

# Tamworth Borough Council Court Rolls

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## COURT ROLLS OF TAMWORTH

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Place names have not been modernised but have been left as spelled in the record. Family names which are surnames, or names with the prefix "atte", "le", "de la", have been left in the original spelling, e.g. le Repere, le Pelter', de la Tour. All other territorial or descriptive names have been translated, e.g. W. de Schepeye = W. of Schepeye. J. de aula = J. of the hall.

17 Ed. I.

GREAT COURT OF VIEW OF FRANKPLIDGE HELD ON MONDAY NEXT BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. MARTIN THE BISHOP, 17 EDWARD I (7 Nov. 1289)

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The frankpledges say upon their oath that John le Proude of Tonestal maliciously went to the house of William le Chalunner on Saturday next before the feast of St. Leonard, (5 Nov. 1289) and unjustly and against the peace tried to break down the said William's doors; wherefor the said William stricken by fear justly raised the hue and cry upon the said John. Afterwards when he opened the doors, the said John maliciously entered. Moreover on account of the assault the aforesaid William struck the said J. on the head with a stick, and this (he did) justly. Pledges of John, Thomas of Bollenhul and William James of Tonestal.

Item, they say that on the Sunday next after the feast of St. Edith the Virgin (18 Sept. 1289) John le Repere wounded William Wele and drew blood unjustly and against the peace; wherefor the said John is in mercy. Pledges, Geoffrey of Potton and Adam son of the aforesaid John.

Item, they say, as before, that Roger Gubbe maliciously made assault upon Ranulf the servant of Lettice (Lecia) of Wyechenouer', wherefor the said Ranulf justly raised the hue and cry against the same Roger. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledge, Alan Payn.

Item, they say that Maud Sclorecock unjustly raised the hue and cry against Isabel of Rothewell; wherefor the said Maud is in mercy. (In margin) Summoned.

Item, they say that Henry Brioleth unjustly raised the hue and cry against Roger Clede. (In margin) Summoned.

Item, they say that Walter of Gumpiyat' maliciously made assault against the house of Robert Goddrych wishing to break down the door and walls; wherefore Iseult, widow of the aforesaid Robert justly raised the hue and cry against the said Walter. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledges, W. of Colleshul and G. of Potton.

Item, they say that Robert Sclorecock unjustly wounded Henry Waytescache and drew his blood. (In margin) Summoned.

Item, they say that William of Colleshul unjustly assaulted Nicholas formerly the servant of Master Robert of Pyccheford. Moreover the said Nicholas, stricken with fear, justly struck the aforesaid William. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledges, William Juweth and Nicholas of Stodleye.

Item, they say that Robert son of R. Goddrych unjustly assaulted Alexander Briton' and wounded him and drew his blood; wherefore the said Alexander justly raised the hue and cry against the same Robert. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledges, Walter of Gumpyat' and John of Pyccheford.

Warwicks.

Item, they say that the wife of William Schog received 'Dinorem' the wife of John Bretun against the peace.

Item they say that Roger le Turnour received a certain man Robert by name into his house against the peace. For this and for other trespasses he is in mercy. His pledges (are) Ralf Tybot and Henry the dyer.

18 Ed. I (Part)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY NEXT BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. VALENTINE, 18 Ed. I.  
(13 Feb. 1290).

Roger Kempe plaintiff against W. of Schepeye in a plea of trespass was essoined by G. Louel for the first time. W. was called and did not come. The said G., essoin of the said R, sought judgment as to the default and it was decreed that W. be distrained.

G. Louel appeared against W. of Schepeye in a plea of trespass. He was summoned and has not appeared; therefore to be distrained.

W. of Schepeye gave security for his mercy for default and damage to R. del File(d), and has found pledge, Master R. of Olmundec'(?).

R. Wycchard of Scheyle distrained by J. Celer and J. of Drayton distrained for his default.

County of Stafford

Essoins

Juliana of Patingham against J. of Pyccheford and A. his wife in a plea of land whereof judgment is pending, essoined by S. Schethe for the second time.

John her son against the same and in the same manner by G. Louel for the second time.

R. of Someresby against the same and in the same manner, by J. the salter for the second time.

(Second essoins in similar form for the following:-)

- A. his wife, by J. of Bollenhull'
- R. of Sprackeleye, by Roger le Taylour
- C. his wife, by J. le Sarnage.
- H. of Bollenhull, by N. Tely..
- D. his wife by R. Donne.

Isabel wife of W. of Rothewell' claimant (petens) against Alexander son of R. Brabazun in a plea of rent, essoined by R. Scheth for the first time.

H. of Gumpyat' plaintiff (querens) against J. le Roper' in a plea of trespass, essoined by H. Tucke for the second time.

P. son of H. le Duck chaplain against Master R. of Pyccheford in a plea of land, essoined by R. le Waleys for the second time. Challenged because the said R. says that after a view of land there is only one essoin.

At the prayer of the parties day is given between Nicholas of Stodleye plaintiff and J. Victor until the next court, to come without essoin unless they have come to an agreement. Pledges for each party to hold to this, Richard and G. of Sotton'.

Hugh le Brun gave security for his mercy for default, and has found pledge, namely (blank).

It is presented by the tasters that the wife of Hugh the Smith is in mercy for false bread once; Ralf Toly for the same, twice; Henry of Bedenham for the same, twice; Gregory Chella for short<sup>x</sup> ale, twice; G. Wene for the same, once; Isabel at the cross, for the same, once.

Adam Balle chaplain puts in his place John of Schepeye as attorney to hear and prosecute the plea between Adam and Isabella daughter of H. Asplon. She was summoned by witnesses and has not come; therefore to be distrained.

John son of G. of Cotes has enfeoffed and granted to John Coket, miller, all his right and claim which he had or could have in a certain messuage which is between the said John on one part and Robert son of Hugh the carpenter on the other.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. CHADD THE BISHOP  
18 Ed. I. (6 March 1290)

#### Essoins

Peter son of Henry le Duke v Master Robert of Richeford; plea of land; by Alan of Gumpiate; third time.

Isabel of Rothewell' v Alexander son of Ralf le Brabasun; plea of rent; by G. Lovell; second time. (Guaranteed) /

Juliana of Patingham v J. of Picheford and Alice his wife; plea of land; by N. Toly; third time.

John son of the same, in the same plea; by N. Tressor; third time. Guaranteed.

(Third essoins in same plea, guaranteed, for the following:-)

Roger of Somersby, by Roger le Talur  
Alice his wife, by Ralf Broud.  
Ralf of Sprakeleye, by J. Sannage.  
Cecily his wife, by J. Salvonar'.  
Henry of Bollenhull, by Ralf Dunne.  
Denise his wife, by R. Sheth.

Henry of Gumpegate v J. le Mepere in a plea of trespass; by J. of Bollenhull; third time. Guaranteed.

John Victor v Nicholas of Eodleye; plea of trespass; by William le Sarvage; first time. Challenged because essoined by a burgess.

Alice of Herton complained v Henry Cok'; plea of trespass. She found pledges to prosecute, namely, William Neel and Nicholas son of Gockus. Henry, summoned, has not appeared, therefore distrained.

Geoffrey Louel appeared v William of Schepeye; plea of trespass; William, summoned and (did) not (appear) distrained; to be better distrained.

William Deth appeared v William of Schepeye; plea of debt; William, summoned, did not appear, therefore distrained.

Roger Kempe appeared v the same William of Schepeye; plea of trespass; William, summoned, did not appear, therefore distrained.

The same William of Schepeye found pledge, namely, Geoffrey his son, for the whole.

x "Parva"; possibly for poor ale, but more usually for short measure.

/ "Affidavit" written possibly later, means that the essoinee afterwards swore to the validity of his excuse.

William of Ryngesdon' found pledges, William Warman and Roger le Harper', to prosecute v Henry le Wyse; plea of trespass. Henry summoned, did not come; distrained.

It is presented that Geoffrey of Schepeye is in mercy for false bread, three times; Geoffrey Wyne is in mercy for short ale; Ralf le Honte\*, Ellis son of Roger of the castle, and Isabel at the cross, for the same.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN 18 Ed. I (27 March 1290)

Geoffrey Louel v W. of Schepeye; plea of trespass; essoined by W. the saltworker (salinatore) the first time.

William Det appear v William of Schepeye plea of trespass; no claim made out, therefore William Det is in mercy and the other withdrew quit.

Roger Kempe appeared v William of Schepeye, having nothing to say, therefore R. is in mercy and William is quit.

William of Ringesdon' appeared v H. le Wyse; plea of trespass; H. was distrained by fish and herring and in contempt of the bailiffs he took away the distrainment, therefore to be better distrained for his contempt and also to answer the principal plea.

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John le Repere v H. of Pateshull' plea of trespass; essoined by N. Toly the first time.

Alexander son of Ralf le Brabazun v Isabel who was wife of W. of Rothewell'; plea of rent; essoined by R. Donne, the first time.

Henry Cok gave security for his mercy for trespass done against Alice of H(er)tend(?). Pledge, Richard Dun.

Isabel who was the wife of W. of Rothewell' appeared v Alexander son of Ralf Brabazun; plea of rent, he was essoined.

Agnes del Peck appeared and gave security for her mercy for not prosecuting against William Schech.

Peter son of Henry le Duck chaplain seeks against Master Robert of Pyccheford one messuage with appurtenances in Tamworth claiming as before that he deforced him of one messuage with appurtenances in Tamworth, whereof he says as above concerning seisin. The said Robert comes and denies the force and right of the said Peter and he proposes his exception, saying that Sir P. Marmion holds a certain part of that messuage containing 8 ft. of land in length, and 16 ft. in breadth; and the said Peter seeks against the same Robert one whole messuage with appurtenances in Tamworth, and because the said Robert does not hold the whole of which many are tenants. Wherefore the court decrees that the writ is harmful by its unjust petition and Robert has withdrawn quit and the aforesaid Peter is in mercy.

John of Pyccheford and Alice his wife seek v Juliana of Patingham, John her son and the others named in a writ of right, claiming as before that they deforced them of the third part of one messuage with appurtenances in Tamworth, except 160 ft. of land in length and 7 ft. in breadth; judgment respited until the next court through default of suitors.

\* Possibly Houce".

/ Piscem et (? allecem).

Isabel who was the wife of William of Rothewell' seeks v Alexander son of Ralf Brabazun of Cumberford the third part of 6s. 6<sup>d</sup> rent with appurtenances in Tamworth, whereof she says that William of Rothewell' her husband was seized in time of peace in the time of Edward the now King, taking therefrom the profits etc. And that the said William gave it to her in dower at the church door as that which he could give in dower. That such is her right the said Isabel offers etc. The aforesaid Ralf (sic) comes and denies the force and right of the said I. and proposes an exception, saying that he does not hold the whole tenement from which that rent issues. The court says this is so, wherefore her writ is lost and the said Isabel is in mercy for her unjust plea and the said R. has withdrawn quit.

It is presented that Nicholas Grobbe is in mercy for false bread, twice; Ralf Tely, for the same, three times; William of Ston' for the same; Reginald the Miller for the same (blank); Nicholas son of Alexander for the same (blank); Thomas of Herunleye for the same; Ralf the Weaver for the same ale (sic); Ralf of Scheyle for the same; William Kyseben for the same.

18 Ed. I. b(3)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF SS TIBURTIUS AND VALERIAN 18 Ed I.  
(17 April 1290)

William of Schepeye v G. Louel; plea of trespass; essoined by William the Saltworker; the first time.

Alan son of Alan of Wyginton' seeks as next heir the rent formerly of Robert Scheth and asks for this to be verified by judgment of the court.

Juliana of Patingham v J. of Pyccheford and A. his wife; plea of land, whereof judgment is pending, essoined by N. Tresor; the first time.

John her son essoined v the same in same plea by N. Tely, the first time.

First essoins in similar form v the same for:-

Roger of Someresby, by John of Bollenhall.  
Said Roger, attorney of Alice his wife, by R. Donne.  
Ralf of Sprackeleye, by Roger le Taylour.  
Cecily his wife, by J. Le Sauoner.  
Henry of Bollenhull, by R. Broud.  
Denise his wife, by J. le Sauvage.

Henry son of Henry of Pattshull v J. le Repere; plea of trespass; essoined by William Tucke, the second time.

J. le Repere defendant in the said plea; essoined by N. Tresor, the second time.

Roger Grubbe appeared v John le Wyte; plea of trespass; he found pledges to prosecute, viz. John Togood and William Simond. The first gave security for his mercy because he did not produce him for whom he had stood pledge. The second distrained for the same reason.

The said Alan of Wyginton seeks by name of inheritance a tenement in Otewelle-strete of the tenement formerly of Robert Schethe late deceased.

John of Pyccheford and Alice his wife appeared against Juliana of Patingham and the others named in the writ of right, who have essoined themselves.

The tasters present that William Jon is in mercy for false bread, once; Richard of Schepeye for the same, once; Alice at the hall for short ale, once; William Here for the same, once; Roger Herbert for the same, once.



PORTMANMOOT COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE INVENTION OF  
HOLY CROSS 18 Ed. I. (8 May 1290).

William of Schepeye v G. Louel; plea of trespass; essoined by J. le Sannage, the second time.

Master John de la Tour complains v Nicholas Plou for trespass; pledge to prosecute, Walter of Scheth; Nicholas has not come, therefore etc.

Love-day is given between R.H. son of Nicholas the canon, plaintiff, and Robert the reeve (Messor') of Pericroft, defendant, until the next court, for appearance without any essoin. Each party is bound by pledge to keep to this. Pledge of H. Sir T. of Walashale, pledge of Robert, W. of Scheth.

Inquisition made on account of Alan son of Alan of Wyginton' seeking by name of inheritance a rent from the tenement of Robert Schethe late deceased, whose heir he has said he is, whereof inquest was elected; by W. of Ryngesdon', W. the merchant, Ralf of Hauntor', R. Tybet, H. the dyer and G. the merchant, who say upon their oath that Alan aforesaid of Wyginton is the true and next heir, wherefore seisin is given to him etc.

William Det appeared v Alun le Irmunger; plea of trespass; the latter was summoned and has not come. Therefore distrained.

Juliana of Patingham v J. of Pyccheford and A. his wife; plea of land whereof judgment is pending essoined by John of Bollenhull', the second time.

John her son v the same in same plea by N. Tresor, the second time.

Roger of Someresby for himself and for Alice his wife v the same by J. le Sauvage. (Challenged because essoined by one essoin when he ought to have had one for himself and another for himself as his wife's attorney)\*.

Ralf of Sprakesleye v the same in same plea essoined by R. Donne, the second time.

Second essoins in similar form for:-

Cecily his wife, by R. le Taylour.  
H. of Bollenhull' by J. the Salter.  
Denise his wife, by G. Louel.

Henry of Patteshull' v J. le Repere; plea of trespass; essoined by N. Tely, the third time.

Walter of Gumpyat' of common suit by G. Goddrych, the first time.

Agnes del Peck v J. Elyth; plea of trespass; essoined by William del Peck, the first time.

18 Ed. I. b(4)

Richard of Rothewell distrained because he took away an attachment from the place where it was kept, in contempt of the bailiffs.

John of Pyccheford and A. his wife appeared against Juliana of Patingham and the rest named in the suit, who have essoined themselves.

John Elych complained v Agnes del Peck; plea of land; has found pledges to prosecute, namely, Ralf Tely and W. of Stone. Agnes essoined herself.

Still as before Alan son of Alan of Wyginton' seeks as next heir a certain tenement and that this may be fully verified; wherefor the bailiffs have taken that tenement into the King's hands.

\* Interlineated.

John le Wyte has given surety for his mercy and has found pledge, William Simond.

Simon le Wyte gives and has quit-claimed to John his son and to his heirs or assigns all his land in Bradeford with seven acres of land and the third part of Stockwellemedwe and the third part of an acre of meadow in Beckemor and the third part of an acre of meadow in Caldefordmedwe; and because the said Simon did not have his own seal, therefore he used the seal of Richard Dun.

The tasters present Master R. of Cotenham for short ale, twice; Roger Tucke for the same, once; Anne of Hereford' for the same, once; Alice le Melemakere for the same once; Alice le Taylour for the same, once; William Det for one false loaf; Nicholas Grubbe for the same.

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PORTMANMOOT COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE MORROW OF HOLY TRINITY 18 Ed.I.  
(29 May, 1290)

Essoins

Alan le Irmunger' v William Det; plea of trespass; by N. Tely; first time.

William of Schepeye v G. Louel; plea of trespass; by R. Donne; third time.

Richard of Kayso v W. Juweth; plea of trespass; by J. le Sauvage; first time.

William Juweth complains v R. of Kayso; plea of trespass; pledges to prosecute, W. the merchant and .....\* Haunton. R. has essoined himself.

G. Louel appeared v W. of Schepeye; plea of trespass; W. essoined himself.

W. Det appeared v A. le Irmunger'; plea of trespass; A. essoined himself.

J. de la Tour appeared v N. Plou; plea of debt; N. Summoned did not appear; to be distrained.

Third essoins for the following:-

J. of Patingham v J. de Pyccheford and A. his wife; by J. le Sauvage.

John Lerson; by J. le Somoner.

R. of Somersby for himself and as attorney for his wife; by N. Tresor.

R. of Sprackeleye; by N. Tely.

Cecily his wife; by R. Schethe

H. of Bollenhull; by R. Donne.

Denise his wife; by J. of Bollenhull'.

John le Ropere, defendant v H. of Patteshull'; plea of trespass; essoined by T. of Harleston', first time.

G. Benneth v Simon le Wyte; plea of trespass; essoined by G. Louel; first time.

Agnes del Peck in mercy for the suit between her and J. Elyel; pledges, Henry son of J. the miller and J. Togod.

Appearances.

J. de Pyccheford and A. his wife v Juliana of Patingham and the rest named in the writ. They essoined themselves and thus it stands.

\* Photostat is folded here. The record can be read



Simon le Wyte defendant v G. Beneth plaintiff; plea of trespass;  
G. essoined; his pledges to prosecute, Ralf del Holt and Roger Gubbe.

H. of Pateshull' v J. le Ropere; plea of trespass; J. essoined.

William le Sauvouer' \*brought a writ of right v John Vitor for a certain  
tenement; John summoned to answer.

The tasters present that G. Wyne is in mercy for short ale, twice;  
Roger le Turnour for the same, once; Ralf of Cotenham for the same, thrice;  
John Ket for the same, once; Roger of St....eford, for the same, once;  
Henry le Melemaker' for not wanting the tasters to sample his ale; William  
of Stone for a false loaf.

PORTMANMOOT COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 18 Ed. I (19 June 1290)

Essoins

Gedffrey Louel v William of Schepeye; plea of trespass, by John le Savage;  
first time. William did not come; distrained.

Alan le Hirrenmonger v William Det; plea of trespass; by Geoffrey  
Sodrig'; second time.

Richard of Kayso v William Juet; plea of trespass; by William le Salter;  
second time.

William Iuet plaintiff (blank)

Appearances

William Det v Alan le Irremonger who essoined himself; trespass.

John de la Tour, by Walter of Senht (sic) v Nicholas Plout who did not  
come; distrained; debt.

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Essoins

Alice wife of John of Pinchford v Juliana of Patringham, John her son, Roger  
of Somerby, Alice his wife, Ralf of Sprackeley, Cecily his wife, and Henry of  
Bollenhull and Denise his wife; plea of dower; by Alan Schatoloc clerk; first  
time.

Henry of Pateshul v John le Ropere; plea of trespass; by John of  
Bollenhull (sic); first time.

Geoffrey Benet and Simon le Wyte have a love-day until the next court.

Nicholas Fine in mercy v Richard le Savage; pledge, Simon le Savage.

Henry le Canwile has not come; distrained.

John Vitor summoned by witnesses.

Peter le Mower is in disagreement with Gregory le Mercer.

The tasters present that Walter le Brauker is in mercy for false bread;  
Hugh the smith for the same; William Kissebeu for the same; John of Wikeford  
for the same; Cook the miller for bad ale; Herne le Hayward for ale (brewed)  
against the assize.

\* i.e. the soaper.

PORTMANMOOT COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE TRANSLATION  
OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR 18 Ed. I (10 July 1290)

Essoins

Juliana of Patingham v John of Pyccheford and Alice his wife; plea of land whereof judgment is pending, by N. Tely; first time.

