anno &c viij^o

ffirst for cakys xxij d.

Item for safron vj d.

Item for louebrede to children viij d.

Item for a sester ale and an half iij s. 30

Item for viij galons ale for children viij d.

Item for byrches & ryshes iiij d.

Thees bene the costes done by the said stywardes
agayns sonday after corpus christi day

In primis for kakes ij s. ij d. 35

Item for safron x d.

Item for a sester and half of ale iiij s.

Item for chese for all þe both dayes ij s. viij d.

Item for ryshes j d.

Item paide to the waites of the towne iiij d. 40

1470-1

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641
f [3] (3 May-25 April) (Goods received 19 September)

...

Richard Bromley and Hew ffissher haue receyued xl torches. xl towres xl pensellz. xl bendys. [ij baners] ij baner pollez. A Sokket

...

1473-4

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/407
mbs 8-8d (Expenses)

...

- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro liberata trium Minstrallorum hoc/ anno xv s.
- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis quinque Minstrallis domini ducis Glowcestrie pro quodam regardo illis dato pro honestate ville xiiij s. iiij d. 15
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro pane & vino datis dictis Minstrallis pro honestate ville in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum cum dictis balliuis existencium ix s. v d.
- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis vni Minstrallo domini principis pro regardo sibi dato pro honestate ville vj s. viij d. 20
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato eidem Minstrallo pro honestate ville in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum xxij d. 25
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato quinque Minstrallis domini ducis de clarence pro honestate ville xvj s. viij d.
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum & solutum ad manus Iohannis Ennesdon vj s. xj d. 30
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato vni Minstrallo domini principis pro honestate ville iij s. iiij d.
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dicto Minstrallo in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum pro honestate ville xiiij d. o(.). 35
- ...

13/ solutis: t obscured by blot

30/ Iohannis Ennesdon: one of the Six Men this year

mb 10

...

- ㊦ Et in denarijs solutis tribus Mimis siue histrionibus Regine pro
 quardo illis dato pro honestate ville xx s.
 ㊦ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis in presencia 5
 balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum pro honestate ville iij s. ix d.

...

1474-5

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/409 10mb 1 (*Expenses*)

...

- ㊦ Et in denarijs solutis pro liberata trium Minstrallorum vocatorum 10
 Waytes quilibet eorum capiens pro liberata predicta v s. xv s.
 ... 15

mb 1d

...

- ㊦ Et in denarijs datis de regardo duobus Minstrallis domini 20
 principis pro honestate ville vj s. viij d.
 ㊦ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallibus xviiij d.
 ...

mb 2

...

- ㊦ Et in denarijs pro quodam regardo dato Minstrallis ducis de 25
 Clarence pro honestate ville xiiij s. iiij d.
 ㊦ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato eisdem Minstrallis ij s. viij d.
 ...

1476-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/410 30mb 1 (*Expenses*)

...

- ㊦ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato quatuor 35
 Minstrallis vocatis Trumpettes domini principis &
 solutum ad manus Iohannis Guttyns xiiij s. iiij d.

14/ v s.: *underlined in MS*37/ Iohannis Guttyns: *one of the Six Men this year*

- ㉔ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum & solutum ad manus Willelmi Pontesbury iiij s.
 ...
- ㉕ Et in denarijs solutis & datis Waltero Harper & Gutto Glyn duobus Minstrallis principis pro honestate ville & solutum ad Manus Willelmi Pontesbury vj s. viij d.
 ...
- ㉖ Et in denarijs solutis & regardo dato vij Mynstrallibus ducis Gloucestrie pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Iohannis Guttyns xx s.
 ...
- ㉗ Et in denarijs datis vni Minstrallo dicti ducis vocato siue dicto le Taberrer & solutum ad manus eiusdem Iohannis pro honestate ville iiij s. iiij d.
- ㉘ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato Minstrallis ducis Gloucestrie vj s. j d.
 ...
- mb 1d
 ...
- ㉙ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato sex Minstrallis domini Regis in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Thome Chyrcheyard xx s.
- ㉚ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato tribus Minstrallis Regine & solutum ad manus Iohannis Guttyns x s.
- ㉛ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato Minstrallis domini Regis pro honestate ville et solutum ad manus Willelmi Pontesbury ix s. vj d.
- ㉜ Et in denarijs solutis Willelmo Pontesbury pro vino dato Minstrallis Regine pro honestate ville v s.
 ...
- ㉝ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato iiij^{or} Minstrallis ducis clarence pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Willelmi Pontesbury xiiij s. iiij d.
- ㉞ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis & solutum ad manus dicti Willelmi ix s. xj d.
 ...
- ㉟ Et in denarijs solutis pro liberata trium histrionum vocatorum Waytes quilibet eorum capiens pro liberata predicta v s. xv s.
 ...

3/ Willelmi Pontesbury: one of the Six Men this year
 22/ Thome Chyrcheyard: one of the Six Men this year

30/ Minstrallis: for Minstrallis
 37/ v s.: underlined in MS

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Articles LSL: 4260
f 24* (Meeting held 20 November) (Orders for the Corpus Christi procession
and feast)

...
 ¶ e kepyng his
 p[re]sseyon
 Item we be Condissended and agreed all the seyd ffelesschip the same daye & 5
 yere afore Rehersid þat euery person of the seyd ffelesschip schall kepe his
 p[re]sseyon on Corpus christi daye like wyse as here Wardens ⁊ & þe cowm[...]¹
 for þe tyme being schall assigne them for to goe with his ffelowe/ and if soe be
 þat any of ⁊[vs] all doe þe contrar[ie] & breke there Commaundement that then
 euerych of vs is agreed for to lose vj s. viij d. to þe vse of þe seyd ffelesschip 10
 and for to be made leuy by the wardens for the tyme being In maner as is
 afore Rehersid

¶ f Rydyng to
 Covyntre feyre
 Item we be Condissended and agreed all the seyd ffelesschip the same daye &
 yere afore Rehersid þat if soe be þat any person of vs all Ryde or goe vnto 15
 Covyntre ffeyre or to any plase els and kepe not his p[re]sseyon on Corpus
 christi daye þat then euery of vs is agreed for to lose xij d. to the sustentacion
 of the seyd lyght & to be made leuy by the wardens for þat tyme being In
 maner as is afore Rehersid

... 20
 ¶ Corpus christi
 ffeest
 Item we be Condissended and agreed all the seyd ffeleschip the same daye &
 yere afore Rehersid that euery person of vs all schall paye for his Commyns at
 Corpus christi ffeest viij d. & noe more/ and that the wardens for the tyme
 being excede not of the Commyn godes at the seyd ffeest not past v s. at there
 owne perell/ and if the seyd wardens make any large expensis at the seyd ffeest 25
 that then they be agreed for to bere hyt of there owne propre godes

1477–8

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/413

mb 1 (Expenses)

- ... 30
- ¶ Et in denarijs solutis pro liberata trium [s] Minstrallorum vocatorum
 Waytes viz pro tribus togis & solutum ad manus Iohannis selke xv s.
- ... 35
- ¶ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato vni Minstrallo ducis
 [v] Gloucestrie & solutum ad manus Iohannis selke vj s. viij d.
- ¶ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dicto Minstrallo pro honestate
 ville et solutum ad manus Iohannis selke xvij d.
- ...

33/ Iohannis selke: one of the Six Men this year

- ㉔ Et in denarijs solutis sex Minstrallis ducis Gloucestrie pro
 quodam regardo illis dato pro honestate ville & solutum
 ad manus Ricardi walus xx s.
- ㉔ Et in denarijs solutis pro [q] vino dato dictis Minstrallis
 & balliuis ac alijs probis hominibus cum dictis balliuis
 existentibus pro honestate ville xij s. vj d.
 ...
- mb 1d
- ...
- ㉔ Et in denarijs solutis Minstrallis domini principis viz Waltero
 Harper et Gutto Glyn & solutum ad manus Willelmi
 Mynsterley iij s. iiij d.
- ㉔ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato duobus
 Minstrallis ducis Eboraci & solutum ad manus Ricardi
 Walus [s] vj s. viij d.
- ㉔ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis pro
 honestate ville & solutis ad manus dicti Ricardi Walus x d.
 ...
- ㉔ Et in denarijs solutis tribus Minstrallis Regine pro quodam
 regardo dato pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Rogeri
 fforster [vj s. viij d.] [xiiij s. iiij d.]
 ...
- mb 2
- ...
- ㉔ Et in denarijs pro quodam regardo dato quatuor Minstrallis
 domini Regis pro honestate ville & ad manus Edwardi hosyer xiiij s. iiij d.
 ...
- ㉔ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato [^][dictis] Minstrallis domini
 Regis pro honestate ville iij s.
 ...

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1
 p 6* (24 March 1476/7-24 March 1477/8) (Payments)

There of payed to william phelypp v s. iij d. that the seyde william payed to
 Richard Barbor for makyng of Wax [iij s. iiij d.] ...

3/ Ricardi walus: one of the Six Men this year
 12-13/ Willelmi Mynsterley: one of the Six Men this year
 21-2/ Rogeri fforster: one of the Six Men this year

27/ pro: obscured by blot
 28/ Edwardi hosyer: one of the Six Men this year
 38/ [iij s. iiij d.]: sum underlined

1478–9

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/414mb 1 (*Expenses*)

- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis Waltero Harper Minstrallo domini principis
pro honestate ville et solutum per manus Thome Vmfreston ij s. iiij d. 5
- ...
- mb 1d
- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato vni Minstrallo
ducis Gloucestrie vocato le Taborer & solutum ad manus
Nicholai Pontesbury ij s. iiij d. 10
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato eidem Minstrallo pro
honestate ville et solutum ad manus Nicholai Pontesbury xv d. 15
- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato Sex Minstrallibus
domini Regis die Sabbati proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti
Iohannis Baptiste pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus
Nicholai Pontesbury xx s. 20
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro pane et vino datis dictis Minstrallis
pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Nicholai Pontesbury ij s. viij d. ob.
- ...

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Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641
f [4v]* (2 April 1478–22 April 1479) (*Expenses for Corpus Christi*)

(...) mynd that the cost At the fest of corpus crysty yn the reng of þe kyng
edward þe iiij xvij ere 30

Item the generale A cownt of all rycknyg betox the shermen & the barbures
in all maner of expensyse

In primis in bred in wyne in Ale & All manere of kostys the
sume of v s. vij d.

...

6/ Thome Vmfreston: one of the Six Men this year

13/ Nicholai Pontesbury: one of the Six Men this year

18–19/ die Sabbati ... Baptiste: 26 June 1479

28/ fest ... crysty: 21 May 1478

30/ A cownt: for A cownt; abbreviation mark missing

1479–80

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/417single mb (*Expenses*)

- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis Willelmo Sugdon pro liberata Minstrallorum vocatorum Waytes quilibet capiens [x s.] v s. xv s.
- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro conductione vnius Minstralli vocati Wayte a villa de Norhampton vsque Salopiam ij s.
- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro iantaculo balliuorum ad nundinas tentas die Iouis in festo corporis christi ij s. iiij d
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato Minstrallis domini Regis et solutum ad manus hugonis Seymoer nomine dauid Guttyns xx s.
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum & solutum ad manus Thome Whitmor v s. j d.
- ...
- dorse 20
- ...
- Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato vni Minstrallo domini Regis via elemosinaria causa eius paupertatis & etatis viij d.
- ...
- 25

1480–2

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1p 36 (24 March 1479/80–24 March 1481/2) (*Payments*)

- ...
- Ⓒ Item for reparacion of the Torches xiiij s. v d. 30
- ...

p 37 (*Inventory of goods*)

Memorandum that there ys [(.)] in the cofur [xx] xlvi Torches Item there ys in the preestes handes ij^o Torches Item there ys vj Tapurs of Wax. 35

...

5/ Willelmo Sugdon: *bailiff this year*6/ v s.: *underlined in MS*12/ die Iouis ... christi: *1 June 1480*14/ hugonis Seymoer: *one of the Six Men this year*14/ dauid Guttyns: *one of the Six Men this year*17/ Thome Whitmor: *one of the Six Men this year*

1481-2

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/418single mb* (*Expenses*)

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- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis Ricardo Watur pro liberata trium Minstrallorum 5
 vocatorum Waytes quolibet capiente pro liberata predicta v s. Summa xv s.

...

1482-3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/421mb 2 (*Expenses*)

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...

- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato domini de powys et vxori eius 15
 pro honestate ville et solutum ad manus Roberti Thornes iiij s.

...

- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato Minstrallibus domini de Powys
 pro honestate ville et solutum ad manus Roberti Thornes iij s. iiij d.

...

- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato duobus Minstrallibus
 domini Regis pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Thome 20
 Chircheyard x s.

...

- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro liberata trium histrionum vocatorum Waytes
 quilibet eorum capiens pro liberata predicta et solutum ad manus
 Ricardi Watur xv s. 25

...

- Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato Minstrallibus
 domini de Powys vj s. viij d.
 Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato eisdem Minstrallibus pro
 honestate ville xij d. 30

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mb 2d

...

- Et denarijs solutis pro vino dato domino de Powys pro honestate ville ij s. 35

...

51 Ricardo Watur: *draper, guild warden 1485-7*61 v s.: *underlined in MS*141 Roberti Thornes: *one of the Six Men this year*20-1/ Thome Chircheyard: *one of the Six Men this year*24/ predicta: *for predicta v s. (?)*

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1
p 37 (24 March 1481/2-24 March 1482/3) (*Inventory of goods*)

Anno Regni
Regis Edwardi
quarti vicesimo
tercio

...
Memorandum that there ys in the cofur l Torchys Item there ys in the chyrche
iiij tapurs and j tapur in the cofur in the hall also j torche in þe chyrche with 5
þe preest.
...

1483-4

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/425 10
single mb (*Expenses*)

- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato sex histrionibus
domini Regis pro honestate ville XX s.
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis histrionibus in presenciam
balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum pro honestate ville 15
v s.
- ...
- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis vrsenario domini [p] Regis pro quodam regardo
sibi dato pro honestate ville v s. 20
...

dorse

- Ⓒ Et in denarijs solutis duobus Minstrallibus domini de Powys pro
quodam regardo illis dato pro honestate ville vj s. viij d. 25
...
- Et in denarijs solutis Ricardo Watur pro libata trium histrionum
vocatorum Waytes XV s.
...

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Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 4v* (2 June 1483-21 June 1484) (*Goods remaining in wardens' possession*)

...Item a Nue Baner and an olde Item iiij Banerrys for the Mynstrellys weryng
Item xliiij Waxe dysshis of pewtyr Item xliiij pencellys ther to ... Item xij 35
Stompyss of Torches
...

1486-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/948single mb (*Expenses*)

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- ① Et in denarijs solutis pro tribus togis de Waytes vt pro liberata sua hoc anno & solutum ad manus Thome Burghton 5
xv s.

...

- ① Et in denarijs solutis pro emendacione de le Skuchons Minstrallorum vocatorum Waytes xvj d.

...

- ① Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato tribus Minstrallis Comitris Salopie pro honestate ville & solutum ad manus Edvard hosyer x s.

- memorandum ① Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis in presencia balliuorum et aliorum proborum hominum [sol] iiij s. iiij d. 15

...

- Et in denarijs solutis pro emendacione del Skochyns de Waytes & solutum ad manus Thome Wyche xvj d.

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dorse

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- ① Et in denarijs solutis pro quodam regardo dato sex Minstrallis domini regis in presencia balliuorum & aliorum proborum hominum pro honestate ville xx s. 25

- ① Et in denarijs solutis pro vino dato dictis Minstrallis et solutum ad manus (*blank*) (*blank*)

...

1487-9

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1p 65 (24 March 1486/7-29 March 1488/9) (*Wardens' payments*)

...

- nota ① ffyrst payed to the Stuardes for ij^o Ester dayes & ij^o Corpus christi dayes aboute the comyns that was gedered iiij li. xxij d. 35

6/ Thome Burghton: *one of the Six Men this year*12-13/ Edvard hosyer: *one of the Six Men this year*18/ Thome Wyche: *one of the Six Men this year*

- ① Item more payed to the mynstrell in reward for hys processyon iij s. iiij d.
 ...
 ① Item payed for wyn that was spend vppon Roger Thornes &
 grotemore at Ester dayes for the worshyp of the ffeloshyp &
 corpus christi Tyde xj s. iiij d. 5
 ...

p 66

...

Memorandum that the wardens of the last ij yeres passed [the wardeyns] 10
 haue deliuerd to the wardeyns of the ij yeres foloing thes parcels ... Item vij
 baners ... Item a baner ...

1491-3

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1 15

p 72* (24 March 1490/1-24 March 1492/3) (Payments)

...

- ① paid to Iohn Barbor ^{for} dressing & casting of xl ^{torchis} xxxj s. iiij d.
 ...
 ① paid for wyne drongyn in the golet by þe hole Company at 20
 corpus christi day viij s. iiij d.
 ① paid for ale to wax bereres at corpus cristitide xxj d.
 ...
 ① paid for costes & rewardes for the veneson & eting therof xxj s. ob.
 ① paid for abrekfast [upon] to the ffeleschip at the casting of 25
 thehorsseyre iij s. ij d.
 ...
 ministrell { ① paid to the Minstrell for ij yeres precession iiij s.
 { ① paid to the Mynstrell for Midsomer we(.)ge xij d.
 ① paid for the wax bering & baner at the first corpus christi day iij s. ij d. 30
 ① paid for chese to the wax berers bred & ale xv d.
 ① paid for the wax bering the second yere iij s. x d.
 ...

p 73*

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...

- ① Item paid for wyne at the Sextre in the tyme of the wecch at
 Midsomer iiij s.
 ...

3/ Roger Thornes: draper, town bailiff 1497-8, 1505-6, 1509-10, and 1515-16

29/ we(.)ge: ie, wegge (?)

30/ the first corpus christi day: 2 June 1491

1492-3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/951mb 1d* (*Expenses*)

...

- C** Et de xx s. solutis in regardo histrionibus domini Regis hoc anno De ij s. ij d. 5
[^][solutis] pro vino dato eisdem histrionibus in audiendo melodiam suam De x s.
 solutis in regardo histrionibus domine Regine hoc anno De xvj d. solutis pro
 vino dato eisdem histrionibus De x s. solutis histrionibus Comitís Salopie De
 xvj d. solutis pro vino dato eisdem histrionibus De iij s. iij d. datis in regardo
 histrion⁷ domini powys hoc anno De vj s. viij d. solutis in regardo histrionibus 10
 Comitís Arundell De xij d. solutis pro vino dato eisdem histrionibus in audiendo
 melodiam suam Summa lv s. x d.

...

- C** Et de xxxij s. vj d. solutis pro pane dato in exhenio domino principi arthuro
 ad suum aduentum ville Salopie hoc anno De viij li. solutis pro dolio vini 15
 vasconici dato domini principi ad idem tempus De xxvj s. viij d. solutis pro iij^{or}
 semidolijs seruicie datis domino principi ad idem tempus [^][+De ij s. viij d.
 pro (...)]se ad seruiciam. +¹ De xxij d. solutis pro ferentibus panis supradicti De
 ij s. vj d. solutis pro cariagio predictorum vini et seruicie ad Abbathiam De
 viij d. solutis Thome Couper pro conduccione predicti vini ad abbathiam De 20
 xvij d. pro pane seruicia et alijs victualibus expeditis in cariendo predictos
 panem seruiciam & vinum De iij s. iij d. solutis pictoribus pingentibus diuersa
 necessaria circa interludum ad obuandum dictum dominum principem De
 iij d. solutis Thome skynner pro emendacione barbarum ad opus ludencium
 ad idem tempus De xvij d. solutis pro goldfoyle & alijs necessarijs expeditis 25
 super dictis ludentibus De xij d. solutis pro vj duodenis punctorum expeditis
 super hominibus in armis ad idem tempus De De viij d. solutis pro clavis
 expeditis super mancione dictorum ludencium De viij d. solutis duobus
 operantibus circa predictam mansionem De ix d. solutis pro potu expedito
 super predictos ludentes De xiiij d. solutis pro papiro & panno lineo expeditis 30
 super predictis ludentibus De vj s. viij d. solutis in regardo soluto seruient⁷ de
 armis ad clauam domini Regis ad idem tempus De v s. solutis in [^][re]l'gado dato
 pedestribus domini principis ad idem tempus De vj s. viij d. solutis in regardo
 dato herod⁷ de armis domini principis De xiiij d. solutis pro vino expedito
 super dictis pedestribus herod⁷ et seruient⁷ ad idem tempus De xx d. solutis 35
 custodi leonis domini Regis Summa xiiij li. x d.

...

5/ de xx s.: this and following sums in this paragraph underlined

22/ De iij s. iij d.: this and following sums in this paragraph underlined

27/ De De: ditto-graphy

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1493–4

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/426mb 1d (*Expenses*)

...

Et de xx s. solutis in regardo histrionibus domini Regis hoc anno De vj s. x d. 5
 solutis pro vino expendito super eosdem histriones De x s. solutis in regardo
 dato histrionibus domine Regine hoc anno De v s. ij d. solutis pro vino expendito
 super dictos histriones De x s. solutis in regardo dato histrion' Comit' Salopie
 hoc anno De xxij d. solutis pro vino expendito super dict' histrion' De iij s.
 iiij d. solutis in regardo dato histrioni domini Powis hoc anno De xx d. solutis 10
 pro vino dato & expendito super dictum histrionem

...

mb 2d

...

...De xv s. s(...) tribus histrionibus vocatis le Waytes hoc anno... 15

...

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260f 6v (10 June–2 June) (*Goods received by new wardens*) 20

...

...Item a Nue Baner and an olde [Item for the Mynstrellys iiij Banerrys þat (...) were]

☉ Item .xluiij^{ti}. waxe dysshis pewter. Item .xliiiij^{ti}. pencellys to the same ... 25

...

...Item iiij Baners for Mynstrellys

...

☉ Item in Torchys (*blank*) Suffycyent & Item (*blank*) Stumpys of torchys

...

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1493–5

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1p 79* (24 March 1492/3–24 March 1494/5) (*Payments*)

...

☉ Item paied for costes at corpus christi fest for wax bering the 35
 first yere iij s. iiij d.

☉ Item for wyne bred ale & chese at that season xj s. j d.

☉ Item [for wyne] 'in reward' paied to the Mynstrell for ij yeres vj s. viij d.

☉ Item paied for wyne to my lord straunge & costes to Ellismer vij s.

☉ Item paied for costes the first Estir xxj s. vij d. 40

16/ s(...): text worn, probably solutis
 35/ corpus christi fest: 6 June 1493

40/ Estir: 7 April 1493

- C Item paied for costes at corpus christi day the latir wax bering iij s. viij d.
 C Item paied for wyne ale & chese at that feast v s. xj d. ob.
 C Item paied to Iohn barbor for dressing the wax xiiij s. x d.

...

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p 80 (*Final settlement*)

...

...Item paied to the Stuardes for costes by them doon aboute theire Receytes at Corpus day the first yere aboute Thomas Wallis payment v s. vij d....

...

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1494–5

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/427mb 1d* (*Expenses*)

...

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...De ij s. v d. solutis pro vino dato elemosinario & alijs comissionarijs domini principis De ij s. ij d. solutis pro vino expendito super ballios & alias in aduentu domini principis De xix d. solutis pro vino expendito quando dominus princeps exiret de villa ... De vj s. ix d. solutis pro vino dato domino principi ad ludum in quarell...

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Et de x s. solutis pro pane dato in exhenio domino principi De iiij li. datis pro semidolio vini dato principi De xvij d. solutis ferent' dicti panis & vini

Et de xl s. solutis pro pane dato in exhenio domino Regi ad suum aduentum huic ville De viij li. solutis pro dolio vini dato domino Regi De xlvi s. solutis pro sex semidolijs seruicie De iiij s. solutis pro sex semidolijs vacuis De vj s. ij d.

25

solutis ferentibus predictae seruicie panis & vini De iij li. vj s. viij d. solutis pro iiij^{or} bobis De xxxij s. solutis pro ^[xxiiij^{or}] ouibus De xvj s. solutis pro

xxiiij^{or} lagenis vini datis domino Regi & suis dominis et seruiantibus in castro De xvj d. solutis pro pane crociato ibidem De iiij s. solutis pro sex lagenis vini

ad faciendum ypocras datum Regine De xiiij s. ix d. pro speciebus & sugur ad faciendum ypocras De ij s. viij d. pro vino molli dato regine De xiiij s. x d.

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solutis pro vino dato valettis corone & de gard domini Regis De xiiij s. ij d. solutis pro vino expendito super generosis domini Regis in sextre De vj s. v d.

solutis pro vino expendito super Mynstrellis domini Regis De ij s. viij d. solutis pro collobio panis & (...) datis Regine

35

De xx s. solutis in remuneratione data heredibus domini Regis De xx s. solutis seruiantibus ad clauam domini Regis

1/ corpus christi day: 29 May 1494

9/ Thomas Wallis: long-time bailiff of the Drapers' Company

17/ ballios: for balliuos; abbreviation mark missing

17/ alias: for alios

19/ vj s. ix d.: underlined in MS

27/ bobis: for bovis or bobus

32/ gard: for garda

33/ vj s. v d.: underlined in MS

35/ panis: for pane (?)

De xx s. solutis Mynstrellis domini Regis De x s. solutis Mynstrellis Regine

De v s. solutis Clerico mercati

De vj s. viij d. solutis histrionibus domini principis De iij s. iiij d. datis
histrionibus domini derby De x s. solutis pedestribus domini Regis De iij s. iiij d.
solutis pedestribus domini principis De x s. datis henkysmen domini Regis De 5
vj s. viij d. datis pedestribus Regine De vj s. viij d. datis pedestribus domine
matris Regis De vj s. viij d. solutis seruienti ad clauam domini principis De x s.
solutis histrionibus Comitís Salopie

1495–6

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 90* (22 June–6 June) (Charges for the royal visit)

Memorandum that in the yere of our lord god a m^l.CCCC iiij^{xx}. xv and in
the .x^{the}. yere of oure Souerayne lord kyng harry the .vij^{the}. In. whiche yere 15
and tyme. Iohn Git(τ)yns and laurens draper were Baylyffes of the Towne and
ffraunches of Shrouesbury And in ther yere & tyme. oure Seyde Souerayne
lord. with oure Souerayne lady the Quene. And oure Right Excellent & Nobull
prynce. The (blank) day in the Monythe of Iuylli came ffrom ludlowe. vnto 20
the Towne of Shrowesbury and In at the Walshe Gate. and soe forthe vnto
Thabbey. at Whiche tyme all the Burges and Commyners horsyd mette them
at Baystons hyll euery Man In grene/

Memorandum ffor a present In. Worshippe of the Towne to hys good grace.
In Bredde (blank) In ale (blank) .In Wyne (blank)

Memorandum that the ffeloshippe were chargid to bere thereto Summa iiij li. 25
xiiij s. iiij d. ffor Whiche they had graundyd iij Burges to be Nue made...

...

1495–7

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1 30
pp 85–6 (24 March 1494/5–24 March 1496/7) (Payments)

...

Item paied for wax bering for ij yerres at Corpus christi
fest [vij s. ij d.] ij s. xj d. l

Item paied for corpus christi ffest oon yere above the 35
receyte of bredirn xiiij s. iiij d.

Item paied for the Mynstrels reward for ij yerres vj s. viij d.

...

21/ Commyners: 4 minims for m in MS

35/ corpus ... oon yere: 18 June 1495

Item paid for Corpus Christi ffeest the Second yere viij s.

...

Item paid for bred ale & chese to wax berers for ij yerres iiij s. [vij s. ix d.]

...

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1497–9

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 88 (25 March 1497–24 March 1498/9) (*Goods received by new wardens*)

...

Memorandum that the same wardens haue receiued in the coofir in the hall
thes parcels foloing Item a baner... 10

p 91* (*Payments*)

...

Item paid for wax bering for ij yerres at corpus christi fest
[¹iiij s. viij d.] 15

Item paid for the mynstrell reward for ij yerres [¹iiij s. iiiij d.]¹ vij s. iiiij d.

Item paid for bred ale & chese to wax berers in tyme of ij
yerres procession [¹xv (...)¹&¹ iiiij d.]¹ iiij s. iiiij d.

...

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Item paid for wyne in tyme of procession to Thomas
pontesbury for ij yerres [¹iiij s. ij d. xij d.]¹ v s.

...

1499–1500

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260

f 7v (3 June 1499–22 June 1500) (*Goods received by new wardens*)

...

Item. ij Baners. Item iiiij Baners for the Mynstrellis.

Item. xliiiij^{ti} waxe disshis. Item xliiiij^{ti} pencellis. 30

...

1499–1501

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 99 (25 March 1499–24 March 1500/1) (*Allowances for payments*) 35

...

☉ Item payd for wax berynge for ij yerres at corpus christi feest vij s. ij d.

☉ Item payd for bred ale & chese to waxberers for ij yerres iiij s. ix d.

☉ Item payd for Wyn yn tym of procession for ij yerres vj s.

☉ Item payd to a Straunge Mynstrell for Reward xij d. 40

☉ Item payd for the Mynstrell Reward for ij yerres vj s. viij d.

¹/ Corpus ... Second yere: 2 June 1496

- Ⓒ Item payd to Richard Barbor & to Iohn Barbor for the
toppyng of certen torches v s. ix d.
...

1501–3

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 105 (25 March 1501–24 March 1502/3) (*Guild bailiff's payments*)

...

- Item payd for Wax beryng for ij yerres at corpus christi fest vj s. x d.
Item payd for brede ale & chese for ij yerres to wax berers (blank) 10
Item payd the mynstrell for ij yerres vj s. viij d.
Item payd yeryen barbur for [j] toppyng of xx^{ti} torches vj s. viij d.
Item payd Iohn barbur for toppyng of x torches iiij s. vj d.
Item payd Iohn coton barbur for x torches toppyng iij s. iiij d.
...

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p 106

...

- Ⓒ Item payd on corpus christi day last past for wyne and
waffurys and apulles bred & ale Summa iiij s. vj d. 20
...

p 107

...

- Item spynd on corpus christi day at brekfast ij d. 25
...

1502–3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/431(a)

f [1v]* 30

...

- Et in Regardo dato ij Walicis histrionibus domini Regis ij s. viij d.
Et in vino dato balliis audientibus Melodiam eorum viij d.

...

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f [2v]

...

- Et in Regardo dato histrionibus domini Regis xx s.
Et in Regardo dato histrionibus comitis arundell vj s. viij d.
Et in vino expedito audiendo melodiam eorum x s. 40

| | | |
|---|-------------|---|
| Et in Regardo dato histrionibus comitis Salopie | x s. | |
| Et in Vino expedito circa melodiam eorum | v s. ij d. | |
| Et in Regardo dato histrionibus matris Regis | v s. | |
| Et in Vino expedito circa melodiam eorum | ij s. xj d. | |
| ... | | 5 |
| Et solutum in (...)od' histrionum vocatorum le Waytes | xx s. | |
| ... | | |

1503-4

| | | |
|---|-----------------|----|
| Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1 | | 10 |
| p 112 (25 March-24 March) (Costs) | | |
| ... | | |
| Item to Iohn Barbor for toppyng of x torches | iiij s. | |
| Item for beryng the light & Baner on corpus christi | iiij s. ij d. | |
| Item for Bredd ale & Chese to chyldyrn the same day | ij s. xj d. | 15 |
| Item to the Mynstrell to goo on procession | ij s. iiij d. | |
| Item for wyn on corpus christi day to the feleshipp | iiij s. viij d. | |
| Item for waffors the said daye | iiij d. | |
| ... | | |
| | | 20 |

1504-5

| | | |
|---|-----------------|----|
| Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1 | | |
| p 115* (25 March-24 March) (Costs) | | |
| ... | | |
| Item for Beryng the light & the baner on corpus christi day | iiij s. viij d. | 25 |
| Item to a Mynstrell the said day | iiij d. | |
| Item to a nother mynstrell the same day | ij s. | |
| Item spend yn wyne & vitall the said day | iiij d. | |
| Item paid to my lord of Schrousbury mynstrell | iiij s. iiij d. | |
| Item spend on hym the said day | viij d. | 30 |
| ... | | |
| Item paid to Iohn Coly for Bredd & ale | xiiij d. | |
| ... | | |
| Item for Chese to the Chyldyrn | vj d. | |
| ... | | 35 |
| p 119* (Final settlement) | | |
| ... | | |

Summa totalis of the wardens charge for ^rij^l yeres xxviij li. viij s. [ix d] x d....

6/ (...)od': hole in paper, probably feed'

14/ corpus christi: 15 June 1503

25/ corpus christi day: 6 June 1504

39/ xxviij: viij smudged

Item paid for Topping of the Torches to *Iohn* barbor *Thomas* Barbor & to *Iohn* Cotton vj s. ij d. Item for the Mynstrell dyner to *Iohn* Colly xvj d....

...

1505-6

Assembly Minute Book 1 SRO: 67 No. 1

f 108v* (1 December)

...

Nora histriones

Memorandum quod die lune primo die mensis decembris Anno regni regis henrici septimi xxj^o Ricardus hynko taylor & (blank) manuceperunt pro Willelmo Breese vno histrionum ville vocato le Wayte pro le coler redeliberando quando requisitus fuerit per balliuos pro tempore existentes quiquidem coler ponderat quinque vncias et dimidiam partem vnus vncie & sic deliberatus fuit in Scaccario & omnes colers recepti fuerunt de histrionibus & custoditi in Scacc(.).r(.).

...

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 121 (25 March-24 March) (Guild bailiff's payments)

...

Item payd for Beryng Torches on Corpus christi Daye iiij s. iiij d.
Item for Beryng of the Baner the seid day iiij d.
Item spend in Bred & ale to the wax berers xvij d.

...

Item for Topping torches. v s. viij d.
Item to the Mynstrell on Corpus Christi day. iiij s. iiij d.

...

1506-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/431(b)

ff [1v-2] (Expenses)

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Et in Regardo (.).ato tribus histrionibus domini Regis xx s.
Et in vino dato Balliuis. & alijs audiencium Melodiam eorum iiij s. ix d. l
Et in Regardo dato histrionibus gilberti Talbot militis (...)

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21/ Corpus christi Daye: 22 May 1505

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Et in vino dato Balliuis & alijs audientibus Melodiam (.)orum (. . .)

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Et in Regardo dato iiij^{or} histrionibus comitis Salopie x s.

Et in vino expendito super eos & Balliuum lister equitant' versus
londoniam iij s. x d. 5

Et in Regardo dato Iohanni Ianyns histrioni domini principis v s.

Et in vino expendito super eum xv d.

Et in Regardo dato histrionibus comitis Arundell pro expensis eorum xx d.

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Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 124 (25 March–24 March) (Guild bailiff's payments)

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Item paid to the berers of the wax on Corpus Christi day iij s. iiij d.

Item to the baner berer the Same day iiij d. 15

Item to the Mynstrell the Seid day iij s. iiij d.

Item for pakthred & Erbys the seid day j d.

Summa vij s. j d.

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1507–9

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 129* (25 March 1507–24 March 1508/9) (Guild bailiff's payments)

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Corpus christi day Item Beryng wax on Corpus christi day for ij yeres vj s. viij d. 25

Item to a man for beryng the Baner ij yeres & at the tryvmphs xij d.

Item paid to the Mynstrell for his Reward for ij yere. vj s. viij d.

Item for pakthred & herbes for ij yeres iij d.

Item paid for Bred & ale & chese for berers of the lyght ij yeres
with the expences don upon the Mynstrell dyner & for kakes vj s. iij d. 30

Item paid for wyn drunk in the Tavern on corpus christi day for
ij yere & also at the Tryvmph by the master & the company xxij s. xj d.

Item for Safforn Kakes & Chese at the seid Tryumphe xvij d.

Item for Toppying of Torches for ij yere & for castyng j torch
newe xij s. vj d. 35

Item for making wax ageynst the ffest of the trynyte viij d.

¶ Summa lviiij s. iiij d.

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14/ Corpus Christi day: 11 June 1506

1508–9

Assembly Minute Book 1 SRO: 67 No. I

f 108v* (18 December)

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 Memorandum quod xviii^o die decembris Anno xxiiiij^{to} regni regis henrici 5
 septimi tres colers argenti deliberati fuerunt Willelmo hethe Willelmo fforce
 & Iohanni Eton histrionibus ville Salopie qui ponderant xv vncias & quartam
 partem vnus vncie Et manucapti sunt pro valore de colers salue custodiendis
 & redeliberandis ad vsum ville quando per Balliuos requisiti fuerint per 10
 Ricardum ffurbur citheratorem & Willelmum hordley pro Willelmo fforce.
 quiquidem Willelmus fforce recessit & dictus Willelmus hordley deliberavit
 le coler dicti Willelmi fforce pro quo manucepit Edwardo hosier & dauid
 Ireland balliuus & sex sessoribus in Scaccario xj^a septimana tempore Balliuorum
 tunc existencium & dicti[s] anno dicti colers redeliberati fuerunt in Scaccario
 dictis Balliuus & Sessoribus & remanent in Baga thesauri recepti septiminatim 15
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1509–10

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438

f [1v]* (Expenses)

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 Et in Regardo dato tribus histrionibus ciuitatis cestrice v s.
 ...
 Et in Regardo dato histrionibus comitis Salopie [x s.] [iij s. iiij d.]
 Et in vino dato Balliuus & alijs probis hominibus audientibus 25
 Melodiam eorum iij s. iiij d.
 ...
 Et in Regardo dato histrionibus domini Regis xx s.
 Et in vino dato Balliuus & alijs probis hominibus audientibus
 Melodiam eorum iiij s. 30
 ...
 Et in Regardo dato vrsinario domini Regis iij s. iiij d.
 ...
 (...) emendacione & reparacione de le colers histrionum ville vj d.
 ... 35

Collation with SRO: 3365/438 (D) f 10v: 24 [iij s. iiij d.] D omits 25 dato ...
 audientibus] expendito super Balliuos & alios probos homines audiendo D
 26 iij s. iiij d.] xl d. D 34 de] D omits 34 ville] D omits

13–14/ xj^a ... existencium: 13–19 December 1510 34/ (...): 10mm of text lost; probably for Et pro as in D
 14/ dicti[s]: for dicto

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| ⟨...⟩ Regardo dato histrioni ducis Bukkyngham ⟨...⟩ni comitis oxonie | iij s. iiij d. |
| ... | |
| f [2]* | 5 |
| ... | |
| Et solutum pro liberata trium histrionum vocatorum le waytes | XX s. |
| ... | |
| f [6]* | 10 |
| ... | |
| Et solutum per ipsum Ricardum Nicholas Margerie Knight pro liberata histrionum vocatorum le waytes | XX s. |
| ... | |
| Et solutum [h] per ipsum histrionibus [coitis] ducis Bukkyngham & coitis oxonie | 15 iij s. iiij d. |
| ... | |

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 15 (11 June–3 June) (Goods received by new wardens, 21 July) 20

... Item ij baners/ Item xliij wax disses/ Item xliij^u penselles ... Item iiij baners
for the mynstrell ... Item xij torches...

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1509–11

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1
p 135 (25 March 1509–24 March 1510/11) (Payments)

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| Item paid to the berers of wax for ij yerres | vj s. viij d. | 30 |
| Item for beryng the Baner ij yerres | viij d. | |
| Item paid to the Mynstrell for ij yerres | vj s. viij d. | |
| Item for herbes and pakthred | iij d. | |
| Item for Toppyng xij Torchres | iiij s. | |

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ducis de Bukkyngham & comitis oxonie D

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cp D

12/ Ricardum Nicholas: one of the Six Men this year

15/ ipsum: Roger Donn, one of the Six Men this year

15/ [coitis]: for [comitis]; abbreviation mark missing

16/ coitis: for comitis; abbreviation mark missing

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| Item for Bred ale and Chese to the Chyldern | iiij s. vij d. |
| Item in Wyn to the master and ffeleschip | iiij s. ij d. |
| Item in Cakes and Chese for ij yeres | v s. ix d. |
| Item for Reparacion of Tapurs for ij yeres | viiij d. |
| | Summa xxxij s. v d. |
| ... | 5 |

1510–11

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438f 19* (*Expenses*)

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| ☉ Et in Regardo dato [Nunc'] histrion' domini Regis | xx s. |
| ☉ Et in Regardo dato histrion' cestrīe | v s. |
| Et in vino expedito super eos & alijs expensis ibidem | } v d. |
| Et in vino dato Rogero Thornes equitando ad ludlow circa Negocia ville | |
| ... | 15 |
| ☉ Et in Regardo dato histrion' gilberti talbot militis | xl d. |
| ... | |
| ☉ Et in Regardo dato duobus histrionibus comitis Salopie | vj s. viij d. |
| ... | 20 |
| ☉ Et solutum pro liberata duorum histrionum ville | xiiij s. iiij d. |
| ... | |
| <i>debetur</i> Et in vino dato histrion' domini Regis & histrion' cestrīe ac alijs diuersis expensis factis cum Rogero donn pro honestate ville | xxiiij s. |
| ... | 25 |
| f 19v | |
| ... | |
| ☉ Et in Regardo dato lusoribus in festo pentecostes | x s. |
| ... | 30 |

1512–13

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260f 15* (14 June–30 May) (*Goods received by new wardens, 14 July*)

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... Item ij baners Item xliiij. wax. dysses Item xliiij penselles ... Item iiij. baners
ffor the mynstrell ... Item xiiij torches...

15/ Rogero Thornes: draper, town bailiff 1497–8, 1505–6, 1509–10, 1515–16

24/ Rogero donn: one of the Six Men, 1509–10

29/ in festo pentecostes: 8 June 1511

1513–14

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 15v (30 May 1513–19 June 1514) (Goods received by new wardens, 16 July)

... Item ij baners Item xliiiij^{ti} wax dishes Item xliiiij penselles ... Item iiij baners 5
for the mynstrelles ... Item xiiij torches...

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Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641

f [11]* (Payments for the hall) 10

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Item payd for þe waxe beryng ij s. viij d.
Item payd to þe wayd & þe iurnamens minstrel viij d.

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Item payd for þe iurnamens baner [ij s. ix d.] iiij s. v d. 15

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1514–15

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 15v (19 June–11 June) (Goods received by new wardens, 14 July) 20

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Item ij baners
Item xliiiij wax dishes
Item xliiiij pensellis

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Item iiij baners for þe mynstrelles Item xiiij torches 25

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1515–16

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438 30
f 31 (Expenses)

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Et in Regardo dato histrionibus domini Regis hoc pro honestate ville xx s.
Et in vino expedito per Balliuos et compares suos ac alios probos
homines audientes Melodiam eorundem histrionum iiij s. 35

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f 31v

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Et in vino pomis Waffers et alijs nouellis datis et expeditis super abbatem 40

33/ hoc: for hoc anno (?)

