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#### PREFACE.

This volume comprising the first portion of a Calendar of Records in the County Record Office, Chester Castle, with selected abstracts therefrom, up to the end of the reign of King George II, 1760, has been compiled with two principal objects, viz., to remind the people of Cheshire of the historical value and interest of these Records, and also to facilitate reference to them by officials and students.

The Abstracts incorporated with the Calendar have been selected from some thousands of restored documents in the Sessions files and books as an illustration of the work of the Justices and also as a reflection of social life and national history in the period under review. In the selection of subjects for this purpose an attempt has been made to preserve a correct historical balance, without which the abstracts would lose much of their value.

The layout of the original documents has been reproduced to a considerable extent in the abstracts that have been printed, as well as the varied spelling, contractions and punctuation. Explanatory notes have been added in a few instances only.

The Compilers and Editors of the volume wish to express their thanks for the help, in various ways, which they have received from Mr. T. L. Edwards, for many years an official of the County Council and now a voluntary worker in the Record Office; from Mr. S. G. Blake of the Clerk's department and Mr. H. Pierce, Records Clerk.

The Editors, in the preparation of the Introduction, made considerable use of the works by Mr. R. Stewart-Brown, M.A., F.S.A., Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, F.S.A., and Miss D. L. Powell mentioned therein, and wish to acknowledge their indebtedness.

The Editors further wish to record that the initiation of the scheme for the restoration of the documents from which this volume has been compiled is due to the Clerk of the Peace, Major Geoffrey C. Scrimgeour, D.S.O., M.C., whose recommendations received the full support, both financial and otherwise, of the County Records Advisory Sub-Committee of the Standing Joint Committee, without which the work could not have been undertaken.

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#### INTRODUCTION.

The evolution of the office and title of justice of the peace and the growth of the administrative and juridical power attached to the appointment have engaged the attention of a large number of writers, and the works that have been printed on the subject are so numerous that they constitute a library of considerable size.

It is beyond the scope of these introductory remarks to treat, even briefly, of the appointments which, under various titles, were fcrerunners of the one which, for several centuries, has occupied a prominent position in the provincial life of this country. As, however, it is hoped that this volume will be, to some extent, self-contained, a few notes of a general character are advisable, dealing with the justices of the peace, the composition of the courts over which they presided, and the care of the records.

An admirable treatise on the subject by Mr. Hilary Jenkinson, F.S.A., and Miss D. L. Powell is included in *Quarter Sessions Records with other Records of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey*, published by the Surrey County Council(1). This illustrates the origin and development of the system as it affected the bulk of the English counties. This system in time became common to the whole country, but the early development in the palatinate county of Chester was different and has to be considered independently. The records calendared in this volume relate to this county and a few remarks on the subject are, therefore, necessary.

Thanks to the labour of a Cheshire antiquary (Mr. R. Stewart-Brown, M.A., F.S.A., whose learned pen has thrown light on many legal and other matters of historic speculation) the succession of appointments which culminated in that of justice of the peace in Cheshire has been traced, and the result of the research is set forth in *The Serjeants of the Peace in Medieval England and Wales*(2).

It is considered that the introduction of the office of justice of the peace (by that title at any rate) occurred in the greater part of England in the fourteenth century. The system, however, was not introduced into Chester, Cheshire and North Wales until the sixteenth century. In Chester itself little change was involved by this section of the Charter of 1506 whereby the chief city magistrates were recognized as justices of the peace as they had long performed the duties. In the county, on the other hand, the establishment of permanent commissions of justices of the peace was a complete innovation. It had become apparent, early in Tudor times, that the local legal and administrative machinery was not satisfactory, especially when compared with the more settled order that could be maintained by a regular system of justices of the peace possessing local knowledge and with central control, as established in the kingdom generally.

The change was brought into force by the Act of 27 Henry VIII, c. 5 (1536). In this Act it was recited that manifold breaches of the peace were daily perpetrated in Cheshire and certain other places "by reason that common justice had not been indifferently ministered there like and in such form as in other places in the realm." The Lord Chancellor and Lord Keeper were each given power to nominate and appoint justices of the peace, of the *quorum*, and of gaol delivery in Cheshire by commissions. Such justices were to have the jurisdiction and authority of justices of the peace elsewhere, and keep their sessions. The position of the justiciar of Chester and Flint was preserved by an Act of the same year (c. 24), presumably because the holder of that office was already an *ex-officio* justice of the peace.

The new institution, with its attendant courts of four quarter and other petty sessions, threw an extra burden on those gentlemen, freeholders and suitors who were already bound by ancient custom to appear at the eight (and sometimes nine) county court days held each year. To meet this complaint the Act of 32 Henry VIII, c. 43 (1540) curtailed the ancient county court to two sittings, namely at Easter and Michaelmas. While meeting one difficulty this curtailment of the old criminal jurisdiction of the justiciar in the county court created one that had not been foreseen. Proclamation of outlawries could now only be made twice a year, thus giving opportunities to debtors and others to abscond. To remedy this an Act was passed, 33 Henry VIII, c. 13 (1541) authorising the Sheriff of Cheshire to hold a monthly court for such proclamations and for certain minor civil plaints.

In 1414 it was laid down that the quarter sessions were to be held at seasons which have remained the rule ever since—the Close of Easter, the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, the first week after Michaelmas, and the Epiphany. In some counties the county town was the usual place of meeting, but in others, as in Cheshire, different parts of the county were selected with the idea of giving the various neighbourhoods easier opportunities for attending.

The justices of the peace were generally drawn from knights, esquires and gentlemen of the law, members of the class lying between the lords and commons. As to the number in each county, this continuously grew from six in the fourteenth to fifty or sixty in the sixteenth century.

The *quorum* takes its name from a phrase which was included in the commissions of the peace, prescribing the attendance of certain, generally legal, members on particular occasions.

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#### INTRODUCTION.

The custos rotulorum may have been the holder of an office identical with that of clerk of the peace until the ever-increasing volume of records led to the institution of one officer responsible for guarding and producing them, and of another for entering up and making fresh records at the sessions. The custos was always one of the quorum and was chosen for his wisdom, countenance and credit. In some counties in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when the lord-lieutenancy had become a life appointment, it became customary to combine this military office with that of the custos rotulorum.

The chairman, elected by his brother justices, was a later appointment necessary on the occasions on which the *custos* himself could not attend the sessions.

The clerk of the peace is mentioned as early as the time of Richard II, and, except for a brief period, the office was in the gift of the *custos*. By the sixteenth century the care and protection of the records had been deputed by the *custos* to the clerk.

In addition to the regular quarterly sessions others came into force from statutes which specified in certain particular instances action by one or more justices. A further series of sessions owe existence to the powers given by the commission to individual justices. Those powers, if the justices cared to exercise them, were almost as extensive as those applying to the whole body in respect to more ordinary offences. This led to what are known as divisional, special and petty sessions.

As regards the records created by the activities of the justices of the peace, it has been mentioned that the *custos rotulorum* was responsible for the production of records when required, thus implying that he had charge of them in the interim. It has also been mentioned that he made the clerk of the peace his deputy in the matter. The fact that a bill was introduced in 1547 for the erection of a treasure-house in every shire for keeping records infers that the custody of them was fortuitous. This project was not proceeded with, and when it is remembered that in many counties, like Cheshire, records must have been continually in course of removal to and from the various places where the sessions were held, it is a matter for surprise that so many have survived.

In the case of this county, a tower in the Castle called Maysham's Tower was in use as a repository for the "rolls" as far back as the time of Henry VI(3). This was, of course, long before the institution of justices of the peace for Cheshire, and the records in question, doubtless, were those of the palatinate courts. Further references to this tower occur in the Journal of the Chester Archæological Society(4) in which it is suggested that the tower stood to the south-east of the great hall and adjacent to the dais and exchequer.

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It is not improbable that, later on, the quarter sessions records were also placed in this tower, and there can be little doubt but that they were included in the clause in the articles of surrender of the city on 3 Feb. 1645/6 when it was laid down that "the County Palatine Seal, Sword, and all the records in the Castle without diminution, embezzling, or defacing be delivered up."

The demolition of the greater part of the old castle commenced in 1789 and it was replaced by some of the present buildings in the following years. A plan of 1809(5) shews the record rooms with the exchequer and prothonotary's office as situated at the south-west extremity of the main block, and the exchequer court (which Hanshall(6) calls the court of quarter sessions) as situated in the separate block on the north-east side of the square. This court was transferred to the War Department on 18 July, 1892(7).

In 1830 the palatinate courts were abolished and, after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to establish a branch of the Public Record Office in Chester, these records were transferred to • London in 1854. The records of the courts of the justices of the peace were not, to any extent, interfered with, although it is probable that a few of them were inadvertently included with those sent to London.

In August 1881 the quarter sessions and other records in the custody of the clerk of the peace at that time were placed in the rooms they now occupy on the first floor at the north-east end of the main block of the County Buildings.

Since 1889 all the records in the aforesaid rooms have been in the custody of the County Council.

Since 1932 the Record Office in the Castle has been improved structurally. Steel fittings have been introduced, the work on the records generally re-organized and the preservation of old documents carried out on methods recommended by the Public Record Office.

(1) Vol. v, pp. 1-38.

(2) Publications of the University of Manchester, no. ccxlvii.

(3) Morris, Chester etc., 100.

(4) N.S.. v, 274 and xxvi, 98.

(5) Lysons Cheshire, 570.

(6) Hanshall's Cheshire, 265.

(7) Journal of Chester Archæological Soc., N.S., xxvi, 117.

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#### PART I.

#### CALENDAR.

#### 1. ALE-HOUSES.

Licences. 1630-1650. 1 file.

Licences, Register of. 1747-1758. 1 book (incomplete).

**Recognizances for Wirral.** 1 and 10 Sep., 1754. 2 small rolls. The names of the licensees, sureties, etc., are entered on these.

#### 2. BADGERS.

These registered hucksters or travelling provision merchants were licensed to buy corn or other victuals in one place and carry to and sell them in another, and were exempted by the Act of 5 and 6 Edw. VI, c. 14, from punishment as ingrossers. In this register each badger was pledged in the sum of  $\pounds 40$ .

Register, 1759-1772. 1 book.

#### 3. BRIDGES.

These records chiefly consist of contracts, etc., for building and repair. By Act of 1 Anne, c. 18, to explain, etc., an Act of 22, Henry VIII, concerning the repairing and amending of bridges, justices of the peace were empowered to raise the necessary sum by taxation in cases where it could not be ascertained what persons, etc., were liable for the work.

Hartford Bridge, 1708.

Tarvin Bridge, 1708.

Wybunbury Bridge, 1713.

Saltersford Bridge, 1718.

Booth Mill Bridge and Causeway between Nether Knutsford and Mobberley, 1721.

Witton Bridge. Indictment, 1742. 3 papers.

Govt Bridge between Stockport and Bredbury, 1748.

New Bridge over Mersey called Goyt Bridge between Stockport and Bredbury, 1748.

Half of Warrington Bridge and part of Latchford Causeway, and Wilderspool Bridge and Causeway, 1756.

#### 4. DEEDS (enrolled).

This series of enrolments relate to conveyances and leases of lands, etc., belonging to Papists. The Act of 3 Geo. I, c. 18, s. 6, provided for the security of Protestant purchasers. No manors, lands, etc., were to pass from Papists by deed or will unless enrolled within a specified time in one of the King's courts of record at Westminster, or in the county wherein the property was situated by the Custos Rotulorum and two justices of the peace and the clerk of the peace or two of them at least.

The abstracts are printed in the order in which the membranes are filed. The parties between whom each contract was made are named and an indication as to the situation of the property is added.

The series consists of 8 rolls. 1715-1759.

Roll 1. 1715-1720 (enrolled 1717-1720). 16 membranes.

Enrolled 1717, Oct. 7.

1. 1717, Oct. 4. Darcy Chantrell, of Noctorum, gentleman; and Richard Brompton of Tedstone Court, co. Heref., gentleman —Knoctorum.

Enrolled 1718, May 17.

2. 1717/8, Feb. 8. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet, and Rowland Poole, gentleman, his second son (1); and Thomas Pearson late of Buerton and now of Shortstone Hill in Dunnington, co. Salop, yeoman (2)—Buerton.

Enrolled 1718/9, Jan. 24.

3. 1718, Oct. 31. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet, and Rowland Poole, his second son (1); and John Grenley [?Grindley], of co. Ches., yeoman (2)—Buerton.

4. 1718, Oct. 31. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet, and Rowland Poole, his second son (1); and George Widdows, of Buerton, co. Ches., yeoman (2)—Buerton.

Enrolled 1719, Nov. 14.

5. 1715/6, Feb. 27. Will of Edward Hughes of Combe, [Cwm], co. Flint., gentleman.

Enrolled 1719/20, Feb. 25.

6. 1719/20, Jan. 23. Rowland Poole second son of Sir James Poole, and Edward Hawkins, of Over Poole, gentleman (1); and John Smallwood of Great Sutton, yeoman (2)—Calley's Tenement in Capenhurst.

Enrolled 1720, June 23.

7. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Humphrey Walker of Little Budworth, yeoman—Walker's of the Well Tenement in Little Budworth.

8. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and James Wilkinson of Thornton, co. Ches., yeoman—Thornton.

9. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Pigott of Little Budworth, gentleman—Ravenscroft's Tenement in Little Budworth.

#### CALENDAR.

#### Enrolled 1720, June 27.

10. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Ralph Bellin of Thornton, in Neston Parish, yeoman-Thornton.

Enrolled 1720, Aug. 13.

11. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Robert Robinson of Oxton, yeoman—Richardson's Tenement in Oxton.

12. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Robert Robinson of Woodchurch Parish, yeoman—Hough's Tenement in Oxton.

13. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Smith of Hapsford, gentleman—Little Wood in Dunham.

14. 1719/20, Mar. 24. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet, and Edward Hawkins of Over Poole, gentleman (1); and John Pemberton of Bispham, co. Lanc., gentleman—Buerton.

Enrolled 1720, Aug. 2.

15. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Robert Amery of Dunham on the Hill, yeoman—Dunham.

16. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Bushell of Dunham on the Hill, yeoman—Bushell's Tenement in Dunham.

Enrolled 1720, Sep. 29.

17. 1720, Apl. 9. Francis Poole of Poole, esquire, son and heir of Sir James Poole, baronet; and Joseph Robinson of Wallasey, yeoman—Wallasey and Liscard.

Enrolled 1720, Aug. 2.

18. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Hill of Trafford, co. Ches., yeoman—Hill's Tenement in Trafford.

19. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Leen of Thornton, co. Ches., yeoman—Thornton.

20. 1719/20, Feb. 17. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Leen of Thornton, yeoman—Thornton.

Roll 2. 1718-1726 (enrolled 1722-1733). 18 membranes.

Enrolled 1733, Sep. 28.

1. 1718, Sep. 20. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Parsons of Little Budworth, yeoman—Parson's Tenement in Little Budworth.

Enrolled 1722, Oct. 2.

2. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, esquire; and John Brown, of Hough, co. Ches., husbandman—Hough.

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3. 1722, Sep. 20. Humphrey Trafford, of Trafford; and the Hon. Langham Booth of Hawthorn in Wilmslow parish, esquire —Bowers Hall in Pownall Fee.

4. 1722, Sep. 3. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford; and Elizabeth Hough of Chorley, co. Ches., widow—Chorley.

#### Enrolled 1723, Oct. 23.

5. 1722/3, Jan. 15. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and John Price of Hooton, yeoman-Hooton.

#### Enrolled 1725, Sep. 25 and 26.

6. 1723, May 1 and 2. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet, and his son Rowland Poole, esquire (1); and John Hawkins of Macclesfield, gentleman, and Edward Hawkins of Buerton, gentleman (2)—Capenhurst Hall and Manor.

#### Enrolled 1725, Oct. 8.

7. 1723, Aug. 19. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford; and Margaret Wood of Hough, co. Ches., widow—Hough.

8. 1723, Aug. 19. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford; and Roger Hough of Chorley, co. Ches., yeoman—Chorley.

9. 1723, Sep. 11. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford; and Sarah Mottershead of Hough, co. Ches., spinster—Hough.

#### Enrolled 1724, Oct. 10.

10. 1724, May 7. Richard Bostock, of "Hartston, co. Lincoln, alias Leicester," gentleman, son and heir of Roger Bostock of Ormskirk, co. Lanc., gentleman, deceased; and Thomas Robinson of Chester, gentleman—Coventry's House in Knoctorum.

11. 1724, May 26. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and John Robinson of Eastham, yeoman-Eastham.

#### Enrolled 1724, Aug. 8.

12. 1724, June 23. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and Stanley Orred of Storeton, yeoman—Storeton.

#### Enrolled 1724/5, Jan. 21.

13. 1724, Sep. 3. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and William Newport of Thingwall, husbandman—Thingwall.

#### Enrolled .....

14. 1725, Apr. 27. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and Samuel Chatterton of Poolton cum Spittle, yeoman—Fairclough's Cottage in Storeton.

#### Enrolled 1725, Sep. 4.

15. 1724/5, Mar. 11. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and John Moores of Eastham, yeoman-Eastham

#### Enrolled 1725, Nov. 6.

16. 1725, Aug. 16. John Talbot of Longford, co. Salop, esquire; and Joseph Wrenshall of Storeton, yeoman—Whitleech's Tenement in Little Neston (incomplete).

Enrolled 1725, Sep. 4.

17. 1724/5, Feb. 27. John Talbot of Longford, co. Salop., esquire; and John Lightfoot of Little Neston, yeoman—Lightfoot's Tenement in Little Neston.

Enrolled 1725, Sep. 1.

18. 1725, Apr. 20. Sir Rowland Stanley; and John Heays of Eastham, yeoman—Eastham.

Enrolled 1725, July 1.

19 ..... Talbot; and Joseph Wrenshall— Brimstage (incomplete).

Enrolled 1726, May 7.

20. 1725, Nov. 27. John Talbot of Longford, co. Salop, esquire; and Hannah Milner of Little Neston, widow of John Milner of Little Neston, husbandman—Little Neston.

Enrolled 1726, Sep. 1.

21. 1725/6, Mar. 24. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton; and Thomas Young of Childer Thornton—Childer Thornton.

Roll 3. 1720-1721 (enrolled 1720-1721). 21 membranes.

Enrolled 1720/1, Feb. 8.

1. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Richard Walthall of Wistaston, esquire, and Rebecca his wife— Mickle Trafford.

2. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Jackson of Bevington [Bebington], co. Ches., yeoman— Glasier's Tenement in Brimstargh [Brimstage].

3. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Rowland of Hoole, co. Ches., yeoman—Hoole.

4. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Ashbrooke of Raby, yeoman—Mathews Tenement in Raby.

5. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Peacock of Dunham on the Hill, yeoman—Peacock's Tenement in Dunham on the Hill.

6. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Deane of Oxton, yeoman—Charnock's Tenement in Oxton.

7. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Henry Meolls of Upper Bevington (Bebington), yeoman-Rawlin's Tenement in Oxton. 8. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Smith of Barrow, yeoman—Sarah Daintieth's Tenement in Dunham on the Hill.

9. 1720, Aug. 27. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet, and Edward Hawkins of Over Poole, gentleman (1); and Joshua Hill of Buerton, yeoman (2)—Buerton.

10. 1720, Aug. 27. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet, and Edward Hawkins of Over Poole, gentleman (1); and John Dykes of Buerton, yeoman (2)—Buerton.

11. 1720/1, Jan. 24. Anthony Hill of Peper Hill, co. Salop., gentleman; and John Edwards of Mickle Trafford, husbandman—Great Trafford.

12. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Lawrenson of Dunham on the Hill, yeoman—Dunham on the Hill.

13. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Billington of Budworth—Billington's of the Cuningreen Tenement in Budworth.

14. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Billington ...... (partly illegible).

15. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Galley of Mickle Trafford, yeoman—Galley's Tenement in Mickle Trafford.

16. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Hugh Billington of Budworth, yeoman—Billington of the Well's Tenement in Budworth.

17. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Nixon of Budworth, yeoman—Nixon's Tenement in Budworth.

18. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Richard Lea of Brimstage, yeoman—Lea's Tenement in Brimstage.

19. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Briscall of Little Budworth, bricklayer—Nield's Cottage in Budworth.

20. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Hester Billington of Little Budworth, widow—Billington's of the Brooke Tenement in Budworth.

21. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Robert Billington of co. Ches., yeoman—Cornhill in Budworth.

22. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and James Carter of Hargrave, co. Ches., yeoman—Carter's Cottage in Hargrave.

23. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Joseph Pigott of Budworth, gentleman—Richardson's Tenement in Budworth.

24. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Walker of Little Budworth, yeoman—Walker's Tenement of the Outside in Little Budworth.

25. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Joseph Walker of Little Budworth, yeoman—John Walker's Tenement, etc., in Little Budworth.

26. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Pulford of co. Ches., bricklayer—Pulford's Tenement in Trafford.

27. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Cooke of Bromborough, yeoman—Mason's Tenement in Raby.

28. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Kirkham of Bruen Stapleford, yeoman—Kirkham's Tenement in Budworth.

29. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Robert Aglionby Slaney of the Inner Temple, London, esquire the Holme House in Mickle Trafford.

30. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Robert Aglionby Slaney of the Inner Temple, London, esquire— Aliens Tenement in Mickle Trafford.

31. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Arthur Warberton of Barrow, yeoman—Warberton's Tenement in (incomplete, but see Roll 4, No. 1).

Roll 4. 1720-1723 (enrolled 1720-1723). 42 membranes. (Commencement and end missing).

#### Enrolled 1720/1, Feb. 8.

1. ..... and Arthur Warberton (imperfect, but perhaps end of Roll 3, No. 31).

#### Enrolled 1721, Apr. 9.

2. 1720, Nov. 4. William Berrington of Moat Hall, co. Salop, esquire, and Philip Lutley of Ludlow, esquire (1); Thomas Fletewood of Bromley, co. Staff., esquire; and Dame Frances his wife (2); Samuel Bowers of Dutton, co. Ches., gentleman (3); and Thomas Eaton of Little Leigh, co. Ches., yeoman (4)—Eaton's Tenement in Little Leigh.

Enrolled 1721, Apr. 22.

3. 1720/1, Mar. 24. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and John Jones of Eastham, yeoman—Eastham.

4. 1720/1, Mar. 24. Sir Rowland Stanley, etc.; and William Whitehead of Eastham, tailor—Eastham.

5. 1720/1, Mar. 24. Sir Rowland Stanley; and Peter Mercer of Eastham, yeoman—Eastham.

6. 1720/1, Jan. 31. Sir Rowland Stanley; and Joseph Watmough of Storeton, yeoman—Storeton.

7. 1720/1, Mar. 24. Sir Rowland Stanley; and Anne Mathews of Eastham, widow of George Mathews of Eastham, yeoman— Eastham.

8. 1720, Nov. 14. Sir Rowland Stanley; and Thomas Hughes of Eastham, labourer—Eastham.

9. 1720/1, Feb. 11. Francis Poole of Poole, esquire, son and heir of Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet; and Thomas Simcock of Leighton, co. Ches., yeoman—Overpool.

10. 1720/1, Feb. 3. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Rawlinson of Stanley, co. Ches., yeoman—Percival's Tenement in Brimstagh [Brimstage].

11. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Lewis of Dunham on the Hill alias Stony Dunham—Lewis's Tenement in Dunham on the Hill.

12. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Samuel Gibbon of Thornton, yeoman—Grange Ground in Thornton.

13. 1720/1, Feb. 3. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Mary Cottingham of Chester, widow—Calkin's Tenement in Dunham on the Hill.

14. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Vernon of Thornton, yeoman—Grange Ground in Thornton.

15. 1720/1, Feb. 3. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and James Brundret of Dunham on the Hill—Potter's Tenement in Dunham.

16. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Richard Walthall of Wistaston, esquire, and Rebecca his wife— Tapley's Tenement in Mickle Trafford alias Great Trafford.

17. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Robert Robinson of Oxon, co. Ches., gentleman—Home Meadow, etc., in Oxon [Oxton].

Enrolled 1721, May 1.

18. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Harvey of Dunham on the [Hill], yeoman—Davices Tenement in Dunham on the Hill.

19. 1720/1, Feb. 3. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and James Cumberbach of Chester, merchant—Hoole.

Enrolled 1721, Apr. 22.

20. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Richard Lea of Brimstage, yeoman—Bellin's Tenement in Brimstage.

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21. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Hugh Beck of Barnstone in Woodchurch parish, yeoman—Leen's Tenement in Barnston.

22. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Sparks of Oxon, yeoman—Shepley's Tenement and the Grange Grounds called the Hough or Walleys in Oxon [Oxton] and Thornton.

23. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Wilkoxson of Osverley [? Alvanley], co. Ches., yeoman—Potter's Tenement in Dunham on the Hill.

24. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Ralph Massey of Budworth, yeoman—Little Budworth.

25. 1720, Nov. 15. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Nixon of Little Budworth, yeoman—Phillips' Field, etc., in Budworth.

#### Enrolled 1721, May 1.

26. 1720/1, Feb. 3. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and James Cumberbach of Chester, merchant—Adams' Cottage in Hoole.

27. 1720/1, Feb. 3. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Enoch Jackson of Brimstagh, carpenter—Hested's Tenement in Brimstagh [Brimstage].

#### Enrolled 1721, July 26.

28. 1721, June 24. Rowland Poole of Poole, second son of Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet, and Edward Hawkins of Overpool, gentleman (1); and John Cotton of Nether Bebington, yeoman (2)—Barker's Tenement in Capenhurst.

#### Enrolled 1721, Nov. 16.

29. 1721, Aug. 9. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet; and Edward Hawkins of Overpool, gentleman (1); and Thomas Sudell of Gawthorp, co. Lanc., gentleman—Buerton.

#### Enrolled 1721, Oct. 28.

30. 1721, May 1. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and John Smith of Kirkby Walley, yeoman—Wallasey.

31. 1721, May 1. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and Robert Sparke of Hooton, husbandman—Hooton.

#### Enrolled 1721, Nov. 17.

32. 1721, Aug. 5. Sir James Poole of Poole, baronet; and Edward Hawkins of Overpool, gentleman—Buerton.

#### Enrolled 1721, Dec. 12.

33. 1721, Oct. 3. William Berrington of Moat Hall, co. Salop, esquire, and Philip Lutley of Lawton in the same co., esquire (1); lady Frances Fleetwood, widow, only sister of Charles, lord Gerrard of Gerrards Bromley and Dutton, deceased (2); and Samuel Bowers of Dutton, gentleman (3)—Liptrott's Tenement in Weston, co. Ches.

Enrolled 1721, Nov. 10.

34. 1721, June 5. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and John Abraham of Eastham cum Plimyard, yeoman—Plimyard.

Enrolled 1721, July 27.

35. 1721, Dec. 26. Samuel Bowers of Dutton, gentleman; and Richard Jackson of Weston, co. Ches., yeoman—Liptrott's Tenement in Weston.

Enrolled 1722, Apr. 4.

36. 1721/2, Mar. 6. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and Samuel Hayes of Eastham, yeoman—Eastham.

37. 1721/2, Jan. 10. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Thomas Warburton of Morley, co. Ches., yeoman—Morley.

38. 1721/2, Jan. 13. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and John Leighton of Hough in Wilmslow parish, yeoman—Hough.

Enrolled 1722, June 13.

39. 1721/2, Mar. 20. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and John Gorstage of Eastham, husbandman—Eastham.

40. 1722, May 1. Francis Poole of Poole, son and heir apparent of sir James Poole, baronet; and William Hill of Leighton, co. Ches., mariner—Leighton.

Enrolled 1722, June 28.

41. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Newell of Ridley, co. Ches., yeoman—Hervey's Cottage in Holbane.

42. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Potter of Brimstage, yeoman—Pemberton's Tenement in Brimstage.

43. 1722. Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Ellen Spark of Brimstage, widow—Stanton's Tenement in Brimstage.

44. 1721/2, Feb. 12. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Davenport Meare of Hough in Wilmslow parish—Hough.

45. 1722, Apr. 2. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and John Bell of Hough in Wilmslow parish, husbandman —Hough.

46. 1721/2, Feb. 12. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and William Worthington of Hough in Wilmslow parish, yeoman—Hough.

47. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Richard Hesketh of Brimstage, shoemaker—Hesketh's Tenement in Brimstage.

48. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Robinson of Raby, yeoman—Robinson's Tenement in Raby.

49. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and ...... of Brimstage—Brimstage.

50. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Yells of Brimstage—Yell's Tenement in Brimstage.

#### Enrolled 1722, June 20.

51. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Edward Billington of Mickle Trafford, yeoman—Billington's Tenement in Trafford.

52. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Slead the younger of Trafford, yeoman—Holme House in Trafford.

53. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Robinson of Raby, yeoman—Hughson's Tenement in Raby.

54. 1722, Mar. 26. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and Thomas Inglefield of Liverpool, ship carpenter—Storeton.

#### Enrolled 1722, June 28.

55. 1722, June 22. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and John White of Greasby, yeoman—Eastham.

#### Enrolled 1723, July 25.

56. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Pigott of Little Budworth, gentleman—Taylor's Tenement in Little Budworth.

Enrolled .....

57. 1723, Nov. 2. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and Thomas Eccles of Eastham, mariner—Tranmere (incomplete).

Roll 5. 1722-1723 (enrolled 1722-1723). 16 membranes.

#### Enrolled 1722, Oct. 2.

1. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Mary Moumford the elder of Hough, co. Ches., widow—Hough.

2. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and John Roylance of Morley, co. Ches., yeoman—Morley.

3. 1722, Sep. 3. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and William Chraichley of Hough in Wilmslow, husband-man-Hough.

4. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Jonathan Barlow of Chorley, co. Ches., yeoman—Chorley and Hough in Wilmslow.

5. 1722, Sep. 3. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Isaac Roylands of Morley, co. Ches., yeoman-Morley.

6. 1722, Sep. 25. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and James Davenport of Nether Alderley, gentleman—Hough.

Enrolled 1722, June 13.

7. 1722, Apr. 28. Peter Rogers of Wolverhampton, gentleman; and Margaret Grice of Bradley, co. Ches., widow—Bradley in Frodsham.

8. 1722, Apr. 28. Peter Rogers of Wolverhampton, gentleman; and Thomas Calley of Bradley, co. Ches., yeoman—Bradley in Frodsham.

Enrolled .....

9. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Samuel Roylands of Morley, co. Ches., yeoman-Morley.

Enrolled 1722, Oct. 2.

10. 1722, Aug. 25. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and Isaac Warminsham of Boaugley [Baguley], co. Ches., yeoman—Great Storeton.

11. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and James Barrett of Bollin Fee in Wilmslow, blacksmith—Bollin Fee.

12. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Samuel Antrobus of Holford, husbandman—Chorley.

13. 1722, July 31. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and John Royle of Woodford, co. Ches., husbandman—Chorley.

14. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Samuel Wellings of Chorley, co. Ches., yeoman—Chorley.

15. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and John Walley of Wilmslow, butcher—Wilmslow.

16. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and William Hulme of Stally Lands [Stanilands] within Pownall Fee, yeoman—Stally Lands.

17. 1722, Sep. 11. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lancs., esquire; and Mary Harrison of Manchester, spinster-Hough.

18. 1722, Sep. 8. John Talbot of Longford, co. Salop, esquire; and William Jones of Elthorns, co. Ches., yeoman—Little Neston.

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19. 1722, Sep. 10. John Talbot of Longford, co. Salop, esquire; and Thomas Hancock the younger of Nesse in Neston parish, yeoman—Little Neston.

20. 1722, Sep. 20. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and hon. Langham Booth of Hawthorn in Wilmslow parish, esquire—Chorley.

21. 1722, July 31. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and John Wyatt of Chorley, co. Ches., husband-man—Chorley.

#### Enrolled 1722/3, Feb. 28.

22. 1722, Dec. 26. Francis Poole of Poole, esquire, son and heir of sir James Poole of Poole, baronet (1); and Henry Wolstenholme of Neston, and James Wade of Upton, yeomen (2)—Thingwall.

23. 1722, Oct. 26. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, baronet; and Joseph Ireland of Little Storeton, yeoman—Little Storeton.

Enrolled 1722/3, Mar. 8.

24. 1722/3, Feb. 28. Richard Jump of Neston, yeoman; and William Jump of Neston, brewer—Neston.

Enrolled 1723, Apr. 5.

25. 1722/3, Mar. 4. Sir Rowland Stanley, baronet; and John Heay of Eastham, yeoman—Eastham.

Enrolled .....

26. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Rebecca Elleby of Brimstage, widow—Elleby's Cottage in Brimstage.

27. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Elizabeth Evans of Raby, widow—Evans' Tenement in Raby.

#### Enrolled 1722, Oct. 2.

28. 1722, Sep. 3. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Richard Moumford of London, mason—Hough in Wilmslow.

29. 1722, Sep. 3. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, esquire; and James Whittaker of Morley within Pownall Fee, yeoman-Morley.

30. 1722, July 23. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, esquire; and Thomas Cash of Morley, yeoman—Morley.

31. 1722, July 31. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, esquire; and George Royle of Hough, co. Ches., tailor—Hough.

32. 1722, Sep. 3. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, esquire; and Sarah Lomas of Chorley, co. Ches., widow—Chorley.

#### Roll 6. 1722-1723 (enrolled 1722-1723). 21 membranes. Enrolled 1722, June 28.

1. 1722, Apr. 2. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Francis Pott of Hough in Wilmslow, yeoman—Hough.

2. 1722, Apr. 2. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, esquire; and Joshua Royle of Pownall Fee, yeoman—Pownall Fee, Hough and Chorley.

3. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Wright of Dunham, shoemaker—Smith's Cottage in Dunham.

#### Enrolled 1722, Oct. 2.

4. 1722, Apr. 12. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Lightfoote of Dunham, yeoman—Lightfoot's Tenement in Dunham.

5. 1722, Sep. 25. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, esquire; and James Davenport of Nether Alderley, gentleman—Hough.

#### Enrolled 1723, June 24.

6. 1722, Sep. 1. William Berrington of Moat Hall, co. Salop, esquire, Philip Lutley of Ludlow, esquire, and the hon. lady Frances Fletewood, widow (only sister of Charles lord Gerard of Gerards Bromley and lord of Dutton, deceased) (1); and William Platt of Little Leigh, yeoman(2)—Maddocks Tenement in Clatterwick in Little Leigh.

7. 1722, Dec. 10. William Berrington of Moat Hall co. Salop, esquire; Philip Lutley of Ludlow, esquire, and lady Frances Fletewood, widow (1); and William Holland of Dutton, yeoman (2)—Joseph Ryder's Tenement in Dutton.

8. 1722/3, Jan. 22. Lady Frances Fletewood of Gerards Bromley, widow, and Hugh Wade of Northwich, gentleman (1); and John Dutton of Wolverhampton, squaremaker (2)—West Croft in Spurstow.

9. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Wooley of Trafford, co. Ches., yeoman—Wooley's Tenement in Trafford.

10. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Joseph Rawlin of Raby, sailor—Rawlin's Tenement in Raby.

11. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Warton of Oxton, yeoman—Warton's Tenement in Oxton.

12. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Thomas Jones of Brimstage, yeoman—Carter's Tenement in Brimstage.

13. 1722, Dec. 10. William Berrington of Moat Hall, co. Salop, esquire, Philip Lutley of Ludlow, and lady Frances Flete-

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wood (1); and Eleanor Nicholls of Bartington alias Barterton, co. Ches., widow (2)—Robinson's Tenement in Bartington.

14. 1722, Dec. 10. William Berrington of Moat Hall, co. Salop, esquire, Philip Lutley of Ludlow, and lady Frances Fletewood (1); and John Gill of Dutton, carpenter (2)—Ryder's House .....

15. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Paul Briscall of Trafford, yeoman—Green House in Trafford.

16. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Walker of Little Budworth, yeoman—Walker's Cottage and Booth Smithy in Little Budworth.

17. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and William Gamond of Bridge Trafford, yeoman—Gamond's Cottage in Dunham.

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18. 1722/3, Jan. 24. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and Mary Cottingham of Chester, widow—Cottingham's Tenement in Dunham.

Roll 7. 1726-1741 (enrolled 1726-1741). 19 membranes.

Enrolled .....

1. 1728, Mar. 25. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton; and James Walton of Birket Grange, co. Ches., yeoman—Eastham.

Enrolled 1730, Apr. 23.

2. 1729, Dec. 20. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Holbrooke of Little Budworth, yeoman—Budworth Hall.

Enrolled 1726, Sep. 29.

3. 1726, Sep. 28. Thomas Crosby of Warrington, gentleman; and Jane his wife (1); Caryll Hawarden of Upton in Widnes, gentleman, and Catherine his wife (2); and Thomas Kilshaw of Kilshaw, co. Lanc., esquire, George Crosby, gentleman (son of said Thomas), William Norland of Widnes, yeoman, and John Linaker of Widnes, yeoman (3)—Lawton's Tenement in Over Whitley.

Enrolled 1727, Nov. 2.

4. 1726, June 28. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton; and Arthur Bennett of Upton, co. Ches., yeoman—Upton.

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5. 1727, June 20. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton; and George Bennett of Woodchurch, mariner—Woodchurch.

Enrolled 1726/7, Mar. 1.

6. 1726, Nov. 1. Hon Frances Fleetwood of Gerards Bromley, co. Staff, widow (1); William Berrington of Moat Hall, co. Salop,

esquire, and Philip Lutley of Ludlow, esquire (2); and William Tyler of Preese, co. Salop, gentleman, and Elizabeth Rowe, of Preece, spinster (3)—Arrow.

Enrolled 1727, Apr. 26.

7. 1726, Dec. 23. Darcy Chantrell of Liverpool, gentleman; and Richard Lea of Knoctorum, farmer—Knoctorum.

Enrolled 1728, June 22.

8. 1727/8, Jan. 11. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton; and Edward Turner of Bromborough, yeoman—Bromborough.

Enrolled 1733, Sep. 28.

9. 1729, Dec. 20. George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; and John Bellington of Duddon, yeoman—Bellington's of the Towns End in Little Budworth.

Enrolled 1731, Apr. 17.

10. 1730/1, Mar. 22 and 23. John Potts of Whiston, co. Staff., gentleman, and Jane his wife (administratrix of her late sister Winifred Woolley), John Potts the younger (son and heir of said John the elder), and Jane his wife, Robert Underhill of Northicote, co. Staff., gentleman, and Mary his wife, Thomas Underhill of [blank], waxchandler, and Elizabeth his wife, William Huxley of Alvaston, co. Staff., yeoman (administrator of Katherine Woolley his wife deceased), Andrew Hill of Wolverhampton (surviving executor of Ann Woolley), Thomas Minshull of Eaton, co. Ches., yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife (widow of Ralph Hall of Eaton aforesaid, yeoman, deceased), and John Shaw of [blank], co. Ches., yeoman, and Mary his wife (one of the daughters of the said Elizabeth Minshull and Ralph Hall her late husband) (1); and John McTurk of Bunbury, co. Ches., gentleman (2)—Tilstone Fernall.

Enrolled 1732, July 8.

11. 1732, Mar. 25. Anthony Hill of Pepper Hill, co. Salop., gentleman (1); Robert Aglionby Slaney of the Inner Temple, London, esquire (2); and Joseph Ackerley of Mickle Trafford, yeoman (3)—Mickle Trafford.

#### Enrolled 1732, Sep. 9.

12. 1732, Aug. 10. Sir Rowland Stanley; and Thomas Inglefield of Liverpool, ship carpenter—Storeton.

#### Enrolled 1733, Sep. 28.

13. 1733, June 25. Darcy Chantrell of Knoctorum, co. Ches., gentleman; and Richard Whishaw of Symonds Inn, co. Midd., gentleman—Chantrell's House in Knoctorum.

Enrolled .....

14. 1734/5, Feb. 1. Thomas Barlow and many others (1); and James Stanley, Earl of Derby—Northwich.

#### Enrolled 1738, Sep. 26.

15. 1735, July 1. Charles Fleetwood of Gerards Bromley, co. Staff., esquire; and Peter Bromfield of Little Leigh, co. Ches., gentleman—Little Leigh.

#### Enrolled 1737/8, Jan. 11.

16. 1736, Dec. 20. Samuel Bowers of Eccleston near Knowsley, co. Lanc., gentleman; and Thomas Done of Dutton, co. Ches., yeoman—Liptrot's Tenement in Weston, co. Ches.

#### Enrolled 1739, May 4.

17. 1738, Dec. 11 and 11. Robert Bromley of Warrington, gentleman, and Lydia his wife; and Thomas Patten of Patten's Lane within Warrington, gentleman—Cheadle.

#### Enrolled 1741, May 14.

18. 1740/1, Jan. 26. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton; and Ralph Huson of London—Chorlton.

#### Enrolled 1739, May 4.

19. 1738/9, Feb. 1 and 2. Thomas Patten of Patten's Lane within Warrington, gentleman; Robert Bromley of Warrington, gentleman (only son and heir of John Bromley of Manchester, yeoman, deceased); and John Bromley of Warrington, gentleman (son and heir of said Robert) (1); and Daniel Summer of Gatley, co. Ches., husbandman—Cheadle, co. Ches.

#### Roll 8. 1741-1759 (enrolled 1741-1759). 19 membranes.

#### Enrolled 1750, May 31.

1. 1750, May 26. Josiah Griffith of Chester, yeoman (1); John Ashton of Alvanley, gentleman (2); and Richard Brown of Ashton, parkkeeper (3)—Barnton.

#### Enrolled 1753, Sep. 15.

2. 1753/4, Feb. 27. Thomas Dutton of Grappenhall, co. Ches., yeoman; and Alexander Markland of Warrington, apothecary—Thelwall.

#### Enrolled 1755, Apr. 14.

3. 1755/6, Jan. 20. Mary Heys of Sutton, near Macclesfield, widow (sole surviving daughter of Edward Stubbs of Sutton, yeoman, deceased, and also sole surviving sister and heir of Sarah Stubbs of Eccleston, near Prescot, co. Lanc., spinster, deceased, and of Amanda wife of William Lancaster of Eccleston, maltster, both deceased, which said Sarah and Amanda were other daughters of the said Edward), James Orrell of Blackbrook within Parr, Thomas Hawkshead of Eccleston near Croston, and Thomas Cliff of Windle, co. Lanc., gentleman (executors of said William Lancaster) (1); and James Cross of Windle, gentleman (2)— Macclesfield.

#### Enrolled 1757, Jan. 11.

4. 1756, Dec. 29. Humphrey Trafford of Trafford, co. Lanc., esquire; and Gilbert Beresford of Cheadle, co. Ches., gentleman—Advowson and Rectory of Wilmslow.

#### Enrolled 1758, July 29.

5. 1758, Apr. 1 and 3. Caryll Hawarden of Appleton in Widnes, gentleman, and Catherine his wife, Thomas Hawarden of Wigan, apothecary (eldest son of said Caryll and Catherine), and John Lloyd of Warrington, gentleman (1); and Hugh Whishaw and William Widdens of Chester, gentlemen—Lawton's Tenement in Over Whitley.

6. 1758, May 10 and 11. John Lloyd of Warrington, gentleman (1); and Caryll Hawarden of Appleton, gentleman, and Thomas Hawarden of Wigan, apothecary (eldest son of said Caryll and Catherine his wife) (2)—Lawton's Tenement in Over Whitley.

#### Enrolled 1759, Sep. 3.

7. 1759, June 28. Richard Bempden Johnstone of St. James' parish, Westminster, esquire; and Peter Holford of Wooton Hall near Stratford on Avon, esquire (eldest brother and heir of Thomas Holford of Macclesfield, gentleman, deceased—Black Greyhound Inn in Lostock Gralam.

#### Enrolled 1741, July 15.

8. 1741, May 6 and 7. Thomas Patten of Patten's Lane, Warrington, gentleman, and Robert Bromley of Warrington, gentleman (son and heir of John Bromley of Manchester, innkeeper, deceased) (1); and Richard Broome of Manchester, gentleman (2) —Northenden.

#### Enrolled 1742, May 15.

9. 1741, Nov. 18. Peter Latchford of Hollywell, co. Flint., gentleman; and sir George Mostyn of Mostyn, co. Flint., baronet —Norley.

#### Enrolled 1744, May 20.

10. 1744/5, Mar. 15. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton; and Edward Roberts of Chester, gentleman—Manors of Hooton, Eastham, Buerton alias Churton Heath, Plymyard, Great Sturton and Little Sturton.

#### Enrolled 1746, July 30.

11. 1744, July 16. Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton; and William Currey of Eastham, yeoman—Eavens' Tenement in Eastham.

#### Enrolled 1745/6, Feb. 14.

12. 1745/6, Feb. 12. Sir Rowland Stanley; and Robert Warmisham of Baguley, co. Ches., woolcomber—Great Storeton.

#### Enrolled 1748, July 28.

13. 1747/8, Feb. 2. Caryll Hawarden of Appleton, co. Lanc., gentleman, Thomas Hawarden of Wigan, apothecary (eldest son of said Caryll), and John Linaker of Widnes, co. Lanc., yeoman (1); Joseph Lancaster of Warrington, gentleman (2); and Joseph Chippendall of Warrington, gentleman (3)—Over Whitley.

#### Enrolled 1747/8, Mar. 4.

14. 1747/8, Feb. 29. John Owen alias Potter of Manchester, shoemaker, and Cassandra his wife (one of the daughters of Henry Heginbotham the elder of Salford, merchant, deceased) (1); and Richard Owen alias Potter of Manchester, schoolmaster (2)—Marple.

#### Enrolled 1748, Aug. 9.

15. 1748, May 5. Caryll Hawarden of Upton within Widnes, co. Lanc., gentleman, and Thomas Hawarden of Wigan, apothecary (eldest son of said Caryll) (1); and John Hesketh of Warrington, merchant (2)—Over Whitley.

#### Enrolled 1749, Aug. 1.

16. 1749, July 13 and 14. Richard Tomkins of Hampton, co. Ches., yeoman; and William Hanmer of Iscoyd, co. Flint., esquire —Hampton.

#### 5. DEEDS (original).

The eight early grants relating to property in Northamptonshire, with which this section commences, were presented to the Council by Mrs. Reginald Potts and had been in the possession of her husband, late Clerk of the Peace. The remainder consist chiefly of a collection of documents relating to Tattenhall.

This calendar does not include a large number of documents executed before 1760 in connection with property in the possession of the County Council and recorded, with later deeds, in the Property Register.

1. (n.d.). Roger de Kanuill (or Kanuitt) grants to William de Pilton and his heirs 1 virgate of land in Crek which Tibbet Cok held, for his homage and service. Also messuages which Walter son of Thomas held of grantor. Witnesses—Thomas de Elt, Bertrand de Kanuill, Richard de Kanuill, William de Folevile, Jordan the Clerk, Walter de Hamworth, Henry de Kanuill, Simon son of John de Kanuill, Thomas the Clerk and many others. Seal—man on horseback of green wax.

2. (1319/20, Jan. 7). Amy who was the wife of Richard de Grenenbrough of Crek grants to Robert de Esilborough of Crek and Alice his wife 2 messuages, 2 virgates, 1 acre of land and 3 acres of meadow in Crek. Witnesses—John de Wylebi, John Bougevill knight, Eustace de Burnebi, William the Vintner of Crek,
John his son, Ralph Waldeschef, William Rouets, Thomas de la (?Hense) of Yelvertoft, Robert de Folevill of Crek and others. Given at Crek on the Monday next after the Feast of Epiphany, 13 Edward son of King Edward. Seal of dark green wax.

3. (1341, Oct. 29). Robert son and heir of Robert the Bailiff of Crek grants to William Batchelor of Asshebyliger [Ashby St. Legers], chaplain, 8 roods in the meadow called Keyliners. Witnesses—John de Rokeby, Roger Follevile, John Gerard, Robert de Rokeby, John the Baxstere of Crek and others. Given at Crek on the Monday next after the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, 15 Edw. III. Seal—heraldic of white wax.

4. (1378, Aug. 1). John Harecroft of Crek grants to William Kyng of Hullemoreton [Hillmorton] 10 roods of land in Hillmorton. Witnesses—Richard Halton, John Solyhull, clerk, and others. Given at Hillmorton on the Sunday in the Feast of St Peter ad Vincula, 2 Richard II. No seal.

5. (1381, Sept. 23). John son of Thomas of Ou'welde in the parish of Wenge, co. Buck., grants to John Gerald of Creek, co. Northant., lands held by grantor of John Trachenne of Wenge and Isabel his wife lying in Creek. Witnesses—Henry Helpestrop, Richard FitzJohn of Waldy, John Rag of Wenge, John Cawes of the same, William Sotenby of Burscote and others. Given at Wenge on the Monday in the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 5 Richard II. No seal.

6. (1397, Apr. 10). Joan de Havecrofte sometime wife of John de Havecrofte confirms to Thomas de Havecrofte, chaplain, her son, a messuage, 1 virgate and 7 acres of land, 2 acres and 1 rood of meadow in the vills of Creek and Morton, which Thomas de Seynesburgh had granted to the aforesaid John and to Michael "our heirs," by a charter given at Creek on the Friday next after the Feast of St. Margaret the Virgin, 23 Edward III [1349, July 17]. Witnesses—John atte Yate parson of the Church of Claycote, William Vynter of Creek, Simon Dode of Creek, John Paylody of Creek, John atte Welle and others. Given at Creek on Tuesday, 10 April, 20 Richard II. Circular seal—quatrefoil with legend.

7. (1413, Apr. 26). Richard Garard son and heir of John Garard of Crek, grants to John "my" brother 10 roods of land in Hillmorton. Witnesses—Richard Rokeby, John Baily, John Ricard, Ralph Newton of Crek, John Wrighte of Wynwik and many others. Given at Creek on the Wednesday in the sept of Easter, 1 Henry V. No seal.

8. (1438/9, Jan. 26). Richard Smyth of Watford, the elder, grants to William his son and Agnes his [son's] wife and their lawful heirs all his lands and tenements etc. in the vills and fields of Watford and Creek in co. Northant. Witnesses—Robert Hoggeson, Edward of the Hutt, William Walssh, Richard Naseby of Watford, John Anlyf the younger, Robert Clerke, Thomas

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Hynkeley of Asseheby legger and many others. Given at Watford on the Monday next after the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 17 Henry VI. Seal broken.

9. 1528 (20 Henry VIII), Dec. 2. Order, signed "Henry R," to the Chamberlain of the county palatine of Chester, to deliver letters patent to Thomas Fowlehurst appointing him sheriff.

10. 1548 (2 Edward VI), Dec. 19. Assignment by John Gryce to Rolland Stanley of the manor of Bromborough. Contemporary copy.

11. 1611/2, Mar. 4. Grant. John Allen of Chester; and Matthew Ellis of Overleigh, gentleman—Paradise in Handbridge.

12. 1648, Oct. 26. Petition. Thomas Mawdsley of Preston, co. Lanc., gentleman, and Dorothy his wife (sole daughter and heiress of William Ashton of Chester, mercer, deceased)—Foregate Street and Barn Lane, Chester.

13. 1652, Apr. 20. Lease. Peter Egerton of Shagh, co. Lanc., esquire, and Hugh Dodd of Tattenhall, husbandman—Tattenhall. Counterpart attached.

14. 1665, July 25 and 26. Lease and Release. Leonard Egerton of Shagh, co. Lanc., esquire, and Peter Egerton his son and heir apparent, gentleman (1); Peter Tillston of Tattenhall, yeoman (2); and John Tillston of Hatton, yeoman (3)—Tattenhall.

15. 1688, Mar. 26. Lease. Roger Whitley of Peel, esquire; and William Fletcher of Chester, mason—Farrer's Intack in Tattenhall.

16. 1689, Nov. 1. Grant. Emanuel Barker of Tattenhall, webster; and John Hodgkis of Tattenhall—Tattenhall.

17. 1690, Sep. 24. Grant. Emanuel Barker of Tattenhall, webster; and John Hodgkis of Tattenhall—Tattenhall.

18. 1692/3, Mar. 1. Assignment. John Seller of Littlington, yeoman; and Thomas Denson of Spittle Boughton—Great Boughton.

19. 1693. May 17 and 18. Lease and Release. John Lloyd of Tattenhall, yeoman, and Hannah his wife; and Joseph Maddock of Chester, tanner—Tattenhall.

20. 1693, Oct. 17. Declaration of Uses of a Fine. Daniel Thomason of Tattenhall, yeoman, and Cicely his wife, John Bebington of Hatton, yeoman, and Ann his wife (the said Cicely and Ann were daughters and coheirs of Peter Tilston of Tattenhall, yeoman, deceased), and Ann Tilston of Tattenhall (widow of said Peter) (1); and John Larden of Alderley, yeoman (2)—Tattenhall.

21. 1698, Nov 24 and 25. Lease and Release. Richard Bruce of Tattenhall, yeoman; and John Hodgkis of Tattenhall, yeoman—Tattenhall. 22. 1701/2, March 2. Lease. George Quick the elder of Boughton, gardener; and William Quick of Chester, smith, son of said George—Great Boughton.

23. 1707, Sep. 16 and 17. Lease and Release. Ann Bebbington of Hatton, co. Ches., widow, and Thomas Garnet of Hatton, tanner, and Martha his wife (1); and John Hodgkis of Tattenhall, yeoman (2)—Tattenhall. Fine attached.

24. 1708, Sep. 10. Lease. Joseph Maddocke of Chester, tanner; and John Ollerhead of Chester, tanner—Tattenhall.

25. 1709/10, Mar. 6 and 7. Lease and Release. Joseph Maddock of Chester, tanner; and John Lloyd the elder, and John Lloyd the younger, both of Tattenhall, yeomen—Tattenhall.

26. 1710/11, Mar. 23 and 24. Grant, etc. John Lloyd the elder of Tattenhall, yeoman, and John his son and heir apparent, yeoman (1); Hugh Whishaw of Chester, gentleman, and Richard Cottingham of Chester, gentleman (2); and John Hodgkis of Tattenhall, yeoman, and John Dun of Tattenhall, tailor (3)—Windmill Flatt etc. in Tattenhall. Enclosure.

27. 1710, Apr. 19. Declaration of Uses of a Common Recovery. John Lloyd the elder of Tattenhall, yeoman, Mara his wife, and John Lloyd the younger of Tattenhall, yeoman (1); John Hodgkis of Tattenhall, yeoman, and John Dun of Tattenhall, tailor (2); and Hugh Whishaw of Chester, gentleman, and Richard Cottingham of Chester, gentleman (3)—Windmill Flatt etc. in Tattenhall.

28. 1711, Aug. 6 and 7. Lease and Release. John Lloyd the elder of Tattenhall, yeoman; and John Lloyd the younger of same, his son (1); and Hugh Whishaw and William Done of Chester, gentleman (2)—Tattenhall.

29. 1711, Aug. 30. Declaration of Uses of a Common Recovery. John Lloyd the elder of Tattenhall, Mara his wife, and John Lloyd the younger of Tattenhall, yeoman (1); John Hodgkis of Tattenhall, yeoman (2); and Hugh Whishaw of Chester, gentleman, and William Done of Chester, gentleman (3)—Tattenhall. Plea enclosed.

30. 1711/2, Jan. 2. Grant. John Lloyd of Tattenhall, yeoman, and John Lloyd the younger of same, yeoman (1); and John Hodgkis of same, yeoman (2)—Tattenhall.

31. 1711/2, Jan. 5. Declaration. John Lloyd the elder of Tattenhall, yeoman, and John Lloyd the younger, his son (1); and John Hodgekis of Tattenhall, yeoman, and John Dun of same, tailor (2)—Tattenhall.

32. 1711/2, Mar. 24 Grant. John Lloyd of Tattenhall; and John Lloyd the younger, both of Tattenhall, yeomen (1); and John Hodgkis of same, yeoman—Tattenhall.

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33. 1713, Apr. 1. Release. Anne Bebbington of Hatton, co. Ches., widow, Thomas Garnet of Hatton, tanner, and Martha his wife (1); and John Hodgkis of Tattenhall, yeoman—Tattenhall.

34. 1714, Dec. 23. Articles of Agreement. William Quick of Chester, whitesmith; and John Holland of Chester, draper-Great Boughton.

35. 1716, Nov. 5. Lease. Thomas Denson of Spittle Boughton, baker; and John Hollins of Chester, draper—Spittle Boughton.

# 6. ESTREATS OF FINES, ETC.

These are extracts of Fines, Penalties, etc. forfeited or imposed at the Sessions.

- 1.—1560-1601. 1 file.
- 2.—1561-1575. 1 file.
- 3.—1576-1599. 1 file.

4.—1717-1776. 4 files.

5.-1681-1705. 1 box of loose estreats.

#### 7. GAMEKEEPERS.

In pursuance of an Act of 9 Anne, c.25, to improve the preservation of game and make it perpetual and more effective. By this Act the number of gamekeepers, with authority to kill and destroy the game in each manor, was limited to one, and the name of such person was recorded with the Clerk of the Peace.

Register. 1711-1825. 1 book. With index of places.

#### 8. MAPS AND PLANS.

**Castle of Chester, Plan of,** by Alexander de Lavaux (framed engraving). This minutely accurate plan was executed about the year 1745. De Lavaux's plan was prepared for the purpose of converting the old castle into a fortress capable of withstanding a contemporary siege, by the addition of large bastions, an addition that was never carried out. The plan was executed by the instructions of George, third Earl of Cholmondeley, lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum for Cheshire, as well as chamberlain, etc. for the county.

See also Navigation, River Dee, for maps and surveys.

# 9. NAVIGATION.

# 1. River Dee.

*Kinderley's Scheme*. Copy of notice and minutes of meetings, 1733. 3 membranes.

Minutes of meetings. 1734, 1736, 1736-9.

Register of vessels entering and leaving port. 1740-1769. 1 book. Names of masters or owners, destinations, burthen, cargo, dues on tonnage, etc.

Maps or surveys. Land to be reclaimed in the parish of Hawarden. 1744. 7 maps.

Surveyors of Navigation, Appointment of.

William Griffith, 21 Sep., 1744.

William Ince, 29 Sep., 1744.

Articles of agreement for reclaiming, recovering, etc. navigation on north side of river. 17 Feb. 1753.

Notice of undertaking for recovery of land on north side of channel. 14 Nov. 1757. 1 membrane with enclosure.

The navigation of the River Dee engaged the attention of those interested from the time of Richard II up to present times, and the various schemes proposed and executed are mentioned in a number of local histories and other works on the subject. Kinderley's project was authorised by Act of Parliament of 6 Geo. II, c. 30 (1732), and conferred rights on the promoter and his heirs. In 1740 by another Act (14 Geo. II, c. 8), Kinderley's successors (incorporated as "The Company of Proprietors of the undertaking for recovering and preserving the Navigation of the Dee" and thereafter generally known as the River Dee Company) opened a new cut from Chester to Connah's Quay. In 1743, a third Act (17 Geo. II, c. 28) was obtained by which the rates of tonnage were lowered, etc. In the year 1889 an Act (52 and 53 Vict., c. 156) was passed constituting a Conservancy Board and leaving the old Company, the Dee Land Company, to effect further reclamation.

## 2. Rivers Irwell and Mersey.

Commissioners. a. Copy of enrolment for appointment of Commissioners. 6 Oct. 1726.

b. Original and copy of another. 24 Sep. 1746.

In 1720 an Act (7 Geo. I, c. 15) was procured by 35 individuals for making the Mersey and Irwell navigable from Liverpool to Hunts Bank in Manchester. In 1779 the original proprietors transferred their shares to a new set of purchasers, and by a further Act of 34 Geo. III (1793-4) the proprietors were made a body corporate under the name of the Company of Proprietors of the Mersey and Irwell Navigation. CALENDAR.

## 3. River Weaver.

Accounts and Minutes. 3 files.

a.	8 Oct., 1733 to 9 Oct., 1734	1
	10 Oct., 1734 to 29 Sept., 1735	∫ 3 membranes.
	18 Dec., 1735 to 1735*	1 membrane.
ь.	12 Oct., 1737 to 7 Oct., 1741*	1 membrane.
	8 Oct., 1735 to 13 Oct., 1736 <sup>+</sup>	1 membrane.
	29 Sep., 1736 to 29 Sep. 1737 <sup>†</sup>	2 membranes.
	29 Sep., 1737 to 29 Sep., 1738 <sup>+</sup>	1 membrane.
	29 Sep., 1738 to 29 Sep., 1741 <sup>†</sup>	4 membranes.
c.	29 Sep., 1753 to 29 Sep., 1754 <sup>†</sup>	1 membrane.
	29 Sep., 1754 to 29 Sep., 1755 <sup>†</sup>	1 membrane.
	29 Sep., 1755 to 29 Sep., 1756 <sup>†</sup>	1 membrane.
	29 Sep., 1756 to 29 Sep., 1757 <sup>†</sup>	1 membrane.
	26 Oct., 1757 to 21 Feb., 1758*	1 membrane.
	6 Mar., 1758 to 11 Oct., 1758. In	complete* 1 membrane.
	1757 to 1759	5 membranes.
	*Minutes only.	
	<sup>†</sup> Accounts only.	

A large roll of the proceedings of the River Weaver Navigation for the years 1741 to 1743 was noticed by Mr. W. H. Black at Chester Castle (Chester Arch. Soc., o.s., i, 316).

The first Act for making the River Weaver navigable from Frodsham Bridge to Winsford Bridge was passed in 1720 (7 Geo. I, c. 10) and, after the work had been finished and the claims of the undertakers met, it was enacted that the clear profits of the rates and dues should be devoted to the upkeep of the public bridges of the county and other public charges, as the justices of the peace, at the quarter sessions to be held in the week after the Feast of St. Michael, yearly ordered.