John her son in same; by Robert Scheth; first time. Also first essoins in same for the following:-

Roger of Somersby by Nicholas Tresor.

The said Roger, as attorney for Alice his wife; by R. Donne.

Ralf of Sprackesleye by John the saltworker.

Cecily his wife by John of Bollenhull.

Henry of Bollenhull by G. Louell.

Denise his wife; by John le Sauvage.

H. of Pateshull v John le Ropere; plea of trespass; by Robert of Haunton; second time.

Appearances

John of Pyccheford and Alice his wife v Juliana of Patingham and the others named in the writ; plea of land whereof judgment is pending; the said Alice has come and guaranteed her essoin of the last court.

John le Ropere v H. of Pateshull who has essoined himself; plea of land.

William son of G. le Salter' v John Vitor; plea of land; John was summoned by witnesses; therefore distrained.

Essoins

Alan le Irmunger v William Det; plea of trespass, by John le Sauvage; third time.

(Richard of Kayso v Walter Inweth; plea of trespass; by John le Savage third time)\*.

Appearances

(William Inweth plaintiff v R. of Kayso; plea of trespass.....)\*.

William Det plaintiff v Alan le Irmunger; plea of trespass; Alan essoined himself .....

At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given until the next court between Ralf De ..ville plaintiff and Ralf (Tegtor?).....

G. Louel plaintiff appeared v William of Schepeye; plea of trespass.....

Walter of Wicesbrugge plaintiff appeared v ..... did not come, therefore distrained.

(Alan) Cokes plaintiff appeared v ..... Philip Marmiun.....

Walter of Scneth ..... Nicholas Plou; plea of debt. Nicholas, many times summoned, has not appeared; distrained.

The tasters present ..... for short ale; Reginald the reeve (messor) for breaking the assize; Geoffrey the miller..... Walter of Ruggeleye, for breaking the assize once.

\* Struck through.

PORTMANMOOT COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. JAMES THE  
APOSTLE 18 Ed. I (31 July 1290)

Essoins

G. Louel v W. of Schepeye; plea of trespass; by J. le Sauvage; first time.

Ralf of Haunton' v J. le Sceler; plea of disagreement between them; by William of Haunton'; first time.

William Deth v Alan le Irmunger'; plea of trespass; by Robert Goddrych'; first time.

At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given until the next court between Walter of Wickesbrugg' plaintiff and Matthew the merchant (mercator)\* then to come without essoin unless they have come to an agreement. Pledge for Walter, G. Coket; pledge for Matthew, Adam le Fabur.

The same Walter appeared v Henry le Caumuil; plea of trespass; Henry summoned, has not come; distrained.

Walter of Scneth, attorney of J. de la Tour, appeared v Nicholas Plou plea of debt; Nicholas summoned many time has not appeared; distrained.

At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given until the next court between Adam Coket plaintiff and Ralf of Haunton'.

Ralf le Caumuil' gave security for his mercy for trespass v Ralf the Weaver (textorem).

William of Schepeye came and remedied his past defaults and found pledges, A le Irmunger' and W. of Coleshull'.

Mariot, relict of Thomas of Lilleburn' brought a writ of right for land v Maud daughter of W. Wareman; pledges to prosecute, as in writ.

Nicholas of Stodleye gave security for his mercy for slaughtering a bull against the assize. Pledges, Alan of Gumpyat and Ralf le Pelter'.

The said Walter of Wickesbrug' appeared v H. le Caumuil', plea of trespass; H. did not come; distrained.

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Essoins

Juliana of Patingham v John of Pycheford and Alice his wife; plea of land whereof judgment is pending; by Richard of Neel the second time.

Second essoins in same case for:-

John her son by G. Louel.

Roger of Someresbi by John of Bollenhull'.

the same Roger, as attorney of Alice his wife, by John le salter.

Ralf of Sprackesley by R. Donne.

Cecily his wife by N. Tresor.

Henry of Bollenhull by J. le Sauvage.

Denise his wife by N. Tely.

The said John of Pycheford v the same by John le Sceler'; the first time.

Alice his wife appeared v the aforesaid named in the writ, who has essoined themselves. Thus it stands (as before).

\* le Mercer under court of 21 Aug 1290

Henry of Pateshull' essoined v J. le Ropere; plea of trespass; by J. of Bollenhull'; the third time.

William son of G. le Salnor' appeared v J. Vitor; plea of land; J. was distrained simply and has not come; to be better distrained.

Richard le Paumer' gave security for his mercy for taking toll, not being licensed or sworn.

The said Mariot who was the wife of T. of Lilleburn' brought a writ of right v Maud daughter of W. Warman and has found pledges to prosecute.

The tasters present Adam Coket, R. le Venor, R. the dyer (Fingtor) H. the smith, N. of Stodleye, N. the carpenter, in mercy for short ale; 'Edenia' of Cotes, in mercy for breaking the assize; all the following for the same:- Henry Cock, once; Ralf le Waleys, once; Felise Matheu, once; William Neel once; Nicholas Grubbe, once; Isabel at the cross, once; William of Rugeleye, once; Juliana of Patingham; Isabel of Rothewell'; Alan Payn, once; Robert Hemeri, Henry of Cosseby, once; Ranulf of Wycch', once; H. le Melemaker'; Richard Kemp, once; Roger Herbert for short ale; 'Elysonus' the smith for assize (broken); R. Tely for a loaf; R. le Reve; Richard of Schepeye for two loaves; G. of Schepeye for one loaf; Reginald the miller for one loaf; J. at the hall for assize etc.; R. le Wyse, Alice le Taylur, Reginald the hayward; R. Fricke, R. le Turner, W. Tolone, R. the miller, H. the dyer, W. Wareman, J. at the copse (spina); R. Tucke, R. le Vilers and H. Huch.... for the same.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
18 Ed. I (21 Aug. 1290)

#### Staffords

#### Essoins

(Third essoins for Juliana of Patingham and seven others v John of Pycheford as under court of 31 July 1290).

John Vytor v William son of Geoffrey le Saltere; plea of land; by Robert Godrych; the first time.

#### Appearances

William son of Geoffrey le Saltere v John Vytor who has essoined himself. Thus it stands.

John of Pycheford and Alice his wife v Juliana of Patingham and the others aforesaid who have essoined themselves.

Henry of Pateshull' has given security for default in trespass v John le Ropere; pledges, Henry Slyoth and Robert Juweth.

No action taken here as to the writs issued v Maud daughter of William Wareman at the last court because no immediate pledges were found for the prosecution. To be summoned before the next court.

William of Schepeye essoined v Geoffrey Louel; plea of trespass; by Nicholas Tresor; the first time.

(At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given)\* until the next court between John le Seler' plaintiff and Ralf of Haunton; plea of trespass.

(the same love-day between Walter of Weyebrugge)\* plaintiff and Matthew le Mercer as above.

#### Appearances

William Deth v Alan le Iremonger'; plea of trespass; W. made pleading in form of law; Alan in defence gave security for his mercy of 4d; pledges William of Ryngesdon' and William Juweth

Walter of Sneth, attorney of J. de la Tour v Nicholas Plou; plea of debt; N. many times summoned, therefore distrained.

The tasters present John Vitor in mercy for short ale; Roger Herbert, Ralf Venor, Joan, relict of Gilbert Hacket, for the same; Maud Slorcok' for breaking the assize; William Telue, for short ale; Nicholas son of Eckus for a false loaf; the same Nicholas for short ale.

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PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED MARY  
18 Ed. I (11 Sept 1290)

Staffords

Essoins

Geoffrey of Schepeye v Ralf Tely; plea of trespass; by J. le Sanner; first time.

.....\* v William le Sauwmer"; plea of land; by Ralf Donne; second time.

Henry del H.....\*; of common suit by Alan the smith; first time.

Adam Schethe brought a writ of right v Alan son of Alan of Wiginton' and has found pledges to prosecute; A. summoned to be at next court.

Mariot relict of Th. of Tunstal (sic) appeared v Maud daughter of William Warman; plea of land; Maud summoned, has not come; therefore summoned by witnesses.

William Paumer appeared v John Fitor; plea of land.

William le Mercer and John Ket have a day to agree (diem concordandi); pledges of W, Roger Drake and J. Yarkeduck; pledges of J., Ranulf Ket and R. of Haunton'.

John of Picheford and Alice his wife came in full court and there granted and acknowledged that they have no right in all those tenements which Juliana of Patingham, John her son, Roger of Somerisby, and Alice his wife, and the others named in the writ hold in Tamworth which were formerly of Richard Schethe, former husband of the said Alice. And especially the said Alice withdrew from her writ and of her own free will swore that she would never henceforth in any manner demand or challenge any right or claim to the aforesaid tenements. And for this acknowledgement the aforesaid Juliana and the others named have given to John and Alice his wife 10s. payable one moiety at the feast of St. Martin and the other moiety at the Nativity of the Lord. Pledges, Richard Dun and Henry the Miller.

William of Schepeye and Geoffrey Louel have a day to agree until the next court.

Mariot, relict of Thomas of Tunstal appeared v Maud daughter of William Warman, who, summoned, did not come; therefore summoned by witnesses.

Osbert son of Geoffrey Crouder' brought a writ of right v Geoffrey Wyne and has found pledges to prosecute. G. summoned to the next court.

The tasters present Robert son of Juliana in the churchyard<sup>+</sup> for small ale; the wife of Gilbert Hacket for a false loaf; Reginald le Messer for small ale; William Telue, Maud le Seler, Robert Heneri, for the same; William Kysbew for a false loaf; Henry Elyot for small ale; Isabel Ho(n)nyng for a false loaf.

\* Roll creased. Original could be read.

/ "Challenged" in margin.

+ 'cytia' ? cymeteria

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COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL ENDING 18 Ed.I  
(2 Oct 1290)

John Victor essoined v William son of Geoffrey le Saltere; plea of land; by John le Sauvage; third time.

Ralf Tely plaintiff appeared v G. of Schepeye; plea of trespass; G. essoined at the last court has not now appeared, distrained, and William of Schepeye his pledge is in mercy (4d) for not producing him; W. came and gave security for his mercy, pledges, W. of Colleshull' and R. of Haunton'.

William son of G. le Salter' appeared v John Vitor; plea of land; J. essoined as before; thus it stands.

Ralf of Haunton' pledge of W. of Schepeye is in mercy because he did not come as he ought.

The said William of Schepeye came and gave security to make amends v R. Tely; pledges, W. of Colleshull' and R. of Haunton.

Adam Scheth appeared v Alan son of Alan of Wyginton'; plea of land; Alan now summoned by witnesses.

Mariot relict of Thomas of Tonstal' appeared v Maud daughter of W. Wareman; plea of land; Maud was summoned by witnesses; now distrained.

William le Mercer defendant v John Ket in a plea of trespass essoined because ill; by Robert son of (n)orman\* first time.

John Ket v William le Mercer; plea of trespass; essoined by William of Haunton; first time.

Gilbert of Schepeye gave security for his mercy of 6d on account of the suit pending between him and G. Louel; pledges, W. of Colleshull' and G Louel.

Mariot relict of T. of Tonestal appeared v Maud daughter of W. Wareman; plea of land; Maud summoned by witnesses; now distrained.

Osbert son of G. le Crouder' appeared v Geoffrey Wyne; plea of land; G. was summoned simply (simpliciter) now summoned by witnesses.

Walter of Scneth attorney of John de la Tour, essoined v Nicholas Plou; plea of debt; N. summoned and called did not come, therefore etc.

Adam Coket has found pledges to prosecute v Henry le Caumuil in plea of trespass; Roger Kempe and John le Irmunger'; Henry summoned, has not come. Therefore etc.

The tasters present Agnes Kentreth in mercy for short ale, Amice of Herfod, Joan Hacketh, and Margery Starcy for the same.

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COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE EVANGELIST  
18 Ed. I (23 Oct 1290)

Henry of Wynton' has found pledges to prosecute v John Vitor in a plea of trespass; namely, John le Ken and Nicholas Grobbe. Henry has come and given security for the mercy for each and has found pledges, namely (blank)

\* Possibly 'Slorman'



William son of G. le Saltere appeared and seeks v John Vitor one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth, whereof he says that Nicholas son of H. Wardeyn kinsman of G. le Saltere father of the said William was possessed (vestitus) in the time of peace etc. in the time of King Henry father of the now King etc., taking therefrom the issues to the value of a half mark etc. The said Nicholas died without an heir of his body and he died seised; and the fee and lordship (i.e. title) ought to revert to a certain Walter le Saltere as uncle, being brother of the aforesaid H. father of the aforesaid Nicholas. From the said Walter the right has descended to a certain Geoffrey le Saltere as son and heir, and from the said Geoffrey the right has descended to William who now claims. That such is his right etc.

The aforesaid J. comes and denies the right of William etc. and has asked for a view of the land. Day is given for the view on Sunday next following.

Adam Scheth appeared v Alan of Wyginton in a plea of land; Alan was summoned by witnesses; now distrained.

Mariot relict of T. of Lilleburn' appeared v Maud daughter of W. Wareman; plea of land; Maud was distrained simply, now to be better distrained.

Ralf Tely plaintiff appeared v G. of Schepeye; plea of trespass; G. has not come; distrained.

William Keling of Wyginton' and Alice of Bradeford distrained for (not doing) common suit.

At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given until the next court between Ralf Tely plaintiff and G. of Schepeye, to come without essoin. (Pledges of) G. of Schepeye W. of Colleshull' and W. of Schepeye.

John Ket essoined v William the mercer in a plea of trespass; by Robert son of Maud, the second time.

Adam Coket essoined v H. le Caumuile in a plea of trespass by N. Tresor, the first time.

John of Yarkedych attorney of Osbert son of G. le Crouder', appeared v G. Wene; plea of land. G. Wene summoned by witnesses has not come; distrained.

Mariot who was wife of T. of Tonestal appeared v Maud daughter of William Wareman; plea of land. Maud was distrained; to be better distrained.

Walter of Scneth, attorney of John de la Tur, has not come although distrained and the said Nicholas (Plou) is quit.

Henry le Caumuile distrained to answer Adam Coket.

John of Wycford has found pledges to prosecute v W. Det in a plea of trespass; John of Schepeye and Reginald the hayward; William summoned.

The tasters present Henry of Bedenham in mercy for a false loaf; John of Wycford for the same; Margery Storci for short ale; Richard of Scheyle for the same.

Adam of Dedinton' is received into the livery of Thamworth and into a tithing as free burgess and he will give 2s; pledges R. Tucke and W. Wareman.

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GREAT COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. MARTIN THE BISHOP  
ENDING 18 Ed. I (13 Nov 1296)

The frankpledge, sworn, say that Richard Kempe unjustly raised the hue and cry against Nicholas Togood; wherefore he is in mercy.

Item they say that Nicholas of Scnypeston' unjustly attacked one ox of Robert Abel of Amynton' and unjustly kept it against the assize. They say also that the bailiff of the town sequestrated that beast (averium) in the King's name and that Nicholas took it away during sequestration in contempt of the bailiff, wherefor the maid-servant of Ellis son of Ralf justly raised the hue and cry against him. Therefore Nicholas is in mercy, and the bailiff is ordered to take the beast into the King's hands until other action be taken.

Roger Gobbe, sworn frankpledge, is in mercy for suit at the great court.

Nicholas of Scnypeston' in mercy for common suit.

Item they say that William of Colleshull' is accustomed to slaughter unclean animals (bestes imund') against the assize and to keep much slaughtered flesh for three or four days without selling it; wherefor he is suspended from selling all flesh for a year and a day.

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They say also that Joan Bretun has unjustly raised the hue and cry against John of Pyccheford, wherefor she is in mercy.

Item they say that John Ket unjustly battered Agnes daughter of Ralf of Haunton' wherefor the said Agnes justly raised the hue and cry against him; wherefor he is in mercy, and he has come and given surety namely William Juweth and Ralf the dyer'.

Margery (Duck) justly raised the hue and cry against Maud le Duck'; therefore Maud in mercy.

The wife of William Peccher' justly raised the hue and cry against Richard le Duck'; therefore Richard is in mercy.

Alice wife of Robert le Wyse justly raised the hue and cry against the hayward of Pyricroft.

John Ket and Andrew Ket his brother slaughtered a black bull against the assize.

They say that William of Colleshull is accustomed to sell flesh full of worms, putrid and diseased (vermiculosam, putridatam et leprosam); therefore he is in mercy.

They say that Roger Kempe slaughtered a bull against the assize, therefore he is in mercy.

They say that Adam Coket slaughtered a bull against the assize therefore (blank).

They say that Asplon the cobbler unjustly raised the hue and cry against the whole community, contrary to the assize, therefore he is in mercy. He has come and given surety for the mercy.

They say that William of Schepeye is rebellious and opposed to the community of the town. He was sworn of the community and has broken his oath and disclosed the counsels and secrets of the town and does not justify himself before the assize of bakers. Whereupon Ralf of Haunton tithingman has come and asked for a hearing of his tithing, which, having heard the name of the said William, rejected him and did not wish to admit him henceforth into the tithing on account of his rebellion against the community of the town and because he was sworn of the community and did not wish to conceal the counsels and secrets of the town, and is not submissive to jurisdiction (non est justiciabilis).

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COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. MARTIN THE BISHOP  
ENDING 18 Ed. I (13 Nov 1290)

Essoins

Walter of Gumpyate, of common suit, by G. Goddrych, the first time.

Maud daughter of William Wareman v Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburne; plea of rent; by John le Sauvage; first time.

John Vitor v William the salter; plea of land after the view; by W. Wareman; first time.

Appearances

Adam Schethe plaintiff (petens) v A. of Wyginton'; plea of land; A. of W. was distrained simply; to be better distrained.

William le Saltere, plaintiff v J. Vitor; plea of land, J. essoined and thus is stands.

Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburne v Maud daughter of W. Wareman; plea of rent; Maud essoined.

At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given until Sunday next following between Ralf Tely plaintiff and G. of Schepeye. G. came and gave security for his mercy and found pledges, William his father and W. Neel.

William Keling and Alice of Bradeford distrained as before for common suit of court.

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Maud daughter of W. Wareman v Mariot who was the wife of Thomas of Lilleburne'; plea of land and rent; essoined by John le Sauvage; first time.

John Ket has found pledges to prosecute v Ralf of Cotenham clerk; plea of trespass; namely William Juweth and Andrew Ket. Ralf summoned, has not come; distrained.

John of Yarkedych, attorney of Osbert son of Geoffrey le Crouder' appeared v G. Wyne; plea of land; G. was distrained simply and has not come; to be better distrained.

John of Wycford appeared v William Ket; plea of trespass; W. summoned, has not come; distrained.

Memorandum that Juliana Iggald borrowed the seal of Richard Dun to seal the deed of Robert of Wytacre concerning a chamber with curtilage adjacent let to him for term of 12 years. Robert her son borrowed the seal of W. Warman to do the same.

The tasters present Henry of Bodenham in mercy for short ale; G. of Schepeye for the same; John Bretun for breaking the assize; William Plouwe for one loaf, once; Bartholomew del Lee for the same.

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COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE  
BEGINNING 19 Ed. I (4 Dec 1290)

Essoins

John Vitor v W. son of G. le Saltere; plea of land after the view; by Nicholas le Sauvage; second time.

Nicholas of Scnypeston', defendant, v Robert Abel; plea of land; by Nicholas Toly (clerk?) second time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman v Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburne'; plea of rent; by Nicholas Tresor; second time.

Alan of Wyginton' v Adam Schethe; plea of land; by Thomas Dun; first time.

#### Appearances

William son of G. le Saltere v J. Vitor; plea of land; J. essoin; thus it stands.

Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburne'; plea of rent; (Maud) essoined; thus it stands.

Adam Schethe v Alan of Wyginton', plea of land; Alan twice distrained; now essoined; thus it stands.

Robert Abel of Amynton' v Nicholas of Scnypeston'; plea of trespass; Nicholas essoined; Robert challenged the essoin because Nicholas made default at the last court. Moreover Nicholas found pledges, Geoffrey Coket and John of Markedych for his appearance at this court. Robert Abel challenged his essoin as before; wherefor the court decreed that this essoin does not lie after the default. Therefore the two pledges are in mercy for not producing Nicholas and he is to be put to better pledges.

William Wareman plaintiff found pledges to prosecute v W. of Coleshull; plea of trespass; H. le Wyse and Richard (Amote?); at the prayer of the parties a love-day is given them until the next court, to come without essoin unless they shall have agreed.