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| Salopie et famulos suos ad ludum et demonstracionem Martiriorum feliciane et Sabine martirum in quarera pone muros ville pro honestate dicte ville in Septimana pentacostes hoc anno | iiij s. | |
| Et in Regardo dato lusoribus eiusdem Martirij tunc temporis hoc anno | x s. | |
| ... | | 5 |
| Et in Regardo dato duobus histrionibus comitis Salopie | vj s. viij d. | |
| Et in vino dato eisdem histrionibus per communem clericum et vj Sessores | viiij d. | |
| ... | | |
| Et in vino dato abbati Salopie et comitiue sue necnon Balliuis ad generalem processionem habitam in festo corporis christi | xx d. ob. | 10 |
| ... | | |
| f 32v | | |
| ... | | 15 |
| Et solutum pro liberata trium histrionum ville vocatorum Waytes vulgariter | xxvj s. | |
| ... | | |
| 1516-17 | | 20 |
| <i>Bailiffs' Accounts</i> SRO: 3365/438 | | |
| f 44 (<i>Expenses</i>) | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato histrioni abbatís Salopie | xl d. | |
| ... | | 25 |
| Et in Regardo dato histrionibus Baronis de Burford et griffini Rees militum pro honestate ville | ij s. | |
| f 44v | | |
| ... | | 30 |
| Et in Regardo dato vrsinario comitis oxonie | xl d. | |
| Et Regardo dato quatuor histrionibus domini Regis | xx s. | |
| Et in vino expedito super eos per balliuos et alios probos homines audientes melodiam dictorum histrionum | iiij s. | |
| ... | | 35 |
| f 45 | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato histrionibus comitis Salopie | x s. | |

3/ Septimana pentacostes: 11-17 May 1516
11/ festo ... christi: 22 May 1516

32/ Et: for Et in

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| Et in vino expedito <i>super</i> balliuos et alios de comitiua sua audiendo melodiam eorum | iiij s. xij d. | |
| Et in vino dato balliuis Et abbati Salopie & comitiue sue ad processionem in festo corporis christi hoc anno | xxiiij d. | |
| ... | | 5 |
| Et in Regardo dato vrsinario domini Regis pro agitatione bestiarum suarum ultra denarios tunc ibidem collectos | vj s. viiij d. | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato tribus histrionibus de Notyngham | xl d. | |
| ... | | 10 |
| f 46 | | |
| ... | | |
| Et solutum pro liberatis (<i>blank</i>) histrionum | (<i>blank</i>) | |
| ... | | 15 |
| 1517–18 | | |
| Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438 | | |
| f 53v (<i>Expenses</i>) | | |
| ... | | 20 |
| Et in Regardo Dato histrioni abbatibus Salopie pro honestate ville | xl d. | |
| Et in Regardo Dato histrionibus Thome Cornewell militis ac Ricardi cornewell armigeri pro honestate ville | xl d. | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo Dato quatuor histrionibus domini Regis pro honestate ville | xx s. | 25 |
| Et in vino expedito <i>super dictos</i> histriones ac <i>super</i> Balliuos et compares suos & alios probos homines audientes melodiam <i>dictorum</i> histrionum | ij s. ij d. | |
| Et in Regardo dato ij histrionibus comitis Derby pro honestate ville Salopie | xl d. | 30 |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato ij histrionibus comitis Salopie pro honestate ville | vj s. viiij d. | |
| | | 35 |
| f 54 | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in vino expedito <i>super</i> tres Reges colonie equitantibus in interludo pro solacio ville Salopie in festo pentacostes | iiij d. | |

4/ festo ... christi: 11 June 1517
38/ equitantibus: for equitantes (?)

39/ in festo pentacostes: 23 May 1518

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| Et in vino Dato abbati [^] [Salopie] & famulis suis ad generalem processionem in festo corporis christi pro honestate ville Salopie | xviiij d. ob. | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo Dato iiij ^{or} histrionibus comitis arundell pro honestate ville | xl d. | 5 |
| Et in vino dato eis in presencia Balliuorum et aliorum proborum hominum audiencium melodiam eorum | xxj d. | |
| ... | | |
| f 54v | | 10 |
| Et in Regardo Dato vrsinario comitis de Derby vltra ij s. collectos de comitiua presenti ad agitationem vrsuum suorum | iiij s. viij d. | |
| ... | | 15 |
| f 57v | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in liberatis duorum histrionum pro honestate ville | xvij s. | |
| ... | | 20 |
| 1518-19 | | |
| Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/480/10 single sheet (<i>Rendered Michaelmas 1519</i>) | | |
| ... | | |
| The waytes fee | xvj s. | 25 |
| ... | | |
| Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/480/16 single sheet* (<i>Payments</i>) | | |
| ... | | 30 |
| Item spend apou the kynges mynstrelles in wyne | ij(.) | |
| ... | | |
| Item land yow to gyffe the kynges mynstrelles | xiij s. iiij d. | |
| ... | | 35 |
| 1519-20 | | |
| Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438 f 62 (<i>Expenses</i>) | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato histrionibus Thome Cornewall militis | | 40 |

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| comissionarij <i>domini</i> Regis et Ricardi Cornewell Armigeri pro honestate ville | ij s. | |
| ... | | |
| f 62v | | 5 |
| ... | | |
| Et in pane et vino dato abbati Salopie et alijs ad <i>generalem</i> <i>processionem</i> in festo corporis christi | ij s. j d. | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo Dato Radulpho hubard histrioni <i>domini</i> de Mountegyll pro honestate ville | xl d. | 10 |
| Et in vino dato eidem histrioni ac balliuis et alijs probis <i>hominibus</i> audientibus <i>melodiam dicti histrionis</i> | ij s. | |
| ... | | |
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| ff 63–3v | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato iiij ^{or} histrionibus ville de Notyngham pro honestate ville Salopie | iiij s. l | |
| Et in vino expedito super Balliuos & compares suos audientes <i>melodiam dictorum histrionum</i> vltra ij d. collectos de qualibet persona <i>ibidem non extranea</i> | xv d. | 20 |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato vrsinarijs ducis Suffolcie et comitis Oxonie ultra denarios collectos ad <i>agitacionem vrsuum suarum</i> in quarera pone muros | vj s. viij d. | 25 |
| Et in vino expedito super dictos vrsinarios ultra ij d. collectos qualibet <i>persona ville tunc presenti</i> | xiiij d. | |
| Et in Regardo dato iiij ^{or} Interlusoribus comitis Arundelle ostendentibus balliuis et comparibus suis <i>diuersa Interluda</i> | vj s. viij d. | 30 |
| Et in vino dato eis et alijs <i>extraneis personis</i> Intuentibus Interluda ultra denarios collectos | iiij s. iiij d. | |
| ... | | |
| | | 35 |
| ff 64–4v | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato iiij ^{or} histrionibus <i>domini</i> Regis | xx s. | |

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|---|-----------------|----|
| Et in vino dato <i>Balliuis</i> et <i>comparibus</i> suis <i>audientibus</i> melodiam <i>dictorum</i> <i>histrionum</i> | iij s. iij d. | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato <i>duobus</i> <i>histrionibus</i> <i>comitis</i> de derby | xl d. | |
| ... | | 5 |
| Et in Regardo dato <i>duobus</i> <i>histrionibus</i> <i>comitis</i> <i>Salopie</i> | vj s. viij d. | |
| Et in vino dato <i>dictis</i> <i>histrionibus</i> <i>comitis</i> <i>Salopie</i> | [iij d.] iij d. | |
| ... | | |
| f 69 | | 10 |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo <i>Interlusoribus</i> <i>comitis</i> arundell | vj s. viij d. | |
| Et <i>tunc</i> in vino <i>expendito</i> <i>ultra</i> <i>denarios</i> <i>collectos</i> | ix d. | |
| Et in Regardo dato ij <i>histrionibus</i> <i>comitis</i> <i>Salopie</i> | ij s. iij d. | |
| Et in vino dato <i>dictis</i> <i>histrionibus</i> | iiij d. | 15 |
| ... | | |
| 1520–1 | | |
| <i>Bailiffs' Accounts</i> SRO: 3365/450 | | |
| f [3] (<i>Expenses</i>) | | 20 |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato <i>histrionibus</i> <i>Iohannis</i> <i>Talbot</i> <i>Militis</i> <i>pro</i> <i>melodia</i> <i>eorum</i> <i>facta</i> in <i>presencia</i> <i>Balliuorum</i> | ij s. | |
| ... | | 25 |
| f [5v] | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato iij ^{or} <i>histrionibus</i> <i>domini</i> <i>Regis</i> <i>ex</i> <i>consuetudine</i> | xx s. | |
| Et in vino dato <i>Balliuis</i> & <i>comparibus</i> suis <i>audientibus</i> melodiam <i>eorum</i> | xv d. | 30 |
| ... | | |
| f [6v]* | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato <i>histrionibus</i> <i>comitis</i> de derby <i>pronunziantibus</i> | | 35 |
| <i>melodiam</i> <i>suam</i> <i>Balliuis</i> et <i>comparibus</i> suis | xl d. | |
| Et <i>solutum</i> in Regardo dato <i>portatori</i> <i>communis</i> <i>campane</i> <i>circa</i> <i>villam</i> <i>pro</i> <i>proclamacione</i> <i>facta</i> <i>pro</i> <i>attendencia</i> <i>facienda</i> <i>super</i> <i>abbatem</i> de <i>Marham</i> <i>temporij</i> <i>Maij</i> <i>hoc</i> <i>anno</i> | j d. | 40 |
| ... | | |

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| Et in vino dato <i>Episcopo Couentrie & lichfeldie presidenti consilij domini Regis in marchijs Wallie & alijs commissionarijs domini Regis ad generalem processionem in ffesto corporis christi hoc anno</i> | iiij s. viij d. |
| Et in Regardo dato Radulpho hubard histrioni <i>domini de Mount Egle pro melodia sua facta coram Balliuis & comparibus suis</i> | 5 xl d. |
| f [7] | |
| ... | |
| Et in Regardo dato <i>vrinario ducis suffolcie ultra duos solidos tres denarios de pecunijs collectis de circumstantibus ad agitationem vrsuum suarum</i> | 10 iiij s. v d. |
| ... | |
| f [7v] | |
| ... | |
| Et in Regardo dato <i>vrinario domini Marchionis dorsett ultra iiij s. vj d. collectos de circumstantibus ad agitationem eorum</i> | 15 ij s. ij d. |
| f [8v] | |
| ... | |
| Et solutum in Regardo dato <i>histrionibus comitisse de derby pronunciantibus melodiam suam coram Balliuis et comparibus suis</i> | xl d. |
| Et in Regardo dato <i>histrionibus de Notyngham</i> | ij s. |
| ... | 25 |
| A <i>Bailiffs' Accounts</i> Owen and Blakeway: <i>History</i> , vol 1 p 326* | |
| ... | |
| In regardo dato <i>Benet & Welles histrionibus comitis Salop</i> | 30 |
| ... | |
| p 327* | |
| ... | |
| In regardo dato & vino expedito super <i>Willium More, histrionem domini Regis eo quod est cecus & principalis citherator Anglie</i> | 35 |
| ... | |

p 331*

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Regardo dato *Magistro* Brandon Joculari *domini Regis* pro honestate ville xi.d. Et in vino expendito per ballivos & compares suos videntes lusum & joculacionem dici Jocularis ultra ii *denarios* collectos de qualibet persona ville extraneis exceptis, xvi.d. 5

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p 332*

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Solutum pro una roba nova depicta, sotularibus, & aliis necessariis regardis & expensis factis super Ricardum Glasyer, Abbatem de Marham, pro honestate & jocunditate ville. 10

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Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 16 (11 June-30 May) (Goods received by new wardens, 26 June) 15

...

Item ij baners

Item xliij wax dishes 20

Item xliij penselles

...

Item xv torches

Item iij baners for the mynstrelles 25

...

1521-2

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 16v (30 May 1521-23 June 1522) (Goods received by new wardens,
20 June 1521) 30

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Item ij baners

Item xliij wax dishes

Item xliij penselles 35

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Item iij baners for the mynstrelles

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Item xv torches

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Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641
f [20] (11 April 1521–1 May 1522) (Inventory)

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Item delyuerd to þe stewardes xxiiij torchys ij baners ... & a salett & a sworde...

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1522–3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438

f 97v (*Expenses*)

...
Et pro Regardo dato vrsinario domini ducis Suffolcie ultra denarios
collectos de circustatibus xxiiij d. 10

...

f 99

... 15
Et in pane et vino datis Balliuis et allijs ad generalem processionem
in festo corporis christi xix d.

...

f 99v

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Et in Regardo dato iiiij^{or} histrionibus Comitibus Arundelle xl d.

...

f 100

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...
Et in Regardo Dato tribus histrionibus domini Regis xx s.
Et in vino expedito super Balliuos et compares suos audientes
melodiam eorum iiij s. viij d.

...

Et in Regardo dato Ioculatori domini Regis vj s. viij d. 30

...

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f 17 (23 June–8 June) (Goods received by new wardens, 10 July) 35

...

- . ij baners
- . Item xliiij waxe disches
- . Item xliiij penselles

...

40

11/ circustatibus: for circumstantibus; abbreviation marks missing
16/ allijs: for alijs; corrected from abbijs (?)

17/ festo ... christi: 4 June 1523

. xv torchers

Item iij. [baners] ¹ [⟨...⟩]¹ for the mynstrelles

...

1523-4

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1p 158 (25 March-24 March) (*Guild bailiff's payments*)Corpus
Christi dayIn *primis* paid on Corpus christi day for Beryng lyght

iiij s. viij d.

Item paid to the Mynstrell for the said day & afterward

xiiij s. iiij d. 10

Item delyuered to the Stuardes in Redy money toward costes

xix s. j d.

Summa xxxvij s. j d.

...

1524-5

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438f 131 (*Expenses*)

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...

Et in Regardo dato histrioni henrici knight

ij s.

...

Et in Regardo dato iiij^{or} Interlusoribus ducis Suffolcie

iiij s. 20

Et in vino expedito super Balliuos & compares suos ad visum

Interlusorum suorum

iiij s. viij d.

...

Et in Regardo dato iiij^{or} histrionibus comitis arundell

xl d. 25

...

f 131v

...

Et in Regardo dato vrsinario ducis suffolcie ultra denarios

30

collectos de *circumstantibus* ad *agitacionem* vrsuum *suorum*

iiij s. xj d.

Et in vino expedito super dictum vrsinarium

xiiij d.

Et in Regardo dato histrionibus domini Regis

xx s.

Et in vino expedito per balliuos et compares suos audientes

melodiam dictorum histrionum

xxj d. 35

...

f 132v

...

Et in Regardo dato vrsinario domini Regis

vj s. viij d. 40

Et in vino expedito super dictum vrsinarium xvj d.
 Et in vino dato Abbati Salopie cum balliuis ad processionem
 in festo corporis christi ij s. iij d.

...
 Et in Regardo dato histrionibus comitis de derby & domini 5
 Mount Egle vj s. viij d.
 Et in dato eis et balliuis ac comparibus suis audientibus melodiam
 eorum ij s. xj d.

...

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f 133

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Et in Regado dato Ioculatori domini Regis vj s. viij d.
 Et in vino dato ei et balliuis et comparibus suis superuidentibus
 lusum suum xxij d. 15

...

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1
 p 160 (25 March-24 March) (Guild bailiff's payments)

...

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Item paid in money to the stuardes toward the costes on
 corpus christi day xxiiij s. iiiij d.

...

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 f 18 col 1 (30 May 1524-19 June 1525) (Goods received by new wardens, 12 July)

...

Item iij skochions for mynstrelles

...

Item ij baners 30

Item xliiij wax dishes

Item xliiij penselles

...

Item xv torches

35

1525-6

Assembly Minute Book 4 SCO: 75

f 1v* (25 April) (Decisions made by bailiffs and council)

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They be Agreed that euery Alderman pay towards the play (blank) 40

Euery of the comen counsell (blank)
 Euery wardin of occupacion (blank)
 And euery other of occupacion at (blank)
 ...

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438 5
 f 144 (*Expenses*)

Et in Regardo dato custodi cameli *domini Regis* ostendenti
 balliuis & comparibus suis Ioca illius cameli iij s. iiij d. 10
 ...

f 144v

Et in Regardo dato iij^{or} histrionibus *domini Regis* xx s. 15
 Et in vino dato Balliuis & comparibus suis audientibus melodiam
dictorum histrionum domini Regis ij s.

Et solutum in Regardo dato Interlusoribus *domine principisse* x s.
 Et in vino expendito per balliuos & compares suos. ad visum 20
 & auditum interluda eorum iij s. viij d.

f 145

Et in Regardo dato Willelmo Breese histrioni ad laborandum 25
 & prouidendum pro alijs duobus histrionibus pro villa viij d.

Et in Regardo dato iij^{or} histrionibus comitis arundell [vj s. viij d.] v s.
 Et in vino expendito super balliuos & compares suos 30
 audientes melodiam & ludentes inspicientes xij d.

Et in pane & vino datis Balliuis & abbati Salopie in processione
 ad festum corporis christi xvij d.
 Et in Regardo dato Radulpho hubard & (blank) lokkett 35
 histrionibus comitis de derby & *domini* Mount Egle vj s. viij d.
 Et in vino dato Balliuis & comparibus suis audientibus
 melodiam eorum ij s.

20/ visum: written over another word, of which only medial ti is visible

34/ festum ... christi: 31 May 1526

Et solutum Roberto heyffeld pro reparacione et emendacione trium
colarium argenteorum pro tribus histrionibus xvij d.

...

f 147v 5

...

Et in liberatis [de] duorum histrionum (blank)

...

f 150v* (Trinity term) (Accounts of Richard Atkis) 10

...

Item in Redy money by thandes of Master bailly hosior for to pay
for the play v li.

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f 153v (Further disbursements by Richard Atkis)

...

Item to the lord [audeley] [^][of arundell] is mynstrelles v s.

...

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f 154 (Payments for the play by three of the Six Men)

Memorandum that George spurstow Richard atkis & Adam Wiswall haue
Resayued of Master bailly hosior of the Comen tresure of the towne of Salop
the ij^{de} Day of Iune the xvijth yere of the Regne of Kyng Henry the eight 25
fyve poundes sterling for to pay for dyuers charges that was spend at Saynt
Kateryn is play.

Item paid to William edwerdes upon the rest of a bill of parcelles xxij d.

Item more to the said William for his rewerd xxvj s. viij d.

Item paid to Richard hignons by bill iiij s. iiij d. 30

Item paid to Roger hill by bill xvij s.

Item paid to Iohn Crouke by bill xvj d.

Item to hughe coly by bill xvij d.

Item to Iohn peynter by bill iiij s. vj d.

Item to Richard Glasier for beyng lord of mysrule & other his
labor vj s. viij d. 35

Item to Richard brodbent mynstrell v s.

Item to Adam Wiswall by bill iiij s. iiij d.

Item to Morris ap Ienner by William edwardes & Thomas
couper by bill xvj d. 40

Item to william alcroffte by bill viij s.

Item for mosse to a woman ij d.

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|--|------------|
| <i>Item to william longdon by Richard atkis</i> | xij d. |
| <i>Item to thomas couper upon the rest of his bill</i> | iiij s. |
| [<i>Item to william longdon by bill</i>] | xij] |
| <i>Item to Iohn osteler by bill</i> | xx d. |
| <i>Item to Roger couper by bill</i> | v s. ij d. |
| <i>Item to Edward fisher by bill</i> | xiiij d. |

f 156v

Costes for the play

| | | |
|---|--------------|----|
| <i>Item iij h(.)des of herre ij berdes with a [deder] desertes hed & berd</i> | iiij s. x d. | 10 |
| <i>Item a dossen syluer papers</i> | xij d. | |
| <i>Item j dossen gold papers</i> | xiiij d. | |
| <i>Item j dossen Synaper & grene paper</i> | xiiij d. | 15 |
| <i>Item j li. C Arsedyn</i> | xxj d. | |
| <i>Item j dossen gold foyle</i> | iiij d. | |
| <i>Item vj dossen belles</i> | ij s. | |
| <i>Item iiij li. gonne poudor</i> | ij s. | |
| <i>Item in Camfer & salt peter</i> | ij d. | 20 |

Summa xiiij s. 6 d.

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f 157

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|---|--------------------------|----|
| ... | | 25 |
| [<i>Item paid to dyuers persones for the play as aperith by particuler parcelles</i>] | iiij li. xvj s. viij d.] | |
| ... | | |
| <i>Item paid to dyuers persones for the play as aperith by particuler parcelles</i> | iiij li. xvj s. viij d. | 30 |

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f 55 (19 June-4 June) (Decision of 26 April assembly)

The wardens let Sompum the holle Company to gether the xxvj day of aprill 35
*anno xvij^o henrici octau*i by the *commandement* of Master bailliffes to know
of the company whether that they wilbe wylling to haue any sport or play at
Penticost next foloyng or not

...

1526-7

Assembly Minute Book 4 SCO: 75

f 10* (12 October)

...

They be Agreed that Richard Atkis shall haue iiij li. of the comen tresury 5
 aboute the townes besynes and that Master baillieffes a warant of x li. wherof
 [to] Remyne with the Baillieffes vj li.

f [17a]* (September 1527) (Council agenda with decisions)

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☛ Item Whether they will haue Waytes or not
 they will haue Waytes

Nota

...

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438

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f 162* (Expenses)

...

Et solutum pro Regardo dato iiij^{or} histrionibus domini Regis xx s.

Et solutum pro vino expedito [s] per balliuos & compares suos
 & ipsos histriones [^][tunc] presentes & audientes melodiam
 eorum

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iiij s. viij d.

...

f 163*

...

25

Et solutum pro Regardo vrsinario domini Regis gerentem vrsuum
 saltantem

ij s.

...

Et in [Regardo] [^][vino] dato interlusoribus domine principisse

iiij s. x d.

Et in Regardo dato dictis interlusoribus domine principisse

x s. 30

...

f 163v*

...

Et in Regardo dato histrionibus Baronis de burford

ij s. 35

Et in vino dato dictis histrionibus & Balliuis audientibus melodiam
 dictorum histrionum

xix d.

...

18/ xx s.: s apparently written over d

19/ per: for super

20/ presentes: es written over other letters

26/ gerentem: for gerenti

f 164v

...

Et in Regardo dato tribus novis histrionibus ludentibus coram
balliuis in Scaccario xij d.

Et in vino expedito super dictos histriones *ibidem* iiij d. 5

...

f 166

...

Et solutum pro liberatis duorum histrionum ville hoc ^{anno} 10

vocatorum lez waytes pro honestate ville hoc tempore xvj s.

...

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/457/30

single sheet* (*Expense report for David ap Regnald, one of the Six Men*) 15

...

Ⓒ Item on corpus christi day to mardoll heyd ij gallons of clartt wyne
& a quartt from Roger Iones Son xviiij d.

...

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1527-8

Assembly Minute Book 3 SCO: 75

f 2v* (22 May)

...

They be aggred that theire comen pasture of Kingesland shalbe sett for the 25
space of *certen* yeres for iij li. is offerd for iij [d.] yeres after iij li. a yere & that
is offerd ix li. in hand and any man wyll yeff more take the last/ reseruyng
the herbers & buttes to euery occupaciones Et memorandum that mater is putt
to the discrecion of Aldermen & comen counsell

...

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Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438

f 110 (*Expenses*)

...

Et solutum pro vna бага ad Imponendum colers histrionum ij d. 35

...

Et solutum in Regardo dato Ioculatori domini Regis vj s. viij d.

Et in vino Expedito super eum & balliuos circa visum ^{Dicti}
Iacolatoris iij s. vij d.

17/ corpus christi day: 20 June 1527

29/ comen: 3 minims for n

| | | |
|--|---------------|----|
| Et in Regardo dato vrsinario ducis suffolcie ultra xvij d. collectos de circulantibus ad agitationem vrsuum suorum | ij s. vj d. | |
| ... | | |
| f 110v | | 5 |
| ... | | |
| Et solutum per billam pro Regardo dato histrionibus Thome cornewell et Ricardi Cornewell militum pro honestate ville Salopie | xl d. | |
| ... | | 10 |
| Et solutum pro Regardo dato histrionibus Iohannis Talbot militis vice comitis Salopescire | ij s. | |
| ... | | |
| f 111 | | 15 |
| ... | | |
| Et solutum in Regardo dato iiij ^{or} histrionibus domini Regis | xx s. | |
| Et solutum pro vino expedito super Balliuos & compares su(..) audientes melodiam dictorum histrionum | vj s. viij d. | |
| Et solutum pro Regardo dato quinque histrionibus comitis arundelle | v s. | 20 |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato Histrionibus comitis derby & domini Mount Egle | vj s. viij d. | |
| Et in vino expedito sup balliuos & alios audientes melodiam eorum | v s. iiij d. | 25 |
| ... | | |
| Et solutum pro pane succato & vino datis Balliuis & abbati Salopie in festo corporis christi ad generalem processionem | iiij s. | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato [h(.)strionibus] Iohannis talbot Militis Arthuri Neuton et Iohannis lyngen Militis | ij s. | 30 |
| f 111v | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato histrionibus Magistri delves & Magistri calueley | iiij d. | 35 |
| ... | | |
| f 112 | | |
| ... | | |
| Et in Regardo dato interlusoribus domini Regis | x s. | 40 |

2/ circulantibus: for circumstantibus; abbreviation mark missing

22/ Regado: for Regardo

24/ sup: for super; abbreviation mark missing

28/ festo ... christi: 11 June 1528

Et in vino expedito super dictos interlusores & balliuos & compares
suos ultra ij s. ij d. colectos viij s.

...

Et in Regardo dato lusoribus ville tempore veris & mensis Maij pro
Iocunditate ville vj s. viij d. 5

...

1528–9

Assembly Minute Book 4 SCO: 75

f 23v (11 December) 10

...

Also that the Baylieffes now being to call for the thrid color of the waytes

...

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260 15

f 57 (15 June–31 May) (Decision of 28 May assembly)

...

- X Memorandum that the fryday next after the ffeest of Corpus christi anno xv^cxxix
that Thomas byryton & Richard yeman wardens let Sompmun Master dudley
Master Ireland Richard hussey Richard brikdale Richard atkys & william 20
alcroffte to shew vnto theym how that Thomas Ireland & Roger phelips did
depart at saynt Mares churche style from their company & went home oute
of the precession contrary to the olde auncient custume & ordre hade emongest
the holle felleship of mercers/ And upon their assembly hade in their hall for
the causes aboue rehersed/ It was then ordred that the saide Thomas Ireland 25
& Roger phelips shuld be send fore [ty] before theym in examinacion of the
premisses to make answer what was the cause of their departyng/ And they
answered upon their othes that they departyd thens for Ignorans & that they
did not know but that they myght lawffully departe ther at that place

...

1529–30

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 176 (25 March–24 March) 35

...

Memorandum that the said baily haue paid to the stewardes at corpus christi
fest in the furst yere.

paid to the said stewardes by billes writtyn in parcelles

Summa xxxvj s. vj d.

...

18/ fryday ... xv^cxxix: 28 May 1529

36/ the said baily: Matthew Owen, guild bailiff

36–7/ corpus ... yere: 27 May 1529

p 177

...

Paid to the steward at *corpus christi* day & the Sunday after xlj s. ob.

...

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1530–1***Bailiffs' Accounts*** SRO: 3365/438f 172v (*Expenses*)

...

Et solutum in Regardo dato vrsinario ducis Somersett post
Agitacionem vrsuum suorum coram balliuis & comitate ville vj s. viij d. 10

...

f 173

...

Et in Regardo dato histrionibus Baronis de Burfford {...} 15

...

f 174

...

Et in pane¹¹ ij d.¹² et vino datis abbati Salopie et Balliuis ad
generalem processionem in festo corporis christi ij s. ij d. 20

...

f 174v

...

Et in Regardo dato Interlusoribus domine principisse ludendo
coram eis & comparibus suis x s. 25Et in vino expedito per ballios & compares et dictos interlusores
post lusum eorum vj s. j d. 30

...

f 175

...

Et in Regardo dato histrionibus domini Arundell xl d. 35

Et in vino expedito super dictos histriones comitis Arundell
pro honestate ville ij s.

Et in Regardo dato histrionibus domini Regis xx s.

11/ comitate: for comunitate; abbreviation mark missing

22/ festo ... christi: 8 June 1531

29/ ballios: for balliuos; abbreviation mark missing

Et *solutum pro vino dato eis Et balliuis et comparibus suis*
audientibus melodiam eorundem histrionum

iiij s.

...

f 176*

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...

® *solutum Atkis*Et *allocatum lusoribus*

XX s.

f 177v

...

Et *solutum ad manus Thome clerke pro lusoribus*

XX s.

...

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...

☉ More for wyne to william baly at *corpus christi feest anno xxjth*
 that was laft on Rekynd

ij s. [j] d.

...

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1532–3

Assembly Minute Book 5 SCO: 75f 7* (*May*)

...

They be content to haue a pley at Wytsyntyde if maisters baylieffes thynk it
 reasonable.

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Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438f 184v (*Expenses*)

...

Et in Regardo dato vrsinario comitis de derby post Agitacionem
vrsum suorum pro locuditate balliuorum & comparium suorum
ultra denarios collectos de diuersis honestis personis ibidem
presentibus

iiij s. [(..)] iiij d.

...

35

11/ Thome clerke: *one of the Six Men this year*17/ *corpus christi feest: 16 June 1530*32/ *locuditate: for locunditate; abbreviation mark missing*33/ *collectos: os writen over illegible letters*

f 185

...

Et in Regardo dato histrionibus Ricardi Maynwaring Militis
Ricardi Egerton & Arthuri Neuton armigerorum xx d.

...

Et in expensis factis in garniamentis liberatis & histrionibus pro
domino abbate de Marham tempore mensis Maij pro honestate
ville hoc anno vj s. [xj d.] vij d. 5

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f 185v

...

Et soluti Thome Eton pro factura vnius mansionis de duobus stagijs
pro domino presidenti & balliuis tempore ludi septimana pentacostes ij s.

Et in Regardo dato lusoribus ad dictum lusum & pro reparacione
ornamentorum suorum xx s. 15

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f 186

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Et in vino dato domino presidenti & Balliuis in mansione sua
tempore lusi in quarera pone muros xvj d.

...

Et in pane & vino datis abbati Salopie & conuentui suo & Balliuis
post processionem generalem in ffesto corporis christi ij s. viij (.). 25

...

Et solutum pro Regardo consueto dato histrionibus domini [^][Regis]¹
hoc Anno & tempore balliuorum predictorum xx s.

Et in vino dato Balliuis & comparibus & alijs honestis personis
audientibus melodiam histrionum dicti domini Regis v s. viij d. 30

...

f 186v

...

Et in Regardo dato lusoribus & Interlusoribus domini Regis
ibidem ostendentibus & offerentibus Ioca sua x s. 35

14/ domino presidenti: Rowland Lee, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, lord president of the Council in the Marches of Wales

14/ septimana pentacostes: 1-7 June 1533

22/ in: written over in

25/ ffesto ... christi: 12 June 1533

Et in vino expendito *super* eos & comitiuam *Balliorum* et
 comparium *suorum* *audientem* & *supervidentem* *lusum* &
 melodiam *eorum* iiiij s. vj d.
 ...

1534-5

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438

f 195 (*Expenses*)

...
 Et ^{1/} in^{2/} Regardo dato histrioni Baronis de Burfford xij d. 10

...
 Et in vino expendito *super* *vrinarium* Marchionis dorsett post
Agitacionem *vrsum* *suorum* coram coitate viij d.
 ...

f 195v

...
 Et in vino expendito *super* *Balliuos* & *compares* suos *cum* [lu]
Interlusoribus *domini* *Regis* hoc anno v s. iiiij d.
 ...

Et in Regardo dato *vrinario* marchionis dorsett ultra denarijs
collectos de *circumstantibus* xl d.
 ...

Et *soluti* in Regardo dato *interlusoribus* *domini* *Regis* hoc anno xiiij s. iiiij (.)
 ...

f 196

Et *solutum* *pro* Regardo dato iiiij^{or} *histrionibus* *domini* *Regis* xx s.
 Et in vino expendito *super* *Balliuos* & *compares* suos & *alios* 30

Audientes melodiam *dictorum* *histrionum* iiiij s. vj d.

Et in vino dato *Abbati* *Salopie* *cum* *ballis* in festo *corporis*
christi ad *generalem* *processionem* ij s. viij d.

Et in *expensis* *factis* *per* *ballios* in *crastino* festi *corporis*
christi *audiendo* *diuersos* *histriones* viij d. 35
 ...

1/ *Balliorum*: for *Balliuorum*; abbreviation mark missing

12/ post: p corrected from pro

13/ *vrsum*: s apparently written over erasure

13/ *coitate*: for *communitate*; abbreviation mark missing

21/ *denarijs*: for *denarios*

24/ *interlusoribus*: l written over s

32/ *ballis*: for *balliuis*; abbreviation mark missing

32-3/ festo ... christi: 27 May 1535

34/ *ballios*: for *balliuos*; abbreviation mark missing

34-5/ in *crastino* ... christi: 28 May 1535

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| Et in Regardo <i>Magistro</i> Brandon Ioculatori <i>Domini Regis</i> | vij s. x d. |
| Et in vino expedito <i>per balliuos & comitiuam eorum</i> ad eius lusum | iiij s. viij d. |
| ... | |
| Et solutum <i>pro</i> Regardo dato histrionibus ciuitatis herfordie | viiij d. 5 |
| ... | |
| Et in Regardo dato histrionibus <i>extraneis</i> melodiam & cantilenas coram Balliuis & <i>comparibus</i> pronunciantibus | viiij d. |

1535–6

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| ... | |
| Et in Regardo dato interlusoribus <i>domini Regis</i> in <i>presencia</i> Balliuorum & <i>comparium</i> suorum | xiiij s. iiiij d. 15 |
| Et solutum <i>pro</i> vino expedito <i>super dictos</i> interlusores tempore ludi eorum | xvj d. |
| ... | |

f 203v

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|---|-------------|
| ... | |
| Et solutum <i>pro</i> Regardo dato <i>per</i> Balliuos histrionibus Baronis de Burford & Thome Neuport <i>armigeri</i> | xx d. |
| Et in vino expedito <i>per</i> Ballios & <i>comparibus</i> suos <i>super dictos</i> histriones | viiij d. 25 |
| ... | |

f 205

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| ... | |
| Et in vino dato <i>vrinario</i> | v d. 30 |
| Et in Regardo dato <i>vrinario</i> | iiiij s. |
| ... | |

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/465single sheet* (*Expenses claimed by John Mackworth, one of the Six Men*) 35

| | |
|--|----------|
| ... | |
| Ⓒ Item Master baliffes spend apozn the berward | v d. |
| Ⓒ Item I gave the berward for ys Reward | iiiij s. |
| ... | |

2/ eius: *written over eorum*24/ Ballios: for Balliuos; *abbreviation mark missing*

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/465f [1]* (*Expenses claimed by John Mackworth, one of the Six Men*)

...

Item paid for Cakes on Corpuschristi Day provided for my lord abott
whiche Master baliffes had in the marsser hall

vj d. 5

...

1536-7**Assembly Minute Book 5** SCO: 75f 34 (*26 April*)

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...

They be aggreid that the waytes shalbe hyred for this yere folowyng & to haue
suche [wages] liverye as hertofore hath byn vsed & acustomed and they to entre
a thinuencion of the holy crosse

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Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438f 213v (*Expenses*)

...

Et datum in Regardo histrioni domini staffordie

xij d.

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Et datum in Regardo tribus le waytes ville Salopie in primo adventu

xij d.

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Et datum in Regardo histrionibus domini Regis

xiiij s. iiij d.

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Et datum in Regardo tribus le waytes in die ascencionis

x d.

Et datum in Regardo vrsiario domini Marques de Exetor

vj s. viij d.

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Et datum in Regardo lusoribus domini privati Sigilli

x s.

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Et datum in Regardo lusoribus domini Regis

vij s. vj d.

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f 214

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Et datum in Regardo histrionibus Regine

x s.

...

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Et solutum pro vino & tortis datis Balliuis & abbati Salopie post
processionem in festo Corporis christi

[xij d.] xiiij d.

4/ Corpuschristi Day: 15 June 1536

14/ a: for at (?)

14/ thinuencion of the holy crosse: 3 May

24/ in die ascencionis: 10 May 1537

37/ festo ... christi: 31 May 1537

Et post processionem predictam datum in vino sex Sessoribus pro
Attendencijs suis

(blank)

...

f 215

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Et expeditum per Balliuos & compares suos audientes melodiam
histrionum domini Regis

vij s.

Et datum in Regardo histrioni Thome Cornewall militis

xij d.

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Et expeditum per Sessores super lusores domini privati Sigilli

xvj d.

Et expeditum per balliuos super lusores domini Regis

xiiij d.

Et expeditum super lusores Regine

ij s. ij d.

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Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 186 (25 March-24 March) (Allowances)

...

for breckfast on corpus christi day

xx d.

paid to þe stevardes

ij s. 20

for beryng of þe torchis and baner

iiij s. iij d.

paid for þe mynstrelses dener

ij s.

paid to þe mynstrelses for there wages

viiij s.

paid for mendyng of the torchis

iiij s.

Item for bred & aill

ij s. 25

spend upon the Mynstrels

xij s.

Item to þe stevardes at corpus christi day

ij s.

Summa xxx s. xj d.

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1537-8

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/438

f 220v (Expenses)

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Et in Regardo dato Ioculatori domini Regis ludenti coram

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Balliuis & comparibus suis

x s.

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Et solutum tribus le waytes ville pro stipendijs suis

xx s.

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|---|------------------|----|
| Et datum in Regardo histrionibus Thome Cornewall Militis & Thome Newport Armigeri | xij d. | |
| ... | | |
| f 221 | | 5 |
| ... | | |
| Et datum in Regardo vsriario domini Marques de exetor | v s. v d. | |
| ... | | |
| Et solutum Rogero philipps goldsmyth pro Argento & emendacione Colarium histrionum ville | xiiij s. iiij d. | 10 |
| ... | | |
| Et datum in Regardo vsinario Comitís de derby | xvj d. | |
| ... | | |
| Et datum in Regardo lusoribus Domini privati Sigilli | x s. | 15 |
| ... | | |
| f 221v | | |
| ... | | |
| Et datum in Regardo lusoribus domini principis | xiiij s. iiij d. | |
| Et datum [^] in Regardo [^] histrionibus domini Marques de Exetur | iiij s. iiij d. | 20 |
| ... | | |
| Et solutum pro vino & tortis datis Balliuis & Abbati Salopie ad processionem in festo Corporis christi | (blank) | |
| ... | | 25 |
| f 223* | | |
| ... | | |
| Et Expenditum super lutores domini principis domini privati Sigilli domini visitoris ac super seruientes domini presidentis vicecomitis Salopescire & super consilium & aliis generosis pro honestate ville | xxij s. | 30 |
| ... | | |
| <i>Drapers' Company Book</i> SRO: 1831/6/1 | | |
| p 188 (25 March-24 March) (Allowances) | | |
| ... | | 35 |
| allowance. paid to þe stevardes at corpus christi day | v s. iiij d. | |
| paid to þe Mynstrels | xx s. | |
| paid for wyne | ij s. iiij d. | |
| paid to Irrean barbur for Mendyng of torchis | ij s. iiij d. | |
| paid for iiij grene chesis | vj d. | 40 |

20/ de: d *written over another letter*
23/ festo ... christi: 20 June 1538

36/ corpus christi day: 31 May 1537

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---|
| <i>paid</i> for beryng of torchis & baner | iiij s. iiij d. | |
| <i>paid</i> for bred & ayll | iiij s. vij d. | |
| <i>paid</i> for þe stewardes breckfast | xx d. | |
| <i>Item</i> on trinite svnday | iiij s. | |
| | <i>Summa</i> xlv s. | 5 |

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1540–1***Bailiffs' Accounts*** SRO: 3365/438

f 231 10

...

Et in Regardo dato vrsiario ducis norfoxie & *pro* vino dato Balliuis
& comparibus suis post Agitacionem dictorum vrsorum vij s. vij d.

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Et in Regardo ac vino datis histrionibus domini Regis iiij s. iiij d. 15

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Et datum in Regardo quibusdam interlusoribus de wrexam ludentibus
coram Balliuis & comparibus suis & in vino tunc expendito v s. j d.

Et datum in Regardo cuidam Iugulatori ludenti coram balliuis xij d.

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f 231v

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Et datum in Regard interlusoribus domini Regis x s.

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Et solutum *pro* vino & tortis datis Balliuis & comparibus suis
ad processionem in festo Corporis christi xij d.

...

Et in vino dato Ballis & comparibus suis videntibus interludum
interlusorum domini Regis vij s. viij d. o(.) 30

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f 232

Et datum in Regardo interlusoribus domini principis xx s. 35

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24/ Regard: *for* Regardo26/ vino: *minim missing in MS*

27/ festo ... christi: 16 June 1541

29/ Ballis: *for* Balliuis; *abbreviation mark missing*

f 232v

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Vacat
AlibiEt expeditum per balliuos & compares suos super interlusores
domini Regis & domini principis [vij s. vij d. ob.]

...

Et in Regardo dato cuidam Roberto Andrews cantanti coram balliuis iiij d.

...

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/470/2single sheet (*Expenses claimed by John Skinner, one of the Six Men*)

...

exoneretur

Item *Maystre* bayleffes spende appon hary the berwarde by the over
syght of the vj men xviiij d.Item there was laft on paid att breckefast by the over syght of
vj men at *Maystre* bayleffes gooyeng to london iiij s.

Somma v s. vj d.

Et solutum Iohanni skynner.

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/470/8single sheet (*Expenses claimed by John Mackworth, bailiff*)

...

exoneretur

Item on Corpuschrristi day *Mayster* bayleffes drancke at
mardall apottel of Clarett & apottel of Whyt viij d.

Item for Cackes ij d.

...

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/470/10

f [1v]*

...

exoneretur

Item *Mayster* bayleffes sende for to the halle aquart of Claret Wyne ij (...)

exoneretur

Item there was gevyn a man yat browzght a bowck from my lord
preysydent ij (...)

exoneretur

Item for the backyng of hyt xx d.

exoneretur

Item there was laft on paid at the Ettyng of the venson x (...)

exoneretur

Item *Mayster* bayleffes laft on paid more the same day af after
the pleye iiij d.

exoneretur

Item the vj men spend appon the kynges pleyeres in wyne xij d. ob.

...

3-4m/ Vacat Alibi: *marginale is bracketed with both this entry and the otherwise unrelated one following* 30, 32/ ij (...): *remainder of sum lost in binding*
22/ Corpuschrristi day: 16 June 1541 34/ x (...): *remainder of sum lost in binding*
35/ af after: *for after*

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/470/12

single sheet

...

exoneretur Item there was laft on paid by *Mayster* bayleffes with my lorde
prinsys pleares on sonday aft(.)r seint bartlame^r o^w day xj d. 5

exoneretur Item there was send them the nyght to suppar apottel of Red
and apottel of Clarett viij d.

...

exoneretur Item *Mayster* bayleffes laft on paid on sonday after owre lade day
wyth my lorde prinsys pleares viij d. 10

...

1542-3**Bailiffs' Accounts** SRO: 3365/438

f 242 15

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Et datum per balliuos in Regardo cuidam vrsuario de
La northewiche ij s. iiij d.

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f 243

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Et datum in Regardo cuidam Vrsiario domini [m] marques
Dorsett pro honestate ville iij s. iiij d.

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f 243v*

...

Et solutum pro vino expedito super balliuos et alios compare[(.)]s
[super] post Agitacionem vrsorum domini marques Dorsett ij s. x d. 30

...

Et Datum in Regardo vrsiario comitis derby iij s. iiij d.

Et in Regardo Dato vrsiario domini Regis vij s. vj d.

...

Et in vino Dato interlusoribus post interlusum in cimiterio sancti
Cedde Salopie coram Comissionarijs domini Regis Balliuus et alijs xij d. 35

Et solutum pro tortis et wafurnes Datis domino nuper presidenti
alia vice xij d.

...

5/ on sonday ... day: 28 August 1541

9/ on sonday ... day: 27 March 1541

6/ nyght: 3 minims in MS

f 244

...

Et solutum pro reparacone et pictura ornamentorum Abbatis
de mayroll

iiij s. iiij d.

Et solutum pro vna Toga De nouo facta Dicto Abbati De Mayroll v s. j d. 5

...

Et solutum Ricardo Glasier pro labore suo in ludendo Abbatem de
mareall

vij s. iiij d.

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1546-7

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Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486f 4 (*Expenses*)

...

Et solutum pro vino et Tortis datis balliuis et associatis suis in
festo Corporis christi euntibus in processione15
xv d.

...

f 5v

...

Et datum in Regardo interlusoribus domini Regis

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xj s.

...

1547-8

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486

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f 13 (*Expenses*)

...

[nullo]

Et solutum pro Vino dato Istrionibus domini Regis

xx d.

...

f 13v

...

Et solutum pro vino dato domino presidenti capiendo Musturum
virorum armatorum et furnitorum uersus Cociam

iiij s. vij d.

Et datum in regardo Istrionibus [le] ludentibus ante viros Armatos

xij d. 35

...

Et datum in regardo interlusoribus ludentibus cum domino abbate
de Marall

vij s. iiij d.

...