# 10. NONCONFORMISTS.

These records relate to Protestant Dissenters.

Register of Places certified for Religious Worship. 1689-1853. 1 foolscap book. A number of houses were licensed for the use of Protestant Dissenter worshippers by the Declaration of Indulgence of 15 March, 1671/2, but this liberty was cancelled in the next year, and was followed by the Test Act of 29 March, 1673. In the succeeding years the regulations against Protestant Dissenters were somewhat relaxed, but it was not until the Act of Toleration (1 W. & M. c. 18) had become law that the erection of meeting houses was begun in earnest.

Declaration of Persons in Holy Orders or pretended Holy Orders as to Articles of Religion. 1704-1732. 2 rolls. See Act of 1 W. & M., c. 18.

List of Dissenters. 1706-7. 1 membrane.

# 11. OATHS.

**Rolls of names of subscribers to various oaths.** 19 rolls. By the Test Act of 25 Chas. II, c. 2, all officers, civil and military, and persons having places of trust under his Majesty were directed to take the oath of allegiance and make the declaration against transubstantiation. This was amended by Act of Toleration of 1 W. & M., c. 18.

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Allegiance	
Anti-Transubstantiation	

Abjuration

1.	1673-1687			AT.	11.	1730-1757	Ab.	Al.	
2.	1689-1714	Ab.	A1.	AT.	12.	1731-1756	Ab.	A1.	AT.
3.	1690-1726			AT.	13.	1741-1757		March 1	AT.
4.	1696-1702		A1.		14.	1741-1757	Ab.	A1.	
5.	1702-1703	Ab.	Al.		15.	1743	Ab.	Al.	AT.
6.	1721-1723	Ab.	A1.	AT.	16.	1752-1760	-		AT.
7.	1723-1724	Ab.	Al.		17.	1757-1760	Ab.	Al.	AT.
8.	1727-1736	Ab.	Al.	AT.	18.	1758-1760	Ab.	A1.	
9.	1730-1740			AT.	19.	1759	Ab.	Al.	AT.
10.	1730-1740	Ab.	Al.						

Names and addresses of persons who had taken the Oath of Allegiance in pursuance with Act of 9 Geo. I, c. 24. 1723. 4 books.

List of Wirral Papists summoned to take the Oath of Allegiance, with 4 certificates. 1743-4. 1 envelope.

Certificates of 4 reputed Papists summoned to make declaration in accordance with Act of 30 Chas. II, c. 2. 1743 and 1744.

List of Papists and Non-jurors in Wirral. 13 March, 1743. These had taken the Oath of Allegiance or were summoned to do so. See also Papists (miscellaneous).

# 12. PAPISTS' ESTATES.

**Register.** 1717-1723. This gives the names of owners and the localities of the estates and was compiled in accordance with Acts of 1 Geo. I, c. 55 and 3 Geo. I, c. 18. See also 9 Geo. I, c. 24. 1 membrane.

Miscellaneous papers, including rough notes used in compilation of the above register. 1714-1718. Filed with register.

Letters or Warrants of Attorney (L) and Rentals (R) connected with the registration. 1717-1743. Filed with register.

Enrolments of Letters or Warrants of Attorney and Rentals. 3 rolls.

- 9. 1717-1718. 23 membranes.
- 10. 1718-1724. 23 membranes.
- 11. 1725-1743. 15 membranes.

The numbers of these rolls continue the series commenced under "Deeds" (enrolled).

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The following list of the entries in the Register and other documents gives further particulars of these records and of the information they contain.

Ashton, John, of Aston Grange, yeoman—Runcorn Ashton, John, of Manley, yeoman—Manley	Origi Docur		Enroli	nent R R
Barlow, Anthony, of Barlow, co. Lanc., esquire-		R	_	R
Bateman, John, of Sutton, yeoman-Sutton in	L	R	L	R
Macclesfield Belasyse, Thomas, Lord Fauconberg—Sutton in Prestbury, Kettlesholme, Northwich	L	R	L	R
Belasyse, Thomas, Lord Fauconberg—Sutton in Prestbury	L	_	L	R
Belasyse, Bridget, Dowager Lady Fauconberg- Sutton Kettlesholme, Northwich	L	R	L	R
Billington, John, of the Outside in Little Budworth —Little Budworth Bostock, James, of Hooton, yeoman—Hooton	Ξ	R R	=	R R
Brayne, Joseph, of Highow, co. Staff., yeoman- Faddiley Bruen, Catherine, of Chester, widow-Bruen	L	R	L	R
Stapleford		R		R
Chantrell, Darcy, of Knoctorum, gentleman— Knocktorum Cheswyse, Anne, of Spurstow, spinster—Bunbury	L L	R R	L L	R R
Cooke, John of Sutton, yeoman—Sutton in Prestbury	L	R	L	R
Crosbie, Thomas, of Warrington, gentleman- Over Whitley	_	R	_	R
Estcourt, Francis, of Birchley, co. Lanc., esquire-	_	R	_	R
Fletewood, Thomas, of Gerards Bromley, esquire —Whitegate Fletewood, Thomas, of Gerards Bromley, esquire, and Frances his wife—Dutton in Great Budworth and Runcorn, Preston on the Hill, Weston, Bartington in Great Budworth, Little	L	R	L	R
Leigh, Acton in Weaverham, Onston in same, Hapsford, Stoak, Arrow	L	R	L	R
Whitegate not included	L	R	L	R
Gerard, Dame Mary, of Birchley—Buerton in Audlem Gerard, Dame Mary, of Gerards Bromley—Dutton,	L	R	L	R
Leigh near Dutton, Barterton, Preston on the Hill, Acton, Onston, Weston, Hapsford, Arrow, Stoak	L	R	L	R
Hansby, Frances, of Little Thorp, co. York., spinster—Huntington and Cheveley	L	R	L	R
Hey, Mary, of Sutton, widow—Sutton in Maccles- field		R		R

		ginal ment	Enro	lment
Hill, Arthur, of Peper Hill, co. Salop., gentleman— Mickle and Great Trafford	L L	R R	L L	R R
Hughes, Edward, of Combe, co. Flint., gentleman Wimbold's Trafford	L	R	L	R
Johnson, John, of Peper Hill, co. Salop., gentleman —Mickle Trafford Jump, Richard, of Neston, yeoman—Neston Jump, Thomas, of Neston, brewer—Neston		R R R	_	R R R
Leah, John, of Sutton-Sutton in Macclesfield			—	R
Martin, John, of Hooton—Hooton Massye, John, of Dutton—Bunbury	Ξ	R R	Ξ	R R
Orme, Elizabeth the elder, Elizabeth the younger, Alice and Mary—Sutton in Prestbury	L	R	L	R
Poole, Francis, of Poole Hall, esquire—Nether Poole, Stanlow, Over Poole, Liscard, Wallasey, Great Neston, Leighton, Thingwall Poole, Sir James, of Poole, baronet—Old Hall,	L	R	L	R
Buerton, Capenhurst	2L	R	2L	2R
Backford Poole, William, of Birchley, co. Lanc., gentleman	L	R	L	R
Poole in Eastham, Buerton Potts, John, of Whiston, co. Staff.,—Bunbury	L	R R	$_{ m L}^{ m L}$	R R
Rogers, Peter, of Wolverhampton, gentleman— Bradley	L	R	L	R
Stanley, Sir Rowland, baronet—Eastham, Storeton, Hooton, Childer Thornton, Upton, Brom- borough, Bebington, Tranmore, Wallasey,				
Moreton, Woodchurch, Great Meols, Thing- wall, Saughall, Mollington, Chorlton Stanley, William, of Hooton, esquire—Eastham,	L	R	L	R
Buerton, etc	L	R	L	R
MaclesfieldMacclesfield		R R	-	R R
Talbot, George, Earl of Shrewsbury—Brimstage, Brumburgh, Woodchurch, Neston, Dunham on the Hill, Thornton, Plimston, Claverton, Budworth alias , Little Budworth,				
Worswall	L	R	L	R
Talbot, John, of Longford, co. Salop., esquire-	L		L	R
Tootell, Jane, of Arundel Castle, widow- Macclesfield, Sutton		R	L	R
Walley, Anne, of Hooton, widow—Thornton Hough, etc		R	-	R

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# Supplementary list not included in the Register, 1723-1743.

Register, 1720-1740.				
1723.	Origin		Enrol	nent
Barlow, Elizabeth, of Manchester, spinster— Northenden	L	R	-	_
Barlow, Winifred, of Manchester, spinster—	L L	R R	Ξ	Ξ
Bennett, James, of Newton, yeoman-Newton, Upton	-	R		R
Swanlow, Tattenhall	L	R	-	R
gentleman—Poulton cum Seacombe—	—	R		R
Cheswyss, Thomas, of Cholmondeley, whitesmith —Pecforten	-	_		R
Ellam, Edward, of Parr, co. Lanc., yeoman- Lymm	-	-	—	R
Hall, Edward, of Cranage, gentleman—Hermitage, Cranage, etc.	L	R	_	R
Holford, John, of Middlewich, joiner—Middlewich	L	R	_	R
Jump, Thomas, of Neston	Will			
Lowndes, Ralph, of Lea Hall, Wimboldsley, clerk —Davenham, Bowdon, Middlewich —	L	R	-	R
Meredith, Sir William, of Henbury, baronet,— Henbury, etc. Cancelled		_	—	R
Peeres, Samuel, of Hampton, yeoman—Bickley. Cancelled	—	_	-	R
Robinson, John of Gwersyllt, co. Denb., gentleman —Newton near Malpas	L	R	—	R
Stephenson, James, of Macclesfield, yeoman- Barn Street, Macclesfield	L	R	_	R
Wright, Matthew, of Crewe, clerk—Crewe, Warmingham	L	R	-	R
Yate, John, of Middlewich, gentleman—Middle- wich	L	R	_	R
1724. Downes, Edward, of Worth, co. Ches., esquire— Prestbury	L	R		R
Legh, Peter, of Lyme, esquire—		R	<u></u>	R
1725.				
Massie, William, of Coddington, esquire— Coddington, etc.		—		R
Meredith, Sir William, of Henbury, baronet— Henbury, etc	L	R		R

		ginal iment	Enrol	ment
Shallcross, John, of Shallcross, co. Derb., esquire	L			R
Warren, John, of Poynton, esquire—Prestbury,	L	-	_	R
1740. Fletewood, Sir John, of Marton, co. Ches., baronet —Whitegate, Over Fletewood, Dame Magdalen, widow of sir Thomas, late of Marton, baronet—Whitegate, Daven- ham, Weaverham	— L	R	_	R R
1743. Talbot, George, Earl of Shrewsbury—Little Neston, etc. *with copy	_	R*	_	R

# 13. PAPISTS (miscellaneous).

Certificate of refusal of Papists (names given) to take the Oath of Allegiance. 2 Apr., 1744. 1 membrane.

Various papers, including some lists of recusants. 1714-1723. 1 bundle.

# 14. PEACE, COMMISSIONS OF THE.

1681-1738.	Names given.	15 documents.	
1681	1721	1731	1752
1711	1723	1734	1758
1713	1727	1736	
1717 (	2) 1730	1744	

The names for the commission of 1544 were printed in the *Cheshire Sheaf*, 3rd S., xvii, 86, and those for 1603 in the same, 2nd S., i, 146.

# 15. POLL BOOKS. ELECTIONS OF KNIGHTS OF THE SHIRE. 15 manuscript books.

16 Feb., 1714. Candidates—Hon. Langham Booth, esquire, Sir George Warburton, baronet, and Charles Cholmondeley, esquire. 7 books.

4 Apr., 1722. Candidates—Hon. Langham Booth, esquire, Charles Cholmondeley, esquire, and John Crewe, esquire. 7 books.

4 Apr., 1722. Names of Wirral voters extracted from the above series. 1 book.

# 16. PRISONERS.

Fees to be paid to the Constable of the Castle of Chester by prisoners. 1729. 1 paper.

Ditto for 1730. 1 paper.

Rules to be observed within the Gaol of the Castle of Chester. 1729.

# Transportation.

- a. Bond. Thomas Griffith and John Brook. To plantations of America. 1726.
- b. Certificate. John Brownsword, schoolmaster. To Antigua. 1729.
- c. Order. ..... McDonough. 1747.

# 17. QUARTER SESSIONS BOOKS. 1559-1765. 23 volumes.

These volumes contain-

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$\begin{array}{c} 1559 - 1571 \\ 1565 - 1592 \\ 1576 - 1592 \\ 1592 - 1617 \\ 1593 - 1608 \\ 1609 - 1618 \\ 1618 - 1640 \\ 1618 - 1640 \\ 1640 - 1654 \\ 1640 - 1650 \\ 1654 - 1662 \\ 1660 - 1669 \end{array}$	R. I. R. I.P. R. I.O.R. O.R. I.P. I.P. R. I.P. C.R.	$\begin{array}{c} 1669 \\ 1676 \\ 1676 \\ 1683 \\ 1683 \\ 1695 \\ 1708 \\ 1708 \\ 1719 \\ 1726 \\ 1726 \\ 1726 \\ 1735 \\ 1735 \\ 1741 \\ 1741 \\ 1749 \\ 1749 \\ 1758 \\ 1758 \\ 1758 \\ 1758 \\ 1755 \\ 17$	} I.O.P.R.

\* These volumes do not include records of Sessions in 1643 and 1644.

# **18. QUARTER SESSIONS FILES.**

These files contain records having reference to the judicial and administrative transactions of the Justices of the Peace.

Included with Sessions files are many loose documents, such as Bonds to keep the peace, Informations, Lists of constables, Lists of juries, Petitions, Presentments, Recognizances, Subpœnas, Warrants for arrest.

The numerals which appear against each year refer to the particular Sessions shewn below, viz.:--

1. Easter.

2. Trinity.

3. Michaelmas.

4. Epiphany.

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1706	1	2	3	4	1723	1	2	3	4	1740	î	2	3	4	
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The year 1752 and subsequent years begin on 1 January instead of 25 March.

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1754	1	2	3	4	1757	1	2	3	4	1760	1	2	3	4

# 19. QUARTER SESSIONS (miscellaneous).

Private Sessions.

1558-1565. 2 files. 1568-1602. 1 file.

# Informations, etc.

1585-1587. 1 file.

Inquisitions, Recognizances, etc. 1568-1570. 1 file.

Presentments.

1574-1578. 1 file.

# 20. SACRAMENTAL CERTIFICATES.

These are certificates, signed by the minister and churchwardens of parishes, of persons who had received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, pursuant to the Test Act of 25 Charles II, c. 2.

1741-1750. 1 file. 1751-1760. 1 file.

The main series of these documents covering the period from 1673 to 1768 are in the Public Record Office. See Lists and Indexes, No. XL, p. 4.

## 21. VAGRANTS.

Certificates of Vagrants, Constables' accounts, and awards for apprehending. 1701. 1 file. See Act of 1 Anne, Stat. 2, c. 13.

# 22. MISCELLANEOUS.

Order to the Justices of the Peace for co. Ches., signed by "Oliver P." respecting the above pension. 13 Oct., 1655.

**Pass**, signed by John King of co. Hert., for Laurence Glossop to travel from that county to Chester, and enabling him to obtain relief from the several treasurers en route. 22 Nov., 1655.

Trespass on Pott Shrigley Common. 1733. 1 membrane.

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Order of Henry VIII. to the Chamberlain to deliver Letters Patent to Thomas Fouleshurst appointing him Sheriff. Dated 1528.

# PART II.

# ABSTRACTS OF SELECTED DOCUMENTS 1528 - 1760

Abbreviations: D. Document. F. Sessions File. S. Sessions. S.B. Sessions Book.

# Order of Henry VIII to the Chamberlain of the County Palatine of Chester to deliver Letters Patent to Thomas Fowlehurst, Esq., appointing him Sheriff, etc., etc.

HENRY R. (1).

Henry the eight by the grace of God King of England and of ffrance Defender of the faith and Lord of Ireland. To our trusty and welbeloved servant Sr Randolf Brereton Knight Chamberlain of our Countie Palatyne of Chester greting. fforasmoche as we have assigned and appointed our trusty s'rvnt Thomas ffoulehurst squier to bee our Sherif of our said Countie of Chestr for the yere folowing. We therefore wol and comande you that ye immediatly upon the sight herof make forth and deliv'r to the same Thomas as well our sufficient lres [letters] patent in due forme under our great Seale of our said Countie Palatyne in that p'tie accustomed remaynyng in your custodie for the said Thomas ffouleshurst auctorising hym by the same to bee our Sherif of the said Countie for this vere ensuying and to take his othe upon the same accordingly. With due circumstances therin to be conteyned as app'teyneth and also to deliver to the said Thomas our Writt of attendance and wryte of discharge to and for Syr William Pole Knight yet Sherif of our said Countie Palatyne. And that with all celerite and diligence ye doe therin all other things and circumstances in that partie due and belonging. W'thout any failling as our trust is in you and as ye wol avoide the contrary at your p'ill. And these our lres shal be your sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalf at all tymes herafter.

Geven under our signet at our manor of Grenewiche the seconde daye of Decembr. The XX yere of our Reigne.

..... Decimo nono die Decembris Vicesimo Reg H. octavi. (1) The Sign Manual.

# Assignment of the Manor of Bromborough by John Gryce to Rolland Stanley, Esq., 19 Dec: 2 Edward VI, 1548.

To all Cristen people to whom this p'sent wryting shall come and be sene, John Gryce of Bromebrogh within the Countie of Chester Gretyng. Know yt me the seid John to have geven Graunted and assigned and by thes presents Do geve graunt and assigne unto Rolland Stanley esquer The Manor of Bromebrogh with all lands tenements medose leses pastures easements and comodites to the same manor belonging or appetynyng with the appurtenincs in bromebrough forsaid within the seid Countie of Chest'r now in occupacon of me the seid John Gryce And also th'arbage and pannage of one wood called Willanryce with their app'tences in anywise And one lease or Deide indented the pr'miss conc'nyng and therof made for terme of LXI yeres p'sently enduring by Thomas(1) late Abbot of the late Dissolved monastery in Chest'r and the convent of the same Lase undr their convent Seale unto me the seid John and myne assignes berying Date the twelffte Day of Novemb'r in the thirtith yere [1538] of our late sovergne Lord King Henry the eight ffad'r unto the Kinge's majestie that now is with this p'sents Delyverd unto the seid Rolande And also all the terme intrest and title which I have unto the same. To have hold occupy and enjoye all ev'ry the seid manor lands tenements meadose leses pastures easeaments Arbage pannage lease Deide indented interest title terme and yeres with all and singular their app'tennes unto the seid Rollande Stanley and his assynes ffrom the Date hereof Durying and by all the seid interest terme of yeres and also all my title and estate unto the same with all and all manor condicons and covenants in the seid Deid indented or lease conteyned. In witness wherof to this my pr'sent Deid of assignent I have put my Seale. The XIXth Day of Decembr in the yere of the Rayne of our Sovreign Lord Kyng Edward the sixt by the grace of god of England ffrance and Ireland Kyng, Defender of the faith and in ye domain of the Church of England and Irelande Supreme hedd, the seconde.

Thees barrying Whetenesse, Peter Jackson Vicar of Estem, Richard Stanley, John Wytched, Richard Towry.

*Endorsed*: assynementt from Joh. Grysse untto Sir Roland Stanlle Eq for the mannar of Bromberow. *At a later date*: Brombrugh Corte.

(1) Thomas Clarke, last Abbot of the Benedictine Abbey and first Dean of the Cathedral of the new Diocese of Chester. Died 1541.

# F.1, D.11, S. Chester. 14 Eliz: 1572. Illegal Fishing, Trafford Bridge.

Presented. For fishing at Trafforde, 26 Feb. Anno XIIII Eliz. and divers times before and after.

Thomas Hill of Overton, Rbte. barker of netherton, John Hyeton of Overton, Willm Hyeton of the same, Rycharde lyttlemore of Netherton, Lawrence Harryson of the wodehouse, John Blymston of wombley trafforde, James Clough of avanley, Hughe trafforde of the wodehouse, John fletcher of lyttle budworth, Thomas burrows of Overton, John Hofton of Sutton, John Wrighte. *Endorsed*: Billa Vera.

# F2, D.35. Middlewich. 1572.

# Ale House license. Justices' Certificate.

Willm Massie and Richard Hough Esquires two of the Queen's Ma't's Justices of peace within the Countie of Chester to all other the Justics of peas within the same countie to whom this shall app'teigne send greatinge. fforasmuche as Roger Joynson of Hasilwall in the hundreth of Wirrhall hath made sute unto us for our certificate of his state and behavior that he therby the rather maie be admytted and allowed to keepe comon alehouse within the said towne in the open Sessions of the peace according to the forme of the statute in that case made and p'vided Wee therefore knowing the same Joynson to be honest in behaviour and of quiet conversacon and the place where he dwelleth fitt and convenient for a victualler to relieve such as shall have travaild divers waies and sp'cially from and tow'rds the Realme of Ireland have thought good to signifie and reporte the same unto you under our handes and seales soe ...... aforesaid. Geven the XXth Daie of June in the XIIIIth yere of the Regne of our Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth Quene of England, etc. 1572.

#### F.2, D.38, S. Middlewich, 14 July, 14 Eliz: 1572.

# Letter to the Bench from three Justices respecting Licensing matters.

After most hartie comendacone where of late wee called the Countrey before us (as oftimes wee have been accustomed to doe) for reformacon of disorders and abuses in the same. And albeit wee finde hit in good state and order (yea muche better than some other places we heare and knowe of) considering the multitude and qualities of strangers that for passage repaire amongest us yet nevertheles a number of poore p'sons in this Hundreth being latelie indicted for keping of comon alehowses (as hit is alledged) are attached to appear at the next Sessions of the peace to annswer, which p'sons indede (as at their names herafter shall appere) have some of them been allowed and bownde before us thinking that one of us at the least has been of the (Quor) some other there be which in no wise have offended but are muche to be favored in respect that they have lodged the Quenes subjects, being no victuallers, other sort there is which (as the ancient custom of the contrey hath been) being sore chardged have made once in their

liefs a private ale for the benevolence of their frends to be had. w'thout compulcon which thinge wee have taken order to be utterlie bad waie and yet surelie not to be thought that hit is ment that the same shuld be within ye compasse of the statute being an English shire for the declaracon herof and according to our dueties wee thought to have associated you at the said Sessions if that, bothe verey urgent occasions and in some of us debilitie, had not hindered our purposes. And because wee are given to understande that none of us is of the (Quorm) so that wee maie not allow and take them bound accordinglie (which want is great in suche an Hundreth) therefore wee have spared to certefie the bondes heretofore by us taken to the Sessions. And nevertheless, wee doe thinke those (that wee note out hereunder) to be necessarie and fitt p'sons boothe for the convenience of the place and for their behavior. Wherfore and in respect of their poverties and quiet usage wee have thought good to move you for consideracon to be had for the ease of these poore p'sons as by yor wisdoms and discrecons maie seme most convenient or the thornpop hit wold place you (bicayse for the cause afore and that herupon hit wold please you (bicawse for the cawse aforesaid wee lawfullie may not) to take bondes of suche as shalbe desirous to cognise the same and to use such etolleracon for the trespass past as they maie be of this indictam't p'cured against them withowt great cawse either dischardged or otherwised eased. Wherein wee doubt not, but that you shall affurther her Ma'ty's S'vice as for the relieving of Soldiers and other Subjects that travaill in the said p'tes and by dealing charitablie towards these poore (whose offence is not so grevous as their nede great) you shall doe a good worke the further consideracon wherof wee referre unto you and most hartelie take our leaves. From Willaston the 8th of Julie 1572.

Your associates and verey loving ffrendes,

ROWLAND STANLEY, WILLIAM MASSYE, RICHARD HOUGH. Verte.

F.2, D.38 [dorse], S. Middlewich, 14 July, 14 Eliz: 1572.

List of people to whom the foregoing document refers.

James Grey Henry Fox Had once p'vate ale wherat was no William Coke gaming nor disorder. Benet of Willaston ffish Wilton? de Brombrow William Milner de Nesse George Langford These were bounde before us and are William Watmough mete p'sons. Hugh Carter James Haughton John Whitfield hath geven over.

Roger Johnson a mete p'son his father died lately and was bound. Widow Anion, her husband was bound and [she] is a mete p'son.

Hugh Yeld

John Lougie Have been bound and are mete p'sons.

John Sharp only lodgeth of good will and by command'nt of the constables gent strangers in tyme of necessytie.

Robt. Benet of Denwall an unworthy and unmete p'son.

Addressed: To the right worshipfull the Sheriff of the countie of Chester and to the Justics of peace at the Quarter Sessions assembled, geve these at Middlewiche.

## F.1, D.27, S. Chester, 20 April. 16 Eliz: 1574.

#### Writ of Summons.

To the Clerke of the Peace of the countye of Chestr or to his Deputy or Deputyes.

These shalbe to require you and nev'thelesse in the Quene's Ma'ty's behalfe to command you to make furth your warrant to the Sheryf of this countye comandyng hym therby to warne and p'clayme the next gen'all Sessyons of the peace of this countye to be holden at Chestr in the Shyre Hall there upon tuysday the XX Day of Aprell next cumyng. And this shall be yor sufficieent warrant in that behalf not faylyng at yor p'rell. Dated at Chestr the XVIII Day of februarye in syxtene yere of the Reign of or Sovr'gn Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France and Ireland Quene Defder of the fayth, etc.

P. me Laurence Smyth milit Deputat Edward fyton milit cust. Rtt in Com. pd.

#### F.2, D.23, S. Middlewich. 1574.

# Entering lands with force. Writ of Restitution.

To the Clerke of the Peace within the Countie of Chester.

Whereas Will'm parsons and Jasper Rutter have Indyted ffrancs Gryffyn and others uppon the Statute of Anno VIII Henr: Sexti [1429-30] for Entringe into certen lands and ten'ts with force. These are to comande you that you furthwithe make to the saide Will'm parsons and Jasper a writt of restitucon Accordinge to the Statute in that case provided and this shalbe a Suffycient Warrant for the same. Dat. 14 Die Julie Anno Regni Elizabeth Regine Anglic etc. XVI.

Your lovinge ffrendes

JAMES VENABLES, HENRY MAYNWARYNG.

# F.2, D.29, S. Middlewich. 1574.

# Beating a woman.

XII Die Julii An. R.R. Elizabethe etc. XVI.

Lawrence Currie of Stanley in the Countie of Staff Beinge founde within the Towne of Bosley Dysorderenge himselffe by beatinge a woman in an alehowse there who he then termed to bee his wyffe. And beinge then and there taken as a Roger or suche like disordered p'son By the Cunstables of Bosley And brought before me Sir Piers Legh Knight dothe Confesse that he hathe not as yet maried the same woman But intendethe to doo. And as he sayethe he is axed in the Churche with her. And thus much I thought good to make Certificat of unto you as a testimonie of the trothe. To th'ende you maye deale further with him as shall seame good to your wisdomes. Geven before me the daye and yere aforesaid.

PIERS LEGH.

## F.4, D.8, S. Knutsford, 1574.

#### Presentments of Jury. Repairs to Highways.

The Jurie Dothe p'sent the inh'itants of towneshippe of Cotton for not mendinge the Comon highe waie within their towneshippe Leadinge ffrom Chester to Hocknell.

The Jurie Dothe also p'sent the inh'itants of the towneshippe of Hocknell for not mendinge the Comon highe waie within their Towneshippe Leadinge from Cotton to Duddon.

The Jurie Dothe p'sent the inh'itants of the towneshippe of Clotton for not mendinge the Comon highe waie within their Towneshippe Leadinge Duddon to Torpley.

The occupiers of the Landes within the Towneshippe Hyneley for not amending the Lane Called Hyneley Lane.

The inh'itants of the wiche malbank for not amendinge the highe waie ffrom the same towne to a gutter Called Salter syche.

The inh'itants of the towneshippe of Willason for not amendinge the waie ffrom the Wiche aforesaid unto the brooke called Choire brooke.

The Jurie Dothe also p'sent the inh'itants of the towneshippe of Warmyncham for not amendinge the Waie Leadinge from Coppenhall Mosse unto the towneship of newton.

The Inh'itants of the towneshippe of Newton for not amendinge the Comon highe waie Leadinge from Warmyncham to the myddle Wiche.

The inh'itants of the towneshippe of Coppenhall for not mendinge the waie Leadinge ffrom monks Coppenhall to m'cheford? bridge and from monks Coppenhall to the bancks.

The towneshippe of leighton for not amendeinge the waie Leading ffrom wolstan wood to bradfelde grene.

The inh'itants of the Towneshippe of Church mynshall ffor not amendinge of the waie Leadinge from myneshall Towne to the lye grene and to aston grene.

The Jurie Dothe p'sent the inh'itants of the Towneshippe of Twemlowe for not amending the lane called Sanlowe Lane.

Randall Hurler of Church Copnall Stoppinge of a comon waie lyeing after the side of nightmere Lane Leadinge to Coppenhall mosse.

The towneshippe of Sandbach for not mending.

The townshippe of Wiche Malbanck ...... Aghton for not amending the hyghe waie betwyx ranmore and the Wich called ......mersse Lane.

Itm. we p'sent Aghto p'yshe for not mending fooleshurst lane.

Item A way from pever brooke to Robert Clayton's house.

Item the towne of Warford for the lane from Warford Heath so farre as theyr lybertyes extend.

Item the way betwix terto and Huxley. Billa vera.

F.4, D.10, S. Knutsford, 1574.

Concerning unlawful games : Bowls. (1)

To the Quenes Majest's Justics of the peace within the countie of chester.

It is enformed to your w'shipps upon the Quene's Majest's behalf by Sir Thomas Venables of Kinderton in the said countve Knight, how that oon Ran..... Buckeley of newton in the sayd Countye husbandeman dothe kepe ale to sell and not bounden accordynge to the Statute in that case p'vided And also dothe kepe in his howse bowls. And dothe suffre the same to be used and bowled with upon A pece of grounde called the Skeyre heathe, by meanes wherof menne Servantes and chyldren are p'voked to unthryftnes to the evyll example of all others and also to the contempt of the Quene's heighnes and her Lawes. And also know that oon Richard Lockett of the same towne And Countye dothe kepe ale to sell unbounden by meanes wherof theire is greate report of people which do geve themselfes to unleafull gamynynge wherfore it may please your w'shipps for the Redress thereof and for the advoydynge of suche further unconveynynces as they may be put downe, and no longer to contynue in that ordre but accordynge to the Lawe etc. John Thetford of the Medlewyche in lyke man' as is aforesayd.

(1) 33 Hen. VIII, c. 9.

THOMAS VENABLES.

# F.2, D.1, S. Middlewich, 12 July. 17 Eliz: 1575.

Certificate of William Bouth and Peter Warburton Justices appointing Rafe Lytler to serve in Ireland.

To the Justices of peace within the Countye of Chester and to every of them greatynge.

Whereas the Queene's Heighness I'res of comyssion were thys p'sent XVII yere of her grace's Reigne to us and other the Justices of peace within the said countye dyrected and addressed for the levyinge and appointynge of certeyne souldiers to serve her Ma'tie in her warres in Ireland. These are to advertyse and certefye you and every of you that wee Will'm Bouth and Peter Warburton esquires too of her Heighnes's Justices of peace within thys said Countye of Chester by vertue of the said I'res of comyssion dyd appointe and presse one Raffe Lytler then of Barneton within the said countye of Chester, to serve in her Majestie's said warres under Captayne Malbe and the said Raffe Lytler so beinge by us appointed and pressed was also delyvered to the said Captayne Malbe or his deputye. In wytness whereof to thys our Certyfycat wee have subscrybed our names the 3 daye of October in anno XVII Elizabeth Regine Anglic etc.

# Your lovinge ffrenndes

## WYLLM BOUTH, P: WARBURTON.

*Endorsed*: A Certyficat directed ffrom Willm Bouth and Peter Warburton esquires too of the Queenes Heighnes Justices of peace within the Countye of Chester to all the reste of the Justices of peace within the said Countye.

#### F.1, D.8, S. Chester, 29 Mar: 19 Eliz: 1577.

#### Examination by Sir Piers Legh of a "Rogue without license."

The examinate of James Anderton app'hended in Morpull in the Countie of Chester wanderinge as a Rogue without license And brought by the Cunstable of the said Towne before Sir Pier's Legh knight the 20 daie of Aprell An. RR. D'ne Elizabeth XIX.

The said ex't beinge axed of the maner and trade howe he gotte his levinge, and where hee hadde dwelled, Saithe he was borne in Burie in the Countie of Lancs, and that he hathe s'ved in the warres in Sundre places beyonde See. And also that he hathe s'ved on the Seaies. And examined where he hadde benne for the space of a Senight laste paste, Saiethe that on Setdaye night beinge the 13 of Aprell he this ex't was lodged at the howsee of one Thomas gandie nere Buckeley hill and the nexte night after, beinge Sundaye night, he was lodged in a berne at a place Called lower Pever and on Mondaye night there also, on twesday night at on antrobus nere alterengeham and on wensedaie night in a barne not farre from there, the place this ex't knoweth not. And

on thursedaye he saithe he was at a buriall of an oulde gentlemann Mr. Vaudrey nere the towne of Aultringeham. And that night hee lodged in bageley at Richard Croens. And on frydaye night at one brendrethes nere Ronald Kelsalles, and on Seterdaye this ex't beinge in Cu'panie [company] with one John Trefforde whose Cu'panie this ex't hapened upon on thursdaye at the buriall aforesayd, thei too wente together meaninge to have gonne into the Countye of Derbie and were taken the same Seterdaye in th' veninge in morpull aforesayd.

PIERS LEGH.

Act against bld. es is go

# F.1, D.2, S. Nantwich, 19 May. 32 Eliz: 1590.

# Concerning the erection of a Cottage in the demesne of Raphe Leftwyche.

1590. To the Queen's Ma'tie's Justics of peace within the Countie of Chester. In most humble wyse prayeth your Worshipps Raphe Leftwyche of Leftwyche in the Countie aforesayd Esquyer, That whereas aboute three yeres sithence the sayd Raphe Leftwyche did graunte lycence and lib'tie unto one Edward Venables that the sayd Edward shoulde erecte and sett upp upon the demesne land of the sayd Raphe Leftwyche one Cotage. Whereupon the sayd Edward Venables beinge a verie poore man to his greate coste and charge did frame a Cotage to be erected upon the savd land. After which tyme that is to saye in the 31 yere of the Queene's Ma'tie's Raigne at the p'liament holden at Westminster An Acte was made against the erectinge and buildinge of Cotage (1) by reason whereof the sayd Edward Venables could not erecte and sett the sayd Cotage for feare of the forfayture and penaltie in the sayd Acte conteyned. In tender consideracon whereof may it please yor worshipps to graunte lycence unto the sayd Edward Venables to erecte build and sett upp the sayd Cotage upon the sayd lande and that the same Edward Venables And all other the Assignes of the sayd Raphe Leftwhyche and his heires may be lycenced, p'mitted to inhabitt and dwell within the sayd Cotage by the space of fortie yeres next ensuynge after this p'sent Sessions.

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(1) 31 Eliz. C.7. Enacted under a penalty of  $\pounds 10$  that four acres of ground at least are to be layed to each.

# F.2, D.33:1591.

## Presentment of a bridge.

Presented—a platt or bridge in a way leading from Alderseye to Milton Greeyn decayed, to be maintained and repaired by John Aldersey of Brinninton, co. Flint.

#### F.3, D.11: 1591.

#### Concerning playing dice.

1591. Oct. 22. Examination of Rauphe Bellow (taken before Jhon Eggerton of Alton, esquire, one of justice of peace) who saith that on Sunday 17 Oct. he saw William Adshed Thomas Heathe and Hugh Kelsall "pleinge at the dise for money," and Rauphe Adshed and William White at the cards for money at the house of one Hugh Sparrowe in Eton, and further that on Monday 18 Oct. he came by the house of the said Sparrowe where he saw light and "hard" some noise. He went towards the house and looking in at a "slitte" he saw William Adshed at dice and heard him say "iiij myne" and heard him answer "vii myne."

On being further examined as to whether he saw gaming at one Robert furbures house in Eton he said he saw the said Robert and Thomas Heath at dice for money in the said house being an alchouse.

He further said that the said Robert Furbere is a sumaker by occupation and "Watte" [sic] Adshed is a cowper by his occupation as he verily thinketh.

#### *F*.4, *D*.1: 1591/2.

#### Writ of Restitution.

1591/2. Jan. last. Warrant to Clerk of the Peace, by Rowland Stanley, Knight, and David Yale, esquire, two of the justices of the peace. Whereas at the Sessions held at Chester on 25 Jan. 34 Eliz [1591/2] a bill of indictment for forcible and wrongful withholding of a tenement and lands of George Massey, esquire, situated in West Kirby was sworn against one Elizabeth Moneley of West Kirby, widow. To make a writ of restitution to the sheriff of the county for his execution.

#### F.1., D.2: 1592.

#### Unlawful games.

We present that Robert Sanders of Lyme, husbandman, doth kepe ale howse and doth brake th'assyse and kepe unlawful games and disordes in his house contrary to his recognizances. True bill.

### F.3, D.9, S. Northwich: 1592

# Concerning the larceny of a goose.

The confession of Ellen Backensoll taken by oath the XIIth day of October Anno R.R. Eliz XXXIIII cora Will'm Brereton Milit, 1592. This examinant sayeth that upon Tuesday last past Wm. Joneson of Sandbache, weaver, persuaded her to go to some place to steale a goose to eat, so as this ex'nt went upon the Wednesday next following to one Richhard Spearepoynt's house of Brereton and late in the eveninge she did steale a goose there and carried it to the said Joneson's workehouse in Sandbache where she every night did lye: and earlie in the morninge this present 12 Oct. Wm. Joneson did call upon her, who was then asleep, and asked of her whether she had gotten a goose, and answering that she had one arose and took it with her into Wm. Joneson's house and delivered it unto Wm. Joneson and his wife. And she said Joneson's wife presentlie dressed the goose and retained it in her keepinge: and further this examinant sayeth that Wm. Joneson demanded of her whether she had the goose far enough and she answered in the presence of Joneson's wife that she had it at one Richard Spearepoynt's house in Brereton foresaid and further cannot say.

W. BRERETON.

See S. B. 2A, 17 Oct. 1592. for the indictment of Ellen Backensoll and William Joneson. The former pleads guilty and the latter places himself on the mercy of the Court.

#### F.2, D.34: 1594.

#### Concerning an allowance for a poor prisoner.

Petition of Thomas Maddocke who having byne prisoner in the Castell of Chester for many years past and now being through the visitation of God brought to great poverty and impotence by the said imprisonment, may it please your worships in tender consideration thereof and the rather Mr. Justice Shuttleworth being acquainted therewith to grant unto your said orator such allowance as is yielded to the poor prisoners in this castle and your said orater will not fayle to pray for your worships prosperity and preservation to God his pleasure.

Addressed to the Justices of the Peace.

#### F.2, D.35, S. Chester, 30 July. 36 Eliz: 1594.

#### Authority for the Treasurers to pay Richard Jennyns a pension.

Whereas it appeareth by the certificate of the Earl of Essex late lord general of her Ma'ty's forces in Normandy that the bearer hereof Richard Jennyns gent. hath continued long on her Ma'ty's martial service and served in Normandy as a lieutenant of the companie of

Sir Ferdinando Gorges knt. (who hath subscribed the same certificate) as by the muster rolls doth likewise appear. In which service he hath received divers hurts and is maimed in his right hand, whereby he is unable any longer to serve. Forasmuch as by reason thereof he is to be relieved by virtue of the Statute in the last session of parliament, It is therefore not to be doubted but that the treasurers and commissioners of the County of Chester where he was born will have a special care to see him provided of such a yearly stipend as by the tenor of the statute is ordained to a soldier of his place and qualitie. Dated at London 10 July 1594.

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#### F.2, D.36: 1594.

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## Certificate of Robert Earl of Essex.

To her Majesties Justices of the Peace within the County of Chester.

Forasmuch as Richard Jenyns gentleman late lieutenant to the Company of Sir Ferdinando Gorges knight lt. col. to Sir Roger Williams knight Marshal of Her Majesty's army sent unto the parts of Normandie under the command of me Robert Earl of Essex appointed late general thereof, is by a wound received of thenemie in that service, maimed of his right hand, and thereby disabled in his body, that he hath been inforced to discontinue his former charge and imployment in that course. And hath withall spent a large part of his estate as I am credibly informed. I the said lord general have thought it convenient to give advertisement thereof to you that be Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the aforesaid County of Chester, where he was born, to the end that he may be provided for as to officers of such quality by a late most honourable statue in that behalf enacted doth appertayne.

Given under my hand and seal and attested in like sort by the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges the 30th day of June, 1594.

#### ESSEX.

Sealed—Arms—a fesse, in chief three roundels. Encircled by the Garter.

#### FER. GORGES.

F.2, D.30, S. Chester, 29 July. 37 Eliz: 1595.

# Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Justices respecting the release from Chester Castle of Richard Massy, a Recusant.

Whereas Richard Massy gent hath for the space of ten years (as is alleged) remained prisoner in the Castle of Chester for matters of Recusancie. Forasmuch as he is said to be verie aged, grown weak and full of infirmities by reason of his close imprisonment

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orafnurth as Birhard Jennyns gentleman late rieutenannt to the donupany of S ? ~ Herdmando Gorges Enight. divitionannt dolonell to Dogor Molliams Enight Mar fat of fer Mai Army Entrinto the park of Aromandie puder the domanno of me Colert tere of Mar around to sord Generall thereof, Is by a round receased of thenemic in that ~ browne, may ned of fis Light faulter and thereofy on proposed of the context of that both for batt by niferred to diffout puder and thereofy and ymployment in that out batt browned to diffout pude fis former thank for the received of the out of the former browned to diffout pude fis former thange and ymployment in that both batt by niferred to diffout pude fis former thange and ymployment of the out for the great pumpairing of fis effatte, as fam tredibly informed. I the fast dont for the baw thought it to northouse to give advertifement thereoff to you that be beer Omai fulfittes of the peare in the forefait dount of definer thereoff to you that be beer Omai fulfittes of the peare in the forefait dount of definer mole fund formed berne, To then be may be provided for, as to offices of fut guality by a late molt bour and Geale, and atte field in life forter by the fait set of the former of both for and Geale, and atte field in life forter by the fait Set of that guality by a late molt and Geale, and atte field in life forter by the fait Set of the former of the former and the field in life forter by the fait Set former of the former of and the field in

Certificate of Robert, Earl of Essex, respecting a pension for a Cheshire gentleman, wounded in Normandy. Dated 1594.

and that by the testimony of the late Bishop of Chester(1) he is a man simple and unlearned and therefore not like to do hurt to others by his conversation or perswasions. We are contented he be confined to some certain place of abode as by the late Statute [ $35 \ Eliz: c. 2$ ] is ordained and do therefore pray and require you upon the receipt hereof to give order for the same accordingly and so to let him at liberty and this shall be your warrant. So fare you well. From the Court at Greenwich, 2 July 1595.

JO: CANT (2), JO: PUCKERING, W. BURGHLEY, W. COBHAM, T. BUCKEHURST, T. HENEAGE, RO: CECYLL.

To Sir Thomas Egerton, knight, Master of the Rolls and Chamberlain of Chester.

In accordance with the above letter from the Council the Justices issued an order at the above Sessions that Richard Massy shall be forthwith discharged from his imprisonment, and repair to his own house at Waverton and not pass at any time five miles therefrom without licence [see F.2, D.31, 1595].

(1) William Chaderton, 5th Bp. of Chester.

(2) J. Whitgift, Abp. of Canterbury.

#### F.2, D.44, S. Chester, 19 July, 1597.

# Letter to the Justices from the parson of Waverton.

Whereas variance and dissention hath of longe depended betweene this bearer Clement Starkye gent and one John Lewis, both being parishioners of Waverton, which dissention I the parson there and other the neighbours of that Towne have at dyvers tymes endeavoured to compounde betweene them, and namely of late I have labored by all Christian persuasion as to my dutye appertayneth to reconcile them, and for that we have prevayled nothinge therein, neyther is there lykelyhood that persuasion may hereafter prevayle but more malyce and evil will is lyke to be shewed by either of them to other in molesting either other by suites and charges in lawe which this bearer Clement Starkye is willinge should be laid awaye and all matters between them to cease so as they might live in love and charitye as becometh good Christians to do, but John Lewis will in nowise yield unto this Christian reconciliation, being in very deed of wayward and wranglinge nature, and for that, this their debate is offensive to all their neighbours. ..... I the parson am moved, and that for conscience sake to require the ayde of such as are in authoritye to take consideration thereof that it may please them by force to remedy that that otherways seameth to be remedylesse.

Written at Waverton 19 July, 1597. by me William Wright, parson.

# F.3, D.1. S. Nantwich, 25 Oct. 39 Eliz: 1597.

## Tiverton in Devon. Concerning losses by fire.

To Sir Richard Shuttleworth, Knight and Henry Towneshend esq. Trinity. 40 Eliz: 1598.

Whereas her most excellent Majesty hath been informed of the extreme losses (by fire) of us the late townsmen of Tiverton in Devon, namely that the town on Monday 3 April last past, being market and then at full, was in effect burned to ashes as it were in a moment. And about 400 dwelling houses with the goods, writings, plate, money and moveables in them and in the market utterly wasted to nothing. The losses surmount the sum of £150,000 [sic.] and about 940 men women and children undone thereby and forced to live on almes besides 50 persons burned to death and many more since dead with sorrow.

And whereas her Majesty hath (of her princely inclination) granted by letters patent dated at Greenwich 7 July in this present fortieth year of her reign, and under the great seal of England the sum of five thousand pounds towards some part of our losses namely out of the Counties within your worships circuit the several sums hereunder written (to be paid in three years next) and that according to a law established at this last parliament as by the letters patent more at large appeareth. May it therefore please your worships to publish in your circuit her Majesty's pleasure in this behalf. And to use such exhortation unto those whom God hath blessed with abundance in your circuit for some voluntary offering towards the relief of our miserable penury as your prudent discretion shall seem to be most expedient.

The Circuit of Sir Richard Shuttleworth and Henry Towneshend esq with the particular taxation.

Cheshire		 50£	Flint		. 30£
Denbigh	·	 40£	Montgo	mery	30£
		JOHN	POPHAM,	WILLIAM	PERYAM.

# F.3, D.2, S. Nantwich, 24 Oct. 40 Eliz: 1598. Statute labour on highways neglected.

Here is an inst. note of all those which have not done their work at highways according to the Statute [5 *Eliz*: *c*. 13, *s*. 7] made by me Roger Widder supervisor of Lostock 14 Oct. 1598.

Imprimis, Thomas Venables of Augustry? having one of the best tenements in the town hath done nothing.

John Grange keepeth a draught but sent it not to the lanes, but a workman.

John Johnson likewise was absent four days.

Edward Hey did six days, but not with his draught.

The widow Sudlow and her son having the best tenement in Lostocke did three days, but not with her draught.

John Leigh and Humfrey Bebbington did likewise.

Edward Foxeley did nothing at all.

Margery Blease two days behind and wrought four days.

Robert Jacsone likewise.

George Hilton for not scouring his ditch which is a menace to the way.

# F.3, D.4, 1598.

# Presentments by constables at above Sessions.

The township of Hurleston, 1598. Richard Shenton and Rich. Mollett, constables.

First we present Ric: Cruck? for making a fray upon John Tilston. We do present John Tilston for the like.

We do present Ric: Cruck? for breaking the siz [assize] of bread and ale. Also Anne Wright for likewise.

# F.1, D.33, S. Nantwich, 15 April, 42 Eliz: 1600.

# Letter to the Justices from the Bishop of Chester respecting relief of the poor.

Whereas some scruple and doubt is made by certain Chapelaries and townships belonging to the parish Church of St. Werburg in Chester(1) about contributions for the relief of the poor according to the late statute [5 *Eliz*: c. 3], and for that the statute referreth the determination of such doubt to the bench of Justices in their Sessions. These are to signify unto you that myself who have dealt therein according to my skill, together with Mr. Sergeant Warburton, am willing to refer the matter in question to your deeper consideration, not doubting but you will carry an even hand in this case with some respect of the City overcharged with multitudes of poor people, both inhabitants and passengers which require no small relief. And so commending the matter to your further decision I commit you to the protection of the Almighty. Chester 22 Oct. 1599.

Your very loving assured friend to his power,

RIC: CESTREN. (2)

To the Justices in Quarter Sessions at Nantwich.

- (1) The south transept of the Cathedral, dedicated to St Werburg, was the parish church of St. Oswald.
- (2) Richard Vaughan, 7th Bp. of Chester.

F.3, D.20, S. Middlewich, 26 Oct. 44 Eliz: 1602.

Presentments made by the Constables of the Townships named in the hundred of Eddisbury.

Frodsham. John Bradforde and William Callester for keepinge unlawful gaming in their houses viz. 16 July in the night time.

Rushton. George Richardson for lodginge of rogues, whores, lewd and wandering persons.

Picforton. John Mores for lodginge rogues.

Elizabeth Jameson widow for lodginge rogues and wanderinge persons.

Phillippe Billington, a common harbourer and lodger of rogues, whores, persons suspected and knowne to have committed divers felonies and pylfyres. Hughe Yeowed, John Yeowed Raph Hall alias Banyon and John Lowe of Cavley husbandman for playinge in the house of Huge Yeowed at cardes, dice and tables, 16 Sep. all night and the next day.

Ince.

Alvanley.

Little Budworth.

Wimbolds trafforde.

John Grimes, Richard Thomasson, John Blynston, William Edge, John Taylor of Thorton for bowlinge at the said Crimes house one Sundaye 8 Aug. at time of divine service and sermon.

John Mylner for keepinge and sufferinge un-

HUGHE BEESTON, R. BRERETON.

Billa vera.

F.4, D.1, S. Chester, 11 Jan. 45 Eliz: 1602/3.

Orders to be observed within the County of Chester [by constables].

lawful gaminge in his house.

1. Every Constable shall, within their several townships, search once every week for all rogues and wandering persons that use no trade or means to live by but begging loitering or gaming. And then according to the statute [39 Eliz: c. 4] to punish them and make their passports and cause them to be conveyed to the next constable and so from constable to constable the direct way to the place where they were born or last abode, and every month to make their presentments and charge the inhabitants of every township to aid and assist them [*the constables*] And to present those that make default.

2. To present the names of all the lodgers of rogues and vagrants and bring them before some Justice to the end they may be imprisoned and fined, bound to their good behaviour and so appear before the Justices of Assize.

3. To make search for houses of unlawful gaming and present them, also servants and others that play at cards, dice or tables. And those that do not keep their houses in the night time, the offenders are to be imprisoned, fined and bound to good behaviour.

4. To present those that sell ale not being bound, or being bound do suffer unlawful gaming in their houses or receive any men's sons or servants, or suffer any to be in their houses in time of divine service or sermon.

5. The head constables are to make enquiry of the neglect of the petty constables and present them, and they are to be at the commandment of the head constables.

6. In every township a whipping stock is to be set up before the next meeting of her Majesty's Justices upon pain of 20s.

7. To make enquiry, search and present all such as make any feasts in the night time to which any men's sons or servants or disordered persons do resort.

8. To present those that bring or set forth any wares to be sold upon the Sabbath day (except butchers that sell victuals). The offenders are to be imprisoned.

9. To present those that sell ale for more than after the rate of a wine quart for a penny. The offenders are to be imprisoned, fined and bound. They shall sell no more.

10. The constables not performing these articles are to be imprisoned and bound to be of good behaviour and to appear before the Justices of Assizes. And also they shall appear before her Majesty's Justices of Peace at their monthly meeting or such other times as the Justices shall appoint.

#### S. Chester, 3 May, 1 Jac. I, 1603. S.B. 4a.

#### Grant for the Education of a boy.

It is ordered by the Justices of Peace at this Quarter Sessions that the gents, churchwardens and parishioners of the Parish of Wybumbrie do make a yearlie collection and allowance of the sum of 20s. to Roger Harding towards the educacon and bringing up of Samuel Eaton son of one Mr. Eaton, Clerk, deceased. The said sum of 20s. to be paid unto Roger Harding by the churchwardens of the parish for the time being quarterlie by even portions until further order, and a note to this effect is delivered to Roger Harding accordinglie.

# F.2, D.55, S. Nantwich, 19 July, 1 Jac. I, 1603.

## Warrant for the arrest of one charged with threatening another.

Rycharde Brereton of Wettenhall Esq. one of the King's Ma'ts. Justices of peace within the County of Chester to the Sheriff of the said County and to all Mayors, Bayliffes, Constables and other his Ma'ts. officers and ministers to whome these presents shall come greetinge.

Forasmuch as Hughe Greene of Occlestone, husbandman hath come before me and taken his corporall oath that he is afraid of hurte and danger of his lyffe and mayminge of his lymmes by Homfraye Wrighte of the Myddellwich, husbandman, and hath there withall prayed suertyes of the peace against Homfraye Wright.

These are to command you joyntly and severally ymediately upon the receipt hereof you bring before me or some other Justice of the peace within the County the said Homfraye Wrighte to fynde sufficient suretyes for the peace to be kept by him towards our sov'eigne Lorde the Kinge and all his liege people and especially towards Hughe Greene as also for his personal appearance at the next Quarter Sessions to be holden within this County and if then he shall refuse then ymediately him you cause to be safely conveyed unto his Ma'ts. Castell of Chester together with this preceipte there to remaine without baile or mainprize until he shall willingly do the same. And that your doings in the premisees together with this precept you certify at the next Quarter Sessions. Given at Wettenhall under my hand and seale 11 May, 1 Jac. I.

#### S.B.4a. S. Middlewich, 25 Oct. 1 Jac. I, 1603.

### Relief for infected Towns.

It is ordered that a contribution and assessment amounting to the fourth part of a mize be speedilie made and collected for the relief of the inhabitants of the townes of Macclesfield and Congleton, being now visited with sickness, through the countie whereof two parts to be paid to Sir Vrian Leigh, Sir Thomas Stanley knights and Randle Davenport esquire for the use of Macclesfield and the other third part for the use of Congleton to be paid to the hands of William Liversage and Henry Manwaringe esquires before the tenth day of Nov. next. And letters for the speedie collection thereof to be sent by the Clerke of the Peace to the high Constables in everie hundred, provided that the hundreds of Macclesfield and Northwich (together with the township of Boughton being now likewise visited) be exempted from this taxation.

#### F.4, D.3, S. Nantwich, 24 Jan. 1603/4.

# Certificate from the Justices to the Treasurer of England concerning the price of corn.

Our duties remembered: Where your honour by your letters dated the 13 Oct. last hath required six Justices of the peace, at the least, of this county to certify your honour of the severall prices of wheat, rye, barley, malt, beans and pease in this county, and whether we can conveniently spare any reasonable quantity thereof.

These are to advertise your Lordship that there is not such plenty of corn in this county as any may be spared for transportation but to the great prejudice of the poorer sort our wants being weekly supplied from other adjacent counties. And the prices of the said grains we have hereunder severally set down as they be at this present commonly sold in the market within this county.

# Middlewich, 26 Oct. 1603.

W. BRERETON, VRYAN			RON.	
DAVENPORT, THO: LAWTON,	THO: STANLI	EY.	a d	1
After Winchester measure	Wheat the	bushel	s. d. 4 4	

After Winchester measure	Wheat the bushel	4 4
8 gals: to a bushel.	Rye ,, ,,	2 8
	Barley ,, ,,	2 0
	Malt ,, ,,	2 8
Of these small store	Beans ,, ,,	2 4
	Pease ,, , ,,	2 0

To the right hon: the Lord Buckhurste, Lo: High Treasurer of England, give these.

*Endorsed*: Copy of the certificate to the Lord Treasurer concerning corn, 26 Oct. 1603. Corn for the Sessions.

## F.2, D.39, S. Nantwich, 23 July. 3 Jac. 1605.

# Letter from the Lords of the Council.

After our hearty comendacons. We did little expect we should have had that occasion given us to move you to extend your help towards your distressed neighbours, which by the complaint of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Chester coming from so far unto us, we can do no less than earnestly commend their grievious case to your neighbourly consideration. It hath pleased God to lay so heavy a visitation upon the Inhabitants of that City for these two years [1603-5] (as we are informed by the Mayor and Aldermen) that they are no longer able to continue the great charge necessary without assistance from you, the number of poor people requiring relief exceeding by a very large proportion those that are able and do help the needy and visited persons. In this lamentable case they have been forced to seek the aid of the County, which, both in Christian consideration and by the late Statute [1 Jac. I, 1603] ought to be afforded them, wherein though they have found
some of you (the Justices of Peace of the County) very forward to commiserate and relieve them, yet they have also found that indisposition in others which they little did expect, which to us seemeth very strange. We doubt not but being awakened by us, you will all shew that neighbourly feeling, as you will take some present course, the law directing the same to move the inhabitants of the county to contribute towards their relief in such measure as may be to their comfort, which we heartily pray you to do. And so we bid you farewell from Whitehall this 10th of Julie 1605.

# Your very loving friends

T. ELLESMERE, Canc.(1), T. DORSET(2), NOTINGHAM(3), SUFFOLKE(4), SALISBURY(5), E. WOTTON, ......HOPE, J. FORTESCUE(6), .....WAAD(7).

To our loving friends Sr. Peter Warburton, one of the Judges of the Comon Pleae, S'r John Egerton, Knights, Thomas Wilbram, Thomas Brooke, Richard Brewerton, Richard Grovenour and Thomas Marbury Esquiers.

- (1) Sir Thomas Egerton, lord keeper, made lord chancellor and Baron Ellesmere in 1603.
- (2) Thomas Sackville, lord treasurer.
- (3) Charles Howard, lord high admiral.
- (4) Thomas Lord Howard de Walden, created Earl of Suffolk 1603.
- (5) Sir Robert Cecil (1561-1612), secretary to James I. Created Earl of Salisbury 1605.
- (6) Sir John Fortescue, a Privy Councillor, 1604.
- (7) Sir William Waad, Lieutenant of Tower, 1613.

F.3, D.21, S. Nantwich, 15 Oct. 3 Jac. 1605.

#### Relief of plague in Chester.

At Nantwich 23 Sept. 1605. Before Sir Richard Lewkener and Sir Henry Townshend Justices.

Forasmuch as the Lords of the King's most honourable privie council have heretofore addressed their letters to diverse Justices of Peace for a collection to be made for the relief of infected persons of the Cittie of Chester [see F.2, D.39, 1605]. And there upon the half of one payment of the myse within the County was granted to the Cittie And as it appeareth unto the Justices by letters to them from Edward Dutton Esq, Mayor, that the state of the Cittie is verie poore and the infection great, and that they do want relief. It is therefore assented unto by the Justices of the Countie and so ordered that one other half of one payment of the myse through the whole Countie shall be taxed and assessed towards the relief of infected persons in Chester (except those towns in the Countie which are now infected) And the same to be collected by

the Justices in every hundred which collected the former, and by them paid to the Mayor at or before 2 Oct. next.

#### Endorsed: 23 Sep. 1605.

Memorandum that at the place and time within written it was ordered [obliterated] the Justices within named that whosoever shall refuse to contribute the payment within mentioned shall be comitted to prison named or bound for their appearance at the next assists to be holden for the Countie of Chester.

R. LEWKENOR, H. TOWNESHEND.

# F.3, D.37, S. Nantwich, 15 Oct. 1605. [See F.3, D.21, 1605].

# Relief of plague, Hundred of Broxton.

The account of Richard Grosvenor and Arthur Starkey Esqs. Collectors within the Hundred of Broxon of the money received for the relief of the infected with the plague in the City of Chester made and Certified at the Quarter Sessions holden at Nantwich, 15 Oct. 1605.

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Received by the accountants 13 Aug last past out of several Townships within the Hundred by vertue of an order made at Quarter Sessions holden at Nantwich 23 July, last past, the sum of

Paid to Edward Dutton Esq. Mayor of Chester 8 Sep, last past for the relief of infected persons in Chester 21 the sum of

Towns exempted and freed from this taxation by reason they were then visited.

Newton juxta Chester. Hoole. Boughton. Parva Christleton.

Church Christleton allowed 5s for carring a woman infected out of the town. Aldford.

Poulton.

Towns yet unpaid the occupiers whereof are inhabiters within the City of Chester.

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RICH: GROSVENOR, AR: STARKEY.

# F.3, D.39, 15 Oct. 1605. [See F.3, D.21, 1605].

# Accounts concerning plague in Chester.

The account of Thomas Wylbram Esq as well of all the money as hath been collected within his own allotment in Nantwich hundred as in any other allotments which have been paid to his hands and so paid over for relief of the infected people of Chester and taxed upon their hundred at two several taxations, one upon the 2 Aug. 1605, the other on 5 Oct. 1605.

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Rate			
Md. That the money due from the several towns in the allotment of Thomas Wilbram after the rate of half one paym't of a mize cometh to	8	4	4
Receipts			
Imprimis. Received of the several townships in his allotment the 2 Aug. 1605 the sum of Received of Mr. Cotton for some of the townships in	7	18	0
his allotment	5	4	5
Received of Mr. Delves for some of the townships in his allotment	4	1	2
Payments			
Paid to Mr. Mayor of Chester, 16 Aug. as appeareth by his acquittance	17	2	7
Remains			
Remains collected in Thomas Wilbraham's allot- ment of that taxed	-	6	4
Receipts			
Received in his allotment, 5 Oct. Received of some townshipps in Mr. Cotton's allotment			9
Received of Sir Tho: Vernon out of his allotment		32	
Payments	0	-	••
Paid to Mr. Mayor of Chester, 11 Oct.	12	18	0
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Remains uncollected in Tho: Wylbram's allotment of his later taxation Whereof Cholmeston being infected is released which was to pay 6s. 8d.	-	12	7
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THOMAS V	VYL	BR	AM.
Endorsed: Mr. Wylbram's account for money lev	ied d	for	the

*Endorsed*: Mr. Wylbram's account for money levied for the infected people at Chester at 2 taxations 1605.