W. Juweth has found pledges to prosecute v G. of Sutton; plea of trespass; Roger of Cumberford and W. Wareman.

William of Colleshull asked for a love-day between the commonalty of the town and himself as to his suspension from selling flesh; granted.

#### Warwicks

Maud daughter of William Wareman v Mariot who was wife of T. of Lilleburn'; plea of land; (essoined) by N. Tresor; second time.

G. Wyne v Osbert le Crouder'; plea of land; by G. of Sutton; first time.

Mariot (etc. as above) appeared v Maud (etc. as above) who essoined herself; thus it stands.

John of Yarkedych, attorney of Osbert son of G. le Croudere, appeared v G. Wyne; plea of land; G. Wyne essoined; thus it stands.

John Ket appeared v Ralf of Cotenham; plea of trespass; Ralf distrained as before.

John of Wycford appeared v William Det; plea of trespass; William distrained as before.

The tasters present Henry of Bodenham in mercy for short ale, thrice; G. Wyne for the same, once; John of B..... for a false loaf, once; ..... for short ale; Agnes del Peck for short ale; Maud Sclorecock for the same.

COURT OF THAMWORTH, ON THE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 19 Ed. I.  
(Monday 25 Dec 1290)

Essoins

John Vitor v W. le Saltere; plea of land after the view; by Ralf Broud; third time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman v Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburn'; plea of rent; by G. Goddrych; third time.

Appearances

Robert Abel of Amynton' v Nicholas of Scnypeston'; plea of trespass; Nicholas made default before, still distrained as before.

W. son of G. le Saltere v J. Vitor; plea of land; J. essoined and thus it stands.

Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburne' v Maud daughter of W. Wareman; plea of rent; Maud essoined and thus it stands.

Adam Scheth plaintiff v Alan of Wyginton'; plea of land; Alan has made default, therefore let the land be taken into the King's hands.

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Essoins

Maud daughter of W. Wareman v Mariot of Lilleburn'; plea of land; by G. Goddrych; third time.

G. Wyne v Osbert son of G. Crouder clerk; plea of land; by N. Tely; second time.

Ralf of Cotenham clerk v J. Ket; plea of land; by Henry Bene; first time.

Still, as before, a love-day is given between W. Wareman, plaintiff, and W. of Coleshull until the next court, without essoins, unless they shall have come to agreement.

COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY (AFTER) THE FEAST OF ST. HILARY THE BISHOP  
19 ED. I (15 Jan 1291)

Essoins

Nicholas of Scnypeston' v Robert Abel of Amyngton; plea of trespass; annulled because it does not lie.

William son of G. le Saltere v J. Vitor; plea of land after the view; by John his son; first time.

Adam Schethe plaintiff v Alan son of Alan of Wyginton; plea of land; by Simon his son; first time.

Appearances

John Victor defendant, v W. le Saltere; plea of land; W. essoined and thus it stands.

Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburn' seeks v Maud daughter of W. Wareman the third part of 6s and 8d worth of rent with appurtenances in Thamworth as right of dower, whereof she says that Thomas of Lilleburn' her husband dowered her at the church door as that (rent) of which he could so dower her. That such is her right she offers herself etc.

Maud daughter of William Wareman comes and denies the right of the said Mariot etc. when etc. and says that she ought not to be held to answer the aforesaid Mariot nor the writ because the writ is faulty when it says that Mariot seeks against the said Maud the third part of 6s. 8d. because Mariot is not her right <sup>name</sup>. As to this exception each party puts herself upon inquest of the court, which says that it is her right name. Furthermore, the aforesaid Maud has asked for a view of that tenement from which that rent issues and Mariot has alleged by statute that there should not be a view. The court decreed that there ought to be a view and appointed a day on Sunday next following.

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William of Coleshull' came and gave security for his mercy in the suit which has arisen between him and W. Wareman, and he has found pledge, Robert Juweth.

At prayer of the parties a love-day is given between Robert Abel of Amynton' plaintiff and N. of Scnypeston' until the next court. Nicholas distrained by grand distress.

Walter of Wickesbrug' has found pledges to prosecute v Walter of Gumpyate'; plea of trespass; Richard le Paumer' and William Wareman; Walter of G. summoned.

Emma and Mar' of Gumpyat' have found pledges to prosecute v Walter of Gumpyat'; plea of trespass; Reginald (Cl)ode and Geoffrey his brother; Walter of G. summoned.

#### Warwicks

Essoins

John Ket v Master Ralf of Cotenham; plea of trespass; by G. Louel; first time.

Ralf of Cotenham v same J. in same plea; by T. Bougant; second time.

Geoffrey Wyne v Osbert son of G. le Crudere; plea of land; by J. of Bollenhull'; third time.

Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburn' seeks v Maud daughter of William Wareman the third part of two parts of two messuages and the third part of 6d worth of rent with appurtenances in Thamworth as right of dower (etc. as above. The case is in the same form verbatim as the case for the third part of 6s. 8d. worth of rent). The court decreed that there ought to be a view and appointed a day to view the land as before.

John of Wicford appeared v William Det in a plea of trespass; William did not come, therefore as before.

The tasters present Walter le Braucker in mercy for one false loaf.

COURT HELD ON MONDAY NEXT (AFTER) THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 19 ED I (5 Feb 1291)

Essoins

Alan son of Alan of Wyginton' v Adam Schethe; plea of land; by J. le Sannage; first time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman v Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburn'; plea of rent; by Alan of Gumpyat'; first time.

John Vitor v William son of G. le Salter'; plea of land; by G. Louel first time.



Walter of Gumpyat' v Walter of Wycbrugg'; plea of trespass; by William son of Thomas le Ken; first time.

#### Appearances

Adam Schethe plaintiff v A. son of A. of Wyginton; plea of land; the latter essoined and thus it stands.

Mariot (etc. as above) v Maud (etc. as above); plea of rent; Maud essoined and thus it stands.

William son of G. le Salter' v John Vitor; plea of land; Join essoined and thus it stands.

Walter of Wyckesbrug v Walter of Gumpyat'; plea of trespass; the latter essoined and thus it stands.

It is decreed by the whole court that Robert Abel of Amynton' may withdraw quit from his complaint against N. of Scnypeston' and Nicholas is distrained for his amercement.

Walter of Gumpyat' is in mercy for the complaint v Emma and Mar'; pledges, John le Teygturer and Alan of Gumpyat'.

Ralf son of Peter of Marham has given up and quit claimed to Henry son of Nicholas the miller the fifth part of one half-burgage of land with appurtenances in Thamworth which he had by right and inheritance of Maude of Marham his mother as appears by a charter of enfeoffment.

Geoffrey Coket has enfeoffed and quit-claimed to William Thelone for 4 marks whereof he has been satisfied in advance (premainbus) one place of land with the buildings thereon and other its appurtenances in Thamworth in Co. Warwick opposite the gate of the churchyard containing 10 ft. in width and an equal length as the next neighbours have.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman v Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburn'; plea of land after view; essoined by A. of Gumpyat'; the first time.

John of Yarkedych, attorney of Osbert son of G. le Crudder', appeared v W. Wyne; plea of land. W. did not come therefore let the land which is sought in the writ be taken into the King's hands.

John Ket plaintiff appeared v Ralf of Cotenham clerk; plea of trespass; Ralf has not come; therefore distrained; Again a love-day is given until the next court at the prayer of both parties.

John of Wycford plaintiff appeared v W. Det; plea of trespass; W. did not come; etc.

The tasters present Dulcie wife of Henry son of H. the smith for false bread; Richard Kempe for breaking the assize and for short ale; Roger Bondy for short ale; Reginald le Wareyner' for the same.

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COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE 19 Ed. I.  
(26 Feb 1291)

#### Essoins

J. Vitor v William son of G. le Saltere; plea of land after the view; by J. le Sauvage; second time.

The said William; same plea; by J. his brother; the first time.

Alan son of Alan of Wyginton' v Adam Scheth'; plea of land; by Alan of Gumpyat'; second time.

Walter of Gumpyat' v Walter of Wixbrugge; plea of trespass; by William Tucke; first time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman v Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburn'; plea of rent; by G. Goddrych; second time.

#### Appearances

Mariot (etc. as above); Maud essoined and thus it stands.

Adam Schethe plaintiff v A. son of A. of Wyginton'; plea of land; A. essoined and thus it stands.

Walter of Wixbrygge v Walter of Gumpyat'; plea of trespass; the latter essoined and thus it stands.

Walter Neel brought a writ of right<sup>\*</sup> v Henry son of Robert Cock' and Maud his wife concerning one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth; the defendants are summonsd.

#### Warwicks

G. Louel essoined v J. of Yarkedych; plea of trespass; by N. Tely; first time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman (etc. as above); plea of land and rent; by Geoffrey Goddrych; second time.

John of Yarkedych, attorney of Osbert son of G. le Cruder, appeared and seeks v G. Wyne 50 ft of land in length and (2) feet in breadth with appurtenances in Thamworth, whereof he says he was possessed and seised in the time of peace in the time of Edward now King, taking therefrom the issues etc.

G. Wyne came and denied the right of Osbert and his seisin, when and where etc. and has asked for a view of the tenement and a day is appointed on Sunday next following.

John of Yarkedych, plaintiff, has found pledges to prosecute v G. Louel in a plea of trespass; Simon le Sauvage and Richard le Paumer. G. has found pledges to answer; H. of Cossby and W. of Colleshull'.

The tasters present Agnes le Hunte in mercy for short ale; T. le Sotler for breaking the assize; John le Tyctor for short ale; Adam Scheth for the same; John le Ken miller for the same; 'Bette' for one false loaf; Adam of Dedinton'.

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COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT THE ABBOT  
19 Ed. I (19 March 1291)

#### Essoins

Geoffrey Louel v J. of Yarkedych; trespass; by A. of Gumpyat'; first time.

G. Wyne v Osbert son of G. le Crudere; land after the view; by J. le Sauvage; first time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman (etc. as before); land and rent after the view; by William Tucke clerk; third time.

Robert le Wyse has found pledges to prosecute v John at the hall; Alfred his brother and Robert le Mouner of Freseleye.

\* Attached to roll 19-20 Ed I.

/ Written "Mou"

## Appearances

J. of Yarkedych, plaintiff, v G. Louel; plea of trespass; G. essoined and thus it stands.

Same J., attorney of G. son of G. le Crudere; plea of land.

Mariot (etc. as above); Maud essoined and thus it stands.

William Wareman v John at the hall; plea of trespass; J. summoned, has not come; distrained.

## Staffordshire

### Essoins

John Togog, of common suit, by Nicholas Brung clerk; the first time.

Maud (etc. as before) v Mariot (etc. as before); plea of rent; by John le Sauvage; third time.

Alan son of A. of Wyginton v Adam Schethe; plea of land; by G. Louel; third time.

John Vitor v William son of G. le Saltere; plea of land after the view; by A. of Gumpyat'; third time; pledge A. Schethe because he did not appear in form of law. ('Challenged' in margin).

William Neel, plaintiff, appeared v Henry Cock' and Maud his wife; plea of land; they were summoned and have not come; therefore to be summoned by witnesses.

Walter of Gumpyat' waged his law v Walter of Wyxbrug' that he did not attack the house of the said Walter in the dusk of the evening on Sunday after the feast of St. Hilary (14 Jan) in the year abovesaid with knife or stones or any other arms, and that he did not unjustly attack or break the door, windows or walls at the time stated. Moreover he waged his law against the same that on Saturday next after the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary in the said year (3 Feb) in the market of Thamworth he did not call the same Walter a thief and rascal. Pledges for the law, Robert Juweth and William of Colleshull'.

The tasters present Adam of Dadinton' in mercy for one false loaf; twice; Ralf the reeve for one false loaf; first time.

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COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. AMBROSE 19 Ed. I  
(9 April 1291)

### Essoins

Walter of Gumpyat'; v Walter of Wyckebrug'; wager of law; by G. Louel; first time.\*

Roger Gubbe, of common suit; by T. son of R. Dun; first time.

John Eleoth, of common suit; by Ralf of Tonestal clerk; first time.

Henry le Hemer, of same; by R. Godrych; first time.

Alan Payn, of same; by J. Sauvage; first time.

\* 'Challenged' in margin.

Mariot (etc. as before) appeared v Maud (etc. as before) and seeks against the same the third part of 6s. 8d rent with appurtenances in Thamworth (etc. as under 15 Jan 1291).

Maud comes and denies the right of the aforesaid Mariot when etc. and where etc. And she vouches to warrant the said rent a certain Thomas son and heir of T. of Lilleburn' deceased by a certain charter made thereon. Wherefore the court decreed that the said T. be summoned to the next court.

Adam son of William Scheth of Thamworth seeks against Alan son of Alan of Wyginton' two messuages with appurtenances in Thamworth whereof he says he was possessed and seized in time of peace in the time of Edward now King, taking therefrom the issues in allowance of houses etc. to the value of half mark. That such is his right, the said Adam offers himself where etc. and when etc.

The aforesaid Alan comes and denies the force and tort and right of the said Adam where etc. And he has asked for a view of the said two messuages. The said Adam comes and says that there ought not to be view because the aforesaid two messuages were taken into the King's hands upon the default of the said Alan and Alan in his own person replevied the said two messuages. Wherefor the whole court decreed that he ought not to have a view. Afterwards the same Alan came and gave up the said two messuages and land to the said Adam, and put himself in mercy.

Walter of Wyxbrug' comes and seeks the law waged to him on the part of Walter of Gumpyat' and that Walter's essoin be annulled because he did not specify the plea in which the law was waged. The court condemned Walter of Gumpyat' to the whole of Walter of Wyxbrug's damages of 20s. and he is in mercy towards the bailiffs.

William Neel, plaintiff, appeared v Henry Cock and Maud his wife; plea of land; they were summoned by witnesses and have not come; to be distrained entirely.

Still W. son of G. le Saltere seeks v J. Vitor one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth' claiming (narrando) as he claimed at the court of the view of land.

J. came and denied the force and injury and has vouched by aid of the court H. the dyer (tygtorem) T. the dyer, H. of Wynton', Sir H. of Wycchenouer' heir of W. of Wycche, W. le Sauvage heir of S. le Sauvage, G. Coket, Sir H. Coket, chaplain, heir of A. Coket, J. Togood heir of A. Larie, whoever are the heirs of R. Haunton', R. Dun, and the whole community of the whole town of Thamworth. Wherefor the court decreed that all the vouches be summoned.

Robert Lumbard appeared v J. at the hall, Alfred his brother and Robert of Freseleye; plea of trespass; they have not come; distrained.

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R. Dun brought a writ of right v Richard Kempe concerning land, 200 ft. in length and 2 ft. in width, with appurtenances, of which Richard has deforced him; summoned.

Essoins

Robert of Freseleye v Robert son of Juliana la Wyse; plea of trespass; by R. of Aldonestre clerk; first time. (Margin:- Annulled).

G. Wyne v O. son of G. le Crudere; plea of land after the view; by A. of Gumpyat'; second time.

G. Louel v J. of Yarkedych; plea of trespass; by G. Godrych; third time.

Mariot (etc. as before) seeks v Maud (etc. as before) the third part of two parts of two messuages and the third part of 6d rent with appurtenances in Thamworth whereof she says that Thomas of Lilleburn' her second husband dowered her at the church door on the day of her marriage (etc. as before). Mariot vouched by aid of the court Thomas son of T. of Lilleburn' to warrant the whole of the petition; T. summoned.

J. of Yarkedych, attorney of O. son of G. le Crudere, appeared v G. Wyne; plea of land; G. essoined and thus it stands.

Same J. appeared v G. Louel; plea of trespass; G. essoined and thus it stands.

W. Wareman, plaintiff, appeared v J. at the hall; plea of trespass; he did not come; therefore etc.

The tasters present Bartholomew of Lee in mercy for false bread, twice; Dulcie wife of H. the smith for the same; Juliana at the cross for the same; Reginald le Messur for the same; the wife of N. le Wommon for short ale; W. Juweth for the same; H. son of Neman for the same.

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COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE APOSTLES SS PHILIP AND JAMES  
19 Ed. I. (30 April 1291)

Essoins

Roger Gubbe v Nicholas Fraunceys; plea of trespass; by Simon Schethe; first time.

John Vitor v William son of Gilbert le Saltere; plea of land (blank)

John Vitor who vouched H. the dyer (and 8 others as under 9 April and including Margery and Alice, daughters and heiresses of Alan Lery, and Alexander of Haunton) v William le Saltere; plea of land; by Henry his son; first time.

Maud daughter of William Wareman who vouched Thomas son of Thomas of Lilleburn to warrant; plea of dower and rent; by Alan of Gumpyat; first time.

John Elioth, of common suit, by Ralf of the castle, second time.

Appearances

Mariot who was the wife of Thomas of Lilleburn' v Maud (etc. as before) who essoined herself; thus it stands.

William le Saltere, plaintiff, v J. Vitor who essoined himself; plea of land, thus it stands.

John Vitor v Henry the dyer and the rest whom he had vouched to warrant in a plea of warranty by William of Waleshal'; they were summoned and have not come; to be summoned by witnesses.

Maud daughter of William Wareman who vouched Thomas son of Thomas of Lilleburn' in a plea of warranty by Geoffrey Louel; Thomas was summoned and has not come; to be summoned by witnesses.

William Neel, plaintiff, v Henry Cock and Maud his wife, who were distrained; they have not come; to be better distrained.

Roger Gubbe has found pledges to prosecute v N. Franceys; plea of trespass; W. of Prene and J. le Ken.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman who vouched T. son of T. of Lilleburn' to warranty in a plea of dower v Mar' of Tonestall, essoined by Alan of Gumpyat' ; first time.

The same Maud v T. son of T. of Lilleburn' in the same plea; by G. Louel; first time; he was summoned and has not come; to be summoned<sup>⌘</sup> by witnesses.

#### Staffords

Richard Dun and Maud his wife appeared v Richard Kempe; plea of land; he was summoned and has not come; to be distrained.

At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given between J. of Yarkedich, plaintiff, and G. Louel until the next court, to come without any essoin, unless they shall have agreed. Pledges of G., W. Wareman and W. Juweth.

Robert Lumbord appeared v J. at the hall, Alfred his brother and Robert of Freseleye; plea of trespass; J. was distrained by one black cow and Alfred and Robert by two carpets<sup>/</sup> and they have not appeared to plead; J. to be better distrained; Robert distrained by the same carpet to save his default v the bailiffs.

William Wareman appeared v J. at the hall; plea of trespass in which they have come to an agreement; J. in mercy; his pledges, Roger le Turner and J. of Arkedych.

G. Wyne came into full court and surrendered to J. of Yarkedych, attorney of Osbert son of G. Crudere of Thamworth 50ft of land in length and 2 ft in breadth which were sought against him by writ of right; he put himself in mercy; pledges W. Wareman and Robert Lumbord.

The tasters present W. Juweth in mercy for short ale.

COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. DUNSTAN, BISHOP  
19 Ed. I (21 May 1291)

#### Essoins

John at the hall v Robert Lumbard; trespass; by Nicholas Tresor; first time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman who vouched Thomas son of Thomas of Lilleburn' to warrant; dower, land and rent; by Simon Scheth, clerk; second time.

The said Maud v the said T. whom she vouched to warrant; plea of warrant of dower, land and rent; by G. Goddrych; second time.

Mariot (etc. as before) v the said Maud; dower; Maud essoined; thus it stands.

G. Louel came and waged his law for trespass made against J. of Yarkedych; pledge, W. Wareman.

Robert Lumbard, plaintiff, appeared v J. at the hall, Alfred his brother and Robert of Freseleye; trespass; J. Essoined, the others did not come; distrained as above.

#### Staffs

J. Vitor, who vouched Henry the dyer and the others named in the last court, essoined by R. Donne clerk; second time.

The same John v H. the dyer and the others named above; plea of warranty of land; essoined by G. Louel; second time.

⌘ Possibly "distrained and summoned"

/ or cloths (tapetum)



John of Bolenhull found Reginald of Elmhurst as pledge to prosecute v Jordan of Polesworth; plea of trespass; Jordan was attacked and found John his brother as pledge that he would produce a certain dog about which the plea had arisen, together with the warranty of the dog, at Thamworth on Saturday next following; on which day neither Jordan, the dog, nor the warranty appeared. The court decreed that Jordan be in mercy; he then came and saved his default by one blue cloth (pannum de bluete) that he would produce the dog and its warranty on the next Saturday immediately following. On that day the plaintiff appeared and Jordan came without the dog, wherefor the plaintiff took up his original plea\*. Therefore the court decreed that Jordan be in mercy for his default; pledge Roger of Overtan'. The court appointed a day for the parties on Sunday next following; Jordan came and gave surety to John for 12d for his damage, and for his dog. Pledge, Henry of Wychenover'

#### Essoins

Henry Cock v W. Neel; land; by Robert Scheth; first time.