3/ reparacone: for reparacione; abbreviation mark missing

16/ festo ... christi: 9 June 1547

33/ domino presidenti: Richard Sampson, bishop of
Coventry and Lichfield, lord president of the Council

34/ armatorum: torum corrected from tus

Et ulterius datum in riguardo dictis interlusoribus ludentibus cum dicto abbate ac solutum pro seruisia data eisdem ij s. viij d.

...

f 14 5

[Nullatur] Et datum in riguardo cuidam Rogero harper istrioni xij d.

...

Et solutum Iohanni mason peynter pro pictura toge pro dicto domini Abbate de marrall xij d. 10

...

f 14v

...

Et datum in riguardo cuidam histrioni ludenti ante viros equiles Armatos equitantes ad Scociam xij d. 15

...

f 15

...

Et datum in riguardo interlusoribus domini Regis [v s. ix d.] iiij s. ix d. 20

...

1548-9

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486 25

f 23v (*Expenses*)

...

Et in Regardingo dato interlusoribus domini Custodis privati Sigilli domini Regis x s. iiij d. 30

...

Et in Regardingo dato interlusoribus domini Regis vj s. viij d.

Et in vino dato eisdem interlusoribus xij d.

...

f 24

...

Et in Regardingo dato Iacobo lockwod seruienti ac gestatori domini Regis vj s. viij d.

...

AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL
f 68v*

this yeare & the tuesday after ester hollydays ij yonge men of Salop whose
names were Edmunde reynoldes & Robart clarcke were Smotherd vnder the 5
castell hill hiding them selues from maydes the hill fallinge part therof vpon
them

...

1549–50

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486
f 33 (*Expenses*)

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...

Et Datum in regardo Dato histrionibus domini Regis vj s. viij d.

...

Et solutum pro Tunicis Datis Le wayttes huius ville Salopie xxij s. vj d. 15

...

Et datum in regardo interlusoribus Iohannis bridges militis iiij s.

...

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f 33v*

...

Et datum in regardo histrionibus domini fferrers v s.

Et in vino dato eisdem histrionibus xx d.

...

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Et datum in regardo waltero Taylor et alijs interlusoribus ville
Salopie ludentibus ibidem in mense maij xl d.

Et solutum pro Calceis eisdem interlusoribus xl d.

...

Et Datum in regardo interlusor' domini Edwardi braye vj s. viij d. 30

Et Datum in regardo histrionibus Willelmi Sheldon Armigeri v s.

...

f 35

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Et in vino dato per balliuos quibusdam interlusoribus vij d.

...

1551-2

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486f 43 (*Expenses*)

...
Et solutum in riguardo dato histrionibus et wayts de brudgenorth iij s. iij d. 5

...
Et solutum pro liberatis histrionum Ville xxxvij s. vj d.

...

f 46 10

...

Et solutum Domino de Abbott marram et pro apparatu eorum
videlicet pro calciamentis tunicis et alijs vestibus viij s. [v] iij d.

...

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1552-3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486

f 51

...

Et datum in riguardo interlusor' domini Russell v s. vj d. 20

...

Et datum in riguardo histrionibus domini Regis vj s. viij d.

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f 51v 25

...

Et ex(.)enditum (...) balliuos (...) suos die lune in
Le Whitson wiick post visum lusum iij s. viij d.

...

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f 52

...

Et solutum pro tunicis et alijs vestimentis ac pistura
earundem [pro Robyn hood] [lvj s. ij d.] lix s. iij d. ob.

Et in vino dato eisdem interlusoribus xiiij s. 35

Et dati in riguardo le Tomlers ij s.

...

AR *'Escutcheons of the Bailiffs'* SSL
f 60v*

...

Mr. Ashtons first play in Shrewsbury [of Mr. Ashtons]

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1553–4

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486

f 59v* (*Expenses*)

...

Et Datum in regardo Thome staney Le Iugler

ij s. 10

...

f 60*

...

Et datum in regardo wyett Le gester

v s. 15

...

Et Datum in regardo Iohanni Sekerton

v s.

...

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260 20

f 78v (*5 June–28 May*) (*Decision of 18 May assembly*)

...

The wardens Let somen the wholle companye to ther halle the 18 of maie [th] *anno Domini* 1554 to comyne consarning the renewing and seting fforwardes of the presesion a gaynest corpus chrisite daie than next enshewing...

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...

1554–5

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260

f 80v (*28 May 1554–17 June 1555*) (*Decision of 6 June assembly*)

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...

The wardens let somon the hole companye or occupacon of mercers. Goldesmythes and Cappers rappere the vjth daye of Iune *Annis Regnorum* Phillipi & marie primo & secundo/ for & concernyng the lyght to be made agaynst corpus christi daye next at whiche daye the persons vnder namyd did absent them selffes.

(*blank*)

...

25/ corpus ... enshewing; 24 May 1554

32/ occupacon: for occupation; abbreviation mark missing

35/ corpus christi daye: 13 June 1555

1555–6

Assembly Minute Book 6 SCO: 76

f 18v (16 May)

...
 They be aggredid at this assembly That *master* Baylieffes shall cause tobe sett 5
 forwardes the staige playe nowe counyed of/ this next whitsontyde for the
 wurshipp of the Towne/ by honest players/ and that *master* Baylieffes with vj
 men shall not disburse of the comen goodes of the towne aboute fyve poundes
 aboutes the fornyture of the seid playe

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Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260

f 81v (17 June–8 June) (Decision of 15 May assembly)

...

In the tyme of Thomas Buryngton

and Robert Ireland wardeyns *anno domini* 1556 15

The same wardeyns Lett sommon the hole companye together the xvth of Maye
anno predicto/ At which assembly mocion was made by the sayde wardens
 to the company what they wold be content to geve towarde the furnytur &
 charge of a playe at whitsontyde next to be played in the qwarell behynde the
 walles/ wherunto *master* bayliffes haue reqwyred the ayede of this felowshipp 20
 of the mercers etc. wheruppon they haue agreed to be cessed as att their names
 apperith/

...

1556–7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486

f 69 (Expenses)

...

Et datum in regardo histrionibus [^][interlusoribus¹] et vrssiarijs
 anglie Berwardes ad diuersa tempora

l s. iiij d. 30

...

AR *'Escutcheons of the Bailiffs'* SSL

f 62v

This yeare was the playe of St Iulian the Apostate played in the quarrell
 The play called Anot & Magot

...

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6/ whitsontyde: 24–30 May 1556

1557-8

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 84v (21 June-13 June) (Decision of 3 June assembly)

...

Item further [t] yt ys assented and agreid that the furnytur for the prosesscyon 5
shall stand in such order as yt ys nowe./ wāthout [⟨.⟩] repaying or amendynge.

...

1558-9

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486
f 79v (Allowances)

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...

Allocatur pro vino dato Henrico Stafforde militi et domine
Stafford sorori sue

iiij s. viij d.

Allocatur eis pro regardo dato vrsiatori prepotentis viri Comitis
Derby ad dua separalia tempora

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x s. ij d.

Datum in Regardo Lusiatori domini Stafford hoc Anno

iiij s. iiij d.

...

1559-60

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Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/541
f [1] (*Bailiffs' itemized bill*)

...

+ Item spend upon the Quens pleyers the furst daye

iiij s. vj d.

+ Item gyven to theym for a rewarde

xx s. 25

...

f [1v]

...

+ Item gyven in rewarde to the mynstrell/ serunte to vicount herford

xl d. 30

...

+ Item gyuen & payd to Sekurton the berward for the reward duringe
the tyme of shroue⟨.⟩yd

x s.

...

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f [2v]

...

+ Item gyven to my Lorde staffordes mynstrells

ij s.

...

f [3]

- ...
 + Item payd to Lokewood the quenes Iester in Reward v s. iij d.
 ... 5

1560–1*Bailiffs' Accounts* SRO: 3365/486f 89v (*Expenses*)

- ...
 Et datum in regardo histrionibus vrsarijs et interlusoribus domine 10
 Regine et magnatum xlv s. v d.

Town Bills SRO: 3365/489/12

single sheet

- ... 15
 Item gyuyn vnto my lord wylybes playarys In Reward vj s. viij d.
 It spent at the Gullet on the saem playarys iiij s. xj d. ob.
 ...

- AR *'Escutcheons of the Bailiffs'* SSL 20
 f 63v*

°Mr Ashton's first playe° playe vpon the passion of Christe begon in Salop

1563–4*Assembly Minute Book 6* SCO: 76ff 67v–8* (*1 December*)

- ... 25
 ...and they be also agreed that the *master* baylyffes shall confer with mr
 assheton to knowe the charges to set furth a play at wytsonyde next and to 30
 knowe the benyvolens of all l occupacions and other persons what they wyll
 gyue towards the setting furthe of the same and so to *procede* to set hyt
 furthe accordyngly &c

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260 35
 f 95v (*14 June–5 June*) (*Decision of 9 March assembly*)

...
 At whyche tyme the wardenes declared to the rest of thys felowshipp that the
 bailiffes required the ayde and assistance of this felowshippe towards the setting
 forthe of the playes to be had at whitsonyde next ffor the accomplyshement 40

17/ It: for Item; abbreviation mark missing

38/ wardenes: written as correction over illegible letters

38/ thys: written as correction over the

40/ whitsonyde next: 21–7 May 1564

- A *Bailiffs' Accounts* Owen and Blakeway: *History*, vol 1
p 331*

...

To Master Baly Pursell with the Quenes players, 2s. 4d.

...

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- AR *'Escutcheons of the Bailiffs'* SSL
f 65v*

Queene Elizabeth made progresse as farre as Country intending for Salop
to See Mr. Astons play, but it was ended.

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c 1565-75

- Contributors to the Whitsuntide Play* SRO: 3365/2617/29
single sheet*

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the names of them that geve money toward the Setteinge fourthe of the pley

mr Rychard lyster

x s.

Iamys marshe

iiij d. 20

Thomas pychefart

iiij d.

Iohn dounton

xij d.

Thomas amys

iiij d.

gorge dounton

iiij d.

Iamys hankoxe

iiij d. 25

Wyllyam Wyccherley

vjjj d.

Rychard hankoxe

iiij d.

Thomas hyggynson

iiij d.

Edward hankoxe

iiij d.

Ellyn Wood

(blank) 30

Iohn Pridden

(blank)

Thomas Rydley

xij d.

Somm ys xv s. iiij d.

1566-7

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- Bailiffs' Accounts* SRO: 3365/486

f 126v

...

Et datum in regardo Lusoribus magnatum quam custodibus

vrсорum magnatum venientium ad villam et super eos expe(...) xvj s. viij d. 40

...

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/497
f [1]* (4 October) (Disbursements)

Paymentes payd by me as
ffollowith The 4 of octobre Anno 1566/ 5
Item payd to mr Astone for the Rest of his moneye xxiiij li. xiiij s. viij d.
...
Item payd to mr owen for that he payd to mr Astone iiij li.
... 10

1567-8

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [12] (10 April 1567-22 May 1568) (Goods received by new wardens, 17 April)

...
Item on iacke on payre of splentes on salet & on sorde iiij sheffe arowes/ on 15
payre of sheres five torches & too Linkes & on baner of blewe sarsnett
...

AR **'Escutcheons of the Bailiffs'** SSL

f 65v 20
...
It is recorded by ^Λ[some] that the greate playe of Mr. Ashtons in Salop was this yeare

1568-9

Assembly Minute Book 6 SCO: 76 25
f 117v (7 April)

...
The be agreed at this assemblie that there shale be geuen oute of the treasure
of the(Λ.) towne the some of x li. towardes the maynteynaunce of the playe 30
at whyt sontide ouer and aboue suche money whiche shalbe Levied by all the
occupaccions of this towne or of anye other that will giue anye money towardes
the same as well in the toune as countrey, and ffurther yf that mr ashton shale
declare by his honestie that there shalbe wantinge of anye money rather then
the said mr ashton shulde therbye be alooser that then the said money wantinge
shall likweis be discharged by the toune/ 35

Guild Contributions to the Whitsuntide Play SRO: 3365/2620
single sheet* (after 14 January)

The Wardens of the shermen will giue ^Λ[iiij li.] towardes the playe [xl s. 40

30/ whyt sontide: 29 May-4 June 1569

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [14] (22 May–24 April) (*Goods received by new wardens*)

...

Item the blue banner of sarsnet

Item apere of sheres

Item the baner pole

Item a sword

Item iiij shef arowes

Item a lacke

Item a salet

Item apere of splentes

AR ***'Dr Taylor's History'*** SSL

f 107

...

...thise yeare at whytsoontyd was a notable stage playe playeed in shrosberie
in a place there cally(.) the quarrell *which* lastid all the holly dayes vnto the
which cam greate nvmer of people of noblemen and others the *which* was
praysed greatlye and the chyffe auctor therof was one master Astoon beinge
the head scoolemaster of the free scoole there a godly and lernyd man who
toocke marvelous greate paynes therin...

Salop*

1569–70

Assembly Minute Book 6 SCO: 76

f 272* (13 July)

...

They [^][are] likewise [^][are] agreed by the voyce of the said william Tenche that
william heringe Richard gardynner and william Iones shall have a lease for terme
of tenne yeres of a certen pastuer called behind the walles exceptinge the
& their Assignes except before excepted from the feast of the purification of
our lady next vnto thend & terme of xe yeres then next After without payinge
any Rent for the same and that they before the comencement of the said
[(s...le)] lease shall find sufficient suerties to be bounden by obligacion in
the some of v C li. to the bailiffes & burgesses of the said Towne that they
vpon there owne proper costes & chardges shall before the feast of St michell
tharchangell [sh] *which* shalbe in the yere of our lord god 1571 shall in
substanciall order & sufficyently at the over sight & Appoyntment of the
balliffes of the [said] said Towne for the teme beinge by Conduct in lead convey
& bringe the water or springe called brodwalle to the highe Crose within this
towne there to remaine in Cesterne of free stone in suche sort as maye have

14/ whytsoontyd: 29 May–4 June 1569

15/ cally(.): smudged

29–30/ feast ... next: 2 February 1570/1

34–5/ feast ... 1571: 29 September 1571

contynuançe at the over sight of the bailliffes of the said Towne As aforesaid
 ...

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1

p 254 (25 March–24 March) (Decision of 14 April assembly)

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Item they be aggredid at this assembye/ That the seid baylieff shall paye and
 gyve to mr Asheton towards the [ff] setting furthe of the pley at Whitsontyde
 the som of fyve poundes/

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Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
 f [17] (24 April–6 April) (Goods received by new wardens)

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Item a blwe banner of sarsnet

Item a peare of sheres

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Item a sorde

Item a Iaccke

Item a sallett

Item a payre of splentes

Item a baner poole

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Item [a shefe] j shoffe arow<..>

1570–1

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii

f [18v] (6 April 1570–26 April 1571) (Goods received by new wardens)

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a blo baner of sarnet

...

1571–2

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Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486

f 137v

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Item paid and geuen to my Lord sandwayes man the berwart

x s.

...

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Depositions in Beanes v. Heringe SRO: 3365/2501

sheets 4–5* (15 April) (Deposition of Robert Ireland, esquire, age 45)

Taken in Shrewsbury before Sir Andrew Corbet, Richard Mytton, and Thomas

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7/ the seid baylieff: John Hiccookes, guild bailiff this year

8/ Whitsontyde: 29 May–4 June 1569

Poyner, commissioners to take evidence in this case, upon interrogatories on behalf of Thomas Geves, William Heringe, and William Jones, defendants

...

- 5 Item to the fyveth and last interrogatorie he this deponent knoweth no otherwise herein then before he hathe sayd savinge that he hathe Knowen 5
that all the tyme of his remembraunce the said pasture behinde the walles hath
been A place wherevnto all the hole inhabitantes of the sayd Towne haue had
their ffre libertye to make any pastyme or pleasure at all tymes before the
graunte of the sayd Indenture without restraint of anye mannor of person And
further he Cannot saye towchinge the matter/ 10

...

(Deposition of Roger Luter, esquire, age 45)

- 5 Item to the fyveth and last Interrogatorie he this deponent sayeth he can 15
no further depose, but that the bayliffes and burgesses of the Towne of
Shrewisburye and the officers by ther appointment did paye yearlye to Mr
Houmffrey Onslowe esquire in the Right of his wief fyfye shillings and
eighte pence out of the sayd pasture, whos estate the *playntif* now claymeth
to have, and this deponent further sayeth that sithence the death of Roger 20
beanes, Controversie did arise betwene the Towne of Shrewisburye l and the
playntif for the sayd pasture, and the same beinge Called before the Counsaill
in the marches of wales, a Commission went furthe for the examinacion of
the matter, and vpon Comunicacion before the bayliffes and the Counsaill
of the Towne, and by mocion of freendes of both partyes yt was agreed 25
that she the sayde *playntif* should haue payed vnto her yearely at the bayliffes
handes the some of l s. viij d. and in consideracion she had a great charge
upon her she shoulde have yerely one Cowes grasse in the pasture behinde
the walles without payinge any thinge for the same And further he can not
saye towchinge the matter. 30

...

(Deposition of Thomas Hosier, gentleman, age 76)

- Item to the fyveth and last interrogatorie he sayeth that he this Deponent beinge 35
onste bayliff of the company of the drapers did then receive of one Robart lye
the rent due to the drapers out of the sayd pasture behinde the walles for ther
porcion there the sayd Robart lye then beinge appointed to laye Cattalles to
Ioystement in the sayd pasture and further cannot saye.

...

sheet 6 (*Deposition of Robert Gittyns, shearman, age 67*)

...

Item to the iijth & vth Interrogatories this deponent sayeth that he knoweth the bayliffes & burgesses of the Towne of Shrewisburie did make such lease to herringe Ionnes and gardiner as in the same Interrogatories is mencioned for 5
tearme of tenne yeares and more he can not saye towchinge the sayd matter in variance.

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sheet 7 (*Deposition of George Higgon, esquire, age 52*)

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5 Item to the fyveth Interrogatorie he this deponent sayeth that the Inhabitan-
tes of the sayd Towne of Shrewisburie haue bene vsed to digge Claye in the pasture
behinde the walles in a hole neare the mideeste of the same pasture and
sometymes in the side thereof, as the Inhabitan-tes weare pleased, without 15
restraint, and more touchinge the sayde matter he cannott depose/

...

(*Deposition of Richard Owen, esquire, age 60*)

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Item to the thride fowrthe and fyveth the deponent sayeth in effecte as George
higgon the former deponent hathe sayed and more can not saye touchinge
this matter.

...

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sheet 8* (*Deposition of Thomas Fletcher, fletcher, age 74*)

...

5 **C** Item to the fyveth and last interrogatorie he the sayd deponent sayeth that the
Towne and Inhabitan-tes of Shrewisburie haue bine accustomed heretofore to
digge or gett out of the said pasture behinde the walles in Certayne places 30
therof Claye at ther pleasures without restraunte and that the same claye hathe
bene goten At A place ther Callyd the water Quarrell beinge in the middle
of the said pasture And more touchinge the said matter in variance he this
Deponent knoweth not.

...

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Decision in Beanes v. Heringe SRO: 3365/2501
single mb (10 June)

Decimo die Iunij Anno Regni
Regine Elizabethæ Quarto Decimo

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In the matter in varyaunce Dependinge in the Quenes maiesties honorable
 court of Requestes betwene Ioyce Baynes of London widowe *playnetif* and
 william Heringe and others defendantes ffor so muche as it appeareth and is
 dyrectlye proved that Rycharde Lynyall sometyme Pryor of the howse of freers
 Heremytes of the order of St Austen in the Towne of Salopp and the Covente
 of the same have leased vnto Iohn Beanes deceased by their Indenture beringe
 date the Twelveth daye of maye in the ffiftenthe yere of the Raigne of *our*
 late soueraigne lorde kinge Henrye the Eighte All those their landes as they lye
 and are scytuate behinde the walles of Salopp in afeilde their called behinde
 the walles for and duringe the terme of ffourescore yeres ffrome the daye of
 the date of the said Indenture As by the saide dede shewed forthe and proved
 in open court more playnelye did appere/ And for so muche as the intereste
 of and in the saide lease is by due meanes and lawfull conveyance come vnto
 Ioyce Beanes widowe nowe *playnetif*, It ys therefore ordered and decreed in
 this court that the saide Ioyce her executors and assignes shall and maye
 lawfullye enjoye the said landes Tenementes and heredytamentes accordinge
 to the tenure and effecte of the saide dede Duringe the saide yeres in as ample
 manner and forme as the saide Pryor and Covente or any other havinge their
 Intereste myght haue enjoyed the same And forsomuche as it dothe not appere
 in this Court certenlye where the saide landes lye by meates and boundes nor
 what be the certayne contentes of the Acres of the same/ It is therefore ordered
 that acomyssion shalbe awarded oute of this court the same to be directed
 vnto Thomas Spencer of Westburye in the countye of Salopp Esquier George
 Lige Esquier Hughe Edwardes and Roberte Cloughe gentelman to lymitt
 bounde and sett forthe in severaltie the said landes and Tenementes and vpon
 the same founde and retourned into this court, It is ordered that the said Ioyce
 her executors and assignes shall enjoye the same in seueraltie by meates and
 boundes for and Duringe the terme aforesaid vntill better matter be shewed
 in this honorable court or vntill the same be evicted by the ordynarye course
 of the comon lawe: /: /

(signed) Thomas Selford

Thomas Wylson. /

°Concordata cum registro

(signed) K. Oseley. °

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
 f [21] (26 April-17 April) (Goods received by new wardens)

...

A Iacke

A pere of splentes

1/ In the: *in display script*

14/ It ys: *in display script*

33/ °Concordata cum registro: *apparently in same hand
 as signature of Oseley below*

A sorde
 a stole
 A baner pole & a baner
 ...

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1572–3

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
 f [41] (17 April–2 April) (*Goods received by new wardens*)

...
 Item a Iacke/ a sallet. a paire of splentes. a sworde a banner and a pole for the
 same 10
 ...

AR 'Dr Taylor's History' SSL
 f 112v*

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°Salop°

9 This year there was brought to the boothhall in shreusbury the head of a
 monsterows callffe which had iiij Eyes two mowthes iiij Eares and but one
 fyrme & playne head which was calvyd wāthin iiij myles of the sayd towne...
 ...

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1573–4

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486
 f 143 (*Expenses*)

...
 Et datum in regardo lusoribus magnatum quam Custodibus
 vrsarum magnatum venientibus ad villam et super eos
 expeditum iiiij li. [xij s.] [vij s. vj d.] 25

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
 f [43] (2 April 1573–22 April 1574) (*Goods received by new wardens*)

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...
 Item a Iacke a sallet. a paire of splentes a sworde and a banner pole
 Item in the handes of Richard meghen a banner of sylke

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f [44v] (*Wardens' payments*)

...
 Item to the apprentices mynstrell xij d.
 ...

1574-5

Assembly Minute Book 6 SCO: 76

f 196v* (23 April)

...

They be agreed at this assemblye that Wheras the frame of timber that stood 5
in the quarell behind the walles is taken doune that the same tymber shale
presently be deliuered to the schalmaster to the vse of the schall(.) accordingle
as mr ashton hathe at this tyme written the *which* hathe bine red

f 203v* (18 July)

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...

They be agreed at this assemblye that there shalbe geuen to mr (*blank*)
churhard the some of v markes, for his paines taken in setting farthe of Shewe
against the Quenes maiesties cominge beinge sent hether by my Lord president

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Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/505f [2v]* (*Expenses*)

...

Nota Item players of noble men & others and berwardes of noble
men & minstrelles of noble men this yere iiiij l. x s. viij d. 20

...

f [3]*

Nota Geuen to the quenes herbinger in gold and spent vpon her 25

graces *seruautes* resortinge to this towne at sondrye times
this yere concerninge her graces cominge to this town xlviij s. x d.

Geuen mr churchyerd in Rewarde beinge sent vnto vs by my
lord president with *lettres* concerninge the cominge of the
quenes maiestie to this towne by the assent of the aldermen 30
& counsellors iij li. vj s. viij d.

...

Payd for the Inclosinge of kingsland this yere as appereth by
a bill of *particulers* xxxviij s. vj d.

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f [3v]*

Payde for the waittmens cottas at mr david lloydes xliiij s. xj d.

...

28-9/ my lord president: *Sir Henry Sidney, lord president of the Council*

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [45] (22 April-14 April) (Goods received by new wardens 22 April)

...
Item a Iacke a sallet. a paire of splentes a sworde and a banner pole/
Item in the handes of Richard meghen a banner of sylke 5

...
f [45v]* (22 May) (Assembly minutes)

Hit [^][is¹] agreed vpon the said daie by the hole feloshipps assent and pronounced 10
to the wardens by the mowth of Robert Richardson elected [^][speaker¹] for the
hole felowship that euery one of combrethren shalbe contributorye and paie
there accostomed porcion towardses the keping haule/

... 15
f [46v]* (On or near 14 April) (Wardens' receipts)

...
Recevid of the companye towardses the kepinge of the halle xvj s. x d.

AR **'Dr Taylor's History'** SSL

f 119v

... 20
24. This yeaere at one Allons howse sherman in Knoockyn streete in shreusberie
there was a pygge faryeed which had viij feete .v. eares whiche was presentid 25
to the aforesayde baylyffes and seene of manye...

...

1575-6
Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/508/2/7 30
single sheet (Expenses of David Lloyd, bailiff)

...
Item for the waytmens coattes xiiij s. iiij d.

... 35
Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/508/10/4
single sheet*

...
+ Item Leid out to my Lord of derby And my Lord staffartes
+ musitions at the appoyntment of allen Ionsunne ij s. vj d. 40

...
39/ And: *written over* Item (?)

Drapers' Company Book SRO: 1831/6/1
p 279* (25 March-24 March) (Meeting held 8 November)

Torches in the
hall sold °given
to paye seuerall
somes of
money lent °

Memorandum that theight daye of November Anno xvij^o Elizabethhe regine
Anglie The Torches beyng fourtye in number which did belonge to the
ffraternytie Were [f] sold by the hoole companyes consent there assembled
to William Iones Nicolas Prowde and [Iohn browne] [Richard gardyn^r] for
the som of fyve[des] poundes and to theym were then & there delyuered for
the dettes to theym owing/ And which was by them land to the vse of the
seid companye/ And therpypon theye and euery of theym confesse theym
selffes fully satisfied & payed of the [seid] seuerall somes to theym owing.

1576-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/486

f 175

...

Et datum in regardo lusoribus magnatum quam custodibus
vrsarum magnatum venientibus ad villam (...)

...

Court Fines for Non-appearance SRO: 3365/1076

nf*

...

De Galfrido cley quia non venit ad presentamentum cum vicinis
[ad billam secundam] vj d.

...

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260

f 130v (22 June-10 June) (Decision of 6 June meeting)

...

Item it is agreid by the company assembled for as mucche as thei think a
necessary thing for the increse of amytye & Love amongst them. that a Dyn^r
be kept once euery yere by the wardens for the tyme beinge, and neuertheles
for that it can not be but chardgeable by reson of the derth of victualles and
that thallownce of tenn shillinges of old tyme alowed toward the sayd dyn^r
is but sclender Therfor the whole assemby ar agreid that the wardens that no^rw^r
be and all other the wardens that hereafter shalbe shall kepe the dynner yerly
at such tyme in the yere as it shall to them seme propre and that for the better
chere to be had it is agreid that the wardens that nowe be & the wardens

9/ vse: v apparently written over (.)e
18/ (...): right edge of sheet damaged

36/ assembly: for assembly

herafter shalbe, shall haue allowed yerly tenne shillinges. ouer & besyde thold
tenne shillinges by the composicion befor allowed

...

(*Meeting held on election day, 10 June*)

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at which assembly it is ageid that what so euer expences in wyne be spendid this
day by the wardens that the company shall allow the same and also iij s. iij d.
for [wyne] mynstrels and that also from hencefurth if it fortune that any warden
shall not or [be] [^]will not¹ [Remisse to] mak his a there dynner once in the tyme 10
of ther office shall forfeit xlv s. to be *imployd* to thuse of the Company

AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL
f 123v*

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9 ... This yeare and in the sayd moonthe in a village callyd Lackon besyde
the towne of wem vij myles from shreusberie a woman was delyuerid of a
monsterous childe beinge in the maner and forme to saye wⁱthe ij heades
and iij feete iij Armes as it were two bodies loynyd together at the Lower
partes and there the iij Legges cam all furthe mynglyd one over another hedd 20
and body vp wardes and hed and body downewardes the one of the bodies
aperyd to be a man childe and theother a woman childe the body of the boye
dyeed the daye after they were borne and the gyrlle or wenche dyed the daye
after the deathe of the boye &c...

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1577–8

Information against Thomas Davyes and Others SRO: 3365/1076
ff [1–2]

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Enformacions presented to the Right worshipfull
master ballyffes of the towne of Salop by the persons
subscribed ageinst Thomas Davies showmaker owen
the paynter geffery cley & [william Bedowe] skynner
That whereas the *defendants* beinge knowen to be lewd persons deryders and 35
scoffers of there neybors¹ & the *serchers* of godes worde¹ and soo haue ben
reputed & takon & yett be soo takon, And common nyght walkers in hauntyng
of alehouses & tavornes, and when all there cuppes be in, then they falle to
deryding them who thinke them noo harme and howe they have to maynteyne
this ther lewd lyf ytt is not knowen, and they escape vnexamined, and also 40

7/ ageid: *for* ageid
10/ a: *for* or (?)

16/ sayd moonthe: *January 1576/7*

22/ man: a *corrected from another letter*

vnponyshed, soo that therby yt dothe soo anymate them that they care not
 what they sey or what they doe in depravinge & dyscredytyng ther neyborgs,
 beinge honest *personaiges* of honest callyng & lyvinge, and soo haue vsed
 them as is well knowen unto *your* worshippes, and I nowe soe ytt is and ytt
 may pleas *your* worshippes that apon sonday last past betwene xiiij^o & oone 5
 of the clocke in the nyght, when they neyborgs were in bedde & quyett Rest,
 the *defendants* vnlawfully assembled them *selfes* together, and resorted to the
 house of oone Roger Downe showmaker who kepeth a typlynge house who
 is bound or ought to be bounde for the good Rule of the same / And when
 the *defendants* hadde [full] all there cuppes in, and then to please them 10
selfes with som Comedye or Ieste or play to pleasur [them] there fansy, and
 to dyscredyte there honest neyborgs a lowde made an oye to the dysturbans
 of there neyborgs & there called in my *lordes* court as they termed ytt, and
 called in som of *your* orates by name, termyng som of them they shuld be
 my *lordes* bakers as they hadd ben by reason of there noses & faces, som my 15
lordes smyth som my *lordes* bowyers som my *lordes* vynteners som my *lordes*
 furryers, [vynteners] [^][showmakers] & [^][such] lyke, And soo at euery ther Ieste
 struke vpp with a gyterne to pleasur there bodyes with such I Lewd behavurs
 & vndecent termes that they waked [they] [^][the] neyborgs ther beinge faste a
 slepe, *which* indyrect doinges vnlafull assemblye & lewd behavours is contrairy 20
 to the Lawes & statutes of this Realme and worthy of Condygne & seure
 Ponyshment with fynes to the example of suche lyke offenders ffor Reformacon
 whereof and for feare of further Inconveynyens [they] may thereapon ensue
 may ytt pleas *your* worshippes to calle the seyde *defendants* together with the
 seyde Roger Downe before you [to answer herevnto] in exaicon herof and to 25
 answer herevnto [soo that *your* orators mede noo further complaynt] this for
 godes love

Thomas hosyer

Thomas Downe

Robert Rowles 30

Richard higons

[Thomas ca(.)eles]

William bowyer

John capper

Randell Rowles 35

[Robert tenche]

David ap Rice

Richard meryd

John webster

with a *aboutes* a C more
 of honest & worshipfull in the towne
 & liberties

5/ xiiij^o: for xij^o

14/ orates: for orators

22/ Reformacon: for Reformacion; abbreviation mark missing

25/ exaicon: for examinacion; abbreviation mark missing

Shrewsbury Free Grammar School Ordinances SSL
single mb* (11 February)

...

Item euery Thursday the schollars of the highest forme before they go to play shall for exercise declame and play oon acte of a Comedy and euery Saturday 5
versyfy and against monday Morning gyve vp their Theames or Epystles and all other exercyses of wryting or speaking shalbe vsed in Latten ...

...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii 10
f [50] (18 April–10 April) (Goods received by new wardens)

...

Item in the handes of Richard meghen a silke banner [...]

Item a Iacke, a sallet, a paire of splentes a sworde and a banner pole

...

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1578–9

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [52] (10 April 1578–30 April 1579) (Goods received by new wardens)

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o Item a banner in the handes of Rychard meghen

o Item a Iacke a salet a paire of splentes a sword and a banner pole

...

f [52v] (10 May) (Assembly minutes) 25

yt was agred by the company of shermen assemblyd in the hawle the x^t of may by the mowthe of Robert Rycarson speker chosen by the company that all the combrederyn of the same company shall assemble them selves to ther hawle the sonday next after corpus [c(.).ysty] cristi day next and ther to Reseve shuche 30
Recratyon as the wardenes shall prouyde for them and he that dothe absent hym selfe & not come accordynly shall pay ij d. toward the charges of the sayd wardenes

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1579–80

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Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/513

f [1] (Expenses)

...

ffor Players & berwardes

nill.

...

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30/ the sonday ... next: 1 June 1578

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [55] (30 April–14 April) (*Goods received by new wardens*)

...

Item a banner in the handes of Rychard meghen

Item a Iacke a Sallet a paire of splentes a sworde and banner pole

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...

f [57] (14 April) (*Wardens' payments*)

...

paid for vj strycke of malte for the hall

xij s. 10

paid for bred to our haule

vj s. vj d.

paid to the stewerds for cupes trenchers & boughes

& mendinge of the stears & formes

vj s. vj d.

...

spent the sondaye after our elleccion daye [⟨.⟩] overe

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shote at davy [d] Longdons

ij s. vj d.

geven to a mynstrell

ij s.

paid for ij pottells of wyne to our houses one our feaste daye

ij s.

...

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AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL

f 136v*

...

17 This yeare and the xxij daye of Iune cam to the towne of shrewsbury a boye

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vnder the age of viij yeares old *which* was borne in the cytye of yorke whose

°Salop°

name ys danyell mason soon to one *william* mason dwellinge at St marygate

in the suburbs of the sayde cytie the *whiche* boye had bothe hys feete cloven

and hys Right hand alsoe cloven lycke sheeps feete and had no synger or any

marcke in hys brest where the dydys should be bvt all clene & smoothe as

the reast of hys bodye and all other partes in good *proporcion* and a coomely

30

vysage & well spokken, the pycture of whom stodd vp in a banner at the

abbey fayre where the sayde boye was to be seene...

1580–1

Assembly Minute Book 6 SCO: 76

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f 353v* (16 December)

...

They be also agreed at this said Assemblie that there shalbe geven to the wayte

men newe coates of broad clothe of the color of oringe tawnye in Respecte of

their paines takinge to playe every morninge the gevinge of *which* coates is

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Referred to *master* bailliffes discrecion

f 357* (14 April)

...

They be also agreed that wheras the *Lord* president entendeth to kepe St George his feast in this towne that there shalbe geven to him a fatt oxen And that the same shalbe paid for with such money as *master* bailliffes have collected of sondrie [occup] occupacions and other persons beinge victualers within the towne And the Resdue of the said money shalbe borne out of the treasure of the towne 5

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260 10
f 137 (6 June-29 May) (Meeting held 21 April)

The assemble of the Compani the xxjth of aprill anno *Regni Regine Elizabethhe* &c xxij^o at which Said [assembly] it was agreid by the whoell Compani then assembled that ther shuld be assesment for the reryng of the som of xxvj s. viij d. throw the whoell Compani to be geuing vnto [vnto] my Lorde President in som gyfte and the same to be bestouid By the discession of the wardens and the same sessment to Sessid and getherid within x daes after the daett herof ... 15

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [58] (14 April-6 April) (Goods received by new wardens) ... 20

Item a bannar in the handes of Richard meyghen
Item a lacke a sallett a payre of splentes a sworde a bannar polle ... 25

f [59] (Wardens' payments)

...
payd to mynsterell sondery tymes viij s. 30
gyvn to the prentes xij d.
payd for wyne in our hawle & at our feaste iij s.
payd for brede at the same tyme viij s.
payd for xxij galones of bere at iiij d. vij s. iiij d.
more for xl galones at ij d. ob. viij s. iiij d. 35
...

f [59v]*

...
payd for copes trenchers & bowes in our hawle iiij s. 40

gyven to the Iornemen for brynge home A trey

xij d.

...

AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL
ff 140-1v* (23 April-8 May)

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Salop°

... This yeare 1581 and the xxiiijth of Aprell beinge St georges daye, the right honorable Sir Henry Sidney lord president of the marches of wales beinge of the pryvey counsell and one of the Knightes of the most noble order of the garter kept St georges feast in shreusbery most honorably comminge the sayd 10
day from the counsell howse there in hys knightly robbes most valiaunt with hys gentilmen before hym and hys knightes followinge hym in brave order and after them ye baylyffes and aldermen in theirre scarlett gownes w^{it}he the companyes of all occupacions in the sayd towne in their best lyuereys and before euery wardenis of euery company their ij stuardes before them with 15
white rodde in theirre handes which deuydid euery company followinge in good and seemely order towardes St chaddes churche where he was stallid vppon the right syde of the quyer where he was stallid vpon the right hande in the said chauncell nere vnto the queenes *Maiesties* place preparid in the same quyer also with all the nobilit^{ies} armes that were knightes of the garter | And 20
passing and repassing by the queenes *maiesties* place he dyd as muche honor as thoughe hir *maiestie* had ben present, where he had there ye devine serues songe by note to the glorifienge of god and to the greate honor of the said Sir Henrie who began hys feast vppon the even and kept open howsehold for the tyme, it tys to be notyd yat there was sutche a goodly nvmer of townes men 25
followinge hym to the churche that when he entrid into the churche the later end of the trayne was at my Lordes place^{r°} or counsell house^o whiche ys the iust Lengthe of .700. pases at the Least//.

13 This yeare and the fyrst daye of maye the masters of the free scoole in shrosbery 30
whose names were. Thomas Larrance. Iohn Backer, Rychard Atkys and Roger kennt made a brave and costly bancket after supper of the same daye to the nvmer of xl dyshes and the masters before them, euery scoole presentinge [to] x dyshes wythe a shewe before euery scoole pronowncynge these woordes

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| | |
|------------|---|
| Larrance 1 | Thesse are all of Larance Lore acompt hys hart aboute hys store |
| Backer. 2 | Thesse x are all of backers bannde good royll not welthe nowe to be stande |

1/ brynge: for bryngynge

10/ comminge: 8 minims in MS

33/ xl dyshes: run on in MS but marked for separation

Atkys 3 Thesse x are all in Atkys chardge
 hys gyfftes are smale hys good wyll lardge
 Thesse x coom last and are the least
 [backer] [kennt] 4 yett Kenntes good wyll ys wⁱthe the beast

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Thes verses followinge were written that heereafter followe about the bancketinge
 dyshes /

*Cum mittunt librum libram non mittere possunt
 Virgam non vaccam mittere quisque potest*

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- 14 The seconnde daye of maye all the scollars of the said free scoole beinge taught
 by the foresaid [three] [^][foure] masters beinge in nvmber CCClx wⁱthe their
masteres before euery of them | marching bravely from the free scoole in battell
 order wⁱthe their generalls, captens Droomes, Trompettes and Ensinges before 15
 them throughe the towne towardes a Lardge fillde callyd the geye beinge in
 the abbey suburbes of Salop and there devydinge their banndes in iiij partes
 mett the sayde lord *president* beinge vppon a lusty courser invyroninge hym
 aboute and cam to hym the generall openinge to hys lordship hys purposse and
 assembly of hym and the reast, *then* he wⁱthe the other captens made their 20
 oracons howe valiantly they wold feight and defennde the coontrey at *whiche*
 the sayde [^][lord] had greate pleasure and mutche reeioysyd gyvyngge great prayse
 to the sayde master for the Eloquency thereof &c/
15. This yeare and the viijth daye of maye syr henry sydney lord *presydent* 25
 afore saide departid from shreusbery by water and toocke hys bardge vnder
 the castell hyll by hys place and as he passid by ther were xiiij chamber peces
 bravely shott of wⁱthe a serten shott of hargabusheys and so passinge alongst
 not the Lengthe of a quarter of a myle of by water there weare placid in an
 llet hard by the watersyde serten apoyntyd scollars of the free scoole beinge 30
 aparrelyd all in greene and greene wyllows vppon their heades mvrningely
 callinge to hym macking there lamentable oracions sorrowinge hys departure
 the *whiche* was doon so pytyfully and of sutche Excellency that truly itt made
 many bothe in the bardge vppon the water as also people vpon Land to weepe
 and my Lorde hym selffe to chandge countenance and because the oracons of 35
 the sayde nymphes are soomwhat tedious to put them here downe I thought
 it beast to place here the fynyshinge of the Later staffe of the Last nymphe
 that spacke *whiche* sange the hole songe | wⁱth muses playeinge & fynyshinge
 in this maner

21/ oracons: *for oracions; abbreviation mark missing*

35/ oracons: *for oracions; abbreviation mark missing*

And wyll *your* honor needes depart
 & most it needes be soe
 wold god wee could lycke fyshes swyme
 that we might with the goe
 or ells wold god this Lytill Ile 5
 were stretched owt so Lardge
 That we one foote might follow ye
 & wayte vpon thy barge
 but seinge we cannot swyme
 and Ilelandes at an ennde 10
 saffe passage with a short returne
 the myghtie god thee sende

and so the barge departid the baylyffes and serten of the aldermen
 accompaninge hym by water vntill he cam to Atcham brydge and there 15
 they dynyd all together in the barge vppon the water and after dyner
 tackinge their leaue withe moorninge countenances departid &c...

- A *Verses for Sir Henry Sidney's Departure* Phillips: *History*
 pp 45-6* (8 May) 20

(The orations made upon this occasion being too many to insert in this place,
 one part shall be quoted as a specimen.)

"One boy alone. 25

"Oh stay the barge, rowe not soe fast,
 "Rowe not soe fast, oh stay awhile;
 "Oh stay and hear the playutts at last,
 "Of nymphs, that harbour in thys isle. 30

"Thear woe is greate, greate moan they make,
 "With doleful tunes they doe lament,
 "They howle, they crie, their leaue to tacke,
 "Theire garments greene for woe they rent. 35

"O Seavern, turn thy stream quite backe,
 "Alas why doyst thou us anoye?
 "Wilt thou cause us this Lord to lacke,
 "Whose presince is our onelie joye? 40

"But harke, methinks I heare a sounde,
 "A wofull sounde I plaguly heare,
 "Some sorrow greate thear hart dothe wound,
 "Pass on my Lord, to them draw neare.

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"Four boys appear in green, singing.

"O Woefull wretched tyme, oh doleful day and houre,
 "Lament we may the loss we have, and floods of tears out poure.
 "Come nymphs of woods and hilles, come help us moane we pray,
 "The water nymphes our sisters dear, do take our Lord away.
 "Bewayle we may our wrongs, revenge we cannot take,
 "Oh that the gods would bring him back, our sorrows for to slake. |

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"One alone with musick.

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"O pinching payne, that gripes my hart, O thrise unhappy wight,
 "O sillie soule, what hap have I, to see this woful sight;
 "Shall I now leave my lovinge Lord, shall he now from me goe?
 "Why wyll he Salop nowe forsake, alas why wyll he so?
 "Alas my sorrows doe increase, my hart doth rent in twayne.
 "For that my Lord doth hence depart, and will not hear remayne.

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"All

"And wyll youre honor now depart?
 "And must it needs be soe?
 "Would God we could lyke fishes swyme
 "That we myght wyth thee goe.

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"Or else would god this littil isle,
 "Were stretched out soe lardge,
 "That we on foot, myght follow thee,
 "And wayt upon thy bardge.

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"But seeing that we cannot swyme,
 "And island's at an end,
 "Saffe passage with a short return,
 "The myghty God thee sende.

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...