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# F.3, D.35, S. Chester, 21 Oct.: 1606.

Concerning a Causeway between Warrington Bridge and Wilderspool.

We are informed that the waie between Warrington Bridge end and Wilderspool within the County of Chester is in great decay and almost become unpassable and is like in a short time to be washed out by the sea unless it be speedly repaired. And there is no way in those parts for the inhabitants of the County for their "ffyre" [fair] or to the market but that way, as likewise the end of the Bridge which is within the Countie of Chester is in some decay and Mr. Marbury, Mr. Ireland and Thomas Hall who have land adjoining to the said way are contented, with their tenants, to allow so much of their lands adjoining as shall be needful for a causeway for passengers on horseback, to be used at all times when by reason of the water overflowing they cannot pass the lower highway. These therefore are to require you that at your next Sessions you take especial care that the decay of the bridge and way may be enquired of and presented according to the Statute and taxation made for the repair of both and likewise see the said causeway made.

From Han ..... 10 Oct. 1606.

Your Lovinge ffrends R. LEWKENOR, H. TOWNESHEND.

Addressed: To the Justices of Peace for the County.

# S.B. 4a. S. Middlewich, 6 Oct 1607.

At the above Sessions Thomas Marburie and Thomas Ireland, owners of the land adjoining the highway between Wilderspool and Warrington Bridge, agreed to convey to the County for ever the land necessary for the construction of the proposed causeway. The Bench appointed a committee of eleven, or any eight of them, to report on the proposed causeway. Eight viewed the ground on 21 Dec. 1607 and reported against the scheme for the reason that the cost would be great and the causeway would impound the water in the adjoining grounds. They proposed that a sum of  $\pm 50$ should be charged on the whole County for the repair of the existing road.

#### F.3, D.36, S. Chester, 21 Oct. 1606.

# Oaths for Recusants.

These are to certifie and make known that all and singular the persons whose names are subscribed have personally appeared before me George by God's permission Bishop of Chester (1). this present year of our Lord 1606, and have taken the oaths lately appointed to be ministered unto Recusants expressed in an Act made at the second session of Parliament 5 Nov., 3 Jac. I, entitled "An Act for the better discovering and repressing of popish recusants," and have thereunto suscribed their names or marks as by the said Act is appointed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand this 20 Oct. 1606.

John Kelsall of Newton in Co. of Chester Husb. Richard Cotgrave of Christleton in same Co. Yeom. Allan Dracott of Chatterley in Co. Staff. gen. Henry Lathom of Mosburrow in Co. Lancs. gen. William Mather of Parre in same Co. Husb. Edward Ellam parish of Prescott in same Co. Husb. Henry Shopping of Barnaker in same Co. Husb. John Leigh of Parre in said Co. Yeom. Roger Tyrer of Preston in Amoundernes in same Co. Yeom. John Streete of Woolston Wood in Co. of Chester Husb. Thomas Huxley of Apram in said Co. Husb. Richard Chestres of Spurstowe in said Co. Husb. William Moore of same in said Co. Husb. William Chestres of same in said Co. Husb. Edmund Parkinson of Wilmerleigh in Co. Lancs. Yeom. Henrie Kighley of Billesburrowe in Co. aforesaid Yeom. Thomas Adamson of Catterall in Co. aforesaid Husb. Edward Baldin of Meirestrowe in Co. aforesaid Husb. John Holker of Barnaker in Co. aforesaid Weaver.

William Cheshier of Holme, parish of Winwicke in Co. aforesaid, Carpenter.

Nicholas Fazackerley of Walton in Co. aforesaid, Gen.

GEORG: CESTREN:

(1). George Lloyd, 8th Bishop of Chester.

# F.4, D.44, S. Nantwich, 27 Jan, 1606/7.

# Concerning the keeping of a Recusant.

Salut'm in Chr's: Whereas I am informed by this bearer Richard Whitby that there is an indictment preferred against him for keeping in his house a recusant by the space of one month or more (1). And he protesteth that the party meant was unto him a person altogether unknown, who being a Quaker and, coming unto him in harvest time to seek work when he stood in need of a servant, gave only entertainment unto her for the time of his necessary occasions which in the like case anyone might have done. And Richard Whitby himself is to my own knowledge one that usually repaireth to the Church and is conformable to the laws in such cases provided. These shall be therefore to intreat your

lawful favours towards him in this business. And that his offence, ignorantly committed, be not further urged against him than the law requireth. I know that in your wisdomes you will have such good consideration as is fit rather respecting the true intent and meaning of the statute than the strict rigour thereof, which leaving to your upright judgements, comending myself to you all and wishing good success to your painful endeavours for the common good I commit you to God from my palace at Chester this 25 Jan. 1606.

Your assured loving friend

GEORG: CESTREN:

Addressed: To the Right worshipful my very loving friends his Ma't's Justices of the Peace within the County of Chester assembled at Nantwich Give these.

(1). 3 Jac. I Cap. 4, Sec. 32.

# F.1, D.16, S. Knutsford, 27 April, 5 Jac. I, 1607.

# Procedure in Bastardy Case.

Letter from Geo. Cotton and Arthur Starkey to Robert Whytbye Clerk of the Peace at Knutsford.

Mr. Whytbye, there was a recognizance acknowledged before us by Thomas Massye and John Sale for the discharginge the parish of Wrenburye of a bastard childe supposed to be gotten by George Dicken upon the bodye of Catheryn Sevell which recognizance together with examinacon is returned unto the Sessions, and since the sending thereof, the parties bound have brought before us the father of George Dicken who hath together with certayne friends entered into newe recognizances to discharge the said parish of the childe if it be lawfullye fathered upon Dicken or else to bring in George Dicken to appeare at the next Sessions after this Sessions, therefore wee desire that the said Massye and Salle may be released of their recognizance, and have sent money by this bearer for their discharge, whereof praying you not to ffayle.

Combermere 27 April 1607.

#### F.1, D.19, Ibid, 5 Jac. I, 1607.

#### Randall Smith, a bastard child.

Peter Legh kn't. and John Arderne Esq. two of the Justices of our sovereign lord the King within the Countie. To the Sheriff and to all Mayors, Bayliffes, Constables ...... greetinge. Forasmuch as the said Justices are crediblie informed that one Randall Smith late of ..... in the said Countie, husbandman is a person of lewde and evill behaviour, refusing his obedience to the holsome lawes by his Majestie ordeyned, in that he hath, contrarie both to the lawes of God and his Ma'tie., gotten a childe upon the bodie of one Marie Tonge. of Stockport and refuseth either to marrie or perform the laws in that case provided [18 Eliz:C.3,S.2]. These are therefore in his Ma't's name to charge you and every of you to bring before us or some other Justices within the said Countie the bodie of Randall Smith to fynd suffycient sureties as well for his personal appearance at the next Quarter Sessions to be holden within the Countie as also for his good abearinge towards our sovereign Lord the Kinge and all his liege people. And if he shall this refuse to do, then you convey him to the next gaole in the Countie so that he may be before the Justices at the Sessions. Fayle not as you will answer the contrarie at your perils.

Given under our hands and seales 17 Aprill, 4 Jac.

#### F.2, D.64, S. Chester, 21 July, 5 Jac., 1607.

Letter from R. Lewkenor to Henry Birkhened Esq. Prothonotarie, about the bail of a recusant, and arrangements for avoiding infection in Chester Castle.

Mr. Birkhened your letter of 24th last month I have received. As touching the baylement [bail] of Elizabeth Rondle, a recusant, who was latelie comitted to the Castle of Chester, she having taken with her divers papistical bookes and other things, which for that I do not understande that she is yet indicted or convicted for recusancie, and being so poore as is enformed I think fit that you do bayle her, upon her husband's bonde for her appearance at the next Assizes to be holden within the County Palatine of Chester, if you can have no other sufficient securitie for her appearance there, And the books to be safely kept by you until the Assizes to be in readiness according to the Lawe.

And I am given to understand the Gaol at Chester is at this present pestered with many prisoners and divers of them remayning for small matters. I have thought good for avoyding infection and further inconveniences to let you understand that I wish and require that at the next Quarter Sessions shortlie to be holden. you and others the Justices (Mr. Humfrey Davenport or some others learned in the Lawes being present) do then detayn all such prisoners as shall remayne for small causes, that thereby all danger may be avoyded, and the country eased of some part of their charge. And I wish that of this my desire you should make Mr. Richard Brereton and other Justices acquainted that so every of them may be readie and willing for the performance of the service accordingly; and all such persons as are bound to prosecute may have notice given unto them to be then and there ready to prosecute their bills of indictments and to give evidence thereupon as well to the one Jury as the other. And so not doubting of your due respect and care herein I do with my hearty comendacons commit you to God from his Ma'ts. Castle of Ludlowe 1 July 1607.

# S.B. 4a, S. Chester, 19 Jan. 5 Jac., 1607/8.

# Report of Committee appointed to view the Highway between Wilderspool and Warrington Bridges.

Wheras at the Sessions of Peace holden at Nantwich w'thin the County of Chester the sixth day of October last past It was there then amongst other things ordered and agreed uppon that wee whose names are subscribed together with some others or anie Eight of us should vewe the higheway betwine Wilderspoole and Warrington bridges and consider the decay thereof and to certyfie what sume of money or charge would be suffycyent for the mending of the said way and making the same passable have this 10 Dec. 1607 Repayred to the said place and vewed the said decayed waie And have likewyse vewed the land which should have been gyven for making of a Cawsey for horse and foote betwine the said bridges and doe finde that the charge of the said Cawsey would be great and doubtful whether the same would stande if it should be made And some came before us and doe affirme that the same cawsey would imponde the water in the adjoyning grounde to the prejudice of the owners thereof wheruppon wee forbare to proceade anie further therin. And nev'theles vewed and considered with the advyse of workmen how and in what sorte the Comon highwaie mighte be made convenyently passable at this one line onely at the charge of the Cuntrey Bycause the said way is in soe great decay and dangerous for passingers and likely to be worne out by the sea if it be not spydyly repayred which the p'she of it self is not able to doe in such convenyent tyme as the necessytie thereof requireth And nev'theles beinge once done wee thinke it fitt the said waie be ev'after meynteyned by the p'she of Gropinall Wee have therefore uppon the consideracon aforsaid thought it fitt that the whole county be charged with the some of ffyftie pounds towards the repayring, the cost for the time onely and noe more. And ev'after the same to be repayred by the said p'ishe of Gropinall which said sume of money we thinke fitt to be paid to the hands of Richard Marburie John Allyn ...... Tho. Twambrocke and Richard Starkey gents to the ende they as surveyors of the work for mending of the said waie maie disburse and lay out the said money as occasyon shalbe offered. And of the premisses wee thought it our p'ts to certyfie you and soe taking leave this said 10 Dec. 1607.

Your verie loving ffrends

W. BRERETON, THOS. BROOKS, WILLIM BRERETON, THO: MARBURIE, THOMAS GRYMESDYCHES, RICHARD MARBURIE, JOHN ALLEN, RICHARD STARKEY.

*Endorsed*: Certificate for the repayre of the way between Wyllerspoole bridge and Warrington bridge.

# S.B. 4a. S. Chester, 19 Jan. 5 Jac. 1607/8.

# Order made on previous Report concerning the Highway between Wilderspool and Warrington Bridges.

It is ordered that the some of  $50\pounds$  shalbe levyed and collected within this County of ev'y hundred ratably in such sort as other soms have ben accustomed to be levyed and the sevall hundreds to be Contrubutary after the same rate. And the said some of L £ to be collected and p'd to the ov'seers in a former order named viz. Ric. M'bury, Jo. Allen, Thomas Twanbrocke and Ric. Starkey gents before the next gen'all Sessions of the peace next to be houlden in this Countie. The same money to be ymploied in repaire of the waie betweene the bridges of Wilderspoole and Warrington, which waie by a form' order taken at the laste Sessions is appointed to be viewed and then amended and that the said somme of 50 £ soe to be levied and paid shalbe by waie of Charitie and the Cuntrie not to remaine hereafter chargeable to repaier the said waie but the same to be done by the p'ishe wherein it is accordinge to lawe.

GEORG: CESTREN, RICH: GROSVENOR, THO: MARBURIE, R. BRERETON, RIC: STARKE.

# S.B.4a. S. Chester, 17 Jan, 6 Jac. 1608/9.

#### Proclamation by James I respecting Alehouse Licenses.

# JAMES R.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Maiors and Justices of our Cittie and Countie of Chester.

Trustie and welbeloved wee greete you well. Beinge informed of the excessive number of Alehouses victualinge and tiplinge houses within this our realme, of the great abuse in grantinge licenses for the same, and in the settinge them upp, and puttinge them downe att pleasure, w'thout due regard either to the number or qualitie of the p'sons soe lycensed. Although the matter may seeme to concerne the meanest sort of our subjects yett as much as we are annswerable to Godd for tolleracon of disorders and vices, whether it be in great or simple, specially where the care of our inferior and subordinate ministers app'eth to be wantinge Wee have thought good by the advise of our privie Counsell to take a course for a reformacon in this behalf and fyndinge that by the lawes and statuts of this our realme the keepeing of alehows and victulinge hows is none of those trades w'ch it is free and lawfull for anie subject to exercise, but inhibited to all save such as are thereunto licensed w'ch ought to be noe more then a number Competent for receipt of Travellers and for supply of wants to poore people not able to p'vide for anie quantiety of victualls for themselves (which are the true auncient and n'rall use of these houses) And with this also that they be not made the Receptacles of drunkards fellons and loose and idle p'sons, Wee doe hereby will and Comannd you the maior

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and Justics of our Cittie and Countie of Chester diligentlie and strictlie to observe and putt in use the directions w'ch we send you hereunto annexed as you tender our advice and will answer the Contrarie at your p'ill Geven under our signett att our pallace att Westminster 3 March in the fift yere of our raigne.

ffirst in ev'ie hamlett Towneship or precincts where alehowss and victualinge howses are nedefull, the heigh Constables of the hundred, and the Churchwardens and Constables of the place shall p'sent att the first Sessions to be houlden after easter next, how manie alehowss and victualinge howss are fitt there to be kept, and who are the fittest p'sons to keepe the same, and att the same Sessions all lycenses for alehouss before that tyme granted and then in force, shalbe brought in and Considered of and either the p'sons disallowed, if they be found unfitt; or if they be found fitt be contynu'd, then to be lycensed of new according to the forme hereafter appoynted;

Also ethat from tyme to tyme those that shall be hereafter allowed and thought fitt p'sons shall be lycensed and allowed att the gen'all or quarter Sessions by the Justices of peece then p'sent or the more part of them.

Also that c'taine articles of good order be conceaved by the Justices of the peace fitt for ev'ie alchouskeeper to observe, and that the Justics see the same straightlie observed and that they doe c'tefie the same before the end of Trinitie terme next to the lords of his Ma'ty's privie Councell.

Also that the alehouse keepers be bound by Recognizance against unlawfull games, and for keepinge of good order and rule in their houses according to the statute in that behalf and also to bringe in their lycenses att that Sessions Twelvemonth wherein such lycenc was graunted and soe yerelie, to be allowed or disallowed acordinge to the meaning of these articles.

All lycenses of alehousekeepers shalbe sealed with a Comon seale ingraven in brasse with a Rose, and the inscripcon of the Countie, Cittie or towne corporate, having authoritie to hould Sessions of the peace, where such alehouse shallbe; and the same seale shalbe appoynted and p'vided by the Cleark of the peace or towne cleark respectively; for the charg of makeinge whereof they shall have allowanc made out of their next receipt.

Also that the clearke of the peace in ev'ie Countie, and Towne clearke in ev'ie Cittie, or other officer of that nature, in Townes Corporate, where they have authority to hould Sessions of the peace, shall have the keepeing of the said seale, and shall signe that said lycence that shalbe soe allowed as afforesaid with his hand, and sett the said seale to the same, and shall have for the makeing of evie such lycenc, and takeing Recognizanc afforesaid two shillings, And for the sealinge of the said lycenc with the said Comon seale there shalbe paid in hand to the said cleark to his Ma'ty's use

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for all lycences in Citties, Townes, Corporate or m'kett townes eight shillings a peece, and in other Villages 4s, and that noe other charge by anie meanes be imposed upon the said alehousekeepers, nor reward taken of them for their allowanc. And the said Clearks of the peace and towne clearks that evie of them be bound to his Ma'ty with sufficient suties in a Compettent som, for the true anns'wringe of their rececpts from tyme to tyme, into his Ma'ty's receipt of the Excheqr. w'thin fortie daies after ev'ie Sessions of the peace, and shall pay noe fees in the said Court of Excheq'r. upon the paying in of his said moneys, nor for passinge of his accompt, the p'sons lycenses shall at the Sessions twelvemonth aftr their lycences graunted, bringe their lycenses to the said Sessions to be seene, whether they shalbe found fitt to stand or not, and if they shalbe allowed to stand for one yere longer, Then the Cleark shall enter upon the lycenc, allocatur pro uno alio anno duratur, entring the date of such alocatur, and shall receave of the same p'son for such allowanc to his Ma'ty's use, the like some as before upon the first grauntinge And for his such entree of allowanc onelie 8d for him self. And soe shall all lycencs be p'sented, and such soms paid upon allowanc, verelie, soe longe as the said lycences shall remaine in force, and if anie p'son soe lycensed shall faile to p'sent his lycence to be allowed or disallowed, or to pay up his allowanc, such soms verelie as afforesaid. Then his lycenc shall p'sentlie cease and be voide.

And to the end that it maie c'tainelie appeare what alehouss shall from tyme to tyme stand the Clerke of the peace or town cleark shall before the end of ev'ie Sessions make up a booke contayning the names of al the p'sons lycensed of new or Contynu'd att such Sessions; and the places where they keepe such alehouses and shall p'sent the same to the Justics of the peace att the said Sessions w'ich said Justics of peace or anie fouer of them wherof two of the Quorum or in Citties and townes corporate two Justices of the peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum shall subscribe their names to ev'ie page of the said Booke that noe alteracon maie be made, and that the said Justics or one of them keepe a true note of the number of such alehouss entred in such booke.

Before the end of Easter tearme next a true and p'fct booke shalbe made by the Cleark of the peace of ev'ie shier the Towne clearke of ev'ie Cittie or Towne corporate (havinge authoritie to keepe sessions of peace) containe all the alehouss and victuallinge houses in evie sevall countie Citty and towne corporate, within this realme and who they be that keepe them, and before the end of trinity terme next a tru and p'fect transcript be made of the same by the Clearkes of the peace or town cleark respectively to whom it maie apptaine, and the same to be c'tefyed under the hand of the Justics of peace of the shier, Cittie or towne corporate or of four of them (whereof two toe be of the Quorum, or in Citties and townes corporate, under the hand of two, whereof one to be

of the Quorum) to the lords of his Ma'tys most hon'able privy Councell, and the like booke and also the like mandate and forme to be yerelie made and c'tified att and within the times aforesaid.

Also that it be carefully looked unto, that the number of alehouss be not encreased, but diminished and specially that none be suffered to be keepe alehouses unlycensed or otherwyse licensed then according to the p'script afforesaid.

Lastlie that the Justics of assize in their Counties, and Justics of the peace in their gen'all Sessions of the peace do from yere to yere inquier of the due execucon of theise presents.

# F.1, D.107, S. Northwich, 26 April, 6 Jac. I, 1608.

# Order of the Privy Council to stay the transportation of corn.

Whereas my Lords of the Council by their letters directed unto me thought fit to stay at this time the transportation of corn, both in respect that the price of grain is already grown to an extraordinary rate through the late unseasonableness of the year, as also by reason of information which their Lordships have received of some fear conceived by the poorer sort of people of a further dearth if the transportation of grain should not at this time be forborne. And therefore for the good of the Commonwealth and for the better satisfaction of the people, their Lordships have resolved that there shall be a restraint of all transportation until it be necessary for the benefit of the state, to set it again at liberty. And their Lordships have required me that I should give order unto the officers of the ports throughout the Realm for a general restraint of transportation of grain in such manner as aforesaid. And withall that certificates should be from time to time sent unto me by the Justices of Peace touching the ordinary rate of grain for the better ordering of restraint or liberty of transportation as just cause shall be made unto their Lordships. These are not only to signify that by this messenger I have sent my letters to his Majesty's officers of the ports within the Shire for stay of the transportation of corn, but also specially to require you to certify me under six of your hands at the least, at the next Quarter Sessions and so quarterly from time to time of the usual rates of all sorts of corn and grain to the end their Lordships may be the better guided either to continue or release this restraint.

I wish you heartily well to fare: from Dorset House this 30th of January 1607.

Your very loving friend

T. DORSET(1).

To the Justices of Peace within the County of Chester. (1) The Earl of Dorset, Lord Treasurer.

# F.1, D.43, S. Northwich, 26 April, 6 Jac. 1608.

## Petition of the inhabitants of Tilston Parish to the Justices.

Whereas it hath pleased you to Tax one payment of a mise amounting to 330£ or thereabouts upon the Shire for the new building of Wheelocke Bridge Croxton bridge and Hartford stayres, some of them being bridges of small trade or travel and in our township of Tilston there is a bridge of stone upon Tilston brook standing in a common highway leading from Chester to Whitchurch and from Holt to Whitchurch and so up to London fallen into decay, so as by view of skilful honest men it will stand in 20 marks to repair. These are to desire that out of that taxation we may be allowed 20 marks for the repairing of this bridge being more needful to be done and a greater occupied way than any of these others, and so we shall think our money well bestowed.

# S.B. 4a. S. Northwich, 26 April, 6 Jac. 1608.

# Order concerning Bridges.

Lastly it is ordered at this Sessions that no bridges in the County shall at any time hereafter be builded or repaired at the charge of the whole County before they have received a due examination in open Sessions by examination of witnesses inhabiting the towns or parishes next adjacent, whether the bridge or bridges ought of right to be builded or repaired by any hundred, parish, town, private person, body politic or corporate, or by the whole ccunty. And for that such proof doth commonly consist in the testimony of very aged men who haply are not able to travel to the Sessions. It is further ordered that such persons as shall prefer a petition to the Justices to have bridges builded or repaired upon the charge of the whole county shall first procure a commission pro. Dno. Rege. out of the Exchequer at Chester directed to the Justices of that hundred wherein the bridges are, to examine such aged persons and others who can yield their testimony how such bridges ought of right to be made or repaired. The petitioners, on return of the commission, shall bring True copies of the depositions taken by the commission under test of the Court of Exchequer. which shall be given in evidence to the Jury at the next Quarter Sessions. And the same jury shall then enquire, and deliver a verdict, who of right ought to repair or amend such bridges. And the Justices at these sessions shall proceed to take order thereupon according to the statute in such case provided.

# F.2, D.7, S. Nantwich, 26 July, 6 Jac. 1608.

# Order of the Privy Council concerning Pensions.

This bearer Richard Bickerton hath made great complaint unto us that having been often recommended unto you by Sir William Waad according to the statute to obtain relief in that County where he was born, he could never, since the decease of the late Queen of happy memory, get any part of that pension which was formerly allowed him.

Forasmuch as his Majesty is much displeased with the great number of poor soldiers that report daily to his presence with complaints of this nature, amongst whom this impotent man is chiefly to be pittied because of his apparent hurts, disabling him altogether to get his living. We have been moved with compassion of his estate, and to ease his Majesty of that trouble, to require you to continue the pension he formerly enjoyed, which ought rather to be increased (as other pensioners decease) than diminished. And where there is a challenge made to him because he was impressed in London. It hath been often told you that the statute is manifest if a maimed man cannot be relieved in the county where he was impressed he must of necessity be relieved by the County where he was born. And it is not unknown to you that the City of London where he was taken to serve is already burthened with a greater number of pensioners than can be conveniently relieved there, more being impressed out of that City than in any four Counties of the Realm. So referring this matter to be properly. ordered by you, we bid you farewell. From the Court at Greenwich 20 June 1608.

R. CANT:, T. ELLESMERE, Canc:, R. SALISBURY, H. NORTH-AMPTON(1), LENOX(2), NOTINGHAM, T. SUFFOLKE, GILB: SHREWSBURY, E. WORCESTER(3), ...... MAR, E. ZOUCHE(4), W. KNOLLYS, E. WOTTON, .....

Addressed: To our very loving friends the Justices of Peace and Treasurers of the money collected for the relief of maimed soldiers in the Co. of Chester.

- (1) Henry Howard, E. of Northampton 1540-1614.
- (2) Duke of Lennox.
- (3) Edward Somerset, 1553-1628.
- (4) Edward La Zouch, Lord Zouch.

# F.2, D.29. Ibid. 6 Jac. 1608.

Petition of Anne Wright to the Judges of Assize at Chester to compell John Clough to own her illegitimate child.

Humblie sheweth unto your lordships your distressed suppliant Anne Wright of Dunham sup. montem, how that one John Clough of the same, heretofore pretending great love and affection to your suppliant, vowing and protesting that if she would assent that he might have the use of her body he would marry her without any further delay, which she utterly denyed and refused, yet this answere nothinge at all contentinge him but finding opportunity, and your suppliant's parents absent, did solicite his former request with protestacon as aforesaid, and albeit that she did at all tymes most utterly refuse to assent thereunto, yet he not so satisfied therewith did, volens nolens ravish her much against her will, in so much as

it pleased God that she conceived with child, which he by reason of his great favor and friendship in the spiritual court, beinge **a** money man and your suppliant not able to contend in law with him, hath forsworne to the great hindrance of his soule and the utter undoinge of your poore suppliant.

It may therefore please your good lords to command the constables of the said town to apprehend Clough and to re-examine the matter againe so as he may be compelled to keepe his owne child and further to order acordinge to Justice, for god's good sone.

Judge's order: The Justices of the Peace of the division where Clough dwelleth are required to examine this matter and to take such order as shall be thought meet.

R. LEWKENOR.

# S.B. 4a. Nantwich, 26 July, 6 Jac. 1608.

Wright et Clough. It is at this Sessions ordered that Mr. Done and Mr. Richard Brereton shall call before them the said parties and examine the matter of grievance between them and thereupon order as by them shall be thoughte fitt and convenient.

# F.4, D.24, S. Chester, 17 Jan. 6 Jac. 1608/9.

# Sir George Booth's apology for absence from the above Sessions, and his reference to business thereat.

Whereas I was determined to have been myself at this Sessions, but being kept back by reason of some great business (much concerning me) against the beginning of this next Term, I do intreat my being away may be excused for this time. The Statute concerning the excessive wages of servants being one thing I intended to move. I desire you will consider it and that some fitting order may be conceived for the reasonable rating them. Another thing was for the building of the new bridge in the highway near Dunham, a bridge well known (I am assured) to most of you, the only roadway betwixt the northern parts, London, and Chester, being presented at the last Sessions, and the decay thereof found, being now grown almost impassable and likely to fall, which if it should I know not how the King's subjects should conveniently travel upon their occasions that way. The opinion of sundrie workmen whom I have sent to view it is that threescore pounds will scarce re-edifie it.

Your loving kinsman and friend,

Dunham 15 Jan. 1608.

G. BOUTHE.

Addressed: To the Justices at Quarter Sessions at Chester 17 Jan. 1608.

# F.4, D.52, Ibid. 1608/9.

# Concerning Richard Bickerton's pension [See F.2, D.7, 6 Jac. 1608].

That whereas being dismissed of his pension within the County of Chester by your worships he was forced to make complaint to the King's most excellent Majesty and by his Highness referred to the Lords of the Privy Council, who being truly certified of his long services and viewing his lameness and distressed estate directed their warrant accordingly in his behalf, which warrant your suppliant (being unable to travel in regard of his age and impotence) sent to his uncle Edmund Bickerton of Sound Oak to deliver to your worships, and his son accordingly delivered it and hath twice written unto your suppliant that your worships detain the warrant and will give him no answer. And therefore he now craves your worships to return the warrant with your direct answer concerning the same; that he may also satisfy the Lords of the Council what is done therein and not to drive your suppliant to be further troublesome to them or you, nor to hazard his life by adventuring into Cheshire, and the rather because he feareth that his kinsman hath not so sufficiently performed the trust reposed therein as he ought to have done.

Note on face: To search for the Lords' letters.

N.B. The search was successful.

Addressed: To the Justices of peace within the County of Chester.

F.2, D.6, S. Nantwich, 1 Aug: 7 Jac: 1609.

# Complaints against rioters by the Mayor of Congleton.

At the last Quarter Sessions there were indicted upon a riot divers persons who in the night time assaulted one Mr. Fytton a follower of Sir Thomas Holcroft and struck this bearer the Constable and such others as came in his aid for the preservation of his Highnes's peace, and in such outrageous manner continued these misdemeanors that the whole inhabitants were almost in an uproar. And myself being Mayor most shamefully reviled and disobeved. Upon information and oath to prove the outrages the Bench granted the good behaviour against them amongst whom there are inhabitanting our town one Smyth and Addams who have without any cause (so far as I can understand it) near twenty young persons into th' exchequer for the peace. My humble request is that you would be pleased to continue them still bound (for examples sake and the terror of others) until a further trial may be made of their better carriage and that some of their friends do threaten myself and others as did our best to have the outrage punished.

Congleton, 30 July 1609.

EDW: DRAKEFORD.

Addressed: The Justices of Peace at Quarter Sessions for this County.

# F.3, D.6, S. Knutsford, 3 Oct. 7 Jac. 1609.

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# Charge of evil government against a High Constable.

We are given to understand that John Crosbie of Whitley gent, one of the High Constables of Bucklow is a man of evil government and hath misbehaved himself in many ways in his office. And hath also abased the Deputy Sheriff and made divers assaults on the highway with his sword drawn upon Richard Starkey gent. as we are informed will appear unto you by examination and information taken upon oath. Therefore we have thought good the general sessions being near at hand to refer the determination of this cause to you, wishing, if you find cause, not only to displace him from the office of High Constable but also you take him bound to his good behaviour. Not doubting you will appoint a sufficient man for the service in his place.

From Chester, 23 Sep. 1609.

# R. LEWKENOR, H. TOWNESHEND.

Ordered to be put out of his office and John Allen chosen in his place; and a warrant of good behaviour is granted against Crosbie if Mr. Marbury and Mr. Done do not end the matter before Saturday sennight.

# F.4, D.19, S. Chester, 8 Jan. 8 Jac. 1610/1.

# Letter from Sir G. Booth respecting delayed Releases.

In the beginning of summer last a quarrel arose between the servants and tenants of Mr. Meire of Meire on the one part and Alexander Hulme, of the same town, Whereby divers shows were made tending to the breach of the peace, which being informed to my uncle Warburton of Arley and me, we met at High Leigh to take order for the preservation of the same where we only took the said gent. bound for all and before the last quarter Sessions (at which the Recognizances were returned) they were all befriended and before me did release each other, but my clerk being absent had no notice thereof by reason of my sudden going to London, and therefore the Recognizances were certified without a Release and the parties knowing no other but the Release were as well returned as the Recognizance did not appear, the which I thought good to certify you at this present Sessions, nothing doubting but upon sight you will give order for the free discharging of the gent from any penalty.

Dunham, 5 Jan. 1610.

G. BOUTHE.

Addressed: To the Justices at Quarter Sessions at Chester, 8 Jan. 1610.

# F.1, D.12, S. Knutsford, 16 April, 9 Jac. 1611.

# Petition of Henry Poughe and William Huett respecting the repair of Radford's Bridge.

To the Justices at the above Sessions.

Pleaseth it your worships to be advertised that one antient footbridge called Radford's Bridge being the highway between Knutsford and Stockport and dividing the Lordships of Nether Knutsford and Mobberley, anciently repaired upon the equal charge of the inhabitants of both Lordships is now ruinous and decayed, by the default of the inhabitants of Mobberley who having been oftentimes required to contribute with Nether Knutsford have lately refused, except Sir Peter Leicester, to the great damage and annoyance of all his highnes's liege people having occasion to travel that way.

It is ordered that the bridge shall be sufficiently made by the inhabitants of Nether Knutsford and Mobberley at the equal charge of the two towns before midsummer next.

# F.2, D.24, S. Nantwich, 9 July, 9 Jac. 1611.

Petition of Edward Mynshall of Darnhall, husbandman to the Justices concerning breach of conditions of service by his servant.

Your Petitioner did about Christmas last past lawfully hire and take into his service Elizabeth Hall, a servant maid to have continued in his service for a year from thence without any condition, And she without any just cause given did about six weeks since suddenly depart from the service of your petitioner without warning either to him or his wife and without their knowledge and ever since hath absented herself although she hath been often required. Your petitioner hath his harvest to get and is destitute of a servant, neither at this time can be furnished with any but is like to sustain great loss unless your worships aid be extended to his relief.

May it therefore please you either that Elizabeth Hall may be commanded to do her service in a peaceable manner according to the Statute, or else that she may receive condine punishment.

Ordered that Elizabeth Hall shall serve the petitioner until Christmas next according to her retineu or in default thereof to be committed to the gaol there to remain until she shall willingly do the same.

# F.2, D.25, S. Nantwich, 9 July, 9 Jac., 1611.

Petition of Anne Leiftwiche to the Justices respecting payment for the keep of three children.

Whereas your petitioner hath heretofore agreed with Mr. Bradwall, minister of this Church of Nantwich, the Church-

wardens and collectors for the poor, to keep three fatherless and motherless children and to pay her for them two shillings a week. So it is that your petitioner being unpaid in some part and demanding payment according to bargain, the minister and Churchwardens answer that they cannot get any money of divers, the gentlemen and others, inhabitants of this town. Your petitioner therefore humbly beseecheth you to take such order in this matter that she may either be paid for them according to promise or else that the children may be taken from her, she herself being a poor woman and having three children of her own.

This petition referred to the Justices of the peace next adjoining for order to be taken for the petitioner.

#### F.4, D.1, S. Chester, 21 Jan, 9 Jac. 1611/2.

Petition of Anne Marshe widow respecting the loss of her dwelling etc. by fire.

Anne Marshe of Sydnall in this county had, about four days before the Nativity of our Lord last past, by casual means her house and all the goods she had burnt.

In tender consideration whereof may it please your good worships to grant unto her your certificate testifying her wants and difficulties whereby she may be enabled to require the benevolence of good disposed people for the repairing of her poor estate.

Ordered that a Certificate shall be made hereof to the Lord Chancellor of England by the Lord Bishop (1) and other Justices present at this Sessions.

(1) George Lloyd 8th Bishop of Chester.

# F.1, D.14, S. Middlewich, 20 April, 11 Jac. 1613.

# Letter from Sir George Booth to the Bench respecting his wishes in the case of two of his tenants.

Whereas at the last Sessions holden at Chester, Mr. Justice Warburton, my Lord Bishop and the rest of the Justices then assembled did commit Robert Davie of Wilmeslowe to ward for a certain space injoining him to find suerties for the good behaviour for misdemeanors done to me.

These are to certify you (which I desire to be made known to the Bench) that I am contented he shall be set at liberty. Releasing him as much as in me lieth I bid you farewell.

Chester 18 April 1613.

G. BOUTHE.

Post: I have hereinclosed sent a Recognizance against John Heyward of Carington, my tenant, who is so disordered being a common drunkard and haunter of Ale houses as I cannot rule him, I pray that care be taken he do put in sufficient suerties.

Herons-

# D.18, in the above file.

# A letter to Mr. Whitby (Clerk of the Peace).

Mr. Whitbee, I have sent you three recognizances whereof two I have Released, Barlow and Milner, and sent four shillings by the bearer, John Hollinshead, for their fees, and the other, Preswich would not pay his fee and therefore I would not Release him, but Barlow is contented that he shall be Released, committing you to the Almighty.

Macclesfield 19 April 1613.

Yours to use GEORGE ORME

# Mayor of the Borough of Macclesfield.

Post script: Mr. Whitbye, we would entreat you that if the under Sheriff be not there that it would please you to do so much for us as to certify to the justices the contents of this letter directed to the Sheriff.

Endorsed: To Mr. Whitbee or his deputy, deliver these.

# F.2, D.32, S. Nantwich, 13 July, 11 Jac. 1613.

# License for Common Badger, etc.

At the General Sessions dated 14 July, 1612 at Nantwich Lawrence Jordan of Tattenhall in the County of Chester, husbandman is licensed by the Justices to be a common badger, carrier or buyer of corn, grain and malt in any market or fayre within the Realm of England and the same to carry to any other market or fair Towne or place within the said Realm, also that he use and occupy the same according to the true meaning of the statute lately made in the 5 year of our Sovereign Lord King Edward the sixte [C.14] against forestallers, engrossers and regrators and not otherwise, the same license continuing from the date hereof for one whole year. In witness whereof the Justices whose names are underwritten being present at the said Sessions have hereunto put their hands and seals the day and year above written.

THOMAS DELVES, GEO. COTTON, JOHN ARDEN.

# F.1, D.6, S. Knutsford, 17 May, 12 Jac. 1614.

# Letter concerning poaching.

Whereas I am credibly informed that William Ashton of Crowley is a "comon sutter in peeces" and a great distroyer of game and amongst other places useth to shoot in my woods in Grapenhall which was well stored with herons, but by reason of Ashton's said misdemeanours they are either distroyed or fled thence. His pretence is to shoot at Quistes (1) but I think he may shoot as lawfully at the one as the other, and my desire is therefore that you would informe yourselves (concerning the truth thereof) by this bearer's evidence which I conceive will be material to that purpose and for Ashton punishment which I think he well deserveth, I refer it to your discretion to be by Indictment or otherwise. And so I commit you to God and rest

#### Your assured loving Cozen

# Lyme, 15 May 1614.

P. LEGH.

Addressed: To Mr. Edward Fitton and Mr. Thomas Marbury

(1). Quiscalus: a bird like a starling?

## F.3, D.11, S. Nantwich, 11 Oct. 12 Jac. 1614.

# Letter concerning appointment of a High Constable.

Cosen Maynwaring. There was nominated unto the Justices at the last Sessions at Northwich Henry Houghe of Knutsford for High Constable of the Hundred of Bucklow.

I have informed myself (upon complaint of his unfitness for the place) of his estate, and I find his freehold of land is exceeding small, so small as suits not to bear that office, and the more unnecessary for him in regard his best means is by trading in commodities, being a Shopkeeper.

I desire you will make known unto the Justices at this Sessions that some other fitter man may be chosen for that service.

# Dunham, 9 Oct. 1614.

G. BOUTHE.

Note on face: Wm. Foxley to be spared.

Addressed: Mr. Peter Maynwaring, Deputy Clerk of the Peace.

# F.3, D.50, S. Middlewich, 10 Oct. 13 Jac. 1615.

# Tumult at Malpas.

Randle Bickerstaffe, Constable, examined by Sir Richard Egerton, Justice, affirmeth that on 11 April about nine in the night there suddenly arose a great tumult in the house of William Yardley, Aleseller, whither the constable came to keep the king's peace and there he found William Owley had begun a brawl on William Naylor which occasioned a great uproar in the town of Malpas, so that most of the town were disquieted and arose forth of their beds to appease the tumult. And the constable verily believeth that if the night had not been very dark much harm would have ensued for the people began to take sides. And the constable affirmeth that Owley being charged in the King's name to obey him and to come the next morning before Sir Richard Egerton to answer for the late misdimeanour contemptuously refused to obey and kept himself afterwards in secret for a long time forth of the Town.

RICH. EGERTON.

# F.2, D.113, S. Nantwich, 16 July, 14 Jac. 1616.

# Petition of a Head Constable for discharge from office.

To the Justices at the above Sessions. Whereas it was your pleasures four years past at the Sessions here to appoint me one of the Head Constables for this Hundred, I having endeavoured to discharge my duties according to my best knowledge. But now finding myself insufficient for that office in respect of my old age (and therefore by your patience) will serve no longer.

Humbly requesting your worships that according to your promises then made you will discharge me of this office and to employ others who are more fit to perform the same. And for your better knowledge of such I have hereunder written the names of divers gentlemen of good understanding and sufficiency to undertake the same. I humbly take my leave and rest your worships in all duty to command.

PHILIP SPARKE.

Alexander Elcocke, William Allen, Thomas Brooke, John Brayne, John Aston, Henry Malbon, Raphe Huxley, Ranulph Smith of the Namptwich, Edward Minshull, Ranulph Church, Richard Wicksted.

*Note*: We think Henry Malbon to be the fittest to be Head Constable, to come before Sir Rich. Lee to take his oath.

# F.1, D.63, S. Knutsford, 13 May, 15 Jac. 1617.

# Order to Governor of House of Correction.

Sir Richard Lee Justice of Peace. To the master and governor of the house of correction. These are in his Majesty's name to command you to receive from the bearers hereof the body of Roger Wright, son of Matthew Wright of Nantwich, a man of disordered behaviour, a common drunkard refusing all labour, disobedient to his parents and in that manner hath put them in danger of their lives; a common blasphemer in most fearful manner, one who said he hoped to see the town of Nantwich on as hot a fire as ever it was. And having received him to give him such correction for the faults aforesaid (being committed upon the last Saboth day in the evening) as to your house belongeth, and after such punishment set him to such labour as he is best fit for, letting him have no further favour than the strict orders allow until you see good hope of his reformation.

Dated at Lee, 11 Nov. 1616.

RICHARD LEE.

13 May, 1617, Roger Wright released from his imprisonment and bound in £40 for his good behaviour till the next Sessions.

# F.1, D.1, S. Knutsford, 20 April, 17 Jac. 1619.

# Presentments concerning the scouring of ditches.

The Jury for our Sovereign Lord the King present at above Sessions John Ashton of Churton, husb. for not scouring the old marsh ditch lying along the highway in the parish of Aldford which leadeth from Chester to Eggerley, Coddington, etc. by which means his Majesty's lieges are not able to pass without great damage, about 30 roods in length.

Likewise Edward Bostocke of Aldford gent. for not scouring the little old marsh ditch lying along the said highway about 50 roods in length. Likewise George Bostocke of Churton gent. for not scouring the shornetussocks ditch about 30 roods in length and the new marsh ditch about 20 roods in length along the said highway.

Billa vera.

# F.1, D.23, S. Knutsford, 20 April, 17 Jac. 1619.

# Letter on behalf of William Brown, a pensioned soldier.

Right Wor'll there is a poor kinsman of mine, William Brown who is one of the pensioned soldiers within this County whose duty it were (if he were not prevented by sickness) at this Quarter Sessions to attend the Justices of Peace. My request is that you would be pleased to forebeare his personal attendance and the rather I presume to entreat your favour towards him because (I conceive) the chiefest end that was aimed at in the order for viewing the soldiers was that the Justices might be assured whether they were living or no, which doubt for my kinsman's part is altogether without question.

Your most ready at command

THO: BIRKHENED.

# Huxley, 19 April 1619.

Addressed: To Sir William Brereton Knight at Knutsford, or elsewhere, give these.

# F.1, D.78, S. Knutsford, 20 April, 17 Jac. 1619.

#### Petition of a blind man [Br]odhurst of Great Budworth.

To Sir Thomas Chamberlayne and Sir Henry Towneshend Knights, Chief Justices of Chester(1).

The said petitioner hath heretofore served three several times in the late Queen's Majesty's wars for his prince and country. And being now grown into age and wanting his eyesight and not able to help himself, and to his further overthrow had also his dwelling house blown down by the last great wind to his utter undoing for ever unless he may be charitably relieved by some good means. The petitioner beseecheth your worships to be the means that he

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may either have some yearly pension fitting for a soldier of his rank or else may have license to collect the benevolences of well disposed people for such time as shall be thought fitting.

*Note*: Cestr: 5 April 1619. Let the Justices of Peace at the next Quarter Sessions take order for the speedy relief without delay.

H. TOWNESHEND.

(1) Judges of the Palatinate Courts.

# F.1, D.159, S. Knutsford, 9 May, 18 Jac. 1620. Cottage for a "Free Mason."

We understand that Thomas Webster of Lyme, Free Mason hath lived there for divers years, being a very good workman and maintained himself, wife and children in good order being at want of a habitation hath moved us to intreat your favour that he may have your grant to erect a little cottage in some part of the waste ground near to Lyme, by reason there is a quarry of stone whereby he hopes not only to maintain himself, but also to do very much good in the country about him in the affairs of his occupation, and will also at the next Sessions move the Justices for their allowance hereof wherein we doubt not of your kindness.

Tablie, the place of our meeting 1 June 1619.

G. BOOTHE, WILLIAM BRERETON, THOMAS MARBURIE.

Addressed: To Peter Warburton Esq at Arlie, these.

*Note*: According to your request I am contented that Webster shall erect a cottage upon the waste in Lym above mentioned (he procuring an order from the Justices at the Quarter Sessions) and in witness of my consent have hereunto subscribed my name and put my seale.

P. WARBURTON.

The Justices gave the order at the above Sessions [see S.B.6a.]

# F.1, D.137, S. Knutsford, 14 May, 20 Jac. 1622.

Letter to excuse the appearance at the Sessions of a person bound.

Sir, this bearer, my fellow, was bound to appear at the next Quarter Sessions that should happen after the birth of a bastard child, of which he was the reputed father, which falls out to be this Sessions, but now he hath had meeting with the woman's friends and hath taken order for the keeping of the child, and therefore, if it may be, I would his appearance were excused since now his occasions be such as with any convenience he can not be there. If this cannot be granted, which I doubt of, he must be forced to send for the party to whom he was bound to be there who signifying unto the Court the agreement and giving consent

for his release will serve turn, being as I take it as much as can be required. But I beseech you that this trouble may be avoided if the course in such cases will give way thereunto.

Your always to command,

JO: CARTER, 1622.

AR: HANKINSON.

# F.1, D.179, S. Knutsford, 29 April, 21 Jac. 1623.

# Letter to the Clerk of the Peace, Mr. Peter Mainwaring, at Knutsford, respecting Sessions matters.

Mr. Mainwaring. I pray you do not grant any Capias against William Leather the cook at Ashley upon the indictment preferred against him by Rd. Minshall, but please enter me as pledge for answering the King's fine when it shall be assessed. Also I entreat you to send me by this bearer the licence of badging for Nicholas Mores of Altrincham for buying and selling of corn, which I spake unto your man for yesterday and I have sent you 2s for the same.

Your ever loving friend,

# Ashley, these, 30 April 1623.

F.1, D.198, S. Knutsford, 29 April, 21 Jac. 1623.

# Letter from Tho: Savage to the Justices respecting relief of the poor.

Forasmuch as at my late being at my house of Rocksavage, great companies of poor people from the towns of Halton and Runcorn resorted to me complaining for want of relief. I shall hereby commend their miserable estate to your consideration, desiring you will in this time of scarcity direct some course for their relief as the statute requireth. The complaint is that many of the best wealth in that quarter want charity to yield help to the poor according to their abilities, and that many charitable minds want means to yield such relief as they would. The remedy that I can conceive is by taxation, as the law requireth [5 *Eliz. c* 3], to lay the burden equally, I knowing I shall not need to use persuasion to so good a work of mercy and piety.

Woodhay 24 April, 1623.

# F.2, D.176, S. Nantwich, 13 July, 22 Jac. 1624.

# Petition of John Worrall of Nantwich, a maimed soldier.

To the right hon. [*William*] Earl of Darbie, High Chamberlain for the County Palatine of Chester.

Whereas your petitioner about 28 years last past had granted unto him an annual pension of three pounds six shillings and eightpence for his service in the wars of the late Queen Eliz. in France and Ireland where he was wounded and maimed. Which pension

for four years next following, or thereabouts, he received accordingly. But afterwards what by reason of a multiplicity of other soldiers of the like nature and partly by reason of some restraint by officers your petitioner was and is curtailed of 13s 4d yearly which hath been kept back for 24 years or thereabouts.

The premises therefore considered and for that there are very many pensioners of this Countie departed this transitorie life which had great pensions, as namely James Broome who had £5 yearly, and divers unknown to your petitioner. So that there is good store of money remaining in stock provided for that purpose only by the inhabitants of the Countie. May it therefore please you to direct your letters to the Deputy Lieutenants, Sir George Booth and Sir William Brereton Knts. and Barts. as well to satisfy your petitioner his arrears being £23 or thereabouts, as also to confirm unto him henceforth his pension of £3 6s 8d formerly granted.

# F.2, D.82, S. Nantwich, 12 July, 1 Car. I, 1625.

#### Letter from William Earl of Derby to the Justices.

Honourable, and you the rest of his Ma't's Justices.

I heretofore addressed my letters unto you concerning Warrington Bridge and the way adjoining, which bridge was said to be built by some of my ancestors. It was thought by some that lands were left for the maintenance thereof, but it seemeth none can be found out neither by examination nor verdict of Juries. Whereupon consideration being taken of the decay there is order taken as well by the Justices of Assize as by my vice-chamberlayne for the levying of £150 (towards the repair thereof and of making a causeway for the safe passage of his Ma'ty's. subjects) through the whole county, the same being a very dangerous passage at every flood. I hear of some opposition in collection in some hundreds, albeit some have paid and the work well begun and of some opposing the authority of the Exchequer, which will concern me to look unto. I could wish you would be pleased to take the matter into consideracon, it is a very good and charitable work and for the general good and a very small charge to any particular person, and that you would give furtherance hereunto the rather because it is so far gone in hand already, and for the avoiding of further matter that may arise hereupon.

# Chester 11 July, 1625.

Addressed: To the Lord Brereton and the rest of the Justices in the Sessions at Nantwich.

N.B. See F.2, Ds. 198, 199, 200, 1624. Also order in S.B. 6a dated Nantwich, 12 July 1625.

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# F.3, D.2, S. Middlewich, 13 Oct. 1 Car. I, 1625.

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# A Chester Castle account for prisoners' maintenance.

A particular note of the disbursements by the Constable of the Castle of Chester for the maintenance of 45 prisoners from 25 Aug. 1625 until 4 Oct. in the same year.

Imprimis, Disbursed for 30 prisoners being felons after the rate of two pence a day for every man, after the	£	s.	d.
rate of 5.s. the day for the first week is	1	15	0
For the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth weeks	8	15	0
In toto	10	10	0
Item for 15 prisoners, be debtors after the rate of three pence the day each that is in toto by the day			
3s. 9d. for the first week	1	6	3
For the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth weeks	6	11	3
In toto	7	17	6
Item Paid to three watchmen 1s. a peace for day and night, which amounteth for the first week to	1	1	0
Item paid to two watchmen for the space of five weeks and five days after the rate of 14s. the week which			
amounteth in the whole to	4	0	0
RANDLE HUNT. Sum total	23	8	6

# F.4, D.190, S. Chester, 24 Jan. 1 Car. I, 1625/6.

# Proclamation concerning the Coronation of Charles I signed by Sir John Done, the Sheriff.

Proclayme that the King's Ma'ts. his Coronacion is to be at Westminster the second day of February next. And that all those Esquires and all other gents of qualitie who are seized of lands or Tenements in their own right or the right of any other to the yearly value of fortie pound p. Ann. or upwards and so have been seized for the space of three yeares that they and everie one of them be and personally appear before his Majesty in his highnes's Chancery at London the xxxi day of this instant January then and there to be ready to receive the Order of Knighthood, at their perils.

> JOHES DONE, Mil. Vic: Com. Cestr.

# F.1, D.48, S. Knutsford, 2 May, 2 Car. I 1626.

#### Appointment of Muster master of Cheshire.

Sir. I am sorry that I could not be acquainted with you, for the most time, since it pleased my Lord of Derby to appoint me Muster master of Cheshire, God hath visited me with sickness.

and now my Lady is going presently to London, but howsoever I pray you be careful to have the pay that is due unto me well gathered up and when you have received it either to send it to Mr. John Sparkes of Chester, and the messenger shall be well paid, or else to give him notice and he will send for it. I have taken order that your fee shall be paid you for the inrolling my patent at the next Quarter Sessions and whereof I pray you fail not, Mr. Hugh Wardley, Sir George Booth his clerk, will let you have it. Thus I rest desirous to hear from you

From Lathom, 14 April 1626.

..... WELBY.

Whatsoever kindness you shew me you shall not find me unthankful. I pray you send me word in what part of the country you dwell and the name of your house and by what carriers I may send to you from London.

To Mr. Peter Maynwaring, Clerk of the Peace of the County of Chester.

# F.1, D.49, S. Knutsford, 2 May, 2 Car. I, 1626.

# Letter from Henry Bunburie, Justice, to Mr. Peter Mainwayring Clerk of the Peace respecting arrears of payment for bread supplied to Chester Castle.

Cosen Mainwayringe, My love to you remembred, and so it is that the Baker who serveth the prisoners in the Castle with bread petitioned at the last assizes to the judges whereby he might receive satisfaction for the arrears to him due, being about twenty pounds, who were pleased to have commisseration of his estate, and for that purpose nominated Sir Randle Mainwayringe, Mr. Byrom and myself to take course with the executors of Mr. Brereton and with all others in whose hands the money due for the prisoners remaineth. Therefore I request you that at the next Sessions the headconstables and parishes may either discharge the moneys remaining in their hands or shew their discharge, and likewise that you yourself will then accompt for that which remaineth in yours, for some one of us will be at that Sessions, for the better preparing of this service I intreat your pains to advertize the delinquents that then they plead not ignorance.

Stanney, 4 April 1626.

#### F.3, D.41, S. Middlewich, 2 Oct. 3 Car. I, 1627.

# Petition of Margaret Knowsley to the Justices, asking for the remission of the third penalty in her sentence for slander.

Your Petitioner being accused of unjustly slandering Mr. Jerrome and adjudged to suffer three manners of punishments on three several Saturdays; there were (before the execution of the

last punishment, the two former having been executed) motions of agreement amongst the inhabitants of Nantwich. And amongst other conditions for peace it was agreed that your suppliant should be acquitted from the last penalty to be inflicted, she beeing daily terrified and disquieted by some of her merciless adversaries ever menacing that and other plagues against her. Her humble suite therefore is that you would be pleased to grant for her future rest and quietness (having satisfied the law) a certificate of discharge under your hands to shield her from such threats.

Ordered that she shall be for ever freed of the said last punishment, in regard she hath endured the two first punishments.

N.B. The three punishments on three several Saturdays were: (1) To be whipped. (2) To make acknowledgment to Mr. Jerome in as many places as the Justices of Nantwich shall think fit. (3) To be carted, and afterwards bound to her good behaviour. [See S.B. 6a, S. Nantwich, 3 July, 1627].

#### F.1, D.48, S. Knutsford, 23 April, 5 Car. I, 1629.

# Letter from Tho: Legh to Sir George Booth Bart. respecting an alleged case of murder.

Noble Sir, Amongst your manifold kind respects towards me many times and of late especially wherein I must acknowledge myself to be yours let me be once more bounden unto you to be mindful of the murder of my late servant John Greene of whom I acquainted you, that you will be pleased as a most endeared worthie friend of whom I most rely at all times, and in this case, to have an eye that the murderer John Ward, whom it seems was bound to appear at this Sessions (1). and lies close, may not be brought in suddenly and secretly: but if he do come he may be presented to the public view of the Bench to receive condigne punishment for the capital crime, to satisfy the law in due season, for some of the Coroner's inquest confidently assure me that it can be no less than murder in the highest degree.

And so leaving all to your truly noble consideracon and wisdom I take my leave.

Adlington, 22 April 1629.

(1). He appeared not. [See S.B.6a under date of above Sessions].

# F.1, D.64, S. Knutsford, 23 April, 5 Car. I, 1629.

# Letter from Sir Richard Grosvenor Bart. to the Justices about a pension for a maimed soldier.

Be pleased to understand that I was very earnestly moved by Sir John Jephson, a valiant and worthy gentleman, in the behalf of George Massie a maimed soldier to procure the continuance of

his pension and the arrears thereof. The man is aged and thereby disabled to come so far for the same, and petitioneth to have it paid to one Woodward his brother-in-law. I have sent you Sir John Jephson's letter to satisfy you that the petitioner is living. My request is you would be pleased to order his pension to be paid accordingly. It seems he hath deserved well in service; and so much did that noble knight tell me. And for that favour you shall oblige the poor man to be your perpetual beadsman and myself to acknowledge your respect for my sake.

Eaton, 1 Octob. 1628.

#### F.1, D.64, S. Knutsford, 15 April, 1630.

# Letter of Sir Thomas Delves to Sir George Booth and the Justices, respecting the closing of a right of way.

At the last Quarter Sessions houlden at Chester my tenants of Blakenhall preferred an indictment against one Lawrence Bressie of Wibunbury for stopping their ancient church way which they have used without any interruption during the memory of man: which indictment was served against him and because he hath a desire to be troublesome I hear he intends to do the like against them at this Sessions. My request to the Justices is that in respect the most of my tenants are old men and not able to travel so far to defend their right, that you will stay the proceedings until the next Sessions at Nantwich, for which purpose I have sent this bearer to attend you. I am likewise to move you that whereas there was an order agreed upon at the last Sessions that the supervisors of the highways should not take less than 5s. of every plough for the six days work. I desire that the same may be put in execution and the order entered in the Court and copies sent out that the Country may take knowledge of it being for so good and needful a work.

Dodington 13 April, 1630.

#### F.2, D.42, S. Nantwich, 6 July, 6 Car. I, 1630.

# Presentments of John Lindopp, Supervisor of highways for the parish of Wibunbury, 1630.

Thomas Clayton of Nantwich for carrying with his team sand and clay out of divers places in the highways within the parish, making great holes in the highways to the great danger of his Majesty's subjects. And for selling the sand and clay in Nantwich.

Randle Hampton of Nantwich for that he hath grounds in the parish worth £18 p. ann. at least, keeps a team there winter and summer and utterly refuseth to do any work at the highways: giving us ill language and bidding us do the worst we can for he will neither work nor pay.

Mary Bressie of Willaston widow for that she refuseth to work her team for Cheny house ground, answering us she will not work.

Richard Wright of Nantwich for not scouring the ditches of a close he holds in Staple adjoining the highway, being 8 Roods.

Justices: Ric. Wilbraham, Thomas Delves, Geo. Cotton. Billa vera.

# F.2, D.31, S. Nantwich, 28 June, 7 Car. I, 1631.

# Letter of Sir W. Brereton Bart to Viscount Cholmondeley and the Justices respecting a pension for a maimed soldier.

My good Lord and other good friends, this old man the bearer hereof was born on a tenement of mine in Brereton, and in his youth went into Ireland and hath been a soldier in the wars there by the space of forty years (as a certificate under the hands of divers gentlemen and Justices in that Kingdom may appear), but now in regard of the wounds received in the time of his service, the loss of one of his eyes therein, and his great age, he is become so impotent as he is unable to use any means for his maintenance and hath therefore been a suitor to me to procure him some relief, to hold him up the short remainder of his days in this world. Let me therefore entreat you to take into consideration his wretched state, and, if any maimed soldiers that were allowed pensions be of late dead or otherwise displaced to bestow the pension of such on this bearer whom I do and I doubt not you may conceive may justly deserve it.

Brereton, 27 June, 1631.

#### F.1, D.37, S. Northwich, 19 April, 8 Car. I, 1632.

## An old soldier's petition.

To the Right Hon. William Earl of Derby, Lord Lieutenant, the hon. Sir John Savage Knt., Sir George Bouth and Sir Richard Wilbraham Barts. with the rest of the noble Knights and gentlemen his Ma'tie's Justices for this County of Chester.

The humble petition of Bully Kent an old soldier of the King's, or the King's old soldier.

Prayeth pardon to relate and to acknowledge with thanks that it was your worships' good pleasure (some six years now past or thereabouts) to appoint a certain pension of four marks p. Ann. to be payed your petitioner during his life. That he received his pension the three first years and sithence not a penny. For your Petitioner hath not resided in this kingdom the last three years but been on the seas in a man-of-war coasting or travelling lands remote and far distant from this country. Where missing his wished for hope he touched only that Cape and fell short of the fortunate Islands. [*Canaries*].

Therefore at this time he becomes a most humble suppliant that it would please you to re-establish unto the Bully his stipend formerly granted, and to give your order good directions that the arrears may be paid.

Let my deputye leftenants take this petition into their consideration which I hold but reasonable to be granted.

WILL: DERBY:

Allowed as not to be denied. John Savage.

Tho: Savage, G. Booth, Will: Brereton, Tho. Brereton, Tho: Smith, William Foster, G. Byrom, Hen: Birkhened, Hugh Wilbraham.

Concedit.

#### F.1, D.31, S. Knutsford, 9 May, 9 Car. I, 1633.

# The petition of John Kent a Soldier of the King.

To the Right hon: William Earl of Derby and the rest of the Justices. Shewing that in April last [1632] at the Sessions houlden at Northwich it was ordered by the Justices that the sum of  $\pounds 8$  of arrears of your petitioner's pay should have been paid unto him by the Treasurer of the County on the sight of the order. Nevertheless, ever since he cannot get one penny but is posted off with excuses that the moneys due to him are transferred to the erecting or amending of their House of Correction.

Your petitioner prayeth some redress (such as to your wisdoms shall be thought meete) that he may receive such moneys as have been formerly allotted him, as also what may appear due since.