Maud his wife v same; by J. le Sauvage; first time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman (in two pleas as before) essoined second time by G. Goddrych for the first plea and Simon Scheth for the second.

Nicholas Fraunceys v Roger Cobbe; trespass; by Robert le Hoster'; first time.

#### Appearances

William Neel, plaintiff, v H. Cock and Maud his wife; land; essoined and thus it stands.

Mariot who was the wife of Thomas of Lilleburn', plaintiff v Maud daughter of W. Wareman; essoined and thus it stands.

The tasters present Richard Dun in mercy for breaking the assize; Felise Matheu, Roger of Stretford, William of Ruggeleye, Henry le Wyse, Roger Tucke, Richard le Paumer', John at the hall, Joan Bretun and G. Coket, for the same; Simon of Wytare for a false loaf.

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COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY IN THE FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE 19 Ed. I.  
(11 June 1291)

#### Essoins

John at the hall v Robert Lumbard; trespass; by J. of Cotenham; second time.

Maud (etc. as before in two pleas) essoined third time by John le Sauvage and W. of Hilley; pledges for appearance, W. Wareman and R. of Cumberland.

Mariot (etc. as before) appeared; Maud essoined and thus it stands.

Robert Lumbard, plaintiff, appeared v John at the hall; trespass; essoined and thus it stands.

Robert of Wytacr', bailiff of Maud of Elynton found pledges in the name of his lady to prosecute v Richard son of William of Schepeye; trespass; namely Nicholas of S.....

\* sumpsit originem

William Wareman has found John of Wycford and Roger le Messur, pledges, to prosecute v Henry le Meylur; trespass; Henry was summoned and has not come; to be distrained.

### Staffs

#### Essoins

Henry Cock v W. Neel; land; by G. Louel, second time.

Maud wife of the same; by J. le Sauvage; second time.

John Vitor (as before in two pleas v H. the dyer and the others); by Roger of Cumberford and N. Tresor; third time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman (as before in two pleas); by W. of Billeye and N. Toly; third time.

#### Appearances

William Neel claimant v H. Cock and Maud his wife; land; essoined and thus it stands.

Mariot (etc. as before) v Maud daughter of W. Wareman; dower; essoined and thus it stands.

At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given until the next court between Roger Cubbe and Nicholas Fraunceys etc. Pledges, W. Neel and W. of Prene.

The tasters present J. Togod in mercy for false bread; Reginald le Mouner', W. Kysibun, Ranulf of Wychenor', W. of Midelton', W. of Schepeye, N. son of Alexander, T. of Horleye, Henry of Derby, John le Irmunger and Richard of Wycchenouer, for the same; Felise Matheu for short ale; W. Juweth for the same, twice; G. Wyne and Reginald le Messur for the same.

### GREAT COURT OF THANWORTH OF VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, THURSDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF HOLY TRINITY 19 Ed. I. (21 June 1291).

The frankpledge, sworn, say upon their oath that Agnes le Hunton' unjustly attacked the house of John le Hoser and struck Isabel his wife, and drew blood, wherefor Isabel, stricken with fear, justly raised the hue and cry against Agnes. Therefore Agnes, or Ralf her husband, is in mercy.

They say that Agnes le Ber' is only fit to renounce the community of the town unless she can find sure pledges to keep faith.

They say that Ellis (Elic') the relict of G. le Saltere received a certain woman against the assize who was outlawed by the community of the town, under pain of half a mark to be levied on the receiver. Therefore Ellis is in mercy.

They say that Maud Sclorecock' received Roger the Vintner of Leicester against the assize; therefore in mercy.

They say that William the servant of Sir William of Wycchenor' unjustly entered the house of Nicholas Fine and struck and maltreated his wife, therefore in mercy.

They say that Roger Gubbe unjustly and against the peace entered the house of Nicholas Frauncys, wherefor the said Nicholas and his maid-servant stricken with fear, raised the hue and cry against him; therefore in mercy; pledges, Henry son of N. the Miller and Henry Elyoth.

They say that Nicholas son of Alexander sells flesh full of blood and uncleansed against the assize; therefore in mercy.

They say that William of Colleshull' keeps fresh (i.e. unsalted) flesh four days and more against the assize; therefore in mercy; pledges, Geoffrey of Sutton' and Richard Kempe.

COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE APOSTLES SS PETER AND PAUL  
19 Ed. I. (2 July 1291)

### Staffs

#### Essoins

Henry Cok v William Nel; land; by Nicholas Toly, third time. Maud his wife; by G. Louel; third time. Pledges for their appearance, Simon le Sanage and John Togod.

Nicholas Fraunceys v Roger Gobbe; trespass; by William son of W. Nel; first time. (Margin: Does not lie because they granted that he should come (?) without an essoin)

#### Appearances

William Nel (in above plea); Henry and Maud essoined; thus it stands.

Roger Gobbe (in above plea); Nicholas essoined; thus it stands.

William Nel and William of Prene in mercy for not producing Nicholas Fraunceys for whom they stood pledge; Nicholas distrained.

John le Ken has found pledges to prosecute v Agnes le Ver; trespass; Agnes has come and waged her mercy; pledges, Alan Payn, Richard Frycke, John Elyoth, Richard le Paumer'.

The same Agnes has found pledges, as above, that she will not receive anyone into her hospice against the assize, and that she will subject herself to the law in all faith-keeping.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman comes and by licence has surrendered and fully granted to Mariot who was wife of Thomas of Lilleburn' the third part of 6s.8d. rent with appurtenances; she put herself in mercy for the unjust detention; pledges, William Wareman and Nicholas of Stedleye.

William son and heir of G. le Saltere appeared v John Vitor and seeks one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth. John vouched Henry the dyer and the others aforementioned to warrant the same tenement. He appeared v them and asked from them whether the charter concerning the tenement was made by the act and common consent of them all. They say that they cannot reply to this because those whom he has vouched are not mutually consenting nor present. Whereupon William sought judgment as to John's default in not producing those whom he had vouched to warrant. Notwithstanding, judgment was postponed until the next court on account of the court's weakness (debilitatem).

### Warws.

#### Essoins

Richard of Schepeye v Robert of Wytacr'; trespass; by John le Sauvage; first time.

John at the hall v Robert Lumbard; trespass; by Robert of Aldenestr' clerk; third time.

Maud daughter of W. Wareman came and by licence surrendered to Mariot who was the wife of Thomas of Lilleburn' the third part of two parts of two messuages and the third part of 6d rent with appurtenances, saving to herself action against the vouchees; and Maud put herself in mercy for the unjust detention and has found pledges (who are the same) as before.

Robert of Wytacr', bailiff of the lady M. of Elynton', appeared v Richard of Schepeye; trespass; Richard found pledges to answer, viz. W. of Schepeye and G. his son; Richard did not come; he is in mercy and his pledges are summoned to hear judgment for not producing him.

The same Robert appeared v same Richard in same plea; Richard distrained.

William Wareman plaintiff appeared v Henry le Meylur; trespass; Henry did not come; distrained.

The tasters present Alice daughter of W. of Schepeye in mercy for a false loaf, thrice; John le Irmunger' for the same, twice; William of M..... for the same, twice.

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COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAT OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE 19 Ed. I.  
(23 July 1291)

Essoins

John Vitor v W. le Sauoner plaintiff; land, whereof he vouched warranty in this court, judgment whereof is pending; by Henry his son; first time.

The same John in a plea of warranty of charter and land, whereof he vouched Henry le Tengturer and others named above, v the same warrantors; whereof judgment is pending in this court; by John le Sauvage; first time.

Nicholas Fraunceys came and gave surety for default at the last court; pledges, W. Neel and W. of Prene.

Roger Gubbe plaintiff appeared v N. Fraunceys and says that N. accused him of grave misdeeds on the Vigil of Easter last, calling him thief and associate of thieves and making other outrageous statements to the injury of his reputation; and on the same day in the same place he called Agnes wife of Roger a whore and charged her with other misdeeds; to the damage of himself and his wife of half a mark.

Nicholas came and denied the force and tort and denied all the aforesaid and waged his law against Roger and Agnes; pledges as before.

William Neel seeks v Henry son of Robert Cock and Maud his wife one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth, whereof he says that Margery grandmother of the said W. was possessed and seised by gift and enfeoffment of Edwin her father who gave it to her in free marriage with Ralf Cock and to the heirs of their bodies procreated between them, in the time of Henry father of the now King; from Ralf and Margery descended a sole heir and daughter Juliana, and from Juliana descended William\* who now claims. That such is his right he offers himself etc.

Henry and Maud his wife have come and denied the right of William and have asked for a view of the tenement; day for the view appointed on Sunday next following.

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William son of G. le Saltere plaintiff has come and sought judgment in his favour (sibi proferri) as to the two defaults by John Vitor at the two preceding courts; the first by coming and appearing v William in a plea of warranty without bringing with him those whom he had vouched to warrant the tenement claimed against him; the second for now essoining himself against the plaintiff, whereof William challenged this essoin on account of the default at the preceding court. Wherefor William has brought a writ to obtain judgment justly and without delay; whereupon the whole court decreed that John be summoned by witnesses to the next court to hear the record and judgment of the plea between them and especially the King's order (mandatum domini regis).

\* Under 28 Jan 1292 he is described as "son and heir"

19 Ed. I (7)

Writ\* to cause William son of Geoffrey le Salter to have record and reasonable judgment addressed to the bailiffs of John de Hastings of Tamwyrthe. Tested by the King at Linlithgow in Scotland 11 July 1291

19 Ed. I (2)

Robert Juweth and William of Colleshull in mercy because Walter of Gumpyat', for whom they stood pledge, defaulted in the law which he waged to Walter of Wixbrug' in a plea of trespass; pledges, the one for the other.

#### Warws

#### Essoins

John de Angl', defendant v Richard le Paumer; trespass; by N. Tresor first time.

The same R. plaintiff; same plea; by Ralf Tybot; first time.

Richard of Schepeye v Robert the clerk of Wytacr'; trespass; by Alan son of Hugh the smith; the second time.

Henry of Derby, plaintiff, v Hugh le Gardener of Edeinghal'; trespass by Richard of Lincoln; first time.

John Tramine/ defendant, v Henry the leech (medicus); trespass; by W. le Saltere; first time.

William Juweth, plaintiff v Nicholas of Pycchford'; trespass; by Roger of Cumberford; first time.

Robert of Wytacr', bailiff of lady Maud of Elynton', appeared in her name v Richard of Schepeye; trespass; Richard essoined; thus it stands.

Same Robert in his own person appeared in same plea v Richard who made default at the last court; his pledges, W. of Schepeye and G. his son are in mercy; Richard distrained.

Hugh le Gardener of Edenighal has found pledges, Robert le Brotler and Thomas son of Ralf of Edenighal, to prosecute v Henry of Derby; trespass; H. of Derby essoined; thus it stands.

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William Det, plaintiff, has found pledges, W. Wareman and Gregory le Mercer, to prosecute v Sarah Gritun; trespass; she was summoned, therefore distrained; afterwards she came and gave security for her mercy to the bailiffs and for damages to William; pledge Adam Coket.

Juliana Ingalt has found pledges, John Elioth and Ralf Tybot, to prosecute v 'Ameria' Sohog; trespass; 'Ameria' has not come; the court decreed that her body be attached for the bloodshed until she find pledges.

William Juweth has found pledges, Ralf of Haunton' and W. Wareman, to prosecute v N. of Pycchford; trespass; N. has not come; distrained.

The tasters present Amy Larie in mercy for a false loaf, once; Reginald le Mouner for the same, thrice; W. of Ston' for the same, twice; quit; Ellis the smith for short ale; Ellis le Saltere for the same.

At the prayer of the parties a love-day is given until the next court between R. Lombard, plaintiff, and John at the hall, defendant.

\* Sewn to the roll.

/ Possibly 'Tramme' or 'Trauune'.

William Wareman appeared v H. le Meylur; trespass; H. has not come; distrained.

John le Sannage has found pledges, Adam Coket and R. the dyer, to prosecute v W. of Colleshull' and N. of Pycchford'; trespass; Adam and R have not come; distrained.

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(The first eight courts are Courts of Portmanmoot from 26 February to 23 July 1291, dated as on rolls 18 Ed. I (a) and 19 Ed I, omitting the Great Court of 21 June 1291, and containing only a few of the items from these rolls. The reason for the selection is not evident).

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PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. LAURENCE 19 Ed. I  
(13 Aug 1291)

Essoins

Henry Cok v William Nel; land after the view; by G. Louel; first time.

Maud his wife v same; by J. le Sauvage; first time.

William Nel appeared v the above who had essoined themselves; thus it stands. Day given at the court in three weeks.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. GILES? ABBOT 19 Ed. I.  
(3 Sept 1291)

Essoins

Henry Cok and his wife in above plea; by Ralf Donne and Geoffrey Louel, second time.

William Nel appeared etc. Day given at the court in three weeks.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE 19 Ed. I.  
(24 Sept 1291)

Third essoins, Nicholas Tresor and Ralf Donne, for Henry Cok and his wife. William Nel appeared etc. Day as above.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. CALIXTUS, THE POPE  
19 Ed. I. (15 Oct 1291)

Essoin for William Nel v Henry Cok; G. Louel.

Essoin for William Nel v Henry's wife; N. Toly.

Henry Cok and Maud appeared and guaranteed their essoins. Day as above.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. LEONARD THE CONFESSOR  
19 Ed. I. (5 Nov 1291)

Essoins

Henry Cok and Maud v William Nel; land, after appearance and view; by Geoffrey Louel and Nicholas Tresor; first time.

William Nel guaranteed his essoin and appeared v Henry Cok and Maud. Day as above.



PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY THE MORROW OF ST. KATHARINE, VIRGIN 20 Ed. I.  
(26 November 1291)

Second essoins for Henry Cok and Maud; N. Tresor and Thomas of Norton.  
William Nel appeared. Day as above.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE 20 Ed. I.  
(17 Dec 1291)

Third essoins for Henry Cok and Maud; J. le Sauvage and N. Toly.  
William Nel appeared. Day as above.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY THE MORROW OF THE EPIPHANY, 20 Ed. I.  
(7 Jan 1292)

Henry Cok and Maud his wife, defendants, guaranteed their essoins.

William Nel claimant appeared v Henry son of Robert Cok and Maud his wife  
stating against them that they unjustly deforced him of one messuage with  
appurtenances in Thamworth, word for word as he stated in his claim against  
them at the court when he asked for a view of the messuage.

Henry and Maud have come and denied the force and tort and they have  
vouched by aid of the court Hugh le Horner to warrant the said messuage to  
them; and they brought in their hands a charter made to them by the same Hugh  
by which they had entry into that messuage; and they sought judgment. The  
court decreed that Hugh be summoned to the next court to answer. William  
Nel, Henry Cok and Maud have a further day until the next court to do what  
the court shall decide according to the custom of the court.

20 Ed. I.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL  
20 Ed. I. (28 Jan 1292)

Essoins

Thomas of the hall; of common suit, by William son of William Nel;  
first time.

Roger of Stretford waged his law for trespass v Gilbert Gamel; pledges  
William Symond and Robert Juweth.

(A mercy for a plea)

William N. appeared v Henry son of Robert Cok and Maud his wife, who had  
vouched Hugh le Horner to warrant a messuage in Thamworth. He was summoned  
by Simon le Sauvage, bailiff. Henry and Maud appeared but not Hugh,  
therefore William sought judgment and narrated in full court as before (under  
23 July 1291 but naming Margery's father as Edwin Ornote). That such is  
the right he offers etc. according to the custom of the manor of Thamworth.

Henry and Maud did not deny William's right, nor the seisin of his  
ancestors, and made no response although frequently asked by the bailiffs  
of the court and by William if they wished to answer or had any other deed  
in their favour. William sought exact judgment for their default made  
after the view of land and the appearance, and for their non-defence. It  
was adjudged that he recover seisin as directed to the bailiffs in the King's  
writ. Because Simon le Sauvage testified that Hugh le Horner was summoned,  
and he did not come by esoin or in person, according to the custom of the  
town, it was decreed that the simple value of the said messuage be taken  
from his hands in Thamworth at the will of Henry and Maud should they wish  
to prosecute against him in the same court.

In the meantime Simon le Sauvage bailiff produced a writ<sup>36</sup> of the King  
to the superior bailiffs in the name of Henry and Maud mentioning the stay

\* Attached to the roll

of proceedings by another writ from the sheriff of Stafford directed to the bailiffs to proceed no further until the writ upon warranty of charter be terminated before the Justices of the Bench (Justic de banco). But no stay of proceedings had been made by the sheriff or any sub-bailiff, and Henry and Maud, frequently requested, said that they did not wish to be held to that writ, but to the chief pledge in court by another writ; and they wholly renounced the writ which they had brought. Because William Wareman, their narrator, was disavowed by their withdrawal, he gave surety for his mercy.

(one appearance)

(Two mercys for default and one mercy for a plea).

19-20 Ed. I (3)

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. VALENTINE 20 Ed. I.  
(18 February 1292)

Roger of Strefford v Gilbert Gamel; trespass; whereof law; essoined by G. Louel; first time.

William of Clifford, bailiff of Robert Marmion, gave surety for mercy for trespass v Sir Hugh of Cane\* and his men; pledges, Richard of Scheldon with Richard the reeve and Geoffrey of Hampton, the first pledges.

Hugh le Horner appeared v Henry son of Robert Cok and Maud his wife, also present, and sought judgment against them for not prosecuting after having vouched him to warrant a messuage in Thamworth. Judgment was postponed because there was not a full court of suitors. Therefore the suitors to be summoned by afforcement of the court.

Isabel daughter of Henry Elyot of Thamworth, William Nel and Agnes his wife brought a writ v Henry son of William Mathelan as to one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth. Pledges to prosecute, Henry Elyot and J. Elyot. Henry son of William summoned to the next court to answer.

William Deth and Ellis (Elicia) his wife brought a writ v Henry Selvestr<sup>1</sup> of Thamworth as to the moiety of a messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth. They did not find pledges to prosecute, therefore nothing was done.

COURT OF THE SAME, MONDAY AFTER PALM SUNDAY 20 Ed. I. (31 March 1292)

(Three essoins).

(Distrainment for non-appearance)

Barnabus of Wickenovere appeared v Alice daughter of William Antelot; trespass; Alice distrained.

The jurors of assize present Gilbert Hacket, Alice le Taylur, Richard Baron<sup>1</sup>, Amicia of Hereford, John the cook and Joan Bentrigh in mercy for bad ale. Item William Pouke for bread (made) contrary to the assize.

<sup>1</sup>Memorandum that William Deth and Ellis his wife have released and quit-claimed for themselves and their heirs for ever to Henry Silvestre and Alice his wife all right in one messuage with appurtenances in Tamwyrthe, which they were claiming from Henry and Alice by the King's writ.

Writs attached to the roll, all addressed to the bailiffs of John de Hastings of Tamworth:-

- (5) Writ of Right on behalf of William Neel v Henry and Maud Cok, 18 Jan 1291
- (6) Endorsement to (5):- names of two pledges for the prosecution.
- (7) Writ of Supersedeas on behalf of Henry and Maud Cok until termination of the plea of warranty before the Justices at Westminster in the Quindene of Easter. 18 Jan 1292.

\* Possibly 'Cave'

/ Attached to the roll.

- (8) Endorsement to (7):- 'Brought and renounced'.
- (9) Writ of Right on behalf of William Deth and Ellis his wife. 27 Jan 1292
- (10) Endorsement to (9):- Pledges for prosecution (blank).
- (11) Writ of Right on behalf of Isabel daughter of Henry Elyot of Tamworth, William and Agnes Neel. 6 Feb 1292.
- (12) Endorsement to (11):- names of two pledges for the prosecution.

20, 21 Ed. I (1)

PORTMANMOOT COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY NEXT BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE  
20 Ed. I (21 April 1292)

1 Essoin.

1 Appearance.

William of Schepeye brought a writ v Richard of Middiltune for the third part of one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth; has found pledges to prosecute (not named). Richard summoned to answer.