AC *Inscription Describing St George's Feast* Bodl.: MS Ashmole 1112
f 65*

① Written vpon
a^ra^l wanescot
pane over the
Chimney, In
the Chamber
of Concord at
shrewesbury

Be it remembred that in the yeare of our Lord 1581: & in the 23th yeare of
the raigne of our most dread *soveraign* Lady Que^ae^reⁿe Eli^rz^abeth the feast 5
of the most noble order of the Garter, was right honor^abl^aly kept in the
good & right renawnd Towne of salop by the right honorable Sir Henry
Sidney then lord president of the Councell established in the principality of
wales & marches of the same, one of the Companions of the same order, the
Armes of the Soveraigne & others Kings, Princes & nobles then installed in 10
the sa^ri^d noble order were fixed in the Church of the same Towne during
the service & Ceremonies belonging to the same ordre

Be it further remembred that at that tyme then was elected but not installed
these Princes following Rodolphus the 2^d of that name, Emperour of the
Romanes King of Hungary & Bohemia Arch duke of Austria Henry the 3^d 15
french King Christian King of Denmarke & the most noble Prince Ihon
Cosimire Duke of Bavaria & Palatine of the Rhien, then being Baylifes Willam
Iones, & willam Hering, who together with the cheiftaines of the Seuerall
Companies of that good Towne did in most decent sort attend vpon the said
Lord Prident during the said ffeast together with the Aldermen & Bailiffes 20
peers, in there Scarlet Robes, & other cheiftaines.

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Assembly Minute Book 6 sco: 76

f 368* (19 or 29 September) 25

...

They be Also Agreed that mr Thomas donne shall have in fee farme a
void *parcell* of ground in kingsland adioyninge to the glouers harber
there conteyninge in leingthe xx^{ti} [s] yerdes & in breadthe as muche
payinge vj d. yerelie Rent yf the *commons* shall thinke it Requis^(.)t & 30
will consent And This to be moved to the comons at their next metinge

...

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/516

single sheet (*Payments made on bailiff's orders*) 35

...

Inprimis to my Lord Staffordes Players x s.

...

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/525 40

single sheet*

To the Right worshipfull *master* baylyffes as ffolowythe

In *primis* spent by them and the vj men in the company of the
 Right Honorable the yerle of Lesters men And *master* heyghe
 sheryffes dowghter in the gullett
 (signed) Richard Dawes Thomas Sheret. vj s. viij d.
 Rychard andeton Thomas Leywis 5
 Rychard meghen Thomas mytton
 Richard higgins

Petition of John Mehin SRO: 3365/2621/4
 single sheet*

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To the Right worshipfull *master* bailiffs of the
 towne of Salop

In his most humble wise sheweth vnto your good worshippes your poore or(…)r
 Iohn mehin of this towne of Salop shomaker That wheras your worshipes 15
 caused *proclamacion* to be made that non should walke at any vndue time of
 night your Said orator dothe confesse that he hath offendid your worshipes
 for that contrary to your worshipes *proclamacion* did walke at vndue time of
 night for to sing In tender consideration wherof he desireth your worshipes
 to release your orator hoping never to offend your worshipes any more in any 20
 respect and [(.)] thus for goddes Love
 your worshipes orator now in the castell ward
 Iohn mehin

Petition of Thomas Wise SRO: 3365/2621/4
 single sheet

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To the Right worshipfull *master* bailiffes of The
 Towne of Salop

In his most Humbell wise shewith vnto your good worshipes your poore 30
 or(…)tor Thomas wise of This towne of Salop sherman That whereas he being
 committed at your worshipes [at] appointment to the castell gate of this towne
 for walking at vndue time of night he confesseth that he your orator hath
 offendid for he contrary to your worshipes *proclamacion* did walke at vndue
 time of night but being only [(.)] intised at the request of on Iohn mehen now 35
 remaininge in the Said gate with vs In tender consideracion whereof he desireth
 your worshipes to be so good as to realease your orator out of ward hoping
 never to offend your worshipes in any respect And thus for goddes Love
 Your worshipes orator now in the castell ward
 Thomas Wise 40

Petition of Humphrey Groome SRO: 3365/2621/4
single sheet

To the right worshipfull *master* bailiffes of the towne of Salop
In h(.)s most humble wise shewithe vnto your good worshippes your poore
orator humfrey groome of this towne shomaker dothe acknowledge & confesse
that he your Sayd orator hathe offendid your worshipes that he contrary to
your worshippes proclamacion did walke in the night time at no due time
[being p(.)] [for to singe] wherfore he hathe deservid severe punishment
according to your worshipes discretion this being the first time wold desire
your good worships to be so good as to release him your Said orator out of
ward hoping it to be the Last time that he will offend your worshipes in any
respect and thus for goddes Love

your worshipes orator now in the castell ward
Humfrey Groome

Petition of Ellis Beddo SRO: 3365/2621/4
single sheet

To the Right worshipfull *Master* bailiffes of The towne of Salop
In his most humble wise shewith vnto your good worshippes your poore orator
[humfrey groome] ellis beddo of this towne of Salop shomaker That whereas
he being comitted at your worshipes appoyntment to the castell gate he
confessethe that he your orator hathe offendid your worshipes for that he
contrary to your worshipes proclamation did goe to sing at vndue time of
night wherfor he desirethe your good worshipes to be so good as to realease
your orator out of ward hoping never to offend your worshipes in any respect
In tender consideracion wherof he desirethe your worshipes to let him go home
and Thus for godes Love

your worshipes orator now in the castell ward
Ellis beddo

Letter of Francis Newport SRO: 3365/2620
single sheet*

Master Bayliffes I have not att anye tyme thees(.) vij years sollicitid the suite
I nowe have which is to gett the schollers leave to playe, & tharfore I hope you
will not denye hit mee

your frend
(signed) Francis Newport

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [62]* (6 April 1581-25 April 1582) (Payments)

...

| | | |
|--|-----------------|----|
| gyven to my lorde p ^r esydent at hys keypyne of St georges hys feast | xxix s. | 5 |
| payd to sherynton the mynstrelle | v s. | |
| gyvne to the prenteses | xij d. | |
| payd for brede at our keypyng of the hawle | vij s. | |
| payd for vj gallenes of ale | ij s. viij d. | |
| payd for xlvij gallenes of bere thays xxix at iiij d. and xviiij at ij d. ob. | xiiij s. | 10 |
| payd to the stuerter for boues Roshes copes and trensues | ij s. | |
| ... | | |
| payd for wyne to our hawle ij dayes °at our generall assembly° | iiij s. viij d. | |
| ... | | 15 |

AR **'Dr Taylor's History'** SSL
ff 144-4v*

| | | |
|----|--|----|
| 10 | ... This yere and the xxv th daye of Aprell cam I cam to the towne of shreusberie on namyd Anthony frynpan beinge a flemminge borne, and of the towne of handwerp who was ij yardes and halffe of heyght and Lodgid at master thomas myttoons howse vnder the wyle and many people resortid bothe of the towne and coountrey to see sutche rare syghtes and departinge from shreusberie towardes Loondoou he was robbid of all the money he hadd for he had gotten before he cam to the sayde towne a greate peece of money and by the way as he cam as also comminge into the towne wold keepe hym sellffe privey and wold not be seene without money wherfore for hys couetous mynde he was preventid and so lost all that he hadd for he vsid to keepe hys money with hym whyther soeuer he went &c... | 20 |
| | | 25 |
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| | ... | |

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Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/522
f [1v] (Expenses)

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| Item bestowed on her maiesties players this yere | xl s. vj d. |
| ... | |

4-5/ St georges hys feast: 23 April 1581
7/ gyvne: changed from gyvnyng

10/ thays: for that ys (?)
20/ cam I cam: distography

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 141* (18 June-3 June) (Decision of 3 June meeting)

...
The company where assembled the thyrday of Iune 1583 for the making of
to newe wardens and other offycers acordyng to our compossycyon and ytt ys
forther agreed by the consent of the compayny that the wyne and mynstrelles
and for the floures that dressed our hall shuld be payd by the companye yff
the wardens [^][haue[^]] not suffycient monay in there handes to pay the sam then
ytt ys agreed by the forsayd compaynye that att the neaxt brother that commethe
in to be a fre man of thys phelowshyp to paye the same vnto the sayd now
wardens wyllyam peres and Rychard [^][owen[^]] geantleman
...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [62v] (25 April-11 April) (Goods received by new wardens)

...
...a banner in the handes of Richard meghen a Iacke a sallet and a payre
of splentes a sworde and a banner poole...
...

f [65] (*Wardens' payments*)

...
Ittem payd for 48 gallenes off beere at ower halle at 3 2 a gallen 14 s. 0
Ittem payd ffor 8 gallenes off aelle 3 s. 4 d.
Ittem payd ffor bred to the halle 8 s. 6 d. 25
Ittem payd the mynstrelle 5 s.
Ittem payd to the prentes 12 d.
Ittem payd ffor coppes trenchares Roshees and bowes 2 s. 0
...

AR ***'Dr Taylor's History'*** SSL
f 147v

- ...
9 This yeare and the xjth daye of marche beinge moonday at nyght the right
honorable lady mary sydneye cam to this towne of Salop in hyr wagon and
toocke hyr lodgyng at my lords place there, and the xixth day Ensuinge the
most valyant knyght Sir Harry sydney hyr Husbannd beinge Lorde president
of the marches cam also from Ludlowe to this towne of Salop in honorable
maner and as he passyd in hys wagen by the coondit at the wyldecoppe were
made ij Excellent oracions by twoe of the freescoole scollars whose names were
Ierram wryght And thomas crewe stainge in hys waggon to heare the same
the *which* in the ennde he prayesd verey well, and so passinge throughe
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towardes hys ladye with hys troompeter blowynge verey ioyfully to behold and see &c/

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ff 148-8v

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...

- 16 This yeare and the [(.)] xvijth daye of Iuly cam to the towne of shreusbery one Iohn Taylor soomtymes a marchant of loondoone and free of the company of fyshmoongers there who lodgyd at one Iohn blesse I and brought thyder with hym strange and woonderfull syghts that ys to saye a dead childe in a coffyn *which* had ij heades and one hole bodye proporsyonally the *which* bodie had ij bake boanes. More a lyve sheep beinge a tupp the *which* had vj feete iiij of those feete as other sheep haue in *perfect* place and proporcion and theoder ij feete commynge owt vnder hys foondement *which* dyd hang downe and *neuer* towchyd ye grownde, More hee had ij foondementes vnder hys taylor, also ij pyssells and ij payre of coddys devydyd sonderly beinge in theyr vsuall places and yf the partie *which* kept hym wold aske hym and saye be those people welcom he wold lyft vp hys foorefoote and Crye heighe, heighe, heighe, More he brought with hym a pygge the *which* had ij lytyll hornes growinge owt of hys headd hys taylor growinge owt of his backe and a monstrous bygge belly and of shortnes lycke a purpentyne; also more a lyve Eagle, a purpentyne of the sea dead and a dead calffe with ij heades and also a wyld lyve lynckes commvnly callyd a wyld catt beinge a fyrce beast to whom the keeper wold offer to stricke but shee wold firsclly defennde the blowe with hyr pawes rasing the staffe myschevously And also more a glasse artyfycially made beinge but ij candells therin and a chayne with ij faces or pycturs *which* wold represent inwardly to the sight of the beholders soondrye candells, chaynes facys, Iuells and other thinges miraculously

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f 149*

...

... This yeare and the iiijth daye of october beinge fryday in the morninge before they went to the election of the newe baylyffes there was by the olde baylyffes *proclamacion* made throughe the towne of Salop that no scollars, boyes nor prentises shulld that nyght goe a broade to dysquyett the towne with vnreasonable noyses feyghtinges and dysorde^rs *which* were woontt vsually to procede as that nyght and *yat* euery housholder should not suffer their seruauentes scollars nor others in their howses [^]to^l depart furthe that

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22. Item whether theire haue bene any vnreuerende pipinge, dauncinge, playinge in ye Church or churchyarde, or any other place within ye parishe vpon ye Saboth dayes or holy dayes, & who they are yat haue so vaynely exercised them selues?

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AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL
f 157v*

21. This yeare and the 15. daye of maye Lord Robar Devereux [^][yonge] Earle of Essex cam from master leightoons of watilsboorowe throughe the towne of shreusberie before whom was made soondrie oracions by the scollar^s of the free scoole and standinge in battell raye with bowes & arrowes at hys passadge throughe the castell gate reioysyd at the sight of them gyvinge them great rewardes withe hartly thanckes &c/

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...

f 166v

...

25. This yeare and the .8. daye of September beinge thursdayer the scollars of the free scoole in shrowsberie made a trivmphe in warlicke maner in a feeld there callyd behinde the wales against the popes army and other rebells whom they trivmpphantly vanquished to the greate reioysinge of the beholders departinge from the filld throughe the towne victoriously towardes the castell there beinge over the towne where they withe soownde of trompet dromme and shoutes sowndid owt their victory withe great fyers made and thanckfull/ psalmes most ioyfully soonge to god in the comfortable hearinge of all the towne withe ioyfull and hartly thanckes gyuinge...

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Presentments for Failure to Bait Bulls SRO: 3365/1098
single sheet verso (22 October)

...

vera xij d.

Item we present Thomas Clarke butcher by the complainte of Richard stubb for killing of a Bull vnbayted

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vera xiiij d.

Item we present Edward Clarke [^][butcher] for [bayting a Bull v] killing a bull vnbayted.

vera xij d.

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Item we present Thomas Hughes butcher for killing a Bull vnbayted

Shrewsbury Free Grammar School Account Book SSL: B/1
f 49* (16 November-16 November) (Necessary expenses)

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...pro vna Scena vocata a scaffold iiij s....

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Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [71]* (22 April-14 April) (Wardens' payments)

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|--|------------------|----|
| Geven to the prentices | xij d. | 10 |
| Geven to the mynstrell | v s. | |
| paied for xxxij gallons of Ale at v d. a gallon | xiiij s. viij d. | |
| paied for xvj gallons at iij d. | iiij s. | |
| paied for viij dosson of breade | viiij s. | |
| paied for trenchores cuppes a dushes for the haule | iiij s. iiij d. | 15 |
| paied for gunpoulder | ij s. | |
| paied for ij pottells of wyn to our howses | ij s. viij d. | |

...

| | | |
|---|-----------------|----|
| paied for too pottells of sacke & a pottell of claret vpon our feast daie to the haule | iiij s. iiij d. | 20 |
|---|-----------------|----|

...

f [71v]

| | | |
|--|---------------|----|
| Paied for ij pottelles of wyn to the eating of the venyson geven by our mynstrell | ij s. iiij d. | 25 |
|--|---------------|----|

...

1586-7

Town Bills SRO: 3365/527 30
single sheet* (30 September) (Meal account)

...

| | | |
|--|------------------|----|
| Item spent by master bayliffes and mr newport with diuers the Warshipe of the toune beinge comissioners and Cessors for the subsedye | xxvj s. viij d. | 35 |
| Item for Wine at the same dinner [Sum xxv s. iiij d] | viiij s. viij d. | |
| Item geuen to certen minstrells at yat dinner xxxvj s. iiij d. | xij d. | |
| paied and quit | | 40 |

...

Town Bills SRO: 3365/527single sheet (31 May) (*Payments for wine*)

...

Item Wine geuen to the quens taber

ij s. ij d.

...

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Expenditures Made from Gate Money SRO: 3365/2632

single sheet* (19 June-7 August)

...

Delyuærd to william lee for the Earle of Essex players

XX s. 10

...

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260f 151 (16 June 1586-19 June 1587) (*Decision of 11 June assembly*)

...

The companye where assembled the xjth day of Iune in anno domini 1587 by the comaundement of *master* wardens/ thassembly was for the keypyng of a dynner att our Eleccion day/ and ytt ys agreed by the whole companye by Reason that all thynges are deare the are agreed that th(.) wardens shall make a drynkyng to the whole companye/ att the discrecion of the to wardens and the to be alowed of the companye for the wyne and mynstrells

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...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 iif [74] (14 April 1586-27 April 1587) (*Wardens' payments*)

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Item paied for cupps and trenchores

ij s. iiij d.

Item paied for byrches bowes Russhys & floweres

xvj d.

Item paied for matche and gunpoulder

ij s. iiij d.

Item paied for cuttinge downe the tree and to the Iorneymen to spend

xv d.

Item paied for a gallon of wyn to the wardens wieves

ij s. viij d.

Item paied for xlvj gallons of Ale and bere

xxxviij s. iiij d.

Item paied for xvj dossen of bread

xvj s.

Item paied for a quart of wyn to make gentlewemen drinke in our haule

vj d.

Item paied to the mynstrells

x s.

Item paied for wyn at our haule at the feast

ij s. iiij d.

Item geuen to the prentices

xij d.

...

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Thomas Churchyard, The Worthines of Wales STC: 5261
sigs K4v–L* (*Description of Shrewsbury*)

...

I Had such haste, in hope to be but briefe,
That Monuments, in Churches were forgot: | 5
And somewhat more, behind the walles as chiefe,
Where Playes have bin, which is most worthie note.
There is a ground, newe made Theator wise,
Both deepe and hie, in goodly auncient guise:
Where well may sit, ten thousand men at ease, | 10
And yet the one, the other not displease.

ⓈA pleasant and
artificiall peece
of ground

A space belowe, to bayt both Bull and Beare,
For Players too, great roume and place at will.
And in the same, a Cocke pit wondrous feare, | 15
Besides where men, may wrastle in their fill.
A ground most apt, and they that sits aboue,
At once in vewe, all this may see for loue:
At Astons Play, who had beheld this then,
Might well haue seene, there twentie thousand men. | 20

ⓈMaister Aston
was a good and
godly Preacher.

Fayre Seuarne streame, runs round about this ground,
Sae that one side, is closde with Shrewsebrie wall:
And Seuarne bankes, whose beautie doth abound,
In that same Soyle, behold at will ye shall. | 25
Who comes to marke, and note what may be seene,
Shall surely see, great pleasures on this greene:
Who walkes the bankes, and thinkes his payne not greate,
Shall say the Towne, is sure a princely Seate.

ⓈA Friery house
stood by this
ground called
the Welsh
Fryers. In
Shrewseburie
were three
Fryer houses.

...

AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL
f 168v (17 December)

9 This year and the 17. day of december the shereff proclaymid in salop ... the | 35
sayd traitor the scottishe queene hath judgement to dye and for ioye therof
the baylyffes and aldermen caused bonnyfiers and bell ringins with assembblynge
them selues in their beast araye in banquetinge and reioysinge the same
praying god with trivmphand sownde of trumpet &c

...

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36/ scottishe queene: *Mary, Queen of Scots*

1587–8

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [75] (*Armour received by new wardens*)

...

A sworde and dagger: A payre of splentes/ & a paire of booulttes 5
A Iacke, and a banner pole

...

1588–9

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260 10
f 153* (*10 June–2 June*) (*Decision of 28 May assembly*)

...

...and also ytt ys forther a greed by the whole compaynye that the company
shall geue vnto master wardens the somme of xx s. [for to paye for wyne and
other charges apo(.) our Eleccion day] accordyng as ytt hathe byn 15
accostomed/ and for the wyne

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
f [76v] (*18 April–10 April*) (*Armour received by new wardens*)

...

A payre of splentes a Iacke a pere of boltes a banar polle 20

...

ff [77–7v] (*Wardens' payments*)

...

Item payd for gonpowder x d. 25

Item payd to corbet for playing on the drome iiij d.

...

Item payd for xl galandes of alle at vij d. a galane xxiiij s. iiij (.)

Item payd for xl desen of bred xx s. 30

Item payd ij mynstrells x s.

...

Item payd for pounce of gonne powder & a hallffe (...) l

...

Item payd for wyne to oure hall xx d. 35

...

Item payd for trenchardes copes bowes roshyis v s.

...

Item ij pottells of sacke on oure fest day iiij s. 40

...

AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL

f 174v*

...

- 8 This yeare and the .7. daye of Ianuarij .1588. beinge the quarter sessions for the shire, vsually kept in shreusberie the tuesday after xijth daye there had licke to have been greate hurt doon throughe the blowinge of a troompett by Master frances newpardes troompetur over against master david lloydes house in whose howse was one master owen vaghan & his meen beinge a stoute gentilman betweene whom was an olde grudge, the *which* troompetur beinge foounde faultt withall drewe out his swoorde to strike at the *partie* and thervpon the oder hys fellows drewe and the bayliffes being in the hall cam amongst them to keepe peace were not regardid vppon the same the common bell was ronge then the townes men. assisted the baylyffes and then they were forcid to put vpp their weapons with halfe a dossun broken pates and all this [t]wile the sayd mr owen vaghan and all his men kept the howse and by counsell sterred not *whiche* yf he and his men had coom furthe there had been a bloddie daye, but god be thanckid it was for that tyme pacified/

...

f 175*

...

This yeare in the moonths of maye, and Iune was soom contrauersie [^]in the towne of salop¹ about the settinge vpp of maye poales and bonyfiers mackinge, and erection of tresse before the shermans haule and other places the *whiche* one mr tomkys publicke prechar there did preche against and the saide prechar beinge presentt at then perswadinge reformation was there thretenid and pushid at by certen lewde persoonns but in the ennde it was reformid by the bayliffes &c/

...

1589–90

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/530f [2v]* (*Disbursements*)

...

- + Item geuen [^]to¹ the quene her maiestes players in a rewarde XX s.

...

Town Bills SRO: 3365/530/16

single sheet

for master Bayliffes & the Comissioners [dinner] of

| | | |
|---|---|--------------------|
| | the [subd] Subsedye [^] [ther dynner with aldermen<.)] | |
| | [the] tewsdays being the xv th of September | |
| Imprimis [iiij] [^] [v] | lointes mutton to seth & make pyes | [x] iij s. viij d. |
| A brisket of Beeffe powderid & sode | | ij s. x d. |
| ijj gesse | | iiij s. |
| vij Ribbes Byef to rost | | iiij s. ij d. |
| [^] [tw] iij loines & a shulder of veale | | iiij s. viij d. |
| v Rabetes | | xxij d. |
| vij [fl] chykines | | xxiiij d. |
| Towe dosen half pidgions rosted & baked | | iiij s. ix d. |
| flower for bakinge venison minsed pyes & pigion pyes | | |
| & Aple teartes | | v s. ij d. |
| Butter | | iiij s. vj d. |
| spices, viz Resinges shuger pepper Cloves & mase [&] | | |
| synamondes [&] gynger [^] & Comfetes [^] | | vij s. vj d. |
| fruet viz. peres Aples walnotes Dampsons | | xiiij d. |
| Bred iij dosen half | | iiij s. vj d. |
| Bere | | v s. iiij d. |
| ffyer & paynes, what yt will pleas Master Baylifes & vj men | | °iiij s. iiij d.° |
| payd minstres | | ij s. vj d. |
| To the baker for baking | | xij d. |
| vj partriches bestowed | | |
| | | 57 s. 9 d. |
| ° more j pint of Swyett water | | |
| Item to the messenger that brought the Venson frome | | 25 |
| master newport | | vj s. |
| Item for Wine at the eatinge of the sayd venson | | xij s. iiij d. |
| Summa iij li. xvi s. j d. | | |
| paid and quite/ | | |
| Seen and allowed° | | 30 |
| (signed) Iohn Baylly | | |
| Richard Waring | | |
| Andrew Lewis | | |
| Roger blakwey | | |

Presentment for Damage at Kingsland SRO: 3365/1107/B
single sheet (16 October)

Colham

...

°[vera] pauper°

We present Evan ap edward ffor Cutting of hedges and ashes at the scumakeres harbor

...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2641 ii
 f [79v]* (10 April 1589–30 April 1590) (*Armour and other things received
 by new wardens*)

...
 a payre of splentes & a gacke a payre of bovltes & a baner polle

5

...

AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL

ff 182v–3*

...

10

30. This yeare and the xxiiiijth [of] [day of Iuly] there was a scaffolld put vp in the
 cornemarket in salop vpon the *whiche* an hongarian and other of the queenes
Maiesties players and tvmlars vsid and excersisid them selves in sutche maner
 of tvmblinge and tvrninge as the the lick was never seene in shrewsburie before,
 that is to saye in this maner, they wold tvrne them selves twise bothe backward 15
 and forward without towchinge any grownde in lightinge or fallinge vpon
 theire feete som of them also wold apaire in a bagge vpriht in the same beinge
 tied fast at the mowthe above his head and wold beinge in the sayde bagge
 turne bothe forward and backward without towchinge any grownde in falling
 vpriht vppon his feete in the sayde bagge marvelous to the beholders also a 20
 litill from the sayde stadge there was a gable roape tighted and drawen strayte
 vppon poales erectid against master pursers place in the sayde corne market
 vpon the *whiche* roape the sayde hongarian did assende and goe vppon withe
 his bare feete having a longe poale in his hanndes over his headd and wold
 fall stridlenges vppon the sayde roap and mowntinge vp againe vpon the same 25
 withe hys feete verey myraculous to the beholders at soondrie tymes and in
 soondrie maners, aso vppon the topp of the same roape goinge streight from
 bothe the sloapes he went to & fro the same in daunsinge and turninge hym
 sellff withe holdinge still his saide poale *whiche* wayed above xxxviij li. weight
 and also he put on two broadeshues of copper vpon hys feete not towching 30
 them with hys handes and went vpriht vpon the saide roape never suarvinge on
 no syde in woonderfull maner and after he had put downe the poale he shewyd
 woonderfull feates and knackes in fallinge his head and handes downewardes
 and hangid at the roape by his feete and assendid vp agayne and after that
 hangid by his handes and all his feete & body downewardes and turnid hys 35
 body backward & forward betwyxt his handes & the rope as nymbell I as yf
 it had been an eele in sutche woonderfull maner that the licke was neuer seene
 of the inhabitantēs there before that tyme

...

14/ the the: *ditto*graphy

27/ aso: *for* also

1590-1

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/532/1f [1v]* (*Expenses*)

...

Spent vpon Sir Richarde Shuttleworth *master Sergeant* owen & the Iustices of peace with other gent of worshipp in money geuen to diuers Preachers aswell at quarter Sessions as att other tymes cominge to this towne as by *particulers* may appeare & for learned Assistance to *master Bailiffes* in Court

[xxiiij li. vij s. v d.] [xxiiij li. vj s. vj d. [x d. iiij s.]] [23 li. 6 s. 6 d.] 10

...

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/532/3f [1]* (*Itemized expenses*)

...

+ Item paid and geuen to the quene her maiesties players xl s. 15

...

f [2]*

...

+ Item paid and geuen to my Lord beachams men beinge players xiiij s. iiij d. 20

...

f [2v]*

...

+ Item paid to iiij^{or} men that warded the vj of Iune conserninge some specyall causes of the tounes xvj d. 25

+ Item paid and geuen to my Lord of Darbyes musysyoners and to the [el] erle of Wosters players xxiiij s. viij d. 30

...

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/532/4f [1v]* (*Itemized expenses*)

...

Item paid for the charges of the tounes Sessions holden the 23th of auguste xix s. iiij d. 35

...

6/ gent: for gentlemen; abbreviation mark missing

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/532/29
single sheet*

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| + Item paid for the expenses of the Comon <i>sergeant</i> & Cryer with others in in cryinge proclamacion aboutes the townes affaires | xij d. | 5 |
| + Item paid to Richard hamondes for three seuerall Iorneyes to mr ffowler & others concerninge the townes affaires | xvj d. | |
| Sum totall 2 li. 9 s. 6 d. | | |
| Seen and allow<..> | | |
| (signed) Roger marshall | | 10 |
| william proud<..> | | |
| Richard wicherley | | |
| °Allocatur xlvij s. ij d./° And the rest not allowed for that the proclamacons were made eyther without warrant of lawe or against lawe: And besides that for the Comen <i>Sergeant</i> to make proclamacions in lawfull causes the same doth properly belong vnto his offyce for which he hath his fee/° | | |
| (signed) William Hering | Nicholaus Gybbons | John ff<...> |
| | John Baylly | ffrancys mitton |

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/532/30
single sheet* 20

| | | |
|--|------------------------|----|
| Item payd to Richard morryes in goyinge iij seuerall Iorneyes aboutes the tounes busnes | xvj d. | |
| Item payd for the hyer of a horse and for a messengers paynes in goyinge to Sir edward leighton aboutes the tounes affayres | ij s. | 25 |
| Item payd for the Wrytinge of seuerall bookes for the tounes | vj s. viij d. | |
| Summa x s. | | |
| [Iohn Robynson] | | |
| Payd and quite | Seen and allowed | 30 |
| | (signed) Iohn Robynson | |
| | Roger marshall | |
| | william proude | |
| | Iohn dowhnes | |
| | Richard wicherley | 35 |
| °non Allocatur./° The busynes before mencioned was not touching the Townes busynes, but the same travayling was to obteyne Credytt [v<..>to] for <i>Master Bayllyffes</i> in their dealing aboutes the Shermans tree and not aboutes any other | | |

5/ in in: *ditography*

7/ concerninge: 4 minims in MS

13/ proclamacons: for proclamacions; abbreviation mark missing

17/ ff<...>: lower right corner of sheet torn; probably fferthis, see p 251, l. 27 below

busynes of the towne, as all the generall state of the towne doth well knowe to be moost true. And the wrytten booke aboue mencioned ys A very vayne thing, wrytten by *Master Bayllyffes* towching the same matter, to make A fayre shewe of their dealing therin and good *gouernement* in matters of gretter ymportans to shadowe the same. wheare in very dede, the Shermans tree was
 Causa sine qua non. &c.^o (signed) *Nicholaus Gybbons* ff(...) 5
william hering *Iohn Baylly* *ffrauncys m(ytton)*

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/532/31

single sheet—single sheet verso*

this tytyle is a supposell without such warrant as is alledged. And not true in substance as is recyted.

Chardges susteigned by warrant from the Bailiffes Aldermen & Comon Counsaill & ouerseen in the bestowinge therof accordinge to the Compositi^on in a matter touchinge the liberties & State of government of the Towne brought in question by one Richard ffernes & others. / 1591. / 15
 Inpmis paid for dynner for the Bailiffes mr ffowler & the rest at hampton on Saterday beinge the .24. day of Iuly x s.
 Item paid for horsmeate there iiij s. vj d.
 Item for supper at Birmicham that nighte xiiij s. x d.
 Item for horsmeate there xij s. vj d. 20
 Item paid *master Sergeant* puckeringe for his ffees to be at Counsaill with *master Bailiffes* xl s.
 Item for dynner & supper at warwicke vpon sonday the .25. day ij li. xvj s. iiij d.
 Item for dynner on monday the .26. day xx s. 25
 Item paid for thre(.) seuerall Rowmes for lodginge in warwicke iiij s. vj d.
 Item for horsmeate there xx s. vj d.
 Item for supper on monday night at Birmicham xvj s.
 Item spent by *master Bailiffe* Burnell in travelinge home xvj d. 30
 Item for breckfast on Tusday the .27. day iiij s. ij d.
 Item for horsmeate there xv s. vj d.
 Item for dynner & supper the same day at Bewdley xvij s.
 Item for breckfaste on wensday the .28. day ij s. viij d.
 Item for horsmeate at that tyme ix s. vj d. 35
 Item for dynner that daye at Bridgenorth v s. x d.
 Item for horsmeate at that baite iij s. iiij d.

6/ Causa ... non: in italic script

6/ ff(...): probably fferhis; see p 251, l.27 below

7/ m(ytton): sheet damaged but tops of letters survive

16/ Inpmis: for Imprimis; abbreviation mark missing

16/ the²: corrected from others by erasure

30/ Bailiffe: e written over -es sign

Summa Totalis xij li. xvij s. vj d.

Seen and allowed.

(signed) Thomas Sherer
 Thomas Burnell
 Richard Witcherley 5
 John Robynson
 griffin maddox marke +
 Roger marshall
 John downes
 william proude 10

°This byll is not allowed ^{aswell} for that there was no necessytie that *Master* bayll(es) should goe vnto warwyck in their persons, in respect the matter was but for the taking bayle of the said ffearnes & the rest being comytted for brynging in the Shermans tree: As also for that *Master* Baylyffes long before this money was expendyd, & before th() supposed warrant to be had [vppon] 15
 from the ^{said} Aldermen & Counsell, the same bayliffes, had Dyreccion by lettres from *Master* Serieant Owen our recorder to enlarge the Prysoner()
 lettre *Master* Baylyffes dyd suppress & Conceale from the said Aldermen & Counsell () besydes that because *Master* Baylyffes dyd deale in that matter at the begyning without the 20

plus in dorso l

advyse of the learned Counsell of the Towne And further for that the Comon Serieant of that Towne, vnto whom the Cariage of the sayd ffearnes & the rest, dyd apperteyne. ys allowed for the brynging of them to warwyck the som of twentye shillinges° (signed) Nicholaus Gybbons 25

(signed) william Heringe

John Baylly

John fferhis

ffrauncis mytton

ffor answeare to your malycious Cavelinge to our Accompte suffycyently warrented by Act of Counsaill & by our Composicion yow were chosen 30
 Auditours to allowe & disallowe in forme of Accompte wherin if yow haue a privat Respect/ yow shewd your selffes to be carried away with vaine affeccion/
 yow can disallowe of nothinge that we haue laid downe vnder our handes vnles the same be not trewly caste/ your writinge is satis pro imperio./

We Require yow in her maiesties name that yow protracte no tyme to hynder 35
 our ordynaly Eleccion/ for if there happen any disturbance of Comon quyet to the breache of her maiesties peace/ we lett yow witt that we can no lesse lay the same to your chardge/ And for the Censuringe of our doynge we Referr our selfes to the Iudgement of our Recorder.

(signed) Thomas Sherer 40

71 +: Maddox has signed with his personal mark

°Master Bayllyffes wee protract
no tyme for wee haue cast vpp
the [discharge] Charge &
Dyscharge before the delyuery
herof vnto our handes°

(signed) Thomas Burnell
Roger Marshall
Iohn downes
Rychard wicherley
Iohn Robynson
griffin maddockes (...)

Submission of Robert Stephens and John Lewis SRO: 3365/1113
single sheet* (6–8 June)

To the Right *worshipfull master* Bailiffes of the Towne of Salop
And to Thomas Boycott and Rowland ap Rees wardens of the
fellowship or Company of Sharmen of the same Towne.

Humbly submytt[et]inge our selves vnto your *worships* your Oratours Robert
Stevens a ffree man of the fellowship foresaid And Iohn lewis Iorneyman of
the said Companye and *Servaunte* to Richard Calcott of the same Towne
beinge Comytted to ward by your *worships* for that we contrary to your
worships comaundmentes & the Comaundymentes of our said wardens did
fetche & bringe into this towne A Tree [&c] & [fixed] [^] consented to plase^l
the same att the hall doore of the said Company/ Wherin we acknowledge
to haue offended & confesse our worthy desert of the said imprisonment,
beinge both willinge hereafter to observe all your *commaundmentes* as
dutie byndeth vs & never hereafter to offende in the like./

your obedyent Orato(..)s
(signed) Robart Steuenes

+

xj^e die Iunij. 1591/

Vpon sight & Recepte of this *peticion* [ed] to the bailiffes & wardens aboue
named the *peticoners* acknowledge their offences & *promise* that hereafter
they will not *commytt* the like And for that the wardens acknowledge that
for their partes they haue *persuaded* the whole Company to confyrme them
selves to obedyens in this behaulf that they were so agreed in their hall therfore
the said *peticioners* aswell by constat of the said Bailiffes as by the consent
of the said wardens vpon this their humble Submission as aforesaid are set at
libertie

6/ griffin maddockes (...): probably marke + as above, p 251, l.7

26/ +: probably John Lewis' mark

32/ *peticoners*: for *petitioners*; abbreviation mark missing

Submission of Robert Blower SRO: 3365/1113
single sheet* (6-8 June)

To the Right Worshipell *Master*
balives & the wardines of
this town of salop

5

Humbly Submythe hyme selfe vnto *your* worshipes *your* orittor Richard blower
the younger of this towne sherman was Comytted to warde by Thomas boycot
and Roland apries nove wardines of the Shermen/. for that *your* orittor did
breke *master* balives Commavndiment and also for lentyng of the Caye of
[the] [^][*our*] hall / [^][*door*] to Richard fearnes withe out The wardenes Consent
therfor *your* orittore is hartely sory and dothe thinke hyme selfe worthy of
this pvnesment for his fault and therfor [^][*he*] requesthe yow *master* wardenes
most humbly to intrete *master* balives worshipes to be in larged at this tyme &
this for godes loue and *your* oritor will not ofend in the lyke sort [enye] any
mor

10

15

your orittor
(*signed*) Richard blower

°xj° die Iunij 1591

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vppon sight and receipt of this petytyon *deliuered* to the bayliffes and wardenes
aboue named the petytyner acknolegyng his offence and promysinge that
herafter he Will not comitt the like and for that the wardenes acknoleginge
that for their *partes* they haue *perswaded* the Whole companye, to conferme
them selves to obedyens in this behalfe that they were soe agreed in their
hall therfore the sayd petycyoner aswell by consent of the sayd bayliffes as by
the consent of the sayd Wardenes vppon this, his humble submission [^][*as*]
aforesayd is sett at libertye
(*signed*) Thomas Sherer °

25

30

Examination of Geoffrey Heath SRO: 3365/1113
single sheet—single sheet verso* (8 June)

apud Salopiam viij° die [⟨...⟩] [^][*Iune*] anno
Regni Regine elizabethe etc xxxiiij°

35

The *examinacion* and sayinge of of Ieffrey heathe of this towne of
Salop sherman taken before Thomas burnell *gentleman* on of the
bayliffes of the towne of Salop and dauid lloyd *gentleman* deputye
to Thomas sherer *gentleman* thother bayliffe of the sayd towne

first beinge *examined* whether he had [^]anye vnderstandinge or notice ether by the wardens of the sherman or by anye other of the brethren of that companye, that *master* bayliffes had comaunded that there shuld noe tree be fatcht in to the towne [and] or be sett vp at the shermens halle this yere in *superstycyus* order or not, sayeth he hard nothings to the contrarye, savinge that some *personns* sayd hit shuld not be fatcht in and some sayd hit shuld be fatcht in 5

and further sayeth that vppon saterdaye morninge after the shermen had mett together in there hall that he harde Roland ap Rees [of] on of the wardens of the sayd companye [saye] as he was goyinge downe mardowell, saye that hit was agreed, that the tree shuld not be medlett with all [that] [^]this yere 10

beinge *examined* of whome he hard that the tree shuld be fatcht in, sayeth, that Richard fernes, Robert walker *alias* stephens, Thomas evans, Iohn lewis *seruant* to Richard calcott, and Iohn bickerstaffe, and Iohn evans and Richard spristowe, *with* this *examinant* did agree to fatche in the tree, but Iohn evans and Richard spristowe did not goe *with* them, 15

And beinge *examinant* by what warrant they went to fathe in the tree sayeth that nether wardens nor stewardes nor anye others did agree to this but the *personns* before named | 20

And further sayeth that vppon saterdaye in the eveninge between viij^e and ix^{en} of the clocke at night he this *examinant* together with the other *ve* *personns* before named went oute (. .) the castle yate of this towne aboutes a [f] milne hence to a copye or wood *which* he taketh to be allman *parke* and there *with* a hatchett did cut downe a yonge saplinge and the same did take and carye to this towne and came in with the same aboutes towe of the clocke after midnight and did sett the same vp at the shermans halle, and they brought the same in to the towne vnder the castle and soe vp the Waterlood 30

beinge *examined* whether they did not determine to sett vp the Quens armes vppon the same tree sayeth that he harde nothing therof

beinge *examined* wherfore they wold not open the dore of the shermens hall to lett *master* bayliffes com Inne after they had sett vp the tree beinge required soe to doe by [the bayliffes] mr burnell on of the bayliffes sayethe that he harde noe suche *commandment* 35

beinge *examined* werfore they wold enterprice this acte with oute warrant, 40

19/ *examinant*: for *examined*

19/ *fathe*: for *fatche*

25/ (. .): *hole in sheet*

sayeth that they supposed that the same had not bin against the lawe and statutes of this realme

And further beinge *examined* at that tyme when they did sett vp the same tree, by whome they [...] wold be Iudged whether they had donne well or not 5
 (...) they all sayed [^] that they wold be iudged by anye that was lerned but afterwarde they sayd [^] that they wold haue mr prince & mr gibbons or on of them and noe other

beinge *examined* whoe gaue them counsaylle or did incoradge them in this act sayethe, that [^] noe[^] maner of personns but them selves 10
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Examination of Thomas Evans SRO: 3365/1113
 single sheet—single sheet verso* (8 June) 15

The *examinacion* and sayinge of Thomas evans of this toune sherman taken the daye and yere aforesaid

beinge *examined* whether he be free of the companye of shermen of this toune or not sayeth he is 20

beinge *examined* whether he were sumoned to com [^] to[^] the sherme(.) halle vpoon saterdaye morninge last, sayeth that he will not anshere thervnto 25

beinge *examined* whether he did not heare that the wardens and other there brethern had agreed that there shuld be noe medlinge with the sayd tree sayeth he did and did not

beinge *examined* howe manye did agree to the fatchinge in of the tree, sayeth that *master* bayliffes dothe know and therefore he will not name them 30

beinge *examined* whether the stewardes or anye of them did giue anye warrant in this enterpryce sayeth he will [ansher] answer noe further at this tyme 35

beinge *examined* what tyme he and his companions went oute of this toune to fatch in the tree sayeth he will saye noe more

and beinge *examined* where they had the tree/ sayeth I saye nothinge

beinge *examined* what tyme they came w^{ith} the tree in to the toune, sayeth he hathe spoken allreadye

beinge *examined* *which* waye they came into the toune *with* the sayd tree, sayeth that if they haue done anye thinge against the statutes and lawes of the land they are to be ponyshed and other answere he will not make 5

beinge *examined* whate tyme of the night they did sett vp the tree, sayeth we most answere hit as we maye |

beinge *examined* [wh(.)y] whye thay wold not open the doore at the shermens hall to *master* bayliffe burnell at such tyme as they had sett vp the tree beinge requyred by him soe to doe, sayeth if they did offend they most answere hit 10

beinge *examined* whate answere he made to *master* bayliffe burnell, by whome they wulde be tryed whether they had offended or not sayeth he [will] [^][dothe] not answere nor to any other matter will answere 15

and nowe in the end beinge required to put his hond or make a marke to this his *examinacion*, vtterlye refuseth soe [^][to] doe 20

(signed) Thomas Burnell
 Daud lloid
 Richard owen
 Richard powell 25
 michaell Chambre
 Iohn Webbe.