*Note on document*: That it would please Sir George Boothe to take presente course for the relief of the petitioner and to acquainte the Clerk of the Peace with the contents in regarde I did expect I should have been no further troubled and therefore am to desire you further to see the petitioner satisfied.

WILL: DERBY:

Justices at above Sessions report that Kent received his pay at midsummer 1630, so that in Jan. 1632 when he made his petition there was but one year and a half unpaid, £4 and no more. [See F.1, D.37, 1632. It appeared that he had untruly informed the Earl of Derby and Justices. Yet upon a second recommendation of the Earl it pleased the Bench at Christmas Sessions last to cause the £4 to be paid to Kent. The Court is desirous that the Earl should be satisfied and is pleased to restore Kent his pension of four markes p. ann. [See S.B. 6a, 9 May, 1633].

## F.1, D.40, S. Knutsford, 9 May, 9 Car. I, 1633.

# Petition of Robte. Malbon concerning the buying of oxen.

To Sir George Booth Bart. and the rest of the Justices, Commissioners for his Ma'tie's composicion oxen in the County of Chester. Sheweth that whereas your petitioner about ten years last past did undertake the buying of his Ma'tie's composicon oxen, for the space of two or three years together, and did duly perform the same to the approbacon and good likeinge of all his Ma'tie's officers then clerkes of the Greene Cloth, as a certificate under their hands hereto annexed may appear. [Certificate missing]. During which time your petitioner, by reason of the great price that oxen were then at and of the smallness of his allowance, was inforced to expend Twentie pounds every year more than his allowance to his great impoverishment, as may likewise appear by the Certificate. He humbly prayeth that your worship and the rest of the Justices will be pleased to take into your favourable consideracons his great loss by his service, and that he may receive some reasonable recompence.

# F.1, D.24, S. Knutsford, 24 April, 10 Car. I, 1634.

# A presentment by Henry Morton, constable of Knutsford.

Humbly sheweth that John Hindley lately of the town of Knutsford hath set up alehouse keeping without licence as we verilie thinke, howsoever so it is that he keepes from time to time much disorder in his house, and many of ill condition do frequent his house at unseasonable hours. May it please you to take it into consideration and to deal with him according as the law provides in that case.

*Order*: It is the pleasure of the Bench that this alehouse be suppressed, and if he afterwards offends that he shall pay 20.s. or be whipped according to law.

#### F.1, D.26, 1634.

#### Petition for relief for Jane Lance.

To Sir George Booth Bart. and Justices at above Sessions.

We whose names are subscribed in the behalf of this bearer Jane Lance, a poor old woman, do certifie unto your worships that we have long known Jane, and for the most part she hath always lived in the parish of Rosterne about Over Peover and by great pains takeing maintained herself honestly without being burthensome to her neighbours and also found someone who would give her lodging for such labour or payment as she was able to yield. But now she being grown verie old those which formerly lodged her refuse to give her lodging unless she might receive warrant from your worps. So that the poor woman is like to come to great miserie

unless you will be pleased to assign her some of the places wherein she hath formerly lived which she will make known.

THO: SMALWOOD, THO: BROOKE, RAPHE DUNCALFE, JOHN LOWE, PETER LEYCESTER, EDMUNDE HOWE.

*Order*: The Churchwardens and Overseers for the poor must provide her houseroom and relief.

# F.2, D.46, S. Nantwich, 7 July, 11 Car. I, 1635.

# Provisions and money for the navy.

To his Ma'tie's Justices at Quarter Sessions.

These may be to certifie that whereas there have been two gentlemen within our town of Over upon Saturday last 4 July 1635 to take up for his Majesty's use for the navie any provision whatsoever or money and were at divers inhabitants in our town whose names are underwritten. Viz:—

Peter Barker Constable of Over: in his absence they put him in £5 to the King. Jo: Wilkinson Jur.

Raphe Houlbroke of the Cross: there they demanded bacon at the half worth. Confesseth.

John Bostocke: there they called and the door being made they set him down £5 and to answer it at the Star Chamber. Jo: Wilkinson Jur.

Thomas Graistie: there they went into the loft and found cheeses and would have had them at the half worth or 4s in money and would have had oats for their horses. Francis Grasty Jur.

Robert Maddocke: there they found a flitch of bacon and would have had that at half price or 5s. Anne Maddocke Sen. Jur.

Richard Maddocke: thither they came and found bacon and said if it were at 4d the pound they would have it at 2d and threatened him to the Star Chamber. Anne Maddocke Jur.

William Houlbroke was treated in the same way. Also they threatened to take his son for a soldier. William Houlbroke Jur.

And this is further to certifie that the last conclusion was for the discharging of the town Mr. Edmund Pearsall agreed with them and disbursed 6s. Edmund Pearsall Jur.

Raphe Maddocke: there they were and viewed his cheese and would have had it at half worth, but a conclusion of 5s discharged him.

Witness whereof John Williamson, Constable, to all but Raphe Maddocke. He will justifie himself.

#### F.2, D.48, S. Nantwich, 7 July 11 Car. I, 1635.

# Unlawful purveyance for the navie. Letter from Tho: Marburie Esq to Sir Geo: Booth Bart. and the Justices at Quarter Sessions.

May it please you to be advertised, That my occasions are such that I cannot attend this next Sessions at Nantwich but shall present unto you herein closed a certificate from the Constable of Over, which in itself will demonstrate unto you and the rest of the bench the foul offences of two gentlemen, who under color for purveyors for his Ma'ty's navie, enter into men's houses and offer to take their victuals at half worth, which if any poor man deny then they amerse him in £5 for the King's use and threaten poor men with great punishment in the Star Chamber which hath put country men into great fear. Those two gentlemen were pursued by Mr. Daniell of Daresbury who conceiving them to be cheats, for where they could not get meate they would take composition in money and they did confess to me they got 10s in the town of Netherwalton from the inhabitants, which Mr. Daniell hearing pursued them and caused them brought before me, and viewing their commission and deputation I conceive they have no power to do such things, but ought to be punished for which purpose I have caused them to be brought before the Bench. And have also granted out warrants for John Williamson, Constable of Over and Raffe Maddock to prove the certificate. And I doubt not but I shall receive information from some of the inhabitants of Netherwalton to prove their ill carriage there which I shall likewise certify unto you. Marburie, 6 July, 1635.

# S.B. 6a, S. Nantwich, 7 July, 11 Car. I.

#### Summarised order of Bench.

Cuthbert Cartington [sic] and Richard Curteis [the 'gentlemen' in question] who by 'color' of a commission made by the King to Sir Sampson Darrell and a 'deputation' thereof made by Sir Sampson to the accused falsified the trust ...... and robbed the country in such sort as in certain informations remaining of Record in this Sessions appeareth.

Cartington was committed to Chester Castle until the Lords of the Privy Council give order for his enlargement.

Curteis 'being a stationer in Durham' was found to have no 'forward hand' in the misdemeanours and was released at once on his own recognizances.

#### F.2, D.61, S. Nantwich, 7 July, 11 Car. I, 1635.

#### Concerning a Shoemaker's Apprentice.

To Sir Richard Wilbraham, Knight and the other Justices at Quarter Sessions. The peticon of Willm: Crewe of Nantwich, Shoemaker. Shewing, that whereas Thomas Hardinge son of Ellen Hardinge of Wich [Nantwich] widow about four years last past with the consent of his mother put himself Apprentice unto the peticoner for seven years to be instructed in the trade or occupation of a shoemaker wherein having served three years and proffitted [sic.] well finding himself able to get good wages at the trade took occasion unjustly to cavil with your peticoner and having embezzled his Indenture did depart from his service alleging he wanted sufficient meate and drinke. Whereupon your peticoner was enforced to produce Hardinge and some witnesses before the Justices, who hearing the matter referred it to the mediation of neighbours. It was then agreed that Hardinge should serve your peticoner the residue of the term of seven years and his mother should find her son his diet and your peticoner in lieu thereof should pay 1s. 4d. a week, weekly, and find his servant apparel during the residue of the term. Whereupon a note of this agreement was drawn in writing and delivered to Ellen Harding to keepe indifferently betwixte them, and sithence Thomas Harding hath served your peticoner, until now of late without just cause he hath sequestred himself from his service, hoping to get better wages, and left him destitute of a servant contrarie to bargain as your peticoner can justly prove.

The petitioner, William Crewe concludes by asking the Justices to order Thomas Harding to carry out the last agreement in writing remaining in the hands of Ellen Harding.

## F.2, D.64, Ibid. 1635.

# A conciliatory letter to the Justices.

I present unto your due consideration some differences lately happened betwixt Mrs. Case and one Harrison; the one is a widow, the other a lame man who stirreth not but with the help of crutches. They both hold land of my son Stanley wherein some differences fell betwixt their servants which cometh in hearing before you at this Sessions. The supposed offence was that Harrison sending two men to make his fence, they or one of them got some few thorns in Mrs. Case her hedge, whereat her servants were offended. No blow was strucken. How far a riot or any misdemeanour may be committed without threatening words or blows I leave that to your judicious consideration. This I find to be the truth of the case, the parties being examined when there was less spleen and better reflection of their former actions. They are sorry for troubling you and themselves therein. I intreat they may have your lawful favour and assistance for the speedy ending of the differences, the poor men being freed from any further charge.

Hooton, 6 July 1635.

JOHN DRAYCOTT.

To the ever honoured Sir George Booth and Sir Richard Wilbraham Barts: and Sir Thomas Brureton Knt:, present these with my best service.
# F.3, D.51, S. Northwich, 6 Oct. 11 Car. I, 1635.

# Letter from Sir Thomas Aston, Sheriff, to Sir George Booth respecting accounts for the repair of Frodsham bridge and the Shire Hall; also for shipmoney.

Good Sir George, I shall desire you to acquaint the rest of the Justices that whereas they were pleased to nominate Sir John Savadge and myself for the receipt of moneys for the repair of Frodsham bridge; and also myself and others for receiving moneys to be collected for the repair of the Shire Hall, both the works are almost finished and yet part of the money for both is behind in the hands of the head constables especially of Francis Newton head constable for the Hundred of Bucklowe, who hath long since received great part of the bridge money and not paid it over. Many townships he pretends to be yet unpaid upon pretence of holding of St. John's of Jerusalem, which I desire you to take into consideration and to give some order as you shall find cause. I appointed the constables of Warburton to attend you with their Charter. It is a great discouragement to others in such leves as are for public use that all do not bear their equal shares having equal benefit. And for the money received by Newton I desire you will order him to pay it, or to fine him for his negligence as shall be thought fit. Further I shall desire you to advise whether it be not convenient to remove him from his place, for that in this great leavy for the ship [money] I am directed to imploy head constables for collecting the money; and if so great sums should fall into the hands of so ill a paymaster the country and the King's service might suffer by it. So desiring to be excused that I could not wait on you. With the tender of my best respects to your associates I rest .....

## S.B. 6a, S. Northwich, 6 Oct. 11 Car. I.

Order of Bench: Upon complaint this day by Francis Newton gent that the Townships and persons hereunder named have refused to pay their several assessments towards the repair of Frodsham bridge and the Shire Hall ...... This Bench doth order that Francis Newton shall direct his precepts to the petty constables requiring them to give notice to such persons that have refused to pay their leys to appear before the Judges at Chester upon Tuesday in the Assize weeke next to answer their contempt before them.

# F.1, D.35, S. Knutsford, 26 April, 12 Car. I, 1636.

# Letter to Sir Geo. Booth and the Justices respecting the maintenance of children of an executed felon.

Sir, Whereas the parishioners of Davenham being the most of them my tenants were charged by an order granted at the last Sessions with the keepinge of five children of one Brocke who was

executed for fellonie at the assize before (until they could shew cause to the contrarie), and for that the parisioners conceive that other neighbouringe parishes wherein the said Brock did last inhabit are liable to partake with them in the said charge. They have peticoned unto me to move the bench that they may have the assistance of the said parishes and such further help as you shall think convenient to ease them in this great charge which I hold to be fit and verie reasonable.

Your verie lo. friend

# From Rocksavage, 23 April 1636.

SAVAGE (1).

(1) John Savage, 2nd Vic. Savage of Rocksavage Bart., afterwards Earl Rivers.

F.3, D.53, S. Middlewich, 18 Oct, 12 Car. I, 1636.

Petition of Anne Brocke, mother of the above-mentioned children, to the Justices respecting their maintenance.

Sheweth that the petitioner (whose husband was executed at Chester at Michaelmas Assize was twelve month) having peticoned to Sir John Bridgman, cheefe Justice of Chester for relief for herself and six children. And being by his Lordship referred to his Ma'ty's Justices for your order in this matter. And also having peticoned unto you at two several Sessions since and by you referred to the Church wardens and Overseers of Davenham Parish for relief unto five of her children thereborn and for the relief of the youngest by the parish of Great Budworth where it was born, which parish according to your order yield relief quarterly to the youngest. But the parish of Davenham will not give relief to the other five according to your order.

The petitioner prayeth the Bench to take some course that the parish of Davenham may not delay her any longer in regard all that she hath is gone and the colde winter approacheth.

The order made in January last to be confirmed. viz.:—that the said children born in the parish [*Davenham*] shall be there kept and maintained as the law in that case hath ordained.

## F.4, D.27, S. Chester, 10 Jan. 12 Car. I, 1636.

# Certificate of Sir Geo. Booth and Sir William Brereton to the Justices, in favour of a claim of George Smith late Purveyor.

Forasmuch as George Smith late Purveyor for his Ma'tie's Composition Oxen, being constrained to peticon his Ma'ty's. Justices at the last Quarter Sessions holden at Chester 10 Jan. 1636 for the repay of his losses sustained thereby to the value the last year of 30  $\pounds$  and upwards, and likewise for an increase of his allowance for this present year.

Whereupon the Justices taking the same into consideracon intreated us whose names are under written to take Smith's

accompts and to certifye the truth therein together with our opinions, both for the repay of his said losses and allowance for this year which should be a sufficient warrant to the Clerk of the Peace to draw up an order accordingly as by the order of Court may appear, and to the end his Ma'ty's services might not be neglected we called before us Smith and upon examination of him the more we find it true. That upon the bringing of his oxen to his Ma'ty's officers, which cost the peticoner 7  $\pounds$  a peace, 13 were refused, so that he offered to give the Clerk of the Green Cloth his whole allowance, being 7  $\pounds$ . 10.s apeace both for buying and defraying charges and that was refused. And he constrained to buy so many more oxen at 9  $\pounds$  an ox to make up the number, or expose himself to imprisonment which he had undergone had not Sir William Brereton befriended him in giving bond to make good the number of oxen so refused being to the loss of 26  $\pounds$  as he affirmeth. And for the better providing of oxen for this year for his Ma'ty's. use, we conceive the former allowance will not be sufficient to make the peticoner a saving match but rather a great loser which the Justices expressed no desire thereof. We therefore think meet that the peticoner shall have order to receive eight pounds ten shillings an ox, for that it was openly propounded to others that had served in the place to accept, and they refused it. As also for the repaying of 20 £ unto him for his losses for the last year being truly manifested unto us, which we thought good to certifye And in testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands 16 Jan, 1636.

To the Justices of the County of Chester in answer to that which they referred unto us at the last Quarter Sessions [see S.B.6a. S. Chester, 10 Jan. 12 Car. 1636]

# F.1, D.35, S. Knutsford, 20 April, 1637.

# Christian Southerne, about a bastard child.

To the Justices in the present Sessions. The petition of Christian Sotherne of Netherwalton, Spinster, Sheweth that whereas your petitioner hath bourne a bastard childe about 17 Feb. [1636.] being begotten upon her bodie by one Richard Hunt of Netherwalton, yeoman, which childe he refuseth to take; although divers witnesses have been examined that were present with her in the extremitie of her labour besides herself testifying upon their corporalle oathes before one of his Ma'tie's Justices where she fathered the bastard child upon Richard Hunt and upon no other man in the world.

May it therefore please this Benche to grant an order that Richard Hunt being a man of good abilitie and well able to maintayne the bastard child and also to free the parish where it was born; your petitioner being poor and not having wherewith neither to relieve herself nor the childe, and being cast out of the

favour of her parents and the love of her friends, onely for this her hard fortune. And if it might please your charitable consideracon further to order Richard Hunt to give amends to your petitioner for this wrong sustained promising her marriage and in the meanwhile married another woman which he had with child at the same time.

Sir G. Booth and Sir William Brereton, Justices, ordered that Richard Hunt upon sight hereof shall take and keep the child with meat, drink, lodgings and apparel for the term of twelve years, or until it shall be able to get its own living, the said Christian Sotherne allowing him ten shillings annually to be paid quarterly during the said term. 20 March 1636. [See F.1, D.56, 1637] Confirmed at above Sessions.

### F.1, D.22, S. Knutsford, 3 April, 14 Car. I, 1638.

# Hugh Calveley, about his late wife's goods.

To the Justices of the County of Chester. The petition of Hughe Calveley gent. Sheweth That your petitioner did about half a year last past take to wife one Anne Dutton widowe by force whereof he became possessed of divers goods, moneys, cattle and specialities of dett. And your petitioner's wife living since her marriage at her former house in Handley in this Countie, where the goods were, and happening to die on Easter Eve last, one John Dutton her son and John Batha of the Holt in the Countie of Denbighe, being a man of bad carriage accompanied with others, to your petitioner unknown, did in a riotous manner enter into the house and rifle and take away the said goods to places unknown. And not only so but when your petitioner came to the house where his wife died, intending to have her buried in a decent manner, the said riotous persons would not so much as suffer your petitioner to come into the house, but have and still keep it with the said goods, and have of themselves buried her in an obscure way. Some of which persons having been arrested and brought before Mr. Doctor Snell stand bounde to appeare at this Quarter Sessions where your petitioner hopeth that such order may be taken with them as their haynous [heinous] misdemeanours do deserve.

Order: Referred to the Justices of that hundred.

## F.2, D.41, S. Nantwich, 10 July, 1638.

# Petition for the suppression of Richard Brock's Alehouse in Bunbury because he kept and exhibited popish ornaments.

To the Justices of the Countie of Chester. The petition of divers Inhabitants of the Parish of Bunburie. Sheweth that notwithstanding a statute made in ye thirde yeare of our late soveraigne Lord Kinge James prohibitinge every popish recusant, convict or any other whose wife is or shalbe such to keepe in their houses or lodgings any Altar Pyx, beades, pictures, Crucifix or any other

popish relique whatsoever which in the opinion of any two Justices shalbe thought un-meete for such recusants to have. Yet nevertheless so it is that Richard Brock of the parish of Bunburie, Aleseller and Joane his wife a recusant convict do keepe in their Alehouse (which is not fully five roodes distant from the chancell doore of the parish church) diverse pictures and other popish reliques, and namely one great Crucifix of brasse or copper fayrely guilded which Brock audaciously and in contempt of the statute sometimes bringeth forth and openly setteth up before such as come to drinke at his house; and sometymes usinge these or wordes to the like effect: Now God be thanked all thinges begin to come well on, and in tyme no doubt will come to good end.

Forasmuch as diverse Ale houses in Bunburie were lately suppressed by Sir John Bridgman then Chiefe Justice of Chester for the great number that were thought to be in so little a village towne and for the much disorder in those Alehouses used; since when Richard Brock to augment the number has crept in to keepe a common Alehouse. [See D.42 Ibid.] May it therefore please the Bench to take into consideracon the Act of Parliament, the order made by Sir John Bridgman upon the like petition, which order is hereunto fyled under the teste of the Courte, and the insolent behaviour of Brock to breede distraction in people's heartes, and thereupon to order as in your good discretions shalbe thought fitting.

#### *Note on face*: Brocke suppressed.

*Endorsed*: A warrant to bind him to the next Assizes and to be of good behaviour in the meantime.

#### F.2, D.42, Ibid. 1638.

# Petition to the Chief Justice for the suppression of certain Alehouses in Bunbury.

To Sir John Bridgeman Cheefe Justice of Chester. The petition of divers Inhabitants and Parishioners of Bunbury in the County of Chester. Sheweth unto your Lordship that Bunbury being a poore village and no thoroughfare Towne is oppressed with seven Alehouses viz:—Anne Brocke, Randulfe Hutchinson, Robert Brocke, Richard Farrow, William Betteley, Randulfe P...... and George Massie, whereas in truth one or two at the most were sufficient for so poore a towne, and none of these keepe lodgeing and victualling but onely Ann Brocke (it being a house of some repute) as also Hitchinson and Farrow keeping disorder, harboring bad persons concealing men's children and servants in the night season whereby much evil riseth and God's creatures abused and consumed.

The petitioners ask the Chief Justice to suppress so many alehouses as he shall think fit.

Order: All these Alehouses are suppressed saving that kept by Anne Brocke. John Brydgeman.

Ext. pro me Henry Birkhened, prothonotarie, Chester and Flint.

## F.4, D.4, S. Chester, 15 Jan. 1638/9.

Concerning the inclosing of a Parcell of the waste at Weverham.

Examinacons taken at Gelden Sutton 22 March 1638. Before George Snell and George Byrom Doctors of Divinitie and two of Dyrom his Ma'ty's Justices.

Edward Shallcross of Weverham, yeom, Informeth uppon oathe, yt aboute a three weeks since this Informer beinge in conference with John Harefinch of Weverham aforesaid yeoman concerninge the inclosinge of a Parcell of the waste allowed by William Marbury of Marbury Esq the Lord thereof, unto John Pearson of Weverham, aforesaid, yeoman in consideration of a certine platt of ground allowed by the said Pearson out of his Tenem't to erect a School house uppon for the use of Weverham aforesaid. The said Harefinch in the hearinge of this Informer showed a great deale of discontentment against the said Pearson for the Inclosinge of the foresaid parcell of waste, and said the same should be pulled downe, and yt hee the said Harefinch would pull it downe himself, and within the space of a week after in the night season the same fence or ditch was pulled downe and leade [laid] waste and this Informer further saith yt this present day hee heard Peter Saint of Weverham husbandman say, yt if ye said fence or ditche aboute ye said waste land aforesaid were yet standinge it should be pulled downe again.

Katherin Heyward of Weverham sworne and examined saith yt the foresaid Harefinch, her M'r, about two nights before ye foresaid fence was pulled downe, used these words to this examinant, Katherin cannot thou and Peter Saint's daughter goe and pull downe yonder fence, meaning the ditch wherein the foresaid waste was inclosed, whereunto this examinat replied, M'r will you beare me out. etc. etc.

[Other depositions follow].

## F.4, D.52, Ibid. 1638/9.

Concerning the misbehaviour of John Dodd, an idle Apprentice.

Examinacons taken at Thornton the 14 Jan. 1638 Before George Dyron Byron Doctor of Divinitie and one of his Ma'ty's Justices.

Thomas Speed of Dunham upon the hill yeom. Informeth uppon oathe yt John Dodd his apprentise hath negligently behaved him selfe in his service in idleinge and sleepinge in severall places where

hee hath beene comanded to work and hath allso stubbernly and rebelliously behaved him selfe towards this Informer and his Dame, doinge violence to her, and hath striken this Informer's servant woman, and hath beene drunke, and hathe three severall times over run his service, and hath beene harbored by Henry Dodd and Raphe Mason and Mr. John Ketle of Burwardsley, and this Informer sendinge Peeter Dutton and Richard Merser to demand his said servant from ye said Mr. Ketle aboute harvest last was twelve month, ye said Mr. Ketle informer and rayled exceedingly against this Informer and miscalled him, as ye said Dutton and Merser tould this Informer.

Richard Merser of Dunham uppon ve Hill in ve Countie aforesaid laborer informeth uppon oathe yt the foresaid Dodd hath three severall times overunn his M'r without cause within this three yeares last past, etc. etc. And this Informer further saith yt ye s'd Speede did send him and ye said Dodd to weede Corne but Dodd did at eight of the clock in the morning lev him downe to sleepe and slept untill two of ye clock in ye afternoone, and when this Informer waked him hee miscalled this Informer and slept on still, and this Informer hath often times seene him to sleep in like sorte, and ye s'd Dodd hath beene angry at this Informer because hee would not sleep with him at his worke they beinge fellow Prentises, and said ye said Dodd did scratch ye servant maide in ve house, and did strike this Informer, and offered violence unto his Dame and offered to thrust a horse uppon her, and hath given her severall times very ill langwage and further saith yt ye sd Dodd nether wanted meate drinke nor rayment but had suffitient thereof, and was employed with his said M'r in ye trade of a Cowper when his M'r had worke for him to doe, and yt this Informer was imployed soe much ye more in drivinge of ye plough yt ye said Dodd might be kepte to his trade the three yeares last past.

# F.4, D.54, S. Chester, 15 Jan. 1638/9.

# Examinations about Vagrants on the highway near Helsby.

Examinacons taken at Thornton 17 Dec. 1638. Before George Byrom Doctor of Divinitie and one of his Ma't's Justices within the said Countie.

William Tomlinson of Newton in ye Countie of Lancaster yeom Informeth uppon oathe yt hee together with James Haddock cominge from Chester overtooke foure suspitious p'sons two of them lustie men, and other two lustie women neare Helsby, and questioninge them from where they came whither they travelled and what were their names, they answered them they were noe Justices nor Constables therefore they would tell them nothinge, and thereuppon they offered to goe out of the highway in to the fforrest, this Informer thretninge to take them before some Justice or Constable and offeringe to stay them, one of them struck his horse uppon ye

face and tould him hee hadd nothinge to doe with him thereuppon this Informer with James Haddock left them; but ye foresaid suspitious persons followed after them into Helsby aforesaid and there this Informer lookinge back saw them goe overcross ve high way at back of ye Towne out of all high wayes whereuppon he together with James Haddock charged the Constables to apprehend them, and caused them to bee attended and watched but ye said Constables suffered three to mak an escape but brought one Randall Carter before George Byrom Doctor of Divinitie who uppon examinacon was committed unto ve Castell of Chester. And this Informer further saith, yt hee found another of ye men, which made an escape from ye foresaid Constables, in Warrington in ye Countie of Lancaster ye last weeke and caused him to bee serched, and found in his pocketts nine pewter porringers, five sawsers and a greene doublet put within his briches next to his shirt, and soe caused ye Constables to bringe him before Mr. Rigbie a Justice within ye Countie of Lancaster to bee examined and proceeded against accordinge to law.

Randall Carter examined confesseth yt hee with other three a man and two women were wanderinge neere unto Helsby in ye foresaid Countie of Chester and were apprehended by the Constables of Helsby aforesaid, and confesseth yt hee hath beene out of service this three yeares, and when hee hath monies hee payeth for his meate and when hee hath none hee beggeth, and further confesseth yt hee hath noe residence of abode but is somtimes in Cheshire and somtimes in Lankeshire and saith yt ye other three of his companions made an ascape from ye sd Constables of Helsby, but knoweth not ye names of ye said parties.

Endorsed: Contra Carter a Prisoner, and a vagrant Roage.

#### F.2, D.65. S. Nantwich, 9 July, 15 Car. I, 1639.

# Letter from Edward Warren to the Justices about relief of the poor in the Parish of Prestbury.

It may please you to understand that I am informed there hath been an order given at some Quarter Sessions now past that every township within the Parish of Prestbury should maintaine their own poore(1). And forasmuch as the township of Poynton within which I live consistent of three hamletts called Poynton, Worth and Woodford, in which hamlets there be many poore, which if they should be relieved jointly would be a verie great charge to the particular hamlets when as everyone is chargeable with the relief of the whole.

My desire is that you will be pleased to give directions that only one of these several hamlets may be charged with the relief of its owne poore, which for my own part I shall be willinge to submit unto; or else that you will impose the relief upon the whole parish of Prestburie as, in my poore understandinge, the statute ordeyned for the releife of the poore doth importe(2). Poynton, 6 April 1639.

Order : Referred to the Justices in Macclesfield Hundred.

(1) See S.B. 6 a, Middlewich 18 Oct., 12 Car. I, 1636, and Northwich 3 Oct., 13 Car. I. 1637.

(2) 5 Eliz: c. 3.

### F.1, D.28, S. Knutsford, 21 April, 1640.

# Petition of a Carpenter's apprentice for release from service. To his Ma't's. Justices.

The peticon of John Hill. Sheweth that your petitioner beinge a poore labouringe man did hire himself with one Henry Ball who undertook to teach him the occupason of a carpenter havinge then his sone John dwelling with him who did follow the same occupason, And who then likewayes undertook, beinge a good workman, to instruct your petitioner therein. But soe it is that the said John Ball is gone away from his father, And his father by reason hereof hath little work or none in that kind so that he neclectes to instruct your petitioner contrary to his bargaine; also Henry Ball did Covenant to give your petitioner two of the first years foure nobles a yeare, which he denyeth to give him, quarterly, accordinge as all servants usually have there wages paid them to buy them clothes and other necessaryes but deteaneth the same sayinge he will give it him when he listeth. But the greatest greefe of your petitioner is that Henry Ball is a most feereful curser and a most greevous blasphemer of god's most holy name upon ev're slight occason.

The premises considered may it please your worshipes to take such course for your petitioner that he may eyther be released from h's servis(1) or otherwayes be instructed in his occupason, have his wages duly paid him and be freed from this outragious cursinge and blaspheaminge of the said Henry Ball.

(1) A testimonial necessary, see 5 Eliz: c. 4, s. 10.

## F.1, D.29, Ibid. 1640.

# Opinion of the Lord Chief Baron on a Petition of the parishioners of Prestbury for authority to carry out an ancient custom respecting relief of the poor.

It is well knowne to your L'dship that the parish of Prestbury is large and spacious consisting of 28 severall Townships many of which townes are ten or twelve Miles distant one from another. And it is probable that distance of Townes one from another gave occasion to that generall practice for the Maintenance of the poore in great parishes to witt that every Towne should keepe and provide for there owne poore and such hath beene the Constant practice in the parish of Prestbury past the Memorie of Man, and is at this

tyme saving that some private persons begin to except against it as being contrarie to the statute [5 *Eliz*: c. 3].

Now our humble Petition is that your L'dship and the rest of the Reverend Judges would be pleased to deliver there opinion Whether the parishioners of Prestbury may not proceede in their Ancient and laudable Custome that every severall Towne shall mayntaine there own Poore and in case of neglect Whether the Justices of Peace may not compell thereunto not withstanding the statute.

The Chief Baron's opinion as expressed by the signatories below. We are of opinion that the Parishioners of Prestbury may proceede in there Ancient custome: That every Towne shall mayntaine there owne Poore and in case of neglect that the Justices of Peace may compell thereunto notwithstanding the statute which upon the like case a special verdict beinge found upon solemne Argument was adjudged accordingly. [See S.B. 6a, Nantwich, 10 July, 14 Car. I, 1638]

11 Jan. 1639.

HUMFRAY DAVENPORT, GEO: BROKE.

#### F.1, D.55, Ibid. 1640.

### Examinations to prove the father of a bastard child.

Examinacons taken at Marbury 20 Aprill 1640. Before me William Marbury Esq one of his Ma't's Justics.

Jane Reede of Comberbach in the sayde County widdowe sworne deposeth and sayeth That she beinge a midwife was required to come to the house of James Robinson of Little Leigh yeom To doe her office at the travaile of Ellen Robinson Spinster. And further sayeth that she did charge Ellen in the name of God to declare who was the father of her child. And Ellen in the greatest extremitie of her travaile did saye that Peter Eaton of Woolygreene in the Towneship of Little Leigh was the father of her Child and no man else.

Mary the wife of Peeter Worrall sworne deposeth That she was present by when Ellen Robinson was in travaile and was delivered of a bastard Child and did father the saide Child uppon Peeter Eaton of Woolygreene within Little Leigh aforesaide.

Anne the wife of Richard Worrall of Little leigh sworne deposeth that the examinacon of the aforesayde Mary Worrall is true.

Ellen the wife of Peter Worrall of Littleleigh sworne deposeth That the examinacons aforesayde are true in every particular.

Ellen the wife of John Ryder sworne deposeth That the examinacons aforesayde are true in every particular.

# F.2, D.18, S. Nantwich, 14 July, 1640.

## Presentments of people for not working on the highways.

Willm Moulton one of the supervisors of the highwayes in Acton Parish doth present:

Imp. Thomas Oulton of Cholmston for refusing to worke with his teame at Beambridge Cawsey .....

Itm. Mrs. Mary Walley of Worleston for not working in the highwaies with a teame any of the fixed dayes appointed (1).

Itm. John Windsey of Worleston for the like, the rest of that towne have done something but theire waies are very ill still.

Itm. John Braine of Aston gent, for not working with his teame any of the sixe dayes appointed.

I certefy this presentment according to the statute (2).

### 14. July 1640

# Billa vera.

RIC: WILBRAHAM.

### D.19 from above file.

A presentment made by William Moulton supervisor. Imprimis. I present Thomas Oulton of Cholemeston for not cominge to the Beaime Bridge Causy and all the rest of ye towne came and he answered he would not come.

2. Mistris Walley of Worleston, shee hath doone nothinge.

3. John Winseay of ye same towne, for hee hath doone nothinge.

The Rest have done some little but theire lane is very ill still.

All the Rest of the townes have doone theire worke very well.

Mem. John Breaine of Aston hath done nothinge.

(1). Statute 2 & 3 Phil. & Mary C.8. (2). Statute 18 Eliz. C.10. S.9.

#### F.2, D.25, S. Nantwich, 14 July, 1640.

Petition of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Stockport concerning the relief of the poor.

To the right Wor. Sir George Boothe, Sir Richard Wilbraham, Sir William Brereton and the rest of the Justices nowe assembled to holde the genall Quarter Sessions.

The peticon sheweth that the Towne of Stockport (beinge a Markett Towne) hath therein the number of ffourscore ffamilyes which are not able to releive themselves nor otherwaise able to subsiste without the Charitie of other the inhabitants of the said Towne and Parishe. And that these are diverse poor people, some whereof are allready, and others are very likely suddenly to be exceedinge Chargeable to the Towne and Parish unles some speedy Course be taken for their removall. The particular receivers of

the said poore, and the nomber soe received appeareth by the Note hereunto affxed.

And that there are already in the said Towne and Parish soe many impotent people which are by Tax and Imposicon ymposed upon the Towne and Parish as that there is and wilbe very neere flourescore pounde to be Collected for such people. And that there is a Tax of ffiftie pounds already taxed by the Petitioners within the said parish for such Impotent persons which is a great deale too shorte to releive those and others whoe since the tyme the tax was Taxed have petitioned to be releeved as others are. Soe that in regard of the greatness of the tax, and the Multiplicitie of the Poore there is in some Towneshipps in the Parish a genall denyall of paym't of the taxes whereby the pet'rs are exceedingly troubled. Those that doe paye their taxes greatly overcharged, And yet Notwithstandinge some of the poore ready to be starved.

The Petitioers intreat you to take the particular Greevances into Consideracon, And to make such order in and concninge every branch of this their peticon as you shall Conceive to be juste for the generall good of the said Towne and Parish and for assistance of the petitioners.

*Endorsed*: The Justices of Peace at theire sevall meetings are to assesse such fynes upon the receivers and harborers of poore people to multiply them, weekly or otherwise, as they shall think fitt.

## Note referred to in F.2, D.25, 1640.

The names of the receivers of the poore people into the Towne of Stockport and the nomber of the poore.

Edward Mottershead. 4 ffamilyes about	20 p	o'sons
Raph Dickenson Alderman one ffamilye	3	;,
John Browne hath lately taken a ffamilye	4	,,
George Cheetam one ffamilye	2	,,
Raphe Rowston	2	,,
ffrancis Robinson	4	,,
Widowe Heaward	3	,,
ffrancis Harpur	6	,,
Thomas Cooper	2	,, ,,
Thomas Benneson	4	
Edward Garnett	3	,,
Richard Dickson	7	,,
Widowe Ashton	2	,,
John Croke		,, *
Edward Harpur	4	,,
	4	,,
Mary Ashton and her sister	3	,,
Thomas Hulme	-	,,
Roger Danyell	1	,,
Robert Hudson	1	,,

# F.3, D.2, S. Middlewich, 6 Oct, 1640.

# Recognizance ordered to be forfeited by William Grosvenor for selling Ale without a license.

Wee his Ma'ty's Justices whose names are subscribed doe hereby Certify that John Massey and William Huxley the Constables of Bromhall at our last month's meetinge at Acton upon 11 Sep. 1640 did present unto us William Grosvenor of Bromhall for selling Ale obstinatly and of his owne authority without any Lycence. Which said Grosvenor the 29 Aprill last 1640 did enter into a recognizance of  $20 \pm$  and two other Suirties with him in the sevall sumes of  $10 \pm$  a peece, that hee William Grosvenor should not from thenceforth utter or sell any Beere or Ale in his house or the precincts thereof without sufficient lycence obtained from his Ma't's Justices. And the said Grosvenor haveinge procured noe such lycence but presumed to sell upon his owne Authority his said Recognizance is forfeited. [See D.1, Idem]

RIC: WILBRAHAM, GEO COTTON.

# F.3, D.14, Ibid. 1640.

# Shipmoney levied by the High Sheriff in Cheshire.

A Breife of the Amount of the Shipmoney Leavyed by Sir Thomas Aston Baronett Late High Sheriffe of Cheshire in Anno 1635.

	£	s.	d.
The Chardge of the Whole County was	3500	0	0
Whereof payd by the Citty	300	0	0
Likewise payd in p'te by the Cleargy	200	0	0
Democrath to be Learned in the Country	2000	0	_

		£	S.	а.
Bucklowe Hundred	Mr. Starky	190	6	0
	Mr. Ryecroft	232	15	6
Northwich Hundred	Mr. ffurnivall Mr. Kinsey	179 268		5 9
Maxfield Hundred	Mr. Wych	298	3	6
	Mr. Barrett	202	18	9
Namptwich Hundred	Mr. Knight Mr. Chester	273 228		0 2
Broxton Hundred	Mr. Williamson	219	9	7
	Mr. Wright	195	16	1
Worral Hundred	Mr. Robinson	218	1	6
	Mr. Bennett	168	10	5

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		£	s.	d.
	Edisbury Hundred Mr. Baker Mr. Travis	109 220		1 8
	Total Received of the County	3007	11	5
	So Received in Overplus	7	11	5
	Remayninge in my hands above Shipmoney of the County's money	7	11	5
	Disbursements, abatements, and Repayments of the overplus above sayd:			
	Sent backe by Mr. Davenport to Thomas Lacy of Bollen ffee upon Sir George Booth's L're	2	0	0
	Gived back to Rich. Patrick of Shipbrooke upon the request of Mr. Hugh Cholmondley	2	0	0
	Given back to Richard Carter of Aldersay	2		0
	fforgiven Mrs. Woodnett of Namptwich upon the death of her husband	1	12	0
	Leavyed by Phillipp Dennis a Bayliffe p'te of the			
	Areres & never payd to mee	1	3	0
	Lost in Light gold and Brasse money at the pay		10	10
	ment of the money to Manchestermen Abated in Hankelow p'te of 10s. Arere	1	19 5	10 0
	Abated to Charles Manwaring of Middlewich		12	0
	William Goulborne of Malpas		6	8
	Unpayd by the Constable of Stublach which he received		10	0
	Abated Mrs. Kellsall of Chedle	2	0	0
	Charges of speciall Bayliffs with warrant the 20 January 1635 for Areres	1	10	4
	Speciall Bayliffs againe with a new Warrant dated			
	the 30th of January forwards	1	9	0
	Charges disbursed at London to the Clearkes of the Councell, And Coppyes And Orders about			
	exemption of the Citizens Lands	6	11	0
	To Sir William Russell's man for his Indenture of discharge ffor the money	2	0	0
	discharge not the money			
	Totall disbursed by me	25	18	10
	Soe I am out of Purse the Summe of	18	7	5
mar nan	Besides all my Chardges and expences in that S ny particular lesser summs payd Backe to divers p nes I have fforgotten. This I Justifye ffor true Acc	'sons	e A whe	nd

THO: ASTON.

## F.3, D.19, Ibid. 1640.

# Petition of Supervisors of highways asking the Justices to compel three unwilling persons to repair the same.

To the right Worshipfull the Justics att the Quarter Sessions houlden att Middlewich. The Petition of Steven Noden and George Steele gents <u>supervisors</u> of the towneship of Church Copenall for this p'sent yeare.

Humblie enformeth your worships that Randle Shawe and Robert Tomlinson both of Church Copnall husbandmen did heretofore promise to your peticon's, in lieu of doinge theire worke in the high waies that they would upon their owne charges bringe to Church Copnall, either of them, one Cart loade of fforest fflaggs, the same to be laid within Church Copnall where should be thought most needfull by your peticoners as some other of theire neighbors have done in the like case, but now doe refuse to doe the same: And likewise wee have made bold to informe your worships that one Robert Jannis beinge a labouringe man and lyvinge within the said towneship doth refuse to labor and doe his worke in the high waies within Church Copnall according as the lawe requires, although he hath bin often required by your peticoners to doe the same: In Consideracon whereof maie it please your good worships to take such Course against the aforenamed p'sons for the more speedie redresse herein as you shall thinke most meete to stand with equitie and Justice. And this for God's Cause.

*Endorsed*:  $3\pounds$  a peece for the Carts; 6s for 6 dayes for the laborer.

F.4, D.15, S. Chester, 12 Jan. 1640/1.

Presentments of Recusants.

Presentments made by the Churchwardens of the severall parishes of this division of the hundred of Maxfield under written of all and every the names of the Recusants within theire severall precincts and libertyes. Taken at Cheadle 9 Jan. 1640 before William Nicholls Dr. of Divinity one of his Ma't's. Justices within this County; According to an order of the hono'ble High Court of Parliament.

The names of them are theise following:

Motteram Prudence Hollingworth wife of John Hollinworth of Motteram Gentlemn

Dorathy Goodwin servant unto the aforesaid John Hollinworth of Motterm Gentlemn.

Mary Hoppwood of Motterm widdowe.

Stockporte Elizabeth Davenport wife of Edward Davenport of Bramhall Gentlemn;

Mary Marshall singlewoman liveinge att the house of John Davenport in Bramhall aforesaid Alehouse Keeper.

Taxall, Null; Cheadle, Null; Northerden, Null. Billa Vera. – WILLIAN

WILLIAM NICHOLLS.

## D.16, Idem. 1640/1.

The presentments of the Churchwardens and sworne men of the Parishe of Doddleston concerning Recusantes in the said Parishe.

We presente that we knowe not of any, but one Lowry Thomas:

We p'sente (likewise) that there is a woman that (sometimes) comes out of Flintshire (but from what place we cannot yet learne) to lower Kinnarton a townshippe in the parishe that is Papistically affected; but wee (likewise) heare she hath bene indited in the place where (in Flintshire) she really dwelleth and suffreth the penalty of the lawe there.

When we can learne more of her we shall be ready to certify more.

Richard Howell, The mark of Thomas Dakyn X., Hu. Wilbraham. CHARLES DUCKWORTH: Cler: Billa vera.

#### Dina vera.

# D.17. Idem.

A true pr'sentm't of all the names of the recusants within our p'ish of Tattenhall.

Alice Gateliffe widowe, Katherine wife of Raph Dod, Amye Wilson Spinster, William Dod Junior, Katherine the daughter of Raph Dod, Margerie the wife of Thomas Filcocke, Richard Dutton and Alice his wife, John Hunt and Katherine his wife, Richard Platt and Elizabeth his wife, Anne Langton widdow.

By us Edward Speed, George Larden, Churchwardens.

WILL: SMYTH Cl'ke.

Capt. Cor. nobis Justic. Com. p'dict 11 Jan. 1640. Billa vera. THO: BRERETON, HU: WILBRAHAM.

## D.18, Idem. 1640/1.

The presentment of Malpas made 11 Jan. 1640 of all recusants within the said parish.

and the state builded a	
Mary Plunkett vid [vidua]	Malpas
Mary ffitzwilliam Vid.	,,
Elizabeth Colline her servant	
Anne Gallamore her servant	,,
Rich: Archbold her servant	,,
Christopher Plunkett her servant	,,
Roger Clerk her servant	,,
Katherin Madocke	,,
John Cowe	,,
John Brindley	,,
Mary Brindley his wife	
Jane Ankers ux:	,,
	,,
Margarett Palin servant to will orton	,,

100	QUARIER SESSI	ONS RECORDS.	
	Will Probin		Wichough
	Ellenor Probin ux:		,,
	John Probin		,,
	Marie Probin ux:		,,
	Marie Probin filia		,,
	Anne Probin		,,
	Margaret Joanes a servant to	Will Probin	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
	ffrancis Maddocke		
	Anne Grice		"
	Richard Madocke		Agden
	Marie Madocke ux		,,
	Richard Madocke filius		,,
	a Daughter Mary Madocke		,,
Bill	a vera.		
	John Brindley Servant		Hampton
	Alice Brindley ux.		,,
	James Guest		,,
	Margaret Wicksteed ux. Tho:	m.	,,
	Margaret Wicksteed filia		· ,, ·
	Richard Guest of Egerton		,,
	Hugh Sparrow of Bickley		,,
	Richard Massie of Broxton		,,
	Marie Massie of Broxton		,,
	Margaret Dod ux: Edu: Dod		,,
	Ellenor Brereton spinster of E	dge	"
	Annie Sparrow of Bickley		. , ,
		THO	BRIDGE [Clerk]
	ot. Cora. nobis 11 die Januarii 0 Just. Com. pr'dict.	Owen Browne, John Boswell.	Churchwardens

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1640 Just. Com. pr'dict.	John Boswell.
Tho. Brereton	Richard Parker, Sworne men
Hu: Wilbraham	Raphe Stockton
	Rich. Bickerton
	Tho: Woolley

# D.19, Idem.

A trew Presentment made by the Churchwardens of the Names of all the Recusantes within the Parish of Runckhorne (Leaveinge the Chappels to themselves) to our best knowledge.

	n Earle Rivers and his countiss.	William Thornburgh et Uxor. Margaret Ley.
Hei	nry Savage et Uxor.	A servant man of Mr. Thorn-
Mrs	. Colvet.	burgh whose name we cannot
	colas Morley.	come to the knowledge of.
	. Volcar.	William Suthworth.
Ma	rgaret fford.	John Loe.
	liam Blag.	Prudence Ince.
Doi	othy Esthead.	

Margaret Enterley. Elizabeth Heward. Edmond Potter. Edward Wictkin. Hugh Burroughes, cl. Robert Jackson. Richard Madder.

Churchwardens.

William Whitley, John Muskett, Sidesmen of the same Parish. Billa vera.

N.B. For further lists see documents 20-70 inclusive F.4, 12 Jan 1640/1.

F.4, D.80, Ibid. 12 Jan. 1640/1.

# Certificate to the Justices concerning the erection of cottages without consent.

To his Ma'tie's Justices for the County of Chester. Wee whose names are underwritten, Inhabitants of The Towneship of Kyddington, certify that within tenn yeares last past, in the neighbourhood and Towne aforesaid there have byn 44 Cottages or thereabouts erected, whereof 7 stand in Kyddington to the greate annoyance of the inhabitants there most of them having byn set up without our consent. And whereas we are given to understand that one Richard Heskye an Ale seller is about to erect a Cottage on Kyddington greene to the further damage and harme of our Townshippe, the same Heskye havinge able friends to provide better for him, Wee humbly pray no order may bee granted by the Bench for buildinge the same in regarde wee are altogther unwillinge thereof.

Kiddington XX Sept. 1640.

Jno. Stockton, Owin Probin, Owen Browne (Churchwarden), Owen Naylor, Robert Eddow, Randle Thurlyn, Owyn Meredith, William Tench, John Madock, John Clarke the Elder, Richard Clarke, Owen Jones.

### D.81, Ibid., 1640/1.

# Covering letter with D.80 from John Stockton to Jo. Moland, Clerk of the Peace.

Mr. Moland. I did send this enclosed Certificate the last quarter Sessions, and iis. vid. for your fees; that noe Cottage might bee erected. But since that tyme, there hath bin one Cottage sett up, and more are intended to bee erected, to our Township's greate annoyance. My desire is that you wilbe pleased to file this Certificate uppon Record. And that an Order may bee entered uppon Record that noe more Cottages may bee hereafter set upp in the Township.

I send you by this bearer iis. vid. and what more fees you require upon notice you shall receave, pray you be carefull that nothinge may bee done against us.

Kiddington 30 Dec. 1640.

# F.2, D.28, S. Nantwich, 13 July, 1641.

# A Certificate in respect of repairs to Wayley Bridge.

To the Justices which shall be assembled at the next generalI Sessions of the peace. May it please you to be Certified that the Bridge called Wayley Bridge standing upon the River of Goyte dividing (in that place) the Counties of Derbie and Chester, was at the last Assizes for the Countie of Derbie by the Jurie of grand Inquest presented and found to be in Decaie; And that the Moitie thereof on Derbishire side ought to be repayred by the inhabitants of that Countie; and the other moitie by the inhabitants of the Countie of Chester. And at the ge'nall Sessions for the peace of the said Countie of Derbie then next ensueing, and now last past, upon a peticon then preferred and upon Conference with some workemen for Information what the Charges of Repayringe it might amount unto; (Whoe conceaved the Charge for that Moitie for Darbishire side would amount to above fortie five pounds) It was then ordered by us the Justices of the peace there assembled that the sume of fortie pounds should be presentlie levied in that Countie [Derbyshire] towards the repayringe of that Moitie; And if that sume would not suffice, to be supplied by another laye there, which at the request of some of the gentrie and others, Inhabitants there abouts in Cheshire, I desire to make knowne unto you And soe Rest

# yor affectioned ffreind to serve you

#### JO: SHALLCROSSE.

*Order*: Sir Edw: ffitton, Mr. Doctor Nicolls and Mr. Stanley to cause the bridge viewed and to certefie what the charge may bee and to certefie at next Sessions.

## F.2, D.34, Ibid., 1641.

## Petition to the Justices against the closing of a highway.

To His Ma'ty's Justices att their Quarter Sessions att Wychmalbanke [Nantwich].

The peticon of Edward Warren and William Downes Esqrs. Shewes That there hathe been tyme out of mynde a Hye waie for horse, foote, cart, carriage, and all necessaries, leadinge from Poynton and Worthe in this Countie of Chester, to Bowdon, Warrington and other places free for all his Ma't's. lovinge subjects, that the same is and of late hathe been stopped locked upp and hindred in a place or lane in Widford called Oller lane by John Richardson and Edward Brown to the great hindrance hurt and damage of suche as have occation to travell that waie as well for the leadinge of coles [coals] for the common profitt of the cuntrey as also for other occations.

Their request is that the said Richardson and Brown may be ordered to lay open the said waie, and to prevent suche tumults and breaches of the peace as otherwaies maie ensue upon stoppinge of the same. Att the least untill the said Richardson and Brown do or shall procure Judgment by due course of lawe against the usage of the said hye Waye as so they hereafter can.

EDWARD WARREN, WILLIAM DOWNES.

Order: Referred to Doctor Nicolls and Mr. Stanley.

## F.2, D.48, Ibid. 1641.

# Petition for the discharge of an apprentice, owing to the failure of his master to carry out the Indentures.

To his Ma't's Justices att this Sessions assembled. The peticon of Edward Knight of Water Eaton in the County of Staff: yeom. Sheweth that your peticoner the second daie of ffebruarie 1635, bound his sonne William Knight appren'ce unto one Thomas Baddeley then lyveinge att Tonge in the Countie of Salopp from the same daie with him to live and dwell for the terme of seven vears to learne the trade misterie or occupation of a Skinner which the said Thomas Baddeley then used, and your peticoner did in consideracon thereof well and trulie paie to the said Baddeley by his appoyntment the some of sixe pounds fifteen shillings of lawfull Englishe money, and arrayed his sonne with twoe suites of apparel one for Holie Daies and the other for worke Daies with necessaries thereunto belongeinge throughout in all poynts, And In consideracon thereof the said Thomas Baddeley by his Indenture promised well and trulie to Instructe the said William Knight in the same trade or occupacon, And to mayntaine him dureinge all the said terme with sufficient meate drinke apparel and lodgeinge of all sorts and all other necessaries fitt and Convenient and att the end of the said terme to double suite his said apprentice in as good manner as he came to him, as by the said Indenture appeares. But nowe soe it is that dureinge the space of five yeares last past and as till this daie William Knight as servant and apprentice to Thomas Baddeley hath dwelled with him, his Master, whoe hath ymployed his apprentice little or nothinge att all to his trade neither doth altogether followe the same trade as he ought to have done, haveinge taken apprentice and your peticoner's money to followe the same but hath sett your peticoner's sonne to all manner of husbandrie work and to followe horses and other Idle courses into foreign parts, neither hath anywise kept him with meate drinke apparel lodgeinge and other necessaries as he ought to have done by bargaine.

Your peticoner humblie praieth his said sonne may be att this Sessions freely discharged from his Master and apprentishipp and that the said Badeley maie be ordered to paie to your peticoner his money backe which he hath soe longe unjustlie made use of. And the rather because the said Baddeley hath taken money for his servant's labor when he hath bene att noe charge of him, and hath alsoe off'red to putt him of the rest of his terme to serve others.

Order: ..... give 3£ 5s backe, and give security to paye before .....

# F.2, D.55, Ibid. 1641.

# The complaint of Thomas Sparrow, Churchwarden of Namptwich of Thomas Harrison's drunken bawling in Church.

To his Ma'ty's Justics att this presente Sessions. The peticon of Thomas Sparrowe, one of the Churchwardens of Namptwiche. That whereas on ffrydaye the second daye of this Instant July one Thomas Harrison of Namptwich Laborer (beinge drunke) came into Nantwich Churche and did there abuse the Ringers (whoe were then Ringinge for the funeral of the Ladie Lee) And off'red to take the ropes from them violently, and abused them all with most base and vyle language who weire enforsed by reason of his disorder to gyve over Ringinge until the said Church warden Thomas Sparrowe (being then not farr from the Churche havinge workemen repayringe some decaye thereof) comvinge unto them and seeinge him soe drunke and dissordred requested him to bee quyet and goe his waye, and neither abuse himselfe nor the Ringers in that place. But Harrison came unto him the said Warden walking up and downe with him in the Churche in a most abusive manner, reprochinge and revylinge him with many approbrious and malicyous speeches sayinge viz: thou art a basse fellowe, a home breed Rogue, a whyte lyverd Rascall and hathe hanged three men [lewd expression] often reiteratinge the same with many other unseemely speeches untill the said Tho: Sparrow (to bee quiett) was glad to departe forth of the Church: still hee followinge him and revylinge him all alonge into the Church Yarde. And some of the Ringers meeting the said Harrison the next daye after told him they weire sorry hee had soe spoken unto the said Churchwarden the daye before; Hee answered hee wold say the same agayn and more and lett him [lewd expression].

That you wilbe pleased In respecte hee is a Comon Drunkard, and that the abuse was in the Churche, to Inflicte some punyshment upon him, either by byndinge him to his good abearinge, The House of Correction or otherwyse, as shall seeme most convaynyent.

THO SPARROW Jur.

Witnesses to prove this: Roger Bickerton, Ric. Symcocke, Roger Maynwaringe, Mathew Whittiker, Rendull Longfoote.

Order: A war't of good behaviour granted ag't the said Tho: Harrison.

# F.3, D.17, S. Knutsford, 5 Oct. 1641.

# Distraint of cattle for an Amercement of Fifty shillings on the Hundred of Macclesfield.

Whereas the Cattell of Thomas Watson of Tiderington within the Hundred of Maxfield in this County have beene distrained for amerciaments sett upon the said Hundred by the Justices of Chester for not repayring of Bach bridge neere Maxfield within the said Hundred; which Cattell the said Thomas Watson could not get again till hee had paid ffifty shillings to the newe under sherriffe; And for that he said Ls was a gen'all fine laid upon the whole Hundred, this Bench doth hold it just that it shalbee repaid unto the said Thomas Watson at the charge of the whole Hundred; And therefore it is nowe ordered that the head Constables of the said Hundred shall upon sight of this order send forth theire precepts to the petty Constables within their sevall divisions requiring them heerby to collect and gather by distresse or otherwise, the said some of fifty shillings together with five shillings charges sustained by the said Thomas Watson about the same, and the same to pay over to them soe as they may pay over the same to the said Thomas Watson with what convenient speed they can.

JO: MOLAND. [Clerk of the Peace]

## F.3, D.20, Ibid. 1641.

## Petition concerning the erection of a Cottage.

To his Ma'tie's Justices in this present Sessions. The peticon of Nathaniell Higginbotham of Marple. Sheweth that your peticoner by and with the consent of the greatest partes of the lords of the waste in Marple did erect a Cottage in and uppon one parte of the waste in the township afores'd he being a ffreeholder's son within the township.

That one Will'm Radcliffe pretending himselfe to have some right in the said wastes threatens to cause the said Cottage to be devasted and ruined beecause there is noe order of Sessions for the erection thereof. May it therefore please you to graunt your order of Confirmacon for the Cottage and that the said Radcliffe if (uppon sight and tender of your said order) denie to assent thereunto, may bee bound over to answer the same at the next Quarter Sessions.

Order: Let it be graunted.

G. BOOTH, RICHD. BRERETON, THO: STANLEY.

#### F.3, D.24, Ibid. 1641.

# Report of two Justices to the Bench concerning the discharge of an apprentice.

To his Ma't's. Justices at the gen'all Quarter Sessions holden at Knottsford.

Forasmuch as upon serious hearing of certaine differences betwixt Robt Philips of Churton in this County glover and Richard Dod his Apprentice. It appeared unto us his Ma't's. Justices whose names are subscribed, upon the oathes of sundry wittnesses that the said Robt Phillips hath broken the head of his said Apprentice and pursuing after him threatened to maime or kill him and hath otherwise abused his said Apprentice in such sorte as wee doe conceive the Apprentice hath just cause to complaine of his Master. And forasmuch as the said occasions of difference are so hainous [heinous] that wee cannot conceive any course to agree and reconcile the said Master and Apprentice without manifest danger to the Apprentice, Wee doe hould it fitt that the Apprentice should be discharged from his Master and his Apprenticeshippe, and that the said Robt. Phillipps should within a moneth repay unto Raph Dod, uncle unto his said apprentice, the some of fifty shillings being parte of foure pounds paid by Raph Dod unto Robert Phillipps with his Apprentice, and also deliver unto the said Apprentice his Cloathes and Indentures and all writing touching the premisses; All which at the suite of the said Apprentice and his uncle, wee doe hereby certifie unto the Court where it is most proper to be determined. THO: BRERETON, HU: WILBRAHAM.

Sept: 28: 1641. Confirmed p. Cur.

## F.3, D.44, Ibid. 1641.

Petition of three Justices to the Bench for the assessment of the Hundred of Broxton in addition to the Hundred of Wirral for the relief of the Plague.

May it please you to bee advertised. That whereas the Towne of Shotwicke within our allotment of the Hundred of Wirrall now is and for the space of ffower moneths last past has beene infected and visited with the plague, Wee hereby make bould to certifie you that according to the Statute in that case made and provided, wee have taxed and assessed the Inhabitants of the Hundred of Wirrall, for the relief of the persons infected within the said Towneshipp and have raysed and levyed of the said Inhabitants within the Hundred for that purpose the some of xx£ xis. 11d. And finding the plague likely to increase and the Inhabitants of the Hundred of Wirrall (without prejudice to their own estates) being unable to veild them that releife as by the said Statute is required, wee acquainted some of his Ma'tie's Justices of the peace within the allotment of the Hundred of Broxton therewith (being the next place adjoining to the place soe infected) who in avde and assistance for releife of the persons infected layd a taxacon upon the Inhabitants of some part of the said Hundred of Broxton and there upon levved of the Inhabitants of the said Hundred the sume of Eleven pounds both which somes have been paid and imployed for releife but finding the same still to fall short of what is needfull (especially in case the said infeccon shall longer continue). We humbly crave

you wilbe pleased not only by your order to confirme the assessments soe levyed but in further assistance to order and direct such course to be taken for the taxing or a further assessment upon the whole Inhabitants of the said Hundred of Broxton in assistance for future releife as shalbe agreeable to the tenor of the said Statute [1 Jac. I, C.31.3.4.]

Chester 4 Oct. 1641.

HENRY BUNBURY, HEN. BIRKHENED, WILLIAM WHITMORE.

#### F.4, D.89, S. Chester, 18 Jan. 1641/2.

# Brawling in Aldford Church.

Examynacons taken 9 Nov. 1641 before Hugh Wilbraham Eqr. one of his Ma't's Justices.

Peter Glover, Clarke, Curatt of Aldford sworne and examyned saithe that upon Sonday the seaventh daye of this November Willm Lowe Jane his wife and John Lowe his sonne were in Aldford Churche before service beganne and in the seate in variance, and that John Haswell came for to goe into the said seate, and the said John Lowe kept him oute whereupon John Haswell wente into the forme above, and perceyvinge the seate where hee was used to sitt to bee void he wente over into that seate, and that then Jane Lowe did ryse upp and thrust him upp to the walle, and at some tyme did partly sitt upon him, and that her husband William Lowe on the other side tooke sparre to shoulder him to the walle, and that his sonne John Lowe did the like to thrust them all upp together. And that the Parson came downe out of the pulpitt, and comannded the Churchwardens to pull them off the said John Haswell to the greate disturbance of himselfe and the whole congregation. And further saithe that the said John Haswell did not sitt upon Jane Lowe's backe as by the said Willm Lowe and the said Jane is alleged.

Peter Glover Cleric: apud Aldford.

Richard Harrison Churchwarden deposeth the same. Griffith Edge and Tho: James the like.

HU: WILBRAHAM.

## F.2, D.20, S. Nantwich, 12 July, 1642.

# Presentment of persons for not working on the Highways in the Parish of Dodleston.

The presentment of Roger Thomason beinge surveyor of the Highways of Lower Kinnarton within the parish of Dodleston.