Adam Coket is in mercy; pledges, William of Couersul and William le Mercer.

PORTMANMOOT COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY NEXT BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION  
20 Ed. I (12 May 1292)

William of Schepeye appeared v Richard the tailor of Middiltun who was summoned simply and has not come; to be summoned by witnesses.

William Det is in mercy 6d for many defaults. Pledges, Ralf Tybot and William of Schepeye.

The same William has found two other pledges (named) to make amends to Roger Gobbe and Ellis the miller, according to the judgment of four lawful men, on Sunday next following this court. Should he not do so, he to give the bailiffs of the town a half mark and Roger and Ellis four shillings.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, HELD ON THE SAME DAY (SIC)

1 Essoin

1 Appearance

William of Schepeye appeared v Richard le Taylur of Middiltun who did not come; now to be distrained.

1 plea of trespass

COURT OF TAMWORTH, ON THE VIGIL OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST 20 Ed. I (23 June 1292)

William of Schepeye appeared. Richard of Middiltun to be better distrained.

1 love-day given.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE TRANSLATION OF ST. THOMAS  
THE MARTYR 20 Ed. I (14 July 1292)

1 plea entered

3 essoins\*

\* Including Wm. le Saltere for Richard le Taillor of Colleshull with note "Challenged because it varies from the writ".

Ralf Tresor appeared by essoin v Alexander of Pateshull who did not prosecute. Ralf to go 'sine die' and Alexander and his pledges in mercy.

William le Saltere, the essoin of Richard le Tailor of Colleshull, appeared v William of Schepeye who essoined himself and is the claimant. Therefore the essoin is challenged and the plea postponed until the next eyre of the justices.

- 1 appearance
- 2 pledges for a prosecution

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA 20 Ed. I.  
(4 Aug 1292)

- 2 Essoins
- 1 Appearance

20, 21 Ed. I. (2)

COURT OF THE SAME, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. BARRTHOLOMEW 20 Ed. I.  
(25 Aug 1292)

- 1 appearance
- 2 Essoins

#### Staffs

- 1 Essoin
- 3 Apperances

A defendant and two pledges distrained for non-appearance.

Robert Godrich, summoned, appeared and then withdrew in contempt of court. Distrained to answer William Wareman and the bailiffs for trespass.

Isabel daughter of Henry Heliot of Thamworth and W. Nel and Agnes his wife appeared v Henry son of W. Mathelon as to one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth which they claim as the inheritance of Isabel and Agnes: because Thomas their ancestor was possessed thereof in the time of King Henry III and from him the right descended to his daughter Elic' and Agnes from Elic' the right to her share came to her son Ralf and from him to the said Isabel his sister; from Agnes the right to her share came to Agnes her daughter who now claims.

Henry came and acknowledged the seisin of Thomas Methlon, who died seised of the said messuage in demesne as of fee and from him the right descended to William his son and heir, and from William it descended to Henry his son who now holds and has better right than the claimants. Both parties put themselves upon the assize. Because the court was not full the bailiff was ordered to cause all suitors to come to the next court in three weeks.

2 items giving pledges to prosecute in two separate cases.

The tasters present Maud Slorcok in mercy for false bread; Reginald le Mouner for the same; Ralf the skinner for bad (mala) ale; Ralf le Reve for false bread; Adam le Folour for bad ale.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS SAME YEAR  
(15 Sept 1292)

William of Schepeye appeared v Richard le Taylor of Midiltun and claimed the third part of one messuage with appurtenances in Thamworth whereof he was seised in the time of Henry III taking the issues to the value of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark and more.

Richard comes and says he should not be held to reply to the writ because the narration is against Richard le Taylor of Midiltun and his surname is of Colleshull. He essoined himself by this name and William challenged the

the essoin at a preceding court\* because the surname varied from that in the writ, but he did not do so at this court. Postponed until the next court.

#### Staffs

2 essoins  
3 appearances

Case of Isabel daughter of H. Eliot and others v H. son of W. Mathelon postponed because the court was not full.

2 better distrainments for appearance.

The tasters present the wife of Nicholas le Womon for brewing bad ale; Ralf Waleys for the same; Walter Honing for false bread; Ralf the Reve for two false loaves; Adam of Dadinton for false bread; William Powe for bad ale.

Pledges to prosecute for 2 pleas.

20, 21 Ed. I (3)

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. DENIS 20 Ed. I.  
(6 Oct 1292)

5 essoins  
1 love-day

#### Staffs

2 essoins  
3 appearances  
1 distrainment

Isabel Eliot and others and H. Mathelon appeared for the assize to be taken. Postponed, as before, until the next court.

Pledges to prosecute for 2 pleas.

1 distrainment  
2 appearances.

The tasters present Roger Cocke for breaking the assize; 6 others for the same; Adam of Dadinton for not allowing the tasters to sample (vertuit monstrar' Fast'); Hugh the smith for breaking the assize and brewing bad ale; William John for false bread; 7 others for the same.

20, 21 Ed. I (3)

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY, THE VIGIL OF SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES  
SAME YEAR (27 Oct 1292)

2 essoins  
1 love-day  
3 appearances

Isabel Eliot and others, and H. Mathelon appeared for assize to be taken. A love-day was given until Sunday after the feast of All Saints; should they not come to an agreement, all to appear without essoin at the next court.

2 distrainments  
1 love-day

20, 21 Ed. I. (4)

#### Warws

1 essoin  
1 appearance

\* See note to court 14 July 1292

William of Schepeye has seisin of the tenements concerning which he impleaded Richard le Taylour, and will give mercy.

William of Schepeye gives Geoffrey his son a certain messuage (not described) in Thanworth.

1 appearance

W. Wareman appeared v Ralf Tybot and complained that on Thursday after the feast of St. Michael he defamed him vilely and threw manure into his face, to his damage of half a mark. W. has sufficient suitors to prove the truth of this and Ralf has not made a good defence, therefore he is in mercy. Pledges, Henry the dyer and John of Yarkedich.

William Aspelon, chaplain, gives to John Aspelon, chaplain, the moiety of two parts of two burgages with appurtenances.

The tasters present 4 persons for false bread; Roger of Stretford for bad ale; Gilbert Hacket for the same.

Pledges to prosecute for 1 plea.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. EDMUND THE ARCHBISHOP  
20 Ed I (17 Nov 1292)

Pledges to prosecute for 1 plea.

1 essoin

1 appearance, Richard of Rocewelle

Ralf the skinner complains v the said Richard because Maud his wife on Tuesday after the feast of St. Mark after the hour of vespers struck him with a distaff in his own house, and on the Saturday following Richard defamed him, to his damage of half a mark and more. He has sufficient suit<sup>x</sup> as to the truth of this. Richard says that he should not be held to reply for Maud because she was not attached to answer Ralf. The court says that it is the custom of this court that the husband shall answer for his wife in a plea of trespass. Richard says further that he should not be held to reply because the pleader mentions this year and Richard was attached in the year last past. Because the court is thinly attended, it is postponed until the next court.

1 appearance

William Mathew gives to Richard his nephew the third part of a burgage in fee in the county of Stafford, and to Maud daughter of Alice of Hopwas the fourth part of a burgage in the county of Warwick.

1 better distraint

1 appearance

1 love-day

#### Warws.

1 essoin

1 appearance

Robert Slorkoc appeared v Walter of Wxybruge and says that on the night of Tuesday after the feast of St. Edith, 20 Edward I, he vilely defamed him, to his damage of half a mark and more. He has sufficient suit. Walter of Wxybruge has found pledges for his law. Ralf Tybot and Robert Inet.

The tasters present 2 persons for false bread; two women for bad ale.

Pledges to prosecute for 1 plea.

\* i.e. number of witnesses.



COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF ST. MARY 21 Ed. I.  
(Monday 8 Dec 1292)

4 essoins  
1 essoin afterwards annulled because a 4d security was given.  
5 appearances  
2 securities given for a mercy.

Warws.

2 essoins

Ralf Basset's bailiff came and claimed the court of his lord\* on behalf of Nicholas of Mere, Roger of Leycester and William Wele. He obtained it.

2 essoins

The bailiff is ordered to distrain William of Schepeye for a debt of 34s to Richard of Sheldon.

The tasters present 4 persons for breaking the assize of ale; Richard Fricke for the same and for bad ale; 22 persons for breaking the assize; 4 persons for breaking the assize and for bad ale; Ralf Waleys for false bread.

20, 21 Ed. I. (5)

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. THOMAS 21 Ed. I.  
(29 Dec 1292)

1 essoin  
3 appearances

Philip son of Hugh the smith gave part of one burgage in fee to Phillip Drake in free marriage with Maud his sister and they have had seisin.

Isabel daughter of H. Elyot gave to W. son of W. Nel two pennyworth of rent for term of the life of Isabel.

Warws.

3 essoins  
2 defaults

Nicholas of Mere appeared v G. Coket and the bailiff of Ralf Basset claimed his court concerning him. Respited.

Pledges for prosecution for 2 pleas.

20, 21 Ed. I. (6)

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. VINCENT 21 Ed. I.  
(19 Jan 1293)

William Neel essoined by William his son the first time v Henry son of William Methelan in a plea of land, whereof inquest in the form of the grand assize is pending between them.

Henry son of William Mathelon essoined by Ralf Donne the first time v William and Agnes Nel and Isabel daughter of Henry Eliot in the same plea as above.

1 essoin.

John of Pichford has seisin of a part of one burgage with appurtenances lying in the lane below the bell (sub tintinnabilon) of the gift and grant of Master Robert of Pichford made in full court.

\* i.e. That they were only answerable in Ralf Basset's court.

2 appearances

Henry Coket drew his knife and unjustly raised the hue and cry against Adam Coket his brother. Therefore put under security and by pledges, Robert Inet and Richard le Palmere.

The tasters present two persons for false bread.

#### Warws

1 plea as to a message (not described) in Tamworth.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE  
BLESSED MARY 21 Ed. I (9 Feb 1293)

#### Staffs

2 essoins

1 love-day

William Noel seeks v Henry Cok and Maud his wife one message in Tamworth whereof Hugh le Hornbre acknowledged that he was held to warrant (William's claim stated as under Court 23 July 1291) Hugh le Hornbre comes and puts himself upon a jury of the grand assize as to whether Henry and Maud have the better right. Respited until the next court on account of default (i.e. lack) of jurors.

(Here follow 9 names and a long space, apparently left for the case to be completed).

#### Warws.

3 pleas under writs of right for land. The bailiff ordered to summon the defendants.

20, 21 Ed. I. (7)

Geoffrey Coket in full court granted and quit claimed to Ralf son of Ralf le Teynturer and Alice his sister the moiety of one burgage with appurtenances in Tamworth in co. Warwick to hold to them and their heirs by right of inheritance forever, paying annually to the chief lords of the fee for all services. (The amount is not stated)

Alan Ulard in full court granted and quit claimed to Agnes daughter of Robert Gerard a certain message, forever by charter from the said Alan.

2 distraints

Pledges to prosecute for 2 pleas

1 love-day

2 appearances. One case respited on account of weakness of the court.

The tasters present 4 persons for bad ale; Agatha of Rugeleye for breaking the assize of ale.

1 attorney appointed in a plea of trespass.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, FEAST OF ST. CHAD THE BISHOP 21 Ed. I.  
(2 March 1293)

2 essoins

1 essoin for common suit.

Adam Balle and Adam Coket had made agreement whereby Adam Coket has made amends for his trespass. He remains in mercy. Pledge, William le Mercer.

2 appearances

Margery who was the wife of John Knotte of Thanworth brought a writ of right v Maud daughter of Alexander Coket for the third part of one messuage. Pledges found. The bailiff to summon Maud to answer.

Isabel daughter of Henry Eliot and William and Agnes Neel, claimants, and Henry son of William Mathelan have come to an agreement. William Neel has given security for the mercy. Pledges, Henry and John Eliot.

Warws.

Pledges to prosecute for a plea of trespass and debt.

20, 21 Ed. I. (8)

5 appearances.

Roger of Conyngesby by Geoffrey Coket his attorney enfeofed William Ineth of two places of land with appurtenances, doing therefore to the lord King the services due and accustomed.

1 appearance by attorney.

Henry of Cosseby found pledges, Geoffrey Benet and William, to prosecute v Simon of Kyngeston in a plea of trespass and has attuned\* Philip his son in the same plea.

The tasters present 2 persons for bad ale and one for false bread.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED MARY 21 Ed. I. (23 March 1293)

2 essoins

5 appearances

1 surety for mercy for a plea

1 appearance.

Defendant distrained and one of his pledges summoned to answer for not producing him. The other found pledges for security for his own mercy for not producing the defendant.

Staffs

1 essoin for common suit.

Margery who was the wife of John Knotte appeared v Maud daughter of Alexander Coket in a plea of dower. Maud was summoned simply and has not come; therefore to be summoned by witnesses.

1 agreement by licence. Two pledges for the plaintiff's mercy and the damages of the defendant.

William Neel appeared v Hugh le Hornere whom Henry and Maud Cok had vouched to warrant a messuage which William by writ of right had claimed against them. Hugh came and warranted the tenement to Henry and Maud; and Hugh and William sought licence to agree and obtained it. They agreed in the following form, namely, that William has quit claimed for himself and his heirs forever all right in the aforesaid messuage; and Hugh will give William 10s of silver payable one moiety in three weeks from this day and the other moiety at the court next following. Pledges for the fine, John of Picheford and Richard of Wychemore. (Margin: Final Concord).

\* Appointed as his attorney.

John son of Agnes de Medeway of Rushall and William le Gurdlere of Lincoln and Elic' his wife were attached by the watchmen as thieves\* because they were found wandering at night-time. They put themselves upon the court and the jurors say that they are good and lawful; therefore they are set free.

The tasters present William the skinner and five others for bad ale.

Pledges for prosecution in one plea.

One distraint for non-appearance of a defendant.

20, 21 Ed. I. (Nos. 9-16)

Writs of right attached to the roll:-

- (9) Addressed to the King's bailiffs of Tamworth on behalf of William of Schepeye who is deforced of the third part of one messuage by Richard le Taylur of Middleton. Dated at Westminster 6 February (1292)
- (10) Endorsement to (9):- Pledges to prosecute, Thomas le Seler, R. le Turner.
- (11) Addressed to the bailiff of John de Hastings' of Tamworth on behalf of Geoffrey Coket who is deforced of 9s. 4d. worth of rent with appurtenances in Tamworth' by William le Fou of Waverton and William his son. Dated at Berewyk' upon Tweed, 14 Oct 1292.
- (12) Endorsement to (11):- Pledges to prosecute, Henry Eliot and Alan Payn.
- (13) Addressed to the King's bailiffs of Tamworth on behalf of Geoffrey Wyne of Tamworth who is deforced of one messuage by William le Whyteclerk' of Schepeye and Geoffrey his son. Dated at Fimber 25 Jan 1293.
- (14) Endorsement to (13):- Pledges to prosecute, Ralf Tibot, Richard le Palmere.
- (15) Addressed to the bailiffs of John de Hastings of Tamworthe on behalf of Margery who was the wife of John Knotte who is deforced on the third part of one messuage by Maud daughter of Alexander Coket of Tamworthe. Dated at Darlington 16 Jan 1293.
- (16) Endorsement to (15):- Pledges to prosecute, Simon Shethe, Ralf Neel.

21, 22 Ed. I (1)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED MARY  
21 Ed. I. (9 Feb 1293)

Here follow 11 of the 18 items included under the Portmanmoot Court of same date, but they are entered in a different order.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. CHAD THE BISHOP 21 Ed. I.  
(2 March 1293)

Here follow 11 of the 18 items included under the Portmanmoot Court of the same date, but they are entered in a different order.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED MARY 21 Ed. I (23 March 1293)

Here follow 12 of the 17 items included under the Portmanmoot Court of the same date, but they are entered in a different order.

\* Altered from "Imprisoned as suspected thieves".

21, 22 Ed. I. (1) (2)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF SS TIBERTIUS AND VALERIAN  
21 Ed. I. (13 April 1293)

5 items under Warwickshire. 2 items under Staffordshire. Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE MORROW OF THE INVENTION OF HOLY CROSS  
21 Ed. I. (4 May 1293)

10 items and Tasters' presentments, also :-

John at the hall, defendant, appeared v Philip of Cosseby, attorney of H. of Cosseby, in a plea of trespass and debt. Philip was essoined for the first time by two essoins, Richard of Weford for the trespass and Robert del Hul for the debt. John challenged the esoin for the debt because he says that he was summoned to answer for the trespass and debt jointly and not separately, and at the last court he was essoined by one esoin for both. Judgment on this challenge is pending.

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Because the said John is in the King's prison at Warwick, Henry is discharged from his suit until John can stand to justice.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS APOSTLE  
21 Ed. I. (15 June 1293)

Warw: 4 items, also:-

G. Coket seeks v William le Fou of Waverton, present, and William his son, had he been present, one acre of meadow, 13s. 11d rent in Thamworth, of which he says he was seised in the time of Edward I. William the father proposed divers exceptions to the writ and narration, which were quashed by the court. Afterwards he said that he could not answer without his son and parcener, and in this the court concurred.

Staffs: 9 items

Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE VIGIL OF THE TRANSLATION OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR  
21 Ed. I. (6 July 1293)

Staffs: 9 items.

Warw: 1 item, also:-

Ralf son of Henry Help of Thamworth chaplain seeks v Richard le Tayllur of Colleshull one messuage in Thamworth, of which he says he was seised in the time of Ed. I. Richard says that he should not be held to answer in that the narration speaks of inheritance and gift which are contradictions. Postponed because the court lacked suitors.

G. Coket v William le Fou of Waverton and his son, as at the preceding court. William and his son come and say that they should not be held to answer because they do not hold jointly, but each holds his portion separately. G. says that this exception should not quash his writ and that it does not specify how much each holds, further, that at the preceding court William had said that he could not answer without his son and parcener. Respited until the next court.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. JAMES APOSTLE 21 Ed. I.  
(27 July 1293)

Warw: 7 items

Staffs: 9 items, also:-

William Jueth and his fellow frankpledges found pledges, each one for another, to prosecute Robert Godrych in a plea of trespass.

Tasters' presentments include Alice Gos for a false measure of meal, Hugh le Hornere for the same.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN 21 Ed. I. (17 Aug 1293)

Warws: 9 items

Staffs: 6 items, also:-

Margery who was wife of John Knotte appeared v Maud daughter of Alexander Coket in a plea of dower as to the third part of a messuage in Thamworth. Maud says that this third part is held by Mariana who was the wife of Alexander Coket. Margery denies this. A jury of twelve (named) say that Maud held and does hold the whole tenement and that Mariana has no right in the same. Judgment that Margery recover seisin and Maud be in mercy for unjust detention.

21, 22 Ed. I. (4)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN 21 Ed. I (7 Sept 1293)

Warws: 7 items, also:-

G. Coket v William le Fou of Wavertone and William his son ( as before).

William the son comes and says that he has no claim in the aforesaid meadow and seeks judgment whether he ought to make answer; and William the father says that the meadow is not within the precincts of the town of Thamworth nor within the jurisdiction (potestate) of the bailiffs of this court, but that it is held of the castle of Thamworth by a certain service, and he asks that this be inquired into. The whole is respited until the next court on account of the weakness of the court. But the court considered that William and William should answer further as to the plea of rent.

William the son separately for himself asks for a view of the tenement from which the rent comes. G. Coket says that he ought not to have a view because G's narration sought v William le Fou and William his son jointly and they jointly denied G's right to the meadow and the rent. Respited as above. And he seeks judgment as to the rent against William the father for non-defence.

Staffs: 9 items, also:-

G. Coket seeks v William le Fou of Waverton and William his son 9s 4d. rent in Thamworth. William and William ask for a view of the tenement from which the rent comes, and have a day, viz., Sunday next after the Exaltation of Holy Cross.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL 21 Ed. I. (28 Sept 1293)

Warws: 7 items, also:-

G. Coket in full court seeks licence of the bailiffs to sue a better writ v William le Fou and William his son, and he obtains it.