Examinations of John Bickerstaff and Richard Fernes SRO: 3365/1113
 ff [1-2v]* (8 June) 30

The *examinacion* and sayinge of Iohn bickerstaffe *junior* of this toune
 sherman taken the daye and yere aforesaid

first beinge *examined* whether he be free of the companye of Shermen sayeth he is 35

beinge *examined* whether he were *sommoned* to come to the shermens hall on saterdaye morninge last sayeth he was not 40

beinge *examined* whether he did not heare that the wardens and other there brethern had agreed that there shuld be noe medlinge *with* the tree sayeth he

did heare the same and that *master* bayliffes had *commanded* the [contrarye]
same

beinge *examined* whether the stewardes or anye of them did request him to
goe for the tree sayeth they did not

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beinge *exaied* howe manye did agree to the fatching in of the tree say vj^e vz.
Richard fernes Thomas evans, Jeffrey heath & Robert stephens, Iohn lewis,
and him selfe, and Iohn evans and Richard spristowe *promised* to come wth
them but they cam not

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beinge *examined* whate tyme he and his companyons went oute of the toune
to fatche in the tree sayethe aboutes ix^{en} of the clocke on saterdaye night and
wente oute of the castle yate and soe vnder cotton hill and soe the next waye
to allman *parke* and there Jeffrey heathe did cut downe a tree with a hatchett,
the *which* tree they tooke awaye frome thens and brought the same to this
toune and they came wth the same vnder the castle hill and soe vp the
Waterlood and soe directlye to the shermens hall beinge then aboutes ij of
the clocke after midnight |

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beinge *examined* by whome he was *perswaded* to goe for the tree sayeth that
Richard fernes and the other before named w()lled him this *examinant* to
goe with them for the tree the *which* he granted to doe

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beinge *examined* wate answere he made to *master* bayliffe burnell at the stone
gate, when *master* bayliffe told them that they had not done well and therefore
wished to knowe of them by whome they wolde be Iudged whether they had
done well or not sayeth that Richard fernes did *nominate* mr prince and mr
gibbons or on of them, or els they wold haue non and to this they did all
agree

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The *examinacion* and sayinge of Richard fernes of this toune sherman

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first beinge *examined* whether he be burges of this towne and whether he be
sworne sayeth that he is a free burges of this toune and hathe taken the burges
othe

7/ *exaied*: for *examined*; *abbreviation mark missing*

22/ w()lled: *hole in sheet*

32/ +: *Bickerstaff has signed with his personal mark*

beinge *examined* whether he be free with the companye of *sherman* sayeth he is not but is prentice with mr Richard meighen and hathe aboutes ayere as yet to serue

beinge *examined* whether he were not *priuey* that the Wardens of the *shermen* and other there bretherne had agred that there shuld be noe medlinge with the tree and that *master* bayliffes had likewise *commanded* the same, to this he sayeth that he can saye nothinge to hit | 5

beinge *examined* wether the stewardes or anye of them did giue anye warrant to them or anye of them to fatch in the tree, sayeth they did not 10

beinge *examined* howe [d] manye did agree to the *fatchinge* of the tree, and *which* waye they went and where they had the same, sayeth that him self to geather with Jeffrey heathe, Iohn bickerstaffe, Robert stephens Iohn lewis and Thomas evans did agree togeather and did goe aboutes ix^{en} a clocke on saterdaye night oute of the castle yate to fatche the sayd tree and soe they went directlye to [(.)] almon *parke* and there they did cut downe a yonge saplinge beinge geuen them by on morryes Iones *seruant* to mr lucye, they *which* they did take awaye and carye to this toun, and they brought the same vnder the castle hill and soe vp the Waterlood and soe directlye to the *shermens* hall, and there they tyed the same to the [^][stayres of the[^] [*shermens*] hall, beinge aboutes towe of the clocke after midnight 20

beinge *examined* whye they did [^][not[^]] open the [^][stere[^]] [*halle*] dore to *master* bayliffe burnell beinge required soe to doe at suche tyme as they had sett vp the tree, sayeth, that they wolde haue opened the dore, but the same was broken open before they could doe hit and sayeth that he had the key of the dore of the steward blowre, the *which* key he redeliuered vnto the sayd blowre after he was in ward, and further sayeth that he borrowed the sayd key of the sayd blowre nere vnto his fathers hous aboutes ix^{en} of the cloke on saterdaye night | 25 30

beinge *examined* whate answeere he made to *master* bayliffe burnell at suche tyme as he tolde [^][him[^]] that they had not well donne, sayeth that he [wol] wisshed that this matter might be put to the Iudgment of mr prince and mr gibbons or to on of them for he thought them most indifferent for them for other they wold not chuse 35

beinge *examined* whether that after he had chosen mr prince and mr gibbons or on of them and noe other whether he did [^][not[^]] saye to the sayd *master* bayliffe burnell that he trusted within xij^e yeres to see the sayd tree to be brought in/ in as soleme an order as ever hit had bine and that nether bayliffe 40

nor anye other shuld speake against hit, sayethe he did not speake anye such wordes

(signed) Richard ffearnes/

Memorandum that the daye and yere aforesayd the sayd ^{iiij}^{or} personns before named were required to put in shurtyes for there aparence at the next Sessyons to answer etc but they refuced soe to doe savinge Iohn bickerstaffe Jeffrey heath and Thomas evans requested to be aduised vntle the next morninge vij^{en} a clocke at *which* tyme likewise the sayd ^{iiij}^e personns were sent for before the sayd bayliffes but they in like sorte nowe at this tyme doe refuce to enter into bondes wherfore they are all comitted to remaine vntle the enter in bond as aforesayd

(signed) Thomas Burnell 5
 Daud lloid deputie
 for mr Sherer
 Richard owen
 Richard powell
 michael Chamber 10
 Iohn webbe

(signed) Thomas Burnell
 Daud lloid deputy

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Bailiffs' Order in Shearmen's Tree Case SRO: 3365/1113
 ff [1-2] (10 June)

apud Salopiam x^o die Iunij anno Regni
 Regine elizabethe etc. xxxiiij^o

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Wheras Richard fearns, Jeffrey heathe, Iohn bickerstaff *Iunior*, and Thomas evans, beinge latelye apprehended (.)ithin this towne and liberties of shrowsburye for that they vppon saterdaye at night last beinge the vth of this moneth did vnlawfullye assemble them selves together of there owne aucthorytye to intent to disturbe the comen quiett of this toune of Shrowsburye, by fatchinge in of a certen oake tree, to be sett vp before the halle of the combrethern of shermen contrarye to the *commandment geuen* by the bayliffes of the sayd toune for the tyme beinge, to the Wardens of the sayd companye *which* was publisshed in there [^][halle] [the] [^][and there agreed to be obserued the] sayd saterdaye morninge before the sayd thinge attempted, and yet notwithstandinge they the sayd personns before named some of them beinge freemen of there companye and some others of them beinge fre burges and therby tyed by othe to obedyence, *without*e regard ether of there othes or of there dutyes otherwise doe confesse that they brought in the sayd tree vppon sonndaye morninge last aboutes towe of the clocke in the morninge beinge oute aboutes the same all the night before, and [tooke the] cutt downe the

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same at a place called *allmon parke* within the *libertes* of this *toune*, not shewing
 anye suffycient matter for there doynge in that behalfe and allthoughe they
 knewe that there was watche and warde kept for that purpose, yet did they
 priuilye conueye | them selves by backe wayes to avoyd the watche, and soe
 brought the sayd tre before the halle of the *shermen* and there did sett vp the
 same [^][as aforesayd¹] in mere derycion and mockerye of the aucthorytye [^][and
 co[<].)andment¹] of the sayd baylyffes to them geuen in that behalfe to the
 contrarye, and forasmuche as they haue bin sondrye times *examined* tochinge
 this matter by whate warrant they did the same and by wose *commandment*
 and *procurement* and whate moved them to doe the same/ haue shewed noe
 matter at all of Iustyfycacion in this behalfe./ And beinge as well hertofore
 as presentlye at this tyme requyred to fynd shurtyes to answher suche matter
 as shuld be layed to there chardge on her *maiesties* behalfe for the offences
 aforesayd, haue [refuced soe] and doe refuse soe to doe and beinge at this tyme
 further required seuerally to answher vppon there othes to suche questyons
 as shuld be demanded of them, haue verye obstynatlye and wilfullye refuced
 to answere anye questyon, sayinge that they wolde not be sworne to answher
 to anye questyon of them demaunded. hit is therfore ordred, by the sayd
 bayliffes that the sayd ^{iiij}^{or} personns before named shalbe comitted to warde,
 to the custodye of the comen *seriant* of this *toune* of shrowsburye there to
 remaine vntle they shale find suffycient shurtyes for there apparence before |
 the bayliffes of the sayd *toune* at the next Sessyons to be holden before them
 to answere to suche matter as [shuld] [^][shale¹] be layed to there chardge on her
maiesties behalfe and at there apparence not [^][to¹] *departe* withoute specyall
 lycens, and in the meane tyme to [k] obserue and keape the quene her *maiesties*
 peace against all her heighnes subiectes, and vntle the further myndes of the
 sayd bayliffes shalbe knowen in this behalfe

(signed) Thomas Sherer

Depositions for Shearmen's Tree Inquest SRO: 3365/1113

f [1]* (12 June)

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The deposicion & sainge of Thomas Burnell *gentleman* one of the Bailiffes
 of the Towne of Shrewesbury taken the daye & yeare foresaid, touchinge &
 concerninge his knowledge of *certayne* wordes & speaches / spoken [^][& vttered¹]
 by Richarde[[<].] ffernes of the same Towne sherman. the vjth daye of Iune last
 past att such. tyme as the said Richard was *commytted* to the Ston ward of
 the said Towne by the said Thomas Burnell for his misdemeanors & offenses
 comytted at that tyme beinge apprehended & taken by the quenes *maiesties*
 watch there aboutes ij of the Clocke after mydnighte the same mornynge./

The said deponent deposeth & saith that he chardginge the said ffernes with his mysdemeanors [^]and breach of the Bailiffes commaundementes¹ at the same tyme The said Richard[es] ffernes then & there answered, speakinge these wordes followinge/ *videlicet*/ well *master* Bailiff I trust within these twelve yeares that I shall see the Tree brought into this Towne of Salop in as solemne Order as euer it was/ And that nether Bailiff nor any other person within the said Towne shall gainsay the same/

(signed) per me Thomam Burnell

william hurste of the Towne of Salop in the countie of Salop one of the vnder officers of the same towne beinge Examined concerninge the speakinge of the same wordes by the said Richard ffernes. deposeth & saith &c./

The said deponent deposeth & saith that he harde the forenamed Richard ffernes speake the said wordes vnto the said *master* Bailiffe Burnell in manner & forme as the said mr Burnell before hath declared

(signed) William hvrst

George Clerke of the said towne yeman beinge examined concerninge the same cause deposeth & saith as followeth./

The said deponent Likewise deposeth & saith that he also hard the said Richard ffernes speake & pronownce the said wordes vnto the said *master* Bailiff Burnell in manner & forme as the same mr Burnell [. . .] before hath declared

(signed) George Clearke

ff [2-2v]

The deposicion & sainge of Thomas Boycott one of the wardens of the Company or fellowship of Shermen wāthin the towne of Shrewesbury taken the daye and yeare foresaid/ before [the] Thomas Sherer and Thomas Burnell gentlemen Bailiffes of the said towne touchinge & concerninge his knowledge in the cause foresaid

The said deponent saith that he & his fellowe warden Rowland ap Rees, beinge both called [^]for¹ before the bailiffes forsaide the fourth daye of Iune laste, att *which* tyme the said Bailiffes made it knowne vnto them whate contencions [v] & vproes were had ij or three [^]yeares¹ paste together touchinge the fetchinge in & [erected] [^]erectinge¹ vpp of the Tree vsually plased before their hall/ & further said vnto them that gretter inconvenyens would ensue if by good advise it were not prevented/ Att *which* tyme therfore the said Bailiffes gave *commandment* to the said deponent & his fellowe warden/ the

next morninge by [sixe] [five] of the Clocke to Somon their Combretheren together, & to make knowen vnto them that the saide Bailiffes pleasure & commaundment was that no Tree should either by them, their *Servantes* [& apprentizes] or by any others at their *procurementes* bee [of] brought into the said towne to bee plased & erected as in former tyme it was, for stay & pacifyinge of troubles that otherwise were like to fall out/ whereupon this deponent & his said fellowe the next morninge by the said houre gave *sommons* to their Combretheren accordingly/ & imparted vnto them the Comandmentes & pleasures of *master* Bailiffes as aforesaid/ At *which* tyme/ therunto/ they all [semed very willinge to consent & so departed]/ that were then *present* [semed] [did] very willingly [to] consent, but whether any of the Offenders were then *present* this deponent knoweth not./ but it was fully agreed by all the said Company at that tyme/ that there should be no entermedlynge with the tree at that tyme for this yere/

the deposicion & sainge of Rowland ap Rees
thother warden of the said fellowship

The said deponent deposeth & saieth in manner & forme as his fellowe warden the former deponent hath said./

(signed) Roland Pris | 20

Humfrey hughes of the same towne *sherman* beinge *examined*
concerninge the same cause deposeth & saieth as followeth./

The said *Examinat* deposeth & saieth that he beinge one of the masters or
^ [freemen of the] Compay [of the occu(.)acion] of *shermen* within the said 25
towne was called by the former deponentes the wardens of the said Company
to their hall vpon Saterdag morninge beinge the fiveth day of Iune last att
what tyme he hard the former deponentes beinge his wardens declare to the
whole company then assembled together that *master* Bailiffes pleasure was for
divers inconvenyences that might ensue that there should be no entermedlinge 30
with the fetchinge or erectinge of any tree before their hall that yere, And
wished that their Company would therunto agree/ whereunto he this deponent
^ [and his [fellowe] wardens] with the Residue of the said Company then *present*
did all willingly consent for he this deponent at that tyme did heare non of
the said Company gainsay the same 35

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25/ Compay: for Company; abbreviation mark missing

36/ H H: Hughes has signed with his initials

Deposition for Shearmen's Tree Inquest SRO: 3365/1113
f [1] (12 June)

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The deposicion and sayinge of William Ienckes of the toune
of Salop [sherm] draper taken before the bayliffes of the sayd 5
toune conserninge his knowlege in the cause aforesayd.

The sayd deponent deposeth and sayethe that vppon frydaye the iiijth daye
of this Iune last aboutes ix^{en} of the clocke in the eveninge the same daye, he
this *examinant* comminge to his lodgyng at mr Thomas charltons house, did 10
finde at or neare the sayd dore, Richard fearnes and diuers others talkinge
aboutes the fatchinge in and [...] erectinge of a tre the next daye before the
hall of the shermen, beinge verye earnest in talke theraboutes, whervppon he
this *examinant* sayd vnto them, that hit was not good for them to entermedle
with that matter, for nought hit is, and therefore noe good can com of hit,
whervnto the sayd fearnes answered with verye bad speches, soe this *examinant* 15
departed vnto his chamber and leaninge in his chambar windowe towards
the streat, where they were still talkinge of that matter, [^]then ffearnes &
other ij or iij departed and went awaye^o and determyninge with them selves
whate they shuld doe, if noe other wold doe anye thinge, and I harde fearnes
saye^o as they went betwixt y lodge and the condithe^o and incoradge the other 20
ij or iij that weare with him that they shuld sticke vnto him, for the settinge
vp of the tree, and that he him selfe wolde sticke vnto hit let com on hit whate
wolde, and more in effect touchinge the same can not depose

(signed) by me william Ienckes./
thonger./ 25

Shearmen's Tree Inquest SRO: 3365/1113
single mb* (12 June)

Villa
Salopie

Inquisicio Capta apud Villam Salopie predictam in guihalda ibidem Ad 30
specialem Sessionem pacis infra villam predictam et libertates eiusdem tentam
Coram Thoma Sherer et Thoma Burnell generosis Balliuis ville illius et
Willielmo ffowler Armigero Senescallo eiusdem ville ac Iusticiarijs domine
Regine ad pacem infra Villam et libertates eiusdem Conseruandam necnon
ad diuersas felonias transgressiones et alia malefacta infra predictam villam et 35
libertates eiusdem perpetratas Audiendas et terminandas iuxta libertates et
ffranchesias eiusdem ville a tempore quo non extat memoria vsitas et
approbatas in eadem villa die Sabbati videlicet duodecimo die Iunij Anno
Regni domine nostre Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie ffrauncie et hibernie Regine

17-18/ [^]then ... awaye^o: interlineation here and l.20 in Ienckes' hand
20/ y lodge: for ye lodge (?)

fidei defensoris &c Tricesimo tercio per Sacramentum Ricardi Betton generosi
 Ricardi Cherwell draper Willelmi Kinge draper Rolandi Langley draper Thome
 Whitfoote draper Willelmi Medlicott brickman Ricardi Leaton weuer Willelmi
 ffawkener baker Iohannis Hussey Coruiser Petri Studley coruiser Iohannis
 Edwardes Brickman Ricardi Maninge tailer Iohannis Tench draper Roberti
 Stevens draper et Ricardi Tailer mercer Iuratorum qui dicunt super Sacramentum
 suum quod Ricardus ffernes de villa Salopie in Comitatu Salopescire sherman
 Iohannes Bickerstaffe de villa et Comitatu predictis sherman Thomas Evans
 de villa et Comitatu predictis sherman et Galfridus Heathe de eisdem villa
 et Comitatu sherman cum multis alijs Malefactoribus eis agregatis et pacis
 domine nostre Regine perturbatoribus ignotis, modo guerimo Arraiatis vniter se
 assemblatis et Congregatis ad numerum viginti personarum Riotose Rowtose
 et modo nove insurreccionis et Conventiclis illicitis et modo guerrimo arraiatis
 ad magnum terrorem et perturbacionem diuersorum ligeorum et Subditorum
 dicte domine Regine Quinto die Iunij Anno Regni domine nostre Elizabethhe
 dei gracia Anglie ffrauncie et hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c Tricesimo
 tercio vi et Armis videlicet Baculis gladijs Securibus et Alijs Armis invasivis
 Clausum Andree Lewis draper apud Allmoner parke alias dictum Allmore
 parke prope villam Salopie predictam infra parochiam Sancte Marie infra
 Villam et Comitatum predictas ac Infra Iurisdictionem huius Curie vocatum
 the Coppys Riotose fregerunt et intraverunt ac quendam Arborem quercium
 ad tunc et ibidem crescentem Anglice vocatam an Ocke tree precij duorum
 solidorum de bonis et Cattallis cuiusdem Edmundi Lusy Armigeris, Cum
 Securibus et alijs instrumentis secativis secaverunt et dictam Arborem ab inde
 Removerunt et Asportauerunt et ad villam Salopie predictam infra Iurisdictionem
 predictam circa horam secundam post Concubiam noctis eiusdem diei
 portaverunt et dictam Arborem in quadam platea ville predictae vocata
 mylke street infra Iurisdictionem predictam Riotose Rowtose et modo nove
 insurreccionis et Conventiclis illicitis et modo guerrimmo Arraiatis fixerunt
 et locaverunt Contra Mandatum Balliuorum ville Salopie predictae preantea illis
 et multis alijs videlicet quarto die Iunij Anno Regni dicte domine Regine nunc
 Tricesimo tercio in Contrarium datum in magnum terrorem et perturbacionem
 diuersorum ligeorum et Subditorum dicte domine Regine in Villa predicta et
 infra Iurisdictionem predictam Inhabitantium Ac Contra formam diuersorum
 Statutorum de Riottis et Rowtis et alijs Conventiclis illicitis inde nuper
 editorum et prouisorum Et Contra pacem dicte domine Regine Coronam et
 dignitatem suas &c

Iurati predicti vltterius dicunt quod Ricardus ffernes de villa Salopie in Comitatu
 Salopescire sherman deum pre oculis suis non habens sed instigacione diabolica

21/ quendam: e corrected from a
 21/ quercium: 4 minims in MS

34/ Inhabitantium: tium corrected from tem

seductus Ac ligueariam suam erga dominam nostram Elizabetham dei gracia Anglie Reginam &c parvi pendens Ac leges et Statuta huius Regni Anglie minime estimans nec penam in eisdem Contentam aliquamiter verens Sexto die Iunij Anno Regni dicte domine nostre Elizabethhe dei gracia Anglie ffrancie et hibernie Regine fidei defensoris &c Tricesimo Tercio Apud villam Salopie predictam in Comitatu predicto ac infra Iurisdictionem huius Curie in Contemptu dicte domine Regine et eius statutorum huius Regni Anglie Aduisate et cum maliciosa intencione ex sua propria imaginacione hec falsa sediciosa et scandalosa verba Anglicana sequencia Cuidam Thome Burnell generoso vno Balliuorum dicte domine Regine Ville Salopie predictae in Audiencia et presenciam multorum ligeorum dicte domine Regine dixit et propalauit/ videlicet/ Well Master Bailliff I trust within these twelve yeres that I shall see the tree; meaninge the Shermans tree before by the Bailiffes of the sayed towne of Salop forbydden to be medled withall, brought into this Towne of Salop in as Solemne Order as ever it was And that nether Bailiff nor any other person within the same Towne shall gaynsaye the same, Contra formam diuersorum Statutorum in huiusmodi casis nuper Editorum et prouisorum Ett contra pacem dicte domine Regine Coronam et dignitatem suas &c/

(After 26 July) (Report of Ferns' trial for slanderous and seditious words) 20

°predictus Ricardus ffernes dicit se non esse Culpabilem et inde ponit se super patriam et domina Regina similiter Iurati pro domina Regina dicunt quod predictus Ricardus ffernes non est Culpabilis. 1° 25

Habeas Corpus Writ in Shearmen's Tree Case SRO: 3365/1113
single mb* (23 June)

Elizabeth dei gracia Anglie ffrancie & hibernie Regina fidei defensor &c Ballijs ville Saloppie salutem precipimus vobis quod corpora Ricardi ffernes Iohannis Byckarstafte Thome Evans & Galfridi heathe in prisona nostra sub Custodia vestra vt dicitur detenta sub saluo & securo conductu vna cum die & causa capcionis & detencionis suarum quibuscunque nominibus ijdem Ricardus Iohannes Thomas & Galfridus cenceantur in eadem habeatis coram dilecto & fideli nostro ffrancisco Gawdye vno Iusticiariorum nostrorum ad placita in Curia nostra coram nobis tenenda assignato die lune xxvj° die Iulij Apud Warwicum in Comitatu Warrwici ad faciendum & recipiendum ea omnia & singula que prefatus Iusticiarius noster de eis adtunc & ibidem consideret in hac parte Et hoc nullatenus omittatis sub pena Centum librarum Et habeatis ibi 40

tunc hoc breue Teste *Christophero Wraye* apud *Westmonasterium* xxiiij^o die
Iunij Anno *regni nostri* tricesimo tercio

Rooper & Rooper

dorse

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(...)

Virtute istius breuis nobis directi Corpora infranominatorum *Ricardi* ffearnes
Iohannis Bickarstaff Thome Evans & Galfridi heath coram Iusticiario domine
Regine infranominato ad diem & locum infracontenta parata habemus vnacum 10
die & causa *capcionis & detencionis* eorundem *Ricardi Iohannis Thome &*
Galfridi prout patet in quibusdam scedulis huic breui annexis prout interius
nobis precipitur

Responsa °*Thome Sherer* °*Thome Burnell*° balliuorum ville *Salopie* infrascripta 15
deliberatur de recordo *Termino & rotulo* infrascriptis

John Weme

Copies of Assembly Minutes SRO: 3365/1113 20
f [2]* (*Meeting of 2 July*)

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wheras *Richard ffernes, Iohn Bickerstaff Iefferey Heath, and Thomas Evans*
Shermen haue bene heretofore commytted by master *Bailiffes* for *certen*
contemptes & misdemenors by them comytted att this Assembly, the saide 25
Cause of mysdemeanors haue ben *examined* and it is thought Requisite by this
Assembly that except they will submytt them selves or put in Suerties for the
peace, and for their apparance att the next Sessions, that they shal[be] still
Remayne in ward for their foresaid Offences./

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Bailiffs' Reply to Writ SRO: 3365/1113
ff [1–5v]* (*3–20 July*)

Thaunswere of *Thomas Sherer, and Thomas Burnell* gentlemen *Baylieffes* of
the Town of *Salop* in her *Maiesties* wrytt to these scedules annexed specified 35
to the said wrytt

The deputie *Lyeutenantes* and Iustices of peace of the comity of *Salop* assembling

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15/ °*Thome* ... *Burnell*°: both bailiffs have signed in the space provided for their name

them selves at the Town of Shrewsbury for service of her *maiestie* shortly after
 Easter last past declared to vs the Baylieffes of the said Town & liberties that
 in the countyes of Chester & Stafford confyning vpon the comity of Salop
 there were at that time xxx^{ti} or xl^{tie} persons in a company on horsebacke &
 foote dayly & nightly wth Armor and weopon riding vp & down the countrey 5
 neare adioyning to the said Town of Shrewsbury which had robbed and
 spoyled the countrey aswell by daie as by night of M M ^l poundes^l and more
 to [v(...)] and] the great terror & feare of the inhabitantes there and to their
 great losse & hindaunce And that some of the malefactors were noted to
^lresort^l [inhabite] [within] ^linto^l the said comity of Salop And as the considerac(...) 10
 therof moved the said deputie Lyeutenantes & iustices that for the apprehencion
 of such offenders there shold be watching by night and warding by daie in the
 said comity of Salop, Even so they required vs the Baylieffes in her *maiesties*
 name to take like order with the said town and liberties the rather for that
 hertofore there weare such like attemptes made against the Townes men in 15
 ther travaill to the merkett of oswestry: | which service for her *Maiestie* being
 by vs putt in due execucion we found profitable to the common wealth for
 avoyding of occacions of resort of suspec(.) persons to fayors and *markettes*
 likely to comitt such offences: And because the good *gouernement* of her
maiesties subiectes residing & dwelling within the said Town & liberties dyd 20
 and doth chiefly consist in maintenance of peas & quietnes by putting the
 Lawes of the Realme and the Lawdable costomes of the town confirmed by
 authoritie of parlament in due execucion And for [A(...)] that a Burgesse of
 the Town & freemen of every occupacion is bounden by oth to be obedient
 in this behaulf to the Baylieffes for the time being as the chief Magistrates of 25
 the Town vnder her *maiestie*: we the said Baylieffes in respect of the chardg
 to vs comitted as aforesaid taking consideracion herin as apperteigned and
 hearing that for sondry yeares in former time the sonday next after Trynyty
 Sondag yearely was so prophaned from morning to evening by the freemen
 Iorneymen & apprentizes of diuers occupacions by vnlawfull & Riotous 30
 assemblies by excesse of eating and drinking by fighting quarreling and
 vnlawfull pastymes necessary neyther for body nor mynde that thereby the
 most parte of them & specially of the youthfull sort absented them selves from
 their parishe Churches at the time of devyne service And herin of *our* own
 knowledg vnderstanding that for the space of three yeares | last past the wardens 35
 & Combrethern of Shermen contended amongst them selves for the setting
 vp of an Oke tree the sathurday before for shewe of the place of their assemblies
 the daie aforesaid that there was suche partes taking amongst them, and such
 great contencion that thone *partie* wold haue the tree vpp and thother parte
 wold haue the tree cast down, whereby there was every yeare of the said three 40

10/ considerac(...): *hole in sheet*18/ suspec(.): *hole in sheet*

yeares such concorse & resort of people as weare esteemed some yeares above
 the number of iij^c that the Baylieffes for the time being not without great care
 and diligence could not pacefy the contencion and specially the last yeare
 past the number there so vnlawfully assembled weare by estimacion above
 V^c persons refusing by any *perswacion* to disperse themselves Although
proclamacion was made vpon the Statute of Rebellion vnto *which* they gave
 smale regard/ And this yeare for the *preventing* of such the like misdemeanors
 in this daungerous time we the Baylieffes thought it very necessary and convenient
 to geve *direccion* to the wardens to assemble their Company together the
 said sathurday morning at their hall being the vth of Iune last to thentent
 that by consent of them and the whole company then assembled such order
 shold be taken as might *prevent* the comitting of such vnlawfull & Riotouse
 assemblyes & other misdemeanors tending so much to the disturbaunce of
 the Common quiet of the Town and l inhabitants therof wherupon they
 assembling them selves together dyd consent & agree to *perfor*(.)e the same
 dyreccion as lawfull and necessary to be obeyed for avoyding the like strief
 contencion and other misdemeanors as aforesaid./

After this order so taken and agreed vpon by the wardens & brethern in their
 hall and a *declaracion* of their conformitie made to vs the magistrates the same
 was openly published and *commaundment* geven to the rest of the brethern
 not *present* at the assembly and to all Iorneymen and apprentices of the company
 that the same shold be obeyed according to the oth *which* they had *seuerally*
 taken in that behaulf

This not *withstanding* some of the yongest freemen of the company as namely
 Robert Stephens, Iohn Bickerstaff, Thomas Evans, and Geffrey heath, one Iohn
 Lewes a Iorneyman and Richard ffernes an apprentize of that occupacion and
diuers others (as yet vnknown) vpon knowledg to them *geven* of the same the
 said vth of Iune vnlawfully assembled themselves together in *diuers* and sondry
 places of the Town by the *procurement* of some evell disposed persons to thonly
 entent and purpose not only to sowe Sedicion, but also to styrrre the *common*
 sort of people to an vpproare or Muteny to *withstand* and resist the *gouernement*
 of the Magistrates: And for *performaunce* therof before they slept they combyned
 them l selves by promise one to an other making such apparant shewe of the
 evell by them entended that the said ffernes being (.)herunto *procured* by
 Elizabeth ffernes widowe his mother and others as yet vnknown sticked not
 in the stretes as they walked in the hearing of some of credit to speake Lowdly
 to the rest *which* beganne to mislike of the *enterprise* that they should stand
 stowtely to the matter or elles they should be noted as Cowardes

In this sort they keaping company together the most parte of the said vth of Iune aboutes ix^{en} of the clocke late in the evening they issued out of town in by-ways well weaponed to thentent to avoyde apprehencion of the watchmen who were chardged by oth in every ward to apprehend vagrant persons night walkers and other Malefactors &c.

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And aboutes two of the clocke in the morning following being Saboth daie after they had ben aboutes the vnlawfull fact all night and had accomplished the same in their retorne backe some of them were apprehended by the watch and some of them escaped, and yett in thend they being all apprehended and brought before Thomas Burnell gentleman one of the Baylieffes as vagrant persons taken by the watch he comitted them vntill they shold be examined &c./

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Vpon their examinacions Robert Stephens, and Iohn Lewes two of the said malefactors confessing the misdemenors & submitting them selves to the correccion of the Baylieffes were furthwith | dischargd and sett at libertie without further punishment.

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Thother foure falling into this kynde of disobedyence by sinister procurement as aforesaid obstynatly refuced to answer or to submitt them selves contrary to their othes, by reason of which disobedyence, vpon sonday the vjth of Iune xl^{te} of the apprentizes of that company followed Iohn Tompkys the publike preacher through diuers Stretes of the Town as he cam from the visitacion of one that was sicke in St Chaddes parish having a blynd mynstrell playing vpon a harpe ledd before them and when the preacher stayed at any turning to knowe their entent they stayed also behind him and when he went forward they followed after with the blynde mynstrell playing before them vntill they had in this mocking and flowting manner brought him to his howse/ And after they had in this sort brought him to his howse being in St Maryes Church yard they there caused the blynd mynstrell to goe round about the church yard playing before them & they following after according to the old order of procession./

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Item after this they went to the said ffernes and his company and there banqueted making a Iest of their abvsing of the preacher as aforesaid./

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Item the said iiij^{or} persons by encoragement of others refusing to submitt them selves & so to be dischargd or to putt in | suerties for apperaunce to aunswer in this behaulf, Orelles to fynde suerties for the peace as aforesaid, the said Baylieffes (.)eclared to them that by the advise of their Councell learned

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a Sessions was appointed [^][to be kepte] to inquire of the offences of them & others/ according to the due course of lawe and her *maiesties* graunt by point of Charter, And if they wold conforme them selves to answer and to be reformed [otherwiese]: [^][then] there shold no Sessions be kept, wherunto they wold in noe wise yeld or obey, [^]& two dayes before the Sessions, And vpon the Sessions daie before the begining of the [^][same] [Sessions] [^][they] being [^][eftes<...>] called before the said Baylieffes and william ffowler Esquier their Steward they were eftsones perswaded [^][by] the space of three howars to aconformitie in this behaulf, letting them to witt that if they contynued in that disobedyence and obstynacy, the example of their disobedyence to the *gouernement* was so apparant to all men that for suppressing such a great outrage the Baylieffes as Iustices of peace next adioyning could not avoyde the penalty of C li. but by Inquisicon according to the Statute in that case *provided*. [^][they] muste nedes *procede* Wherunto after long speaches they aunswered that they could not so doe for that they had sent theyr money to London and that they wold haue advise of their Councell before they wold doe any any thing Wherupon the said Baylieffes and Steward in dischargd of their dueties, were vrged by this their wilfulnes & disobedyence to *proceede* in the said Sessions/ where they were Indicted not only for vnlawfull assembly & Ryott/ but also the said ffernes was indicted for speaking of Sedicyous and slaunderous wordes against the Queene her *maiestie* [^](as we take it) & as appeareth by the Inquisicon annexed

Item the Baylieffes of the town *perceaving* that the said [^][iii]or persons not of them selves/ but rather by sinister procurement of others shewed them selves so disobedyent and fearing that great Inconvenience and breach of her *maiesties* peace wold thereby ensue vnles the same were speadely prevented, vsed gentle *persuacions* with them from the begining offering them libertie from time to time vpon suertyes to answer to such matter *which* on her *maiesties* behaulf shold be layed to their chardg And to observe the peace against all the *Queens* Subiectes and not to *procure* the breach therof: wherin they answered flatly that they wold neyther submitt them selves nor yet fynd suertyes eyther for apperaunce [or] for the peace *which* was and is the cause of their deteignement in ward from the xth of Iune vntill the second of Iuly 1591:

Vpon *which* second of Iuly they being callid before the Baylieffes Aldermen and *comen* Councell of the town assembled together for consultacion openly assented and yelded to be bounden one for an other for the peas and apperaunce &c. And yet *neuertheles* they haue hitherunto by thonly procurement of the said ffernes the Apprentize of their own wilfulnes remayned in ward for no other cause but only for not *performaunce* of the *premisses*

Item it falleth out further that by this disobedyence not corrected the *common* sort of people are greatly incoraged to all disobedyence [^][to their magestrates] as for example the Iorneymen of Showmakers being an other occupacion in Town Subiect to the correccion of the Baylieffes and wardens of that company haue sythence the begining of this disorder vsed resistaunce against the authoritie of their wardens *which* could not easely be[y] pacefyed. 5

Item we receavid her *Maiesties* writt of *habeas corpus* | the xixth of Iune last past retornable at *westminster* in the queene her *Maiesties* bench the xxijth daie of the said moneth *which* writt we retorned tarde, for that in trueth we could not in due time accomplish the tenure therof being sixe score myles distante from *Westminster* / 10

(signed) Thomas Sherer
Thomas Burnell

°mr Mytton I praye you sende me thys booke agayne yours will ffowler ° 15

JPs' Letter to Sir Francis Gawdy SRO: 3365/1113

f [1]* (20 July)

Maie it pleas you right worshipfull / That vnderstanding by the declaracion of the Baylieffes of Shrewsbury they haue receaved her *maiesties* writt of *habeas corpora* at the suit of Richard ffernes & others retornable before your worshipp as one of her highnes Iustices of her *maiesties* Bench at *westminster* at the Town of warwicke vpon Monday the xxvjth of this present with certificat of the cause of their taking & deteing in ward, And being requested by the said Baylieffes to geve *aduertisement* of our knowledg touching the pointes of their certificat sent to your worshipp *which* we haue seene. These may be to signify to the same that like as for the first part of the matters conteigned therein for watch and warding we can no lesse but testefy that the same proceded by our direccion for the consideracions layed down in the same, Even so for the rest of the matters touching their imprisonment doe fynde that their own wilfulnes & disobedyence was & is the cause therof And that for further correccion they haue well deserved (in our opinions) to be bounden to their good behavior *which* referring to your worships consideracion we take Leave ffrom Shrewsbury the xxth of Iuly 1591. / 20

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(signed) Francis Newport Edward Leighton
Rowland berker Thomas Wylliams
Wylliam ffowler Andrew Charlton 40

16/ °mr ... ffowler °: endorsement written crossways following a 55mm space
22-3/ *habeas corpora*: in display script

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| ¶ Ricardus moyne baker | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Edwardus gyttyns baker | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Iohannes ap rees corser | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Ricardus harryes tanner | | |
| ¶ Thomas Crowther [weauer] glouer | Iuratus | 5 |
| ¶ Robertus powell glouer | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Edwardus Crowther glouer | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Ieramy ap william baker | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Ricardus Skotte taylor | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Robertus eyword corser | | 10 |
| ¶ Iohannes oneslow yoman | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Edwardus baxter sherman | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Robertus Slieete tanner | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Willelmus ffarmer weauer | Iuratus | |
| ¶ Humfredus gardener glouer/. | | 15 |
| Iohannes poyner baker/ | | |
| willelmus turnor corser | | |
| Griffinus bronlow corser | | |
| Thomas everall corser | | |
| Iohannes tenche draper./ | | 20 |

Submission of Bickerstaff, Evans, Ferns, and Heath SRO: 3365/1113
f [1]* (c 23 August)

We whose names are subscribed doe submitt *ourselves* to our bailiffes; and doe 25
confesse that we fetched in the Shermans tree contrary to the *commaundment*
of *master* Bailiffes deliuered to our wardens, and contrarie to the *commaundment*
of our wardens? Neuerthelesse wee pray that all lawfull customes of our company
may be saved and reserved./

(signed) Richard ffearnes 30
Signum + Iohannis Bickerstaffe.
Signum + Galfridi Heath
Signum + Thomae Evans

Charges against John Williams, Minstrel, and Edmund Newcombe 35
SRO: 3365/2626
single sheet verso* (16 February) (Charges submitted to inquest jury)

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ignoramus

A fray made betwene Iohn williams [of minsterley] [A minstrell] & Edmond

8/ william: 2 minims in MS

31/ +: Bickerstaff, Heath, and Evans have signed with their personal marks

newcombe./ manucaptor pro newcombe Thomas Howell ^Λ[coruisor]¹
 Suertie for Iohn williams Richard mynton glouer./

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Examination of Margaret Betton SRO: 3365/2626
 single sheet (19 May)

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 The examinacion & sainge of margarett Betton taken the daye & yeare foresaid
 before Thomas Burnell gentleman ^Λ[one of the]¹ Bailiffes of the towne of Salop
 concerninge her knowledge touchinge a fray made by [the] william pilkinton 10
 vpon Robert betton her brother/

She saieth that the said pilkinton comynge into her ^Λ[said]¹ brother his shopp
 demanded the sight of Lute Stringes/ & as [as] he ^Λ[was]¹ lookinge vpon them/
 he brake oute in these [pres] speeches againste the said Robert betton sainge/
 Thou art a lewde knave for vsinge my cosin as thow hast donn/ & therupon 15
 havinge ^Λ[a]¹ white Ridinge Rodd in his hand did strike the said Roberte [ouer]
 vpon the face with the same

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AR **'Dr Taylor's History'** SSL
 f 185v*

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16. This yeare and the .6. day of Iune beinge [fr] soondaye and the festivall day
 of the company of the shermen ^Λ[of salop]¹ aboute the settinge vpp of a greene 25
 tree by serten yongemen of the saide company before their hall doore as of
 many yeares before have ben acostomid but preachid against by the publicke
 precher there and commawndid by the Baylyffes that non sutche shoulde be
 vsid and for the disobedience therein theye were put in prison and a privey
 sessions callid and there also indictid and still remayne vntill the next towne
 sessions for further Triall as hereafter in parcell 26. may appeare &c. 30

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ff 187v–8*

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26. This yeare and the 23th daye of august *anno predicto* was the towne sessions 35
 and those prisoners that were, were sauid vnder the [a] value & by their
 boocke also these youthes whyche weare indictid about the erecting of the
 shermans tree and vppon their submission there then were quit for their
 disobedience and for all matters and the matter therin to be endid by Master
 sergiant owen who determinid the matter the the vsuall tree shuld be vsyd 40

11/ Robert betton: *bailiff* in 1604–5 and 1609–10
 11/ her: *corrected from his*

18/ +: Betton has signed with her personal mark
 40/ the the: *distography*

as heretofore have *ben* so it be don syvely and in lovinge order without contencion &c./

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28. This yere and against the assise tyme on Master banckes a staffordshire gentilman brought into this towne of Salop a white horsse whiche woldd doe woonderfull and strange thinges as these wold in a company or prese Tell howe many peeces of money by his foote were in a mans purse also yf the *partie* his master [his master] woldd name any man beinge hyd neuer so secret in the company wold fatche hym owt with his mowthe either namage hym the veriest knave in the company or what cullerid coate he hadd he pronowncid further to his horse and said sir ha there be two baylyves in this towne the one of them bids mee welcom vnto the towne and vsid me in frindly maner I wold haue the goe to hym and gyve hym thanckes for mee l And he wold goe truly to the right baylyff that did so vse hys sayd Master as he did in the sight of a nvmer of people vnto master baylyffe sherar and bowyd vnto hym in makeinge curchey withe hys foote in sutche maner as he coullde withe sutche strange feates for sutche a a beast to doe that many people iudgid that it were vnpossible to be don except he had a famylar or don by the arte of magicke &c./

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1591-2

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/534
bifolium 1, f [1v]* (*Disbursements*)

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- + Item geuen to *sir* fouke grifvells man beinge a berward v s.
+ Item to my Lord morleys men beinge players xiiij s. iiij d.

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bifolium 2, f [1v]* (*After 20 June*)

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- + Item geuen to my Lord Darsyes men beinge players x s.

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1592-3

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/535
bifolium 1, f [1v]* (*Disbursements*)

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- + Item paid and geven to my Lord admeralls players x s.

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4/ the assise tyme: 16-18 September 1591

17/ a a: *ditography*

bifolium 1, f [2v]*

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+ Item to my lorde *presydenes* players cominge to this (.) toune xl s.

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bifolium 2, f [1]* (*After 24 July*)

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+ Item *paid* and *geuen* to my Lord strange and my Lord admyralls
players xl s.

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Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/535
single sheet (*3 February 1592/3*)

The iij daie of ffebruarie 1592

(.)estowed vppon the players of my Lorde Admyrall

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x s.

Borough Court Book SRO: 3365/1114
f [22] (*List of fines*)

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*De Rogero lowe quia ludebat super instrumentum suum
apud domum Raulphe Bradeley die dominica tempore
divine servicie*[xij d.] [*exoneretur*]

f [30v]*

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*De Thoma Iones butcher quia mortavit taurum sine
baytinge contra formam statuti*

xij d.