I doe p'sent these persons hereafter named for makeinge default in not cominge with their Cartes or waynes to the rep'inge of the Highways accordinge to the dayes nominated by me the said Surveyor. And the said dayes (beinge Sixe in number) was openly published and p'claymed in the Church by the Minister upon Sunday next after Easter beinge 17 April 1642.

The houlders and occupiers of the land lately in the holdinge and occupacon of Robert Dicus (deceased), Thomas Dakin, John Madockes, and Richard Munkesfield for neglecting and not coming to any one of the said six days. Thomas Deane for not carryinge upon those dayes by me appointed, but did carrie upon six other dayes according to his owne will and pleasure.

Robert Owsellcroste, Richard Breerton, John Barlowe, and Hugh Lea for neglectinge and not comeinge any one of the said six dayes.

Richard Wright and Thomas Moedsley Junior beinge better of abillitie haveinge some ground lyinge to their houses more than the Cottages and both have neglected and not come to any of the said sixe dayes but onely one day a peece.

I the said Roger Thomason presenteth these persons beinge Cottagers: Margaret Barlowe widowe, Alles Moyle widowe, John Cowper, David Harrie, Meredith ap Thomas, Thomas Modesley Senior, Jane Pickeringe widowe, Elizabeth Hodgkin widowe, John Pickeringe, Anne Hamond widowe all and every of them haveinge neglected and not comen but onely one of the said six dayes.

Certified by Richard Grosvenor.

## F.2, D.37, Ibid. 1642.

# Petition of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Sandbach concerning the maintenance of three children.

To his Ma'tie's Justices. The Petition of the Church Wardens Overseers for the Poore and the parishioners of Sandbach sheweth: Whereas there came three children of Randle Capper of great Budworth about Easter Last a playinge unto Joane Hodgkinson their neare Kinswoman: beinge a very Poore Aged and Impotent Creature not able to support herselfe without Maynetaynance from the parish of Sandbach; the said three Children Thomas Peter and Rebecca Capper ffell sicke of Small Pox And have there continued with their Kinswoman in Sandbach since: since which tyme Randle Capper their father fell sick and dyed; now their father being late dead the parishioners of great Budworth denye to Receaive the Children againe into their parish where they have lived for five yeares. Wee your humble petitioners pray that you would be pleased to graunt out your order for the takinge and Receavinge of the said Thomas Capper Peter Capper and Rebecca Capper into the said parish of great Budworth againe.

12 July. 1642. The two next Justices intreated to examine and end this cause and settle the children as the lawe ordeineth. IO: MOLAND.

# F.2, D.55, Ibid. 1642.

# Petition to the Justices concerning 'draughts for the King's carriage.'

To his Ma't's Justices in Quarter Sessions att Namptwich. The humble peticon of James Tomasson of Allvenly one of the petite Constables. Sheweth that whereas your peticoner hath beene Constable for the towne of Alvenly since the feast of St. Michall and that hee hireinge draughts for the King's Carriage the towne beeinge very desirous of the same, promisinge to bear equall Charges for the Carriage, but afterwards utterly denied the same. May it therefore please this Bench to grant forth your warrant unto the said Towne to bear part of his Charges for the foresaid Carriage.

*Note* : The Justices at their next meeting.

# F.2, D.59, Ibid. 1642.

# Concerning a Ley on the Parish of Prestbury.

Apud Prestbury 27 Dec. 1639.

Memorandum that it was Agreed the day and yeare above said by the p'ishion's of the p'ish church of Prestbury then and there assembled that a Lay should be paid throughout the whole p'ishe of Twelve yeares serege(1) silver to be bestowed upon necessary uses for our p'ish Church. And the p'ishon's doe Require the churchwardens and other offic's to p'sent and Defend the Custome for maynteninge of the poore by all Lawfull meanes. And conc'ninge the Child in Macclesfield the p'shion's are willinge (because they conceive that a Lay will Infringe their Custome) to afford them a benevolence in ev'ie Towne to be gathered from house to house by the ov'seers of the poore which they hope will give the Towne content and be a convenient competencie for the keeping of the said child. And if they refuse to accept of the same then the Churchwardens to detayne in their hands till it be otherwyse disposed of by publick consent.

Signed: Tho. Jeynson, Vicar, and twenty-two inhabitants. (1) Obsolete word for cierge a candle.

## D.59, Ibid. 1642.

Part of an Account of the Churchwardens of Prestbury for the year 1638.

Prestburie p. Anno 1638.

The Accompte of John Woodcocke John Byron Will'm Barton and Edward ffallowes Churchwardens of Prestburie Taken at Prestbury 29 May 1639 Before Thomas Joynson Vicar, Thomas Shrigley, Thomas Turner, Robert Redish, Hugh Byron, Edward Lownes, Thomas Wilkson, Leonard Pownall and dyv's other p'ishoners.

	£	s.	d.
Six and twentie yeares serege silver cometh to	55	16	11
Whereof Receyved	52	12	6
Receipts uncollected	3	4	5
Receyved prison's and maymed soldiers money	3	7	8
Rec'd for the buriall of George Wood in templo		3	4
*The some Receyved is	58	3	6
Impmis, paid to the hye Cunstable prisoners and maymed soldiers money with the augmentacon this yeare	4	4	-
Paid for a new Register booke in p'chm't		12	6
Spent when we tooke our oathes and made our Divicons		5	6
Spent when the old Church wardens made their Accompts and a new lay was layd upon them, our selves and Townshipmen		12	4
For makinge p'cepts for the church Lay and prison's and maymed soldiers money		5	-
For 3 newe bell roapes and Cariage of them		12	-
Spent when we Receyved our p'cepts, sent them forth to the Cunstables, and at all other tymes about the gatheringe in of the Church Lay		12	8
Paid to Will'm Barton which was layd downe by him the Last yeare to defray suits at London and Chester with Lyme men and others	4	10	_
Paid Edward Moiles his Composicon money for glasing the Church windowes		12	-
Paid for getting mosse to Robt Page		9	1
Paid to the mosers for moseinge the Church	1	13	-
Paid for a loade of slate; Leadinge and dressinge		4	4
Paid to Mr. Creswall which came to mend the Orgaines and spent on him and his man at sev'all tymes	1	6	6
Paid to the Ringers on the King's holiday		12	-
Spent on them and of our selves		8	6
Paid to Robt. Burges and Robt. Potter for setlinge and mendinge the bell frame bells and roapes		4	10
Paid for oyle for the clock and bells		3	3
Paid to John Redich for a lock and key for the Lofte dore and settinge the same on		3	6
Spent on him			4
Paid to the Joyner for a cover for the comunion Table and the dore for the Church porch	2	-	-
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\*Total incorrect on original document.

Paid for nayles for the dore	1	6
Paid for carriage of the dore to Prestbury	1	-
Paid to Thomas Goodwin the organist	5 15	
For keepinge of a poore child borne in Macclesfeld, ordered by the Sessions(1)	11	-
Spent at the Deanes first visitation on our selves and Townshipmen	7	6
Paid for makinge our p'sentm'ts	1	-
Paid the Deane's man's ffees		8
Geven to an old lame and blynd man and his wyffe and 7 Children, convayed by a passe from Northumberland to Cornwall		9
Paid to Raph Grastie for Smithie worke this yeare	17	9
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[See D.60, Idem for continuation of Churchwardens a	.ccount]	•

(1) See reference to child in Memorandum of Agreement Idem.

# F.2, D.61, Ibid. 1642.

Warrant to Constables to apprehend herein named Overseers of Poor for failing to account for money.

To all Constables and other his Ma't's. Officers.

Whereas ye under named Overseers of ye poore within ye parishe of Stockeport detayne in their hands severall great somes of money levyed within the said parishe for ye use of ye poore and refuse to yeild any accompte for the money. Theis are therefore in his Ma't's. name straitly to charge you and every of you upon sighte or receipte hereof to apprehend ye persons whose names are underwryten and bring them before mee or some other his Ma't's. Justice of ye Peace within ye County to become bound for their personal appearance at ye nexte Quarter Sessions, there to answeare th same and to doe and receive that which by ye Court shalbe then enjoyned them.

# 7 July 1642.

G. BOOTH.

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Thomas Dickenson, Edward Royle, Regynall Smyth of Disley, John Hooley of Duckenfeild, Robte. Wiche of Marple, Robte. Ridgway of Offerton, Willm. Brookshawe of Bredbury, James Willyamson of Gatley.

# F.2, D.65, Ibid. 1642.

# Repairs to Warrington Bridge.

Honorable Sirs Wee have according to your Comands vewed the Bridge uppon Cheshire side at Warrington, and we find it very defective, and it is conceaved by us, and three sufficient workmen which wee have intreated to have their opinions therein that the Breaches thereof are as bad as those of Lancashire syde or worse and

therefore wee Conceave that there can be noe less leavied for the repaire thereof than hath beene in Lancashire for the other syde of the Bridge, being a hundred and fyftie pound, but in regard that wee hope to save some part of the sayd sume in respect that wee have seene the opening of the other syde and have taken speciall notice what Charge and stone they have and are to be at for th' other syde, which is a great dyrection to us, for our satisfaction and the Countie's case. And therefore wee Conceave that a hundred and Twenty pounds may fynish the sayd worke, And whearas the other syde of the Bridge is now in agitation for the Middle Arch wee are necessitated to goe along with them otherwise both sydes wilbee imperfect by the Judgment of the workemen.

#### THO: MARBURIE, JOHN: BARKER.

The workmen: Geo Miller, Austin Hatton, Edmund Scoelfield.

It is agreed by ye Benche that 120£ should be levyed within this County for repare of Warrington Bridge.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Eddesbury	35	11	7	13	0	6
Broxon	51	2	7	18	14	10
Wirrall	44	9	11	16	6	4
Northw'ch	43	6	0	15	17	4
Bucklowe	46	14	2	17	2	4
Namptwich	55	6	11	20	5	8
Maxfield	55	10	3	20	6	7
				121	13	7

Addressed: To the Ryght Wor. Sr. Georg Booth Knight and Barronett at Dunham Massie. These presents.

# F.4, D.23, S. Chester, 10 Jan. 1642/3.

Petition about the neglect of ecclesiastical orders and customs at Tarporley Church.

The humble petiticion of John Walley of Torporley to this Bench: What orders ought to bee taken from our Church wee doe not knowe, many orders and Customs which wee have had in former tymes wee have nowe taken from us.

In primis, wee have the signe of the Cross in baptisme taken away, noe Charge to god fathers, Comon prayer wee have not as wee have had, Appostles dayes wee have not any bidden: nor fastinge dayes, nor prayer we have not on Christmas day: nor on Aster day morninge nor prayer wee have not in all the pattion weeke: nor visitinge of the sicke nor any Communion to them, nor goeinge

with the procession in the rogation week: nor noe prayer in the Church none of those dayes, nor noe Serples [*surplice*] used at any tyme: nor fetching of the dead at the Church gate, nor suffer them to come into the Church: nor prayer amonge the Congregation that come with the dead. The reales [*rails*] before our Communion table are Cast aside: The peanted [*painted*] glase in our Church Windose are broken downe and our windose are made up with Course glas at the Charge of the parish. The Crosses about our Church are broken down. All theese if they bee defallts they are done by Maister Lankester the whole number is 20.

Likewise many ould people that did not come to him to be Catakised with him hee would not administer the Sacrament to them, hee keepeinge away all theese Church Ordors from us wee doe thinke that wee should keepee the tithe away from him; I doe Intreate you that bee in authority to tell mee what I ought to give him and what I ought not. Wee doe likewise intreat that we may have a sufficient minister to serve the Cure as well on the weeke dayes as on the Saboth for we stand in great want of one.

God save our King's Majestey, and God save all them that bee for the good of his Kingdome.

# F.4, D.25, Ibid. 1642/3.

# Petition to the Bench concerning payment for a horse pressed for service, which died on the road between Kelsall and Tarvin.

Sheweth: Your petitioner William Carter and Thomas Dentith of Kelshall make bold to Acquaint you that one hundred Souldiers being billeted in the towne and parish of Tarvin that a Comander or officer of these souldiers imployed by the Captaine and having a warrant to presse horses for that occasione about a shippe that was to carry them over to Ireland came to Thomas Dentith then a Constable and to the said William Carter, and the souldier took from Carter one horse and in Riding him to Tarvin the said horse dyed and neither hee nor the Captaine would give any satisfactione for the same to Carter whereby there hath beene some money spent in suit betwixt the said Carter and Dentith in an Action of  $4.\pounds$ in the County Courte where ye said Actione now depends.

The premisses considered, and yt both Dentith and Carter bee poore men and for that the horse went for the use of the said towne of Kelshall and it is thought that diverse in the towne would willingly Contribute towards the payment of the horse.

Order: 10th Jan: 1642. The Court conceives it a worke of Charity (which they comend to the Peticoners neighbours) to contribute towards the poore mens losses.

# F.3, D.103, S. Knutsford, 7 Oct. 1645.

## A Presentment of George Elliott, Constable of Marple, respecting threats against him as Corporal in the Parliament's service.

Beinge Constable of the Towne in August 1645, And there beinge at Disle Stanley Intelligence came concerninge the motion of the King's party towards that place where upon such occasions guards are kept for the Parliament under the comand of Major Bradshawe, and George Ellyott beeinge apoynted to be Corporal of the guard by Major Bradshawe, And haveinge a strict comand that none should pass unlesse they had either a Ticket from the Major, or the word that was given for that present tyme. And there Cominge to our guard one John Dand senior and would have passed the guard, and had neither Ticket nor the word, and not being suffered to passe, he offered a great affront to the guard and drew his sword and sayd if hee should not passe at that present he would be meet with them hereafter.

And about eight dayes after John Dand junior Nephewe to John Dand senior mett me George Ellyott in Stappord [*Stockport*] Market and questioned mee why I stoped his unkle at the aforesayd guard and for that cause he fell violently upon me and broke my head and gave me many other blowes.

I the aforesaid George Ellyott Constable of Marple, haveinge a warrant from Major Bradshaw to presse a horse within the sayd Towneship to carry Magazine to Chester, I went to Will Hollinworth an Inhabitant and demanded his horse for the use aforesayd, which demand hee refused and gave me many threatning words and sayd if I were out of my office he would be meete with mee the construction of which words I leave to your worships Consideration.

Further I went to Robt Wood of the sayd Towne for a horse for the aforesayd purpose, and I tellinge him I would have him perforce if not otherwise, his sonne John came out and sayd if I brought my ayde or asistance for the purpose he would be sure to take my life away first, therefore your peticoner humbly prayeth for Justice herein that such officers as are apoynted for the aforesayd purposes may not be discouraged in the furtherance of ye publicke good.

Order: A warrant of good behavior against them.

#### F.3, D.104, Ibid. 1645.

Petition of Thomas Watts, Head Constable of the Hundred of Bucklow about charges against Richard Eaton.

7 Oct.: 1645. To the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices.

Sheweth that on 3 Sept. last the head Constable was sent by the Deputy Lieutenants to collect the arreares of the great ley, who did demand of Richard Eaton of Stretton part of the areares due.

Unto whom Eaton made answear that the head Const: was a stinckinge Cavelleir, and nothinge (for aught hee knew) hee owed him, or aught would pay him, with many other scandellous and opprobrious tearmes. And the head Const: further informeth that on 3 Sept: hee sent with a warrant two of the soldiers to bee quartered att Eaton's house for the night following and Eaton with one Will: Low his servantman by force of Armes did beate the soldiers out of his house in a most violent maner; not only rejecting the head Constable's warrt: but also revylinge him with opprobrious termes as aforesd, sayinge that if they came from such a stinckinge Rougish Cavelleir as Watts was hee would quarter them with a vengance.

Wherefore your peticoner desireth in regards his words were soe scandalous, tendinge not only to your peticoners infamy but an utter subversion of his estate, that Eaton may Receave Condigne punishment according to his demerit and bee bound with sufficient suertyes to his good behavior.

Order: Mr. Eaton to acknowledge his error in open Court and to be bound to the good behavior till next Sess: Ricus Eaton in  $xx\pounds$ , Radus Berry de Stretton husb:  $x\pounds$ , Jo: Tomlinson de ead. husb:  $x\pounds$ .

F.1, D.49, S. Northwich, 7 April 1646.

Petition of Richard Bruch, a Constable of Moberley, requesting an audit of his and his fellow Constable's accounts.

To his Ma'tie's Justices at this present Sessions. Shewing that ye petitioner and ffrancis Holme his fellow constable being entrusted (in regard of their office) to collect divers great summes of money in the sayd towne for the present service for King and Parliament according as the Assessors did assesse the same upon the Inhabitants thereof and the petitioner for his owne particular beinge desirous to have his accompts cast upp for the vindication of his Creditt and satisfaction of his Neighbours from whom hee received the money and haveing some cause of jealousie that his fellow constable and two of the sayd Assessors are combyned together to wrong the towne and soe hee through his silence bee thought guilty and a partaker with them.

May it therefore please you to grant an Order to be directed to the sayd Assessors and to the Major part of the Inhabitants of the sayd Towne and to ye petitioner and his fellow constable whereby to require them to elect foure such persons as shalbee chosen, one by and for the towne, another by and for the sayd. Assessors, and two by and for the petitioner and his fellow Constable for either of them one; who may by the sayd Order have power to call ye petitioner and his fellow Constable before them and thereupon to Audite their Accompts for their receipts and disbursments to the end that upon perfecting thereof they may have a discharge from the Towne for their doeings.

A warrant to be drawne according to request.

To be sent to Mr. Warburton.

# F.1, D.64, Ibid. 1646.

# About Lord Byron's attack on Middlewich in Dec: 1643. The Examination of two people concerned.

6 Jan. 1645. Raphe Lingard of Kinderton, Junior, beinge exemined saith yt when the parlament's Armie in December 1643 was at Midlewich about 400 or more of them came unto Kinderton halle where this examinant was a servant and Cooke. The souldiers would have more victuals and provision than hee had, or could provide for them. And said if they had not better provision they would kill him this exam't whereupon hee and one Israell Yatts whoe wos then butlar there lefte the house and went unto the lodge in Kinderton Parke. And saith that they durst not staye there because the souldiers had threatened them soe much whereupon this exam. and the said Israell Yatts went unto the Lord Berron's [Byron's] Army upon Sandbach heath which this exam't saith wos then marchinge towards Midlewich. Hee this exam't denieth that hee did ever confess or acknowledge unto Allen Walley or Any other that hee wos any menes or Instrument to hasten up the Armey of Lord Byron. And what the said Israell Yatts said or did this exam. knoweth not.

6 Jan. 1645. John Hurdesfeild of Bradwall examined saith that hee neither sawe Raphe Lingard nor Israell Yatts passe over hollins grene in December 1643 unto the Armie of the Lord Byron, whose Armie was then upon Sandbach heath.

6 Jan. 1645. Raphe Lingard the above exam't saith that hee soe Ingageth him selfe in twenty pounds for the use of the state that hee wilbe ready personally to apear and to give satisffaction for Any thinge that may really bee Charged upon him, when by Authority hee shall be called to the quarter Sesions.

## F.1, D.65, Idem. 1645.

John Hurdesfield of Bradwall within the County Husbandman did say that Israell Yates and Raph Lingard went over Hollin's Greene to the Lord Byron's Armie that morning that the same Armie came to Midlewich which was 26 Dec. 1643 to fetch them thither. Raph Lingard did acknowledge to Alan Walley that he and Israell Yates did goe (the morning aforesaid) unto the said Lord Byron's Armie and hastened their Cominge to Midlewich(1). (1) See Vol. XIX Record Soc:, Lancs. and Cheshire p. 96.

# F.2, D.67, S. Nantwich, 14 July, 1646.

# Petition of Captain George Jodrell for a continuance of his Pension.

To his Ma't's Justices at this present Sessions.

Shewing that the Peticoner is above fourscore years of age and served as a Captayne under the late Earle of Essex in Ireland in the Raigne of Queene Elizabeth; As also did goe severall voyages at

Sea in the said Queene's Raigne; And being a maymed man, it pleased the Justices of this County, above thirtie yeares synce to grant him as a maymed souldier a Pencon of ffyve pounds p. Ann during his lyfe which money hath beene unpaid unto him for foure yeares last past or there abouts. That the Peticoner by reason of his Age and weake Condicon being unable to doe the Kinge and Parliament any service, yet he to manifest his zeale to the said service, hath upon all occasions made forth a foote souldier to serve under Major Bradshawe.

May it please your Wor'ps to grant unto the Peticoner not onely the Contynuance of his said Pension of ffyve pounds p. Ann. during his lyfe, but the Arreares due unto him for his foure yeares past. And that the Treasurer for the tyme being may pay the money unto his kinsman George Jodrell whom he hath Authorised to Receive the sume for the Peticoner's use (he not being able to Attend your worships himselfe).

## F.4, D.22, S. Chester, 12 Jan. 1646/7.

# Richard Houlford: About the sequestration of Tythes.

To the Justices of the guarter Sessions at Chester. The peticon of Richard Houlford minister of Poulford. Sheweth that Whereas Poulton is in the Parish of Poulford And the greatest part of the tythes of Corne and other thinges of Poulton was sequestrated by the Sequestrators of Broxum Hundred because of a pretended title or interest the Ladie Grosvenor laid to them and the sequestrators set the said Tithes to the Ladie Grosvenor for 6£ or thereabouets this yeare before your peticoner had tyme to prevent such a matter. The peticon of Richard Houlford their Parson is, That in regard all the rest of the Parishioners be verie few and the meanes verie small belonging to the Incumbent of that Parish and above 8 bayes of building burnt at or belonginge to the Parsonage house and all other combustible matter burnt by the Parlimentarie souldiers both in and about the Parsonage House and Church: Then there keepinge Certurie accordinge to order of Parliament: Theise thinges beinge taken into your considerations: That it might please you to grant an order to the sequestrators to repay the said 6£ towardes the repaire of the Chancel with glasse and slate &c. which your peticoner must doe at his owne charge and also to make the house habitable with glasse and doores and stairs: which were also burnt by the souldiers.

*Note*: Allowed that the sequest'rs shall repay.

#### F.4, D.25, Ibid. 1646/7.

# Ellen French. About a collection in Churches for her losses by fire.

To Sir George Boothe and the rest of the Deputy Lieftennants and Justices. The Peticon of a poore aged woeman Ellen ffrench

of Great Budworth Sheweth the lamentable estate and condicon of your Peticoner who hath sustayned the losse of all the substance shee had, by a fearfull fyer which happened to kindle in her next Neighbour's back house on tuesday night 27 Oct. last, which fyer did in lesse than two houres consume a Barn of three Bayes of Buildinge, wherein shee had a good quantity of corne, Haye, hempe and flax to the value of  $30\pounds$  and upwards all consumed to ashes, it being all the Goods and store your Peticoner and her daughter had to subsist uppon, so without the imediate help of some charitable and well affected persons, they are likely to come to great misery and poverty. Your Peticoner therefore craveth authority under your hands to collect and receive the Almes and charity of the well disposed in all Churches and chappells within this County towards the repaire of her losses.

We ethe Inhabitants of Great Budworth doe testifie that this Peticon is true  $\lceil 17 \ signatures \ follow \rceil$ .

*Note*: Shee desir'd to have a Colleccon in Bucklow which was allowed.

### F.4, D.36, Ibid. 1646/7.

William Kerrison, wounded in an assault on Chester during the siege, for a pension.

To the Deputie Lieutenants for the Countie Palatine of Chester.

The humble petition of William Kerrison of Milton greene nere Handley Sheweth that your Peticoner hath beene a foote souldier in the service of the Kinge and Parliam't. under the Comannd of Colonell William Massie ever since the begininge of these troublesom times in the Countie of Chester, And at the last assault made by the Parliam't florces against Chester your peticoner beeing commanded upon the forlorne hope to storme the Walls of the Cittie he was twice cast off a scaleinge Ladder, and with the violence of stones cast forth of the Cittie upon him hee was greviously wounded whereby hee was constrained to lye a longe time under the Chyurgeon's hands and to have one of his great toes cutt off to prevent the losse of his floote which is not yet cured. Your poore peticoner not haveing any means to maintaine him craveth that you will bee pleased to allott him such yearely maintaynance as you have done to others.

*Order*: To obteyne Certificate from the Comannder under whom hee served of his mayme in service of King and Parliament.

## F.1, D.54, S. Knutsford, 4 May 1647.

# About a Preaching Minister for Nantwich.

To Sir George Boothe and the rest of his Ma't's. Deputye Lieuts. for the Countie.

The peticon of the inhabitants of Nantwich Sheweth that upon a Peticon from the Parishoners of Namptwich presented in June

last past to the Committee of Parliament for plundred Ministers for Augmentacon of Maintenance for a Minister to serve at Namptwich. It was ordered by the said Committee that  $50 \pm p$ . Ann should be paid accordinglie out of a rent Charge payable by Henrie Mainwaringe of Barneshawe Esq. at Michaelmas, and our Ladye Daye, yearlie by even porcons to the Deane and Chapter of Chester. Sequestred for the Common Wealth.

May it therefore please you to direct that the said Mr. Mainwaringe maye (accordinge to the Order) make payment of the some Annualye to the Churchwardens, or other head officers of the said Parishe of Namptwich.

*Note*: Not conceive this peticon proper for this place. Nil.

## F.4, D.71, S. Knutsford, 11 Jan. 1647/8.

# Request of H. Manwaringe to the Justices that Thomas Beckett of Goostree may be compelled to serve as Constable.

I make bold to solisite you in ye behalfe of my Tennants in Goostree who have divers grievances with which they doe intend to petition you to bee relieved according as the Lawe and your wisdomes shall direct you, and in particular ye want of a Constable wherewith they are annoyed by reason of the wilfull contempt of one Thomas Beckett who was by the Jury of my court presented for Constable but refuseth to take his oathe. I know I neede not put you in minde what provision ye Law maketh in such a case. Hee is a fit man, an inhabitant there (havinge an estate in right of his wife) and one that (as I humbly conceive) can pleade noe excuse unlesse hee bee unwillinge to serve ye state, or else expect more than ordinary favour. Were he a ffreeholder of ye best ranke, which he is not, yet may not that excuse but render him ye more fitt especially ye many and weighty imployments ye State hath in these tymes for able men to serve them. Should hee now escape takinge ye Oath of Constable it will bee an extreame injury both to ve state, his neighbours and myselfe. Last yeare hee escaped it by puttinge in one that is a labourer and hath nothinge else wherewth to maintaine his family. What inconveniences did thereupon accrew to ve service those of that Towne cann testifie. My humble request is that Thomas Beckett may bee compelled to take ye Oathe of Constable for this yeare or else abide such punishment as ye Law doth provide for such as ought but refuse untill he shall willingly submit to do ve same. I had wayted on you myselfe but J learned not of ye tyme of your Sessions untill this eveninge very late and (at this distance) I found it not within my power.

#### Loxley, 9 Jan. 1647.

ffor my much honoured Sir George Boothe and the rest of the Justices now at Knotsforde.
### F.4, D.83, Ibid. 1647/8.

## Petition about the Quartering of the Armyes.

To the Deputy Leiueten'ts and Justics for the County palatine of Chester now in Sessions. The peticon of the parishoners of Wrenbury Marbury Baddeley and Malpas, shewing that the extraordinary sufferings of the inhabitants in the said parishes Cannot be unknown both by reason of the seiges att Chester, Beeston Castle, Namptwich and the Garrisons of Whytchurch and Cholmondley, And the ffree Quarteringe of the Armyes on both sides besides the greate payments and Taxes the peticoners have ever sythince undergone and still doe, which havinge bene form'ly Considered, easement hath beene promised, butt none really found; And now that all the Kingdome is reduced and ordynances of parliament passed to prohibitt ffree quarter upon us, who instead of disbanding take upon them to entertavne and list men's Children and servants in theise parts to increase their Companyes and more oppresse the Contrey as Corne and other provisions now are rated. And albeyt your peticoners have given them notyce of theire wants and disabillitie to entertayne them, and that noe ffree quarter is to be allowed, and desyre to know by what Authoryty they offer this oppression upon the Contrey, they alledge what they want to enforce, ffree Quarter, they will procure from your hon'rs this Sessions.

#### F.1, D.18, S. Northwich, 2 May, 1648.

Cleansing of Bostock Hall from the Sickness. Petition of Samuel Caryngton, Clerk, for the return of certain goods he claims which are about to be sold.

To Sir George Booth, Thomas Standley Esq and Colonel John Leigh or to any of these gentlemen. Humbly sheweth. Whereas it appears by an order under your hands bearinge date 5 Oct: 1647 that the goods of John Mainwaringe, late of Bostocke gent, should bee seized and sold towards the cleansinge of Bostocke Hall from the sickness. May it please your honors your peticoner's wife layd upp certaine goods with her sister, wife unto the said John Mainwaringe now deceased, to be kept from plunder, and they beinge now found in the possession of John Mainwaringe are with the rest of the goods seized on and by Thomas Church and others though well knowne by them to bee your peticoner's, have under pretence of the foresaid Order offered them to sale in Middlewich to the great wronge .....

May it please you therefore to grant an Order directed both to the old and new Constables of Bostocke, to Thomas Church and Thomas Barrow that forthwith they deliver unto your peticoner's wife a suite of greene cloth for a bed, with greene and white lace and fringe of the same color, one bible in folio, a geneva print lent unto the said John Mainwaringe in the time of his sickness and with other goods shee lent to her sister which shee may make just claime unto.

*Order*: Shee to have them delive'd unto her, giving security to be responsible for the same in case the sequestrators goe against her.

### F.1, D.28, Ibid. 1648.

# Petition of two nurses in Middlewich during a plague for arrears of pay.

To his Ma'tie's Justices for the County of Chester. The Peticon of Ellen Davenham and Margarett Walker, Sheweth that whereas your peticoners not longe after it pleased the Almightie to visitt the towne of Middlewych with the Judgment of the plague they liveinge both of them in Manchester were by the Constables and other the Inhabitants of Middlewych sent for to the Towne for the orderinge and better lookinge unto of the sick p'sons there who upon theire undertakeinge to doe their best soe far as God should Enable them as well for the dressinge of meate and keepeinge cleane of the Clothes of the infected p'sons and alsoe for the Cleansinge and makeinge habitable theire houses were upon agreement made betweene them and the Constables Content to promise your peticoners and to either of them seaven shillings p. weeke over and besids their Diett soe longe and untill it shall please God to take up the Judgement: all which your peticoners have carefullie and honestly performed, yet Notwithstandinge this they have receaved nothing at all towards theire weekly pay saveinge seaven pounds. betwixt both which hath not done much more than maintained them with provision of victualls since the plague ceased things beinge att soe great a scarcitie, your peticoners not haveinge any way of helpe beinge far from their friends and where their Imploymt most lyeth. Now may it please this Court to take into Consideracon their sad Condicon and to order that some speedy Course may be taken for the payment of the Arreares.

*Order*: That the Constables doe collect the arreares due before this and the Justices next meeting, which will be upon Tuesday senight, and to pay the arreares. to the peticoners.

## F.1, D.40, Ibid. 1648.

# Petition about a bastard child.

To the Justices of peace assembled this present Sessions.

The Petition of Elizabeth Strettell of Acton Grange Sheweth that whereas your petitioner having lately borne a Bastard Child begotten by Richard Jackson of Crowley whoe before the birth thereof promised with manie oaths to seale Bonds of performance for keepinge the said Child if shee would not father it upon him, with many other promises (in feare his ffather should heare of it) and sent likewise to your petitoner sevall messages to that purpose which when the time of the extremitie of her labour was present your petitioner fathered the Child uppon Richard Jackson whoe now denyes to take or give anie maintenance towards the keepinge of ye Child, the said Jackesone beinge a man of good abillitie haveing in possession Lands and tenements to the value of 60£ att least and your petioner beinge of weake abillitie.

Order: Referred to Mr. Marbury and Major Croxton.

# F.2, D.32, S. Nantwich, 11 July, 1648.

## Petition of Katherine Rathbone wife of Capt. John Rathbone for maintenance from her husband's estate.

To his Ma'tie's. Justices at their Quarter Sessions at Nampt-The peticon sheweth that your peticoner's husband's wych. affaires have occasioned his absence from her ever since Candlemas was 12 months during which tyme she hath maintained herselfe by sale of her household goods and other necessaries not receiving any maintenance at all from her husband during ye tyme aforesaid, but sevall letters whereby hee appointed his sonne Stephen Rathbone, who by his father's permission now is and ever since his father's departure hath been in possession of his father's lands worth £40 p. Ann, to allow out of ye same and to give to your peticoner A competent maintenance in monies or other waies which y? said Stephen Rathbone obstinately and very undutifully refused to doe, soe that your peticoner and her family in ye tyme of ye sicknesse in Chester were constrained to live in Wirrall upon ye charity and benevolence of ye Cuntrey people where she hoped to have received maintenance from ye said Stephen, but hee then refused to allow her anything and yet doth refuse whereby she now is and for a long tyme hath been exposed to much want and now hath not anything left for her subsistance, although when she entermarried with her now husband she had A very good estate.

Your peticoner desires that you will be pleased to grant an order whereby ye said Stephen Rathbone shalbe bound and ordered to allowe unto her present maintenance out of his father's lands and monies to pay her debts where she hath been necessitated to borrowe, what to your Honours shall seeme fitt and reasonable.

*Order*: Mr. Moland. I conceive ye strongest order you can draw for ye releefe of this gentlewoman is most fitt.

P. WARBURTON.

### F.2, D.33, Idem, 1648.

# Certificate attached to the foregoing Petition.

To the Justices att the Quarter Sessions at Namptwich. Wee whose names are under written doe certifie that upon complainte made unto us by Katherine Rathbone wife unto Capt. John Rathbone that itt is the desire and will of the said Capt. Rathbone, and that he hath ordered that his sonne Stephen Rathbone should allowe out of his estate, being of the yearly value of 40£ p. Ann, a competent maintenance for his loving wife Katherine Rathbone, as hath apeared by sevall letters before us produced, and that nothwithstanding his ffather's Will and Desire he the said Stephen Rathbone very unnaturally and contrary to his ffather's Order doeth Refuse to allowe his Mother any maintenance or Livelyhood. And whereas we are credibly given to understand that she is in a very sad condition and nothing to mantayne her self with all, but what

she receives of the charitye of her Neighbours. We therefore thought fitt to send forth our Warrant for the bringinge before us this Daye the saide Stephen Rathbone to answeare the premisses to the end we might have taken course for the reliefe of Mrs. Rathbone according to the Statute in that case provided; And whereas Stephen Rathbone in contempt of our Warrant refused to apeare before us We thought fitt for the speedly releife of Mrs. Rathbone and indeed as her necessity requires, to comend her deplorable condition to this Hon. bench as may apeare by Peticon hereunto annexed Wherein she Desires this Court to grant her an Order for her reliefe, and that Stephen Rathbone may be ordered forthwith to allowe some present releife and mantenance.

Given under our hands att Sutton, 10 July Anno: D'ni: 1648. HENRY BIRKENHED, HEN: GREENE.

Order: Stephen Rathbone to make immediate amends for the woman's relief and in the event of his refusal to be committed to prison or bound over to the next Sessions to answer such his refusal. The woman may in the meantime receive relief. [S.B. 9a p. 181].

#### F.2, D.38, Ibid. 1648.

### Petition of Thomas Barnes, about his son, an apprentice.

To ye Justices att this Sessions. The Peticon of Thomas Barnes of Withington Carpenter. Sheweth that your Peticoner now two years past bound Thomas Barnes, his son and apprentise or covenant servant by Indenture unto Wm. Stanway of Namptwich ffelt maker to learne ye trade, art or occupation of ffelt makeing, which Wm. Stanway, not able to keep Tho: Barnes's son att ye trade, turned him over to learne ye trade of one Lambert Bradshaw ffelt maker in Namptwich. Now Lambert ov'running ye Towne and takeing your Peticoner's son's Indentures along with him, your Peticoner was forced to take his son home againe, nether will any other tradesman whatsoever accept or take him as an apprentice or covenant servant in regard Lambert hath taken your Peticoner's son's Indentures as aforesaid.

May it please your worships to grant your order that your Peticoner's son may be freed, that he may bind his son an apprentice unto some more able and honest master.

Order: The peticoner to be discharged from his former Mr. unless his Mr. can give satisfacon to Collonel Croxton and Coll Leigh.

### F.2, D.40, Ibid., 1648.

# Petition about the repair of Trafford Bridge over the Gowy.

To the Justices assembled at the Quarter Sessions at Namptwich. The peticon of the Inhabitants of the parishes of ffrodsham, Ince, Thornton, Plimstow, Barrow and Sutton. Sheweth that

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whereas in the late warres one arch of Trafford bridge beinge beaten downe by the Cavelleers and the other two stone arches soe ruyned for want of seasonable repaire that they are ready to fall and must of necessity bee taken downe to the foundation or sufficiently repaired, the ruins of the arch havinge stopped the principall course of the water by reason whereof all the low grounds and meadowing for divers miles adjacent have for divers yeeres past binne utterly spoyled by flooding to the greate impoverishing of the neighborhoode and also detriment of the Cytty of Chester, having most of their hay from those parts, the highway also (beinge the greate roade from the North of this Kingdome to Chester) beinge somtymes by high water soe overflowed that it is impossible without greate danger, th: cost of the repair whereof, according to the Judgment of workmen, will amount to one hundred markes at the least.

May it please your worshipps that there may bee a ley throughout the whole countie for the repair of the bridge. Nil.

#### F.2, D.42, Ibid., 1648.

# Letter from the Overseers of the Market at Middlewich about forestalling.

Brother Yates, the pittifull Complaint of the poore in our Towne for the scarcity and want of bread moves us that are overseers of the Markett to doe our best endeavour to remedie it, our request is to you and the rest of our neighbours that are now at Nantwich that you will be pleased to move the Gentlemen that some course may be taken that corne may come to the Markett and not be sould privatly at home to breadbakers and none else and soe the poore are forced to have it uppon their termes or else starve. Good Brother Yates neglect it not for yesterday there came 3 Load of Corne to John Venables and not a corne to the Markett, in soe much that the poore were very harsh with us and thought it to be our fault, if you cannot prevaile for this ........... desire that wee may have an Order to knowe the waight [sic.] and wee shall doe our endeavour that noe further complaint may be made.

JOHN BECKETT, EDWARD LOWE.

#### Midlewich 12 July 1648.

*Endorsed*: To Mr. William Yeates or in his absence To Mr. John Whittingham or any of the Rest of our Neighbours.

#### F.3, D.21, S. Knutsford, 19 Oct. 1648.

# Order about the maintenance of Scottish prisoners at Maccles-field.

Forasmuch as the Townshipps hereunder written are behinde in their contribucon for the maintenance of the Scotch prisoners beinge very neere two thousand men(1), continued at Macclesfeld

above a fortnight, And forasmuch as the charge and quarter of the Marshall gen'all and his servants duringe the said tyme, amountinge to the some of Six pownds seaventeene shillings, hath beene borne hitherto by the Towne of Macclesfeld without any contribucon by the Rest of the said hundred. It is therefore this day ordered that the high constable for Macclesfeld division shall issue forth warrants to the petty Constables of everie Towneship for the levyinge of such arreres as appeareth to bee respectively due by everie of them, And also the said high constable shall issue furth his warrant to all the Constables of the division aforesaid for a ratable contribucon towards the payinge of the charges and quarter of the Marshall gen'all and his servants as aforesaid.

It is further ordered if any shall bee refractory and Refuse to pay their porcon that souldiers shall bee sent for collecting thereof who are to quarter upon the non payers or refusers untill they yeeld obedience, and thereof the high constable is to give notice in his warrant.

(1) Taken during the Duke of Hamilton's expedition.

#### F.3, D.29, Ibid. 1648.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Church Hulme, Cranage and Cotton about repairs to Cranage Bridge.

To the Hon: and Right Wor: John Bradshaw Esq his Ma'tie's Cheif Justice at Chester and Peter Warburton Esq another of his Ma'tie's Justices of the great Sessions at Chester.

The peticon Shewethe that whereas Cranage bridge which leadeth over the river Daven is a bridge that ever since the foundinge thereof hath beene alwayes repaired uppon the general Charge of the County. It beinge the Comon Rode betwixt London and Lanchishire and a bridge of the greatest Conservement in all Cheshire. But now by reason of three great floods that have lately happened which were of such excessive height that the Channell of the river is worne to that depthe that the foundation of the bridge is in danger to sinke also. Besides, one of the Corners of the bridge by the violence of the water is wholly broken downe and much of the stone lost in the river. Unless the same be speedilie repaired the whole bridge in all probabilitie is indangered. The reparacon of which bridge and earthworks are by judicious workmen that have viewed and searched the Ruins estimated to amount to Twentie pounds at the leaste.

May it therefore please your honours to vouchsafe your Order for the speedye Collectinge of  $xx \pounds$  for the reparcon of the Bridge and earthworks according as the same hath formerly beene Collected.

Order of Chief Justice: Let this be presented to ye Justices at their next Sess. who are desyred to give speedy order herein. IO: BRADSHAWE. 30. Sep. 1648.

Order of Justices: An order to be issued for the payment of of a Mise throughout the whole county.

CAPTAYNE LEADEBEATER, JAMES HILL Ovseers.

## F.3, D.63, Ibid., 1648.

#### Petition against assessment for real and personal estate.

To Sir George Booth and the rest of the Deputie Leifetenants of this Countie. Sheweth that ye peticoner Roger Worthington of Motterum Andrew having house and land in Moberley and paying duely all leves and Charges for it required as others in the Countie doe, And being removed to live in Motterum Andrew and paying all dues for that land there, as others in the Towneshippe doe for theire lande, yet some of the Inhabitants of Motterum Andrew, your peticoner being but a stranger amongst them, doe assesse your peticoner for personall estate to paye leve with them, whereas your peticoner hath payd for his Reall estate to the same leaves before, and they doe not assesse themselfes in the like manner, some of them much more deserving to be assessed than ye peticoner. Maye it please your ho'rs, to take to Consideracon the Condicon of ye peticoner and the wrong offered him by some of his neighbours and to grant such order whereby ve peticoner may be freed from moneys formerly assessed on him and not payd, And for the tyme to Come, ve peticoner may not be wronged any more in a case of this nature.

*Order*: Noe man is to be assessed both for reall and personall estate.

#### F.3, D.64, Ibid., 1648.

# Petition of Thomas Buckley for payment for pikes to be used before Beeston Castle.

To the Justices at the Sessions houlden in Knuttesford. The peticon of Thomas Buckley of Tattenhall, Sheweth that when the enemy possessed Beeston Castle the peticoner was appointed by the Commander in cheefe and Counsell of warre to provide pykes for the use of the army, upon the price of 2s. 8d. p. pyke. That hereupon hee gott many in worke both smiths and others and promised payment, and in this employment spent above twenty pounds, and is now sued by his workmen in the Excheqer; and if hee bee overthrowne in those suites already comenced, others that were employed by him in that worke will suddenly fall upon him to the ruin of his wife and poore family; for prevencon whereof hee humbly prayeth that the money aforesaid due may bee raysed out of the hundred of Broxon to which charge hee is confident they will submitt.

Order: You are to make it appeare upon oath and to attend 2 of the next Deputy Leiftenants that the charge if [sic] this peticon is true, and then that they would take such course whereby the poore man may be releived, and not to suffer herein.

### F.3, D.82, Ibid., 1648.

# Petition of John Worrall of Aston Grange for the value of a horse taken by Gen. Lambert.

To the Justices at Knottsford. Shewinge that your petitioner about the 22 Aug. last had one bay nagge taken from him by William Bussye under command of Captaine Banes under the command of Mayor Generall Lambert and pressed to goe upon service by vertue of the sayd Captaine Banes in the late expedicon of the Scots Rout, which nagge your Peticoner gotte valued by John Prophett, John Garratt and Richard Ashton (three honest men of this neighbourhood) who valued the nagge to bee worth fiftye shillings in theire esteem as will plainely Appeare by testimonye of their hands underneath written. And whereas your peticoner hath noe other way for reliefe but to Appeale to this honourable bench, he Humbly desires their assistance for gaining satisfacon for the loss of the horse, beinge taken soe vyolently from him and none lefte him in lieu thereof.

May it therefore please this Bench to Allowe unto him, in some way that may seeme most fitt, payment for the same horse, havinge suffred these destructive times much and many losses.

### F.4, D.32, S. Middlewich, 23 Jan. 1648/9.

#### Brewing without a license.

To Sir George Booth and other his Ma'tie's. Justices att the Quarter Sessions held at Middlewich.

The humble Peticon of Henry Hobson and William Barnes of the Township of Goostree cum Barneshawe. Sheweth Whereas your peticoners only for the accommodacon of divers inhabitants in severall Towneships summoned to appeare at the Court Baron and Court Leet of Henry Manwaringe Esq for his Mannor of Barneshaw di l brew and provide victuallinge, there being otherwise noe entertainment for the one halfe of them, being 200 or upwards, which owed appearance more upon private Spleene and false informacons of some of the neighborhoode. Fyned at the last Sessions held att Knutsford in 20 s. a peece to bee levied and payd to the poore for soe doeinge, when there is non poorer than themselves who Humbly desire you would bee pleased to remitt their fyne in that they had the lycence of ye Lord of the towne and were ordered thereunto by the Steward and others, who in regard they had formerly keept Ale and victuallinge persuaded them. They knew not how otherwise the people at that tyme could bee accomodated, with noe houses that would doe it or were soe fitt.

Nil.

[See S.B. 8a, 19 Oct. 1648].

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F.4, D.48. Ibid., 1648/9.

## Warrington Bridge. Petition of Austen Hatton of Daresbury Free Mason, about payment for repair.

To the Justices assembled at Middlewich. Humbly sheweth that your Peticoner A verry poore man in time past Joyned in worke for the repayre of Warrington bridge for Cheshire side with one George Miller another ffree Mason. And that by reason of the neglect of the High Constables in collectinge moneys for the expeditinge the same your peticoner is exceedingly troubled by suits in lawe for workmen's wages, stone and leading the same. And many other materyalls your peticoner procured for the worke. And havinge sevall times procured orders from sessions and in prosecution of the same orders obteyned losse of his time beinge A tradesman and great Charge and expences otherwise. Your Peticoner by reason of the want of the money is Damnified in Tenne Pounds and upwards to his almost undoinge besides exposed to Imprisonment.

May it therefore please this Hon. Bench to make good your former orders upon record for the punishing of such offenders by Imprisonment or by what other meanes may seeme best unto you if they bringe not the money in Arreares and fines Imposed upon them for your peticoners better reliefe.

*Order*: Renew the form orders. Littlemore of Hatley to be called to an accompt, Tho: Smith for Northwich hundred and all head constables to give an accompt.

#### F.4, D.58, Ibid., 1648/9.

# Cabins for people infected by the plague. About compensation for damage to land due to their erection.

To his Ma't's Justices at this Quarter Sessions. The humble Peticon of Robert Cranage of Midlewich, Sheweth that the Peticoner being a poore Inhabitant within the Towne did take a feild or Close lying in Newton near the said Towne from Mr. William Yates for the yeare 1647 upon the Rent of vii£. in which yeare that heavy visitacon of the plague fell upon the Townes of Midlewich and Newton. And divers Inhabitants whose houses were infected were by the Constables of Midlewich put into Cabines erected in the said feild. By reason whereof the peticoner lost all the profitt of the feild and one Load and a halfe of Hay more or less which was taken to cover the said Cabines, And one other feild of whole grass adjoyning to the value of xls. besides wood taken for the building of the said Cabines worth tenne shillings.

Now forasmuch as the Peticoner is Constrayned to pay the rent of vii£ according to agreement and as yet hath received noe recompence for any of his losses, he doth therefore pray that this Court would consider his case and set downe some Order for his releif according to equity and Justice.

Referred to the Baron of Kinderton and Coll. Croxton.

# F.1, D.1, S. Northwich, 3 April, 1649.

Petition of Elinor Stambridge concerning an assault on her person by John Stockton.

To the honourable Bench of Justices at Northwich.

The humble petition of Elianor Stambridge, Sheweth that upon 23 Julie last past being the Lord's Day and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper being appointed to be administered that day: your Petitioner went in the morning to milk her father's kine intending to be partaker at the Lord's table : but as shee was milking shee was violently set upon by one John Stockton (who stands bound to appear at this Sessions.) who tooke your Petitioner and threw her upon the ground with a purpose to abuse her body. But being not able to accomplish his ungodly designe, the Lord in mercie strengthening her to resist: he sought to take away her life by putting her into a pit of water, from whence your petitioner endeavouring to recover herselfe he put her down into the water a second time. And when she cryed out for helpe, Stockton did lay fast hold upon her bosome, And would not let her goe, till a neighboure mayd who was going to the Kine, hearing her cry out came running towards her and was come within two or three roods Your Petitioner humbly desires your worships to take of them. the evill dealing of the above said John Stockton into your serious consideration, and to grant her justice against him, that hereafter shee may goe about her lawfull occasions without feare and others may be afraid to offer the like violence.

Jur. Elinor Stambridge 3rd die Aprilis 1649 confirmed ye contents of this peticon to be true.

John Stockton is bound over againe.

### F.1, D.21, Ibid. 1649.

Petition of John Hyde of Mutley for a pension. Wounded in defence of Manchester against Lord Strange.

To the Justices for the Comonwealth of England within the Countie Palatine of Chester at the generall Sessions at Northwich.

Humblie sheweth that whereas your peticoner at the beginning of these unhappy distractions, when the Lord Strange came first against Manchester, was comanded by Colonell Duckenfeild (amongst divers others) to goe with him to the aid and assistance of Manchester against Lord Strange where your petitioner was maimed of the one of his hands and thereby disinabled to follow his vocation and calling to mainteyne himselfe his wife and seaven children and afterwards when Lord Goring and his Army came through Darbishire and part of Cheshire and so into Lancashire. he was so miserably plundred by them that they left him not anything either for bedd or backe: So that your petitioner his wife and children are in great exigencie and want being destitute both of cloathes and other necessaries.

Your petitioner humblie prayeth that your worships would be pleased to afford him some such lyke mainteynance as is afforded and alowed to maimed soldiers.

The contents of this petition be true, and an extraordinary charitable act it will be to relieve ye petitioner as is done to other maimed souldiers in ye like case. 3 April, 1649.

ROBERT DUCKENFEILD.

Order: 40s p. ann to be allowed him untill further order from the Treasurer for Macclesfeild hundred.

Entered in the Treasurer's book.

#### F.1, D.27, Ibid. 1649.

## Petition of the inhabitants of Plemstow, Frodsham, Thornton, Sutton and Ince about the repair of Bridges.

To the Justices at the Quarter sessions at the Northwich.

Sheweth that whereas wee have five severall tymes heretofore peticoned your Worshipps for the repaire of Trafford bridge which was broken downe in the tyme of the late warres, by reason wherof (besides that it is a great roade) wee have for the space of five veeres last past binne indamaged to the value of many thousand pounds by spoyling all our meadowinge, which former peticons you weere pleased to promise should bee taken into due consideracon this present sessions. The charge of repairinge the sayd bridge by the view of able workmen will amounte to the sume of six score pownds.

Wee therfore put your Worships in minde of your promise for some speedy course for repaire of Trafford bridge.

Ordered that Mr. Gregg and Mr. Partington bee desired to view the said Bridge and make report to the Clerke of ye Peace of the Charge thereof and that thereuppon the Clarke of the Peace to issue warrants.

[See S.B. 9a, p. 205]

### F.1, D.35, Ibid., 1649.

Letter to J. Bruen Esq of Stapelford from Nat: Lancaster on behalf of his parishioners for licenses to buy corn.

Torpley 6 Mar: 1648.

Good Cossen, These men undermentioned my Parishioners have much advantaged these parts by buying corne at Whitchurch but are opposed there under pretence they engrosse that comodity but are permitted to buy there as formerly, if testifyed under the hand of a Justice they doe it not illegally. I can assure you for these men, they want corne themselves and sell with all expedition at home or at Chester what they can spare from their owne necessary

use, for which cause I am a suitor with them for a certifficat from you in their behalf.

John Hocknell, John Witter, Raph Barker.

Marginal Note: They are licenced.

In regard theis men by byeing where there is more plentye of corne and selling where there is greater scarsity do greatly advantage the poorer sort of people that might otherwise be put to greater extremityes for want of bread; I doe therefore desire all whom it may concerne to permit them to buye and sell corne for the end aforesaid untill the next generall Sessions for this Countye when such course shall be taken herein as the law requires.

Dated at Huxley this 6 March 1648.

J. BRUEN.

#### F.1, D.37, Ibid., 1649.

# Petition of nurses at Middlewich against receiving clipt money for their services.

To the Justices at Northwich or elsewhere. The peticon of Margret Walker and Ellin Danham sheweth that your peticoners living in manchester were sent for by the cunstables of meddellwych when the Lord had visitted that towne with the plague to bee nurses to tende sicke persons, but notwithstanding your peticoners have receved some money yet it hath beene much of it clipt and not passable and they have beene put off from time to time and beene fforced to make many journeys and have laine at great charges ti<sup>-1</sup> your peticoners have spent more than they have receved. May it please your honours to take into consideration the money due to your peticioners. [See F.1, D.28, 1648].

3 April 1649. Colonel Croxton is desired to examine the matter and to doe therein as to him shall seeme meete.

JO: MORLAND.

#### F.2, D.54, S. Nantwich, 10 July, 1649.

Petition of George Milner, Free Mason to the Justices about the building of New Bridge and Bight Bridge.

Sheweth that wheras it pleased the hon: Sergeant Bradshawe Chief Justice of Chester to conceave an order for the newe buildinge of a bridge called the newe bridge within this countie. Towards the performance of which order Mr. Stanley, Mr. Ardran and Mr. Hyde did compound and agree with your peticoner both for the newe buildinge of the said bridge and also for the building of another bridge called bight bridge within the same countie also. And money was assessed upon the countie for these purposes and Artickles sealed and securitie taken for performance of them and warrants graunted out to the high Constables of all the severall hundreds of the countie for speedie collectinge of the moneys.

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Whereupon your peticoner hyred many workemen and began both the workes: hopinge to receave his money accordinge to the artickles and covenants agreede upon. And some part of the money for both the bridges your peticoner hath receaved, thoughe noe part of the covenants observed on the gentlemen's part since the ensealinge thereof as will plainelye apeare by the artickles and the several aquittances given for what hath beene receaved by your peticoner. Notwithstandinge the most of the stones for both bridges are alreadye gotten and made fitt and readie to loade and sett up: And in procuringe the worke soe forwardly your peticoner hath run himself into betwixt Three and foure score pounds debts, to his workemen and others and forced to give over both works for want of money: and to lose this faire season of the yere alreadye past: to his great losse.

Ordered that all head Constables pettie Constables within the whole County doe by the 10 Aug. next deliver in their accompts and pay in all the arreres of money due to be paid by severall orders of this Sessions for the repayring of divers Bridges unto Mr. Hide Mr. Arderne and Mr Bradshawe at their perils. [See S.B. 9a, p. 216]

# F.2, D.74, Ibid., 1649.

## Petition to the Justices of Amey Hickman of Darnall surety for Margaret Heyward praying to be discharged from her recognizance.

Sheweth, that one Margaret Heywarth a sillie weake woman, a brother's daughter of your peticoner's beinge charged with the felonious stealinge of some Clothes from Mr. Mainwaringe's house of Marton and Margaret wanting understandinge and throughe her weaknes either by fayre or foule speach is easily wroughte upon and soe she Confessed that she stole these Clothes and brought them to your peticoners and soe the said Margaret was whipped by the Constable, beinge a beggar, and noe more done to her, and your peticoner was bound with suirtyes for her personall appearance at this quarter sessions, wheras this peticoner is informed that some of these Cloathes have beene since found in Leighton, and that this silly woman never stole them, soe as it is now apparent both to Mrs. Lee of Darnall and the neighborhood thereaboute, that this Margaret hath done your peticoner great wronge, disgrace and trouble without any just cause or ground for the same.

That it will please your good worships to take the matter into consideration that both she and her suirtyes may bee discharged of their recognizance. [See S.B. 9a, p. 214].

Order: Discharged.

# F.3, D.47, S. Knutsford, 10 Oct. 1649.

# Letter to Sir George Booth from Anne Brereton about the repair of bridges on her estate.

Sir, I shall beeseech your favour in ye behalfe both of my selfe and my tennants; my suit I hope you will concieve just and reasonable being concerning a bridge lately broken downe by the violence of a flood and ye repayring thereof so necessary as well to ye whole County as to ye inhabitants of Bugloughton and Rode who formerlie have kept it in repayre. My request unto you is that you with ye other gentlemen Justices of ye peace will be pleased to make an order that ye rest of ye Countie may equallie contribute to ye repayring of this bridge as they do to other bridges built for ye publike, the charge being so great, it being so much ruined, that they are no wayes able at their owne charges (without assistance )to set it up againe: But if it please you so to order it now that it shall be new built at ye comon charge of ye Countie they promise and are contented henceforward to keepe it in repayre at their owne charges.

## Brereton 7 Oct. 1649.

I desire my fellowe Justics in my absence to order the matter conteyned in this letter accordinge to the Judge's order herewith sent. G. BOOTH.

## F.4, D.41, S. Chester, 22 Jan. 1649/50.

Petition of Thomas Oulton, a soldier in the "Trayned Band" of Nantwich Hundred, for a Pension.

To the Justices of the Peace at the generall Quarter Sessions at Chester.

Sheweth, that your Peticoner hath beene a Souldier in the Trayned Band of Namptwich Hundred for the space of six and Twenty Yeares, or thereabouts: And that hee was in actuall service of the Parliam't for the defence of the town of Namptwich when Sir Thomas Aston with his forces came against the Towne: And that ever since duringe all these late Warres he hath constantly and faithfully continued in the service of the Parliam't under the comannd of Colonell William Massie, untill his Regiment was disbanded: In which service your Peticoner hath diverse times bin sore wounded.

That upon pursuit of the Lord Capel his forces from Nantwich unto Ley-Bridge in the Countye of Salop, at the said bridge your Peticoner was shott through his left legge by which shotte hee is maimed and shall bee lame whilst hee liveth. And that in the Leaguer before Chester at two several assaults made by the Parliament forces he was both times sore wounded and lost very much of his blood and at the latter assault was left for dead upon the ground. By reason whereof hee is not onely lame of his legge but also disinabled in his body to worke for his liveinge.

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The Parliament hath beene graciously pleased to take special care to preserve such poor Souldiers from begginge that have beene maimed in the service of this Comonwealth (As by their Ordinance made and set forth for that purpose it doth fully appear.)

Your Peticoner therefore humbly prayeth you to extend the like mercy to him that you have donne to others in the like case:

Order: 40s p. Ann and the first payment to begin at Lady Day next.

#### F.4, D.42, Ibid., 1649/50.

# Petition about the maintenance of a child of Thomas Astbrooke deceased.

To the Justices for the County Pal. of Chester. 1649. The humble peticon of Richard Astbrooke of Christleton laborer. Sheweing that in the tyme when the City of Chester was governed by the adverse party amongst others whoe were turned forth thereof in regard they refused to take their ...... oath, Mr. Thomas Astbrooke Minister of God's word and Preacher at John's Church in this City was also turned forth by Sir ffrances Gamull and others then in power, who within three dayes after dyed being a verie weake man.

That the said Mr. Astbrooke left behind him a wife and 4 small Children all of which are provyded for and dead saveing one maiden Child which your peticoner hath ever since kept being now almost 4 yeares. Hee humblie desires that he may either have some allowance for keepeing her, or that the Parrish of Johns wherein shee was borne may bee ord'red to keepe her your peticoner being but a poore man and a greate charge of his owne, and hath lost most of his estate by the enemie.

Your Peticoner humblie Craves that whereas Susanna Astbrooke sister to the infant above menconed had a Legacie of Twenty shillings left her by her Aunt, Anna Astbrooke deceased, and that the sayd Susanna being alsoe dead since, he conceives that the Legacie ought by Law to belong to the surviving sister, And therefore desires for the avoyding of a suite, it being of soe small a nature, that your Worships would by order or otherwise send unto Mr. Bower, Clerke, Minister of Gilden Sutton, whoe is executor to the said Anna dec. and hath the Legacie in his hands, to pay it over to your peticoner for the use and mantenance of the other sister.

Order: The child to be sent to the place of its birth.

### F.1, D.19, S. Middlewich, 23 April, 1650.

#### Petition of George ffentham, Trooper for a Pension.

To the hon. the Judges of Assise sitting at West chester. The humble peticion of George ffentham Trooper late under the Comand of Lieut. Col. Clyve, sheweth that your peticoner haveing truely

and faithfully served the parliam't and State was maymed and lost the benefitt of his lymbes upon raising of the Seige at Hyarham in Shropshire; And in regard he was maimed in that County and borne in Cheshire his complaint was remanded to the Comittee in Cheshire; and they ordered him 3£ p. Ann for the livelyhood of him and his Charge; and he hath not receaved thereout but one yeare's pay these four yeares; which with his Costs and charges for attendance hath utterly undone him, his wife and charges.

Your peticoner humbly ymploreth your Lordships That according to your promise at Shrewesbury to order your peticoner releefe agreeable to the Maymed souldiers pay in Shropshire, or otherwise for his establishment in Cheshire as you shall thinke meete, and the rather in Regard your peticoner is put off from tyme to tyme.