Staffs: 9 items, also:-

G. Coket seeks v William le Fou and William his son 9s 4d. annual rent in Thamworth. The said William and William say that they should not be held



to answer because William the father holds 12d as his portion separately and William the son holds the remainder, wherefore they seek judgment of the writ. G. says definitely that they hold in common. Because the court had not its full number of suitors, the plea was respited until the next court.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY, THE MORROW OF ST. LUKE EVANGELIST  
21 Ed. I. (19 Oct 1293)

Warws: 12 items

Staffs: 14 items, also:-

Roger son of William de le Water has entry into the moiety of a messuage, land and appurtenances in Tamworth by demise of Henry son of William Mathelan, doing therefor the accustomed services.

Nicholas Plow gave security for his mercy for selling flesh without the bailiffs' licence and before taking the oath. Pledges, W. Warman and W. of Coleshull.

Tasters' presentments.

Sheets (10) and (11) here follow with Courts of Portmanmoot for 9 November, 30 November and 21 December 1293. No item of special interest, except:-

Under 30 November (sheet 11) Warwickshire

Robert son of Julian waged his mercy for a trespass in the common fishery\* Pledges, William Warman and Ralf Tybot.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. HILLARY 21 Ed. I  
(1 January 1294)

Staffs: 15 items, also:-

Mary daughter of Henry Help of Tamworth in full court gives to Henry son of Nicholas le Mouner and Isabel his wife, daughter of the said Mary, and to the heirs of Isabel, one messuage and land in Tamworth to hold of the chief lords by the accustomed services.

John Brown has done fealty to the lord King and gives the bailiffs 2s for entry into the community (pro ingressu comunitatis habende) and has been received into the tithing of John Elyot.

Warws: 12 items, also:-

Ralf Brambel has licence by the community of the town and by the bailiffs to move into the liberty (conversandi in libertate). He has found pledges for his good behaviour, viz., John of Wycford and John of Sepeye, who have received him into their tithing.

John son of William de Ringesdon of Thamworth seeks v Richard Baroun of Tamworth and Ellis (Ellic') his wife the moiety of a messuage in Tamworth of which he says William le Webbe his ancestor was seised in the time of Henry III. From William the right descended to Robert his son and heir; from Robert to Ellic' his sister; from Ellic' to Henry her eldest son; and from Henry to John the claimant, as his brother and heir.

Richard and Ellis deny the right of John and are granted a view of the tenement on the following Sunday.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY IN THE VIGIL OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE VIRGIN  
22 Ed. I (1 February 1294)

Staffs: 13 items, also:-

Plea of land William son of Robert del Hull v William of Stone and Cristiana his wife. Pedigree of William son of Robert given.

\* not described.

Warw: 17 items, also:

Tasters' presentments include William son of Margery for refusing to show his measure, and three others for a false measure of meal.

21, 22 Ed. I (14)

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY IN THE FEAST OF ST. PETER'S CHAIR 22 Ed. I.  
(22 February 1294)

Warw: 15 items, also:-

Osbert son of Geoffrey le Crouder' has seisin in full court, of the demise of Henry son of Walter Silvester', of one messuage with buildings, lying between the land formerly of Henry Help and the land of William le Mercer. And it extends from the highway by the stone cross up to the King's ditch<sup>z</sup>: rendering to the chief lord(s) of the fee the accustomed services and to the said Henry one rose flower (florem rose) at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Twelve jurors (named) decide plea of land in favour of William and Juliana Warman against William Neel.

21, 22 Ed. I (15)

Staffs: 12 items, also:-

Memorandum that John Brown, smith, and Isabel his wife have seisin of a place of land before the entrance<sup>z</sup> (hostium) formerly of Thomas Mathelan, of the demise of Henry and Roger, sons and heirs of William Mathelan, for term of the lives of John and Isabel with condition that if John puts any building thereon, he or his wife may sell or remove it (vendere vel auferre) unless Henry or his heirs or assigns will satisfy them adequately for it.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE POPE  
22 Ed. I (15 March 1294)

Warws: 9 items, also:-

Nicholas of Sekyndon v John of Picheford and Alice his wife claiming one messuage in Tameworth of which Avise his mother was seised in the time of Henry III.

John and Alice say that Nicholas Tybot, formerly the tenant, freely sold the tenement to Peter of Gumpegate, who gave it to Alice his daughter. Afterwards Mathew le Vilers claimed the tenement from John and Alice, who transferred it to him by a fine levied between them in the King's court. By this transfer the tenement must be sued by another writ.

Nicholas denies the exception to his writ and says that they ought to plead because the tenement at the time of transfer, if such were made, was and now is, ancient demesne of the King. Judgment respited until the next court.

21, 22 Ed. I (16)

Staffs: 12 items, also:-

Nicholas son of Henry of Tameworth the butcher (macerarii) by charter and in return for 18s has granted and confirmed to Nicholas de Picheford of the same, butcher, two shops in Tameworth, which he had by sale from Andrew son of Henry Kek. One shop lies in the county of Stafford by the churchyard, between the shop of William of Colleshull and the shop of Richard Don and the other shop lies in the County of Warwick in the market, between the shop

\* Or dyke (fossa)  
/ i.e. door or gate.

of the aforesaid W. of Coleshull and land formerly of Robert Wonder....  
And Nicholas Plou came and claimed a term of three years in the shop which is  
in the market, from the feast of St. Michael next following. This was granted  
to him in full court.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT, 5 April 1294

12 jurors (named) decide plea of land (as under 1 Jan 1294) in favour of  
Richard and Ellis Baron against John son of William de Ringesdon.

21, 22 Ed. I (17)

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY THE MORROW OF ST. MARK EVANGELIST 20 Ed. I.  
(26 April 1294)

Warws: 9 items.

Staffs: 11 items also:-

Geoffrey Benet in full court gives to William le Sauvage clerk the moiety  
of two parts of a burgage in Bradeford, William doing the accustomed services  
to the chief lords of the fee. He has seisin and has done fealty.

Simon le Blund in full court gives to John his son 20 ft of the width of  
a messuage and a moiety of the whole courtyard, doing the accustomed services  
to the chief lords of the fee. He has seisin.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. DUNSTAN 22 Ed. I  
(17 May 1294)

Warws: 10 items, also:-

Joan Kentrich appeared v Thomas le Marescall of Elleford in a plea of  
debt for 33d which she says that he mainperned on Friday before the feast  
of St. Peter's Chair to pay on the following Sunday should Amice of Claverleye  
not satisfy Joan herself. Thomas came and denies the debt and has waged  
his law. Pledges for the law. Roger le Marescal, Richard of Sheyle.

Nicholas son of Henry Hemery appeared v Thomas le Marescall and says that  
on the feast of the Apostles Phillip and James he defamed him in the presence  
of Geoffrey Lovel, William of Colleshull and many others in the market of  
Tamworth before the castle gate, to his damage of 5s and more. Thomas came  
and denies the injury and has waged his law. Pledges of the law, William  
Warman, Geoffrey Coket.

22 Ed. I. (18)

Staffs: 13 items, also:-

Alice Tocke\* in full court gives to Robert son of John Knotte 6 denariates  
of annual rent in Tamworth which she was accustomed to receive from the  
tenement of Henry of Wychenor in the county of Stafford lying by the stone  
cross; which tenement was formerly of Alice of Fouleye mother of the said  
Henry: doing the accustomed services to the lord of the fee. He has seisin.

Elic' formerly (quondam) the wife of Nicholas le Chanon appeared v  
Nicholas of Snypeston narrating that on Friday after the feast of the  
Annunciation of the Blessed Mary this year he broke her gate in Elregate  
with an axe, to her damage of 2s. Nicholas comes and denies this and  
has waged his law. Pledges for the law, John Vitor, Andrew of Wychenor.

\* Possibly 'Tooke'

Robert son of Henry de le Holt in full court gives to Isabel daughter of Henry Silvester one place of land with a courtyard in Bradeford in Tamworth, as is contained in his charter to Isabel; doing the accustomed services to the lord of the fee. She has seisin.

PORTMANMOOT COURT , 7 June 1294

No item of special interest.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY THE VIGIL OF THE APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL  
22 Ed. I (28 June 1294)

Election of bailiffs on the Sunday following; on which day William Wareman, John of Picheford, Simon le Sauvage and Henry of Willeye were chosen as bailiffs.  
Warws: 15 items.  
Staffs: 16 items, also:-

Henry Silvester and Alice his wife give to Isabel their daughter a certain part of land in Bradeford with buildings thereon which Henry of Winton had of the gift of Geoffrey Benet. She has seisin.

Simon le Blound gives to John his younger son the third part of a burgage with buildings thereon and courtyard adjacent, in Bradeford, together with one acre and one rood of land in the fields of Cotes, and also the third part of 2 acres of meadow in the meadows of Caldeford and Beckemor'. He has seisin: under the condition that Simon shall have for life one place in the courtyard containing 120 ft in length and 22 ft in width.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. EDITH, VIRGIN 22 Ed. I  
(20 September 1294)

Warws: 10 items, also:-

Geoffrey Wyne in full court gives to Gregory his son one messuage in Tamworth by the land which leads to the water called Oncur, doing the accustomed services to the chief lord.

Staffs: 13 items, also:-

Robert son of John Knotte chaplain in pleas of land v Henry of Wychemore for one messuage in Tamworth; v John son of John Drambel for two parts of one messuage there; v Margery who was the wife of John Knotte for the third part of one messuage there. (Pedigree of Robert Knotte given).

Tasters' presentments.

Nos. 19 to 28 are recto and dorse of 6 writs of right as follows:-

- (19) William son of Robert de Hul v William and Cristina of Stone for one messuage. 7 June 1293
- (20; 21) John son of William of Ryngesdon v Richard and 'Elicia' Barun for the moiety of one messuage. 27 May 1293.
- (22; 23) William Neel v William Warman and Juliana his wife for one messuage. 27 May 1293.
- (24) Robert son of John Gogge chaplain v Nicholas of Snypston for land 40 ft wide and 24 ft long. 27 May 1293.
- (25; 26) Geoffrey Wyne v William le Whiteclerk of Shepeye for one messuage and v Geoffrey son of William le Whiteclerk for one messuage. 6 September 1293.
- (27; 28) Geoffrey Coket v William son of William le Fou of Waverton for 13s 11d rent. 4 October 1293.

COURT OF TAMWORTH IN CO. STAFFORD, THURSDAY THE VIGIL OF ST. BARNABAS APOSTLE  
22 Ed. I. (10 June 1294)

Roger of Holmton was attached and imprisoned under suspicion for the theft of three steers (boviculos). Margery of Chedle said that on Tuesday next after the feast of the Ascension in the evening (ad vesperum) Roger stole these steers with three other steers removed from elsewhere (aliunde elongatis). Asked in what way he wished to acquit himself, Roger said that he was seised of the steers at Newcastle by way of trade and he is innocent of any theft. He put himself upon the verdict of the court. Twelve jurors (named) say that Roger is guilty. Therefore hanged.

VIEW OF FRANKPLUDGE OF TAMWORTH, FRIDAY THE FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS APOSTLE  
22 Ed. I. (11 June 1294)

Michael of Haunton in mercy for assaulting Richard Baron in the house of Richard, wherefor Richard's wife justly raised the hue and cry.

Let Adam Stokfis and Agnes le Bere be removed from the liberty and let no one presume to receive them henceforth under penalty of half a mark.

Let John le Grene be removed and let no one receive him under penalty of half a mark.

Ralf the reeve is in mercy because his wife unjustly raised the hue and cry against William Bondy.

Roger Tocke is in mercy because he received a certain skinner outside the assize. (extra assisam)\*

It is ordered that the makers of 'Tripes' / henceforth do not wash their 'trypes' except by the lord's bridge where it will not be harmful to the town; upon pain of 12d.

(John of Dileby is in mercy for receiving a certain boy outside the tithing).x

William Deth and Robert Godrich do not come.

Staffs

Robert Godrich is in mercy for unjustly raising the hue and cry against his sister.

The same Robert is in mercy for unjustly raising the hue and cry against Alexander Criton.

Robert of Picheford is in mercy because he and his suit (secta) unjustly beat Isabella wife of Robert Abel and Henry Neel; and Isabella and Henry justly raised the hue and cry.

William Deth is in mercy because he unjustly raised the hue and cry and would not find a pledge.

Nicholas of Snypeston is in mercy because he unjustly made a dike (levavit fossam) against (the tenement of) Elic' at the hall and she justly raised the hue and cry.

Ralf Neel is in mercy because he unjustly made a dike in the king's dike (fossato); pledges, Geoffrey of Tunstal, Thomas son of Simon.

Geoffrey Clede is in mercy because he made a pigsty and a hedge to the harm of the king's highway.

\* i.e. not in a tithing.

/ Tripe or entrails for sale.

X Struck through.

Walter<sup>x</sup> of Gumpegate is in mercy because he unjustly made a wall in 'Saltereslone' to the harm of the king's highway, as before.

John of Patingham is in mercy because he received Agnes Tredegold against the assize.<sup>f</sup>

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY THE VIGIL OF ST. LAURENCE 22 Ed. I.  
(9 Aug 1294)

Warws: 7 items, also:-

Thomas le Marescall of Elleford appeared v Joan Kentrich to guarantee his essoin in a plea of debt without specifying the law which he had waged against her. The court adjudged that she should therefore recover her debt of 33d and damages of 2s. Thomas found pledges (named) for his mercy of 12d.

Richard le Waterleder acknowledged a debt of 12d to Thomas de Longas and William de Insula for a trespass, whereof 6d is paid today and the remainder he will pay at the feast of St. Michael.

Staffs: 15 items, also:-

Nicholas of Snypeston appeared v Elis' formerly wife of Nicholas le Chanon and made his law six-handed and therefore withdrew quit. Elis' is in mercy. (Two pledges).

Tasters presentments include Nicholas Alcus ordered to the pillory for false bread three times now and twice before.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 30 Aug 1294

21 items; and tasters' presentments; and a plea of land settled by a jury of grand assize.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY THE VIGIL OF ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE 22 Ed. I.  
(20 Sept 1294)

Warws: 7 items, also:-

William of Colleshull had found two pledges (named) to answer for selling wormy flesh (carnes vermiculosas) and has not appeared. Distrained to answer for his default. One pledge appeared and found pledges for his own mercy for not producing William. The other pledge summoned to appear.

Staffs: 13 items.

Tasters' presentments.

Simon of Haunton found two pledges (named) to answer for selling flesh, price 18d., against the assize.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, 11 Oct 1294

17 items and tasters' presentments.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE EVANGELIST 22 Ed. I.  
(18 Oct 1294).

Juliana daughter of William of Shepeye struck Emma the skinner unjustly and Emma raised the hue and cry. The same Juliana struck one of Ralf Basset's men and drew blood. He raised the hue and cry. William her father harboured her and therefore he stood surety for her mercy. Pledges, Geoffrey his son and Ralf the skinner.

Alice le Taylor and Robert her son chased Elis' of Canewell into her house and fought her (pugnaverunt) and she raised the hue and cry.

<sup>x</sup> Altered from Peter, but possibly altered back to Peter.

<sup>f</sup> or 'who is outside the assize (que est contra assisam).



The frankpledge renounce Philip and Richard the sons of Agnes Rufe, dryster\*.

Item they renounce Adam Basset and Agnes Rufe, dryster.

Item they renounce Simon Molet and his wife unless they can find pledges.

Roger Tooke bought a certain smith's instrument from a stranger deemed to be untrustworthy. The same Roger received a skinner who is not in a tithing. Therefore he is in mercy. Pledges, G. Wyhe and J. of Wykeford.

Margery Legista received a stranger who forestalls corn and other grain (alia hujusmodi) in the market.

Item Henry of Sheyle trades in cloth in the town to the harm of the community. Pledges, Henry Tolone and John of Shepeye. William Tolone received him, therefore in mercy. Pledges, Henry son of Nicholas and Roger Gobbe.

Item Robert Cok and Margery le Wythiene received strangers against the assize.

Geoffrey Coket received a certain strange cutler outside the assize.

Roger Kempe put his stall in an unlawful place.

Amir' Seog received strangers who are thought not to be trustworthy.

Master Richard of Wilmindecote justly repulsed Adam of Hornlaxton, clerk, who unjustly raised the hue and cry. Pledges, Ralf the dyer and Richard Don.

Nicholas of Picheford battered Henry Knyt who raised the hue and cry. Pledges, W. Warman and H. Mouner.

Alice le Webbe of Gumpegate received Emma her daughter who had been renounced by the community.

William Neel, Ralf Nel and John of Hopwas forestall salt in the market to the harm of the community and Maynard of Hynkeleye likewise. They have not appeared. Therefore distrained.

William of Schepeye made default.

Ralf Seog struck Henry of Patishul and (?a stranger) and he raised the hue and cry justly.

COURT, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS 1294

One essoin and one appearance.

All the business of this court is respited until the next court on account of the Feast.

Staffs: 7 items followed by the note "All in respite as above".

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. EDMUND THE KING 23 Ed. I.  
(22 Nov 1294)

Warws: 4 items, also:-

John son of John son of Adam of Norton has seisin of two burgages, whereof one lies between the tenements of John Attethorn and Christiana Coket, and the other not built up lies between the tenements of Ralf the Chaplain and Richard Baroun; of the gift and demise of Henry the dyer; doing the services due and accustomed to the lords of the fee.

\* 'Dessicatrix' can also mean kiln-wife. The uses of a kiln included drying grain, or baking. See Agnes le Drystere under 10 Nov 1298.

Staffs: 6 items; also:-

Richard le Sauvage chaplain has seisin of his whole house and garden by the tenement of William le Sauvage clerk in Bradeford; of the gift and demise of Geoffrey Beneth; doing the services due and accustomed to the lord of the fee.

Tasters presentments.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. LUCY THE VIRGIN 23 Ed. I.  
(13 Dec 1294)

12 items; also:-

Margery Coleman found pledges (named) to prosecute v Hugh son of William of Rushal for theft.

Hugh son of William of Rushal was attached at the suit of the said Margery for breaking into her house in Rushal at night-time on Friday before the feast of St. Lucy the Virgin, 23 Ed. I., and taking two dressed horse-skins, one tunic of blue and one shirt. Hugh said that he bought these goods and acquired them honestly, and he put himself for good or ill upon an inquest of twelve jurors. The jurors (named) say that Hugh is a thief. Therefore to be hanged.

Richard son of John Walter of Offenham and Robert son of John of Thorston of Offenham were attached on suspicion of stealing two mares on Wednesday next (before)\* the feast of St. Lucy. They say that they came by them honestly at Offenham, and they put themselves upon the liberty of the town. Twelve jurors (named) say that they are honest men and that they came by the mares honestly. Therefore they are quit. John le West of Brerton has one mare in custody and John Walter has the other.

COURT, MONDAY BEFORE THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (3 Jan 1295)

A plea of land delayed (capiat dilacionem) by assent of the parties 'until they come from the parts of Wales'. (Process entered under the next court).

COURT 24 Jan 1295

Writs attached:-

- (1) For stay of proceedings in a plea by Nicholas of Sekyndon v John and Alice of Pycheford as to a messuage in Tamworth, until a plea of warranty in this case has been taken at Westminster. Dated 3 May 1295.
- (2) For record and judgment, sicut alias, to Nicholas of Sekyndon in the above case. Dated 14 July 1295. (See also the writ attached to sheet 11).

COURT, 14 Feb 1295

COURTS, 7 March 1295, 28 March, 1295.

COURT 18 April 1295

Seisin of half-burgages to Osbert son of Geoffrey le Crouder clerk; also to Emma of Somervyle and Thomas her son.

Seisin of a place of land with curtilage to Geoffrey 'Tincter' chaplain.

COURT, 9 May 1295

A writ attached:- Writ of right on behalf of John le Seler chaplain v Henry son of Geoffrey Atte Cros for land in Tamworth, 50ft long and 8ft wide. Dated 14 July 1295.

\* 'post' is obviously an error for 'ante'

22, 23 Ed. I. (9)

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. DUNSTAN  
23 Ed. I (23 May 1295)

John of Bromleye has put himself into the tithing of Henry le Hornere, has made oath and gives 12d for entry.

Robert of Cotes has put himself into the tithing of Richard Don and has made oath.

Henry le Taylor received John Grene after he had been renounced by the town. Henry gave surety for his mercy. (Two pledges).

Agnes of Dedynhale and Margery le Cokes receive hen thieves (malefactores gallinarum). Therefore let them be punished.\* Agnes found two pledges (named) for her mercy.

Henry of Alrewich is received into the liberty of the town, not being in a tithing. (extra decenna)

It is ordered that Joan wife of Nicholas the locksmith be not harboured within the liberty of the town, nor Richard of Stafford nor Elis' Pouwe, under pain of half a mark.