Examination of Thomas Dawes SRO: 3365/2208
single sheet (*6 January*)

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negavit cum
Ricardo teggrinThe examinacion and sayinge of Thomas Dawes of
this toune of Salop labarar taken before the bayliffs
of the toune of Salop conserninge the stealinge of a
violett otterwise called a fiddle with ij stringes beinge
the goodes of on francis Vppon/

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The sayd examinant sayethe that on frydaye was senight last beinge the
xxxixth of december last he this examinant beinge at the halle of hussey did
did see a talle man in blewe coate there havinge the sayd vyolett did borrowe 40

the same of him to the end to learne to playe theron and *promysed* to bringe the same againe within x^{en} daye(.) and soe on Wensdaye last he went backe with the same thyther intendinge to borrowe the same for a lengar tyme, but in the waye he was stayed by on he knoweth not and soe brought hether to be examined, but he sayeth he never intended to steale the same nor anye other thinge

(signed) Robert Irland
michell Chambré

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 158v (29 May 1592–18 June 1593) (Decision of 8 June 1593 assembly)

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... the cause of thassemble was as conscernyng the bankett made by *master* wardens to the companye/ th(.) companye ys agreed for to paye for the wyne and monay to the mynstrelles so that ytt doe not Exceed the *somme* of xx s. for wyne & mystrelles

Letter from Edward Alleyn to his Wife, Joan Dulwich College: MS 1
single sheet* (1 August)

Emanuell

My good sweett mouse I comend me hartely to you And to my father my mother & my sister bess hoping in god thought the siknes beround about you yett by his mercy itt may escape *your* house *which* by ye grace of god it shall therfor vse this corse kepe *your* house fayr and clean *which* I knowe you will and every eveninge throwe water before *your* dore and in *your* bakcsid and haue in *your* windowes good store of rwe and herbe of grace and *with* all the grace of god *which* must be obtaynd by prayers and so doinge no dout, but ye Lord will mercyfully defend you: now good mouse I haue no newse to send you but this thatt we haue all our helth for *which* the Lord be prayed I reseved *your* letter att bristo by richard couley for the wich I thank you I haue sent you by this berer Thomas popes kinsman my whit wascote because it is a trobell to me to cary it reseave it *with* this Letter And Lay it vp for me till I com if you send any mor Letters send to ^{me} by the cariers of shrowsbery or to west chester or to york to be keptt till my Lord stranges players com and thus sweett hartt *with* my harty comendation to all *our* frends I sess from bristo this wensday after saynt Iams his day being redy to begin the playe of hary of cornwall mouse do my harty comendation to mr grigs his wif and all his houshould and to my sister phillyps

your Loving housband Edward Alleyn

mouse you send me no newes [^][of] any things you should send of *your* domestycall matters such things as hapens att home as how *your* distilled watter proves or this or that or any thing what you will.

and Iug I pray you Lett my oraying tawny stokins of wolen be dyed a very 5
good blak against I com hom to wear in the winter you sente me nott word
of my garden but next tym you will but remember this in any case that all
that bed *which* was parsley in the month of september you sowe itt with
spinage for then is the tyme I would do it my self but we shall nott com hom
till allholand tyd and so swett mouse farwell and broke our Long Iorney *witb* 10
patience

1593-4

Examinations of Thomas Jones and Richard Golborne SRO: 3365/2209/B/23
ff [1-1v]* (2 May) 15

Iohannis Blakeway

secundo die maij Anno Regni Regine Elizabethæ &c xxxvj^o
The *examinacion* & sainge of Thomas Iones of longe vpon Terne taken the
daye & yeare foresaid before the bailiffes of Salop, apprehended as a Roge or 20
vagabonde
Beinge asked [^][because he had a liuery Coote vpon his backe] whose man he
was, answered he did belonge to no man / beinge then asked where he had
the lyuery Coote he ware, answered he bought it of a mylner [the yesterday]
[in Shrewsbury] the first of this maye [who affirmed himselfe to be Mr ffowlers 25
man] [^][& his livery (. . .)] but his name he knoweth not who told this *exminat*
it was a liuery of [the said] Mr [^][w] fowlers / [^][& paide for the same iiiij s.]
beinge asked when he came from longe vpon terne, answered he came thense
aboutes a fortenight sithens, and hath byne euer sithens that tyme & a weeke
before synginge [^][of may songes] abrode the contrey accompanied *witb* one 30
Richarde golborne and Katheryn [golborne] [his] wif, Beinge asked of what
profession or *occupacion* he is [was of] answered he [was] [^][is] a Tailer, but
kepeth no shopp nether was in any mans *service* sithens harvest laste, beinge
asked where he was on Sat(.)rday night last / answeareth he was in the company
of the *persons* foresaid singinge at Vckington, donington, yeaton, leighton & 35
from thense in the [^][next] morninge he went ouer the water to Cressege &
vpon sonday they dynded at harley. & from thense to wiggwige, from thense to
belserdyne, from thense to sheynton. & so that night backe againe to Cressage
vpon Sunday night to Coonde & from thense to harnage & from thens backe
againe to Cressage & there staide vntill the eveninge on monday, & then they 40

went to the Iron furnaces, from thence to Mr Christopher[n]/ lacons from
 thence to Kenley. & then to Litle Langley. & from thens [to] backe againe to
 Cressage to the house of one Churcher their accustomed lodginge & ther
 staid [vntill] vpon Tuseday vntill the eveninge, & then went to Coonde &
 there staid all night at the house of william hoggins, And vpon may daye
 in the mornynge this *examinat* & his Companyon Richard golborne. came to
 Shrewesbury, to thentent to by for this *Examinat* suche apparrell & he wanted,
 [videlicet] [^] & there bought^l, the Coote foresaid & a paire of shoes |

The *Examinacion* of Richard golborne

Beinge asked where he dwelleth [^] & [fo] what trade he *professeth*^l saith [^] he
 dwelleth^l at Alscotte & is a [p<.ler] ^l pavier^l by his occupacion, beinge asked
 where he had the liverie Coote he wereth / answereth he bought it [^] aboutes
 a weeke past^l of one Iames in the house of george [vpon] vpton at walcott &
 paide for the same vij s. & that the said Iames told him it was a *liuery* Coote
 of Mr Edward Cluddes beinge asked when he wrought last at his occupacion,
 saith aboutes five yeare ago & neuer sithens, beinge asked what course of lif
 he taketh & howe he liveth [&] in mayntenance of him self, saith in Reapinge
 with mr ffowler, & mr [^] Ieram^l Cobett & from gentilmans house to gentilmans
 house vpon their benevolence, Beinge asked when he came from his owne
 house / answereth aboutes saturday was three weekes, & sithens hath vsed the
 Company of the former *Examinat* / [Iones] / [^] one^l Awsten warberton, & his
 owne wif in singinge of may songes abrode the Contrey, beinge asked howe
 he bestowed his tyme senthens Saturday laste, answereth in euery poynt [^] [&
 place]^l as the former *Examinat* hath confessed, accompanied with [hym]
[^] [Iones]^l & his owne wife, in singinge abrode the Contrey & vpon may daye
 in the morning he sent his wif whome

Recognizances for Edward Hughes and John Williams, Musicians

SRO: 3365/2209/A/40

f 2

...

proclamacio

baillium soluit.

Edwardus Hughes musicion *manucaptus* est per Richardus Iones corser et
 william Hardinge glouer pro *comparicione* per *discrecionem Balliuorum*

proclamacio

baillium soluit.

Iohannes williams musicion *manucaptus* est per Edmundum newcombe weuer
 et Humfridum Cley painter pro *comparicione* per *discrecionem Balliuorum*

...

Borough Court Book SRO: 3365/1120

f [7]*

W *exoneretur* Edwardus ap hughe musition quia fecit affraiam pacis super
Rogerum lowe iiij s. iiij d. 5
per humfridum gardner glouer °

W *exoneretur* Edwardus ap hughe quia fecit affraiam pacis super Edwardum
ap Thomas bargeman iiij s. iiij d. 10
...
f [8v]

W *exoneretur* Iohannes williams musytion quia fecit affraiam pacis super
hugonem [meredith] medlicott iiij s. iiij d. 15
...

1594-5

A **Town Orders** Owen and Blakeway: *History*, vol 1
p 396*

... 20
8 October 1594. Agreed that there shall not be hereafter any enterludes or
playes made within this towne or liberties uppon anye soundaye, or in the
night-tyme. Neyther shall there be any playinge at foot-ball, or at hiltes, or
wastrells, or beare baytinge, within the walles of this towne.
... 25

Deposition about the Murder of Thomas Lacon SRO: 3365/2209/C/7
f [1v]* (*Taken 7 October*) (*Deposition of Adam Downinge*)

And beinge asked if he knewe of any former malice betwene Hughe ap Rees 30
william morries & lacon ^[or any of them], answareth that he [f] of his one
knowledge doth knowe that [euer thence h<..)] [at the tyme in] this Somer last/
when *certen* [of the] Shermen of this towne brought in the shermans tree att
which tyme Richard Cherwell *master* to the said lacon [came] [d<..>d<..>s he
had] ^[at the request of mr hughes then bailiffe comaunded] the said lacon 35
to fetche him a sawe to sawe the saide tree in sonder/ at which tyme the said
lacon havinge the sawe on [th] his backe ^[comynge homewardes] hughe ap
Rees asked him who bidd thee fetche that sawe/ lacon answerd my *master*
[b] Then said hughe ap Rees thy *master* is a woodcock & a ^[whifeler]
[whisler wifeler & lacon heringe him give his *master* those lewde termes 40
would have fought with him] & therupon hughe ap Rees & lacon would
presently have fought together/ & beinge then staid by this *Examinat* &

others/ they appointed to goo & meete at the fense schoole to breake a cudgell...

...

Deposition about the Murder of Thomas Lacon SRO: 3365/2209/C/11
f [1]* (*Taken 11 October*) (*Deposition of Richard Cherwell, draper*)

...

The said deponent beinge examined whether he did knowe of any mallice that hathe contynuid betwyne Hughe ap Res [^]servent to Robert tayler^o & william morries shermen and Thomas Lacon late *servant* to this deponent and Lately [slyne by] supposed to be slayne by the said Hughe ap Res & william morries/ deposeth that vpon a moundaye morninge aboutes the ^ofeast of St Iohn baptist last past/ he [beinge] tacking his iorneye towardes Press markt as drapers of this towne done vse to doe mr heughes then [^]on of the Baylyfs of this towne dyslyking with [f] a tre thatt laye in a wayne [^]brought thether by some shermen^l betext the end of ffranckwell and the wyndmyll att the end of the said towne willed this deponent to healpe him to an axe or a sawe to the entente to cutt the said tree/ vppon whych Request made this deponent torned his horse downe ffranckwell and overtackinge his man lacon (thatt had brought downe this deponentes horse as the vse is) bade him go ffetche a sawe or an axe/ and therwythe this deponent Rod vp towardes mr [bay<.)] heughes then baylyffe with the rest of the company then tarrying vntyll my comming to them att whych tyme mr heughes & this deponent he with others wente to on Iohn wornell/ howse then constable of ffranckwell and the said constable dyd then lente an axe vnto mr [^]hewghes then^l baylyf with whiche axe mr hewghes with the healpe of this deponente dyd cutt the said tre and so we touck our Iourneye towardes our markt of Press as our manner is/ and att the comming home of this deponente att nyght the same daye/ the wyffe of this deponente said there is a servante of Robert taylors thatt quarrelled with *your* man this daye because thatt he brought a sawe att *your* commaundment/ but the tre was cutt beffore [y<.)e] he came with the sawe...

Deposition about the Murder of Thomas Lacon

SRO: 3365/2209/C/8–C/9

No 8, f [2v] – No 9, f [1]* (*Taken 15 October*) (*Deposition of Roger Wootten*)

...

...on David ap Thomas *seruant* to William poyner sherman, havinge occasyon to come to the stable of William kinge draper beinge nere vnto the shope where this deponent did worke, came and leaned over the banke of the sayde shope and then begane to talke of them that were imprisoned for the murder of the sayd lacon/ and sayd that mr churwell had caused a parcyall lurye to be returned before the coroners for the inquerye of the sayd murder,

and that they were frendes and nere neighbures to the sayd mr churwell and his workmen, then this deponent answered hit is not mr churwell that dothe that but the coroners, and he affirmed still hit was mr churwells doyinge and sayd further, I wolde have hughe ap Rees to sue mr chirwell aboue forthe for this cause, then this deponent demaunded of him howe longe the quarell had 5
 bine betwen Thomas lacon and hughe ap Rees, and he sayed, sethens the comynge in of the shermens tree, and this deponent then sayed hit had bin better that tree had bin l leaft a loone then he sayd whye shuld we not haue hit [a] when we haue woone hit by lawe [^][then] this deponent demaunded 10
 howe the quarell begane and he sayd because Thomas lacon did fatche a sawe to cut the tree,/ this deponent sayd, whye there was noe falt in him to doe his masters comandment, then he sayd, he might haue stayed somwhate lenger vntle his master had bin gone, for his master could not haue stayed aboue halfe an hower, but mr Ienkes did cut more of the tree then his master did, and if he goe abrode he shalbe knoct for hit then this deponent sayd/ hit is 15
 best take [head] heed of knockinge vntle you see howe these spead that be in warde for the like, and with that he departed

...

1595–6

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260 20
 f 162v (23 June–14 June) (Decision of 8 June assembly)

The compayne where assembled the viij^t day of Iune 1596 the cause of thassemble was to knowe what thys compayny wold geue to *master* wardens 25
 for the keyng of there feast ytt ys agreed att thys assemble that the compaynye shall paye for the wyne that ys spent att the feast and the monay that ys gyven to the musycyons

...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2642 30
 f [1] (1 May–22 April) (Wardens' payments)

...

| | | | | |
|---|----|----|---|----|
| spent <i>over</i> shott at thomas stodleyes a pone our election day | 00 | 06 | 0 | |
| spent <i>over</i> shot on monday next after ther | 00 | 10 | 8 | 35 |
| payd for mvsicke the ij dayes | 00 | 00 | 8 | |

...

15/ knoct: t *written as correction over* [ked] (?)

1596-7

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/538f [1]* (*Expenses*)

...
 + Item paid and geuen to the quene her maiestes players XX s. 5
 ...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2642f [2v] (22 April-7 April) (*Wardens' payments*)

...
 payd for xij Galones of ale [08] 08 00
 payd for xlix Galones of berre 00 12 3
 ...
 payd for A Galon[s] of sacke the feast day 00 04 00
 ...
 payd for xiiijth dysone & a hafe of brede yt the feast 00 14 06
 payd for a quart of sacke at that tyme 00 01 00
 ...
 payd to our mynstrell at our feaste 00 05 00
 Gyven to the apprentysse 00 01 00
 ...
 Gyven to our stuardes for cuppes trenchers bowes and Rosshes 00 04 06
 ...

1597-8

AR *'Dr Taylor's History'* SSL

f 214v

- ...
 5. This yeare in aprill and in the ester weeke was a great cockfeight and other pastymes kept in shreusbury at Rychard hortoons house beinge geylar of the towne vpon whose backsid a howse and the pitt was made for the people to stand and see [^] & stand saffe¹ from weather vnto the which cam lordes knightes and gentilmen at the which was grete soms of money woon and lost, The matche was made betweene the Cokes of cheshire and lanckashir against the cokes of shropshire and wales thider cam lvdeneres with their cockes whiche held with shropshiremen but in the ennd the cheshiremen and lancashir had the victory and wentt away with the gaynes of greate soms of Money

12/ 12: changed from 02

16/ yt: for at

29/ ester weeke: 16-22 April 1598

1598–9

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/540bifolium 1, f [2]* (*Expenses*)

...

+ Item paid and geven to the Quene her maiesties players xx s. 5

...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2642f [6] (27 April–19 April) (*Wardens' payments*)

...

| | | | | |
|--|---|----|---|----|
| payd for xij Galondes of berre at iij d. | 0 | 03 | 0 | 10 |
| payd for xiiij dysone of brede with ther vantage | 0 | 14 | 0 | |
| Alowed the stuartes for bohes Rosses copes & trenches | 0 | 04 | 0 | |
| payd to one which kept the dore | 0 | 00 | 4 | |
| for ij pottes of Ale bestoed a pone mrs price & other gentle women | | | | 15 |
| which came to sey the hawle becace ours was not set a broch | 0 | 00 | 2 | |
| payd for ij pottelles of wyne bestoyd apone stragers & gentelmen | | | | |
| & apone bretheryne in the hawle | 0 | 03 | 8 | |
| Gyven to the prentyces to pay ther mynstrell | 0 | 01 | 0 | |
| payd to our mynstrelles | 0 | 05 | 0 | 20 |

...

f [6v]

payd for A pottell of wyne bestoyd A pone our wyves at the fest day 0 02 0 25

...

1599–1600

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2642f [7v] (19 April–3 April) (*Wardens' receipts*)

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...

Resevyd of our brederyne in the hawle the day of our feaste xviiij s. x{...}

...

f [8] (*Wardens' payments*)

35

...

gyven to the stuardes for boes copes [(<.)] Russes & trenchers v s.

...

payd for xvj dyson of brede at our feste xvj s.

17/ stragers: for strangers; abbreviation mark missing

32/ xviiij s. x{...}: remainder of sum torn away

| | | |
|--|--------------|----|
| payd for a barrell of dowbell bere xxiiij galones | viiij s. | |
| payd for a fyrkyne sengell bere vj galones | xviiij d. | |
| Gyven to the prentyces | xij d. | |
| sent to <i>our</i> wyfes a galone of wyne | iiij s. | |
| ... | | |
| bestoyd apone dyverce gentellmen the seconde day of <i>our</i> feste | | 5 |
| in the hawle by the consent of the company present in wyne | ij s. | |
| payd to <i>our</i> mynstrell beyng in nomber | v s. | |
| ... | | |
| f [8v] | | 10 |
| ... | | |
| payd to one <i>which</i> kept the dore at <i>our</i> fest | <...> | |
| ... | | |
| payd to Iohen Lewes the yonger for A plater loste at <i>our</i> feaste | ij s. | 15 |
| ... | | |
| 1600–1 | | |
| <i>Bailiffs' Accounts</i> SRO: 3365/542 | | |
| bifolium 1, f [1] (<i>Expenses</i>) | | 20 |
| ... | | |
| + Item geven to the Quenes maiesties Players | x s. | |
| ... | | |
| <i>Shearmen's Company Book</i> NLW: Castle Hill MS 2643 | | 25 |
| f [5v] (3 April 1600–23 April 1601) (<i>Decision of 29 April assembly</i>) | | |
| ... | | |
| yt was Agreyd ... that the hawle shalbe kept accordyne to ancyet costome | | |
| ... | | |
| | | 30 |
| f [6v] (<i>Wardens' receipts</i>) | | |
| ... | | |
| Reseyd of <i>our</i> bretheryne on <i>our</i> feste day | xvj s. vj d. | |
| ... | | |
| | | 35 |
| f [7] (<i>Wardens' payments</i>) | | |
| payd for iij ^{xx} vj galones of Ale at <i>our</i> feast | xxij s. | |
| payd for xiiij dysone of bredes then | xiiij s. | |
| payd for drynke at the thryd metyng then in <i>our</i> hawle | ij s. | 40 |

payd to *our* mynstrell for hys musyke v s.
 Gyven to the prentyse xij d.
 Gyven to one to kepe the dore vj d.

...

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f [7v]

...
 payd for A galone of wyne gyven to *our* wyfes at *our* feaste iiij s.

...

Gyven to the stuardes for bohes copees trenchers and other ther 10
 charges about the keypyng of *our* hawle v s.

...

1601–2

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260 15
 f 171 (15 June–7 June) (Decision of 3 June assembly)

...

The Compay weare assembled the 3th day of Iune *anno* 1602 at the apoyntment
 of *master* wardens and the cawse of ther assembly was that whear as hyt hath
 byn accostomed that the wardens for the yeare being doe bestoe vpon the 20
 company a ffest of ther owne costes & charges by agrement made by the
 company, towardes *which* ther charges the company have vsually bestoed vpon
 the wardens the some of xx s. with wyne & musyck hyt is agreed by the company
 at this meytyng that the company will gyve the wardens towardes a *dyner* to
 be made the said some of twenty shillynges as also allow them the some of 25
 tenne shillynges to be spent in wyne & also to pay for mvsyck & not to excede
 that expences *which* if hyt happen the overplus to be at the charges of the
 wardens at that tyme being

...

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Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2643
 f [9] (23 April–15 April) (Wardens' receipts)

...

Resevyd of *our* bretheryne in the hawl on owe feste day by pole
 ij d. every on xvj s. 35

...

(Wardens' payments)

...
 payd to *our* mynstrelles on owre fest day vj s. 40

...

f [9v]

| | | |
|---|---------|----|
| payd for iiij ^{xx} galones of Ale at <i>our</i> feste | xx s. | |
| more for xx ^{ty} galones of stronger ale | x s. | |
| payd for xvj dyson of brede | xvj s. | 5 |
| payd for iij quartes of sacke bestoyd A pone dyverce gentulmen & others <i>our</i> bretheryn | iiij s. | |
| Gyven to the apprentyce | xij d. | |
| Gyven to one that kepte the dore | vj d. | |
| payd for ij poteles of wyne bestoyd apone <i>our</i> wyves | iiij s. | 10 |
| ... | | |
| Aloyd the steward for boes copes trencher Rossyes and other chargys abute the hawle | v s. | |

1602–3

15

AC *Assembly Minutes* Bodl.: MS Gough Shrops 1
f 164v* (19 May)

To Purchase
part of ye
Quarry.

63. That a Comission be sued forth directed to *Master Recorder* & 2 others touching *with* Lands they have in the pasture behind the walls & thereupon to make a final End & Order touching the purchasing ye *said* Lands to the use of ye Corporation and *yat* Mr Charlton & Mr Pope *should* have 5 L. 6 s. 8 d. rent for their cheif rent out of the same pasture untill Candlemas & that Mr pope *should* have a reasonable way for his Cattle & Carriage to his Barn in the Meantime.

...

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/544
bifolium 1, f [2v]* (*Expenses*)

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...

+ Item gyven to the kinges his maiestes players xx s.

...

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Book LSL: 4260
f 172v (7 June 1602–27 June 1603) (*Decision of 3 June assembly*)

35

The compenny weare assembled the 3th of Iune 1603 [at *which* tyme] by the appoyntment of [^][*master*¹] wardens at *which* tyme hit was agreede by the compenny that theare showld be a ffeste of the sayde wardens costes and

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21/ with: *for which*22/ End: *for Endenture; abbreviation mark missing*

charges vnto the *which* [th(. .)] the compenny hath agreade to allow *master* wardens xiiij s. iiiij d. towardes wyne and mvsicke and the same to be payd the same daye...

(*Decision of 20 June assembly*)

5

The compenny weare assembled the 20th day of Iune 1603 by the appoyntment of *master* wardens at *which* tyme hit was agreed by the consent of the compenny *yat* *master* wardens showld have alowed them towardes theare dyner x s. be sydes the xiiij s. iiiij d. *which* was alowed them affore ffor wyne and mvsycke the *which* x s. is to be alowed and [them] payed them out of the stocke of the Copenny

...

1603-4

15

AC *Assembly Minutes* Bodl.: MS Gough Shrops 1
f 165* (10 May)

...

77. That a comission issue for mearing out the Lands of Mr Pope & Mr Charlton in the *said* pasture behind the walls from the other lands in the *said* pasture. And that the *said* Mr pope shall have a reasonable way for his Cattle and Carriages to his Barn there.

Parte of Quarry

...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2640
f [2] (5 May-19 April) (*Wardens' payments*)

25

payd for ij pottells of wyne on the feast day at the hawle iiij s. iiiij d.
payd more on the twesday after our feast day in the hawle for vyne iiiij s.
payd to the mynstreles the same tyme v s.

...

1604-5

Mercers', Ironmongers', and Goldsmiths' Company Accounts LSL: 4258
f [1] (11 June-3 June) (*Wardens' disbursements*)

35

Item that we are to be alowed for keepinge a dynner by consent of the Compenny xxx s.

...

Item more we are to be alowed for wyne and musicke the some of x s. 40

Soe the Compeny resteth indebted to vse in the som of ij s. iiij d.
 The xjth day of Iune 1605 the Auditors did *pervse* this accomptes (..) because
 there was noe e(.)trye made in the boke what money the Compeney would
 alowe towardes keepinge the ffeast, yt is thought good to abate the ij s. iiij d.
which they make the Compeny to be indebted vnt(.) them, And therevnto 5
 the Auditors haue put their handes. /

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS: 2640
 f [5] (19 April-11 April) (*Wardens' payments*)

... 10
 payd to *our* mynstrell v s.
 ...
 payd for wyne to *our* feast sondry dayes viij s.
 ... 15

1605-6

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS: 2640
 f [7v] (11 April 1605-1 May 1606) (*Wardens' payments*)

...
 payd for keynge of the dore in the feste daye iiij d. 20
 payd to *our* mynstrelle v s.
 payd for mortes to be eaten at thomas guttyns *over* shott att
 the same tyme iiij s. iiij d.
 payd for brede & drynke at *our* feaste xxxij s.
 ... 25

1606-7

AC ***Assembly Minutes*** Bodl.: MS: Gough Shrops 1
 f 166v (26 September)

Quarry
 ... 30
 105. That a Composition be made with Mr Roger Pope for his Title to some
 of the Lands in the Pasture behind the walls *which* he Claimeth.

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/549
 f [1]* (*Expenses*)

... 35
 + Item paid & geven to the quenes maiesties Players xx s.
 ...

Examination of John Hawkes SRO: 3365/2214
 single sheet* (20 December)

... 40
 The examinacion & Sayenge of Iohn Hawkes of the Abbey fforehead [(..)] vn

of the subvrbs of the Towne of Salop aforsayd glouer/ taken as aforsayd the
daye & yere aforsayd./

...Beinge *examinēd* when/ and vpon what occacion he this *examinatē* was
^ [fyrst] acquoynted with the former *examinatē* sayth that aboutes ^ [Thursday 5
before] the feast Daye of *Saint Luke* the euangeliſte last past he this *examinatē*
& the former *examinatē* beinge att A Beare baytinge in the Abbey Court wīthin
the Abbey fforhead aforsayd he this *examinatē* & the former *examinatē* did
fall out and soe frendes drawinge them together to make them frendes they
wente to [drinke] drinke together... 10

Recognizances for Richard Nashe and his Wife, Anne SRO: 3365/2214
single sheet (11 September)

...
Richardus Nashe & Anna vxor eius manucapti sunt per Georgium spurstoe 15
sherman & (Richardum) ffair musicion pro pace erga Willelmum Peplowe
° exactus per curiam °

Petition of John Nunnely and Others SRO: 3365/2620
single sheet*

To the right *worshipfull* William Wilkes & Arthure Kynaston gentlemen
Bayliffes of Shrewsbury/
Most humbly doe submitt themselves vnto your *worshipps* your most humble
orators & prisoners Iohn Noniley Iohn Edwardes & William Cokes nowe 25
remayninge in warde in the Castle gate by your *worshipps* Comittmente for
that your sayd most humble orators & Prysoners Iohn Noniley & Iohn
Edw(...) did walke abroad the streetes of this Towne att vndue tyme of the
night & Iohn Noniley abusinge a pore harper in takinge his harpe from him
& playenge vpon the same alonge the sreetes after nyne of the Clocke att night 30
& your sayd orators & prisoners Iohn Edwardes & william Cokes for abusinge
themselfes in throwinge of stones from the Garettes of *Saint Maryes* Staples
(.)owardes Iohn Case the *which* offences your sayd most humble orators &
prisoners doe most humbly confesse [doth] doe deserve greater punishmente
then they have already susteyned yett forasmuch as your sayd orators & 35
Prisoners are most hertely sory for their sayd offences & doe hope & herby
doe *promise neuer* to offend in like case hereafter their most humble desyres
vnto your *worshipps* is that yf it wold please the same to restore them to their
former liberty agayne & thus for godes love./

5-6/ [Thursday ... last past: 23 October 1606
10/ [drinke]: k written over g

27-8/ Iohn Edw(...): hole in sheet
30/ sreetes: for streetes

your worships most humble orators & prisoners

(signed) Iohn nunnely

Iohn Edwardes

william

cokes

°Master Sergeant Philipes at ix of the Clocke this night sett theis parties at libertie (signed) william wilkes°

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Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS: 2640
f [9] (1 May-16 April) (Wardens' payments)

...

payd to the Minstrells

| | l. | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|
| | 00 | 03 | 04 |

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...

payd for Wine att the feast

| | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| | 00 | 03 | 04 |
|--|----|----|----|

payd for bread

| | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| | 00 | 02 | 00 |
|--|----|----|----|

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1607-8

A **Town Orders** Adnitt: 'Orders of the Corporation'

p 167*

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...

Waits.

Five town Musicians appointed & they to have liveries & cognizances.

...

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Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS: 2640
f [10] (16 April-7 April) (Wardens' payments)

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Item payd at william morris house for over shotte and vpon musitions, the day we were made wardens.

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|
| | ij | s. | vj | d. |
|--|----|----|----|----|

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...

Item spent at the keeping of our hall vpon the worshipfull and our bretheren which were there for bread, beare, and. ale. wine and suger musitions bowes rushes flowers with cuppes and trenchers

| | | | | |
|--|-----|----|------|----|
| | lvj | s. | iiij | d. |
|--|-----|----|------|----|

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Item payd to the apprentices to pay for there musicke vj d.

...

1608-9

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/551f [1]* (*Expenses*)

+ paid for v^e cottas for the waightes iiij li. xv s. 5
 ...

f [2]*

...
 geven to the princes Players xliv s. 10

geven to the quenes Players x s. viij d.

+ paid by a byll to Thomas ffryre for the Schuchin for the waytes xxx s.

...

+ paid which was geven vnto the Lord President his players xx s.

...

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Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/551/33single sheet* (*29 November*) (*Claims for clothing*)

delivered for. v^e. Coates. for. the waightes. the 29th. of. 20
 November 1608. iiij li. xv s.

&. for a yard and halfe of. tawney for Richard Moris at x s.

viiij d. the yard xvj s.

Some is iiij li. xj s.

by a Comon Halle of the burgies hit was agred that there shuld begiven v 25
 Cottas to the wayghtes/.

(*signed*) Edmond Clark

Richard Peers

George Harries

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Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/551/59single sheet (*Claim for a wait's badge*)

ffor the makynge of the Scuchinge & Chayne for the waytes 35
 which wayes xij oz. quarter at v s. the oz. iiij li. xv d. & for

the makynge of the same xxx s. the wiche xxx s. the towne is
 to paye & Iohn Ludman is to paye iiij li. j s. iiij d. iiij li. xj s. iiij d.

[Summe (...) li. xj s. iiij d.]

Somme to be awnswered }
 bie ye Corporation } xxx s.

(*signed*) George Harries
 humffrey ffawkener
 Richard Scott

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Interrogatories and Depositions in Pope v. Bailiffs and Burgesses

SRO: 3365/2502

sheets 60–1* (21 April) (*Interrogatories administered on behalf of the defendants*)

Hearing held at the Guildhall before Thomas Edwardes, Richard Moore, and Robert Luter, royal commissioners appointed by the court of chancery to take depositions on behalf of the defendants 5

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2. Item do yow knowe one close pasture or *parcell* of Land Lieinge in or neare the saide towne of Shrewsburye and adioyneinge to the walles of the same towne comonly called by the name of behind the walles and how Longe haue yow knowne the same/. 10
3. Item doth the said close or *parcell* of Land adioyne on the l East side the Wales of the said town of Shrewsbury and westward on the Riuer of Severne and Northward vpon the scite of the Late disolued priory or ffriery Comonly called Sct: Augustine ffriers now in the occupacion of the said Complainant, And whether doth it conteyne by estimacion aboute thirtie Acres and not much aboute and of what yerely vallue is the same to be sett or Lett one year with an other in your knowledge or as yow verilie thinke, And howe many kine will the same close or pasture sommer, And what hath beine paied in Aunclient tyme for [one] the someringe./ of a Cow there/ . 20

...

sheet 67

11. Item whether haue the Burgesses and the Inhabitants of the said towne of Shrewsbury from tyme to tyme at their will and pleasure by the. Licence and *per*mission of the baliffs of Shrewsbury for the tyme beinge digged and gotten stone and clay in the said close or pasture called behind the walles in severall places thereof for the *Reparacion* of their seuerall buildings and for other ffit and necessary vses and the same quietly inioyed and carried away without lett or interruption of the said complainant or any of his Auncestors or anye other person or persons/. 25

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sheets 69–72

14. Item whether hath the saide close and pasture and all the ground *within* the bounds and Limitts thereof from tyme to tyme dureinge all the tyme of your remembrance bene vsed and imployed by the Balyffs and burgesses of the saide towne as a publique place and common ground belonginge onely to the baliffs and burgesses of the said towne as in right of their Corporacion for the service of the kings highnes l and of his noble *progenitors* aswell for the body 40

of the County of Salopp as for the towne and Liberties of Shrewsbury aforesaide and for the traineing of Souldiers both on horsback and on foote and for other like publique *services* for his *maiestie* and his *predecessors* and the Realme, without licence or interruption of the Complainaunte or of any *person* or *persons*/. 5

15. Item whether haue the saide close called behind the walles from tyme to tyme dureinge all *your* Remembrance bene vsed and served for the convenient and necessary meetinge and assembleinge of the companies and guudes of the [th] saide Towne of Shrewsbury for the Choosinge of their warden and other off(.)cers and for other necessary occacions and *services* of the saide Companies, 10
And also for the recreacions and Lawdable excercise aswell of the scollers of the ffree gammer | Schole of Shrewsbury aforesaide as of the rest of the Burgesses and Inhabitant^s of the said towne, in shooteinge with their longe bowes and vseinge other Lawfull and comendable actiuities and disports And that by the Licence and sufferance of the baliffs of the saide towne for the 15
tyme beinge without licence or interruption of any other *person* or *persons* And how Longe haue yow knowne the saide close soe vsed and imployed, And whether is there any other close pasture or *parcell* of Land belonging to the saide corporacion within the said towne of Shrewsbury or betwene the walles 20
of the saide towne and the Riuer Seaverne adioyneinge vsed or imployed or ffitt to be vsed or imployed for such publique *services* excercises or recreacons as is aforesaid /.
16. Item whether hath [(..)] one *parcell* of the saide close next adioyneinge to the scite of the saide ffriery called the | dry quarrell from tyme to tyme dureinge 25
your remembrance bene vsed and imployed by the burgesses and Inhabitants of the saide towne for bearebaytings bullbaitings makeinge butts and shootinge for stage plaies and Common playes siluer games wrestling Runninge Leapeinge, and other like actiuities and recreacions, And whether haue they as occasion served at their will and pleasure made scaffolds erected boothes and [^][*tentes*]¹ 30
[tenements] made stayres and digged and troaden the ground & soyle aswell within the compasse of the saide drie quarrell as in other *parts* of the close aboute the saide quarrell for the better beholdinge and takeinge the pleasure of the said Common plaies and other excercises and disports without licence or Restraint of the said complainante or his Auncestors or of any other *person* or *persons* other then the baliffs of the towne of Shrewsburye/. 35

sheets 10–11 (*Deposition of Richard Higgons the elder, age 85*)

11. To the Eleaventh Interrogatorie hee sayeth that diverse Burgesses and inhabitant^s of the saide towne of Shrewsburie att diverse tymes as they 40

8/ guudes: for guildes
12/ gammer: for grammer

21/ recreacons: for recreacions; abbreviation mark missing

had occassion *somme* tymes with Licence of the Bayliffes of the towne of Shrewsburie aforesaide | and *somme* tymes without Licence have digged and gotten stone and [Cel] Cleye [^][in] [within] a place [^][within] [of] the saide pasture called the water quarrey and have vsed to digge Cleye in an other *parte* of the said pasture called the drye [pasture] quarrey for the Reparacion of there buildinges and other fitt and necessarie vses and have quietlie enjoyed the same without Lett or interrupcion of the Complaynant or anye of his Auncestors to this deponentes knowledge./

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sheets 13–18

- 14 To the fowerteenth Interrogatorie hee sayeth that | the saide Close and pasture called behinde the walls, and all the grownde within the boundes and Lymittes thereof from tyme to tyme as occasion required duringe all the tyme of this deponentes Remembrance hath byn vsed and Employed by the Bayliffes and Burgesses of the saide towne as a publique place for Musters trayninge of souldgers both on horsbacke and on ffoote and for shootinge and footeball playinge as a place belonginge to the Bayliffes and Burgesses of the saide Towne in righte of there said Corporacion for such occasions and excercises without Licence or interrupcions of the said Complaynant or of anye other *person* or *persons* to this deponentes knowledge./
- 15 To the fifteenth Interrogatorie hee sayeth hee hath | knowne that diverse Companies of occupacions within the saide towne have vsed yearelie to meete and assemble themselves in the saide close aswell for the makeinge of there wardens as for the choosinge of other officers belonginge to there saide severall Companies and hath alsoe knowne manye of the Schollers of the ffree gramer Schoole of the saide towne and other Burgesses and inhabitantes of the saide towne vse shootinge in there Lonng bowes and other Lawfull and Comendable activities and pastymes in the saide pasture called behinde the walles by the Lycence or sufferance of the Bayliffes of the saide towne for the tyme beinge without Lycence or interrupcion of the Complaynant or | of anye other *person* or *persons* to this deponentes knowledge and hath knowne the same to bee soe vsed and Employed for the space of these threescore and twelve yeares or thereaboutes saveinge when the same hath bene plowed and sowed as aforesaid And further sayeth that hee knoweth noe other place or *parcell* of grownde Employed or vsed for such publique services excercises or recreations (excepte one close called by the name of Sturries close in which close this deponent hath seene mustringe and trayninge of souldgers as hee this deponent remembreth about the tyme that the saide close or pasture called

behinde the walles had grayne growinge vppon yt and yet the saide trayninge |
and musteringe in the saide Sturris close as aforesaid was by Licence of the
then owner of the saide Sturries close. /

- 16 To the sixteenth Interrogatorie hee sayeth that one *parcell* of the saide close
named behinde the walles called the drye quarrey nexte adioyninge to the scite 5
of the saide *ffrierie* from tyme to tyme duringe this deponentes Remembrance
hath byn *Imployed* and vsed by the burgesses and inhabitantes of the saide
towne (as ofte as they thoughte fytt) for bearebaytinges bulbaytinges makeinge
buttes and shootinge, for stage playes and common [^]playes[^] [payes] silver games
wrestlinge Runninge Leapinge and other Like activeties and recreacions and as 10
often as occasion served att there wills and | pleasures they the saide Burgesses
and inhabitantes of the towne aforesaide have made scaffoldes erected boothes
and tentes made stayers [in] and digged and troden the grownde and soyle
aswell within the *Compassse* of the saide drie [quare] quarrey as in other *partes*
of the saide Close above they saide quarrey for the better behouldinge and 15
takeinge the pleasure of the saide common playes and other excercises and sportes
without Lycence or restraynte of the saide Complaynant, or his Auncestors
[or] or anye other *person* or *persons* other then the Bayliffes of the towne of
Shrewsburye /

...

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sheet 33 (*Deposition of Humphrey Leaton, weaver, age 63*)

- 11 To the Eleaventh Interrogatorie hee sayeth that the [^]Burgesses[^] [Bayliffes] and
inhabitantes of the saide towne of Shrewsburie from tyme to tyme duringe 25
this deponentes Remembrance by Licence and *permissi*on of the Bayliffes of
Shrewsburie for the tyme beinge have digged and gotten stoane and Cleye in
the saide Close or pasture called behinde the walles in severall places thereof
for the *Repracions* of their severall buildinges and other necessarie vses and
the same stoane and Cleye have Carried awaye and quiettlye enjoyed by the 30
Licence and *permissi*on aforesaide without Lett or interrupcion of the
Complaynant or anye of his Auncestors or anye other *person* or *persons* /

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sheets 36–40

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- 14 To the fowerteenth Interrogatorie hee sayeth that the saide Close and pasture
and all the grownde within the [saide] boundes and *Lymittes* thereof from
tyme to tyme as ofte as occasion required saveinge when the same close was
plowed duringe the tyme of this deponentes Remembrance hath byne vsed 40

3/ close./: virgule used for closing parenthesis
27/ Cleye: first e written over a

29/ Repracions: for Reparacions

- and Employed by and with the Leave and consente of the Bayliffes of the saide towne as a publique place for the service of the kinges hignes and his noble progenitors for the trayninge of Souldgers bothe on horsbacke and on foote [and] and for other Like the kinges or Queenes [pl] publique services without Licence | or interrupcion of the Complaynant or anye other person or persons: / 5
- 15 To the fifteenth Interrogatorie hee sayeth that duringe the tyme of all this deponentes Remembrance which is aboute fiftie sixe yeares the saide close or pasture called behinde the walles hath byn vsed for meetinge and assemblinge of Companies and of the saide towne of Shrewsburie and for choosinge of there wardens and other officers and for other necessarie occasions and 10
meetinges of the saide Companies and alsoe for recreacion of the Schollers of the [(.)] ffree gramer Schoole of Shrewsburie aforesaid in shootinge with there Lonng bowes and other disportes as alsoe for all other the inhabitantes of the saide towne by the Lycence | and sufferance of the Bayliffes of the saide towne for the tyme beinge without Lycence or interrupcion of anye other 15
person or persons and knoweth noe other place or pasture betweene the walles of the saide towne and the River of Seavorne vsed or Employed for such publique services or recreacions as aforesaid but that the owners of the saide pastures will hinder Lett or drive awaye anye such persons soe meetinge vnlesse such meetings weare by the Consente or sufferance of the owners thereof: / 20
- 16 To the sixteenth Interrogatorie hee sayeth that one parcell of the saide close nexte adioyninge to the scite of the saide ffrierie called the drye quarrey from tyme to tyme duringe this | deponentes Remembrance which is fiftie yeares and above have byne vsed and Employed by the burgesses and inhabitantes 25
of the saide towne of Shrewsburie for bearebaytinges bullbaytinges makeinge Butttes and shootinge for stage playes and other playes for silver games wrastlinge Runinge Leapinge and other recreacions and the saide Burgesses and and inhabitantes by the Licence of the Bayliffes of the towne aforesaide have made Skaffoldes erected boothes and tentes made stayres and digged and troden 30
the grownde and soyle aswell within the Compasse of the saide drie quarrey as in other places of the saide close aboute the saide quarrey for the better behouldinge and takeinge pleasure of the saide Common playes | and other [exercises] exercises and disportes without Licence or restraynte of the Complaynant or his Auncestors or anye other person or persons other then 35
the Bayliffes and sixe men of the towne of Shrewsburie as aforesaid: /

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sheets 51–2 (*Deposition of alderman John Perche, gentleman, age 60*)

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- 11 To the eleuenth Interrogatorie he saieth that diuerse of the burgesses and Inhabitanter of the said towne of Shrewsbury from tyme to tyme by the 40

Licence and *per*mission of the baliffs of the said towne haue digged and gotten stone in the said close or pasture called behind the walles for makeinge or repaireinge of their buildings and other necessary vses And that he this Deponent hath had by the Licence of the saide Baliffs as aforesaide many Loades of stone out of the said close for the buildinge of his owne [vse] howse, 5
And hath quietly carried away | the same wthout Licence or interruption of the Complainant or any other *person* or *persons*

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sheets 53–6

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...

14 To the ffourteinth Interrogatorie he saith that the said close and pasture (as it now lieth vndevided) hath beene vsed from tyme to tyme dureinge the space of theis fforty yeares and vpwards as a publique | place belonginge to the Baliffs and Burgesses of the said towne, And hath byn vsed for the mustering and 15
traingeing of Souldiers both on horsback and on foote and for other like publique services aswell for the County of Salopp as for the towne of Shrewsbury, wthout licence, or interruption of the Complainaunte or of any other *person* or *persons* other then the baliffs of the said towne for the tyme beinge./.

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15. 16 To the ffifteinth and sixteinth Interrogatories he saith that the saide close called behind the walles hath comonly byn vsed for the meeteing of Companies of the said [tenement] towne, and choseinge their wardons and for recreacions and disports aswell by the Schollers of the ffree Grammer schole as other | the inhabitants of the said towne, And that a certeine place in the said close called 25
the dry quarrey hath Likewise byn vsed by the Inhabitants of the said towne for bearebaitings bullbaiteings makeing butts, and shooteinge and for stage plaies and other like actiuities and recreacions And that the said inhabitants of the said towne of Shrewsbury haue made Scaffolds erected boothes and made stayres and digged and troden the ground and soyle aswell wthine the 30
compass of the said Quarrey [for the better beholdinge] as in other *partes* of the said close aboute the said Quarrey for the better beholdinge and takeinge veiw of the said plaies and other disports wthout licence or restraunte of the Complainaunte or his Auncestors or any other *person* or *persons* other then the Bayliffs of | the said towne of Shrewsburye.

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Recognizances for Richard Nashe and Thomas Farr SRO: 3365/2215
f [1]* (24 August)

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alias renovatur

Ricardus Nashe musicion manucaptus est per Rogerum Barker alias Griffithes et Hugone Revell sherman pro pace erga [Elinoram] Willelmum Peplowe renovatur per predictum plegium

alias

Thomas ffarre musicion *manu captus est per* [Ricardum Nashe musicion et Iohannem wood] Ricardum ffarr cuttler et Iohannem Ludnam musicion pro pace erga Iohannem Ludnam/ pro pace erga Willelmum Peplowe
exactus per curiam

...

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1609-10

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/554

single sheet*

Item bestowed of the players *servantes* to the Right honourable Raphe Lord Evre Lord President of the kinges maiestes Councell in the marches and principalitie of Wales

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xx s.
(signed) Edward Higgons
 Hughe Harries 15
 Richard Prowde
 Richard Iones

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f [14v] (27 April-19 April) (*Warden's payments*)

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...

payd ffor ij^o pownd of powder to ffech The tree

ij s. iiij d.

...

Item giueenn: to the Steward ffor Bowes & Rushes [ffor the hall]

ij s. vj d.

...

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1610-11

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/556

f [1v]* (*Expenses*)

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A paid for the Lyveres of the waightes beadle & the marshalls gowne vij li. vj s.

...

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/556

single sheet* (15 December) (*Claims for clothing*)

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of Iohn Niccolls }

deliuered to mr George Wright for thvse of Richard Morris the 15th of december 1610

li. s. d.