I desire the Justices of the peace of this County accordinge to the order in name of Parliament made for ye reliefe of maymed souldiers to take care that the peticoner have a competent pension yearely allowed him, hee beinge as it appeares last setled in this County and therefore by the said ordinance here to bee mainteyned. And that they will not only take care for his subsistance for the future but order him the arreares of his pension due and unpaid unto him.

H. MACKWORTH.

#### *Note*: Already ordered and his pencon continued.

## F.1, D.20, Ibid., 1650.

## Petition of Katharin Stubbs for compensation for the distruction of her house at Northwich.

To Col. Croxton with the rest of the Justices at the Sessions sitting att Middlewich. The Humble peticon of Katharin Stubbs formerly the wife of John Stubbs of Witton Deceased, sheweth That whereas your peticoner haveing her habitacon without the walls of Northwich in the tyme of the Garrison, and being her house Joynd unto the outmost guard, upon the comeing of Prince Rupert against the towne as the Officers and Souldiers within the towne suspected, the Officers and gentlemen within the towne caused flower bayes of her building to be pulled downe for feare of giveing advantage to ye Enimye soe that your poore peticoner sustayned great losses there, after a greater and former losse, viz.: loosing her deare husband in the service as is not unknown to many of the gentlemen.

The Humble peticon of your peticoner is that you would be pleased to looke upon my poore condicon and be pleased to afford some small contribution towards my reliefe.

*Order*: The treasurer to pay her, or else to shewe cause to Colonel Gerrard to the contrary.

## F.2, D.29, S. Nantwich, 9 July, 1650.

## Petition of Dennis Brayne of Namptwich concerning an attack on him while mounting guard.

To the right wor'll the Justices of Peace at this Sessions assembled. The Humble Peticon of Dennis Brayne of this towne of Namtwich late a maymed Soldier in the service of Ireland against those Monsters the Rebells of Ireland, and then under the Comand of Sir Charles Vavasor. Sheweth that your petitioner was Comanded by the Cunstables of this Towne to keepe watche on Wensday last att night at wall lane end for keeping out of such p'sons as should come to this towne from any place infected with that heavy visitation the Plague; And about ten a clock that night came one John Steene alias Aldersey of this towne to one Clarke's house neere to the place where the Guard stands, drew his knife and swore hee would stabbe his sonne if hee wold not come away thence. But afterwards the said John Steene came up to the top of a little mount where your Petition'r stood Centary [sentry] and without any cause att all given hym, called your Petitioner an Irish Rogue, a base discended slave a man not fitt to lyve in this towne, and then immediatly fell upon him, pulled a great handfull of haire from off his head, drew his knife and swore by God's blood and divers other excrable oathes, hee would cutt all your petitioners flesh off his bones, and then your petitioner having but the use of one hand, the said Steene gott him downe, gave him many blowes, swore extreamely hee wold bite your petitioners nose off, and did often offer to do it, and had done it had not some neighbores then come forth of theire beds and prevented him, All this your petitioner is readie to depose to be true and can p'duce divers witnesses to testefie the same.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly beseecheth your good Wor'ps to take order with the said Steene for this great abuse.

9 July 1650. Referred to Mr. Mainwering and Mr. Dutton at their next monthly meeting at Chowley.

JO: MOLAND.

## F.2, D.31, Ibid. 1650.

# Petition of Nantwich Inhabitants concerning the maintenance of their bridge.

To the right Wor'll the Justices of Peace at this present Quarter Sessions Assembled.

The humble peticon of div's Inhabitants of the Towne of Namptwich for and on behalfe of themselves and the rest of the Inhabitants there. Sheweth That whereas by an antient usage and custome all the Landes and estates of the said Inhabitants lyinge within the said towne have been Chargable and contributorie for the new buildinge and repayre of their Comon Bridge within the towne,

and have beene freed from anyother Charge to anie other Comon Bridges within the County which hath beene confirmed by severall orders made at severall Assises holden at Chester for the said County, the last whereof wee have to showe, which manifests the tyme when the same particular orders were made; And whereas of late the said towne hath beene at the Charge of ccx£ for the New-building of the said Bridge which upon a true Accompte will bee made to appeare, besides other expences for the preservacon of the said Bridge from the danger of the water since that tyme, and yet nevertheles the New-head constables have sente out their Warrant (Contrarie to the said usage and Orders) to Leavy xvii£ vs. ixd. pr'tended to bee in arreare for and towards the Repayre of severall Bridges within the said County. And for that the said towne hath beene at soe great a Charge without any assistance at all from the Contrey and to keepe and maynteane their Pavem'ts which are longe and broad in as common and beaten a Roade as any in the Contrey, and the Bridge itselfe cannot stand longe but will require repayre, standing upon a violent and dangerous water, and springinge and uncertaine Salt-foundacon, And the generality of the Inhabitants lately reducted to much povertie from whence much of the contribucon is lyable.

Humbly therefore pray the withdrawing of the said headconstables warr't or if the said usage and order bee not judged legally vallid but voyde as to our ease from contributinge to the Contrey Bridges; soe likewise it may be judged as invalid and voyde to and for the excuse of the Contrey from consideringe us in a p'porconable contribucon towards the aforesaid sume solely dispended by us. Soe that either the warr't for arreers claymed from us may be remitted, or else a warr't granted for us for ye collectinge of such surplusages or arreres as may appeare upon a just and an exacte accompte by the same statute due to us.

*Marginal note*: An order to Joyne in issue and to try the next assizes and in the meane tyme to pleade their Custome.

Rogr. Wilbram, Rich: Wright, Robt. ...., Robert Wicksteed, Thomas Maisterson, Gabriell Wetenhall, Rich. Wright, John Price, J. Bromhall, Rich. Robinson, Thomas Malbon, Sab: Church, William ...... Tho: Noden, Jno. Brereton, Jno. Ravenscroft.

### F.2, D.65, S. Nantwich, 9 July, 1650.

# Losses by fire. Petition of Robert Painter for a Certificate from the Justices to the Council of State to enable him to obtain relief.

To the hon. the Deputy Lts. and Justices within the County of Chester. The petition of Robert Painter of Oulton Lowe within the said County, Sheweth that your peticoner being possessed of goods as Corne, hay, Cheese, Cattle, household goods and Cloathes to the value of three score pounds or thereabouts had all of them consumed by fire upon Saturday 1 Dec. 1649 together with the house wherein hee lived.

That your peticoner hath neither house, Land, nor living of his owne but onely lived upon a racked rent and had hyred Cowes to stocke the grounds which were taken from him in regard his winter provision to keep them on was consumed, whereby he hath nothing left to mantayne himselfe his wife and two small Children but onely the Charitable benevolence of well disposed p'sons as appeares by the Certificate of the minister and many of the best of the parish of Over (wherein he liveth) hereunto annexed.

May it therefore please you to take your peticoner's lamentable condicon into your Charitable consideracon, and by your letter of Request to recommend the same to the Councell of State or to such of the hon. Committees of Parliament as are intrusted and appointed to consider the condicon of such distressed persons.

*Order*: A Certificate of the Justices of Sessions to the Councell of State above.

#### F.2, D.67, Ibid., 1650.

### Valuation of goods lost by Robert Paynter in a fire.

The true and perfect valuation of ye goodes of Robert Paynter which were burnt by fire upon Saturday 1649.

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The house that was burnt by fire and all ye goodes.	£	s.	d.
Three and twentie at ye least measures of hard corn burnt	9	4	0
One bay of hay and three loads laid in another place is worth as neere as wee can judge it.	21	0	0
Lost in Cheese six hundred of Cheese, for I sould one hundred for Thirty two shillings, there fore six			
hundred was worth	9	12	0
Lost in money.	1	13	4
One stone of Woole, being dyed wool.	1	0	0
One fatted swine.			4
One yeare old calfe.			8
Foure pounds of teere of flax beeing bought for		6	0
One pound of teere of Hemp beeing bought for		1	2
Three dissen[?] of flax.		6	0
One pair of flaxen sheetes haveing ten yards in; of ye same cloath was sould for 2 shillings a yarde			
therefore ten yards.	1	-	-
Two pairs of sheetes one pair of readings and another			
of hemp.	0	18	0

ABSTRACTS.			145	
	£	s.	d.	
One bed one blanket and one coverlet.	1	1	0	
Nineteene yards of flaxen cloath.	1	18	0	
Two pairs of bed stockes and one table.	0	12	0	
Two hattes and one broad cloath waist coate which cost				
eight shillings two pence a yard.	0	18	6	
One trunke had all theire best linnins in, at least	2	0	0	
ffor another Trunke had in of Childers cloathes; beeside				
some other linens and wolens.	0	12	0	
One strike of Apples.	0	4	8	
Two Quarts of honey;	0	4	8	
One Peuter dish.	0	2	6	
One side saddle; one pillion, one collor; Two pair of				
harnes.	1	1	6	
One Pack saddle.	0	5	0	
Eight yeards of	0	12	0	
One pair of hoosen.	0	3	0	
One Bonke and one piggen.	0	2	4	
One flasken to hould corne.	0	3	4	
One Cheese	0	1	4	
One Cheese press.	0	2	6	
One Curtaine.	0	4	0	
The Whole some by valuation is Three score pound	1			

The Whole some by valuation is Three score pounds; saveing fortye foure shillings; as neere as wee can value it.

Raph Walker, Thomas ....., William Francis, Richard Youde, Raph. Dodd.

F.3, D.17, S. Northwich, 9 Oct. 1650.

Petition of Symon Crouch of Warrington Dr. of Physic, about his work in connection with the Plague.

To the Right Hon. Sir George Booth and the rest of the Justices of the Peace now at the Quarter Sessions att Northwiche.

Sheweth that about 20 Jan. last It pleased Almighty God to visitt the Townships of Gropnall, Thelwalle, Latchford and Walton with the terible Plague of Pestilance, uppon which your Peticoner beinge a Doctor of Phisik was moved to administer Phisick to those that were soe infected, and to make such other Provision for them as might conduce to their restoration, which your peticoner accordingly hath to the utmost of his skill and judgement from tyme to tyme observed And Praysed bee God through the Almightie's blessinge uppon his indeavors all the People in all the said Townships are now well and att their libertyes. Though it hath cost your Peticoner much trouble and many large sumes of money of

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which hee hath receaved some parte. The attendance diligence and care of your Peticoner solely being imployed in and concerneinge the same Hath wholy worne him out of his former benefitt of such Patients whose necessityes would not admitt of soe much delay, untill hee had wrought these, his cures, in the sev'all Towneships above menconed.

May it therefore please your Honors to graunt your Peticoner such speedie releife as in your Judgements shall seeme meete haveinge regard to his care in the same, and the rather because the Inhabitants of all the Towneships aforesayd are soe very poore (otherwise very willinge) that they are not able to give your peticoner such satisfaccon as otherwise they would.

*Order*: Referred to Mr. Thomas Warberton Mr. Thomas Pownall Mr. Jo. Barker or any 2 of them to examine the truth of the peticoner's accompts and to report their opinions to Colonel Brooke Mr. Marbury and Mr. Hyde and they to determine herein as to them shall seeme meete at or before the first of Decemb. next and the Doctor and Appothicary to attend the referres with his accompts.

Greate Budworth parish, Runchorne, Gropnall, Lym and part of Bowden.

#### F.1, D.61, S. Middlewich, 15 April, 1651.

Examination before Peter Dutton, Esq., Justice, of Randle Bathoe of Aldersay concerning the alleged misdeamours of Mr. John Aldersey of Aldersey Hall.

Examinacons taken the 31 Jan. 1650: At Hatton before mee Peter Dutton esq one of the Justices.

Randle Bathoe of Aldersay hall in the said County yeom. aged 40 years or thereabouts swoarne saith: That about a fortnight after Mich'as last this Ex't beeing with Mr. John Aldersey of Aldersay hall aforesd, The Gunnes shooting at Chester the nighte before for some victory, that this Ex't. heard the said John Aldersay; hee asking this ex't what newes and the cause why the gunnes went off that nighte; which this Ex't. replyed hee did not knowe the Cause; well then said Mr. Aldersay I'll tell you newes (Judge Mackworth Gov'ner of Shrewsbury wil bee hanged, and I hope to live to see him and a many more of such rogues hanged) And this Ex't. likewise deposeth that Mr. Aldersey a fortnighte before this tyme said that hee did likewise hope to live to see the wind turne and the sonne to shine that hee mighte bee revenged of his Neighbours and the Rogues: which expression hath byn usuall with him in this ex'ts hearing; this Ex't likewise deposeth that hee hath sev'all tymes heard the said Mr. Alldersay when at any tyme the Canons have gonne off at Chester for any victory over the Enemy hee would Curse them wishing the Divle to sinke them and damm them and that hee the said Mr. Alldersay

would sevall tymes say the shuting off of the Canons was but a flash to incourage the Souldiers to goe ov'r into Ireland, but they would bee sconced when they came thither ...... And this Ex't. deposeth that when Coll. Daniell Did goe with our Army into Scotland hee the s'd Mr. Alldersay did curse them with most grievous Curses, and did pray that the King's party mighte take them and hang them all.

Cap. Peter Dutton.

[See also Ds 62, 63, 64, 65 Ibid.]

## F.1, D.76a, S. Middlewich, 15 April, 1651.

Informations taken about a charge of poaching against Robert Burgh of Sutton.

The informacon of Roger Jones of Adlington in the County of Chester husbandman taken 4 March 1650. Before Col. Henry Bradshawe the younger Esqr. one of ye Justices of peace and quor as followeth.

Roger Jones of Adlington husbandman Aged 40 yeares or thereabouts sworne, deposeth that hee is and hath beene keeper unto Thomas Leigh of Adlington Esqr. two yeares or thereabouts And that hee about halfe a yeare sithence or thereabouts upon a Saboath Day in ye morning betwixt breake of Day and Sun riseing did meet one Robt. Burgh of Sutton togeather with one other man whom this Informer knoweth not: whereupon this Informer went out towards Edward Adsheed's house, being neere unto him and in the side of the highway, to enquire whether anyone, and who, had beene there that night before, or come into his house that morning; at which tyme Burgh ffledd from this Informer forth of the high way, upon which this Informer (suspecting him the said Robt Burgh to bee a Deere stealer) pursued and overtooke him short of Thomas Greene's house in Bollington, and questioned him what hee had beene about that morning. To which Burgh asked this Informer what hee had to do to question him in the highway. To which this Informer replyed that hee was Servant to the said Thomas [Leigh] and had Comand of a Parke neere unto that place and belonging to Thomas Leigh where wronge had beene done to the Game and would knowe what hee had beene about that morninge, and what hee had about him; for this Informer did suspect the said Burgh had a Bowe to destroy the Game in the Parke: And this Informer further saith That hee did not knowe the said Burgh when hee did so question him; but that they went into one William Hartley's house beinge neere at hand and there this Informer found a Steele bowe with Burgh. And the said Hartley then did Justifie that Burgh was the name of the man which was then with this Informer. And this Informer further saith that as he came in the way with Burgh to Hartley's house he thought that

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he did heare Arrowes rickle under Burgh's Coate; And alsoe saith that the said Burgh hath sithence confessed that hee had then one Arrowe about him.

The informacon of John Halliwell of Macclesfeild fforrest yeoman taken before Coll: Henry Bradshawe 14 March 1650 as followeth:

John Halliwell aged 60 yeares or thereabouts sworne, Deposeth that hee hath for the space of 40 yeares past beene one of the keepers of ye fforrest of Macclesfeild aforesaid: And saith that hee hath for Ten yeares last past knowne Rob't Burgh of Sutton in the said County, husbandman, to bee a Comon hunter and steeler of Deere in the fforrest: And further saith That hee hath taken the said Burgh hunting in the fforrest and found deere skinns in the dwelling house of Burgh's father in Sutton where the said Rob't: Burgh then did and now doth (as this informer conceives) live.

Further depositions follow.

#### F.1, D.92, Ibid., 1651.

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## Petition of Robt. Atkinson of Keele, Stafford, against his arrest on the charge of carrying letters to the enemy.

To ye Justices assembled at this present Sessions at Middlewich. Sheweth that your peticoner beinge a servant unto Mrs. Snead of Keele and beinge by her sent with a Letter to one Mr. Smith livinge in Croxton Lankishire to know how her husband did in the Isle of Man and whether hee were livinge or no, was challenged at Smallwood by some souldiers and others, who were there present, to be an intelligencer and Carryer of letters to ye enemy and was by them most uncivilly dealt with and abused, insomuch as this examin't did verry foolishly (beinge in a passion) throw his letter into ye fire, by reason whereof your peticoner was soe suspected that hee was brought before authority and Committed to ye Marshall with whom hee hath remayned for the space of five weekes in greate want and misery havinge neither money nor friends to relieve him in this Condicon.

Yor peticoner therefore humbly prayeth that in regard there is no proofe agaynst him for what hee is accused of (and in regards of his greate necessity) that you wil bee pleased to release him from his imprisonment, hee engaginge to bee faythfull to ye Comonwealth of England.

*Order*: To stand Comitted untill hee find sufficient suretyes not to acte any thing ag't the state.

## F.1, D.94, Ibid: 1651.

# Petition for a pension for the orphan son of William Ravenscroft who lost his life in the service of the Parliament.

To the hon. Humphrey Mackworth Esqr. Chiefe Justice of Chester. The most humble Peticon of Margaret Ravenscroft, shewing that one William Ravenscroft a soldier under Coll. Gerrard about eight yeares past Lost his Life at Warrington in the Parliament's service, and his wife dieing on Child bedd both of them (by the Act of God) thus disposed of, Left behinde them a poore infant, for p'servation whereof your peticoner though a very poore woman hath endeavored for maintainance Butt is noe Longer able to yield the child subsistance unless some pious and compassionate Course bee thought upon; Being great pittie after soe long succour to bee forced to expose it to famishing and begging. Your peticoner begeth in the name of this poore friendless, fatherless and motherless orphant and for God's Cause that you wilbee pleased to sett downe such order for the future, As that some provision may be made.

Order of Chief Justice of Chester: The Justices of Peace are desired to examine this busines and if no maintenance bee left to this orphan from the parents then to take order it bee relieved in the parish where the sayd orphan was borne and the peticoner discharged thereof.

#### 9 Aprill 1651.

H. MACKWORTH.

Order of Justices at above Sessions: 40s p. Ann. to bee allowed as an orphan.

#### F.2, D.47, S. Nantwich, 15 July, 1651.

### Counterfeit Petitions.

To the Keeper of the Common Goale at Chester or to his Deputy there. Whereas Raph Downes late of Echells in the County aforesd hath this day bin before mee and upon his examinacon Confessed that hee hath procured Counterfaite Peticons (for Colleccons in Churches) to which Sir George Boothe and Mr. Hyde their hands with several other persons were Counterfaite. And hee fayling to find sufficient suretyes for his appearance at the next Quarter Sessions and for his good behaviour in the meane time, these are therefore strictly to Charge you to receive and take the Body of Raph Downes and him safely to keepe in your Custody untill hee shall find such sufficient sureties to become bound with him for his appearance at the next Sessions and then answere his Doeings in the premises and alsoe for his good abearing in the meane tyme, or shall otherwise bee delivered thence by due Order of lawe: Herein faile not at your peril. Given under my hand and Seale at Baddiley this 28 Aprill 1651.

THO: MAINWARINGE.

N.B. Suerties found 29 April 1651. [See F.2, D.48].

## F.2, D.110, Ibid., 1651.

# Inclosures at Dunham Massey. Petition of Charterers and Tenants about the same.

To the Justices at this present Sessions. Peticon of the Inhabitants of Dunham Massey whose names are here under written, Sheweth unto your Worships that your peticoners beinge Charterers or tennants unto Sir George Booth Knt. and Barronett and George Booth Esq, or the one of them, And haveinge for a longe time enjoyed and used to have Common of Pasture and turbury in the waste and Commons in Dunham Massey as belonging to their Tenements weere of late time Interrupted in the Occupacon of the best part thereof by John Booth Esq, George Newton and John Smith, whereuppon your peticoners beinge unwillinge to departe with that right which had Anciently and time out of minde belonged unto their sayd Tenements And indeed without which many of their sayd Tenements are very small and unconsiderable and greatly dissenabled to performe the Publique and particuler Charge lyinge uppon them. Your peticoners, or some of them, did (as they Conceave under the ffavour of this Hon. Bench they well might) pull downe some part of the New inclosures uppon the sayd waste and Commons and lay them open againe for their use as formerly; where uppon John Booth Esqr. did stirr upp Newton and Smith and unknowne unto your peticoners, And whilst all Controversies were in refference att the request of George Booth Esq. and your peticoners that the matter might be composed in love, Caused your peticoners to bee Indicted of Riotous assemblies and fforcible entrees uppon the premises in three severall Inditements before your Wor'ps. And your peticoners doe averr that when the Inclosures were layd open againe it was done without any oposicon quarrell or strife and without any breach of the Peace as they Conceave, and no Ryotous offence by them Committed haveinge good right to their Common and constant possession of it.

Yor, peticoners therefore humbly pray that in regard they are unwillinge and some of them unable to traverse the savd Inditements, beeinge that the same will be very chargable, that your wor'ps would bee pleased to Mittigate and Moderate their ffynes with such lenity as they shall thinke fitt And the rather for that there is a Suite dependinge in the Court of Exchequer touchinge part of the pr'mises the prosecucon whereof by the consent of Sr George Booth, and one Will'm ffryth hath beene forborne since the beginninge of October last.

George Vawdrey Tho: Worsley John Neild Peter Clarke John Cotterell George Smith

Thomas Brownhill William Beardsley John Ogden John Neild Junor Hugh Cottrell **Richard Cottrell** Order: Granted 6d a peice.

Edward ffrith James Neild George Shawe Henry Hasslehurst

## F.2, D.135, Ibid., 1651.

# Parish of Tarvin. About arrears for maimed soldiers and renewal of Church roof.

To the Justices of Peace for the Countie Pallat: of Chester. The humble peticon of Divers poore Inhabitants within the Parish of Tarvin. Sheweth that your Peticoners have beene greater sufferers in the tyme of Warre by quarter and plunder, (by reason of their Vicinity to Chester and Beeston Castle) than many other parts of the Countie; And alsoe about two yeares since a greate part of the Roofe of their Church fell downe, which hath putt them to the Charge of neere two hundred pounds. Whereby (besides the Comon pressures) they are soe much impoverished that a greate part of the Leye for the repaire of the Church cannott bee gathered, it lyinge in poore mens hands, that have not whereon to distraine.

Our humble peticon is that you will remitt the arreares due from this Parish to the maimed Souldiers, and if it may bee take off some part of the Charge for the future.

> JOHN BOSTOCKE Churchwardens RICHARD RAPHSON

JOHN BENNITTE WILL: HIGNETT Overseers of the poore.

#### Order: Nil.

F.3, D.15, S. Northwich, 14 Oct. 1651.

Letter from Rob't Duckenfeild to the Committee for the Militia about pensions.

Gent. I received from my Lord Generall a list of diverse Cheshire men that were of Col. Daniell's Regiment wounded or else dead in Scotland whose Wifes are left in great distresse. Ye List with instructions directed to the Comittee of this County requiring them to provide for the Widdowes as was done for other maimed Souldiers or their wifes I received a little before ye noise of ye Scotts last invadeing this Nation came to mee which hindred my presenting the same to you and now I can not have time to find or remember where I laid it in regard of ye present expedition I have in hand. I desire therefore you would be pleased to releive all or some of ye most needy sorte of ye above mentioned Widdowes or maimed men upon notice hereof or as you shall see occation for the same, wheirby you will answeare ye expectation of his Excellency.

Chester 7 Oct. 1651.

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#### F.3, D.87, Ibid., 1651.

Plague. Petition of the Inhabitants of Carington against being taxed for the relief of stricken persons outside the five mile limit.

To the Hon: Justices of Peace at the quarter Sessions houlden at Northwich. The humble peticon of the Inhabitants of Carington sheweth to this Court; That the Constables of the said Towne, the last yeare, 1650, did collect and paie to Thomas Blackborne of Latchford the some of Three pounds foure shillings six pence for the relief of some infected persons in Thelwall and Groppnall wherein your peticoners did conceive themselves to bee free, and not within the Compasse Limited by the Statute nor Chargeable with anie paiement for the same. But soe it is, that they were this summer Required to paie Three pounds five shillings, seaven pence, more to the said places. And aboute 2 Julie last, your Peticoners did procure one Richard Joanes, of Urmeston, a knowne measurer of ground, to Measure the distance between Carrington and Thelwall, and it was founde, as appeared by a Note under the Measurer's hand herewith sent, That Carrington is not within Five Myles and an halfe of Thelwall brooke, which is the Nearest place of that Towne towards Carington.

Yor, peticoners therefore desire that their Townshippe may be discharged from payment of the said 3£. 5s. 7d. in regard they are not within five myles menconed in the Statute [1]ac., c. 31, s. 4].

Order: Thelwall and Groppe: are to shew why the peticoners should not bee releived.

### F.3, D.89, Ibid., 1651.

## Petition of Cheshire wounded men for pensions, after the Battle of Worcester.

Seep.154 To the Justices of Peace at this present Sessions Assembled The humble Peticon of Richard Malam, James Brooke, Robert Lownes, Richard Bulkeley and Edward Strongitharm. Sheweth that whereas your Peticoners being under the Comand of Capt. Thomas Malbone in the Regiment of Coll. Croxton and in actuall service at the greate victory obtayned against the Scottish Army at Worcester and are wounded in the public Service and seeing that they have little or nothing at all to subsist on but their hand Labour and by reason of their wounds being now utterly disabled to gett their living by any Manuall Employments.

> May it therefore please your worships to grant your order that they may be admitted Penconers etc.

Order: Respite this till it bee Certified by the Capt.

## F.3, D.95, Ibid., 1651.

# Petition of private soldiers from Nantwich for the redress of grievances.

To the Justices of Peace at this present Sessions. The humble Peticon of all the private Souldiers lately raysed in Namptwich for the Militia. Sheweth that your Peticoners being Tradesmen and of Manuall employments and many of them having ffamilies, and none of them anything at all to mayntayne themselves, and ffamilies, but what, by their hard labours and industrious paynes, they dearely buy; and seeing at the late Expedicon your Peticoners were selected and their names returned by the Gentlemen and others in Namptwich to bee inlisted in the Regim't of Coll. Croxton and to serve for the Towne. And thereupon your petitioners were constrayned to go (though otherwise willing to serve the Parliam't) if their estates were any way Chargeable to fine or Contribute thereunto, yet to incourage them the Capt. over them did promise advance Money, or soe much as others that hyred did give; nevertheless though your peticoners were in greate hazard and danger in the public service themselves, at their return home many of them found the Towne soe backward in allowing them any Advance, as they caused them (notwithstanding their owne travells, hazards and paynes) to bee Contributors to their owne pay and mayntaynance though not legally Chargeable by the Act of Parliament in that Case provided.

May it therefore please you to make such order whereby your peticoners may receive such satisfaction from them (that are legally Chargeable within the s'd Towne) for their extraordinary hazardous Travells, as any others that hyred in their owne roomes to goe did give; and also to order that your peticoners may not (ag't the Act) bee contributable to their owne pay etc.

Referred to Sr. Henry Delves and Mr. Mainwaring and Coll. Croxton.

## F.3, D.98, Ibid., 1651.

### Escape of Scotch prisoners incarcerated at Brereton.

To the Justices of Peace of the County Palatine of Chester. The humble Petition of John Child of Northwich. Sheweth that your Petitioner being in the pursuit of the scattered Army of the Scotts took five of them and committed them to the Constables of Brereton who comanded William Cleark and Richard Perepoynt of the town to bee their Guard, as may be testifyed and also confessed before Justice Bradshaw of Congleton. To which guard Armes were deliverd by your Petitioner to the intent to secure the Prisoners. But so it is that they neglecting their trust and in their own default and voluntarily suffered the prisoners to escape in contempt of the General's order and such was their malignity that they directed by lights other soldiers of this County troope to injure their own friende to take his horses so carefully gained and change their Hatts with the prisoners as a token of affection to them. May it therefore please yor Honors to grant out your Order to produce the said William Cleark and Richard Perepoynt to answer your Petitioner for these horses and Prisoners.

# F.3, D.103, Ibid., 1651.

# Petition for pensions of John Littler and Ellen Nickoe, widow, whose two sons were killed at Dunbar.

To the Justices of the Peace met at the Quarter Sessions held at Northwich.

The peticon sheweth that your peticoners had two sonnes who were alwayes well affected to the Parliament and in the late warres did beare armes under sevrall Commands in England and had great arreres of pay due to them for the said service.

That when Colonel William Daniell raised his Regiment for the service of the State in Scotland your peticoners sonnes inlisted themselves in his Reg'nt under the Command of Capt. Aldersey and marched with him into Scotland and at the fight at Dunbarre lost their lives.

That the said sonnes were in their lifetime the very support of your peticoners.

May it therefore please you to allow them some yearly stipend or pension etc.

Order: To bee Certified from Col Daniel.

# F.3, D.151, Ibid., 1651.

## Certificates identifying some of the Cheshire men wounded during the Scotch invasion.

 I doe hereby Certifie that these men, namely Edward Strongitharme of Namptwich served for the Towne, James Brooke hired for the Towne of Brimley, Richard Malom hired for Mr. Whitton of Austerson, Richard Buckley hired for the Towne of Willaston, Robert Lownes served for the Towne of Stapeley. All th'aforesaid men are very poore and served under my Command in the Regiment of Colonel Croxton and were all illwounded in this last expedition against the Scotts.

THOMAS MALBON.

#### F.3, D.162, Ibid., 1651.

7 Nov. 1651. These are to Certifie that Mr. William Walley hath had in cure Souldiers of my Companie; Richard Ellyson and Rob'te Lownes, which hee was very carefull of; they were wounded in the last expedition against the Scotts.

THOMAS MALBON.

Mr. Walley hath under his hands in Cure of my Major's Company: John Hease and Robert Addams, both wounded at Worcester.

# THOMAS CUMBERBACHE.

*Order*: fifty at present and 50s when Cured and Certified by the parties wounded, or by Capt. Thomas Malbone.

# F.3, D.160, Ibid., 1651.

# Petition for Pensions made by Widows of Cheshire men killed in Scotland.

To the Justices of the Peace assembled att the Sessions att Northwich. The peticons of Anne Merryman widowe late wife of John Merryman late of Ollerton, Elizabeth Crowther widowe, late wife of Thomas Crowther of Knottsford and Katherine Peake widowe late wife of William Peake of Millington deceased, Shewe that their late husbands were slaine in Scotland in the State's service, being in Col Daniells Regiment under the Comand of Capt. Hugh Birtles as may appeare among other things by a certificate or letter hereunto annexed sent from the said Captaine. And your peticoners are left in great necessity, etc.

May it therefore please your honours to extende your clemency unto the peticoners and to admitt them severally Penconers.

Children.

Ann Merriman	2
Eliz Crowther	3
Kath: Peak	3
Ann Parker	1 a very poore woeman.
Ellen Cotton	3

Order: Overseers of poore to provide till next Sessions.

### F.3, D.161, Ibid., 1651.

Letter from Capt. Hugh Bertles to the widows of soldiers serving in Scotland.

To my lovinge frendes,

Ellin Hardie late wife of William of the Crosstrike, Alies Webster late wife of Richard Webster, Ann Merrieman late wife of John Merrieman, Ales Peate late wife of william Peate, Elizabeth Crouther late wife of Thomas Crouther. These are to signefie unto you that his Exselencie the Lord General Crumwell hath taken into consideracion the sad condiscion of all such as have lost their husbands in the service in Scotland or that died there and hath sent unto the deputie Lieutenants that there shall be allowed out of the treasurie such meanes as hath beine allowed to others which are in the same condission. I would have you to joyne alltogether and goe to some of the Deputie Lieuts. and make your cause knowne and I doubt not but they will allow you as much as others have had which were in the same Condission. I would have you to write to me by the next that I may know what you have done in the busesnes. Make sure to Joyne to gether thus with my Cynd Respects to you all I Rest and will ever remene your assured frend.

### Leeyth, 12 July, 1651.

#### HUGHE BERTLES.

*Endorsed*: I pray Rede this and send it to some of youre neighbours whom it doth concern.

## F.4, D.104, S. Knutsford, 20 Jan. 1651/2.

#### Cheese demanded for soldiers under General Lambert.

To the Justices for the County Pall: of Chester.

The Peticon of Ellice Shaw sheweth that when Major Generall Lambert advanced into these parts and lay with his fforces upon Stockton heath the Constables of Appleton repaired unto your Peticoner and demanded from him one hundred and six pounds waight of cheese, for the Releefe of the Souldiers, which your Peticoner accordingly Delivered and the Constables faithfully promised to pay him for the cheese the sum of one pound three shillings. And your Peticoner further sheweth that the sayd Constables have not payd him accordinge to their promise but now refuse to collect the same or give any satisfaction therein soe that your Peticoner is utterly remediles for any releefe in the premises unless your worships ayd and assistance bee afforded unto him.

The petitioner was absent from the Sessions.

### F.4, D.130, Ibid., 1651/2.

# Letter to Justices at Knutsford Sessions from Col. Daniell about pensions.

Hon. Gentlemen. Havinge extrordinary occacons, and beinge satisfied with your proposalls concerninge ye Livelehood of sicke souldyers, widowes, and orphans, I take ye boldnesse to write two Lines in referance to ye late Acte of Parliament concerninge Pensions for souldyers that ingaged in Ireland and Scotland, which is that if the severall Certificates under my hande and seale will not (with the testimony of ye Country) be satisfactorie concerninge ye Death of ye souldyery, I shall in due tyme procure them from some of ye Generall Officers of ye Army. In ye meane tyme ye Bearer Capt. Houlse will shew you ye Acte it selfe, that if it bee possible some thinge may bee done this Sessions.

Tabley 21 Jan. 1651.

# F.4, D.132, Ibid., 1651/2.

# Petition of Thomas Hinchcliffe, wounded at the Battle of Worcester, for a Pension.

To the Justices of the Peace and Quor. for the said County. The peticon sheweth that your peticoner was a Souldier for the Common wealth for the Towne of Kettleshulme, in the Regiment

the Common wealth for the Towne of Kettleshulme, in the Regiment of Col. Henry Bradshawe and of his owne Company.

That your peticoner att the late Battle of the Citty Worcester was dangerously wounded in his head with 12 wounds att least: and three wounds in his backe all which appeare upon his body: had his left Eare wholly Cutt away from his head and soe utterly lost. And also had the Elbowe of his left Arme Cut away, besids many other wounds and bruises in his body whereby hee is maymed and unable to help himselfe in workinge for his Liveinge as formerly, and hath noe other way of subsistance but such allowance as the Parliament is pleased to Allowe unto such wounded Souldiers.

Order: Allowed 4£ p. Ann. and admitted a penconer.

#### F.4, D.135, Ibid., 1651/2.

# Petition of Head Constables respecting their allowances of $\pounds 10$ a piece, etc.

To the Hon'ble the Justices of the Peace assembled att the Quarter Sessions att Knottsford. The humble peticon of the Head Constables of the Hundreds of Broxon, Worrall and Edisbury. Sheweth that about 14 yeares since the Head Constables of the Hundreds aforesaid, had yearely allowed them, for theire paines taken in the said office, ten powndes a piece. Of which Sallary your pet'rs doe not receave any thinge att all (nor expect any) but the usuall and accustomed use allowed to the rest of the Head Constables in Cheshire: viz. to issue out warr'ts for and to receave the monthlie assessm'te [and that] is Denyed to your pet'rs whereby they are not onely deprived of the benefitt which the State alloweth for receiveinge the said assess'nt but they are also thereby made the more uncapable and unable to collect and gather all such sumes of money for repayre of Bridges and other the moneys taxed by this Court for ye Cuntry occasions which lye upon ye pet'rs to gather and for which they never receave any benefitt.

Now for that your pet'rs humbly conceave That the graunteinge out Warr'ts for the monthlie assessment and receiveinge moneys thereupon doth of right belong to your pet'rs (as well as to other Head Constables in Cheshire) and not to the Treasurer who now doth the same.

Your pet'rs therefore humbly praye for the reasons aforesaid and for that itt may tend somewhat to your pet'rs reputacon (which now seemes to bee impeached as though this ho'ble Bench had some distrust of them) that they may receive the like right and benefitt as other Head Constables doe in Cheshire in collecting the monthly assessm'ts as aforesaid.

*Order*: All the Head Constables are to send out war'ts and to receive the Monethly Assessment and all to be discharged at Easter Sessions.

### F.4, D.136, Ibid., 1651/2.

Petition of inhabitants of Tilston concerning the repair of roadway, causeway and Bridge there.

To the right worp'full the Justices of the peace at their Quarter Sessions houlden at Knotsford.

The humble peticon of the inhabitants of the p'ish of Tilston Sheweth unto this Bench that there is a greate roadeway in Tilston from Chester and North wales to London, over which way there runs a brooke or rivelet, upon which your pet'rs at their owne costs and charges, with th' assistance of Judge Warburton deceased, did, many yeares since, build a stone bridge and raysed a Cawsey to keepe the water there in its wonted course. Which said bridge, works and cawsey, are by the greate and other floods happening in the yeare 1648, and since, broken downe and almost quite ruinated, and the said watercourse, by reason thereof, turned out of its old way runs alonge the said highway well nie forty roods, to the greate danger of passengers, which if not prevented this somer will growe unpassable; and forasmuch as your pet'rs have of late often repaired the same works to their greate charge, yet the winter floods have still broke downe the same againe, soe that there is noe way to make good the same but by makeinge of a large arch bridge for a car, and a cawsey all of stone which will not be done under fiftie pounds, and for that your pet'rs have of late yeres paid above seaven paym'ts. of a mise by order of this bench to make and repaire other bridgs in this County, and for that also Holt Bridge was lately repaired at th' onely charge of this Hundred of Broxton and for that likewise your pet'rs are unable of themselves to doe the said worke, their p'ish being very smale and poore and much ympoverished by the trobles of theis late tymes, lying nere unto Holt Castle, and much pressed by q'tering of Souldiers continually for the Irish Service.

May it please your wo'ps as in such like cases to order unto your pet'rs the fourth parte of a mize through this County for the doeing of the said worke being of greate concernem't for the publique, to be speedely paid them, or to their sup'visors of the High waies for the tyme being or otherwise to order some moneyes for the doeing thereof as to this bench shall seeme expedient.

Edw. Wright, John Leeche, Josua Taylor, Ran. Tonna, Senior, Randle Tonna, Junior.

I know the Contents of this peticon to be true. Tho: Stanley.

Order: £50 in the Hundred of Broxton Mr. Wright and Leech ov'seers.

### F.4, D.138, Ibid., 1651/2.

# Petition from inhabitants of the locality about the restoration of Frodsham Bridge.

To the Justices at the Quarter Sessions at Nether Knotsford.

The peticon of the inhabitants of ffrodsham and Divers Inhabitants thereunto adjacent Humbly sheweth that the Bridge of Frodsham stands in a greate Roade Betwixt Wales and Lankashire and likewise the busy Roade betwixt Warrington and Chester: two Greate Market Townes. That part of the Bridge hath beene several times pulled downe to occasion the stop of ye enemies march, that the Battlement of ye said Bridge lies doune indangering the drowning of several passengers and their Cattell goeing betwixt the two Markets. Many passengers haveing in a Tempest beene necessitated to Creepe over the said Bridge on their hands and knees for ffeare of being Blowne into ye Water; And notwithstanding fformer References of Sessions, there is little or noe reliefe.

*Order*: That Mr. Tho: Warburton and Mr. John Barker view the bridge and certifie.

### F.4, D.139, Ibid., 1651/2.

Petition about damage to the Schoolhouse and Church at Weaverham by the Cavaliers.

To the Justices assembled at Nether Knotsford for the holding of the Quarter Sessions.

The peticon of Robert Warberton Esq., patron of the parish Church of Weverham, together with the Churchwardens and others, inhabitants within the sayd parish, Sheweth that your peticoners having beene at great cost in erecting a Schoolehouse, not long before the beginning of these late distractions in this Nation, in the towne of Weverham; the sayd towne was soe envyed by the Cavalleere partye (as is not unknowne to some of your honours) that they defaced the sayd Schoolehouse and broke downe both th · doores and windowes and otherwise abused the same, breaking the seates in peeces so that it is not fit to keepe Schoole in. By reason whereof, many of the parishioners being desirous to have their children trayned up in learning, the schoole hath for a long time beene kept in the Church to the great abuse of the same; the windows thereof being broken, pewes pulled down, and other seates much wronged and many other misdeameanours there committed, which your peticoners having a desire to remedy have appoynted severall meeteings with the parishoners about the repayre of the sayd schoolhouse, and remooving the schoole from the Church, but have found many of the parishoners soe backward that the same is likely to continue unremedyed unless your honours favour bee shewed herein.

May it therefore please you to grant an Order for the assessing of a ley throughout the whole parish for the repayring the scholehouse.

Order: Granted.

#### QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS.

#### F.1, D.112, S. Middlewich, 27 April, 1652.

## Petition of Parishioners of Stockport and Hundred of Macclesfeild respecting repairs to New and Bight Bridges.

To the Right Hon. the Judges at Chester.

The peticon sheweth that by former Order sett downe by John Lord Bradshaw Chiefe Justice of Chester, Newe Bridge and Bight Bridge within the parish of Stockporte were to bee repaired, being Bridges of greate use and necessary passage for Travellers, the one being the High Roade from Chester to Yorke and the other betwixt Lancashire and Cheshire. An Assessment was laide through the County for the effecting of the same, workemen Contracted withall and the worke in pritty forwardnesse but by the slowe comeing in of the money the time of the yeare elapsed, soe that the same could not bee perfected, the winter Approaching, and many and sudden floods happening tooke down the frame and the Arch of New Bridg and soe the sumer's worke and Charge of it was Clearely lost and both left unfinished, to the greate Losse and griefe of the Inhabitants and the danger of many men's lives, and the utter losse of Three men att the least within this two yeares, by Adventureing through upon their necessary occasions and drowned.

Your peticoners humbly beseech your Honours to grant your Order for the speedy Collecting of One myze through the County, which, in Regard much of the Stone is already there, is Conceived will perfect both the Bridges and save the Countey floure or flive Hundred pounds.

Order by the Judges at Chester: It is ordered by the Court that the Justices of the peace att their next Quarter Sessions take this Peticon into their consideracon and make some order herein as they shall think fitt for perfecteinge of the worke.

H. MACKWORTH, THO: FETT.

Order by the Justices at Middlewich: One Mize through the County and arreares and accompts of what money have bin p'd and the former order for the recoverie of the stone pursued and observed and Collectors and overseers to make their accompts before the 2 next Justices.

Within a weeke to send orders.

### F.4, D.92, S. Chester, 17 Jan., 1653/4.

# Concerning a marriage forbidden in the "Table of kindred and Affinity."

To ye Right worp: Thomas Croxton Esq one of ye Justices of ye County of Chester.

These are to certifie that Francis Banne of Drayton within the County of Salop yeoman and Anne Banne of Newton in ye County of Chester widow were two several Sabboth Days together

published for marriage in ye parishe Churche of Middlewiche and no excepcons were given in writing by any one, only Mr. Langley expressed himselfe in ye business saying it was unlawful for a man to marry his uncle's wife, which being just their case I left off now in regard of ye importunatenesse of ye people. I make bold to desire you that you will entreate ye opinion of ye Sessions concerninge ye same that so I may proceed or utterly desist, for which I shall remain.

14 Jan. 1653.

Your worps: most humble servant

RANDLE HALL, Regester.

The text which is urged against it is 18 Leviticus, 14 Verse.

### D.93, Idem., 1653/4.

Thomas Croxton's covering letter to the Justices at the Chester Sessions, about the above.

I have sent you here inclosed a certificate from the Regester of the parish of Middlewich concerning an exception made by Mr. Langley against an intended marriage. The parties have been published twice in the congregation and have a desire to proceede in the marriage if the Lawe of God and the Land will permit. You know the Act for registeringe of Marriages, Births and Burials doth appoint that if any exceptions be made against any marriage upon the publication thereof, that the Justices at the next Quarter Sessions shall determine whether the exception be just or not; and if they adjudge it to be a good exception then further proceedings to cease, otherwise the marriage to proceed. I desire that you would seriously consider it and peruse the Act against incest and adultery, and judge whether it fall under any of the degrees there prohibited, or whether it be forbidden by any other Law of the Land. Gentlemen I desire you to excuse my absence this Sessions, in regard that it is the first time that I have fayled in my attendance and therefore hope that I need not make any other apologie.

17 Jan. 1653.

[N.B. Justices' Order not extant.]

### F.1, D.109, S. Middlewich, 11 April, 1654.

Examinations before Thomas Mainwaring Esq. elucidating facts about Sir Thomas Wilbraham, Lord Byron, Charles II and Jane Lane.

An examination taken at Baddeley 1 April, 1654 before Thomas Mainwaringe Esq. one of the Justices of peace and quorum. Richard Taylor of Huxley yeoman aged about 52, sworne, deposeth that on 10 March last he came in company with John Webster of Teverton from Nantwich towards Acton and he then heard Webster say that if Sir Thomas Wilbraham of Woodhay Bart., did question
him for some timber, he would question Sir Thomas for sending a white horse to Sir John Byron commonly called the Lord Byron, when the Siege was about Nantwich, or words to that purpose, and for sending four men and horses into Wales and cause him to be sequestred for the same, and he further saith that he heard Webster say he cared not for Sir Thomas Wilbraham and many other uncivil speeches which this deponent cannot now remember.

# F.1, D.113, Ibid., 1654.

# An examination taken at Baddeley 31 March, 1654 before Thomas Mainwaringe Esq.

Jane the wife of John Richardson of Hurleston, Innekeeper, aged 49 or thereabouts, sworne, deposeth that a woman, being a stranger which called herself Jane Lane, did lately lodge at the house of John Richardson and to the best of her remembrance did continue three weeks or thereabouts, and during the time she was there she heard Jane Lane relate that after the fight at Worcester, and after the Scotch Kinge was gotte over the seas, there being a lady with him they came to a poore house where they had a pudding to supper and Charles Stuart commonly called the Scotch King said here is a pudding a king might eat of it, to which the poore man replied if the King were there he should have better fare, whereupon Charles Stuart replied, and desired the man that if he had any better fare he should help the lady to it for the King's sake, and then Jane Lane did laugh and eat all the raisins out of the pudding. And she [Jane Richardson] further deposeth that she hath seene Jane Lane drinke healths to the Scotch King and hath also heard her call him her man Jacke.

# F.1, D.115, Ibid., 1654.

## The Churchwardens of Nantwich opposed by force in collecting a ley.

Examinations taken at Namptwich 24 Feb. 1653, before Thomas Mainwaringe Esq one of the Justices of peace and quorum. John Price of Namptwich, Staconer aged about 35 years, sworne, deposeth that on 24 Jan. 1652 he and Mr. Matthew Wright of Namptwich, Mercer, Church Wardens for the towne and parish, did (by vertue of a warrant from Thomas Mainwaringe and Thomas Croxton Esq'res, Justices for collecting a Church Lay in the parish) demand sixpence from Richard Jackson of Namptwich Shooemaker for his part of the Lay; but Richard Jackson instead of makinge payment thereof did with many provoking words deny the payment, wheerupon this examinant did go into his shopp with an intent (according to the warrant) to have made distresse for the ley, but Richard Jackson did beat and strike him and further did take up a great logge of wood to have seconded his former abuse, as this examinant conceives in the execution of his office.

N.B. Matthew Wright, in his examination corroborates the foregoing.

# F.1, D.130, Ibid., 1654.

# Concerning punishment in the Stocks.

Before Jonathan Brewer Esq, Justice, 20 March, 1653.

William Booth, servant to Mr. Ely of Rowton, constable, informeth on oath that his master having a warrant for levying a fine of the goods of William Jones of Rowton and for want of distress to set him in the stocks for three hours. He did accordingly set him in the stocks on Saturday last in the evening and after he had sitten there about an hour Thomas Jones of Rowton came in this informant's presence and swore several oaths that if he were not let out he would fetch an axe and break the stocks and that he did presently and therewith broke the locke off the stocks and bade the Divell take him that lockt it. And William Jones thereupon went away. And Thomas Jones bade him follow him and hee would answere it.

## F.2, D.179, S. Nantwich, 18 July, 1654.

## Writ in the name of the Lord Protector.

Cheshire. These are in the name of his Highness Oliver, Lord Protector of the Comon Wealth of England, etc. to charge and comand you that you bring the bodyes of Margrett wife to John Starkey late of Darley in the sayd County Esq and Julian his Daughter now in your Custody before the Justices of peace for this County at their Quarter Sessions held at Namptwich in the sayd County upon Tuesday the eighteenth day of this instant July; then and there to answere his said Highness such ffyne as shall be imposed upon them for their late forcible entry into the Capitall Messuage of Darley in Olton and Lowe etc. etc.

Given under my hand and seale at Bruen Stapleford this 15th day of July in ye yeare of our Lord 1654.

J. BRUEN.

# F.1, D.132, S. Middlewich, 24 April, 1655.

#### Banns of Marriage forbidden.

To the Justices for the County Palatine of Chester.

These are to certifie you that William Chorley of Marton, husbandman and Mary Broster of Macclesfield, widow, both of the Parish of Prestburie had their intentions of marriage published in the parish church according to the tenor of a late Act entituled An Act touching marriages and the Registering thereof, etc., upon 11, 18 and 25 March last past, upon which 25 March Richard Wolfe of Marton, husbandman, halfe Brother to Margaret Smith of Marton did in the behalf of Margaret, in the face of the congregation, except against the intended marriage, and averred that Margaret Smith is with child, begotten (as she saith) by the said William Chorley and that she doth claim a promise of marriage from him and the said Margaret afterwards made the same clayme, 25 March.

# Dated 18 April, 1655.

So witnesseth, Tho: Jeynson Vicar and Regr: of the Parish of Prestbury.

N.B. See F.2, D.160, 1655.

# F.1, D.100 [dorse] S. Middlewich, 15 April, 1656.

#### Concerning Budworth Church, the devil and a black horse.

The Informacon of John Forshooe of Over Whitley taken before Thomas Marbury Esq. 13 Feb. 1655.

Saith that he, this informant, beinge at his Mother's house on Budworth Heath a little before Christmas last, there came unto him one William Mosse a taylor in Over Whitley telling him that if he had been carried on a black horse as Mosse had he would not follow Mr Elcocke the minister nor that steeple house, meaning Budworth Church. And that if this informant were longer by Mr Elcocke he would be led by the Divell, but wished this informant to follow their ways, meaning the Quakers, and he should be led by the Spiritt, which this informant utterly refused, but said he was in a good way already. But Mosse further told this informant that he had been mounted on a black horse and carried from the further side of Barterton Heath to Adam Eaton's House in Appleton and from there to Heywood's and thence to John Eaton's neere Weverham and afterwards the horse threw him over three great thorne hedges, as most were, and there was left, and since that time Moss told him he was enlightened.

#### F.1, D.117, Ibid. 1656.

# Orders concerning the maintenance of a bastard child, 23 Oct. 1655.

Whereas it hath appeared that Thomas Cadman of Oulerton in the County, husbandman, is the reputed father of a bastard woman child begotten on the body of Alice Oakes of Lower Withington, Spinster. And seeing that the child is likely to become chargable to the parish of Prestbury wherein it was born, if not otherwise prevented. It is therefore ordered by this Courte that Thomas Cadman shall forthwith take the child into his own care and sufficiently keep the same until it shall attayne the age of twelve yeares, if it happen so longe to live, and it is furthered ordered that Thomas Cadman shall then pay unto the Churchwardens of Presbury the sum of five pounds for the byndinge of

the child an apprentice and also efree the parish of Presbury from the future maintenance of the child.

H. MILTON, Dep. Cl. pac.

Parties bound to performe the aforesaid order in open Courte.

Thomas	Cadman of Ollerton husb	: xl£
	Roger Cadman Henry Cadman	xx£

# S.B. 10a, S. Chester, 13 Jan. 1656/7.

# Two Presentments.

Robert Shingler of Barterton, Aleseller, for selling ale commonly on the Sabbath day; and several Sabbath days men have been drunke at his house in Barterton. Upon the last Sabbath day, 4 Jan. 1656 John Bailey of Stretton and others were drinking till they were all full of drinke. The Robert Shinglers family do for the most part carry their brewing water on the Sabbath day. Robert Shingler was a man in armes for the late King and was at the killing of Capt. Richard Litler in his quarters in Little Leigh and plundering the towne.

John Carter of Aldersey doth present John Walker of Aldersey for encroaching upon the Comons and Lane neare his house with hedge, ditch and quicksett to the annoyance of the Inhabitants of the Township.

#### F.3, D.137, S. Knutsford, 20 Oct. 1657.

# Information against William Mottram of Bollington, Alehouse Keeper.

To the Justices within the Hundred of Macclesfield. The humble petition of the persons whose names are subscribed : Sheweth that as it grieved the faithful in former ages to see simple persons assemble themselves together by troupes in harlots houses, so it doth no less sad the soules of people fearing God to see prophane persons haste to the Alehouse especially on the Lord's Day even in tempore divinorum, as is the continued practice of some in and about Bollington who almost every Lord's Day repaire to the house of William Mottram of Bollington, Ale house keeper who (together with his wife) gives entertainment to all that come, some for readie money and some upon trust. Some of which persons, returning home in a drunken posture, abuse their wives, terrify their children and trouble their neighbours, nothinge at all matteringe the breach of the Lawes both of God and man. Nor is there any hope of reformacon, unless it please your worships to take the matter into your grave consideracons. Wee crave your favour to suppresse Mottram, who is altogether unfit for such a callinge.

Tho. Adshead, Thomas Pott, Robert Brodhurst, Richard Warde, Thomas Stopport, Thomas Adshead, Edward Adshead, of Bollington, Randal Adshead, Lawrence Downes, John Banestor, William A....., John Pickford, Robert Coats, Edward Wilde, Peter Adshed, Tho. Jackson.

1 Aug. 1657. Warrant of good abearinge against William Mottram upon this information and to enter into recognizance not to brew or sell Ale for three years, which is to be done when he puts in security for the good abearinge. Supprest from this day by three Justices of ye Peace.

#### S.B. 10a, S. Knutsford, 16 Nov. 1658.

#### Presentments.

John Morgan, one of the Churchwardens of the parish of Cheadle for hyreing his Bull to be baited from Alehouse to Alehouse on Cheadle Wake day.

Thomas Hollinworth of Adswood for being drunk on 30 Oct. last past, for swearing and cursing very much when he is drunke and being a Comon Drunkard.

Robert Legh of Adswood supervisor of the highways for not sufficiently repairing the same.

ROBERT BANCROFT, Head Const.

The Jurors present Joseph Dicken late of Chester but now hath taken a house in Mobberley for being suspected to have two wives.

Also one stone bridge called Waterless Bridge standing in the highway betwixt Great Budworth and Knotsford to be out of repaire.

Also William Gandy of Over Whitley yeoman and Edward his brother for that they, or their servants, with one cart and three horses laden with lime about 21 Oct. last past did goe over and part of the aforesaid Bridge did break downe to the great danger of the fall of the whole Bridge.

Also one Cottage standing in the Commons in Pickemire lately inhabited by John Hoult deceased and now not inhabited which wee desire may be taken downe.

We find that the water att the Woodhead ought to have a horse Bridge made over it.

S.B. 10a, S. Middlewich, 19 April, 1659.

# Presentments.

The Jurors for his Highness etc. present Thomas Wildinge, the younger, late of Church Coppenhall, 30 March 1658 for inclosing parte of the Comoninge to ye great annoyance of ye public highway leading to Sandbach.

Thomas Barrow of Shipbrooke, yeoman for that hee ye 14 April 1659, did prophanely sweare these two wicked oathes (to witt) God's wounds and fflesh of God and also that hee did the day and yeare aforesaid profanely Curse four several times.

# F.1, D.136, S. Middlewich, 19 April, 1659.

# Concerning the repair of the pavement between Nantwich and Acton Church.

To the Justices at this present sessions. The peticon of the supervisors and Inhabitants of the parish of Acton.

Sheweth, that whereas the pavement or cawsey in the Township of Acton and Henhall, betweene Nantwich and Acton Church called Acton pavement being the great and comon highroad betwixt London, Ireland, Chester, Northwales and many other places for Carts and all manner of Carriages, which att all tymes of the yeare pass that waye (Both with Munition and provision for Ireland and other Commodities to the other places), And now is very much decayed and soe farr broken upp that, unless it bee speedily repaired, will shortly grow unpassable. Which pavement hath beene maintayned by a parcell of land inclosed from the Comons of Henhull which was some yeares since taken by the Earle Ryvers, who claimed to be Lord of those wastes. And for that alsoe your Peticoners have computed with several workemen that little less than 100£ will sufficiently repaire the same. And that the parish wherein the said pavement lyes are not of themselves able to doe it, consideringe the very many wayes and cawseys within the said parish which they are charged to repaire. And also your peticoners haveinge uppon less occasions readylie contributed towards the repaires of divers places of farr less usage.

. The Peticoners ask that the cost may be imposed upon the whole County.

# F.2, D.15, S. Nantwich, 26 July, 1659.

# Concerning the erection of a Cottage at Bunbury.

To the Justices at the Sessions at Nantwich. The peticon of Barbara Hughes of Bunbury widdowe, Sheweth that your peticoner is a poore woman and hath foure small children and not any means whereby to subsist, in consideracon whereof this Court was pleased at the Sessions held at this place in 1658 to order that the Churchwardens of the parish of Bunbury should provide for her a place of habitacon which they did accordingly in Bunbury, where your peticoner hath dwelt for the space of half a year or thereabouts. But nowe, soe it is, that the person of whom the Churchwardens tooke this house for your peticoner being unwillinge that she should any longer continue therein hath warned her to depart from thence, soe that now she is destitute of a habitation. Your peticoner prayeth that your worships will be pleased either to order that the churchwardens may provide for her some place of abode for some considerable time, or that she may have liberty to erect a cottage upon Bunbury Common, first procuring liberty from the Lord thereof.

Order: Namptwich, 26 July, 1659. The Pet: to have a Cottage built upon waste with the consent of the Lord, and in the meantyme the Churchwardens and Overseers to provide her a place of habitation as formerly. And the ...... to be built to continue to her use for life and to remayne a Cottage.

#### F.2, D.17, Ibid., 1659.

#### Richard Pott, a cottage.

To the Justices at Nantwich. The Peticon of Richard Pott of Titherington, Labourer. Sheweth that your Peticoner, since he attained the age of two yeares hath had his abode at Titherington, was borne to noe estate, neither had he any visible estate but what he earneth with his paineful labour. And about two years now last past did take to wife Margaret Allen of Titherington, who was born and brought up in Titherington. And since their intermarriage have not beene chargable to any person within the towneship neither do they fear they shall bee. And your Peticoner doth further show that hee cannot take a house in Titherington, there being none empty, but is exposed to shelter himself, his wife and two children in a windie and open Barne in which they make some shift in this present season which cannot bee endured when winter storms blow upon it but to the hazard and peril of their lives.

He prays for permission to erect a cottage, which is granted at the above Sessions.

# F.3, D.24, S. Knutsford, 2 Oct., 1660.

# The Cheshire Rising 1659. Petitions for soldiers' pay due to the Constables who hired them.

To ye Justices for ye County of Chester. The Peticon of John Ingham of Millington Husbandman. Sheweth that your Peticoner, serveing under ye Command of Captaine Lieft: Davis in Sir Geo: Booth's Regiment ye last Summer for ye Township of Millington: ye s'd Township refused to pay mee ye Arreares for my service without order from your Hon'rs; Your Pet'r therefore prays that you will bee pleased to use som effectuall meanes that he may receive ye Arrears.

#### F.3, D.25, Idem. 1660.

To the Justices of the peace and quorum at the Quarter Sessions holden at Nether Knutsford 2 Oct. 1660.

The petition of Will'm. Whiteley of Northenden, husbandman, Sheweth that your Peticoner about the beginning of Aug. 1659

did hire four souldiers for the Towneshippe of Northenden to go with Sir George Booth, which said soldiers were under the comand of Col: Legh of Adlington, and your petitioner undertaking to pay £3 10s. to every of them did at the time of their going forth pay each of them 1£ 15s. and furnished them with Armes, but they going no further then Warrington (being but three dayes forth) your peticoner did conceive that, that which they had received was sufficient but now since the soldiers doe sue your peticoner for the remainder of their hire he is like to come to great loss.

Your peticoner therefore entreats your worships order either that the said soldiers may rest satisfied with what they have already received, or that the inhabitants within the towneshipe of Northenden may contribute their proporconable parts so that the whole burden may not be upon your peticoner.

The Justices present at the above Sessions were George Booth, Peter Leicester Baronets; Philip Egerton, Peter Brook Knights; Peter Venables, Henry Brooke, Thomas Marbury, Edward Warren, Edward Hyde and Henry Mainwaring Esq's.

# F.3, D.26, Idem. 1660.

The Cheshire Rising 1659. Petition for the return of a horse taken after the defeat at Northwich.

3 Octob: 1660. To the Justices assembled at their Sessions at Nether Knotsford.

The petition of John Burges of Stiall, husbandman. Sheweth that your peticoner beinge tenant to Sir George Booth in Aug't 1659 (in promotion of the designe then on ffoot) sent forth his eldest sonne and a Horse to waite on Sir George Booth to be ready for what service he should be Comanded. That after the party was defeated your peticoner's sonne was Comanded to Chester prisoner where he came before Coll: Gerrard and others: at the same tyme Coll: Gerrard demanded of your peticonr, his sonne, where his horse was that he did ride upon in the service under Sir George Booth who made answere that he was in Chester: whereupon Coll: Gerrard, Comanded one of his servants to goe with your peticoner and his sonne to fetch the horse and to bring him to Coll: Gerrard which he did, notwithstanding the horse was your peticoner's and not his sonne's and was of vallue viii£.