Parnel wife of Hugh the smith struck Alice Keverel in her hired house and Alice justly raised the hue and cry. Therefore let Parnel be distrained.

A purpresture has been made in the King's dyke opposite the house of Geoffrey Coket. Therefore let it be viewed and amended.

Henry, Sir Robert Marmion's reeve has unjustly attacked (invad') Sarra of Yarkedich upon her own land.

John of Hopwas, William Neel and Ralf Neel forestall salt in the market which is sold at a dearer price. To be distrained.

Thomas Franceis withdrew himself during the eyre of the justices and has now returned. Let him find pledges. Two pledges (named).

The frankpledges present Henry of Shoile for being a usurer by lending silver and corn.

(18 other items of the more usual type for harbouring or for being without a tithing).

COURT, 30 May, 1295

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 23 Ed. I. (20 June 1295)

2 items.

Alice Keverel appeared v Roger Page of Leicester and Maud his wife in a plea of trespass that on Wednesday after the feast of St. Mary of Egypt (Eggitiace) 23 Ed. I. (6 April 1295) between noon and the hour of vespers, they treated her most vilely in the high street of Tamworth opposite the door of Richard le Waleys. Maud bit two fingers of her right hand and Roger hit her on the right side of her head with his right hand, to her damage of 4s. Roger denied the charge and damage and found two pledges (named) to wage his law.

Sara daughter of William Schil gives 6d to have an inquisition as to the tenement in Tamworth which she had by gift of her father. Twelve jurors (named) say that William Schil enfeoffed Sarra and that she had full seisin.

\* 'Castingentur' possibly = whipped.

5 other items and tasters' presentments, also:-

Philip Drak' has seisin of a parcel of land with buildings thereon of the demise of Simon son of Simon le Sauvage, lying at the Quarfoukes of Tamworth between the said Simon's land and the high street: doing therefor the services due and accustomed to the lord of the fee.

COURT MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. EDITH, VIRGIN \* (?? 11 July 1295)

9 items also a seisin of the moiety of a messuage in Gumpegate.

COURT, 1 Aug 1295

COURT, 22 Aug 1295

15 items and tasters' presentments.

Writ attached to the roll:-

For record and judgment to Nicholas of Seckyndon v John and Alice of Pycheford. (Exactly as in writ attached in sheet 5, but omitting 'sicut alias') Dated 13 July 1295.

22, 23 Ed. I. (11)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE VIRGIN 23 Ed. I.  
(12 Sept 1295)

5 items.

Staffs: 10 items, tasters' presentments, also:-

Roger and Maud Page appeared v Alice Keveler and waged their law six-handed. Therefore they withdrew quit and Alice and her pledges are in mercy for the false plea.

Richard le Sauvage chaplain has seisin, by demise of Simon son of Adam Shethe, of a place of land with buildings thereon and with land 12 ft. in width, lying between the land of Henry Silvester and of the said Simon; and it extends from the head of the same place towards the north up to the field 'del Walforlong'.

COURT, 3 Oct 1295

24 Ed. I (1-4)

This roll is very worn and crumpled in parts.

(1) ..... son of Geoffrey le Fishere v William Juweth and Elic' his wife in a plea for land, 100 ft. long and 24 ft. wide, in Tamworth.

Simon of Newcastle puts himself into the tithing of William Telne and has made oath and found two pledges (named).

2 similar items.

Simon Sweyn appeared v Simon Dogel in a plea of trespass. The latter did not appear and Henry le Meilour his pledge, who was distrained by one new plough because he did not produce him, also did not appear. Therefore to be better distrained.

Tasters' presentments.

\* This feast fell on 16 Sept. Possibly an error for Saints Edburga Virgin or Eadgith, Queen, July 15.

12 items, also:-

- (2) Lease of land for 60 years from Thomas le Blund chaplain to John his son.
- (3) Shows court dated 27 Feb 1296
- (4) Another court, date very worn.

John le Seler chaplain v Henry son of Geoffrey at the cross in a plea for land. Henry asks that the plea be postponed until he is of full age to answer. The jury decide that he is twelve years and more and therefore able to plead.

- (5) & (7) Writs of right, all dated 23 or 24 Ed. I for:-

Isabel who was wife of Geoffrey Coket v William le Fou of Waverton senior.

Isabel who was wife of Roger Tuck v William son of William of Elleford and Isabel his wife.

..... chaplain v the same.

Sara who was wife of Andrew Kek v Richard de Vilers.

Christiana who was wife of Simon le Sauvage v John Elyot.

Simon son of Simon le Sauvage v Henry son of Ralf Brabazun of Cumberford.

- (6) and (8) Endorsements to above writs.

Courts dated 2 July, 23 July 1296. Usual type of item.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN 24 Ed. I. (13 Aug 1296)

16 items, also:-

#### Staffs

William of Ruggeleye and Agatha his wife give to Ralf Basseth' of Drayton, knight, for terms of their lives, two parts of a messuage with buildings in Thameworth with all the arable land in the territory of Wiginton together with the third part of the messuage and land when it shall be available (cum acciderit) he to do the accustomed services to the chief lord of the fee.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN 24 Ed. I. (3 Sept 1296)

Warws: 8 items, also:-

Roger le Tornour in full court acknowledged that he was bound to William of Tomyulpru in 4 marks of silver for wood bought from him, payable before the feast of St. Michael or in the octave. Pledges, John of Shepeye and John of Wickeford.

Staffs: 4 items.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 24 Sept 1296

No item of special note.

24, 25 Ed. I. (4) (5)

COURT 15 Oct 1296

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS  
24 Ed. I. (5 Nov 1296)  
COURT OF PORTMANMOOT HELD THE SAME DAY

The frankpledge present Robert Godrich in mercy for receiving Geoffrey his brother who was previously (put outside a tithing)\*.

4 others unlawfully received, not in any tithing.

It is ordered that no one allow strange/ women to brew in his house under pain of half a mark and that no one carry his malt to be ground or water for brewing under the same pain.

8 other brief items. Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. ANDREW 25 Ed. I.  
(26 Nov 1296)

Staffs: 4 items and Tasters' presentments, also:-

John son of John of Bollenhull has seisin of one burgage of land which Robert Derman had by sale from Richard Don. Maud and Joan daughters of Richard, have quitclaimed to John all their right. He has seisin.

John of Bromeleye and Cristiana his wife have seisin of one messuage of land of sale from John Eliot. They have made oath to the bailiffs and have seisin.

Co. Warw. court held on the same day. 2 items.

COURT 17 Dec 1296

6 items and Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF TAMEWORTH, MONDAY THE MORROW OF THE EPIPHANY 25 Ed. I.  
(7 Jan 1297)

Warws: 6 items.

Staffs: 4 items, also:-

John Simond found pledges, William Simond and Abraham Payn, for his trespass against the bailiffs. Afterwards he was put into the tithing of William Woche and has made oath.

Richard le Sauvage chaplain has seisin of a solar and stipend (solar' et selar') by the house of Simon Sheth in Thameworth, by demise from the said Simon.

24, 25 Ed. I. (26)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN 25 Ed. I (28 Jan 1297)

Warws: 5 items.

Staffs: 2 items and Tasters' presentments, also:-

William son of John Elioth, and Isabel his sister, have seisin of one burgage of land in Thameworth by demise from John their father, doing the accustomed services.

\* Abjuratum

/ Advenas



25, 26 Ed. I. (1)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. VALENTINE 25 Ed. I.  
(18 Feb 1297)

Warws: 6 items.

Staffs: 4 items, also:-

Henry Silvester gives Henry his son the third part of a burgage which he holds for term of his life, lying between the land of Henry of Cossebi and the land of Richard le Sauvage.

Henry Silvester gives Isabel his daughter the moiety of the third part of a burgage in Bradeford in Thameworth; should she die without heir lawfully procreated, the moiety to revert to Alice and Elic' her sisters and their heirs.

The same Henry gives to Elic' his daughter the moiety of a burgage in Otewalstret in Thameworth; should she die without heir lawfully procreated, the moiety to revert to Alice and Isabel her sisters and their heirs.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, 11 March 1297

COURT, 1 April 1297

COURT, 22 April 1297

COURT, 13 May 1297

COURT, 3 June 1297

25, 26 Ed. I. (10) (2)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 25 Ed. I.  
(24 June 1297)

One messuage in Tamworth demised by Roger Gobbe to Richard of Witton.

Adam of Chester puts himself into the tithing of John Togod and has made oath. Pledge, Henry of Cossebi.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. EDITH VIRGIN 25 Ed. I.  
(13 May 1297) (sic)

9 items, also:-

Tasters' presentments.

Nicholas of Pich' is in mercy for killing a bull not baited by dogs. Pledges, John of Shep(eye) and Richard Don.

Thomas Anteloth puts himself into the tithing of John of Shepeye and has made oath. Pledges, Ralf of Bollynhul and Richard Don.

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. PETER IN CHAINS  
25 Ed. I (5 Aug 1297)

The six bailiffs, sworn, present that they took from Thomas Kemme on Sunday next after the feast of St. Peter in Chains two false loaves each weighing 3 shillings and 2 pence too little, and they put them under custody in the house of William Telne. Thomas entered by force against the will of the children (parvorum) of William, broke the loaves into pieces and gave them to the children and to others in contempt of the King. Therefore it is decreed that he be distrained by whatsoever can be found in his possession (in manibus suis)

6 other items.

Staffs: 4 items, also:-

Ralf del Holt and Geoffrey Weneth sold 40 pigs to a stranger and paid toll for only 14 pigs. Therefore (in mercy).

Edith, widow of Hugh le Hornere has done fealty for Henry her son who is under age. Henry has entry into a messuage which was of Hugh his father and gives 5d for relief.

Tasters' presentments.

25, 26 Ed. I. (3)

PORTMANMOOT COURT, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW 25 Ed. I.  
(26 Aug 1297)

Thomas Kemme to be distrained for his trespass.

The bailiffs are ordered to distrain Roger of Baddesleye to have Thomas Kemme his servant before the bailiffs to make amends for his trespass and contempt.

William Coke complains v Geoffrey Godryth in a plea of trespass, namely, threats of (assault) and house-burning; and he has attorned Thomas of the hall to prosecute because this matter touches the whole community.

7 other items and tasters' presentments.

PORTMANMOOT COURT 16 Sept 1297

Thomas Kemme in full court acknowledged his trespass and found two pledges to make amends.

Maud wife of Richard of Midelton took away one false loaf and would not allow the jurors to weigh it.

PORTMANMOOT COURT 7 Oct 1297

COURT 28 Oct 1297

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. MARTIN THE BISHOP 25 Ed. I  
(11 Nov 1297)

The frankpledge desire Avice le Stedemon to be removed unless she find pledge to justify herself (se justificand') and to amend her ways (mores emendand').

John Tramme struck Robert Godrich and drew blood, unjustly.

Avice le Meilor received Richard le Meilor not in a tithing.

John le Irmonger and Geoffrey his son beat Alan le Irmonger and Richard his son against the peace, and they justly raised the hue and cry.

Alice who was wife of H. of Patishul unjustly beat a certain poor person and drew blood. Pledges for her mercy, William Dye and Richard le Palmere.

William of Burton received a certain strange woman (advene) not in a tithing. Pledges for his mercy, W. Warman and J. of Shepeye.

It is ordered that Robert son of Alice le Taylor be put in the tithing of\* Roger Shurt, otherwise he is to be removed.

Roger le Turnour is in mercy for receiving Robert Faucos, not in a tithing. Pledges, John of Pich' and Richard Math'.

\* The record has 'and'

Geoffrey Wyne and the Abbot of Miravalle have obstructed with their gardens and in other ways a lane leading to the water at Segerisgate.

The Abbot of Miravalle is distrained for his defaults.

Ralf le Deyster has received Simon Duggel, not in a tithing. Pledges for his mercy, William Marger and William le Hayward.

Bate le Chalonere\* has received strangers (peregrinos) against the peace. He is ordered to remove them. Pledges for his mercy, Geoffrey Wyne and Robert le Webbe.

Alice Bondy has received Richard of Yrlond, not in a tithing.

The frankpledge present that Avise wife of Richard le Fleshewere, by her servants, and Roger Kempe wash the entrails of oxen at Agatewaterlad, contrary to the prohibition, under penalty of half a mark. It is ordered that the penalty be levied. Roger Kempe is in mercy for his defaults and Richard has found pledges, Richard Math' and R. le Turnour.

Ralf Tiboth has made an encroachment at Agatewaterlad.

It is ordered that the dung<sup>/</sup> opposite the church be removed or whoever likes may freely carry and take it away.

Roger Kempe unjustly battered Alice Coket and she justly raised the hue and cry.

It is ordered that no one receive the wife of Peter le Mower, renounced before, under penalty of half a mark, nor a certain woman named Aloth', nor Simon Moleth'.

Item Roger son of Geoffrey Lovel is ordered to be put into a tithing.

Item Isabel Coket received Walter le Write not in a tithing, nor his son. (sic)

William of Collyshul sold fleshunlawfully at the King's stalls (carn' inustas).

Nicholas of Stodleye slaughtered a bull not baited by dogs, and Nicholas Alcos likewise.

Many female strangers (advene) are received into the house of Henry le Deyster, not in a tithing, Distrained to come to the next court.

The frankpledge present that on Wednesday next before the feast of All Saints, 25 Edward I (30 Oct 1297) John, Walter of Glascot's boy unjustly struck Robert the man of the Prior of ..... in Thameworth and drew blood; the King's bailiff came to attach the parties for bloodshed and the raising of the hue and cry; and John the said Walter's boy, Thomas of Herlaston and the son of Geoffrey Kelyng with their company (posse suum) made a rescue against the peace.

25, 26 Ed. I (6) (7)

COURT, MONDAY THE OCTAVE OF ST. MARTIN 25 Ed. I (18 Nov 1297)

6 items.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE ON THE SAME DAY

2 items.

COURT 9 Dec. 1297

\* i.e. coverlet maker.

<sup>/</sup> "fina": possibly dung-heap.

COURT 31 Dec 1297

COURT 21 Jan 1298

COURT OF THAMEWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. VALENTINE 26 Ed. I  
(10 Feb 1298)

4 items, also:-

John le Sauvage has seisin of one messuage in Thameworth by demise from Nicholas son of Henry Hemery, lying between the land of Robert Knotte chaplain and the land formerly of Hugh Couthulf, doing the services due and accustomed to the chief lords of the fee.

Thomas of Copynhale has seisin for life of a place of land in Thameworth by demise from John Coket; lying between the land of the same John and the land of William le Sauvage; doing etc.

Tasters' presentments.

Robert son of John of Halsey of Longedon is put into the tithing of Richard Kempe and has made oath and found pledges, Robert Juweth and William of Rugel'.

COURT 3 March 1298

COURT 24 March 1298

25, 26 Ed. I (8)

COURT OF THAMEWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE CLOSE OF EASTER 26 Ed. I (14 April 1298)

3 items and tasters' presentments.

John of the hall in full court acknowledged that he besought (supplicant) Master Robert of Pycheford to be his pledge for 20s. towards a certain burgess of Leicester. Therefore it is decreed that he be distrained by all his goods until satisfaction of the 20s be made.

COURT 5 May 1298

25, 26, Ed. I (9) (11)

COURT 26 May 1298

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE ON THE SAME DAY

9 brief items only.

COURT OF THAMEWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS, 26 Ed. I  
(16 June 1298)

Richard son of Simon le Sauvage chaplain has seisin in land and a whole tenement in Thameworth lying in Otewal between the land of William son of Richard Math' on one part and the land of Henry son of Henry Silvester on the other, of the demise of Simon son of Adam Sheth of Thameworth; doing etc. He has seisin in full court.

Before the seisin the said Richard had a term of 29 years in the above land and tenement by demise of Simon, by a deed which he has given back to Simon.

Robert son of John Godefrey is at law against Henry of Sheile for 12d unjustly detained; pledges, Nicholas of Stodleye and Henry of Childecote. Law is granted to him six-handed.

12 other items.

COURT 7 July 1298

25, 26 Ed. I (11) (12) (13)

COURT OF THAMEWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. JAMES APOSTLE 26 Ed. I.  
(28 July 1298)

Roger Abel of Amynton and Isabel his wife gave to Henry their son and heir the third part of a burgage in Thameworth in Ellregate, doing therefore etc. He has seisin.

16 other items and tasters' presentments.

Writ of right on behalf of Isabel who was wife of Geoffrey Coket against John son of Geoffrey of Cotes concerning the third part of a messuage in Tamworth 24 June 25 Ed. I (1297)

Writ of right on behalf of Ralf Wychard and Isabel his wife against Roger Drake and "Steynilda" his wife concerning one shop in Tamworth. 17 March 26 Ed. I. (1298)

26, 27 Ed. I.

COURT 18 Aug 1298

10 items, also:-

John the Organist (Johannes Organista) is put into the tithing of Richard Baron and has made oath and found two pledges (named)

(It would appear that 8 items at top of sheet 1 v also belong to this court)

COURT 8 Sept 1298

COURT 29 Sept 1298

Bertram de la Lee, baker, pledge of Ralf Golding.

Tasters amerce Alan 'ye Hirenmonger' 4d for a false loaf, and Thomas Pernnel 6d for one false loaf found in the window of Maud le Couper.

COURT 20 Oct 1298

Alan del Holt and 'Alota' his wife acknowledge a debt to Henry of Wychenore of 18d payable 1<sup>st</sup> weekly until it is settled. Alan gave surety for his mercy by pledge, William Juet.

COURT 10 Nov 1298

6 items, also:-

Ralf Wichard and Isabel his wife brought a writ of right as to one shop against Roger Drake and Steynilda his wife who essoined themselves three times and have not appeared, but have made default. Adjudged that the shop be taken into the King's hands and that they have a day at the next Court and that the shop be replevied within fifteen days.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE ON THE DAY AND YEAR ABOVE SAID

Order is given for the watercourse in Gumpegate opposite 'del walforlong' to be amended.

Joan Breton is ordered to be punished for receiving and harbouring strange women.

John Geryn is in mercy for receiving a certain carpenter named Geoffrey, who is not in a tithing. Pledge, Roger le Turner.

Item the frankpledge says that Walter of Brugg' has been received without being in a tithing. Pledges for his mercy, J. Geryn and J. of Ryngedon.

Two strange women received into Alice of Ryngedon's house are ordered to be removed because they were renounced before and let Alice be summoned.

Adam Coket is in mercy for unjust bloodshed from a certain stranger.

The frankpledge says that Walter of Ockleye and William his son remain outside a tithing. Let them be distrained.

John le Sauvage made unlawful 'homsokene'<sup>z</sup> upon Henry Knyth who justly raised the hue and cry. Mercy (in margin)

The frankpledge present William Neel for unjustly buying a cartload of salt in the market on Saturday last past and retailing it (tabernavit) at 6d a bushel when the local people (viccini) could have had it for 4d or 5d a bushel in contempt of the town and against the prohibition. Mercy (in margin)

Adam of Asseton and Agnes le Drystere and her son are ordered to be removed.

Ralf le Webbe is in mercy for receiving, and William of Brugge likewise. Pledges, J. Geryn and Ralf Deystere.

William of Colsul unjustly pursued Alice le Skynnere who justly raised the hue and cry. Mercy (in margin)

William del Fennys is ordered to find a pledge.

Ralf le Reve received Henry Carpenter who is not in a tithing. Pledges (for his mercy) William Telne and Walter Cockon.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT 1 Dec 1298

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE ON THE SAME DAY AND YEAR

10 items as to harbouring strangers, being received into a tithing, or raising the hue and cry. Tasters' presentments.

Henry Vitor had seisin in one place of land with courtyard 160 ft. in length and 16 ft. in width in Tamworth by demise of Geoffrey son of Reginald.

Hugh of Bromkot' acknowledged in full court that he would only brew ale at  $\frac{3}{4}$ d or 1d a gallon; therefore in mercy because (he brewed) against the assize.

COURT 22 Dec 1298

COURT 12 Jan 1299

COURT 2 Feb 1299

COURT 23 Feb 1299

William son of Geoffrey of Tunstal waged his law v J. of Shepeye twelve-handed. Pledges, J. le Wyte and Roger.

COURT OF THAMEWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. GREGORY 27 Ed. I  
(16 Mar 1299)

It is granted by the whole community of Thameworth that Thomas of Copynhale may build a certain solar adjoining his house in Co. Warwick towards the highway opposite the pillory, so long as they are able to pass and ride there and hold their court at the will of the community.