Imprimis a yeard halfe of liuery tawney cloth at x s. viij d.
 the yeard

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0 16 0

& for Iohn Ludnam vij yeardes halfe of the same cloth at
 x s. viij d. the yeard

4 00 0

Somme is iiij li. xvj s. 0 d.
 °& more for a gowne cloth for the marshall. 1 s.
 Totall is vij li. vj s. 0 d. Richard Betton^o

(signed) Richard betton
 Roger blakwey. 5
 George wrighte.
 Richard Collines

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2640
 f [18v] (19 April-4 April) (Wardens' payments) 10

...
 paid the mynstrels at oure feastivale day v s.
 paid to Rychard Morys for keping the doore iiij d.
 paid to the stewardes of the prentesses xij d.
 paid for wyne bestowed on oure wyves iiij s. 15
 paid for Beere [to Mr Rowley to oure hale] xv s.
 ...

1611-12

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/555 20
 f [2]* (Expenses)

...
 paid to Iohn Ludnam to buy Coates for the wayte players iiij li. xv s.
 ...

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/555
 single sheet* 25

A note for money that was gi<...> Master Bayliffes to the Queenes
 Maiest<ies ...> which [doth] was xx s. / 30
 (signed) Thomas Wolley
 Iohn Hawkeshed

°allowed by the auditors°
 (signed) Richard beddowe

Decision in Pope v. Bailiffs and Burgesses SRO: 3365/2751 35
 ff [1-1v]* (28 November)

Iovis xxviiij^o die Novembris Anno Regni Iacobi Regis
 nono Inter Rogerum Pope Armigerum querelentem 40
 Balliuos et Burgenses ville Salopie defendantes.

Where as vppon the hearinge of the cause the nynt of this moneth It was

ordered and decreed that the defendantes shoulde settfourth vnto the *plaintiff* xiiij^{en} acres of lande together in the ffeilde mencioned in the same order next to the *plaintiffes* howse and Close belonginge to the saide howse/ And yet because yt then appeared that the saide ffeilde wherein the saide landes did lye, had for a longe tyme bene ymployed for the necessary vse of the sayde Towne, This Corte therefore wished that the *plaintiff* shoulde either sell thinheritance of the saide landes to the saide Towne, or els that he should make them a lease therof for valuable consideracion, for that all the rest of the saide fieelde did allready belonge to the saide Towne And for that purpose one Mr Iones and Mr Gibbons were to conferre with the *plaintiff* about the same by that daie sennight, otherwise the lord Chauncellor, and the *master* of the Rolls would then be pleased to mediate the matter betweene the *parties*: fforasmuch as the saide *parties* cannot agree vpon the price therof, It is nowe thought meete by his *Lordship* and the *master* of the Rolls and soe ordered that the defendantes shall paye vnto the *plaintiff* for the l xiiij^{en} acres of land soe to be sett out after the rate of xx s. an acre and xx^{tie} years purchase for the same and that at the *plaintiffes* Comeinge into the Countrey assurance shalbe made and given both of the saide lande discharged of all incombrances [^][donne by him] and for the saide money as shalbe fitt: And the defendantes are alsoe to paye vnto the *plaintiff* the last yeares rent for the saide landes [^] Provided allwaies and yt is alsoe ordered that in the Assurance of the saide xiiij^{en} acres the defendantes shall allowe such/ indifferent and convenient waye to the *plaintiffes* barne [^][stable and owt howse] there, as heretofore hath bene vsed.

...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2640
f [20] (4 April 1611–23 April 1612) (Wardens' payments)

...

payd to the aprentizes the vsual somm allowd them xij d. 30
payd for bread and beare which was spent in our hall at
our hall keepinge viij s.

payd to the stewardes for bowes and Rushes and makinge
cleane of our hall against our feast ij s. vj d.

...

payd for wyne and suger which was spent in the hall iiij s. vjij d. 35

...

1612-13

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/557f [2]* (*Expenses*)

...
 paid which was geven to Lady Elizabeth her players XX s. 5
 ...

1613-14

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/558

single sheet* (*26 November*) 10
 ...

geven to the Princes lady Elizabeth her players XX s.
 (*signed*) William Stephens
 ROGER PRVNC
 Richard Nettles 15

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/558

single sheet (*9 February*)

9^o ffebruary 1613 20
 geven to the queenes maiesties Players XX s.
 (*signed*) Richard Nettles
 Roger Bone his mark (.)
 Iohn Poyne(r)

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Examinations of John Evans and Others SRO: 3365/2218

ff [1-2]* (*2-7 December*)

The examinacion & sayenge of Iohn Evans *sherman*
 The sayd *examinat* beinge *examined* confesseth & sayth that He was att the 30
 Playe in the booth hall vpon Satterday night & after the Playe ended he went
 vnto the House of/ Richard Harries and att his retorne thether he found
 Edward *Philipes* [^] & Edward *Bostocke* [^] there and stayed there but a small
 space & then went vnto his lodginge at Edward *Philipes* his house and sayeth
 further that Edward *Philipes* did not come home vntill very neere daye & 35
 then he came to bed and rose vpp agayne before this *examine* which was
 aboutes viij^{te} of the Clocke on sondaye morninge and sayth likewise that he
 was not att any Church e yther morninge or Eveninge prayer or Sermon &
 sayth that he [was] went vpp & downe the streetes in the afternone [^] & went
 [(.)] into [(.)] [^] howeles [^] house [(.)] did sitt in the hey street & *mardoll* [^] & 40
 did sit in the wyddowe leecher her house readinge his booke in the fforenone

23/ (.): Bone has signed with his personal mark, now illegible

31/ Satterday night: 27 November 1613

and dyned att Edward Howells his house & did eat noe supper att all on
 Sondaie night And yett sayth [that he] upon his better remembrance that he
 did suppe att Richard Harries his house & Edward Bostocke & Edward
 Philipes did suppe ther allsoe havinge sawsages to their suppers from John
 Browns the Cooke [& beefe of Richard harries] & this *examinat* did lodge all
 night att Harries his house but Bostocke & Philipes went to Philipes his house
 & vpon monday morninge he spent the grettest parte of the forenone in lookinge
 [of] [vpon] John swayne and Thomas newell playing att the Tables in harries
 his house

septimo decembris Anno predicto |

The *examinacion* & sayenge of Edward Philipes sherman

He sayth that he did suppe att the wyddowe Leeche her house and from thence
 he wente vnto Pylkytons house and stayed there a little space & from thence
 he went vnto Richard Harries his house & there he found Iohn Evans Edward
 Morris Richard Harris himselfe William Burche & Ludnams men the musicion
 and then morris Evans & Harries went to the playe and this *examine* and
 william Burche stayed syttinge by the fyer in harries his house & Thomas dyos
 of the wildcoppe & Iohn lovell corser did come into Harries his house & did
 [drinke &] keepe Company with them there vntill the playe was ended & then
 Evans & Harries returned thether and shortly after this *examinat* went vnto
 Pilkitons to bed & vpon Sondaie he went [home aboutes] vj of the Clocke &
 lay in his owne bed vntill viij & changed his shirte & rose vpp but went not
 to [not] Churche but dyned at Harries his house & stayed ther the most parte
 of that afternone & supped there and after supper ended he stayed [vnt] there
 vntill betwene ix^{en} & x^{en} of the Clocke att night as he taketh ytt [& then]
 together with Iohn Evans & Edward Bostocke And sayth further that other
 the *examinat* & bostocke wente together to bedd to this *examinates* house &
 Evans stayed all night att Harries his house And sayth that he did entreate [te]
 Bostocke to lodge with him for that Evans denied to goe home with him / |

The *examinacion* of Iohn Hancox

He sayth that vpon Satterday night last he was att the Playe in the booth hall
 and assoone as the playe was ended he returned home to his maysters house
 with his maysters daughter and then he went to his bedd & laye there all that
 night & did staye in his maysters house all daye on Sunday & did not goe to
 Churche vpon Sunday and aboutes ix^{en} of the Clocke vpon Sunday night he
 wente to his bedd & there laye in bedd in his maysters house vntill mondaye
 in the morninge aboutes vij^{en} or viij^{te} of the Clock...

(signed) Iohn Hancockes

The *examinacion* of edward Bostocke

he sayth that he did sitt one Houre at Harries his house [drinkinge with [...]]

edward morris¹ aboutes viij^{te} of the Clocke [^] on Satterday neight¹ and went from thence and was att his Maysters house in bedd before the play was ended And sayth that as they ware syttinge in Harries his house Ludnams men the musicion did come in thether and soe did Richard Hosyer And did not ryse [^] vpon Sondag¹ vntill morninge prayer was ended and went to the *sermon* att [St] 5
Snt Maryes & dynded att Home and [goinge] [^] after dynner went¹ vpp to speake with Edward morris [before] but he was gone to Oswestree...

Examinations of Richard Harries and Others SRO: 3365/2218

single sheet – single sheet verso*

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The *examinacion* & sayenge of Richard Harries/
he sayth that vpon Satterday night he was att the Plea in the booth hall & from thence he went vnto Rondle Iones his house with mr wolley & there did drinke & from thence aboutes Tenne of the Clocke att night he wente home and 15
there went to bedd & laye all night vntill vij^{en} or viij^{te} of the Clocke on Sondag morninge and vpon Sondag night he was att his owne house all the night and one Iohn Evans *sherman* kepte him company vntill he this *examinat* did goe to bedd which Iohn Evans did lodge in this *examinates* house the same night & [^] this *examinat*¹ did arise aboutes vij^{en} or viij^{te} of the Clocke vpon 20
Monday in the morninge/ And sayth further that vpon Monday in the morninge he [spoke with Edward Meriden in m] went to the Castle gates & returned home agayne & then he herd of the breakinge of the exchequier and shortly after he wente to the gates agayne and then heringe one call Edward meriden to hunte swyne out of his garden & this *examine* feringe lest a sowe of his 25
owne was there wente to see whether shee were there or not and the [^] said¹ Edward meriden did Axe this *examinat* what newes was aboutes the exchequire and soe dyvers speches concerninge the robbinge of the exchequier passad berwee(.) them

30

[John Evans *sherman*]

The *examinacion* & sayenge of Hughe Cley
he sayth that he went from *master* Bayliffes house to Thomas Stubbes house vpon Satterday night last & from thence to Abraham Tydders house & soe to 35
his [^] owne¹ house and to his bedd...

The *examinacion* & sayenge of Edward Cowper
he sayth that vppon Satterday night he cam to the boothhall to see a play & bycause the company [^] was¹ vnruely he wente vnto Thomas Conyes house & 40
stayed there a little space & thence he went home to his owne house...

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2640
f [24v] (15 April 1613-5 May 1614) (*Assembly minutes*)

...
The Last day of Aprill 1613 Mr. *Richard* hardinge beinge speker it was agreed vpon by the body of the Compenye to keepe a hall as in ancient tyme it hath byne 5
...

f [25v] (*Wardens' payments*)

...
Inprimis spent the first day of our wardenship at
Richard ffearnes his howse 00 05 00
Ittem for Beere to mr. Rowley 02 13 00
Ittem for bread 00 18 00
Ittem payd to the Minstrells 00 05 00 15
...
Ittem payd to hime that kept the hall dore 00 00 04

f [26]

... 20
Ittem payd to the stewardes for Cupps and trenchers 00 05 00
...

1614-15

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/561 25
single sheet* (20 September)

20 september 1615

payd to the Prynce his players XX s.
(signed) george Benyan 30
Iohn Balle
Richard Wyldinge

Town Payment Claims SRO: 3365/561 35
single sheet*

Item bestowed vpon the queens players XX s.
(signed) george Benyan
Iohn Balle
Roger Blakwey 40
Iohn Manyng

⊕+

Petition of Thomas Farr and Others SRO: 3365/2634, Part 1
single sheet

To the right *worshipfull* Iohn Gardner and Thomas
ffawkener Bayliffes of Shrewsbury 5
Most Humbly Doe beseeche *your* *worshipps* *your* orators & prisoners Thomas
ffarr Richard Willson and William ffox nowe remayninge in warde by *your*
worshipps comitmente for that *your* sayd most humble orators and Prysoners
did not only walke abroad att vndue tyme of the night but did vse their
profession of musicke in the house of Iohn Pryce being a vintner and keepinge 10
a Comon Inne and for that at the same [C] tyme a greate misdemen^{er} was
comitted in the streete there the *which* offence *your* sayd most humble orators
& prisoners most humbly doe confesse doth deserve gretter punishment than
he hath alreddy susteyned yett forasmuch as *your* sayd most humble orators
& prisoners be most hartely sorry for ther sayd offences and Doe hope & hereby 15
promise neuer to offend in like case hereafter his most humble desyre vnto *your*
worshipps is that ytt will wold please the same to restore him to his former
libertie agayne and thus for godes love: /
 your *worshipps* most humble orators and prisoners
 The marke of Thomas ffair + 20
 The marke of Richard Wilson +
 The marke of William ffox +

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2640
f [29]* (*4 May–20 April*) (*Assembly minutes*) 25

...
The 28 day of May ¹⁶¹⁴ mr. *Richard* ffernes beinge speker yt was agreed
vpon by the Compeny that a hall shall be kept as in former tyme and they
will to the vttermost of ther power performe do doe ther endevo(u.) in Regard
the treasure ys but small or non/ 30
...

f [30v] (*Wardens' payments*)
...
Ittem for Bred for the hall 00 15 06 35
...
Ittem for mault for drinke for the hall 01 15 00
...

17/ will wold: *for* wold (?)

20–2/ +: *Fair, Wilson, and Fox* have signed with their personal marks

27/ ¹⁶¹⁴: *underlined* in MS

29/ endevo(u.): *sheet cropped*

SHREWSBURY 1614-17

| | | | |
|---|----|----|----|
| Item payd to the minstrels | 00 | 05 | 00 |
| Item to the dore keper | 00 | 00 | 06 |
| Item layd out more for Bred and drinke at our hall keepinge | 00 | 01 | 06 |
| ... | | | |

1615-16

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill Ms 2640
f [33] (20 April-11 April) (Assembly minutes)

The [19] [viiij] [12] of May 1615 by the Assent of the whole [^]compenie[^] it was agreede vpon that the whole Compeny or the most of them Richard Hardinge beinge speker. that ther shall be noe hall kept /

f [34] (Warden Griffye's payments)

| | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| payd for gunepowder for to fetch in the tree | 00 | 03 | 00 |
| ... | | | |

(Warden Thomas Juckes' payments)

| | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| Item for a pottle of sacke vpon the fest day | 00 | 02 | 00 |
| ... | | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Item for powder to fetch in the tree | 00 | 03 | 00 |
| ... | | | |

f [34v] (Warden Griffye's payments)

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| payd for a staffe to hang our fflagg | 00 | 02 | 00 |
| ... | | | |

1616-17

Bailiffs' Accounts SRO: 3365/563

f [2]* (Expenses)

| | |
|--|----------|
| Giuen to the kinges maiestes Trompeters and to the princes players | xliij s. |
| ... | |

1618-19

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2640
f [43v] (16 April-9 April) (Wardens' payments)

...
Ittem for poulder at the bringinge in of the tree 00 06 00 5

...
Examination of Ralph Whoode and Others SRO: 3365/1198/1
pp 1.15-1.17* (June)

... 10

xxx^mo Maij 1619

x s.

*Billa vera
exoneretur* 2
L William Cheshire glouer an affray and blood vppon redd Iohn ap morgan
seruant to my lady Buckley plegij Abraham longe & George Cheshire/ per
Thomam hancox 15
deposed per Peter ffrance

x s.

*Billa vera
exoneretur* 3
L Richard harries Corser de ffarata monachorum Did byte Richard de
ffranckwell by the ffinger & drew blood 20
reported per Peter ffrance
vppon his oath

x s.

*Billa vera
exoneretur* 4
L George Cheshire [glouer¹ [sonne of Thomas] 25
Euan Iones my lady Buckleies man had his head broken.
reported by Peter ffrance
vppon his oath./
reputed that George Cheshire
did it by the oath of 30
Dauid Plume

iiij s. iiij d.

*Billa vera
exoneretur* 5
L Dauid Plume for an affray vppon william Cock taylor
deposed per dictum william 35
Io Calcott

William Cock doth depose that dauid Plum did strick him vppon the head
with the staffe that did beare the flagg donne about x a clock vppon sunday
nigh the xxx may

29/ repoted: for reported

36/ lo: for lohn; abbreviation mark missing

37/ strick: s written over d

39/ nigh: for night; 4 minims in MS

Billa vera
exoneretur6
L

Owen williams laborer did strike hym the said william Cock vppon the head
with a staffe about x a clock the same [day] [night]
deposed by william Cock l

Billa vera L 7
exoneretur
Billa [vera]

iiij s. iiij d.

Dauid [Stanley] [Raynoldes] alias padd ^Λ mad an assalt vppon the said william
Cock
deposed by william Cock

Billa vera
exoneretur

L 8

iiij s. iiij d. iiij s. iiij d.

redd Iohn ap morgan for 2 affrays made vppon william cheshire
deposed per Dauid Plume

9
L

Richard mr Rockes man for an affray made vppon George Cheshire
reported by dauid Plum 15

...

11
L

Richard harries Corser *predictus* did strick ffrancis ffrance with a staffe &
did hit him
reported per dauid Plum 20

Billa vera

°Raphe whoode deposeth & sayeth that vpon Sondag the xxxth daye of May
last he beinge lord of misrule & the reste of his company were not [(.)] att
Eueninge prayer but did continue att playe & dauncinge all the afternoone
vntill after Eyght of the clocke. / 25

william harrison deposeth & sayth the persons subscribed wold have put
whoode in the stockes°

col 1

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Billa vera pro
decem affraijs

exoneretur iiij s. iiij d. °Symon Holmes°

exoneretur iiij s. iiij d. °dauid Stanley°

exoneretur iiij s. iiij d. °Roger Adderton°

exoneretur iiij s. iiij d. °william O[.]akley°

exoneretur iiij s. iiij d. °Richard machyn°

exoneretur iiij s. iiij d. °Richard a servante to mr Rocke°

exoneretur iiij s. iiij d. °Richard [groves] [ff[...]] groves°

35

col 2

exoneretur iij s. iiij d. °ffrauncis ffraunce°*exoneretur* iij s. iiij d. °Peter france°*exoneretur* iij s. iiij d. °Richard Andrewes° |

5

Billa vera°And [f(. .)] for his not beinge att eveninge ^[prayer] vpon the Sonndaye
aforeseyd he deposeth as Whoode./*Billa vera*ffrauncis ffraunce deposeth that he and the resydue of the morris dauncers
were in my lady Buckleys hall att Eveninge prayer tyme vpon Sunday last°

10

iij s. iiij d.

*Billa vera 1
exoneretur*Richard Morry Corser for a ffray and a blood made vpon [william] [Phillip]
Speake glouer. Pleg' pro morry Edward Prichard & Raynold ffox per Iohn
prichard *relatoreml*

15

Edward vaghan *servant*
to walter grinsell

L Speake doth depose that hee came along the streete when the Morris dauncers
were dauncing and [this] Morry did come and strike this deponent vpon the
brest, to make roome for the dauncers, and afterwardes ^[as] this deponent was
going into mr Scottes the same Morry did againe assalt this deponent and
this deponent was in the thronge cast downe and had his face scratcht and
blood drawne

25

Vaghan doth depose that he did see Mory strike speake on his heade with
a staffe

...

Petition of Ralph Whoode and Others SRO: 3365/2637
single sheet

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To the right *worshipfull* Arthure Kynaston and
Iohn Garbett Bayliffes of Shrewsbury
The Humble submissions of
Raphe Whoode
William Harrison
David Plume
Richard Machyn
Richard Groves

35

40

6/ [f(. .)]: *obscured by ink blot*10/ tyme: 2 *minims* in MS

ffrauncis ffraunce

Peter ffraunce

Simon Homes

Richard Andrewes

Iohn Gould

Most humbly doe beseeche *your worships your* [^][sayd] most humble
petitioners and prisoners nowe remayninge in warde by *your worships*
Committmente and by *your worships* worthely committed not only in
profaninge the Sabboth daye vpon Sunday last the xxxth of May 1619
videlicet for dauncinge the morris daunce [⟨.⟩] out of their *parishe* into an
other *parishe* immediatly after dynner wherby they themselves and all the
beholders of them did absent themselves from Eveninge prayer that daye
And therby allsoe dyvers breaches of the peace & other misdemeaners were
committed all *which* offences *your* sayd humble petitioners doe humbly
confesse And doe Acknowledge that they doe *deserve* greater punishmente
then they have alreddy susteyned yett forasmuche as they are poore men and
are hartely sory for their sayd offences they most humbly doe intreate to be
restored to their former lybertye agayne and thus for godes love:/ hereby
allsoe *promisinge* never to offend in like case hereafter

your most humble petitioners:/

(signed) Rafe whod

william harisons marke +

David plummes marke +

Richard machins marke +

Richard Groues marke +

ffrancis ffrances marke +

Peeter ffrances marke +

Symon homes marke +

Richard Andrews marke +

Iohn Gouldes marke +

1619–20

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2640

f [45] (9 April 1619–28 April 1620) (Decision of 10 May assembly)

...

An assembly made the 10th of May 1619 as concerninge the keepinge of a hall
as the auncient accostome was, *which* is for keepinge a feast/ To the *which*
mocion the whole compeny will not consent wthout a tree/ bee brought/

...

22–5/ +: Harrison, Plum, Machyn, and Groves, have signed with their personal marks

26/ +: Francis France has signed with his personal mark, now obscured by ink blot

27–30/ +: Peter France, Homes, Andrews, and Gould have signed with their personal marks

f [45v] (*Wardens' payments*)

...
 Inprimis for Beere & ale at the feast 01 01 00
 Ittem for bread 00 10 00

... 5
 Ittem for musicke at our feast 00 05 00

...

1620–1

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2644 10

f [1v] (*28 April–13 April*) (*Decision of 22 May assembly*)

An assembly made the 22th of May (...) (.)thomas Iuckes beinge speaker as
 concerninge the keep(. .)ge of a hall as in auntyent tyme hathe byn/ And the
 whole Compeny are willinge to haue yt kept/ 15

(*signed*) Thomas Iuckes

...

(*Decision of 17 July assembly*)

An assembly made the 17th of Iuly 1620 Thomas Iuckes speker to haue the
 whole Compeny to goe brotherly to gether to Kingsland & to meete wher
 the wardens shall apoynt payinge for there dynner as they shall be seassed/ 20

(*signed*) Thomas Iuckes

...

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1621–2

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2644

f [6] (*13 April 1621–3 May 1622*) (*Wardens' payments*)

... 30
 Ittem for gonpowder 00 06 00

...
 Ittem gevin to the Iournymen and prentices 00 03 00

...
 Ittem for musicke at our meetinge 00 04 00 35

...

13/ (...): *tear in paper*

21/ 1620: *underlined in MS*

1622-3

Shearmen's Company Book NLW: Castle Hill MS 2644
f [9] (3 May-25 April) (Wardens' payments)

| | li. | s. | d. | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|-------|----|
| ... | | | | |
| Inp for beare & ale at the ffeast | 01 | 08 | 0(\.) | 5 |
| Ittem for bread | 00 | 13 | 0(\.) | |
| ... | | | | |
| Ittem for Powder | 00 | 06 | 00 | |
| ... | | | | |
| Ittem for musicke at the feast | 00 | 05 | 00 | 10 |
| Ittem for Cupps & trenchers | 00 | 05 | 00 | |
| ... | | | | |
| Ittem for wyne at the ffeast | 00 | 02 | 04 | |
| [Ittem for Cupps & trenchers | 00 | 05 | 00] | 15 |
| ... | | | | |

1624-5

Petition of Richard Scott SRO: 3365/2639
single sheet* (21 September)

...

The humble peticion of Richard Scotte Corser

Sheweth vnto Your good Worships that your petitioner was Comitted to the Custody of the Common Sargeant [and] ysterday last beinge the xxth daye of this instant September and that iustly for misbehavinge and disorderinge
himselfe within the Company of the persons herevnder mencioned in makinge
of Richard Burche sherman Bayliffe before his tyme and disquietinge of the
neightboures there aboutes at vndue time of nighte to the greate contempte
of Your Worships gouernente ffor which offence is most hartelie sorrye, &
desiereth your good worships [toe] to bee pleased to remitt and to pardon
him for his offence & in soe doinge he shall ever take cause to be carefull of
his good carrage hereafter and shall be bond to pray for Your Worships health

°John Taylers Man the dier, hee bare the bell,
Richard Williames Iohn Downes his man, he was one of the Election/
Richard Collinns Iohn ffox his sonn the Ioyner
Richard Edmonds Thomas Wildings man.°

(signed) Iohn Studley
Thomas Mathewes Richard Scott

1625--6

Petition of Richard Botfield SRO: 3365/2639

single sheet* (6 December)

Right *worshipfull* may it please your *worshipps* to vnderstand That whereas 5
 the last nyght beinge the 5 of this moneth of december I beyinge all day at my
 shop to sell my meate/ I cominge home at night, there coms a wendlocke man
 to my howse & desiers Lodginge/ & I tould hime he should haue lodginge &
 was welcome/ & with hime as I heare since *thomas* pynner a neighbour dwellinge
 nere to the Crosse, whom I ame altogether vnaquainted with./ Soe syttinge 10
 quietly by my ffyer (because I will certyfy [to] your *worshipps* the truth/)
 there comes in a neighboures Child of Coleham & would singe/ And I tould
 hime yt was noe due tymes for singinge & would not suffer hime/ yt beinge a
 bout ix of the Clocke/ wherevpon the stranger would haue him singe/ And
 began to quarrell with me/ but to be short they both fastned vpon me & have 15
 gevin me 5 woundes in the head besyd most grevous blowes vpon my Armes
 & showlders And as yet vntill the Surgion hath serched these woundes I know
 not in what state I am in

Therefore good your *worshipps* in Regard of my weaknes as also not knowinge
 as yet in what state I am in/ I would desier your *worshipps* that the stranger 20
 may bee foorth cominge vntill my Surgion have serched the woundes.
 besechinge you to consydder of the premisses And now against the tyme
 havinge no(...)se my ware nor kill my Cattle (...)now not what I shall doe/
 But only referr(.) my sellf to your *worshipps* & to consydder my hurtes & the
 damadge I haue Receaved & shall *Receave* against now this bussy tyme. 25

Your *worshipps* to bee Comanded

(signed) Richard Botfield

1627--8

Notebook of Evan Lloyd of Bala NLW: Wynnstay MS 84

f [46] (Week of 7 December)

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Item at Salop to fidders

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11, 21/ my: 4 minims in MS

22/ premisses: top of irregular hole in sheet follows; no text apparently missing

23/ no(...)se: irregular hole in sheet

23/ (...)now: irregular hole in sheet

26/ Comanded: 4 minims for m in MS

1628-9

Examination of Ozias Lloyd SRO: 3365/2230

single sheet—single sheet verso (5 July)

...

The examinacion of [Gyst(. . .)s] [^][Ozias] lloyd of Shrewsbury in the Countie of 5
 Salop Baker [aged but (. . .)tch] aged xx^{tie} yeares or thereaboutes beinge (. . .)xamined
 what [^][tyme] hee cam this day to mr Mittons hall sayeth hee cam [aboutes] [^][att
 or aboutes] ffive of the clocke this afternone, and [sayeth] beinge asked what
 he buissnes hee had there sayeth that hee and other apprentices cam thither
 to [eate] be merry for an howre or two [but] and to [h] eate sillibowkes and 10
 greene Cheese but the names of the sayd apprentices hee knoweth not, and
 sayeth that there were [aboutes] many other strangers [^][Townsmen] whom
 hee sayeth hee knoweth not, and beinge demaunded whether they did eate
 & drinke with them sayeth they did, and beinge asked whether there were any
 maydes were there in their company sayeth that there were aboutes six or more, 15
 whereof one was this examinantes Sister, called Elizabeth lloyd; but the names
 of the [^][rest of the] mayds [names] hee knoweth not but they tooke parte of
 that [^][provision] this examinant & his Company had provided and sayeth that
 they had three mutisioners one Richard ffarre and his two men; and confeseth
 that [they tarryed] this examinant tarryed till *master* Bailiffe Rowley came; and 20
 this examinantes fellowe Steward went away when hee hard *master* Bailiffe
 knocke att the doore & the rest went away aboutes a quarter of an howre before
 and beinge asked why there Musique cam thither sayeth they cam thither by
 the [main entreaty] request of the maydes, and sayeth that the musitioners
 were with them ffrom ffive of the clocke till eighte this present nighte, and 25
 beinge asked who daunced sayeth that the Maydes daunced and somme of
 the youthes daunced with them [wh] but [who] [^][their names [of the youthes]]
 hee knoweth not and beinge demaunded whether [he] [they were there with
 the consent of the wardens] hee and his ffellowe Steward whom hee calleth
 Humphrey ffawckner were there with the[yr] [ffathers consent] wardens 30
 consent sayeth that they were to looke for the[m] [sayd wardens] but that
 they were not within: / and afterwarde they spake not with the sayd wardens,
 and sayeth hee had the consent of this examinantes *Master* and beinge
 demaunded how longe hee hath byn apprentice sayeth hee hath byn these
 ffive yeares and sayeth in that tyme of ffive yeares hee was never att such a 35
 meetinge but the last yeare, and this tyme: and [^][beinge demaunded whether
 the last yeares meetinge was on the sabath day] sayeth that [the last yeares
 meetinge] was not [on the Sabboth day] and beinge demaunded why they
 mett this yeare on the Sabboth day sayeth that this examinant and his ffellowe

9/ he: *redundant*14/ there were: *redundant*19/ mutisioners: *for* musitioners33/ this: *corrected from* his

appoynted this day and beinge demaunded whether hee was att Church this
 [afternoone] [^][day] or noe sayeth hee was [not] in the morneinge [^][prayer]¹
 att six of the Clocke [⟨.⟩] att morneinge prayer but [⟨.⟩] sayeth that hee was
 not att *service* att nyne of the Clocke neither att the Sermon in the morneinge
 nor in the afternone: / and beinge demaunded whath[er] [^][wordes]¹ hee sayd 5
 [that] after hee was apprehended, standinge att Thomas Gittins his doore
 sayeth yf that hee were comitted hee would Chuse his Sergeant I and goe to
 Sergeant Cowper [and] and beinge demaunded [whether Sayd hee would lye
 a weeke there or noe or] whether hee [^][sayd]¹ hee [^][layd]¹ would lye there till
Master Bailiff Gibbons came home sayeth hee did say soe/ 10
 (*signed*) [Ozu] Ozias LLoid

Petition of John Davyes SRO: 3365/2639
 single sheet*

To the Righte *Worshipfull* the Bayliffes of Shrewsbury 15
 The humble peticion of Iohn Davyes Taberer
 Humbly sheweth that your poore *peticioner* was taken by *master* Bayliffe
 rowley vpon saterday nighte laste aboutes Twelve of the Clocke in Playinge
 vpon the Taber & pipe in a Bardge at the Key in ffranckwell amongeste a 20
 Company of Bardgemen and therevpon in respecte of the vnseasonablenes
 of the tyme he was for his miscariage therein comitted to the stone gate
 where hee hath ever sithence remayned in greate misery havinge noe bed to
 lye vpon but the bare flore
 Hee therefore humbly prayeth Your *worshipps* in respecte hee is a stranger & 25
 not knowinge the good gouernente of this Towne to remitte this offence &
 to dischargd out of prison & hee shall ever reste bound to pray for Your
worshipps & thus for godes love

signum

Iohannis + davyes 30

Vpon this submission the *peticoner* was discharged *promising* to leave of
 playinge on the Taber & pipe hereafter

(*signed*) Edward Donner
 William Rowley

5/ whath[er]: for what; *incomplete correction from* whether

10/ came: 2 minims in MS

19/ in: *obscured by blot*

20/ the^l: *written over illegible letters*

22/ he: *obscured by blot*

30/ +: *Davyes has signed with his personal mark*

31/ *peticoner*: for *petitioner*; *abbreviation mark missing*

1630-1

Vagrants Arrested between Sessions of Gaol Delivery SRO: 3365/2232
single sheet* (*Arrests made since sessions of 2 December*)

...

Edward Koffin Iudgler comitted for Iuglinge and Wanderinge the xiiij daye of 5
ffbruary ponished & discharged the sixth of ffbruary

...

1631-2

Vagrants Arrested between Sessions of Gaol Delivery SRO: 3365/2232 10
f [1] (*Arrests made since sessions of 1 December*)

...

Iohn Evans Bagpiper comitted the xvijth of Aprell 1632 for Wanderinge
ponished & discharged the xxth of Aprell 1632

...

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Petition of Humphrey Ridge and Edward Koffin SRO: 3365/2628
single sheet* (*9 January*)

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The Humble petition and submission of Humfrey Ridge Bagpiper & Edward 20
Koffin Curg(.)

Humbly sheweth vnto your worships that your said petitioners were taken
very late isternight in ffranckwell by your worships & comitted to the Custody
of the sargeante Peers where they have sithence remayned ffor which offence 25
they are hartely sorry and doe confess that they have deserved farre greater
ponishment that as yet they have endured yet in regarde they are hartely sorry
for the same & promise[th] never to offende any more humbly praye[th] your
worships to discharge them for this offence & in soe doinge they shall ever
reste bound to pray for your worships/

(signed) Humfrey Ridge

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signum

Edwardi + Koffin

discharged 9 Ianuarij 1631

21/ Curg(.): difficult to decipher due to crowding at edge of sheet

22/ were: corrected from was

24/ have: corrected from hath

25/ are: corrected from is

25/ doe: corrected from doth

26/ that: for than

26/ have: corrected from hath

26/ are: corrected from is

28/ them: corrected from him

32/ +: Koffin has signed with his personal mark

Petition of David Jones and David Williams SRO: 3365/2628
single sheet (21 June)

...

The Humble peticion of Daud Iones and Daud voys boy remayninge in the howse of Correction

Humbly sheweth that *your* said petitioners were both comitted to the howse of Correction yisterdaye beinge both taken by *your* worships wanderinge in Towne and havinge noe iuste cause of excuse but confessinge that [they] [^][wee] are minstrells by *profession* which wee confesse is againste the lawe [they] wee hauinge noe passe vnder 2 Iustices of the peace there handes

ffor which offence they are very hartely sorrye and desire *your* worships to graunte them a passe to travell to Monmorth [^][where] they confesse they were borne & where they will settle themselves & not travell any more without [yo] a passe vnder 2 Iustices of peace there handes & to releas them of there ymprisonmente & this for godes love

signum

Daud + Iones

signum

Daud + Williams

21^s Iunij 1632

The Bayliffes are contentid to dischargd them & to graunte them a passe/

1634-5

Vagrants Arrested between Sessions of Gaol Delivery SRO: 3365/2234
f [1v] (*Arrests made between sessions of 11 April 1634 and 27 March 1635*)

...

4 Elen wife of Iohn Smyth Piper and Ann her daughter Elizabeth hughes daughter of Henry ap Evan of llanvoyle (...) & Mary wife of William Stanley of Nantwich comitted the 31th of October 1634 for Wanderers the said Elen & Ann punished & dischargd the fite daye of November 1634 The said Elizabeth hughes dischargd vpon her punishment the Thride daie of November 1634...

...

1638-9

St Julian's Churchwardens' Accounts SRO: 2711/Ch/1
f 31v col 2 (1 April-1 April) (*Receipts*)

...

Item of Thomas Peacock Ioyner for a little Chest belonging to the company of musitians

2 s. 4 d.

...

8/ confessinge: inge corrected over ed

17, 19/ +: Jones and Williams have signed with their personal marks

12/ Monmorth: Monmouth, Monmouthshire

1639–40

Glovers' and Skinners' Company Accounts LSL: 126
p 13* (17 June–8 June) (Goods received by new wardens)

...
... Twoe keyes, one for kingsland, the other for the Cheste... 5

1640–1

Mayor's Accounts SRO: 3365/585
f [1] (*Expenses*)

...
paid the Musitians by consente of the house 02: 00: 00 10

1641–2

A *Assembly Minutes* LSL: 290
nf (28 September)

...
Gratuities to Kings Servants They be also agreed that the Chamberlaine shall pay the Kings Princes and Dukes Footmen and Trumpeters such Gratuities as they have received in other Corporations the whole sume amountinge to 17 li. as is Conceived 20

Mayor's Accounts SRO: 3365/586
f [2]* (*Expenses*) 25

Paid which was bestowed by waye of gratuitye from the Corporation [from the] to the Kinge the Prynce & dukes servantes at there beinge in Shrewsburye 019 10 04 30

Depositions of Richard Powell and Others SRO: 3365/2240
ff 1–2 (28 December)

28 decembris 1641 35

Richard Powell Constable of the Abby fforryatt [...] deposeth that Raph Bayly. Peter. Bayly Abraham Bayly & Richard Griffithes were singinge in the streate isterday nyght beinge Mondaye the 27th daye of this instant December 1641 aboutes seaven of the Clocke in the Abby fforryatt/ & thys deponent beinge Constable wished him to forbare singinge whervpon [hi said] one of 40

the Company [said] *which* this deponent thinckes to be Peter. said to this deponent that he paid the fiders soe well the laste tyme that they would [pipe & playe] 'singe' in spighte of any one that spake aginst them Thervpon this deponent put his handes gently vpon Peter Baylys Arme & wished him to forbear otherwise he woud *prouide* him a lodginge & therevpon Peter Bayly laye violente hande vpon this deponent vpon the skirtes & boosome & stroke him [^][*seuerall*] [s d(.)ff(.)] blowes soe that the fire burst out of his Eyes & then amongst them but *which* of them it was this deponent dooth not knowe torre of his skirtes [vpo] of his dublet wherevpon this deponent reysed the Crye & then Richard Morgan came in & rescued him from them 'otherwise he thought he should haue bene killed.' but the reste of the neighbors stirred not to ayde or asseste him *videlicet* [Raph] Hugh Davys ffrancis Pendleton Raph Whood & Mary wife of Peter Bayly abused the said Constable & called him Base Roge, Welshe Rogue, & Buttermilke Rogue & [sara] Elizabeth Bayly. daughter of Raph Bayly. knocked at the windoe of the said Constable & said she would haue him hanged/ & this morning she called him Buttermilke slave/ and after Peter was comitted by *master* Maior the said Constable put his hande vpon the said Peter to ayde [(...)] *William* davyes the officer & other officers to bringe him to prison stroke the said Constable divers blows more/

(signed) Richard Powell

Richard Morgan of Abby fforrgat laborer deposeth that sittinge at his fire [he] ysternighte heard a greate vproare in the streete wherevpon this deponent went oute & there found Peter Bayly to haue houlde of 'mr' Richard Powell the Constable & did see the said Bayly strike the said mr Powell but the braule was almost ended before this deponent came

signum

Richardⁱ + Morgan |

Henry Davys Cloathmaker deposeth that isternight beinge at his fathers at supper in the Abbey fforryatt heard a greate n(ois)e in the strete & cominge out sawe Raph Bayly *William* Davys & Mr Powell & others & herd Elizabeth Bayly saye that her father Raph Bayly. should not goe alonge with them to *master* Maior & so(.)ge the Company he said wold knocke him downe.

signum

henry H Davis

Ann wife of Richard Powell Constable of Abby fforryatt saith that ysternight her husband beinge abused by Peter Bayly & others & beinge affrighted wente from [(...)] house to house to get helpe to rescue him from them & metyng

8/ then: for then one (?)

28/ +: Morgan has signed with his personal mark

36/ H: Davis has used his first initial as a personal mark

with ffrancis Pendleton glouer charged him to ayde & assiste her husband. refused then she bade her made goe to Hugh Davyes to chardge him to come to assiste him & he [made] did not come & then Mary wife of the said Bayly cryed at her Buttermilke Buttermilke in a revilinge manner & she charged Robert Wyete glouer to assiste her & he refused.

signum

Anne + Powell

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Richard Mompas Constable of Abby fforryatt being in the house of the said Richard Powell after the braule was ended Dorothy Bayley & Elizabeth her daughter came to the windoe of the said Richard Powell & [said] rayled & scoled at mr Powell & said that if Mary Bayly died the woud laye her deth vpon him but soe soone as this deponent spake vnto her promised ther to forbear & (...) they departed

signum Richard + Mompas.

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Roger [Bayly] ffoxe one of the Constables of Abby fforryatt deposeth that Peter Bayly & Mary his wife were comitted to mr Davys to be put in the Bushell house they strugled & Mary Bayly reviled at mr Powell & called him Buttermilke gentleman

(signed) Roger ffoxe |

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Ann Emerye spinster deposeth that isternight she herd mr Powell. [mr (...)] crye for helpe wherevpon she wente to se the matter & sawe Peter Bayly (...) strike mr Powell 3 tymes & Richard Griffis glover standinge neare vnto the place the said Griffis said harke harke mr Powell calls for helpe & stooede laughing at him & did not come to helpe him

signum

Anne + Emerye

28 decembris.

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Peter Bayly ordred to finde suretys for his good behauour & comitted to the Common sariant.

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SIDBURY

1636

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Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 39, vol 146
f [494]* (9 November)

New cases: proceedings of the court held before William Skinner, LLD, vicar general

7, 15, 28/ +: Powell, Mompas, and Emerye have signed with their personal marks

and official principal of the bishop of Hereford, and in the presence of Richard Brasier, notary public

...

° *contra Richardum Ienken. ibidem detectum* for singinge of Rimes [against] against all the men and their wives or the most parte of them in the parish.° 5

emanavit

Quo die introducta citacione personaliter executi in prefatum Ienkin secundo die Novembris instantis infra parochiam predictam apud ædes suas patris sui per Meole (prout fidem fecit) preconizato trina vice dicto Ienkin et nullo modo comparente dominus pronuntiavit eum contumacem et in penam excommunicationis postea comparuit et fassus et dominus iniunxit ei ad confitendum° 14 ffebruarij 10 predicti Comparuit Certificavit et dāmissus°

dimissio

...

STANTON LACY

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1588

Diocese of Hereford Acts of Office HRO: box 17, vol 67
f 65v* (29 March)

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery at the church or chapel of Ludford before William Grenewich, MA, deputy judge 20

...

Contra Willimum Corser/ [het] suspensus eo quod defecit in purgacione sua cum 4^{ta} Manu honestorum virorum eo quod [viz.] he played vpon a tabber tempore divinorum/ quo die publice preconizatus &c non comparuit &c. 25

emanavit
excommunicacio

...

1611/12

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 131
p 10 (26 February) 30

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before Silas Griffithes, STD, deputy judge of James Bailey, LLD, official principal

...

willelmus wilkes
detectus that he counterfaiet the divell in the morrice dance vppon the Saboath daie. / 35

excommunicacio

Isacus the drummer

for plaieng on the drumme tempore divinorum citatus &c in xvij diem Martij 1611° iuxta &c preconizatus &c non comparuit &c excommunicatus 40

Humfridus Brioley minstrell

excommunicacio

for plaieng then on his instrument, swearing brawling, and quarreling and committing other disorder/

1617

Diocese of Hereford Acts of Office HRO: box 24A, vol 71
ff [155v–6]

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery

...

Philippus Abree detectus he absented himself vpon the saboath daie from praier, for noe other cause as it is reported but to hier minstrelles citatus &c in quartum diem Septembris 1617 [in ecclesia] preconizatus &c in ecclesia de ludlowe coram magistro Thoma haberley artium magistro deputato &c comparuit personaliter dictus Abree et obiecto ei articulo negavit articulum esse verum vnde dominus iniunxit ei ad purgandum se in proximo cum vj^{ta} manu &c facta proclamacione &c xxij^o die mensis Septembris predicti preconizatus &c non comparuit neque produxit compurgatores iuxta &c vnde [pro] dominus pronunciavit ipsum defecisse in purgacione sua et pro convicto haberi &c et decrevit ipsum citandum fore erga proximum quare &c |

quere a magistro
Thackham pro
actu vbi dimissus

dimissio

contra eundem vpon St Iohn Baptist daie last past absented him self from morninge praier, being at that tyme guised and leading the waie to a Morrice dawnce, and was the principall cause that all the Morrice dawncers and diuers other were absent the same daie from morninge praier quarto die mensis Septembris predicti comparuit personaliter dictus Abree et obiecto ei articulo fassus est articulum esse verum vnde dominus iniunxit ei penitenciam iuxta formam schedule Et ad certificandum in proximo postea dominus ipsum dimisit cum admonicione/

nullus talis

contra (blank) Malpasse minstrell

did plaie and diuers daunced after his musicke vpon whitsondaie last, profaninge the saboath & contrarie to the lawes of god, and the kinge, the said Abree countenancinge them, he had afore hyred the minstrelles

...