May it please your Wor'ps to grant your order that the said Coll Gerrard may restore to your peticoner the Horse or the price of him in money.

## F.3, D.60, Ibid. 1660.

# Robert Hughes of Broxton Hundred petitions for a pension for wounds in the King's Service.

The petitioner servinge under the Right Hon. John, Lord Byron in Cheshire, Wales, at Yorke, Lancashire and other places

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upon his Majesty's Service. Upon 2 July 1644 at the battle near York he was maimed with a pole axe on his left arm and shot through his right leg, besides several wounds in his head, and was a prisoner in York eighteen weeks so that he hath been disabled to get relief for himself his wife and children. He desires that he may be admitted a pensioner to receive such quarterly pay as is granted to maymed souldiers as the Bench shall think expedient for his relief.

### F.4, D.58, S. Northwich, 15 Jan. 1660/1.

## The Cheshire Rising 1659. Petition for promised pay.

To his Ma'tie's Justices at their generall Sessions holden at Northwich 16 Jan: The peticon of Robert Adshead and Thomas Burges of Adlington in the Countie, Husbandmen. Sheweth, that whereas the Inhabitants of Adlington were by warrant Commanded in his Ma't's behalf to raise a certaine number of foot souldiers in the late Ingagement of Sir George Booth of Dunham under the Com. mand of Tho: Legh of Adlington Esquire, by reason whereof your peticoners in Consideracon of the sum of Three pounds to either of them of lawfull English money well and truly promised by the Inhabitants of the Township: to be paid unto either of them severally upon demand did thereupon inlist themselves for the said Towns'p: and did continue faithfull therein untill they were Discharged by Legall Authoritie from the same and the Designe over, immediately whereupon your peticoners Demanded the moneye soe promised to them, yett the said Inhabitants have hitherto denied and refused to make paym't thereof and still doe refuse to doe the same, against all right equitie and good conscience and to the great losse and hinderance of your peticoners because their Advarsaries are rich and powerfull and themselves unable, beinge weake in state, to contende at commonn Law with them for their reliefe. Prayeth therefore that your wors'ps will be pleased to make good their cause.

## S.B. 11a, S. Northwich, 15 Jan., 1660/1.

The Cheshire Rising, 1659. Order of the Justices recognizing warrants for raising men and necessaries for bringing in his Majesty sent out by Sir George Booth and others in Aug. 1659.

Marginal note: Contribucons for Sir George Boothe's riseing.

Whereas many petitions have bin presented to the Court and Diverse of his Ma't's Justices of peace at theire Moneth's Meetings from several Constables and Inhabitants of several Townshipps within the County uppon receipt of warrants from Sir George Booth Bar't and others for bringing in his Majesty in August 1659 and haveing sumoned the Inhabitants of some respective Townships by and uppon their consent (as appeares) for the hyreing of Souldiers

and supplying other necessaryes in that service and whereas many of the Townshipps and persons (disaffected) to the service refuse to contribute their several proporcons due to be paid for the accomplishment thereof. It is therefore ordered this present Sessions that all and every the proportions and necessary Charges heretofore imposed assessed or to be charged uppon the several Townships or persons within the County for the said service are hereby ordered to be Assessed and gathered by the respective Constables of the said Townshipps in and uppon the several Townes charged or chargable therewith, and that in case any difference doe arise touching the Assessments or proporcons that then the Justices of the peace of this County are hereby Authorized and desired to heare and dettermine the same at their moneth's meeting and uppon refusal of obedience to the order of the Justices the persons soe refussing to be bound over to the next Assizes to be held for the County then and there to Answeare their several Contempts.

# S.B. 11a, Ibid., 1660/1.

# Order of Justices respecting the payment of pensions to Maymed Soldiers, Widows and Orphans.

Marginal Note: Pentions for maymed Souldiers.

Wheras there hath bin a great number of Maymed Souldiers widdowes and orphans within this County to whom for several yeares past diverse large pencons have been allowed to the great Charge of the Cuntrey. And seeing that several Souldiers in this County were maymed in his late Ma't's. service and some slavne who left widdowes and orphans in great distress and penury It is therefore thought ffitt and ordered by this Court that there shall be a general review as well of all pentioners heretofore admitted as of all such other persons as have bin wounded in his Ma't's Service or whose husbands or parents were slavne in the service for which end the Justices of peace are desired to issue out their warrants unto the respective head constables within their hundereds requireing them to cause all the petty Constables to give general notice unto all such maymed Souldiers widdowes and orphanes within their Towneshipps to appear before the Justices of peace at their moneth's Meeting within their respective hundereds who are then to allow such annual pencons both to the old and new Penconers as they shall thinke ffitt haveing a due respect unto the many Imposicons and longe Continued Charge of the Cuntrey and to returne a true particular thereof at the next quarter Sessions.

#### F.1, D.47, S. Middlewich, 16 April, 1661.

# The Cheshire Rising, 1659. Examinations respecting incidents after defeat at Northwich.

6 Sept. 1660. Att Budworth Before Sir Peter Leicester, Sir Phillip Egerton Knts. Henry Brook and Thomas Marbury Esqs, Justices. Thomas Mason of Dutton husb: sworn saith that hee wasbrought Prisoner before Mr. Gerrard of Crewood to Chester (for being on Sir G. Booth's Party) after the defeat and that Mr. Gerrard told him hee was an impudent rogue for not confessing hee was sent by my Lady Kilmorey to Sir G. Booth, who denyed but that he went voluntarily. Then Mr. Gerrard told him that he should be forthwith hanged without mercy, and in regard this Ex't smiled att him hee caused him to pay 4s down on the nayle to the souldiers, the red Coates, and said it should be something for them and commanded souldiers to comitt him to prison where 6s was taken out of his pockett besides 2s. 6d. to the Marshall and all his charges, and 4s 6d more to the Marshall.

Thomas Roe of Stretton within the County husb: aged 34 yeares or thereabouts sworne: said that being Constable for the Towne att the time after the defeat att Northwich received a warrant tc bring all concerned att Northwich with Sir G. Booth to Chester, and goeing to make a returne thereof Lieu: Colonel Gerrard bade him pursue all such with hug [*hue*] and cry, and if they overwent him to [*shoot*] them, and if they took any howse, to fire that howse on their heads.

#### F.3, D.12, S. Knutsford, 15 Oct. 1661.

#### Presentments of Henry Manwaringe Esq at the above Sessions.

Thomas Waynright (now of Eardshall) the elder, farrier, for that he (the 19 Dec: last) did at Holmes Chapel publicly at our monthly meetinge there in presence of another Justice and in my view and hearinge give mee the lye three times together when I but reported unto my fellow Justice an undenyable truth together with divers other saucy and unfitting speeches.

James Pearepoynt, one of the Churchwardens for the parish of Asbury for that hee did, in the weeke after the last Sessions at Nantwich, upon the Wednesday, contemptuously refuse to obey an order of the Sessions, (tendered unto him by myselfe) which did command the Churchwardens and Overseers for the poore for that parish to provide a fit habitation for Joseph Woode and his family.

John Wheelocke and Thomas Finney (servants unto Francis Deane now of Whotcroft, Webster), for that they did on 16 Sep: 1661, digge and gett sodds and clay upon the wast grounds of Kerincham and in my sight and view did the same carry away, without my consent, (who conceive myselfe to bee undoubted Lord of that wast).

Randulph Shaw of Davenport who beinge then Constable for the said Towne did (contemptuously and contrary to his oath) neglect to obey one warrant sent unto him from myselfe for to provide a present habitation (until further order might be taken therein) for a famliy of poore people (one Joseph Wood and his family) whom hee had first settled in the towne of Davenport and then turned them out of his house destitute of habitation.

# F.2, D.3, S. Nantwich, 8 July, 14 Car. II, 1662.

# Presentments.

Robert Latham of Blakenhall in ye county for selling ale unbound contrary to the statute in that case provided. Likewise for keeping disorder, insomuch that upon 18 May last, being Sunday there was drinking at prayer time there and at divers other times as well as that.

JOHN SMYTH, H'd. Constable.

9 July, 1662.

# F.2, D.4, Idem., 1662.

8 July, 1662. I Sir Richard Grosvenor of Eaton in the County of Chester, Bart. Justice of the peace doe upon my owne viewe pr'sent the townshippe of Pulford for not Repayring the highway which leades from Pulford to Poulton, in the manor of Pulford, which is a common highway and not passable in the winter time either for footemen or horse, as witnesseth my hand the day and year above written.

RICHARD GROSVENOR.

# F.2, D.5, Idem, 1662.

8 July, 1662.

William Foxley of Antrobus being formerly presented at ye Quarter Sessions houlden at Chester, and nothing done in ye premises nor any releife therein.

The above named William Foxley for suffering a hedge and dich unscoured and trees uncropped, contrary to statute, to the greate prejudice of myself and many others in the neighbourhood, being a Church way, and likewise to ye markett.

JOHN NEWALL.

#### F.2, D.9, Ibid. 1662.

Upon request made to us whose names are subscribed being masons by two of his Ma't's Justices to consider and view the decayes of Wilderspoole Cawsey and ye bridge thereunto adjoining, wee doe find the same in many places to be very defective, especially in three arches which must of necessitie be taken down and made new ye charge whereof we doe impartially conceive will amount to thirtie pounds. And we doe further testify that there are several other arches in ye said Cawsey defective ye reparation whereof will extend to ten pounds.

Given under our hands 20 June, 1662.

WILLIAM LEIGH, AUSTIN HATTON, A, his marke. Memo. Ye decayes and defects, above said of Wilderspoole bridge and Cawsey have beene viewed by us whose names are subscribed, two of his Ma'tie's Justices, the day and year first above written, and we know the same to bee true as is abovesayd.

THO: MARBURY, JOHN DANIELL.

[See D.8, Idem].

# F.2, D.10, Ibid. 1662.

Henry Manwaringe presents, upon his own view the following :

William Bentley of Hoolse for keepinge up one peece of buildinge upon the Comon of the Hoolse without the consent of the Lord of the waste, which buildinge appears to bee a Barne.

One Heighway in the towne of Twemlow called Broady, out of repair and of great danger to travellers. Also another lane at the end thereof towards Withington, betwixt and Blackden Brooke.

One lane in Brereton comonly called Illedge lane to be insufficient.

William Bentley for maintaining one other buildinge (seemeinge to be a stable or Cowhouse) upon the waste of the Hoolse contrary to the statute, and one peece of buildinge called a swinehouse.

The Justices "Finde" the foregoing presentments.

#### F.3, D.119, S. Knutsford, 6 Oct. 15 Car. II, 1663.

# Thomas Venables of Lower Yatehouse, labourer, a Royalist Soldier. Petition for a pension.

To the Right Hon. his Ma'tie's Chief Justice for these present Assizes. Sheweth that your peticoner hath been ever faithful and true both unto his Ma'tie which now is, and likewise unto his Royal Father of famous memorie, and in several places hath both ventured his life and likewise spent that poore estate which he had then at that present.

At the beginninge your peticoner did first take up armes at Chester under the comand of Sir Thomas Aston, where he went unto Middlewich and there was taken prisoner and wounded and after he was set at libertie went unto Chumley Hall and there remained a longe tyme, and from there went unto Lapelton [?] and unto Chumley againe beinge our Garrison, and likewise was at Bartomley and Crew Hall, and at the takinge of Hardin Castle and at the skirmish with the Scots at Hale ford and presently after to the seige at the Nantwich and from there we went unto Chester againe, all which said places I was under the comand of Major Spotwood under the comand of Col. Marrow, and beinge a servant after this marched with the younge Baron of Kinderton under Prince Morris, his Comand, unto the takinge of Lester and so unto Nesbay and back againe unto Chester and remained the tyme of the seige, wherein your petitioner was brought into penurie and want.

The petitioner asks to be admitted a pentioner.

I desire ye Justices of peace at theire next Quarter Sessions to take care herein. J. Charlton.

The petition marked "absent."

# F.4, D.35, S. Chester, 12 Jan. 15 Car. II, 1663/4.

# Licence for a Maltster.

Upon the request of Randle Shenton of Ridley gent. to continue a Maulster, and in regard of his Ability and sufficiencie, Wee whose names are subscribed, his Ma'tie's Justices of the peace do hereby authorize and licence the said Randle Shenton to continue in his calling of a Maulster, and to buy barley and convert the same into mault and sell again in any markett or otherwise, so that he shall doe nothing contrary to the Statute made against fore stallers etc. [5 and 6 Edw. VI c. 14] during the said licence, which is to continue for one whole year and noe longer.

Given under our hands in open Sessions of the peace held at Chester 12 Jan. in the fifteenth year of his Ma'tie's raigne over England.

RICHARD GROSVENOR, P. LEICESTER, THO. MAINWARINGE.

# F.4, D.44, Ibid. 1663/4.

# Stealing a Goose.

Examinations taken 11 Nov. 1663 before Sir Peter Leicester Bart one of his Ma'tie's Justices.

David Bartington of Over Knotsford, labourer aged 15 yeares or thereabouts confesseth that upon Wednesday 28 Oct. last in the evening he was persuaded by Thomas Gatcliffe of Over Knotsford to accompany him in the stealing of one of the geese of John Gandy of Over Knutsford and that they two took it to his father's house in Over Knotsford and upon the Sunday following it was roasted and eaten in the house of Thomas Bartington father of this examinant, but his father and mother were both absent the same day.

John Gandy of Over Knotsford in the County of Chester, yeoman, upon his oath deposeth that upon 28 Oct. last hee had one goose stolen, and another stolen on 3 Nov. And that David Bartington did confess to him that hee and Thomas Gatcliffe (who is since fled) did steal the former goose.

#### F.1, D.126, S. Middlewich, 4 April, 17 Car. II, 1665.

# Concerning repairs to a wooden horsebridge.

To the Hon. his Ma'tie's Justices at the Quarter Sessions at Middlewich. The peticon of the inhabitants of Sutton and Occleston within the parish of Middlewich, sheweth that whereas there is a wooden horse bridge lyeing in Sutton and Occleston leading from the towneships to Namptwich and to divers other market townes in very great decay so that many horses and beasts have byn overthrowne in the water running under the bridge and your peticoners and all the neighbourhood in great danger not

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beeing able to pass or repass thereby. Which Bridge hath bin formerly repayred at the charge of the whole parish and not upon the charge of the towneshippe. They being not able to maynteyn the same and likewise having usually contributed to the repayre of other private decayed bridges and causyes in the parish.

"Nil."

## F.1, D.127, Ibid., 1665.

#### Concerning a cottage erected in 1635.

To the Justices assembled at the above Sessions.

The peticon of Thomas Jackson of Blackden Lane within the parish of Over, husbandman, Sheweth that whereas your peticoner by an antient Order of this Court held at Northwich the sixth day of Oct, in the eleventh years of the Raigne of our late Souveraigne Lord Charles the first was lycenced to erect the Cottage wherein hee now dwells upon the waste grounds in Blackden Lane and hath continued therein ever since without the disturbance of any person whatsoever. Till of late time Mr. Edmund Pershall of Over, by reason that your peticoner would not attorne and become his Tenant after he had sold the Manor and Lordship of Over and the Royaltyes etc., molested sued and impleaded your peticoner in the Courts at Westminster. And being conscious to himself of the wrong hee had done, did not proceed in his said suit, but hath since threatned and menaced your peticoner. May it therefore please the Court to confirme the order aforesaid and the continuance of your peticoner in the cottage.

"Nil."

# F.1, D.122, S. Northwich, 24 April, 18 Car. II. 1666. Petition concerning repairs of Highways at Witton.

To the Justices at the above Sessions. The Petition of the Inhabitants of Witton, Sheweth that whereas by several statutes yet in force touching highways it appears that every parish ought to keep in repaire ye highways within their parish, and accordingly antiently the inhabitants of Northwich have ayded and assisted ye township of Witton (being within ye same Chappelrye and adjoining to it), in repaire of ye highways, which are yearely cut out chiefly by reason of ye exceeding number of carts coming to Northwich with coals, or to fetch salt. Yet soe it is that though the highways of Witton are much out of repair by the occasion aforesaid yet ye inhabitants of Northwich refuse to joyne with and ayde your peticoners as formerly they have done.

An order of the Justices is requested. "Nil."

### F.1, D.123, Ibid, 1666.

#### Letter to the Justices concerning the erection of a cottage.

I heare one William Taylor hath gayned ye consent of some of the Charterers of Minshall Vernon for the erecting of a cottage in which towne the Duke of Yorke hath an estate (now in the possession of Col. Ayre) adjoining which the Charterers have appointed this Cottage to bee erected, and intend to procure an order at this Sessions for the confirmation of itt, which I desire you will not graunt untill I acquaint Col. Ayre with itt to know whether hee will assent or not, hee havinge a considerable estate in the towne and the Duke Chiefe Lord of itt. The request beinge reasonable I hope it will not be denied to.

# Your kinsman and servant

#### THO: CHOLMONDELEY.

## Vale royall, 24 April, 1666.

For Sir Thomas Mainwaringe or any other of the Justices at Northwich.

F.2, D.40, S. Nantwich, 10 July, 18 Car. II, 1666.

# Unauthorized feasting at Thomas Daniel's house in Over Tabley.

Examinations before Sir Peter Leicester, Justice, taken at Tabley 16 June, 1666.

Christian Alexander of Over Tabley, a woman, deposeth that at Christmas last at which tyme Thomas Daniel of Over Tabley Esq and his wife were both gone to Calveley, Mary Hulme (as she acknowledged to this examinant) with the consent of Sarah Leicester, being two of Mr. Daniel's servants did break a pane of a window into Mr. Daniel's closet and took thence several keys with one of which this examinant saw Mary Hulme, some few days afterwards, open the sellar doore and draw a great tankard of strong beer and Sarah Leicester was with her at the same tyme. And at another tyme she saw Samuel Mosedale, Mr. Daniel's Maulster, in the sellar drinking. And she further saith that the same key which opens the sellar door doth also open the Store Chamber doore and that Mary Hulme opened it and she and Sarah Leicester tooke thence oate meale and wheat flower and made thereof 'booted' bread to eate. And further the sayd Mary Hulme and Sarah Leicester did also unlock the best chamber doore and going into it did unbolt another chamber doore and thence tooke out five or six cheeses, about the size of ten or eleven pounds weight a peece and some of them were eaten amongst the servants, but whether they were all eaten this examinant knows not. Also Mary Hulme tooke nutts and apples out of the cheese chamber.

Philip Wridgway one of ye servants of Thomas Daniel Esq, saith that about Christmas last, being in the kitchen, Mary Hulme desired him to help her to tap a barrell and soe hee went with her into ye strong beere sellar and tapt a barrell and did drink a cup of it and came away. Hee saith hee one tyme saw several persons in ye small beere sellar, to wit Davenport Meyre and his brother and sister and severall others but saw them drink noe strong beere.

# F.1, D.24, S. Middlewich, 30 April, 19 Car. II, 1667.

# Presentments.

30 April 1667.

Wee the Headconstables of the Hundred of Bucklowe doe certifie whom it may concern, that, whereas wee lately gave in our p'sentments att ye late Assizes att Chester, have now att p'sent nothing to p'sent, as witness our hands

GEORGE BENTLEY, PETER BARKER.

## Vera Billa.

#### D.25, Idem, 1667.

A presentment of Richard Shawe one of ye Headconstables of ye Hundred of Northwich as followeth:

John Kennerley, John Furnyfall and William Sandbach of Wimberley, quakers, for not coming to ye church within this month last past. I have noe more to pr'sent within my Division yt I knowe of.

Vera Billa.

#### D.27, Idem, 1667.

#### 26 April, 1667.

Robert Parker one of the Head constables for Macclesfield Hundred have not anything to pr'sent, but onely Macclesfield Towne which denyeth to paye Bridge monies.

# D.29, Idem, 1667.

30 April, 1667.

A pr'sentment of John Tompson for his division, one of the Head constables of the Hundred of Northwich as followeth:

1. Thomas Warren of Sandbach, Raphe Bann of Congleton, Moode [Maud] Brookes of Smallwood, widow, Alles Jodrill of Smallwood, Recusants.

2. William Hall, Edmund Sutton, Thomas Welch all of Congleton, Quakers, for not comeing to the Church within this month last past.

# F.2, D.39, S. Nantwich, 16 July, 19 Car. II, 1667. Concerning the Cattle trade at the Port of Chester.

Port of Chester. From 1 May to 15 July 1667. An accompt of all entries of Ships arrived with Cattell or sheep in said Port. Landed at

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- 30 May 1667, Wm. Formeby Master of ye Supply of (Flynt) Leverp'll, bur. 60 tons arrived from Dublin with 540 sheep for John Wollaston.
  - 30 May 1667, James Settle, purser for Rob. Woodside M'r of ye Three Brothers of Leverp'll, bur. 50 tons arrived from Dublin with these goods, viz:-for Michael Wilson 69 Ir. cattell.
  - Ead. die. John Totty M'r of ye Content of Chester bur. 30 tons arrived from Dub. with 32 Cattell for Mr. Clarke.
- Ead. die. In the Delight of Leverp'll, Tho: Galloway ,, M'r, from Dublin, Mr. Clarke, 58 cattell.
- 30 May 1667, In ye Rainebow of Leverp'll Rich: ,, Bushell M'r, from Dublin, John Maypole, 55 Cattell. 1 June 1667. In ye Rebecca of Dublin, Wm. Cliffe ,, M'r, from Dublin, Joseph Jackson 60 cattell.
  - 3 June In ye Bonav't of W'te Haven, Wm. Bowman M'r, from Carlingford, John Totton, 47 cattell.
  - Ead. die. In ye Phillip of W'te Haven, Wm. Gibson M'r, from Carlingford, John Totten, 28 cattell.
  - Ead. die. In ye Blessing of Mostyn, Peter Hughes M'r, from Dublin John Maypole, 26 Ir. cattell.
- 3 June, 1667. In ye Mayflower of Mostyn, Moyndeg ,, Hughes M'r from Dub. John Maypole 38 Cattell.
  - Ead. die. In ye Providence of Mostyn, John Hughes M'r, from Dublin, John Underground 35 cattell.
    - Ead. die. In ve Farewell of Leverp'll, Wm. Woods M'r, from Dublin, John Maypole, 52 cattell, 100 sheep.
    - 4 June, 1667, In ye Pleasure of Chester, Wm. Maddockes M'r, from Dublin, Tho. Turlington, 36 cattell.

6 June 1667. In ye Happy Returne of Mostyn, Law. Salters M'r, from Dublin, John Totten, 34 cattell.

High Lake 10 June, 1667. In the Jane of Wier, James Ords M'r, from Dublin, James Wilson 36 Ir. cattell, 50 sheep. 12 June, 1667. In the Mary of Chester, Wm. Cooke Parkgate M'r, from Dublin, Capt. Sutton, 45 Ir. cattell.

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Parkgate

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13 June, 1667. In the Willing Mind of Chester, Tho. Andrews M'r, from Dublin, Robt. Sutton, 50 cattell.
21 June, 1667. In the Encrease of Chester, Wm. Wills M'r, from Dublin, Mr. Wilcocke 80 sheep.

Mostyn

4 July, 1667. In the Rainebow of Leverp'll, Rich. Bushell M'r, from Dublin, Tho. Maypole, 50 cattell.
Ead. die. In ye Three Brothers of Leverp'll, Rob. Leadbeater M'r from Dublin, Tho. Maypole, 62 cattell, 90 sheep.

P. Cestr. Above mentioned are ye names of ye ships, Merchants names and numbers of cattell and sheep as have been invoyced from Ireland in ye time first above menconed as per the originall Booke remaining in his Ma'ty's Custome House of this Port of Chester.

A true presentment.

# MA: ANDERTON, D. Cust.

#### F.4, D.51, S. Chester, 12 Jan. 20 Car. II, 1668/9.

# Letter from the Duke of Albemarle to the Justices, about a wounded soldier.

This bearer Howell Rogers (late a soldier of the English forces which his Ma'ty sent into Portugall and now returned by order for England) haveing been soe disabled in Portugall that hee is not able to worke for his liveing I recomend him unto your charitable consideration (hee telling mee that hee is a native of the parish of Danham in Cheshire) for such pension and releefe as is usually allowed to maimed soldiers out of the parishes or Counties where they were borne and remaine.

Cockpitt 10 Nov. 1668.

Your very assured friend and serv't,

ALBEMARLE(1).

Order: To be admitted at the next vacancy.

(1) George Monck.

#### S.B. 12a, S. Northwich, 19 April, 22 Car. II, 1670.

# Orders concerning the unauthorized erection of a Cottage in the Forest of Delamere.

Whereas by the humble peticon of Richard Glent read in open Courte it hath appeared that about twenty yeares since Rich: Glent h's wife and Children Inhabited in Hargreave in the Townshipp of Stapleford and that his habitacon being then burnt by the direccon of Jonathan Bruen of Stapleford Esq hee did erect a Cottage upon some parte of his Ma't's florrest of Delamere where hee hath since inhabited And forasmuch as the Cottage being erected in the said florest a place Extraparochiall, by order from his Grace William

Gentlemen This bears formall Rogery lake a foldior of the English forces not his mat bent into Portugal and non roturned by order for England haveng been for sifabled in .. Portugal that had is not able to works for his liveing I rowmand kin vito yst charitable confideration these helling more that have is a mative of the parish of Dankan in the phine for fuck ponfirmand nolosfe as is roually allowed to mained folding out of the parisks or bunky whore they word borne and Remaind ? ockyit : 10: Moo for vory amirod from & win. Albemarle 1660 to is Similar at go

Letter from the Duke of Albemarle recommending for a pension a soldier of the English forces, disabled in Portugal.

Dated 1668.

Duke of Newcastle Lord Cheife Justice in Eyre of all his Ma't's fforrests Chases Parkes and Warrens on the North side of the Trent the sayd Cottage is to bee demollished, whereby Richard Glent his wife and Children will bee utterly destitute of an habitation. It is therefore thought fitt and soe ordered by this Courte that Richard Glent his wife and Children bee forthwith remanded to Hargreave afores'd the last place of their Legall settlem't where the Constables and overseers of the poore or some of them are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Lawe.

To all to whom these presents shall Come, William, Duke, Marquis and Earle of Newcastle, Earle of Ogle, Viscount Mansfeild and Baron of Bolsover of Ogle Bothall and Heple, Knight of the most noble order of the Garter, Gent. of his Ma't's Bedchamber, one of the Lords of his Ma't's most hon'ble privye Counsell and Lord Cheife Justice in Eyre of all his Ma't's fforests on the Northside Trent, sendeth Greeting. Whereas Credible Informacon is given unto the L'd Cheife Justice in Eyre That Jonathan Bruen of Stapleford in the County of Chester Eqr. in the time of the late unhappy warrs did make Divers purprestures and Incroachments by erecting a Cottage house and Sheep Coate within the fforrest. And hath likewise there also made an Inclosure of Divers Acres of Ground about ye pr'myses And that hee the said Jonathan hath not onely soe erected and Inclosed the afores'd pr'misses but doth alsoe unlawfully still Continue the same, All which by the Lawe of fforests are not onely Incroachm'ts but also Comon Nusances by the Lawes and Assizes of the fforest, and are to be demolished and removed; These are therefore to require and authorize John Crew Eqr. his Ma't's Cheife Forrester in ffee of the afors'd fforrest to view the Nusances and in Case hee finde the above Informacon to bee true, that then hee Cause them to bee demolished. And as well the High Sherriffe as alsoe all his Ma't's Justices of peace &c to be ayding Jo: Crew in ye due execucon and p'formance of his Ma't's speciall service.

W. NEWCASTLE.

# F.4, D.133, S. Chester, 12 Jan., 26 Car. II, 1674/5.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Shotwick for repairs to the Causeway and Bridge damaged by sea and river.

To his Ma't's Justices of ye peace at ye Generall Quarter Sessions held at Chester.

The humble petition of ye inhabitants of Shotwick. Sheweth that about three years ago by the Order of this Court there was a new bridge erected at Shotwick over the river there in the great road leading from Neston to Chester, at the Charge of ye County, but by reason of the salt water and ffresh both beating upon ye Cawsey neare the sayd Bridge ye way is become unpassable and the bridge uselesse, to the great losse and prejudice of Marchants and travellers goeing and carrying goods that way.

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May it therefore please you to order that ye Cawsey leading to the sayd Bridge may bee repaired and fenced from ye River with a new Arch of stone therein for ye more safe guard thereof.

# S.B. 12a, S. Chester, 10 Jan. 22 Car. II, 1670/1.

### Order referred to in above D.133.

An order for £40 through ye County for Hapsford and Shotwicke bridges. fforasmuch as it manifestly appeared by a p'sentment of the Grand Jury at our generall Quarter Sessions of the peace held at the Castle of Chester the day of the date hereof that for the prevencon of the losse of men's lives goods and Carriages, and trading may not bee obstructed as formerly, it is very necessary that Hapsfford Bridge and Shotwicke Bridge within the Hundreds of Eddisbury and Wyrrall bee repaired and made Carte Bridges and it being ordered that good and sufficient Carte Bridges bee withall Convenient speed erected in the said respective places at the gen'all Charge of the County. And that the sume of fforty pounds bee Collected through the said County to defray the Charge thereof.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Nantwich Hu	indred	6	13	8	Macclesfield	Hundred	6	14	0	
Northwich	,,	5	4	.6	Broxton	,,	6	3	6	
Bucklow	,,	5	10	10	Wyrall	,,	5	7	6	
Edisbury	,,	4	6	0	-					

#### S.B. 13a, S. Middlewich, 14 Jan. 30 Car. II, 1678/9.

#### Order made against Popish Recusants at Middlewich.

Comittment ag't papists.

Whereas a Commission under our great Seale of England bearing date 23 Nov. in the 30th years of our Reigne directed to all and singular our Justices of the peace of the sayd County or to any two or more of them, Wee gave Authority to take and receive the oath comonly called the Oath of Supremacy specifyed in a certain statute made in the first yeare of the late Queen Elizabeth of England etc. and alsoe the Oath vulgarly called the Oath of Obedience specifyed in an other Statute made in the third yeare of Kinge James late Kinge of England etc. of all and singular our Subjects Popish Recusants, or soe reputed, within the County, And whereas Sir Rowland Standley of Hooton in the County of Chester Bart. being of the age of eighteene yeares and upwards and being a popish Recusant convicted and owneing himself to bee a popist Recusant in open Court att our gen'all quarter Sessions of the peace held att Middlewich upon tuesday the 14th Day of January in the 30th years of our Raigne and being by our Justices then and there required to take the Oathes of Supremacy and Obedience which Oathes being tendred unto him hee then and there refused to take. Wee comand you therefore to take and

receive into your Custody the body of Sir Rowland Standley herewith sent you and hereby comitted for refuseing to take the Oath of Obedience accordinge to the Act of Parliament made in the third yeare of the late Kinge James and him safely keepe without bayle or mainprize untill the next Assizes to bee held for our County of Chester, Teste etc.

The same ag't Sir James poole mutatis mutandis.

Commitments also against William Massy of Puddington Esq, Michael FitzWilliams of Hooton, Gent, John Savage of High Leigh, Husb. and Thomas Howe of Whichalgh, Yeom.

#### F.1, D.63, S. Chester, 8 April, 36 Car. II, 1684.

# A Picture of Charles II, in the Nisi Prius Court, Chester Castle.

*Endorsed* : Accompt. of charge for Picture frame.

The charges of the fframe and Boxes for the King's picture etc.

ffor the top and sides of the box 8 whole Dale ffor the straineing frame 4 Dales with their makeing ffor the makeing of the box and seting up the picture ffor nayle to the box and 6 paire of strong large hinges and 7 iron cramps to hold the box to ye wall	-	5.	d.	
16 slit Dales w'ch wilbe ffor the top and sides of the box 8 whole Dale ffor the straineing frame 4 Dales with their makeing ffor the makeing of the box and seting up the picture ffor nayle to the box and 6 paire of strong large hinges and 7 iron cramps to hold the box to ye wall	7	0	0	
ffor the straineing frame 4 Dales with their makeing ( ffor the makeing of the box and seting up the picture ffor nayle to the box and 6 paire of strong large hinges and 7 iron cramps to hold the box to ye wall	0	19	0	
ffor the makeing of the box and seting up the picture ffor nayle to the box and 6 paire of strong large hinges and 7 iron cramps to hold the box to ye wall		9	6	
ffor nayle to the box and 6 paire of strong large hinges and 7 iron cramps to hold the box to ye wall	0	8	0	
	1	10	0	
	0	13	6	
ffor silvering and Lackering the 2 frames	7	0	0	
For a coupl of Locks	0	10	0	

18 10 0

Summ tot: 19 0 0

Disbursed more to be disbursed	163		04	
Summ tot:	182	11	04	
Rec'ed balance	170 011			

Allowed and order for reimburseing together with the charge of this order and former orders.

#### F.1, D.64, Ibid., 1684.

## Absolution for one Excommunicated.

These are to certifie whom it may concern That Mark Tomkin the elder of Hankelow in the Parish of Audlem and County of Chester who hath formerly been excommunicated for being a dissenter from the Church of England hath gained his absolution and doth repair to his Parish Church and hears Divine Service.

Witness our hands this 30th of Sept. 1683.

THO. COLE, Vicar of Audlem.

Wardens: ROBERT BIRCHALL, JOHN DUTTON.

# F.1, D.13, S. Chester, 28 April 1 Jac. II, 1685.

# Recusants.

Wee the Head Constables of the Hundred of Worrall do present as followeth: Sir Rowland Standley and his wife, Mr. Micale Fitz Williams, Sir James Poole, Mr. Thomas Moore and his wife of Poole, Mr. Richard Massey, Senior, Mr. Richard Massey, Junior, Thomas Pallister and his wife, Thomas Jump, Robbart Dawson, Martha Parker of Pudington, Robbart Knows, his wife, son and daughter, of great Neston, Georg Walley and his wife, of Thornton Hough, Mr. William Chantrill and his wife, of Knoctorum, Ellin Whitmore of Dawpoole, Alexander Grimshaw of Eastam, Mrs. Elizabeth Hurlson and Mrs. Ann Poole of Backford, all of them for absenting themselves from Church for three Sundays last past and not hearinge divine Service.

JOHN TELLETT, PETER LEENE.

Billa Vera.

# F.1, D.16, Idem. 1685.

#### Recusants.

The presentment of Thomas Huxley one of the Head Constables of Edesbury at the General Quarter Sessions houlden in the Castle of Chester 28 April in the first year of his Ma'tie's Raigne, 1685.

# Popish Recusants.

Spurstow.

Edward Cheswis Christopher Mullinex Elizabeth, his wife William Dunn Thomas Cheswis

Peckforton.

James Farrar Peter Cheswis Edward Buckley Ellen, his wife Barbara the wife of William Sumner Wardle.

John Wilson Elianor, his wife William Alcocke

Tiverton.

Edward Allen Martha, his wife Thurston Stanley Ann, his wife Mary, the wife of Thomas Wilbraham

Popish Recusants-Continued.

Haughton.

Thomas Huxley and Mary, his wife. Margarett Palin Dorothy Palin Mary Palin John Palin Elizabeth Brock

Alpraham. Henry Marsh and Mary his wife. Quakers. Bunbury. Edward Massey Ann his wife Margery the wife of William Taylor

Budworth Parva.

Frances the wife of Mathew Darlington John Billington and his wife. Robert Billington Ann Billington

Utkinton.

Mary Crew, Absenter.

All these are presented for being absent att Divine Service for three Sundays, last past.

THO: HUXLEY, H. Constable.

Billa vera.

See also F.1, Ds. 14, 15, 17, 18, Idem. 1685.

F.1, D.44, S. Chester, 28 April, 1 Jac. II, 1685.

Fragment of an examination of witnesses taken at Minshall before Anthony Eyre Esq one of his Ma'ty's Justices, 27 April, 1685.

Samuel Hockenhall of Church Minshall, Carpenter aged about 26 years being examined before me on his oath saith that upon Thursday 9 April hee being at work at his trade in Thomas Hassall's yard had hung his Breeches upon a pole and had in his pockitt seaven shillings and sixpence; and going out of the yard with Thomas Hassall, stayed away about a quarter of an hour, and as hee went out one Peter Duning, a very suspicious young man came with a Mare into the yard and when this examinant came back Peter Duning was still in the yard and this examinant suspecting that his pockitt was picked went and looked and found three shillings taken out of the seaven and sixpence and immediately asked Peter Duning for it, but hee absolutely denied it, but this examinant still suspects that Peter Duning had his money for there was no body in the yard but him.

Thomas Hassall of Church Minshall corroborates the above.

Peter Duning is bound to appear at next Quarter Sessions but subsequently released.

[See D.43, also S.B. 14a, Ibid.]

# F.3, D.63, S. Knutsford, 6 Oct. 1 Jac. II, 1685.

Concerning the stealing of Barley.

Examination taken at Leftwich in the County of Chester 5 Sep. 1685 before Leftwich Oldfield Esq. one of his Ma'ty's Justices.

Alice Bagaley of Witton in ye County of Chester, spinster, aged 47 years and upwards, sayth that she did on Monday last (being ye last day of August) with other Reapers reap some Barley in the Town field of Witton for John Stealfox of Witton, Tanner, which hee had sowed to halfe parts for Rachel Sudlow of Witton, widow, And she sayth that the said Barley was sett up into Ryders by Peter Yannis of Northwich, Cooper, which Yannis told this deponent that there were thirteen Ryders of Barley sett up that night, where upon she did count the same twice over and found it true as she passed through the Town field that same evening from milking cows. And this examinant further saith as she went to milk the same way againe ye next morning, haveing heard that Ellen Axon of Witton widow, (a notorious Pilferer) had bin mett with corn that same Monday night nere ye Townfield, this Dep't did count ye same Ryders againe and said that there were then but twelve.

John Bennett of Witton, Blacksmith, aged 22 years and upwards, sayth that on Monday night last being appoynted by his master William Leigh of the Cross, Blacksmith, to tend an unluckey cow that used to gett into the corn, hee mett Ellen Axon about midnight with a burn of Barley in Sheafs bound together upon her head in the next field but one to the Townfeild goeing towards her own house, but how many sheafs hee cannot tell, but conceived about the quantity of a Ryder. And this Ex't further sayth that she shun'd him at first, where upon hee ran towards her, and overtook her as she step'd into a ditch. And this Ex't demanding of her where she had the Barley, she answered that she had it of her own. But this Ex't hath heard and doth believe that she had sown noe Barley this year and told her noe less when he met her.

Ellin Axon upon her Examinacon denyes that she had ye Barley ye Depositions mencond, or ever medled with the same; She denyes also that she mett, or saw, or had any discourse with John Bennett on Monday night last, but sayth she was not out of her house that night between daylightgate and sunrise next morning.

Confessed 5 Sep. 1685. [See also F.3, D.64, Idem. 1685].

F.3, D.75, S. Knutsford, 6 Oct. 1 Jac. II, 1685.

Examinations by J. Arderne, Justice, concerning the late Duke of Monmouth.

22 July, 1685. Mary Haughton of Stockport saith that her sister Margaret Patrick alias Hyde the wife of William Patrick alias

Hyde of Stockport, Labourer, did upon Thursday ye 16th Instant declare at several houses that ye King was dead 14 dayes agoe, and that the Duke of Monmouth was crowned upon Wednesday last: And that a letter was come for Sir John Arderne to warn him to bee at London by such an hour, or to bee hanged, and that John Collier, Balden Potter and John Ridgway were all of them present when Margarett Patricke spoke the words.

23 July 1685. John Collier of Stockport, Joyner, amplifies and confirmes the above evidence.

#### F.3, D.77, Idem, 1685.

12. July, 1685. Henry Grantham of Stockport, Whitesmith, 26 years or thereabouts, saith that upon Fryday ye 3rd Instant John Collier of Stockport, Joyner, did then tell this ex't yt ye late Earle of Arguile was not taken but was landed at Blew Morrice with a considerable Army which report John Collier did spread abroad in ye Township of Stockport. Further this ex't declares that about the same tyme one Robert Gibson and Abigal his wife did much justifie the Rebellion of the late Duke of Monmouth and said they did not know but that hee was the king: upon which this ex't asked them whether they thought him to bee their lawful king : but then they replied, you shall not catch us or words to that purpose and then said God save the King, and take it as you can.

[See Recognizances Nos. 73, 74 and 76, Ibid. Also S.B. 14a, 6 Oct. 1685].

#### F.1, D.18, S. Chester, 24 April, 4 Jac. II, 1688.

#### A licence from the Lord of the soil for the erection of a Cottage.

Know all men by these pr'sents that I Sir William Whitmore of Apley in the County of Salop Bart. Lord of the Manor of Bostock in the Parish of Davenham and County Palatine of Chester have agreed and doe hereby give leave and Lycence that one house or Cottage for the reliefe and use of John Higginson and his family may be erected in any fit and convenient place of habitacon in the wast or Comon of the Mannor of Bostock, as by the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the Parish of Davenham and the Justices at their General Quarter Sessions shall be thought fit and ordered. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand 19 March, 1687.

WILL WHITMORE.

Witnes, John Holford, Rich. Holdford.

Order for erecting a Cottage, to bee ordered.

# F.2, D.22, S. Nantwich, 10 July, 4 Jac. II, 1688. Concerning the illegal use of a gun.

Examination taken 15 May, 1688, before Sir Philip Egerton Kn't one of his Ma'ty's Justices.

Robert Barker of Whitegate in the County of Chester saith that about five of the clock on Sunday morning last hee was walking in Mr. Cholmondeley's Land called Hallywell Grounde and hearing the reporte of a Gunne, looking who it should be that shott hee saw Thomas Darlington jun'r of Sandiway in a ditch with a Gunn lying before him upon the Banke and a little space after he saw Thomas Darlington bring the Gunne to his father's barne and this Exam't believes that Thomas Darlington did shoote at Mr. Cholmondeley's Conyes being there was a large Cony burrow neare to the place but whether hee killed any or noe this exam't cannot declare.

## F.3, D.6, S. Knutsford, 2 Oct. 4 Jac. II, 1688.

# An accident with a gun.

To his Ma'ty's Justices at their Quarter Sessions, 2 Oct. 1688.

The Petition of Thomas Taylor of Worleston. Sheweth that whereas your Petitioner in the beginning of Aug. last did shoot off a gun which unfortunately burst and shattered one of his hands soe that he was forced to have it taken off, by Mr. Thomas Dod a Surgeon, since which tyme your petitioner hath been and still is altogether unable to provide for himself and hath noe estate or relacons able to maintaine him, and there is due to Mr. Dod for your petitioner's maintenance and disbursements on his behalfe the sume of  $7 \pm 10$ s or thereabouts.

Your petitioner askes that the overseers may bee ordered as well to discharge what is due to Mr. Dod, as also to provide for him a habitation and maintenance for the future.

Order: The Overseers to provide for him and pay the Surgeon 3£.

#### F.3, D.24, Ibid, 1688.

## A Candidate for the Mastership of the House of Correction.

To Sir Philip Egerton Kn't and the rest of his Ma'ty's Justices.

The Petition of Matthias Thurston of Nantwich, Bookseller, Sheweth that ye Mastership of ye Housen of Correction being now voyd by the death of Mr. Thomas Malbon and your Petitioner, being very much reduced not only by sev'al great losses sustained by the fire of London, but also in his Trade, humbly requests that your wor'ps would be pleased to confer ye said place upon him, which (if granted) he will faithfully and truly officiate.

We whose names are subscribed do certify that ye Petitioner has demean'd himself like a loyal subject of the Church of England and an honest neighbour ever since he came to reside amongst us and that he is duly qualified to exercise the said Place.

Signed by twenty-seven inhabitants.

## S.B. 14a, Idem. Oct. 1688.

Ordered by this Court that Wm. Judson of Namptwich, gent, succeed Thomas Malbone in the said Office etc. etc.

#### F.3, D.58, Ibid. 1688.

# Justice's Order for the safe custody of a convicted woman.

To the Master of the House of [*Correction*] at Middlewich or to his Deputy there.

I send you herewith the body of Elizabeth Heyes of Etchells who is this day convicted before me for stealing twelve shillings out of her master's box, that is to say John Ryle of Etchells. These are therefore to require you to receive the said Elizabeth Heyes into your safe custody until the next Quarter Sessions for this County And that you hold her to work and punish her by putting fetters and gyves upon her and by moderate whipping of her, and that you allow her no more for her maintenance than what she shall earne for her labor, unless in case of sickness, And that you have the said Elizabeth Heyes and this warrant at the next Quarter Sessions to the end she may receive such further punishment as the law shall require.

Given under my hand and seale at Bagalegh 17 Sep. 1688.

EDW: LEGH.

Discharged.

#### F.3, D.102, Ibid., 1688.

#### Concerning the Duke of Monmouth's Rebellion.

The Deposicon of William Hough of Thornton Hough Gent. taken at Hooton 7 Sep. 1688.

This Deponent saith that on 4 Sep. beinge in the house of Richard Curraine of Thornton Hough in the presence of Jonathan Prenton and Richard Bridge did heare one Hamilton, who pretends to some knowledge in physic and says he was born in the North of Ireland, declare that he had drunk the Duke of Monmouth's health in the next town (which the Depon't believes to be Leighton) until the glass flew out of the windows. And this Deponent doth further sweare that on the sixth inst. Hamilton did say there was to be a sea fight, and upon the fifth inst. the Papists would all be at their prayers for the King's good success, but that the King would be worsted. And the Deponent further sayth that Hamilton

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did say that on 13 Sep. there would land at a place in Worrall called the Red Stones thirty thousand men, which were designed to fight against the King. That Hamilton did declare the Duke of Monmouth was in Scotland with his Lady about a month agoe and four Coaches brought them to the Sea Syde driveing 80 miles in one day, where he was to take shipping for Holland.

WILLIAM HOUGH.

Taken before us on the above date. ROWLAND STANLEY, JAMES POOLE.

#### F.4, D.53, S. Middlewich, 15 Jan. 4 Jac. II, 1688/9.

Letter to the Clerk of the Peace from Jo: Dod Esq. Justice, about Sessions business.

#### Mr. Clark of the Peace.

I have herewith sent you my Recognizances, the first whereof is for one Richard Scott's appearance, who is charged with helping his son to escape, being in the Constables hands upon a warr't of Mr. Oldfield's for being the reputed father of a Bastard Child, soe that what examinations were taken in the matter are in my Bro: Oldfield's hands.

Mr. Stringer of Crew was put on to serve petty Constable, whose Grandfather, ffather nor himselfe never having served that office, he applied himselfe to Mr. Massy and I, and wee granted a warr't to bring one Rich: Baker (whose turn the Inhabitants say it is) before us, but could not persuade him to take his oath (altho Mr. Stringer be now Leiftennant to Capt. Oldfield). I prav remember to let him be called at the Sessions, that the Bench may determine it for there is but one Constable in that Towne and he hath served above a year and a quarter already. There will be an appeale to the Bench against an order of the Deane where by a family is sent from Barrow to Beeston. I believe it will appeare they have a legal settlement in Barrow, whither the Deane sent them by his owne single order in July last, and now lately sent them to Beeston where, (as I am credibly informed) they had none of them been 3 weekes of ten years before, indeed in the last order the Governour signed with him, but (as I am told) it was when he was in a great hurry of business, and had not time to consider it. If anything be offered against one Tho: Bird for erecting a Cottage upon the Commons in Broxon, pray make it my request to the Bench to forbeare proceeding in it untill the next Sessions and I shall then, God willing, acquaint them with the whole matter, which with my hearty service to all my friends is all the trouble you will receive at present from

Sir, your faithful fr'd and Servant

Broxon, 12 Jan. 1688.

JO: DOD.

# F.2, D.99, S. Nantwich, 15 July, 2 Wm. and Mary, 1690. Concerning an attempt to distrain Sir Philip Egerton's cattle.

Josias Wilkinson of the Townshippe of Oulton Lowe, Labourer, aged about 25 years being sworne and examined before me Tho. Lee one of their Ma'ties' Justices, 27 June, 1690.

Deposeth that he (being Collector and also Constable for ye above Township) and going to Darley Hall to distraine upon the goods of Sir Phillipp Egerton, upon his refusing to pay the moneys assessed upon him, by two late Acts of Parliament, and coming to the Hall, one of the servant maids demanded of him and his fellow Coll'r what they came about, who told her they were come for the said moneys if they would pay, or else to distraine; she then asked him whether they had not had enough yet, and forthwith six or seaven women coming forth of the cowhouses with each of them a square staff of a yard and halfe long said before they should have any cattle from thence they would lose their lives and thereupon assaulting them, caught this Exam't by the hair of the head and pulling him down they smote him with the staves and he, after some time, getting up went his way together with his fellow Coll'r, ye women following them. And as they went they mett with Joseph Billington, servant to ye said Sir Phillipp Egerton, who asked them what business they had and said if they came that way he would knock them downe and having strucke this Exam't with his staff three times, he sett his dog at him. Then this Exam't leaping over ye hedge and going towards Sir Phillipp's Cattle, with his fellow Coll'r, ye said Joseph Billington came againe to them and said he would lose his life before they should take any cattle from thence. Then this Exam't and his fellow Coll'r going straight their ways ye said Joseph Billington and ye women followed them paste ye Ash house to Tho. Painter's ground, saying they would drive the Rogues off the premisses.

# F.2, D.103, Ibid. 1690.

# Concerning Sir Philip Egerton's refusal to "take ye Oaths."

The several Examinations of Rich. Billington and Tho. Walker Coll'rs for the Townshipp of Little-Budworth, taken before me Tho. Lee Justice, 19 June, 1690.

The said Rich. Billington on being sworne saith that he and Tho. Walker, his fellow Coll'r walking out upon 19 June in ye morning they saw a Teame of Sir Phillipp Egerton's coming towards them upon ye Heath, and going to meet it ye drivers loosed ye Oxen from ye Sledge whereunto they were yoaked and drave them away as fast as they could downe ye lane leading to Tho. Guest's house, then the other Coll'r getting before them this Exam't produced his warrant to distraine ye said Oxen for ye money due from Sir Phillipp Egerton being assessed upon him for refusing to

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take ye Oaths, and he denying to pay ye same. This Exam't charged John Owen, one of ye Drivers, in their Ma'ties' names, to assist him in driving ye Oxen, which, he refusing this Exam't drave them back againe near to ye Smithy where they stood for some time and Tho. Walker leaving this exam't with ye cattle went with John Owen to Sir Phillipp Egerton to know whether he would pay ye money. After a considerable time John Dod servant to Sir Phillipp came to this Exam't and told him his Master had sent him for the Oxen and his Master would bear him out, upon which this Exam't getting before them John Owen caught him by the middle and held him while the others drave them away.

Tho. Walker being also sworn confirms the above evidence.

#### F.3, D.96, S. Knutsford, 7 Oct. 2 Wm. and Mary, 1690.

# Concerning the Watch at Stayley Bridge.

William Assman servant of Joshua Cheetham of Duckenfeild in the Parish of Stockport sworne and examined 14 Aug. 1690.

Deposeth that upon 14 July last past (as he was keeping their Majesties' watch at Stayley bridge according to the order of the Justices, the said bridge being ye King's Highway and the accustomed place where the Winchester watch hath been usually kept) this examinant was then and there affronted and abused by Thomas Roades of Stayley, Swailer or husbandman, who came violently upon him demanding what hee did there, saying shew me thy orders, to whom this exam'nt replied that he was the King's Servant and the watch was appointed by Sir Robert Dukenfeild; then Thomas Roades did very uncivilly with disdainful words say: thou art ye Divil's servant, adding in a scornful manner over and over againe Sir Robert Duckenfeild, what hath hee to do here, Dashing this Examinant over the breast with the end of his kane, forcing him back over the bridge, threatening he would cast his armes into the water; and had abused this examinant further but that some persons came in to assist him, whereof John Harrop of Mottram Longendale, and George Smith were some with others.

Sworne and examined 14 Aug. as aforesaid before me.

ROBT. DUKENFEILD.

#### F.1, D.87, S. Chester, 21 April, 3 Wm. and Mar., 1691.

# The Declaration and Profession of Samuel Trafford of Tarporley, Quaker.

I Samuel Trafford do solemnly and seriously in the presence of God Profess, Testifie and Declare, That I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, there is not any Transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, at or after the Consecration thereof, by any person whatsoever: And that the Invocation or Adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other Saint, and Sacrifice of the Mass as they are now used in the Church of Rome are superstitious and Idolatrous. And I do solemnly in the presence of God Profess Testifie and Declare that I do make this Declaration and every part thereof in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation or mental reservation whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope, or other Authority or Person whatsoever or without any hope of any such Dispensation from any Person or Authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am, or can be Acquitted before God or Man, or Absolved of this Declaration, or any part thereof, although the Pope or any other Person or Persons or Power whatsoever should dispence with or Annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning. [30 Car. II. c. 1 (Stat. 2), s. 3].

# SAML. TRAFFORD.

I Samuel Trafford do sincerely Promise and solemnly Declare before God and the World that I will be true and faithful to King William and Queen Mary; And I do solemnly Profess and Declare that I do from my heart Abhor, Detest and Renounce as Impious and Heretical that damnable Doctrine and Position that Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope or any Authority of the See of Rome may be Deposed or Murthered by their subjects or any other whatsoever. And I do declare that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate hath or ought to have any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Preeminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm. [1 Wm. and Mar. c. 1, s. 6, 7].

I Samuel Trafford Profess Faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ his Eternal Son, the true God, and in the Holy Spirit, One God blessed for evermore. And do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration.

#### SAML. TRAFFORD.

Declared, professed and subscribed on 2 Feb, 1691. before us THO. LEE, T. ALDERSEY.

# F.2, D.10, S. Nantwich, 14 July, 3 Wm. and Mar., 1691. Presentments.

July ye 14th 1691. The Pres'nt of the Head Constables of the Hundred of Broxton. Haveing made diligent search and inquiry, we have noe Murderers, Swearers, Traitors nor any such to present, onely wee present these persons as Popish recusants and absenting from ye Church and other Lycensed places for the space of one month: Thomas How of Wichaugh, Edward Loyd of Malpas, John Tomkins of Malpas, Thomas Maddocks and Richard Keye of Agdon.

We present Randle Meredith of Cudington for turning a watercourse out of its accustomed way and also for enclosing the Waste over against his own house and thereby injuring ye King's highway.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, WILLIAM PARGENY, H.Constables. Billa Vera.

#### F.2, D.18, Ibid.

#### The Presentment of the Grand Jury at the above Sessions.

Peter Legh of Lime Esq, Mr. Edward Downs of Pott shrigley jun., Mr. John Henshall of Siddington, Mr. Newton of Presbury Jun., Mr. Sherd of Sherd in Adlington, Mr. Thomas Swettenham of Stockport, Thomas Faulkner of Middlewich, Clerke, Tho. Mallory of Mobberly Clerke, for refusing to take the oath of fidelity to King William and Queen Mary.

John Cowop of Tarporley sen. for turning the watercourse at Tarporley Cross and thereby Injuring the King's High Rode, And William Cowop Sen. for stopping the water course in the Ditch running along Hene Feild Meadow.

The Cawsey End adjoining to Sandford Bridge in the Towneshippe of Newall, being a high road leading betwixt Namptwich and Shrosebury, being a Hundred Bridge out of repaire.

The King's High Rode betwixt Chester and Mollington belonging to Blakon, out of repaire.

John Warbaton Sen. of Appleton Gentleman for refusing to take the oath of fidelity to the King and Queen.

John Warbaton Jun. of Appleton for ye same.

#### F.2, D.123, Ibid.

# Certificate of Justices respecting road repairs.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, two of their Ma'ties' Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the said County have upon the day of the date hereof viewed the King's highway in ye Town'p of Chorley called Bowers Lane leading betwixt the Market Townes of Knutsford and Macclesfield, for which the Inhabitants of the said Town'p, as we are informed, stand pr'sented at the General Quarter Sessions for not repairing the same, doe hereby certify all whom it may concerne that upon our said view we find the same is now in good and sufficient repair and order.

Witness our hands 27 May, 1691.

N. BOOTHE, WILL. DAVENPORT.

# F.1, D.58, S. Chester, 9 April, 7 Wm. III, 1695. Oathes of Supremacy and Allegiance.

We Thomas Lee and Roger Manwaring Esq'rs Justices of the Peace and Quorum for this County do hereby certifie to his Ma'ty's Justices at their General Quarter Sessions to be held at the Castle of Chester, 9 April 1695, that we did (according to the Statute in such case provided) upon the 25 March last past at Brereton Green tender the Oaths mentioned in a Statute made in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary, Intituled an Act for Abrogateing the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance and appointing other Oaths, to Jeffery Savage of High Leigh, Husbandman, to take the said Oaths according to the effect of the Statute. And we do further certifie that Jeffery did then and there obstinately refuse to take the Oaths.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals 25 March, 1695.

#### F.2, D.57, S. Nantwich, 16 July, 7 Wm. III, 1695.

Views concerning the respective rights to the Crown of King James and King William expressed in an Alehouse.

Exam'acons taken att Namptwich 27 June, 1695.

Mary Winfeild late of Newhall in the County of Chester aged twenty eight yeares or thereabout deposeth that upon Monday 24 June She comeing into the Dwelling house of William Chester of Newall in the County of Chester found one Robert Chester of Newall and Arthur Davies of Newall Blacksmith and others drinking in the said House, upon which Robert Chester asks this Exam'ant whether she had any of the Gold or Silver which King William sent over to the Dutch Dogs and rogues, upon which she made answer that the King was a Dutch Man and he did abuse him as well as the rest, after which the said Robert Chester swore by God the King was a rogue as well as the rest and he would maintain him to be one, and that he was noe Lawfull King, but that the Lawfull King was King James in ffrance; And that King William had noe Right but by the Queen's Apron Strings, upon which this Exam'ant told him she would have him before some Justice of the Peace, and the said Robert Chester gave her his hand and said he would maintain it before any Justice of the Peace.

Sworn before me RICHARD WRIGHT.

# F.2, D.93, S. Nantwich, 14 July 8 Wm. III, 1696. Concerning rioting at Copper Mines in Over Alderley.

Anthony Goodman of Over Alderley, Gent, aged about 32 years maketh oath that for one year last past and upwards hee hath been Steward and agent to Mr. Thomas Crosse, Merch't, Mr.

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John Appleby and Mr. Daniel Kingston, who are entitled to certain Copper Mines and a Smelting Milne in Over Alderley under a Lease for a great many yeares yett to come from Sir Tho. Stanley Bar't. And on Friday last in the afternoone this Depon't being in the roome where he usually lodges in the Dwelling house of Henry Stone in Alderley there happened to be Hugh Horderne and William Sellars in a lower roome under this Depo'ts and they then were talking together of the said Mines and Milne, and Sellars swore several oaths in the hearing of this Depo't that hee would worke att the Mines att Alderley Edge and againe swore, God Dam him, Mr. Legh (meaning Mr. Legh of Ridge as this Depo't verily believes, because hee pretends some interest in the said Mines) had bidd him to doe something and hee would do itt, for Mr. Legh said hee could bee only bound to his good behaviour and hee would bee his Surety. Upon which the said Horderne p'ceavinge this Deponent to bee in the hearing replied God dam thee bee sylent and speake no more of that, and thereupon they both went away together towards Prestbury Towne.

Sworn and examined 11 May 1696 before me THO. LEE.

#### F.2, D.92, Ibid.

John Heyward, Raphe Plant and William Hodgkinson all of Alderley doe severally make oath that they being neighbours were sett together on Friday last in the evening after they had done theire worke smoaking a pipe of Tobacco in the High Lane and they saw Hugh Horderne and William Sellers comeing upp the highway from Henry Stone's house in Alderley towards Prestbury towne and these Depo'ts then heard Sellars say that hee would come the next morneing with a pick to the Copper Mines and breake down the locks and go into the mines or bee killed and further declared that whatever hee did Mr. Legh (meaning Mr. Legh of Ridge) would beare him out lett it cost him what itt would, and desired the said Horderne to stick close to him, to which he replied by God I will. These Depo'ts say that on Saturday morening last, very early, they saw the said Horderne and Sellars come to the Mines where several picks then lay accompanied with Edward Bagshaw, William Redditch, William Gibbon and several others and stayed there a considerable time. But these Depo'ts haveinge given Mr. Goodman (agent to Mr. Cross and others in actual possession of the Mines) notice thereof all the Mine doors were locked and several workmen of his on the ground, whereupon Horderne and the rest went away.

Sworn and examined 11 May 1696 before me THO. LEE.

# F.2, D.90, Ibid.

John Hough of Over Alderley, husbandman, aged twenty four years, maketh oath that vesternight about tenne a Clocke hee happened to come to the Mines of Mr. Crosse [and partners] and
stayed there until about two of the Clocke this morning when he saw about six or seaven persons breaking open the locks and doors leading into the said mines and found they were Hugh Horderne [and his followers], and demanding their reason for sole doing they replied that they had orders for what they did. The said persons or some of them began to putt up new doors, shouldered this Depo't away, and put into possession Edward Bagshaw and William Gibbon where they still continue.

Sworn and examined 11 May 1696 before me 'THO. LEE.