22/ St Iohn ... past: 24 June 1617
32/ whitsondaie last: 8 June 1617

1619

Archdeaconry of Hereford Acts of Office HRO: box 24, vol 90
f [252v] (12 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, 5
deputy judge of Oliver Lloyd, LL.D, official principal of the bishop of Hereford

dimissio Ricardus Blayne sould and kept disorder in his howse vpon the saboath daie
citatus &c in nonum diem Novembris predicti comparuit personaliter dictus
Blayne et obiecto ei articulo fassus est articulum esse verum vnde dominus 10
iniurixit ei ad confitendum articulum die dominico proximo in vsuali vestitu
in ecclesia ibidem immediate post preces finitas Et ad certificandum in proximo
postea dominus ipsum dimisit cum admonicione!

dimissio Catherina Harris vidua pro consimili vt supra and as wee haue heard a ministrell 15
plaieinge at the tyme of eveninge praier nono die mensis Novembris predicti
comparuit personaliter dicta Catherina et obiecto ei articulo negavit articulum
esse verum vnde prestito per eam iuramento that she had noe musing in her
howse at tyme of eveninge praier nor sould noe ale at that tyme quam confessionem
dominus accepit et dimisit ipsam 20

...

STOKE ST MILBOROUGH

1615

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 134
ff [7-7v]*

...

Stoke Milborough Ricardus Bishop de Clea Stawnton
detectus was at a stage playe at stokes gorst vpon the saboath daie about 30
St Barthelomewe last past where he committed greate assaultes and diuers
dimissio misdeameannors by reason whereof much bludd was shed: And then most
wickedlie blasphemed the name of god

°Citatus in 27 diem Septembris predicti &c ex certificario Thome Iames &c
preconizatus &c comparuit &c obiectoque ei articulo &c fassus est esse verum: 35
Vnde habet penitentiam &c iuxta &c et monitus ad comparendum in proximo
ad certificandum &c!° Postea dominus ipsum dimisit cum admonicione

8/ sould: for sould ale (as in two previous entries)

37/ &c: for &c

18/ musing: for music

30-1/ the saboath daie about ... past: 20 or 27 August 1615

- ex informacione
Richardⁱ Bushop
dimissio Iohannes Goodman was present as above said [xvj] xvij^o die Octobris 1615 in ecclesia de ludlowe coram *domino* vicario generali &c comparuit *personaliter* dictus Goodman obiectoque ei articulo fassus est articulum esse verum vnde *dominus* ipsum dimisit cum admonicione
- dimissio Thomas Bushopp de Stoke
pro *consimili* xvij die octobris *predicti* Similiter vt supra
- [dimissio] °Thomas Bushop de Kinson pro *consimili*° xvij^o die mensis Octobris *predicti* comparuit et fassus est articulum esse verum vnde *dominus* monuit eum ad comparendum in *proximam* curiam apud herefordiam ad respondendum articulis &c Postea *dominus* ipsum dimisit cum admonicione &c
- dimissio contra *prefatum* Richardum Bushopp
for dauncinge vppon Stokes Greene vppon sondaie next after midsommer
daye last past a greate parte of the said daie vppon Stokes Greene xxvj^o die
mensis Septembris 1615 *predicti* Similiter vt supra l
- dimissio ffrancisca eius vxor pro *consimili* xxvij^o die Septembris *predicti* Similiter vt supra l
- dimissio Thomas Bushopp pro *consimili* xvij^o die Octobris *predicti* comparuit et
fatetur articulum vnde *dominus* ex *causis* ipsum dimisit cum admonicione &c
...

STOKESAY

1606

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 129
p 241* (30 October)

Proceedings of the court held for Ludlow deanery before James Bailey, LLD, vicar general, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public and deputy registrar

...
Peeter Edwardes for prophaning the saboath daie viz [^][keeping] drinking
dauncing and plaieng, 18 die decembris 1606 coram *magistro* Iacobo Bailie
legum doctore &c comparuit dictus Petrus Edwardes obiectoque ei articulo
huiusmodi negavit eundem articulum esse verum Vnde *dominus* iniunxit ei
ad purgandum se in *proximo* cum sexta manu &c *facta* proclamacione &c/
nono die mensis Ianuarij *predicti* preconizatus &c non comparuit &c citatus
dicere *causas* &c postea comparuit dictus Petrus Edwardes, et non produxit

15-16/ sondaie ... past: 25 June 1615

15-16/ vppon Stokes Greene ... vppon Stokes Greene: *second occurrence redundant*

&c Vnde dominus pronunciauit eum defecisse &c et inflixit penitenciam iuxta
&c et ad certificandum in proximo &c

Citetur in
proximum

tet

Margaret his wief pro simili. Citata in nonum diem Ianuarij predicti
ex certificario Thome Iames &c preconizata &c non comparuit &c
excommunicata &c [postea absoluta est in persona dicti Petri Mariti sui
a sententia excommunicacionis &c]: et habet ad comparendum in proximo
ad videndum vltcrius &c. /

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STOTTESDON

1618

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 36, vol 135
f [62v] (1 September)

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Proceedings of the court held before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge

Stottesden et
Neene savadge

dimissio

Ricardus Iddith for selling ale die dominico tempore diuinorum citatus &c
in xxij diem Septembris predicti in ecclesia parochiali de Ludlowe coram
magistro Iohanne Barker artium magistro deputato comparuit personaliter
dictus Iddith et obiecto ei articulo negavit articulum esse verum vnde
dominus super examinacione cause ipsum admonuit posthac

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dimissio

contra eundem kept reveling in his howse and drinckeing & dauncing one
St Mathias daie at tyme of evening praier xxij^o die Septembris predicti
similiter

25

dimissio

Thomas [Elip] Elcockes was that plaid at that tyme xxij^o die mensis Septembris
predicti similiter

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STOW

1606

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 35, vol 129
p 319* (31 October)

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*Proceedings of the court held for Clun deanery before James Bailey, LLD, vicar
general of the bishop of Hereford*

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Anthony
Protherough
minstrel
of the parish
of Brompton
did play there/

°Richard Bowld detectus that he did keepe dauncinge in his howse the x of August [^][last] in the tyme of divyne service beinge vpon the Saboth day° Quo die comparuit dictus Boulde obiectoque ei articulo huiusmodi, fassus est eundem esse verum Vnde habet ad peragendum vnum diem penitencie iuxta &c et ad certificandum in proximo &c./ xix° die Novembris predicti comparuit dictus Ricardus Boulde et introduxit formam &c et in vim iuramenti certificavit penitenciam &c Vnde dimissus

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1622

Archdeaconry of Ludlow Acts of Office HRO: box 37, vol 138
f 291* (19 November)

Proceedings of the court held for Clun deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public and registrar

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Citetur in
proximum

Gardiani ibidem videlicet Lewes goughe et °Iohannes Griffithes de lurnehope Iohannes Doncastell Iohannes ap owen Iohannes Griffithes de Stowe Iacobus Woodhowse assistentes/° notati vt supra for not presenting vnlawfull gaming one the Sabaoth day as koile plaieing quoting dancinge and drinking at praier time quo die introducta citacione executata vt supra in prefatis °Quo die comparuit personaliter dictus ludovicus Goughe quem dominus monuit ad denuo comparendum in proximo &c ad videndum vltorius &c et decrevit ceteros citandos in eundem diem &c°

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f 303v (3 December)

Proceedings of the court held for Clun deanery before Gabriel Wallwin, MA, deputy judge of Oliver Lloyd, LLD, vicar general, in the presence of James Lawrence, notary public and registrar

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Gardiani ibidem videlicet Ludovicus Goughe, et Iohannes Griffithes de Lurnehope, Iohannes doncastell Iohannes ap owen, Iohannes Griffithes de Stowe et Iacobus woodhowse assistentes; notantur officio ex publica fama referente for concealing and not presenting such persons as plaied at vnlawfull games on the saboath daies this presente yere 1622 since they came into their office videlicet at Keiles, at quoting, and such as did dance, and tiple and drinck in alehouses on such daies in time of divine praier in the parishe church there/ /Quo die comparuerunt obiectoque eis articulo &c fatentur

that there was tennys plaieng there the said yere diebus dominicis &c vnde
habent ad detegendum nomina &c citra recessum &c/ sub pena Iuris/

WATERS UPTON

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1609

Bill of Complaint and Answer in Low et al v. Meddins et al

PRO: STAC 8/202/4

mb 2 (20 May)

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To the Kinges most excellent Maiestie

In all humblenes Complayning shew vnto your highnes your faithfull and
 loving subiectes Roger Low of Waters Vpton in the County of Salop Clerke
 and Iane his wief and Richard Rocksby of Waters Vpton aforesayd yeoman
 That whereas your sayd subiectes are and by all their lief tyme have bene of 15
 good name and conversation and have ever hithervnto duly and honestly
 behaved themselves in their seuerall vocations and Callinges and lived in good
 credit and estimacion amongst their neighbours without any note or touch
 of scandall and infamy Nevertheles so it is may it please your most Excellent
 Maiestie that one William Meddins of Rowton in the sayd County of Salop 20
 Clerke Richard Arnewey of Rowton aforesaid Ihon Lancashire of Rodington
 in the sayd County of Salop yeoman Thomas Leake of Osbaston in the County
 aforesaid Thomas Vaughan of Waters Vpton aforesayd yeoman men of very
 dissolute lief and behaviour and being Common depravers of the Credit and
 good name of their neighbours and greatly maligning your sayd subiectes and 25
 desiring to draw them and especially your sayd subiect Roger Lowe and his
 profession into publique scandall and reproche they the sayd William Meddins
 Richard Arnewey Ihon Lancashire Thomas Leake and Thomas Vaughan not
 having the feare of god before their eyes nor regarding your Maiesties Lawes
 made against the makers Contrivers and publishers of false and infamous 30
 libelles did most vnlawfully and maliciously confederate among themselves
 and with other like evill disposed persons to your sayd subiectes yet vnknowne
 whose names when they shall be knowne he prayeth may be inserted into
 this Bill how and by what meanes they might vtterly overthrow the good
 name and Credit of your sayd subiectes and every of them and bring them 35
 and every of them into vtter scandall infamy and reproche And therevpon
 they the sayd William Meddins Richard Arnewey Ihon Lancashire Thomas
 Leake and Thomas Vaughan and other the Confederates aforesayd by the
 confederacy and plott aforesayd the sixteenth day of Aprill last past did most
 vnlawfully and maliciously Contrive and putt in writing the most infamous 40
 libell herevnto annexed Conteyning most false scandalous and reprochfull

infamies and vntruthes of *your* sayd subiectes Roger Low Iane his wief and
 Richard Rocksby And the sayd William Meddins Richard Arnewey Ihon
 Lancashire Thomas Leake and Thomas Vaughan and other the Confederatours
 aforesayd by the Confederacy aforesayd the day and yere aforesaid and diuers
 and sundry tymes sythence for your subiectes more disgrace and infamy have
 made diuers and sundry Copies of the sayd infamous libell and have fixed the
 same vpon a post in the Chappell of Rowton aforesayd and in diuers other
 publique places against the tyme of devine service and of other greate assemblies
 and meetings to the end the same might be the more generally divulged and
 spread abroad to the vtter disgrace of *your* sayd subiectes and have likewise
 published and divulged the sayd libell both by reading and singing the same
 and by deliuering Copies thereof to diuers other persons and by diuers other
 waies and meanes whereby your sayd subiectes and every of them have bene
 most vniustly and causelesly sclaudered defamed wronged and damnified
 And *your* sayd subiect Roger Low and his profession and ministrye greatly
 scorned and scandalized In Consideracion whereof and for that all and singuler
 the offences and misdemeanours aforesayd were committed and done sythence
 your *Maiesties* last generall and free pardon and are very greate and greivous
 tending to the discouragement and evill example of other like dissolute and
 malicious persons if the same should not be severely punished And to the
 intent that the sayd offendours and every of them might be punished according
 to their so greivous offences. May it please *your* most Excellent *Maiestie* to
 grant to *your* sayd subiectes *your* highnes most gracious writt of subpena to
 the sayd William Meddins Richard Arnewey Iohn Lancashire Thomas Leake
 and Thomas Vaughan to be directed thereby charging them & every of them
 at a certein day & vnder a certein payne therein to bee limited personally to
 appeare before *your* highnes and *your* most honourable Counsail in *your*
Maiesties high court of Starchamber Then and there to answeare to the premisses
 and to abide such order and direction as to *your* highnes and *your* sayd
 Counsail shallbe thought consonant and agreable to Iustice And *your* sayd
 subiectes as they are most bounden will daily pray to god for the long
 continuance of *your* *Maiesties* most happy Raigne over vs://

(signed) Ih(. .) Touter

Thomas Coventrye

mb 1 (*Attached exhibit: text of libellous song*)

Thereto it is and soe Ile laye my lief
 That Richard the Myllnar hath Iaped the parsons wief
 the parson doeth not him blame
 he knowes it and wynkes at the same
 she is a Iade he is a Cuckwold
 A knave and a Bawde

Thapparitor will beare blame
when *Master* Chauncellor doeth knowe that he wynkes at the same

mb 3 (22 June)

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°Iuratus 22° Iunij Anno septimi Iacobi Regis
Edwardus Iones°

The Ioynt and seuerall answers of william Meddins Richard
Arnwey and Thomas vaghan three of the *defendants* to the
slaunderous and vntrue Bill of *Complaint* of Roger Lowe
Clarke Iane his wyfe and Richard Rocksbye *Complainantes*

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The said *defendants* not confessing or acknowledginge any the matters or thinges
(. . .) the said Bill of *Complaint* conteyned against them the said *defendants*
or any of them to be Iust or true in such sort manner and forme as in and
by the said Bill of *Complaint* is most vntruelly surmised and alledged by
protestacion such that the said Bill of *Complaint* and 'all & euery' the matters
and thinges therein conteyned against them the said *defendants* are in the
most matteriall partes thereof alltogether vntrue and devised and exhibited
into this honorable Court against theese *defendants*, vppon purpose and
Imaginacion to procure these *defendants* for the avoyding of Chardges and
expences in lawe to make some Composicion with them the said *defendants*
or other wise to putt them theese *defendants* to great and vnnecessary Costes
Chardges and expences in lawe without any Iust cause or occasion soe to doe
Neuerthesse these *defendants* saveing to them selves and euery of them
now and att all tymes hereafter all and euery the benefittes and advantages of
excepcion to the incertenties insufficiencies contraryeties and imperfeccions
of the said Bill of *Complaint* for full and true answe therevnto or vnto asmuch
thereof as any way concerneth them the said *defendants* or any of them, and
for a full and true declaracion and satisfaccion vnto this honorable Court of
the innocencie of theese *defendants* and of euery of them of in and Concerninge
all and euery the Misdemeasnors and offences in and by the said Bill of
Complaint vniustly laied to the Chardg of these *defendants* or any of them
[or any of them] say and euery one of them for him self seuerally sayeth in
Manner and forme followinge and first the said *defendant* William Meddins
for him self seuerally sayeth that on or aboutes Monday in the Easter weeke
last past coming to the vsuall place to the Chappell of Rowton within the
said Countie of Salop as formerly for many yeres hee had done to reade
morning praier being Curate or reader there went to the accustomed place
in the said Chappell for reading of dyvine service, and Coming thether hee
espied a paper, which was fixed vppon a poast full in his vewe and therevppon
this *defendant* went to the said poast wherevppon the said paper was fixed or

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fastned and pulled the same downe and vewed the same pryvatly to him selfe before his reading prayers *which* paper (as this defendant ^Λ[thinketh¹] Conteyneth the same matter as the same wryteing or lybell in all poyntes in the said Bill mencioned And after prayers was done this defendant (conceavyng the same paper was there fixed to disgrace him this defendant and his wyfe) 5 was much moved therewith and therevppon pubiquely told the people then present that hee was wronged for that hee supposed the said paper was sett vpp in his disgrace and then entreated the said people in the said Chappell to beare with him yf hee should then staye long from eveninge prayer for that hee would goe to the Iustices of the peace to Complayne of the wronge 10 he had receyved or vsed wordes or speeches to such or the lyke effect and therevppon this defendant after dynner of the same day went towardes Sir Robert Vernon knight then and yet one of his *Maiesties* Iustices of the Peace for the Countie of Salop, and going on his way towardes Hodnett where the said Sir Robert Vernon then and yett dwelleth Thomas Leake one of the 15 defendantes in the Bill named mett this defendant and demaunded of him this defendant whither hee went wherevppon this defendant answered he went to Complaine to Sir Robert Vernon of wronge *which* hee had receyved who told this defendant that the said [defendan] Sir Robert had straungers and Could not be at leasure to be spoaken with or vsed wordes to such or the 20 lyke effect wherevppon this defendant returned backe againe and repayred to the howse of the defendant Richard Arnwey and told him the whole matter who gave this defendant counsayle to goe home and kepe yt Close to him self wherevppon this defendant departed home to his owne howse and aftwardes (as this defendant taketh yt) vppon thursday in the Easter weeke last the 25 said Complainant Lowe Came vnto this defendantes howse and asked this defendant for the paper hee found in Rowton Chappell vppon the Monday before and desired to see the same or vsed wordes to such or the lyke effect where vppon this defendant delyuered the same paper to the said Complainant Lowe and this defendant still finding him self agreede with the said paper 30 or wryteing conceaveing the same to be meant by him and his wyfe did the next day after repayre vnto one of his *maiesties* Iustices of the peace for the said County and made knowne vnto him how much he was Iniured and ^Λ[in what sort¹] and aboutes fowr or fyve dayes after the said Complainant Lowe caused this defendant to be brought before Sir ffrauncis Newport knight 35 then and yett one of his *maiesties* Iustices ^Λ[of ye peace¹] for the said Countie of Salop and there wyshed this defendant to Ioyne with him in suyte of lawe, for the said wrong *which* this defendant refused, sayeing yf the said Complainant conceived the same to be made in disgrace of him the said

2/ ^Λ[thinketh¹]: closing parenthesis omitted
6/ pubiquely: for publicly

24/ aftwardes: for afterwardes; abbreviation mark missing
25/ thursday ... last: 20 April 1609

Complainant yt had much misled this defendant and hee should thincke
 better of his wyfe then other wyse hee should have donne or vsed wordes to
 such or the lyke effect and this defendant denyeth that he entermedled with
 the said slaunderous wryteinge in the Bill mencioned in any other sort then
 hee hath herein and hereby expressed sett forth and declared to this defendantes 5
 best remembraunce And the said defendant Richard Arnwey for him self sayeth
 that hee was not att the Chappell of Rowton being his place of resort to heare
 devine service) vppon monday in the Easter weeke att which tyme the same
 or the like slaunderous Wryteinge mencioned in the said Bill was there fownd
 as this defendant hath heard But this defendant sayeth that hee being at his 10
 own howse in Rowton aforesaid att dynner vppon the said Monday in the
 Easter weeke with some of his frendes the defendant Meddins came into this
 defendantes howse, and seemeing marvelously discontented told this defendant
 howe hee had beene much wronged and then related vnto this defendant of the
 paper sett vpp by the place hee vsually said service and shewed the same vnto 15
 him this defendant pryvately being as hee taketh yt the very same slaunderous
 wryteing in the Bill mencioned the said defendant Meddins (as this defendant
 thincketh). conceaveing the same to be meant against him and his wyfe and
 said there had beene before that tyme dyuerse slaunderous things wrytten in
 the prayer Booke which hee vsually read of wherevppon this defendant wyshed 20
 him to be quiet and promised him to doe his best endeavor to discourer who
 was the author thereof and to finde out whose hand wryteing the [the] said
 slaunderous wryteing was or vsed wordes to such or the lyke purpose and
 therevppon the said Meddins departed and this defendant further sayeth
 that vppon tuesday in the easter weeke last this defendant repayreing to the 25
 foresaid Chappell of Rowton to heare Morning prayer after service was done
 Came vnto the howse of the defendant Meddins and to the end the Contryver
 of the said slaunderous wryteinge might bee the better knowne or found out
 hee desired a sight againe of the said wryteing conceaveinge the same to be
 meant by the defendant Meddins and his wyfe and this defendant haveing the 30
 same delyuered him by the said defendant Meddins did therevppon wyshe
 one Richard ffelton being then present to wryte a Coppy thereof for this
 defendant to take Counsaile of yt on the behalf of the said Meddins which
 the said ffelton did accordingly But this defendant sayeth that yf hee shewed
 the said Coppye or did conferre with anie one concerning the same before his 35
 being made a partie herevnto yt was to the intent the framers or contryvers
 of the same slaunderous wryteing might be discourered, or to the end to knowe
 what course was fitte for the said Meddins [^]to take¹ Concerninge the same
 which was all this defendant did concerning the same slaunderous wryteing

7/ being: opening parenthesis omitted
 17/ defendant: d written over another letter

25/ tuesday ... last: 18 April 1609
 29/ conceaveinge: veinge written over erasure

to his now remembrance, for that afterwarde the said Complainant Lowe
 tooke the same wryteing to be meant by him and his wyfe And the said
 defendantes William Meddins Richard Arnwey and Thomas vaughan doe
 further say that they have Credyibly heard that the said Rockesby one of the
 Complainantes hath songe the said slaunderous wordes in the said lybell 5
 mencioned in an alehowse and these defendantes doe verely conceave that hee
 was the author thereof and the said defendantes are the Rather perswaded soe
 to conceave for that the said Complainant Rocksby (as theese defendantes
 have heard and hope to prove) is knowen to be a disordered fellowe and hath
 heretofore made framed and published slaunderous Rymes and songes of his 10
 neighbors, and the said defendantes William Meddins Richard Arnwey and
 Thomas Vaughan doe Ioyntly further saye and euery one for him self seuerally
 sayeth that they have not nor any [^][one] of them hath made or contryved
 nor doe or any one of them doth knowe who did make or Contryve the said
 slaunderous wryteinge in the said Bill mencioned, and that theese defendantes 15
 are not nor any one of them is of the said plotting confederacie malicious
 contryveing and putting in wryteing of the said lybell or publishinge or gyveing
 Coppies of the same or any the misdemeasnors in the said Bill of Complaint
 Conteyned guyltie in such manner and forme as in and by the said Complainantes
 in their said Bill of Complaint is most vntruely alledged, or in any other Manner 20
 then they and euery of them in their answeres have seuerally sett forth, and
 Ioyntly and seuerally traverse and say without that that any other matter or
 thinge in the said Bill of Complaint conteyned against these defendantes or
 any of them & not herein by them the said defendantes or some or one of them
 sufficiently answered vnto confessed and avoyded [^][or] denied [or t] is to the 25
 knowledg of these defendantes or any of them true all which matters and
 thinges these defendantes are and euery one of them is Ready to averre Iustifie
 maintayne and prove as this most honorable Court shall award, and humbly
 pray and euery one for him seuerally [saye] prayeth to be hence dismissed wth
 their reasonable Costes and Chardges in this behalf most wrongfully susteyned / 30
 (signed) Edward Breintry

WELLINGTON

1606–7

Order from Andrew Charlton, JP, to the Bailiffs of Shrewsbury

SRO: 3365/2214

single sheet—single sheet verso*

Worshipfull my heartiest commendacions vnto yow both remembred: wheras 40

17/ lybell: *written over erasure of longer word(s) and followed by line fillers to cover remaining space*

about Michaelmas last the *persons* whose names are vnderwritten (who as they confessed did dwell within *your* towne of Salop or the liberties therof) assembled themselues in the towne of Wellington with intent to haue acted a stage plaie, openlie vppon the Saboth daie, before the whole assemblie, before evening praier of the same Saboth daie. Whervppon notice therof being given vnto mee I immediatlie sent for the constables, charging them on the behalfe of his maiestie to giue expresse commandment in his maiestes name vnto the *persons* aforesaid, and other there Complices that they should desist from there intended purpose for that daie, which the constables forthwith accomplished accordinglie Notwithstanding they dissobeying the charge of the constables acted the same plaie after evening praier of the same Saboth wherby the Saboth was prophaned and the lawes of the realme and statuts in that case made and provided w[h]ere infringed Wherfore my request vnto yow is that yow will cause the *persons* aforesaid to come before yow and them to examine concerning there misdemeanor aforesaid as shall appertaine as also who were the cheife procurers of the committinge of the said misdemanor and also to bind them the procurers and acters as you vppon examinacion shall find culpable by recognizaunce to answer for the breach of the law aforesaid before the Iustices of Assise at the next generall Assise or gaole deliuary to bee holden for this countie to the end that such punishment maie bee inflicted vppon them as by reason of the misdemeanor aforesaid they haue deserved And to thensample of others hereafter not to commit the like And so nothing doubting of *your* accomplishment herof praying to bee aduertised sometime before the Assises how far yow haue proceeded in this busines I leaue yow to the most righteous

Your very loving frend to vse
(signed) A: Charlton

./Iohn Hawkes

./Humfrey Wever

./Ioseph Scott

./Abraham Iones

./Richard Waters

/Richard Hurst

/Thomas Iones

/Thomas Boyer l

persuadors to the players to playe
(..) wellington on the saboth daye/

1/ Michaelmas last: probably 29 September 1606

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fforster his wiefe Iohn Laude Robert Gratton Iohn Chapman Elizabeth
 Chapman Iane Iones Ioane Iones Iohn Cooke *alias* Sherman Thomas Cooke
alias Sherman and the said other persons whose names are yet vnknowne to *your*
 said subiectes for and by reason of the said Conspiracie Plott, Combynacion
 Confederacie practize *persuasion* and Incouragement of the said Thomas 5
 fforster not haueinge the feare of God before their Eyes nor haueinge respecte
 to *your Maiesties* peaceable and quiet *gouernement* nor to the Violatinge and
 breakinge of *your* highenes good lawes and statutes ordayned & provided for
 the same: Haue sithence the said xvjth daie of Aprill in the Twelueth yeere of
your highenes raigne of England ffraunce and Ireland and of Scotland the 10
 xlvijth and euerie one of them hath together and seuerallie and att dyuers tymes
 and in sundrye places in and throughe the towne of wellington and els where
 within *your* highenes said Countie of Salop with loude and lyfted vp voyces
 published dyvulged spoken songe and repeated the said Infamous and scandalous
 lybell in hec verba viz. Iohn Bennett is to London gone proces for to bringe 15
 and he that saies Iane Bennett is a whore shall kneele before the kinge But I
 will to London goe and kneele before his grace and there Ile saye she is a whore
 in spite of Bennettes face. And the same scandalous Libell they doe and euerie
 one of them yet doth daielie publishe dyvulge speake syngge and repeat. And
 for the further and greater disgracinge and discreditinge of *your* highenes said 20
 subiectes The said Thomas fforster and the said ffrauncis fforster Iohn Laude
 Roberte Gratton Iohn Chapman Elizabeth Chapman Iane Iones Ioane Iones
 Iohn Cooke *alias* Sherman Thomas Cooke *alias* Sherman and the said other
 persons to *your* highenes said subiectes vnknowne by the *persuasion procurement*
 and Incouragement of the said Thomas fforster and for and by reason of the 25
 Combynacion Conspiracie plott and Confederacie aforesaid Haue and euerie
 one of them hath sithence the said Sixteenthe daie of Aprill dyuers and sundrie
 tymes vpon the market daies in the towne of Wellington in marktett tyme and
 in and neere vnto the marktett place there in the *presence* and hearinge of verye
 many *your* highenes subiectes there assembled to doe their Markettes with 30
 loude voyces published dyvulged spoken sunge and repeated the said scandalous
 libell. And not onlie soe But they the said Thomas fforster & ffrauncis fforster
 Iohn Laud Roberte Gratton Iohn Chapman Elizabeth Chapman Iane Iones
 Ioane Iones Iohn Cooke *alias* Sherman Thomas Cooke *alias* Sherman and the
 said other persons whose names are yet vnknowne vnto *your* subiectes by the 35
[^][*especiall*] *procurement* Instigacion & Incoragement of the said Thomas fforster
 and for and by reason of the Conspiracie and Combynacion aforesaid Haue
 and euerie one of them hath and yett doe and euerie of them doth [^][*dailie*]
 Resorte and repaire neere and before the dore of the house where *your* said
 subiectes doe dwell in Wellington aforesaid and there not onlie in the daie tyme 40

but att vndue & vnfittinge tymes in the night season in Contemptuous &
 disgracefull manner haue and euerie one of them hath and yet doe and euerie
 one of them doth there with loude voyces Publishe dyvulge speake singe and
 repeate the said infamous and scandalous libell to the vtter defamacion scandall
 discredit and disgrace of *your* highenes said subiectes and the greate disquiet 5
 and disturbance of the Whole Neighbourhood In tender Consideracion Whereof
 and forasmuch as the framinge Contryvinge Makinge & publishinge of the
 said scandalous libell and Conspiracye Combynacion and Confederacie aforesaid
 and thother Misdeameanours and Offences are directlie contrarie to *your*
 highenes good Lawes and statutes in such cases made & prouided and the 10
 peace and tranquillitie of *your* highenes peaceable and [^][good] gouernement
 And haue been Committed perpetrated published made and done sithence
your Maiesties late generall & free pardon And that yf the said Malefactours
 should Escape condigne and due punishment for the said Makinge framinge
 Contryvinge and publishinge the said scandalous Libell and thother 15
 Misdeameanours and offences yt would be a greate Incouragement and
 dangerous example to them and other like evill disposed persons to perpetrate
 Comitt make and publishe the like scandalous libells Misdeameanours and
 Offences And forasmuch as the demeritt and due punishment of the said
 devisinge Contryvinge makinge and publishinge of the said scandalous libell 20
 & thother Misdeameanours and Offences will terrifie and forwarne the said
 Malefactours and other like evill disposed persons to perpetrate Comitt and
 doe such or other like: Maie it please *your* gracious Maiestie of *your* accustomed
 Clemencie and goodnes to graunte to *your* said subiectes *your* gracious Writt
 of Subpena to be directed vnto the said Thomas fforster frauncis fforster Iohn 25
 Laude Roberte Gratton Iohn Chapman Elizabeth Chapman Iane Iones Ioane
 Iones Iohn Cooke *alias* Sherman Thomas Cooke *alias* Sherman and to the said
 other persons to *your* said Subiectes as yet vnknowne to *your* said subiectes when
 they shalbe made knowne and to euerie one of them Thereby Comaundinge
 them and euerie of them att a certaine daie and vnder a certaine paine thereby 30
 by *your* highenes to be lymyed to be and personallie to appeare before *your*
 Maiesties most honourable Councell in *your* highenes Courte of Starrchamber
 then and there to answere vnto the premisses and euerie parte & parcell thereof
 vpon their seuerall Corporall Oathes and further to doe, stande to, performe
 and Abide such Order and direction in the premisses and to receaue endure 35
 and suffer such Condigne and demeritt punishment for their said Offences
 as to *your* Maiestie And *your* highenes said Councell shall seeme fitt and
 Conueniente

(signed) Crowther

immediate post *Evangelium* tempore *divinorum* die *dominico proximo* et ad *certificandum* in *proximo* °Quinto die *Septembris predicti preconizatus &c excommunicatus.* 1°

WORFIELD

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1500-1

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 3* (*Rendered 22 February 1500/1*) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

... 10
In *primis* *Receptum pro seruicia ad festum pentecostes* iiij^{or} iij (...)
...
Item De Iuuenibus xx d.
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1501-2

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 7* (*Rendered 22 February 1501/2*) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

...
In *primis* de *seruicia in festo pentecostes de claro* iij li. 20
...
Item *pro Iuuenibus* xx d.
... 25

1502-3

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 9* (*Rendered 22 February 1502/3*) (*Churchwardens' receipts*)

Ⓒ In *primis* ffor the pley clerely *Receiued* the pleyarars rewardyd
for per labor iiij s. iij d. 30
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p 11 (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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In *primis* *pro seruicia in festo pentecostes de claro* iij li. 35
...
Item de Iuuenibus xiiij d.
... 35

11/ pentecostes: 7 June 1500
11/ (...): edge of sheet damaged
20/ pentecostes: 30 May 1501

29/ pleyarars: for pleyars
35/ pentecostes: 15 May 1502

1503-4

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48p 15 (*Rendered 22 February 1503/4*) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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Item pro seruicia in festo pentecostes de claro. lij s. viij d. 5

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Item de Iuuenibus [iiij d.] v d.

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p 16 (*Chantry wardens' expenses*) 10

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Item Iohanni Gyldon pro rege in festo pentecostes xx d.

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1504-5

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48p 19 (*Rendered 22 February 1504/5*) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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Item pro seruicia in festo pentecostes de claro lij s. x d.

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Item de Iuuenibus v d. 20

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p 20 (*Chantry wardens' expenses*)

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Item pro frumento erga pentecosten xj d. 25

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1505-6

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48p 23 (*Rendered 22 February 1505/6*) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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In primis de seruicia in festo pentecostes xlij s. iiij d.

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Item de Iuuenibus vj d. 35

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5/ pentecostes: 4 June 1503

19/ pentecostes: 26 May 1504

33/ pentecostes: 11 May 1505

p 60 (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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In *primis pro seruisia* In tempore *pentecostes* De claro iij li. xiiij s. viij d.

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1521-2

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48

p 62 (*Rendered 22 February 1521/2*)(*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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In *primis pro seruisia* In tempore *pentecostes* De Claro v li. iij s. iiij d. 10

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1522-3

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48

p 63* (*Rendered 22 February 1522/3*)(*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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In *primis pro seruisia* In tempore *pentecostes* de claro iiij li. xiiij s. iiij d.

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Item de Iunioribus v d.

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1523-4

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48

p 172 (*Rendered 22 February 1523/4*) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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In *primis pro seruisia* in tempore *pentecostes* de claro iij li. xvj s. iij d.

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1524-5

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48

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p 175 (*Rendered 22 February 1524/5*) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

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In *primis pro seruisia* in festo *pentecostes* de claro. iiij li. ix s. vij d.

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3/ *pentecostes*: 27 May 1520

10/ *pentecostes*: 19 May 1521

17/ *pentecostes*: 8 June 1522

26/ *pentecostes*: 24 May 1523

33/ *pentecostes*: 15 May 1524

1535-6

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 199 (Rendered 22 February 1535/6) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*)

In primis pro seruisia In festo pentecostes De claro. iiiij li. xj s. x d. 5
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1536-7

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 201 (Rendered 22 February 1536/7) (*Chantry wardens' receipts*) 10

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In primis pro seruisia In festo pentecostes de claro receperunt iiiij li. x s.
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1541-2

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 203* (Rendered 25 March 1542) (*Receipts of St Mary's ale wardens*) 15

...
In primis pro seruicia in pentecoste de claro v li. vj s. vij d.
... 20

1542-3

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 205 (Rendered 28 March 1543) (*Receipts of St Mary's ale wardens*) 25

In primis pro seruisia in pentecoste de claro iij li. xviiij s. ij d.
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1543-4

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 207 (Rendered 25 March 1544) (*Receipts of St Mary's ale wardens*) 30

Primis pro seruicia in Pentecoste de claro v li. vj[j] s. viij d.
...

5/ pentecostes: 16 May 1535
12/ pentecostes: 4 June 1536
19/ pentecoste: 5 June 1541

26/ pentecoste: 28 May 1542
33/ Pentecoste: 13 May 1543

1544–5

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 208 (*Rendered 5 April 1545*) (*Churchwardens' payments*)

...
Item to the mynstrell for old dette xj d. 5

...

p 209 (*Receipts of St Mary's ale wardens*)

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Primis pro seruitia In festo pentecostes iiij li. xvij s. 10

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1545–6

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 210 (*Rendered 11 March 1545/6*) (*Churchwardens' payments*)

15

...
Item for wax & meat & drinke a yenst whyttsontyd iiij s.

...

p 211 (*Receipts of St Mary's ale wardens*)

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Primis pro seruitia In tempore pentecostes iiij li.

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1546–7

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 214* (*Receipts of St Mary's ale wardens*)

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In primis pro seruisia in tempore pentecostes de claro iiij li. [. . .] xv s. iiij d.

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1555–6

Church and Chantry Wardens' Accounts SRO: 1374/48
p 82 (*25 March–24 March*) (*Receipts of St Mary's ale wardens*)

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Receiued for the churchale liij s. iiij d. 35

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5/ xj d.: partially obscured in gutter
10/ pentecostes: 1 June 1544

17/ whyttsontyd: 24 May 1545
29/ pentecostes: 13 June 1546

iiij Ministrallis [domini] Comitis Arundell primo die Aprilis ex dono domini x s. Item solutum Alexandro ffithelere x die Decembris ex dono domini iij s. iiij d. Item solutum cuidam Citheratori [domini] Comitis Arundell xvj^o die Aprilis ex dono domini xx d.

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Ministrallorum
domini

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| Item solutum Thome Piper in plena solucione feodi sui vsque Natalem domini hoc anno capienti per annum xl s. | vj s viij d. | 10 |
| Item solutum eidem Thome in partem feodi post festum Natalis domini anno iij ^{co} capienti per annum vt supra | xiiij s. iiij d. | |
| Item solutum Bircestre socio suo in plena solucione feodi sui usque Natalem domini anno iij ^{co} capienti per annum vt supra | vj s. viij d. | |
| Item solutum eidem Bircestre in partem feodi sui post dictum festum Anno iij ^{co} capienti per annum vt supra | xiiij s. iiij d. | 15 |
| Item solutum Stephano socio suo in partem feodi sui post dictum festum ¹ vltra iij s. viij d. solutum eidem per dictum Wodburn alia vice ¹ capienti per annum vt supra | xiiij s. iiij d. | |
| Item solutum Henrico Trumpet in partem feodi sui post dictum festum anno iij ^{co} capienti per annum vt supra | xiiij s. iiij d. | 20 |
| ... | | |

1411–12

Household Accounts of Ankaret Talbot, Lady Strange SRO: 212/85 No. 3 mb 6 (1 August 1411–30 September 1412) (January disbursements) 25

... in oblacione domine die Sponsacionis Anne filie domine vij d.... Et solutum Galfrido loicchir' ad dandum Mynstrell' die Sponsacionis Anne predicte xx s.... 30

1424–5

Household Accounts of John Talbot, Lord Strange SRO: 212/85 No. 6 mb 2 (30 September–12 September) (Gifts)

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...Et in dono. ij hominibus de Salopia ludentibus quoddam interludium coram domina die Epiphanie iij s. iiij d....

...

37/ die Epiphanie: 6 January 1424/5

NEEDHAM OF SHAVINGTON

1631

A *Inventory of Goods of Robert Needham, 1st Viscount Kilmorey*

Lyte: 'MSS of Earl of Kilmorey'

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p 374

...

In the Great Parlour. "Three great mappes and three little mappes. One skreene. ... A pair of virginalls on a frame."

In the inner room. "One base vyall, one lute, one orpheron, one bandora with a case, one yron to roste aples."

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1639-40

Household Accounts of Robert Needham, 2nd Viscount Kilmorey

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SRO: 946/B.30

nf verso* (25 March-24 March 1639/40) (May disbursements)

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To ye musitian of Whitchurche his boy yat brought a salmon from his master

000 02 0 20

...

nf verso (15 June) (Rewards)

...

To ye musitians man of Whitchurch yat sent a salmon

000 02 0 25

...

nf verso (August-January) (Payments)

...

Dancinge-
master:

To Mr Balle ye Dauncer, December ye 19th, in part for teaching ye children to daunce after ye rate of 10 s. ye weeke

001 00 0 30

...

nf* (Other disbursements)

...

To ye musicke of Whitchurch when ye Earle of Bridgewater was at Shenton

000 10 0 35

...

To ye Newcastle musitians

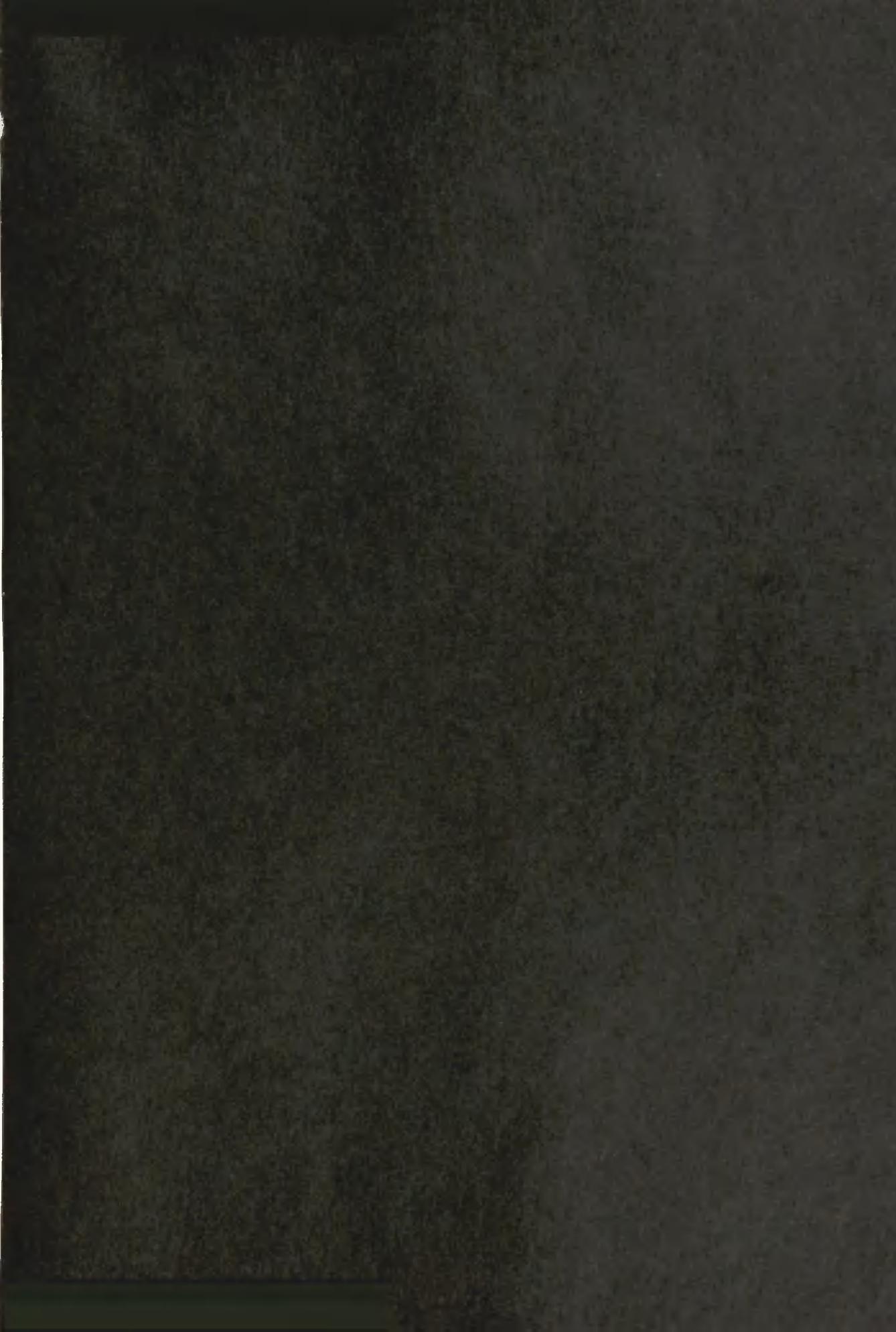
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To ye Musitians of Bridgenorth

000 02 0 40

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| To ye Breretons musitians | 000 | 05 | 0 |
| nf verso | | | |
| ... | | | |
| Giuen to ye musitians men of Whitchurch | 000 | 02 | 0 5 |
| ... | | | |
| nf verso (<i>January-March</i>) (<i>Disbursements</i>) | | | |
| ... | | | |
| Giuen to Mr Balle ye dancer | 000 | 10 | 0 10 |
| ... | | | |





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