#### F.2, D.88, Ibid., 1696.

Timothy Mason of Sutton deposeth that on Tuesday, 12 May, he was present when John Hough the younger, Thomas Lowe, Nathan Tollett, Raphe Plant, Francis Birchenhough, Thomas Braddock, John Rigby, John Heywood, John Adshead and Thomas Johnson all of Alderley came to the Copper Mines in Nether Alderley where Richard Jackson, Thomas Gibbon, John Tompson and John Clarke, workmen to Thomas Legh of Ridge Esq. and his partners were getting ore in the mines (as he believes) and John Hough said he would have them out or tear them in pieces and the persons who came with him said they would assist him therein. Thereupon Hough and the rest endeavoured to have drawn the said workmen out of the mines with ropes, and particularly Hough in this depon'ts sight did put a rope twice over John Tompson's head but he cut the rope. When Hough found that he could not pull the said workmen out with ropes, hee went to his father's house (as he declared) and brought a pair of horse chains which he and the rest that assisted him hooked about the bodies of the said workmen. The chains were fastened to a rope and the rope fastened to a windlass, used for drawing ore out of the mines, by means of which all the workmen were in very violent manner forced out of the mines. This Depon't further sayth that the said Mr. Legh and his partners had been in peaceable possession of the mines for the space of three years and a quarter until a forcible entry was made upon them about three weeks ago.

Further, Thomas Gibbon, Richard Jackson, William Wyall and Edward Cooper confirm the above.

Taken and sworn before us, 14 May, 1696.

ROBT. DUKENFEILD, J. WARREN, N. BOOTHE, WILL. DAVENPORT, HEN. BRADSHAW.

The people implicated on both sides were bound to be of good behaviour. See S.B. 15a, S. Nantwich, 14 July, 1696.

#### F.2, D.42, S. Nantwich, 12 July, 10 Wm. III, 1698.

#### Concerning the relief of the poor at Neston Magna.

At General Sessions of the Peace at Chester Castle, 3 May 1698.

Forasmuch as it appears unto this Court that the Townshipe of Neston Magna is very greatly overcharged and overburthened with their poor, by their beinge soe very numerous, and also by being so charged and oppressed with Passengers comeinge to take shippinge at Neston for Ireland, and also comeinge back from there, that they are not able to bare the heavy charge thereof, but ought to have assistance out of the whole Parish. It is therefore ordered by this Court that the sum of Five pounds shall be forthwith collected within the Parish of Neston Magna, towards relief of the poor of the said Township in such proportion to each Townshipe as is hereinafter expressed (that is to say) Neston Magna afores'd 18s, Neston Parva 12s, Ness 12s, Willaston 18s, Raby 8s, Thornton-Hough 12s, Leighton 6s, Ledsham 14s, which several sums shall be paid by the respective Overseers of the poor of each of the said Townshipes to the Overseers of the poor of Neston Magna within ten dayes next after notice of this Order by coppyes thereof to them given or left at their dwellinge Houses.

WILL: JACKSON,

Cler. Pacem.

#### Referred to Chester Sessions next.

#### F.1. D.31, S. Chester, 18 April, 11 Wm. III, 1699.

#### Tythes to be paid by Quakers.

Complaint haveing been made to us whose names are subscribed, two of his Ma'ty's Justices, by Stephen Morhall Vicar of Waverham against Thomas Poulford of Crowton, William Crimes of Meere, Hugh Poulford of Cuddington all within ye said parish (and called, or owning themselves Quakers) for not paying of their tythes due to ye said Stephen Morrall. We the said Justices have summoned the said persons before us and proceeded to hear the several causes and allegations of both parties and the proofs and evidences of witnesses by ye said Stephen Morrall and think fit to order And pursuant to ye late Act of Parliament [1 W. and M. c. 18]s. 6] in ye premises made and enacted and ye Authority and power to be therein given do hereby order that Thomas Poulford shall pay ye summe of eight pence halfe-penny, Hugh Poulford one shilling eightpence halfe penny, William Crimes five shillings four pence halfe-penny in compensation and full satisfaction of the said tythes, and ye summe of five shillings and sixpence apiece for charges and cost therein sustained as witness our hands and seals 15 Nov. 1698.

#### THO: BELLOTT, T. ALDERSEY.

## F.1, D.71, S. Chester, 18 April, 11 Wm. III, 1699.

### Concerning the Legal settlement of Elinor Moss.

To the Overseers of the Poor of Over and Wistaston.

Whereas complaint hath been made unto us whose names are hereunder written, Justices of the Peace and Quorum, by the Overseers of the Poor of Over that Elinor Moss is lately come to reside within the townshippe, yet not under such circumstances, nor having done any such Act as the Law requires for gaining her a legal settlement there; But is likely to become chargeable to the same; And whereas upon examinacon of the matter and witnesses therein it appears unto us that the said Elinor Moss was last legally settled as a serv't in the Townshipp of Wistaston. These are therefore (in his Ma'ty's name) to charge and command you, the Overseers of the Poor of Over aforesaid, that you, or one of you, do forthwith remove the said Elinor Moss from the Townshipp of Over and deliver her to the Overseers of the Poor of Wistaston, or one of them (together with this our order or a true copy thereof), who are hereby required to receive and provide for her according to law until they shall be otherwise discharged of her.

Given under our hands and seals at Cotebrook, 3 April, 1699.

THO: LEE, T. ALDERSEY.

#### F.1, D.71, S. Chester, 12 April, 12 Wm. III, 1700.

### Concerning repairs to Bramhall Bridge.

To his Ma'ty's Justices holding the next Quarter Sessions.

Gentlemen, Wee haveing this day viewed Bramhall Bridge find it to be much out of repaire and likely in short time to be worse if not timely repaired; it being the first time since it was erected, which we find above twenty years ago. Wee therefore upon complaint to us made thought fit to inform you that the repaireing of this Bridge is very needfull, it being then very servicable to the Countey, but now very dangerous to passengers if the river Brame, on which it stands at any time exceeded its natural boundes. And by our owne Judgment as well as that of some experienced workemen now pr'sent Wee believe the sum of Thirteen pounds six and eightpence will repair the same and not under. Mr. Davenport of Bramhall p'miseing to oversee the work and have the money laid out to the best advantage etc. etc.

Your humble Servants

ROB. DUKINFEILD, EDW. THORNYCROFT.

Bramhall 21 March 1699/00.

£13 6s 8d Wm. Davenport of Bramhall Esq Treas'r.

#### F.1, D.69, S. Chester, 29 April, 13 Wm. III, 1701.

#### Convictions for uttering prophane oaths.

I Thomas Lee Esq (one of his Ma'ty's Justices) do hereby certifie to the Clerk of the Peace that the persons whose names are under written were since the last Sessions convicted before me for prophane swearing and curseing such number of oaths and curses as are to their several names annexed. Given under my hand and seal 5 May, 1701.

March	3,	1700/1	Samuel Dean of Dunham sup. Mont.	8 (	oaths
,,	20,	,,	John Creighton of Middlewich, Shoe- maker	2	,,
April	23,	,,	Peter Beckett of Wimbaldsley, Labourer	3	,,
,,	24,	,,	Peter Barlow of Northwich Jun'r, the second conviction for	14	,,

#### D.81, Ibid., 1701.

#### Concerning an attack on an Officer of Excise.

The Examinacon of Mr. Jonathan Ravenscroft, Officer of the Duty of Salt in and about Middlewich before Thomas Lee Esq, Justice, 25 Feb. 1700.

The Examin't deposeth that at night the 18 inst. he being ordered to Ravenscroft Wich-house to watch and as he was going about fifteen or twenty roods from the house he saw two men coming forward and meeting him questioned him twice who he was saying they had lost something and that he might have stole it. Upon which this Depon't replied Jo. Fendall knows who I am and told them his name upon which Fendale replied, he is going for what he can catch or words to that effect. And then two or three more came up and one of them struck this Depon't over the head, by which he fell down and calling, expecting some other Salt Officer to be near but none answered, he saw all the company striking him with sticks, but raised himself on his hands and knees, rushed forward and so made his escape to the Wich-house where one of them struck him two or three blows over his arm before the door could be opened.

[See also Ds. 79 and 84 Ibid.]

#### F.1, D.59, S. Chester, 14 April, 1 Anne, 1702.

#### Unrequited affection.

The Examinacon of Mary Smith of Northwich taken before Thomas Lee Esq, Justice, 8 April, 1702.

The Examin't deposeth that upon Friday was three weeks at night about the time of lighting up of candles, Richard Ditchfeild

(1) A corruption of Manteau, due to association with the place-name Mantua. A loose gown worn by women in 17th and 18th c. [N. Eng. Dic.]

#### F.1, D.5, S. Chester, 17 April, 4 Anne, 1705.

#### Concerning compulsory service as a soldier for one without employment or visible means of maintenance.

Wee whose names are subscribed, three of her Ma'ty's Justices do hereby certifye whom it may concern that on 31 Jan. 1704 Francis Worthington of Bromborough, yeom., being an able bodyed man and not haveing any lawful employment or visible means for his maintenance was brought before us by the Constable of Bromborough aforesaid and delivered over to Captain John Ewre in Brigadeer Sankey's Regim't to serve as a soldier according to the directions of a late Act of Parliament for raising recruits for the Land Forces and Marines etc. and Francis Worthington did receive of the said Captain twenty shillings and the Constable ten shillings and the Articles of Warr against mutiny and desertion were then read to the said Francis Worthington in our presence, as witness our hands and seals the day and year above written.

G. BOOTH, THO. GLASGOW, WIL'M GAMUL.

#### F.3, D.85, S. Knutsford, 2 Oct., 4 Anne, 1705.

#### Concerning an assault in Northwich market.

An Examinacon taken upon oath at Over Tabley on 3 Aug, 1705 before Samuel Daniell Esqr. Justice.

Robert Littler of Northwich, Sadler, aged about thirty years saith that on this present day one Samuel Phillips now belonging to the Salt Works at Northwich as an Officer for her Ma'ty did assault Catherine Basnett of Barnton and likewise took away her goods by force as she declared to this Depon't, being Constable of Northwich; upon which he asked Samuel Phillips why he would

offer to abuse any one that came to the publick market to the great injury of the market, whereupon Samuel Phillips struck this Depon't, whereupon he and his partner did set Samuel Phillips in the Stocks near three quarters of an hour, who then being set at liberty declared he would kill this Depon't and all his family and likewise swore in this Depon'ts hearing twenty oaths.

#### F.4, D.61, S. Northwich, 15 Jan., 4 Anne, 1705/6.

#### Opposition to Recruiting in Queen Anne's Reign.

Examinacons of witnesses taken at Kermincham in the County of Chester, 27 Dec. 1705. Before Roger Manwaring Esq Justice.

Mathew Holford of Goostrey, Schoolmaster deposeth that Tuesday was seven-night last past, to his best remembrance for the time, he going upon some business to the house of William James the elder upon or near the Comon called Rudheath about eleven of the clock in the afore noon of the same day, he found William James the younger and Charles King of Cranage labourer in the said house, the one with an Axe and the other with a Pitch fork or Pikle by them. And after some discourse the said William James the younger and Charles King told this Examin't that they kept those weapons by them to defend themselves from any Constable or other Officer that should attempt to seize them for soldiers; for that they would lose their lives before being taken. And the first person that made any such attempt, they were resolved should dye. And further told this Examin't that John Yarwood and Isaac Sutton both of Goostrey, had been together several nights before and that sometimes they lay in Barns ...... And further said they were resolved to leave fire and sword behind them for they would only be forced for soldiers att last.

William Jackson of Goostrey Husbandman, deposeth that upon Thursday last he accidentally met with the above named Mr. Holford and he told this Exam't that there were several persons in their neighbourhood gathered together and resolved to go on with fire and sword and they would begin at the head. And that Sutton had got a sythe in a pole two yards long and that he told this Exam't he had such a weapon in his house and that if any Officer came to seize him or his son for soldiers he would have a leg or an arm of him, but at the same time he said he would obey the Constable if he came.

#### S.B. 16a, S. Middlewich, 9 Jan. 1710/11.

#### Concerning Salt Rock lost at sea.

This Court doth Certify that Thomas Hiccox, Merchant, appearing this day in open Court did make oath that at Pickerins Boat about the beginning of the month of December last past he shipped on board the Boat or Vessell called the True Love of

Frodsham eight hundred and seven Bushells of Salt Rock the Duty whereof was actually pay'd by the said Merchant pursuant to the several Acts of Parliament for laying duties on Salt and Salt Rock, And Laurence Guildcrist Master of the said Boat likewise appearing in open Court did make oath that on Saturday 9 Dec. last the Boat by reason of a violent storm of wind sunk at High Lake in the River of Chester by which means the Salt Rock was then and there totally lost.

#### F.1, D.63, S. Chester, 14 April, 12 Anne, 1713.

#### Concerning the transport of Vagrants to Ireland.

To her Ma'ty's Justices at their General Sessions of Chester.

The Petition of ye Inhabitants of Great Neston and Leighton, Sheweth that your Petitioners do not only provide for their own very numerous and growing poor, and pay their proportion of ye yearly charge upon ye whole County for relieving of vagrants constantly travelling to Ireland in great numbers, but are also under ye greater burden of their passage this way and long stay here before they can get 'em transported, giving relief to many who by reason of their circumstances could not otherwise be supported by ye common allowance, there being many diseased and impotent persons not capable of going to sea. Women that fall into travail and are brought to bed, helpless orphans left with us by parents which happen to die or over run 'em, and others that die among us and are buried at our charge. Besides ye great difficulty and cost of prevailing with Masters of Ships to carry so many persons who have neither wherewithall to provide for their own sustenance or to pay for their passage; and what is still likely to make it more difficult is that most of our neighbours upon ye cessation of arms and prospect of peace having betaken themselves to other employs, we have very few merchant ships left which use ye Dublin trade, and of those that do some do not anchor here, and others refuse to carry vagrants upon any terms.

May it therefore please this Bench to provide such allowance that this excessive charge may not lye more particularly upon your Petitioners, or else the Vagrants may be conveyed some other way.

Signed by sixteen inhabitants.

*Order*: The Court for the future discharges Neston, Leighton and Little Mollington from receiving Vagrants directed to go to Ireland.

#### F.2, D.46, S. Nantwich, 14 July, 12 Anne, 1713.

#### Concerning a Coroner's Inquest.

The Examination of Charles Reley of the Townshipp of Geaton taken before John Hurleston Esq one of her Ma'ty's Justices, 26 May, 1713. This deponent saith that on 1 Dec. last past (which

was in the year 1712) Anne Ellis, wife of Sam'll Ellis of Geaton and daughter of depon't departed from his house to go to Neston, about two miles distance in order to transact some business, she being lately married. In the town of Neston the horse she did ride upon happened to fall to the ground by which fall Anne broke her arm and, having a sister of her husband's inhabiting in the Towne, recovered herself and walked to her sister's house where William Robinson of Ness did sett or splent her arme. Anne continued with her sister, Anne Jones, for a week and in that time her arme gott pretty well, but in about three or four days after about the 9th or 10th Dec. she began to be much troubled with stitch in her side of which a feaver ensued and on the thirteenth of the month departed this life. Whereupon John Hall of Northwich, Bayliff, having, as he told the said Depon't, a deputation from his father, came to this dep't's house in or about the months. of April or March last past and threatened to have ye said Anne Ellis's grave digged open and an inquest sitt upon her body, threatening to put the Town of Neston to fifty pounds charge for offering to inter the said Anne before the Coron'r's Inquest had passed upon the body. But if this Depon't would give him, the said Hall, two guineas he would not give him any farther trouble. Whereupon this Depon't counted him forty shillings into his hands. as a composition or fee in the name of Coroner.

See also F.2, Ds. 47 and 49, idem.

#### F.4, D.32, S. Northwich, 10 Jan., 2 Geo. I, 1715/6.

## Concerning the arrest of a person disaffected to the Government.

The Examination of Josiah Barrow of Mobberley taken before John Davenport and Edward Thornycroft Esqrs two of his Ma'ty's Justices, 24 Oct. 1715.

This examinant saith that a warrant being issued out by the said John Davenport and Edward Thornycroft Esgrs directed to the Constables of Mobberley and others for the apprehending a certain person whose name was unknown and described in yewarrant to be a fat lusty man in a white wig, who for some time had lurked about and concealed himself within the Township of Mobberley, lying under suspicion of being a person not only disaffected but dangerous to the Government, and one who had been concerned in ve late Rebellious Riots and Tumults, and such person so described being taken up the 19th inst. by vertue of the warrant afores'd at ye House of Isaac Haslehurst (Ale keeper) in Mobberley being then in the company of Mr. Meakin Curate of Mobberley and John Pangston of Mobberley and ye same evening was put into this Exam'ts custody (being one of ye Constables of Mobberley) and about three houres after there came into ye room in Haslehurst's. house where the prisoner was confined Thomas Golden and Isaac

Street, both of Mobberley, to assist this exam't in looking after ye prisoner, upon which Mr. Meakin in a violent manner cryed down with Rumpe five or six times and stamped with his foot and beat his stick on ye ground saying Damn ye, you have no business here and if you two stay there shall be broken heads and bloodshed before morning if the tongs fire shovell and grate held, calling them Oliver's whelps, king killers and sequestrating Rascalls and the said Parson Meakin clapt his hand on the prisoner's thigh and said he would stand by him; and that the door should stand open; and this Exam't knowing Mr. Meakin to be a dangerous and desperate man (and to prevent the mischiefe he had threatened) desired ye said Thomas Golden and Isaac Street to goe their wayes (which they accordingly did).

The prisoner eventually made his escape before his name was discovered.

#### F.4, D.100, Idem, 1715/6.

#### Concerning a Health to the King.

The information of Randle Slater of Brereton, Labourer, taken at Church Hulme, 7 Dec. 1715 before Peter Shakerly and Leftwich Oldfield Esqrs. two of his Ma'ty's Justices.

This Inform't voluntarily maketh oath that he was the last night at the house of John Cartwright of Brereton being a publique house and was in company with Randle Litler of Sandbach, Shoemaker, John Jervise of Sandbach, Pattern maker, and John Comberbach of Namptwich, Joyner; and the King's Health being begun in ye Company, when the glass came to John Comberbach he drank the King's Health and the Stewards and down with the Pretenders; whereupon this Inform't told Comberbach the Pretender was the Pretender; And then Comberbach said the Pretender was King James's Son and by all the Gentlemen was the Right Heire to ye Crown and would have it.

#### F.3, D.81, S. Knutsford, 2 Oct. 3 Geo. 1716.

#### Concerning scandalous words against the Government.

The Examination of Elizabeth Gandy, daughter of Edward Gandy of Gawsworth, yeoman, taken before Edward Thornycroft Esq, one of his Ma'ty's Justices, 13 Sep. 1716.

This Exam't saith that about three months since she was at ye house of Daniel Horden in Gawsworth being in the same room with Peter Swain of Gawsworth, Yeoman, she heard him cry Down with ye Rump and God bless King James the Third. This Exam't farther saith that about a month since she mett Peter Swain on a Sunday in the evening as she was comeing from Congleton Church who cryd Down with the Rump, and that it is his frequent practice to use the afores'd seditious words with other scandalous and reflecting words against the Government.

#### F.1, D.46, S. Chester, 30 April, 3 Geo. I, 1717.

#### Concerning the rebuilding of Burton Parish Church.

To his Ma'ty's Justices assembled at General Quarter Sessions 30 April, 1717.

The Petition of the Minister Churchwardens and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Burton in the Hundred of Worrall. Sheweth that the Church and steeple of Burton by reason of their great antiquity are become so decayed, the church and steeple being cracked and the pillars giving way, that the parishioners have been forced to take part thereof down to prevent the fall of the whole, that the same cannot any longer be repaired but must be wholy taken down and rebuilt. Notwithstanding the constant endeavours of the Parishioners, the said Parish being of small extent, they are not able to rebuild the same and cannot meet to hear Divine service therein without apparent danger of their lives. And your Petitioners further shew that an Estimate hath been made of the charge of rebuilding the same by able and experienced workmen, and that it will cost Fifteen hundred, forty eight pounds, nineteen shillings and upwards, which sume your petitioners are unable to raise by any contributions or Assessments amongst themselves.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your worshipps to grant them a Certificate to the R't Hon'ble the Lord Chancellor for granting Letters Patent for the more effectual re-building of the said Parish Church.

JOHN GREGORY and THOMAS EVANS, Churchwardens. [Signed by thirteen parishioners in addition.]

#### F.2, D.3, S. Nantwich, 10 July, 8 Geo. I, 1722.

#### Concerning the taking of various Oaths.

To the Constables of Great Neston.

Whereas we whose hands and seals are here unto put, His Ma'ty's Justices of the Peace have received information that Richard Jump Malster of your Town is suspected to be a Papist and dangerous and disaffected to his Ma'ty's Government. These are therefore to require you immediately upon receipt hereof to summon the said Richard Jump personally to appear before us at the house of Joseph Wright of Woodbank, being the sign of the Ship, upon Friday the fifteenth of this Instant to take the Oaths appointed by an Act of Parliament made in the first year of the Reign of the late Wm. and Mary, intituled an Act for the Abrogating the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance and appointing other Oaths and also the Oath appointed by another Act made in the Sixth year of the Reign of the late Queen Anne, intituled an Act for the better security of her Ma'ty's Person and Government (and commonly called the Abjuration Oath) and also to make repeat and subscribe

the declaration expressed in an Act of Parliament made in the Thirtieth year of the late King Charles II, intituled an Act for the more effectually preserving the King's Person and Government by disableing Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament, as the said Richard Jump will answer the contrary at his peril, and you are personally to appear at the time and place aforesaid to make a due return hereof.

Given under our hands and seals, 12 June, 1722.

C. CHOLMONDELEY, ROBT. CLEGG, JACOB MAINWARING, THO. BRERETON.

[See also Ds 4, 5, 53 and 59, Ibid.]

#### F.2, D.11, Ibid, 1722.

Petition of Prisoners within Chester Castle for a new Prayer Book and Bible.

To his Ma'ty's Justices at the Quarter Sessions held at Namptwich 11 July, 1722.

The humble petition of the Prisoners within the Castle of Chester, being the County Gaole, Sheweth that since it hath pleased the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Bishop of Chester (1). (out of his Christian Piety) to appoint some one of the Reverend Clergy within his Diocese to read Prayers and preach att least once every week within the Comon Hall within the Prison, for the Christian comfort and Edification of the poor Prisoners. And whereas the Prayer Book and Bible heretofore given by your pious Ancestors, or some other Charitable and well disposed Christians are (by length of time and illusage) soe miserably rent and torn that it is altogether impossable to make use of them for the pious end they were first designed, We therefore humbly crave leave to lay this our Petition before your Worshipps not doubting but you will be pleased to order a new Bible and Prayer Booke for the said Prison.

JOHN ACTON.

This is to certifie whom it may concern that the above Petition is not without great occasion, Witness my hand Hu: Wilbraham.

*Order.* ..... to buy them and to be allowed on the **Treasurer**.

(1). Francis Gastrell, 19th Bishop of Chester. 1714-1725.

#### F.2, D.16, Ibid., 1722.

# Letter from J. Davenport, Justice, to Gabriel Wettnall Esq respecting road repairs.

Sir, the Sessions being at such great distance from Woodford and also I having been afflicted with the gout prevents my being

there and occations my giving ye this trouble. That you would be pleased to inform the Court that I have viewed the Roads lying within the several Townshipps of Dean Row Woodford Poynton and Worth and doe find that the Inhabitants have been very industrious and have prepared materials for repairing the same, but, the season having been wett, have not had time to perfect them so well to be certified. I have therefore thro. their promises of repairing them before Mich: [Michaelmas] Sessions consented that they may have that time. And therefore doe desire you'll be pleased to prevail with the Court that proceedings may be resisted till that time.

Woodford 9 July, 1722.

## F.1, D.53, S. Chester, 23 April, 9 Geo. I, 1723.

## Examinations concerning persons disaffected to the Government.

The Examination of Mr. Thomas Ferniough, one of the Constables of Macclesfield, taken before John Legh and Edward Thornycroft Esqrs. Justices, 28 March, 1723. Who saith that walking in the streets of Macclesfield upon Tuesday 26 March, instant, he saw Joseph Massey of Mottram Andrew very rude and disorderly, crying downe with the Rump several times, useing other approbriouse and seditiouse words. Upon which this Depon't went to the said Massey and advised him to be more civill or he would putt him in the Stocks. Massey then went off and afterwards this Depon't, haveing a Warrant from the above named Edward Thornycroft Esq to apprehend Massey to answer his said misdemeanours, he further told this Exam't that he had said, Downe with the Rump, and would answer it before Mr. Thornycroft or any other man.

The examination of John Goldwin of Altrincham taken before C. Dukenfield Esq. Justice, 6 April, 1723. He deposeth that as he was drinking with Alexander Harris, a Scotchman last Wednesday night at Sam. Rhodes in Altrincham he and Harris had some discourse relating to Scotland and England, and he told Harris that there were as good men in England as Scotland, upon which Harris replied that if he made any reflections upon Scotland he would lay this depon't in ye Gaol, upon which this depon't said God Bless King George. Harris immediately answered he did not value nor care for King George, nor never a man in England.

The examination of Jerem: Brundrett of Dunham by C. Dukenfield Esq. on the aforesaid date. This Examin't saith that, last Lady Day he was drinking with Alexander Harris, a Scotchman, at the house of Samuel Rhodes in Altrincham and drank King George's health to the said Harris who refused to drink it and immediately proposed King James ye third's health and drank it.

## F.2, D.53, S. Nantwich, 16 July, 9 Geo. I, 1723. Concerning disaffection to the Government in Macclesfield.

The Examinacon of Joseph Rushton of Macclesfield taken before us Charles Dukinfield, John Davenport and Edward Thorneycroft Esqrs. Justices, 7 June, 1722. Who saith that on Thursday 3 May last, he being in company with Mr. Joseph Eccles of Macclesfield (Trader in the Manufecture of Buttons) and who is a known person to be disaffected to the present Governm't, had then some discourse with him relating to some late matters. that had happened in the Town of Macclesfield. Upon which Joseph Eccles offered to lay a wager of ten pounds to a shilling that he would be Mayor of Macclesfield before Michaelmas next; and that Mr. Thornycroft, Major Davenport and Mr. Dukinfield should be no Justices of Peace in two months time; and that there should be no Justice of Peace that was a Whig in the County. Whereupon this Examin't reasoned with the said Joseph Eccles why that should be (saying he was sure there could be noe lawfull objection against any of the three [aforesaid]. More particularly he reasoned why the said Mr. Thornycroft should not be a Justice of Peace (living neare to the Town and had atten'd most there since the forfeiture of the Charter); alledging no one could justly charge him with shewing partiality to one party more than another (or to that effect). To which Joseph Eccles replyed, that sygnified nothing, it should be soe. And lastly this Examin't saith (that since the discovery of the new plot) it has occasioned him to reflect more upon the discourse aforesaid.

#### F.4, D.39, S. Northwich, 9 Jan. 1 Geo. II, 1727/8.

## Appointment of a Surveyor for the Township of Church Hulme.

At a Special Session held at Sandbach, 3 Jan. 1727.

By vertue of an Act of Parliament, Intituled An Act for the better Repairing and Amending of the High-Ways, and settling the Rates and Carriage of Goods [3 and 4 Wm. and Mar. C.12, 1691]. We whose names are hereunto subscribed, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace and Quorum do hereby nominate and appoint you whose name is hereunder written to be Surveyor of the High-Ways within the Township of Church Hulme and so to continue for one year, next ensuing the date hereof, until you have given an account according to the direction of the said Act; and to require you to take upon you, and duly execute the said office under the Penalty of Five Pounds to be levied upon you. And within 14 days next after notice hereof, and so every four months during your office (and oftener if needs be) you are to review the common roads, water-courses, hedges, bushes, trees, ditches, drains and gutters within your Township, etc. and to make

presentment upon oath to some Justice within your Division (or to some other if there be none there) in what condition the same are respectively, upon pain of five pounds. And if you find any anoyances in the Causeys, Bridges, etc. As are anything noysom, as dung, straw or the like to be laid in the said roads; or that trees, shrubs or bushes be not cut down, grubbed up, and the hedges kept cut you are to give thereof notice to the owners of the land next adjoining who are to remove and amend the same within ten days after upon pain of five shillings for every offence. And you are to give publick notice the next Sunday after you have discovered the same in your Parish Church after sermon or divine service. And if they be not repaired within 30 days next after then you are to do it within 30 days following; and you are to dispose of the matters that cause the annovances to the use of the Highways, &c. You may turn water into ditches next adjoining and make new ditches in any man's ground for turning the same. And you are to make all cartways leading to any Market Town to be full eight foot wide, and every Horse Causey three foot. And you are likewise to perform all such things in and touching the said Office as by this (or any former law) you are impowered and required.

Given under our hands and seals, 3 Jan., 1727/8.

J. LAWTON, EDM'D SWETENHAM.

To Thomas Steel.

#### Transportation of Prisoner. Certificate issued by William Wyne, Notary of St. Johns, Antigua concerning John Brownsword sold and disposed of to William Thurston in the said Island.

I William Wyne, Notary and Tabellion Publick, by lawfull authority duly admitted and sworn, and dwelling in the Town of St. John's in this his Majesty's Island of Antigua, and the present Collector of his Majesty's Customs in the same Island, Do hereby certify and make known unto all persons whom these presents shall or may concern, That on the twenty-second day of January last, George Howell, Master or Comander of the Brigantine Leviathan of Leverpool in the Kingdom of Great Britain, here arrived and anchored, in and with the said Vessell, in the Harbour of St. John's aforesaid; and on the twenty fourth day of the same Month duly entered his Vessell in the several offices of this Island from the Port of Leverpoole, aforesaid, having on board chiefly Menservants. And I the said Notary and Collector do hereby further Certify, That the said George Howell this day personally came before me and being duly sworn, on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did solemnly attest, affirm and declare that he received out of the County Goal of Chester in the Kingdom of Great Britain one of the said Menservants named John

Brownsword, of Somerford Radnor in the County of Chester, Schoolmaster, who by Indenture duly sealed and executed in the presence of Richard Gildart Esq. one of his Majesty's Justices in and for the County of Chester, was bound to serve him the said George Howell or his Assignes in his Majesty's Plantations in America for the Term of Four years from 14 Nov. 1728 the date of the same Indenture. And that he hath here sold and disposed of the said John Brownsword to Mr. William Thurston, Schoolemaster in this Island. In Faith and Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my Seale of Office as Collector and also my Notarial Firme and Seale this twenty-fourth day of April 1729.

#### F.4, D.2, S. Chester, 13 Jan. 3 Geo. II, 1729/30.

#### Concerning the legal settlement of Inhabitants.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Namptwich. Whereas you have made complaint unto us, whose names are subscribed, two of his Ma'ty's Justices of the Peace and Quorum that Eliz. Wilson, George, Richard, Hannah and William her children are lately come into your Township, endeavouring to settle there as Inhabitants thereof and do not rent to the value of Ten Pounds per Ann. there, nor have delivered Notice to you in writing of their house of abode or the number of their family, but are and we do adjudge them likely to become chargeable to your Township contrary to the form of the Statute in such case provided. And whereas it appears to us upon Oath that the place of the last Legal settlement of the said Elizabeth Wilson, George, Richard, Hannah and William her children is in the Township of Wistaston in the County of Chester. These are therefore in his Majesty's name to Command you on receipt hereof to convey the said parties forthwith out of your Township the next and directest way to the Township of Wistaston aforesaid, and to leave them there together with this Warrant or a true copy thereof with the Overseers of the Poor, who are hereby required to receive and provide for them according to Law.

Given under our Hands and Seals 18 Dec. 1729.

ROBT. LOWE, WM. MAISTERSON.

F.3, D's 128, 129, 130, S. Knutsford, 2 Oct, 7 Geo. II, 1733. Concerning the cost of four Portraits in the Nisi Prius Court Chester Castle.

D.128. Charges on one case for John Foulkes Esq.				
To carr: from London to Chester 13 Aug. 1733.	£	s.	d.	
Weight 6 cwt. 1. 8.	2	19	0	
To storage and laying down the money		3	0	
To porters and sleading to Castle 18 Sep.		2	6	
Received of Mr. Tho. Tagg	3	4	6	

J. FAULKNER.

D.129. Mr. Edward Foulkes by agreement Debtor to Mr. James Worsdell, Painter.

J. Faulkner. For Four whole Lengths att Twenty Guineas per Length King William King George ye 1st. King George ye 2nd £ s. d. The Prince of Wales 84 0 0 For Four Frames carved and gilt in oyl Gold at £6 6 0. each Frame 25 4 0 8 0 For Packing Cases 2 For ye Carriage to ye Inn 5 0 0 111 17

## D.130. London 23 Aug. 1733.

Sir, My Brother who I derected my Bill for the Pictures gave me Information that he had delivered it into your Hands and that the money could not be comployed with till the next Mounth. My Agreement with Mr. Worsdale which is the Gentleman that Peanted the Pictures was that at the delivery of them I would pay him the Money. He has often called on me saying that it would be of singular service to him at present. I shall be under vast obligation to you if you could make me some Remittance on the Account till the whole is comployed with. Your Comployance with my Request shall always be acknowledged by

#### Sir, Your Most Humble Serv't

EDWARD FOULKES.

Please direct for me at Mrs. Darwin in Johns St. Golden Squear.	S	Sum Carr.	£111 3		
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#### Addressed: Tho: Tagg at Gloverstone, Chester.

## F.3, D.131, S. Knutsford, 2 Oct. 7 Geo. II, 1733.

### A Bill of Charge.

By Thomas Sydebotam. Disburst in takeing an Estimate of Otterspoole Bridge and Rodes adjoining. Anno 1732.

In waiting on Esq're Wright twice to have his approbation  $\begin{bmatrix} \pounds & s. & d. \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ In waiting att Months Meeting to treat with Esq. Bradshaw for purchase of Land to enlarge ye Rode.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ In waiting on Mr. Carrington and Tenant to measure land  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

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	£	s.	d.
Expence att the same time.	0	1	0
Takeing and giveing an estimate of the Bridge and Rodes			
by Rob't. Beard and Tho. Sydebotham	0	2	0
Spent at the same time.	0	0	8
In waiting on Esq. Bradshaw and Esq. Wright several			
times about the same.	0	2	0
Drawing the Estimate.	0	1	0
Tending the Quarter Sessions. Horse expence and loss of			
time at Namptwich.	0	10	0
Mr. Ellcock's fee to move the Cause there.	0	3	6
My Journey to Esq. Wright att Mobberley	0	1	0
Totall	1	4	2

I humbly entreat the worshipfull Bench will call Thomas Gaskell senior of Breadbury to an account for the £34 2s he collected. The fine being but £30 touching the fin'd Rode in Breadbury aforesaid att Quarter Sessions at Northwich 12 Jan. 1731/2. Which said £30 was ordered by the Bench to be paid to the late Surveyor Thomas Sydebotham.

Endorsed: A bill of Charge by Esq. Wright's order. [See also Ds. 132, 133, Ibid.]

F.2, D.26, S. Nantwich, 13 July, 10 Geo. II, 1736.

The prices of Corn submitted by the Grand Jury.

We whose names are subscribed, the Grand Jury at the above Quarter Sessions, in pursuance of the late Statute in that case made do upon our Oaths in open Court present that the common market prices of middling English Corn and grain as the same are commonly bought and sold within the County are as followeth:

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Wheat	at	5	0	the	Bushell	Oats	at	1	4	the	Bushell
Rye	,,	3	6	,,	,,	Pease	,,	2	6	,,	,,
Barley	,,	2	6	,,	,,	Beans	,,	2	8	,,	,,
Malt	,,	3	8	,,	,,	Buck Wheat	,,	1	8	,,	,,
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Twenty-three signatures follow.

### F.2, D.3, S. Nantwich, 12 July, 11 Geo. II, 1737.

#### Concerning a right of way in Nantwich.

Whereas Wm. Maisterson Esq did at the last Quarter Sessions cause Jno. Mascrey of Nantwich, Maltster, and Rich'd Maddock of Stapeley yeom. to be indicted for stopping up an antient footway leading from Pillory St. to the Hospitall St, thro. Deggs Meadow and Maddock's Yard or backside. Now Witness these presents that to prevent any further trouble or expense We the said Jno. Mascrey and Rich'd Maddock do hereby submitt to the said Indictment and do acknowledge the said footway to be an antient

common footway for the said Mr. Maisterson and all his tenants and servants to pass and repair that way on foot as often as they have occasion. And we do hereby promise to open the footway immediately, as witness our hands 8 Aug. 1737.

JOHN MASCREY, RICH'D MADDOCK. Signed in the presence of Ralph Cappur.

### F.3, D.94, S. Knutsford, 4 Oct. 11 Geo. II, 1737.

## Concerning the relief of an Insolvent Debtor. Notice to Creditors on his behalf.

To all and every the Creditors of Samuel Clowes late of Chapellle-Frith in the County of Derby, Innholder.

Whereas the said Samuel Clowes who is now and was on 1 Jan. last a prisoner in his Majesty's Gaol for the Liberty of the Hundred of Macclesfield in the County of Chester for Debt hath petitioned me Charles Legh Esq, Justice of the Peace and Quorum to grant unto him my warrant to require the Keeper of the said Prison to bring Samuel Clowes before the Justices at the Quarter Sessions to be held next after the expiration of thirty days from the date therof in order to his having the benefit of the late Act of Parliament passed in the Tenth year of his present Ma'ty's Reign intitled an Act for Relief of Insolvent Debtors [10 *Geo. II, c.* 26, 1736] and to his being discharged pursuant thereto and hath left with me a Copy of the Schedule of his intended discovery to be sworn to at the said Quarter Sessions. These are therefore to give you Notice that I have this day granted to Samuel Clowes a Warrant under my hand and seal requiring the Keeper of the said Gaol to bring him .....

Given under my Hand and Seal, 22 Aug. 1737.

#### F.3, D.93, Ibid., 1737.

Concerning the Relief of an Insolvent Debtor. Warrant to Gaol Keeper to produce his body.

To the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol for the Liberty of the Hundred of Macclesfield.

Whereas Samuel Clowes who now is and on 1 Jan. last was a prisoner for debt in your Gaol hath exhibited his petition to me, Charles Legh Esq, Justice of the Peace and Quorum pursuant to the late Act of Parliament [10 Geo. II, c. 26, 1736] Intitled an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, And hath left with me a true copy of his Schedule of his Estate and Effects, These are therefore to command you, the Keeper of the said Gaol, to bring before the Justices at the Quarter Sessions to be held next after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof the Body of the said Samuel Clowes with the warrant of his Detainer together with a Copy of the Causes which he is or was charged with .....

Given under my Hand and Seal 22 Aug. 1737.

[See further documents Ibid. passim.]

## RIVER DEE COMMISSIONERS.

Port of Chester. An Account of Money collected by Joseph Sewell for the Duties of Tonnage on all Goods outward granted by an Act of Parliament passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King George the Second entitled an Act to Recover and preserve the Navigation of the River Dee etc.

Date of Entry	Time of Clearing	No. of Entry	Ships and Vessells Names	Masters or Owners Names	Whither Bound	Burthen of Ships		antity	& Quality of Ge	oods	Rates		utie lect	
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## F.1, D.18, Sacramental Certificates, 1741-1750.

## The Sacramental Certificate of Thomas Brooke, LL.D. 19th Dean of Chester 1733-1758 (1).

Wee Joseph Harwar Minister of the Parish and Parish Church of Acton in the County of Chester and John Walthall one of the Churchwardens of the same Parish and Parish Church do hereby certify that Thomas Brooke, Doctor of Laws and Dean of Chester, upon the Lord's Day commonly called Sunday the eleventh day of July instant immediately after Divine Service and Sermon did in the Parish Church aforesaid receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the usage of the Church of England. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our hands. Dated 12 July, 1742.

#### JOSEPH HARWAR, Minister.

#### JOHN WALTHALL, Churchwarden.

John Brooke of Nantwich Gent. and John Tench of Nantwich Gent. do severally make oath that they do know Thomas Brooke in the Certificate above named, and who now present hath delivered the same into this Court, and that they did see the said Thomas Brooke receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the Parish Church of Acton in the said Certificate mentioned on the day and at the time therein expressed and also did see the Certificate subscribed by the said Joseph Harwar and John Walthall and say that all other matters in the Certificate mentioned are true as they verily believe.

JNO. BROOKE, JOHN TENCHE.

13 July 1742.

Sworn in Court, Geo. Lowe.

Certificate issued in accordance with the requirements of the Test Act, [25 Car. II, c. 2] 'For preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants and quieting the minds of His Majesty's good subjects.'

(1) Dean Brooke, who was also Vicar of Nantwich, was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1742 and the above Certificate became necessary in that connection. He first appears on the Bench at Knutsford Sessions, 5 Oct. 1742.

## F.2, D.91, S. Nantwich, 12 July, 17 Geo. II, 1743.

# Concerning Joseph Rooke, an old sailor, accused as a vagabond.

The examination of Joseph Rooke a vagabond taken upon oath 15 June 1743 before me John Pickering Esq. one of his Majesty's Justices.

This Examinant saith that he was born in the City of New York in America, and when he was about the age of twenty two years he was pressed on board the Britania Man of War and staved on board about five months, and afterwards went on board the Triumph Man of War and stayed on board that ship about eleven months, and afterwards he went on board the Grafton man of war and stay'd in that ship about six years and until she was taken prisoner by the French, and after he got into England from France, he went on board the Flamborough man of war and staved there about three years and a half, and some time afterwards he was pressed from on board a merchant ship on board the Grafton man of war and stay'd in the Grafton about four months in which said ship this examinant lost his left arm by a cannon ball, after which he was admitted a pentioner from the Chest at Chatham, and he does not know that he hath done any act matter or thing whatsoever to gain him any other legal settlement since his birth, and that the place or town in which he was last relieved (before he came into this town in which he was apprehended wandering and begging) was a town or place in which there is an old Chapel and a hall standing up at the further end of a field or court a small distance from the Chapel.

*On dorse*. Henry Pickering Gent. being sworn and examined the day and year within mentioned deposeth that he did see and hear Joseph Rooke wandering and begging within the township of Latchford in the County of Chester.

Sworn the day and year afores'd before me.

#### JOHN PICKERING.

#### F.2, D.92, Idem.

An order of John Pickering, Justice, dated 15 June 1743 follows, requiring the Constables of Latchford to convey Joseph Rooke to Thelwall and there deliver him to the Overseers of the Poor who are to receive and provide for him according to Law.

S.B. 20a, S. Nantwich, 14 Jan., 19 Geo. II, 1745/6.

Concerning a temporary bridge to replace the bridge over the Mersey at Warrington pulled down to hinder the Pretender's advance.

Ordered by this Court that the Treasurer of the County do pay unto John Gatcliffe or his order the sum of thirty eight pounds,

eight shillings and three pence in full of his bill allowed by this Court for one half of the Charge of making a wooden Bridge at Warrington over the River Mersey for the Immediate Benefitt and Service of the Publick in the room of that which was lately pulled down by the order of Brigadier Gen'l Douglas to hinder the Rebels in their march. The other Half of the Charge being paid by the Inhabitants of the Hundred of Derby in the County of Lancaster.

## S.B. 20a, S. Chester (by adjournment) 21 Feb. 20 Geo. II, 1746/7. Order relating to Warrington Bridge.

Whereas the sum of Thirty eight pounds, eight shillings and three pence was by virtue of an order of General Quarter Sessions at Nantwich on 14 Jan. 1745, paid by Mr. Charles Potts, Treasurer of the County of Chester out of the Public Stock of the County for one half of the charge of making a wooden bridge at Warrington over the Mersey ..... in the room of that which had been lately pulled down ...... And whereas his Majesty has directed that the expence of rebuilding the said bridge shall be repaid out of the Public Treasury, as the bridge was pulled down for the benefit of the Publick; And whereas Sir Ralph Ashton Bart., George Legh, Peter Brooke, John Blackbourne and Thomas Patten Esgrs. have been appointed Commisioners to take care of the rebuilding of the said bridge, Now this Court doth hereby order the said Mr. Potts to apply to the Commissioners to desire that they will be pleased to repay Mr. Potts the said sum of Thirty eight pounds, eight shillings and three pence to be by him applied for the Publick Service of the County and he is hereby directed to give the Commissioners a receipt when he shall receive the same.

#### F.4, D.279, S. Nantwich, 10 Jan. 22 Geo. II, 1748/9.

### Pass through Wales for prisoners of war incarcerated in Spain and landed after exchange at Cardiff.

Cardiff in the County of Glamorgan.

any of your lett hindrance or molestation whatsoever, they demeaning themselves orderly and discreetly as becometh, not exceeding the space of sixty days from the date hereof in accomplishing their journey. The poor Bearers loss amounted to the value of four hundred and fifty pounds and upwards and was made appear unto us upon the oaths of the Captain and mate of the said ship. And in consideration of their loss we do recommend them to all proper officers to be aiding and assisting them on their intended journey. Given under our hands and seals the 20 Sep. 21 Geo. II, 1748.

WM. RICHARDS, THOS. LEWIS.

To all his Majesty's Justices, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, Churchwardens and all other charitable people to whom these may come.

County of Brecon to wit, 25 Sep. 1748. Permit the bearers to pass this County. Will. Vaughan.

Radnorshire to wit, 28 Sep. 1748. Allowed the bearers to pass this County. H. Gough.

Montgomeryshire to wit. 23 Oct. 1748. Allowed the bearers to pass this County. J. Edwards.

Wrexham in the County of Denbigh. 2 Nov. 1748. Allowed the bearers two days to pass this County. Tho. Meredyth.

#### S.B. 20a, S. Chester, 28 Jan., 22 Geo. II, 1748/9.

#### Concerning the Distemper among Cattle in 1748-9.

Whereas it duly appears to this Court that the Contagious Distemper which has for some time raged in other parts of this Kingdom amongst the horned cattle is now come into the County of Chester. It is therefore recommended by this Court to the Justices in their several Hundreds to make a return to the Quarter Sessions, to be held by adjournment at the Castle of Chester on Saturday 11 Feb. next, of such persons as they shall recommend to be appointed Inspectors of the houses, buildings, grounds and cattle in the County where any infection now is, or hereafter shall appear to be or be likely to come, in order that they may be legally appointed with proper salaries. And it is further ordered that where the cattle shall be killed and buried, pursuant to his Majesty's Order in Councill of 22 March last, and the owner thereof shall obtain a certificate from the Justices at Quarter Sessions in order to intitle such owner to the recompence mentioned in the said Order, that the owner may deliver such Certificate and affidavits relating thereto to Mr. Charles Potts, Treasurer of the County, who is hereby required to procure the recompence from the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury and pay the same to the person intitled thereto without taking any fee. And it is also further ordered that the Deputy Clerk of the Peace shall forthwith make an abstract of the said Order in Council and of the Rules made by this Court

relating to the Distemper and to cause a sufficient number of them to be printed and sent to the High Constables to be dispersed in their Hundreds.

[See 11 Feb., 25 Feb., 2, 11, 25 March, etc., Ibid., also Fs. 1, 2, 3, 4, passim, 1749].

#### F.1, D.84, S. Nantwich, 14 Jan. 25 Geo. II, 1752.

### The examination of Sarah Davies single woman taken before James Croxton Esq, Justice, 26 Dec. 1751. A bastardy case.

This examinant deposeth that she was born in the parish of St. James in the City of Bristol, that her father John Davies is a tidewaiter there, that about seven years ago she dressed herself in men's clothes and went to London and there bound herself apprentice to go to sea to one Captain John Hasseck for five years by the name of John Davies, that she accordingly went with the said Captain as a sailor to Jamaica and was about six months in his service when she ran away and has since been as a sailor on board several other ships, that she was on board a ship on the first of Nov. last which foundered in the Bay of Biscay, that she and thirteen others were taken up by a vessel belonging to Sunderland that on the eighteenth day of Nov. last she came ashore at Sunderland, that she travelled wandering and begging from there to the City of Chester and that on the sixteenth day of this instant Dec. she went into the township of Eccleston in the County of Chester and on the same day was there delivered of a female bastard child which since its birth hath been and now is chargeable to Eccleston.

The Justices at the above Sessions ordered Sarah Davies to be committed to the House of Correction at Nantwich, and allowed the overseer of the poor at Eccleston  $\pounds 4$  6s 9d for his charges. [See. S.B. 21a, under the above date].

#### F.2, D.83, S. Chester, 26 April, 30 Geo. II, 1757.

## Concerning the capture of a Ship, laden with salt, by a French Privateer.

Isaac Wood of Winsford, Gent. and Peter Kent of Winsford, Gent. severally make oath and say That on 24 and 25 Nov. last past there was laden on board the Blakeney Flatt, Mr. John Smith, Master, and also on the Duke of Cumberland Flatt, Mr. Robert Crabtree, Master, and on the True Blue Flatt, Mr. John Cubb, Master at Winsford two thousand seven hundred and twenty Bushells of white Salt belonging to the said Isaac Wood and on his own proper risque and account, the duties whereof were paid, or secured to be paid to Mr. John Bayley, Collector of his Majesty's duties on salt for the division of Middlewich. Which salt was, as appears by the Bill of Lading and as these deponents verily believe, afterwards reshipped on board the Margaretta ship commanded by Capt. William Hambly at Liverpool to be carryed from

that Port to the Port of London. And that on 14 Jan. last about midnight, as these Deponents have been credibly informed, the ship Margaretta was taken by the Revenge Privateer of and from Saint Malo in the Kingdom of France, about two or three leagues to the southward of the Isle of Wight and by the Privateer carryed into that or some other Port belonging to the French King whereby the said two thousand seven hundred and twenty bushells [of salt] are actually as these Deponents believe irrecoverably lost, and they verily believe the said loss was not occasioned by any neglect of the mariners nor through any leakage in the said ship, but through the vessell being taken by the enemy. These Deponents are the more certain therein having seen the said Bill of Lading and also a letter from the Captain confirming the same. They say that they believe Capt'n Hambly, the mate and mariners on board the said ship are now detained prisoners in the Port of Havre-de-Grace or some other place in the Kingdom of France and can't be got to prove the taking the said vessell before a Cartel or Exchange of Prisoners is agreed on between the two Kingdoms of Great Britain and France.

This Court doth Certify the above. [See S.B. 21a, Ibid. 1757].

#### F.2, D.86, Ibid., 1757.

#### Concerning the loss of Salt in the River Weaver.

Robert Fox of Northwich, Mariner, Master of the Flatt called the Lucy and Alley and Thomas Wilson of Northwich, Sailor, severally make oath that on Friday 7 Jan. last there was laden on board the said Flatt at Leftwich eight hundred and eighty Bushells of White Salt from the works of Mr. John Barrow and four hundred Bushells of Rock Salt, and on his proper Risque and Account. (The Duty whereof was paid or secured to be paid to Mr. John Smith his Majesty's Collector of Duties on Salt at North-To be carried thence down the Rivers of Weaver and wich). Mercey to Leverpoole in order to be exported to Foreign Parts. And these Deponents further make oath that when the Flat sailed from Leftwich she was then firm and in good condition, and all the hatches locked down by some of his Majesty's Officers at Northwich, and the Flatt lay at her moorings in the River Weaver at a place called Dutton Bottoms and that between the hours of twelve and one in the night betwixt the sixteenth and seventeenth days of January last, when both these Deponents were in bed on Board the water came on the Cabbin sheets and on examining the Flatt they found a hole in the bow occasioned as they verily believe by the current of the River Weaver carrying down large quantities of ice which struck against the Flatt and occasioned the water to flow amongst her lading. And these Deponents say that all proper means were used to lighten the Flatt and save her lading. And on re weighing the same there appeared to be but eight hundred and eight Bushells of White Salt and two hundred and ninety one

Bushells of Rock Salt, so that then and there was lost seventy two Bushells of White Salt and one hundred and nine Bushells of Rock Salt before the Exporter could be entituled to the drawback or allowance for the Duties or any part thereof. 26 April, 1757.

This Court doth Certify the above. [See S.B. 21a, Ibid. 1757].

#### F.2, D.211, S. Chester, 30 Geo. II, 1757.

# Concerning the smuggling of Irish soap by violence at Parkgate.

The several examinations of William Briscoe of Parkgate and William Saunders of the City of Chester Extraordinary men in His Majesty's Customs in the Port of Chester taken before me whose name is hereunto subscribed, a Justice of Peace and Quorum, 25 Jan. 1757.

These examinants severally depose that yesterday about three of the clock in the afternoon they, with other officers of the Customs, found concealed in the ballast of the ship called the Chester pacquet, John McCullough Master, from Dublin, a large quantity of Irish Soap and which those exam'ts by counting the several parcels believe to be forty six dozen and say that by order of Mr. George Boswell, Tide Surveyor at Parkgate, the soape was put into a cart and carryed to the door of the Custom House at Parkgate to be secured in his Majesty's store there. As these examinants and other officers of the Customs were unloading the same two men came up, one having a whip in his hand and the other a stick, violently struck the horses and by force drove the cart away, William Briscoe being in the cart. William Saunders saith that the person who had the stick in his hand was the prisoner now present whose name is Charles Lucas and whom he says belongs to the Chester pacquet.

Both examinants say that one of the men got with the cart, about seven or eight roods from the Custom House, was John Lucas of Parkgate, mariner, who belonged to the same ship, etc. etc.

Five or six other men were implicated in the outrage whose names are unknown.

Sworne before me JOHN PHILPOT.

#### F.3, D.89, S. Northwich, 11 July, 32 Geo. II, 1758.

## Concerning the Indictment of William Hughes of Parkgate, Mariner.

John Currey of Great Neston, Butcher, maketh oath that he well knows William Hughes late of Parkgate, Mariner, against whom a bill of Indictment was found by the Grand Jury at the last General Quarter Sessions held at Nantwich for assaulting Henry Davies of

Parkgate, and that William Hughes about two months before this went beyond seas on a voyage as a mariner to the Island of Barbadoes in the West Indies, in a ship belonging to Merchant Cunliff of Liverpool, John Washington, Master. This deponent hath been informed, and verily believes that the said ship on which William Hughes went abroad was on her voyage to Barbadoes taken by a French privateer and carryed into St. Sebastian in France, that William Hughes had since been discharged and is now on his voyage home to Parkgate and is expected in about six weeks time.

G. LOWE.

Sworn in Court 12 July 1758. Order: Respited.

#### F.4, D.142, S. Knutsford, 3 Oct. 32 Geo. II, 1758.

#### Concerning the right of fishing in the Manor of Shotwick.

The Examination of John Hockenhull of Shotwick taken before me Roger Wilbraham Esq Justice of the Peace and Quorum 6 July, 1758.

This Examinant sayeth that he is Lord of the Manor of Shotwick and as such has sole right of fishing within the Manor and that hearing that some persons were fishing in the river who had no right thereto he went this morning to the waterside and found Samuel Dutton, William Couton, John Jones, Joseph Warring and Robert Fennes fishing with nets who had never paid him any tythe. Sayth that this exam't told them they had no right to fish there without his leave and if they would not desist he would cut their nets. Sayth that they all refused and ran up to him with sticks and the said Samuel Dutton coming up first struck him so violently that had not this Exam't with his arm saved his head he would have been knocked down. He is afraid they will do him some bodily hurt should he again attempt to protect his rights:

Sworn the day and year aforesaid before R WILBRAHAM.

#### F.1, D.44, S. Nantwich, 9 Jan. 32 Geo. II, 1759.

#### Concerning the transport of Irish Vagrants.

An Account of all Charges for conveying of the Vagrants from the Old Key [*Neston*] to Dublin from 26 Sep. 1758 to 9 Jan. 1759.

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<sup>[</sup>See also F.2, Ds. 26, 27; F. 3, D.35; F.4, D.49, Idem, 1759].

## F.1, D.61, S. Nantwich, 9 Jan. 32 Geo. II, 1759.

#### Concerning the loss of Salt by damage at Sea.

Edward Clemetson Master of the good ship Providence of Whitehaven of the Burthen of seventy five Tons or thereabouts and Wilton Robinson Mate severally make oath and say: That on or before 10 Sep. last Richard Kent on the behalf of Isaac Wood caused to be shipped on board the said ship then riding at anchor in the River Mersey Three thousand Bushells of White Salt in good order and well conditioned and Entry thereof was duly made at the Custome House at the Port of Liverpoole. And this Deponent Edward Clemetson signed Bills of Loading in the accustomed manner to deliver the salt at the Port of London to the order of Thomas Bromfield. And these Deponents further say they

proceeded with the Ship on her voyage with all possible expedition, but on the 9 Oct. following, being about two leagues West of Dungeness met with a violent storm of wind whereby the ship was drove aground in which situation she remained until about two of the clock in the afternoon of 11 Oct. during which time the Ship's company were constantly employed in pumping, there being during the greatest part of such time not less than three feet of water in her Hold. And these Deponents being informed that the Harbour of Ramsgate was convenient to resort to for the preservation of the Ship and Cargoe weighed anchor and sailed for the said Harbour, which they were unable to reach until a boat with four men came to their assistance, by whose help the ship was brought into Ramsgate about ten of the clock in the forenoon of 12 Oct. last. And these Deponents further say that all proper means were taken for discovering and repairing the damage to the Ship and making her fit with all expedition to proceed to London where she arrived on 17 Oct., and on clearance of the ship there remained of the Cargoe only Two thousand six hundred Bushells and two pounds as appeareth by the proper Meters Account thereof. And these Deponents positively say that no part of the Cargoe was purloined out of the said Ship during her voyage ..... and that the loss was occasioned by the storm hereinbefore mentioned.

Sworn at Guild Hall, 2 Nov. 1758 before ROBT. LADBROKE.

[See also F.1, D.60, and S.B. 22a, Ibid. 1759].

#### F.1, D.14, S. Nantwich, 15 Jan. 33 Geo. II, 1760.

#### A Reprieve signed by George II.

GEORGE R. (1).

Whereas John Norbury was at the Quarter Session of the Peace held for our County Palatine of Chester the Sixteenth Day of January last convicted of stealing two Hats and received Sentence of Transportation for the Term of Seven Years for the same; We have thought fit upon consideration of some circumstances humbly represented unto Us in his behalf inducing Us to extend Our Grace and Mercy to him to grant him Our Pardon for the said crime upon condition of his inlisting to serve Us in any one of Our Regiments of Foot; Our Will and Pleasure therefore is that he, the said John Norbury be deliver'd over to any Person authorized to receive him for the purpose abovementioned; and that he be afterwards inserted for his crime aforesaid in Our first and next General Pardon that shall come out for the convicts within Our said County Palatine of Chester. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

Given at our Court at St. James's the first day of February 1760 in the Thirty Third Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

HOLDERNESSE.

To Our Trusty and Wellbeloved William Noel Esq Chief Justice of Chester; And to the Keeper of the Gaol at Chester, and all others whom it may concern.

(1) The sign manual.

#### F.1, D.32, Ibid., 1760.

The Grand Jury at the above Sessions in pursuance of the Statute in that case made and provided do upon our oaths present that the common Market prices of midling English corn and grain as bought and sold in the County of Chester are as follows:

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Wheat		4	0	Bushell	Oats		1	3	Bushell
Rye		2	2	,,	Pease		2	8	,,
Malt		3	4	.,	Beans		2	10	· ,,
Barley		2	0	,,	Buck Wheat		1	8	,,

#### F.1, D.97, S. Nantwich, 15 Jan., 33 Geo. II, 1760.

#### Concerning trouble with a Stage Waggon in the highway.

The Examination of Robert Edwards servant to George Edward Gerrard of Wimbolds Trafford Esq taken before me whose name is hereunto subscribed, one of his Majesty's Justices, 19 Dec. 1759.

This Examinant Deposeth that on Monday evening now last past as he was driving Mr. Gerrard's post chaise thro' the Township of Bridge Trafford (Mrs. Gerrard, Miss Gerrard and another person being then in the post chaise) the Warrington stage waggon stood near the door of one Kenrick Jones who keeps an Alehouse in Bridge Trafford. Saith the waggon stood on the pavement in the highway in such a manner that this Examinant could not drive past without very great danger of overturning the post chaise, that thereupon Mrs. Gerrard and this Exam't desired Robert Smethers, who drove the waggon, to remove one of the horses a little out of the road but he swore he would not remove the horse. This Exam't struck the said horse in order to move him and drove past. Saith that thereupon the said Robert Smethers ran after him and struck him several violent blows on his head and back with a cart whip and also struck the horses he was driving and it was with difficulty he prevented them from running away.

Sworn the day and year aforesaid before me.

WM. COWPER.

#### F.4, D.63, S. Knutsford, 7 Oct. 34 Geo. II. 1760.

### Repairs to Roads and Bridges. Certificates of Justices.

To His Majesty's Justices assembled at the next Quarter Sessions. We, two of His Majesty's Justices have this day viewed the Horse Bridge called Sutton Bridge leading from the Market Town of Nantwich towards the Market Town of Middlewich, which bridge was presented at the last Quarter Sessions as being out of repair, and we do certify that the bridge is now put into good and sufficient repair and is likely so to continue.

RAN: CREWE, ROBT. MORETON.

#### F.4. D.64, Ibid.

Whereas the Inhabitants of the Township of Wincham were presented by the Grand Jury assembled at the General Quarter Sessions held at Nether Knutsford 2 Oct. 1759 for not repairing the King's Highway in Wincham aforesaid leading from Witton Bridge near Northwich to the Market town of Warrington, being twenty Roods in length and twenty foot in breadth. Now we whose names are subscribed, two Justices, do hereby Certify that we have lately viewed the Road so presented and find that the same is in good and sufficient repair and likely so to continue. As witness our Hands 7 Oct. 1760.

J. SMITH BARRY, GEORGE HERON.

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