(Ita quod possint ibidem ise & equitare & curiam suam tenere pro voluntate communitatis).

<sup>z</sup> i.e house-breaking



31 Ed. I

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE VIGIL OF ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE 31 Ed. I.  
(10 June 1303)

Seisin of property (worn or torn) to John le Blound clerk. Ena his mother and Joan his sister, from Richard le Palmere.

Thomas le Blound chaplain who gave a tenement with building thereon to John le Blound clerk and Joan his sister, on Monday 22 January 1302, has on this day ratified his grant.

Adam le Roper and Alice his wife have seisin of a tenement in Otewalestrete by demise of John le Blund and Joan his sister, to hold to Adam and Alice, their heirs and assigns etc. Joan by a charter in full court has quitclaimed all her right.

Walter of Brugge and Cristian his wife have entry for a term of 22 years from Easter 31 Edward I in a tenement in Otewalestrete by demise of John son of John called Helyot and 'Steymye' his wife.

11 other items.

PORTMANMOOT COURT OF TAMWORTH 1 July 1303

11 items.

Writ of right on behalf of John Pollard of Amynton and Isabel his wife against William le Whiteclerk of Shepeye of Tamworth and Geoffrey his son concerning a tenement in Tamworth. 13 June (?1303)

31, 32 Ed. I.

PORTMANMOOT COURTS 1 July, 22 July, 12 August, 2 Sept, 23 Sept, 14 Oct, and COURT 4 Nov 1303

These include only items relating to essoins, appearances and challenges of essoins in the plea of John Pollard v William le Whiteclerk and his son.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS  
31 Ed. I (4 Nov 1303)

John of Picheford essoined of the view by William at the thicket (ad spin spinam).

The frankpledge present John of Ringesdon for harbouring a strange woman with her son against the assize. In mercy; pledge, R. le Deystere.

They present that the said Alice Per and her son are unfit to remain within the liberty. Therefore no one is to receive them henceforth under penalty of half a mark.

They present that the hue and cry was raised between Cristian the relict of Ellis (the carpenter?) and the wife of Richard of Brewode, at the instance of Cristian.

They present Alice Coket for harbouring 'Mille' Jolyroby against the assize and already forbidden the town under penalty of half a mark. Still forbidden (and) no one to receive her under the said penalty.

William son of Ralf le Deystere has seisin of a tenement in Eyatestrete from the gift of Ralf and Alice his wife, to hold of the chief lord to William and the lawful heirs of his body as in the charter to William fully appears.

PORTMANMOOT COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. KATHERINE THE VIRGIN  
32 Ed. I (25 Nov 1303)

10 items; also

William of Billeye is received into a tithing and has made oath and if he conducts himself rebelliously let him be removed from the community. (sit repellendus)

Nicholas le Taylor is received into a tithing and has made oath and let him be removed from the community if he conducts himself rebelliously in future.

32, 33 Ed. I.

WARW COURT OF THE VIEW OF TAMWORTH, FRIDAY THE FEAST OF ST. EDMUN THE KING  
ENDING 32 Ed. I (20 Nov 1304)

Thomas of Wytintun essoined of the view by Gregory Wyne; Robert of Rothewell the same by William Tocke.

Henry Cotton is in mercy, 4d, for making default.

The frankpledge present the hue and cry raised between Nicholas of Stodleye and Henry Knyt, to the harm of Henry. Nicholas is not present, therefore distrained.

(Two similar items)

Item they present that Henry Knyt and his wife called Nicholas of Stodleye a thief, against the peace. They are not present, therefore distrained.

(Another similar item)

Item they present that John le Sadeler has made an encroachment upon the King's way (?)<sup>\*</sup> at 'Le Stonencros' Not present, therefore distrained.

Item they present that Henry le Branker', Geoffrey le Irenmonger' and Ralf Sampson forestalled Ralf of Gumpegate in the highway / against the peace Therefore Henry, Geoffrey and Ralf are in mercy, 2d each. Pledge, the one for the other.

Item they present that the same Henry assaulted the said Ralf with his bow, against the peace. Therefore in mercy, 2d. Pledge, T. of Herlastun.

Item they present that Henry of Derby and Ralf Dout have bought and sold a mad wether<sup>x</sup> against the assize. Therefore in mercy. Pledge, Philip le Bray.

Item they present that Nicholas of Picheford has made an encroachment with refuse and dung ('cum truncis et fimo suo') upon the King's way opposite his house. Therefore distrained.

Item they present that Richard of Wittun has obstructed the common way with his dung, against the assize. Therefore in mercy, 6d. Pledge, W. Telne.

Item they present Robert Paucke for not removing his timber as ordered. Therefore in mercy, 4d. Pledge, Richard of Stodleye.

Item they present that the son of William le Em (gave surety for his stall) ('vad' ad stall') without making his oath. Therefore in mercy, 6d. Pledge, his father.

c x 'super dominum regem'

/ 'Regia via'

X 'Unum multonem dementem'

It is ordered under pain of 2s and the forfeiture of anything found that women who sell the entrails of oxen or other animals shall not henceforth throw out dung or other rubbish\* at their doors to the harm and abomination of passers-by.

Richard le Palmer and Henry Clement are chosen as tasters in the place of John Hendemon and Richard of Ireland. They have made oath.

Three persons charged with harbouring others against the assize.

STAFFS VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. CLEMENT THE POPE 33 Ed. I. (23 Nov 1304)

The frankpledge present Simon le Webbe for unjustly assaulting Cecily of Evesham in her house, against the peace. Attached.

Item they present Benedict le Coppe for not being in a tithing. Therefore let him make fine.

Item they present Steynitha Elyot for harbouring him against the assize. Therefore distrained.

(15 items for harbouring others)

(3 items for not being in a tithing)

Item they present that William of Haunton drew blood of Robert Toly, unjustly. Therefore in mercy, 4d. Pledge, W. Neel.

(2 similar items)

Item they present that Henry of Derby sold mad sheep (bidentes dementes) against the assize. Therefore distrained.

Item they present that Geoffrey Clede made an encroachment upon the King's way (super dominum regem). Amerced 4d.

Item they present that William le Cok, William of Haunton, William Batekoces, William le Em, Henry of Derby and William of Burton sold flesh in their houses and at the King's stalls. Therefore it is decreed that none of them sell in this manner henceforth under pain of half a mark payable to the lord, and that they should go to the lord's stalls.

(3 other brief items).

33 Ed. I.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. ANDREW APOSTLE 33 Ed. I.  
(30 Nov 1304)

Warws: 12 items; also:-

Robert of Rochewell v Henry son of Gilbert le Chapmon in a plea of trespass that whereas on Saturday after the feast of St. Michael 32 Ed. I (1304) in Tamworth market he sought payment of a debt from Henry, he blasphemed Robert calling him thievish rascal, proud and false knave, against the peace and to Robert's damage of 2s. Henry wholly denied calling Robert anything or causing him damage, and waged his law against Robert. Law-day assigned in three weeks. Pledges of the law, Robert Juwet and John of Pycheford.

Alan the miller has seisin in one messuage of land (sic) with buildings in Thamworth of the demise of Richard le Coylter of Lych'.

c x Scruta

/ 'foro' i.e. market place.

Staffs 10 items.

Tasters' presentments include Hugh of Bromcote in mercy for putrid mead (medo putrefacto).

PIE POWDER COURT OF THAMWORTH, THURSDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. LUCY  
33 Ed. I (17 Dec. 1304)

John le Deye of Croddeworth was attached in Tamworth market (mercato) on Saturday the Vigil of the feast of St. Lucy Virgin in the year abovesaid on suspicion of the theft of 4 cows which he had with him. The same John, brought into full court, said that he bought the cows at Newport and that he is trustworthy in all things, and as to this he puts himself upon good and lawful men of the court. Thirteen jurors (named) say that John le Deye is good and trustworthy in all things. Thus with his beasts he is dismissed and quit.

34 Ed. I

COURT OF THAMWORTH, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. VALENTINE 34 Ed. I  
(14 Feb 1306)

#### Staffs

John Brown and Isabel his wife by their unanimous consent have wholly quitclaimed to Henry of Cosseby dwelling in Thamworth all their right in a tenement with buildings thereon in Otewalstrete, which Henry had formerly acquired from William son of Roger Broud chaplain.

14 other items

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. CHADD THE BISHOP 34 Ed. I.  
(7 March 1306)

Warws; 11 items; also:-

John le Iremonger of Thamworth came and surrendered into the bailiffs' hands his whole tenement in Thamworth and Geoffrey his son came and made oath to the bailiffs for his entry, and he has seisin doing etc.\*

Staffs: 3 items and tasters' presentments.

COURT 21 March 1306

Plea of debt by Alan Brambel v Roger le Turner for 8s of silver; to be recovered with damages.

Writs of right, 1 Feb 1306, on behalf of:-

- (1) John Hendeman and wife Maud v Henry of Wicchenovere of Tamworth chaplain for land 100 ft. long and 6 ft. wide.
- (2) Thomas son of Robert del Holt of Tamworth v William Here for one messuage.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION 34 Ed. I.  
(9 May 1306)

Warws: 8 items; also

Richard le Vylers has seisin for term of his life in a half burgage of land by demise from Alice Coket daughter formerly of Geoffrey Coket; to hold by the services due and accustomed. He has done fealty.

\* The first occurrence of an item of this type.

Staffs: 8 items; also:-

Henry son of Nicholas in a plea of trespass v Geoffrey le Bere for attacking and arresting him in the highway on Sunday after the feast of Invention of Holy Cross 34 Ed. I ( 8 May 1306) and for calling him false and untrustworthy, whereby the said Henry lost the credit of 30s loaned to him by Ralf le Dexter from the said feast until the feast of the Assumption next to come (13 August). Geoffrey, present, without any defence, gave surety to make amends to Henry and pay his amercement to the bailiffs.

Tasters' presentments.

GREAT COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE MORROW OF WHIT SUNDAY 34 Ed. I.  
(23 May 1306)

John Hendeman essoined of the view by Henry of Glascote; first time. Afterwards he came and guaranteed the essoin.

(2 others essoined for the View the first time)

Presentments by the Frankpledge:-

Ralf Sannsom has made a rescue from the bailiffs collecting a tollage for the use of the men going before the King's Justices at Warwick upon the business of the town of Tamworth; therefore distrained. He brought a plea against the bailiffs in order to stir up a dispute; therefore in mercy by pledges, Robert at the hall and Henry Cockon.

The following committed the same trespass: Robert Pauke, John le Sadeler and Ralf Schog. All in mercy by pledges Robert le Fenere and Robert le Webbe.

John le Sadeler has made an encroachment upon the highway; distrained.

The hue and cry has been raised between Robert le Plummer' and his stepmother to the injury of the said Robert; distrained.

Henry le Snour has not been received into a tithing but he is allowed to remain in the town paying to the community a certain fixed rent (quoddam certum redditum) as shall be agreed between them.

Richard Hodekin is not in a tithing.

Richard of Restlaston miller has not been received into a tithing. Richard came and vouched the roll to warrant that he had been received into a tithing and he found Ralf le Deyster and William of Burton (?bailiffs) as pledges for his trespass if it should be found that he has not been received.

Richard del Hull is not in a tithing nor is he fit to remain within the community of the town.

William Schog forestalled salt, iron and other merchandise in the King's market. Therefore in mercy; pledges, Robert le Seles and W. le Cock.

Walter of Melewych forestalled iron and other merchandise in the King's market. Distrained.

John Saunson (similar item).

Nicholas Ket is liable (reus est) for the trespass aforesaid. Therefore in mercy; pledge William Badecok.

William Rassel has made a rescue from the bailiffs collecting a tollage as above. Therefore in mercy; pledges, John of Wickeford and Alan Drambel.

Nicholas Kek has been received into a tithing and has made oath.

Similar items for:- Alan son of Richard of Wichenore, Henry le Rous, Thomas son of William of Wovere, Ralf Beuchamp, Robert son of Robert le Webbe, Robert son of Adam le Felor<sup>x</sup> and Richard Hondy.

Ralf Wycharde of Schoyle and Isabel his wife brought a writ of right v Henry Drake and 'Steynetha' who was the wife of Roger Drake.

Writ of right by Ralf Wycharde of Sheyle etc (as above) for a shop with appurtenances in Tamworth; 18 April 34 Ed. I (1306).

COURT 11 July 1306

4 persons essoined of common suit<sup>4</sup>  
Henry the fuller<sup>x</sup> essoin for a defendant  
Tasters' presentments  
Other usual items.

COURT 1 August 1306

3 persons essoin of common suit  
2 cases of bloodshed (no details)  
Other usual items  
1 plea of debt (unspecified)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE  
34 Ed. I (22 August 1306)

Warw: 6 items.

Staffs: 11 items and tasters' presentments; also:-

The following mainperned for Geoffrey le Bere for his trespass v Henry of Faresly who was in peril of death, so that should Henry die within a year the mainpernors will answer for Geoffrey:- Robert le Waterleder, Richard Fricke, John Maynard, William le Cartewrythe and Richard le Meylour.

COURT 12 Sept 1306

COURT 3 Oct 1306

34 Ed. I C (1) and (2)

These two membranes contain only the record of the process of one plea, entered court by court from 22 November, 1305 to 24 October 1306. The full heading of the court is given for each date:-

22 November 1305

Richard Knotte of Tamworth chaplain brought a writ of right v Maud who was the wife of Henry le Teynturer and Osbert son of Geoffrey le Croudere for one messuage in Tamworth: dated 6 Nov 1305.

After a number of essoins, Richard's narration was made at the Court dated 28 March 1306, upon which the defendants asked for a view of the messuage.

On 20 June 1306 Richard made a second narration, upon which Osbert stated that he was not a tenant of the messuage, and Maud put forward an exception because the right to the messuage remained with John le Deystere, brother and heir of Henry, without whom she was unable to answer. Judgment postponed.

On 12 September 1306, Richard asked for judgment on the exception, and Maud, having aid of John le Deystere, vouched to warranty John son of Adam of Norton who was summoned in the town of Lichfield. Richard objected to this warranty



because neither John son of Adam nor his ancestors ever had seisin after Richard's own seisin. Maud confessed to this but objected that Richard and Robert his brother had wrongly entered the messuage. Afterwards she stated that she had recovered by a plea of novel disseisin the same seisin which she formerly had by charter of John son of Adam. Upon prayer of the parties day was given, without any essoin, at the next Court.

On 3 October 1306 Maud did not appear. The messuage was ordered to be taken into the King's hands and Maud to be summoned by the bailiff and 4 lawful men (named).

On 24 October 1306 Maud did not appear. Judgment given for Richard and Maud in mercy.

35 Ed. I.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE VIGIL OF ST. NICHOLAS BISHOP 35 Ed. I.  
(5 Dec. 1306)

Warws: 6 items.

Staffs: 9 items, tasters' presentments (23 persons), also:-

William son of the Lady of Tunstal and 'Elicia' his wife by their attorney Thomas of Herlaston appeared v Roger Gubbe of Tamworth and Lettice his wife in a plea of debt for 8s of silver. On Monday after the feast of St. Mathias Apostle 25 Ed I (25 Feb 1297) Roger and Lettice borrowed (mutuati fuerint de) from 'Elicia' one quarter of oats price 5s and 3s of silver, payable at the feast of St. Edith the Virgin (16 Sept) in the following year, on which day they did not pay, and they still withhold the debt, to William's and 'Elicia's' damage of 4s.

Roger and Lettice deny the debt and damage and are prepared to wage their law against William and 'Elicia'.

COURT 26 Dec 1306

Only the usual type of item.

2 Ed. II

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE MORROW OF PALM SUNDAY 2 Ed. II  
(24 March 1309)

William Neel, prosecuted (occasionatus) for forestalling in the purchase of a cartload of salt, denies his guilt. Inquest by Henry le Mouner, William le Hayward, William le Chanon, Robert Keling, Robert of Coten, Robert Boni, Richard of Rothewell and Philip Bray who say that he is guilty. Surety given to the bailiff for his oath, by pledge of Henry le Mouner and Philip le Bray.

William Boche and William his son have seisin in two half burgages with buildings thereon, to hold for their lives as is more fully contained in the deed made between them.

Henry le Ropere and William and William (sic) his brothers have seisin in a place of land with buildings in Otewalstrete, of the gift and enfeoffment of their parents Adam le Ropere and Alice his wife. They made oath to the bailiff.

3 other items.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. EUPHEMIA VIRGIN 2 Ed. II  
(14 April 1309)

Philip le Bray and Agnes his wife have seisin in a place of land with buildings (not specified) and a certain share of dower which Agnes of Copenhull held after the death of Henry le Hornere formerly her husband,

to hold to Philip and Agnes of the demise of Henry le Ropere and William and William his brothers, and to the heirs or assigns of Philip forever. They have made oath to the bailiff.

4 other items.

COURT 5 May, 1309

(This is the dorse of Sheet 1)

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE 2 Ed. II  
(26 May 1309)

Richard le Pecher', Richard his son, Roger le Pecher' and William le Em in full court acknowledged themselves bound to Thomas le Coupere for 30s sterling, payable 10s at this court, 10s at the feast of St. Peter in Chains (1 Aug) and 10s at the feast of St. Michael next to come.

6 other items.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 16 June 1309

3 Ed. II

COURT 7 July 1309

COURT 28 July 1309

Tasters' presentments for first time on this roll.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN  
3 Ed. II (18 Aug 1309)

Ralf le Deystere junior, plaintiff, appeared in a plea of covenant against William le Sadelere. The bailiff witnessed that William had been distrained by one horse-collar. He had not submitted to justice, therefore it was decreed that the distraint be held and further distraint taken.

11 other items.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN 3 Ed. II  
(8 Sept 1309)

Ralf le Couherd of Drayton, plaintiff v Roger Gubbe in a plea of debt.

Maud le Wroth has had delivery of a tapestry (tapete) by the bailiffs and has found two pledges (named) to answer for the tapestry or its price of 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d within a year and a day.

13 other items and tasters' presentments.

COURT 29 Sept 1309

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 20 Oct 1309

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 10 Nov 1309

Attached to roll:-

Writ of right on behalf of John son of Hugh of Chester, clerk, v Alice daughter of Geoffrey Coket, concerning the moiety of a messuage in Tamworth.  
27 July 1309

GREAT COURT 25 Nov 1309

Richard of Hopwas essoined of the view.

John Scheye received (? into the butcher's craft: ad officium carnificis) and made his oath.

No other business.

COURT 1 Dec 1309

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 3 Ed. II  
(12 Jan 1310)

#### Staffs

Henry of Kossebi in full court did fealty to the bailiffs of Sir John de Hastings for two messuages in Tamworth held by Henry of Kossebi his father for life. Asked by what services he claimed to hold, he said that he held the tenement, by enfeoffment from Henry his father, to him and his heirs with remainder to his brother Philip of Kossebi and his heirs.

Joan (widow of Henry of Kossebi) has given the said Philip 12d annual rent from a messuage in Tamworth held by John Brown and Isabel his wife for term of the life of Isabel by demise from the said Henry her father. It lies in co. Stafford between the land of Sir William the chaplain and the land of William Simond, and it extends in length from the highway up to the watercourse called Thame. She has also granted Philip the reversion of the messuage after the death of Isabel. Witnesses:- Robert Iwet', Ralf Tincter junior, John le Sauvage and William Neel then bailiffs in Tamworth (and 3 others named). Dated at Tamworth, Monday before the feast of St. Hilary, 3 Ed. II (12 Jan 1310).

4 other items.

COURT 2 Feb 1310 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 23 Feb 1310 Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE POPE 3 Ed. II  
(16 March 1310)

#### Warw

Adam of Warmeley plaintiff v Thomas le Couper in a plea of debt. Thomas has not appeared and was not distrained because no distraint could be found outside his house. Therefore decreed by the whole court that he should be distrained within his house.

Another similar item.

Robert of Misterton perpetual vicar of the church of Leython' has seisin in three messuages with buildings thereon in Tamworth, 16s 2d worth of annual rent, the rent of one pound of cumin and the reversion of a messuage held for life by Henry of Schildecote and Maud his wife of the demise of Alice daughter of Geoffrey Coket of Tamworth.

10 other items.

Staffs: 7 items and "bailiffs" (tasters') presentments.

COURT 6 April 1310

COURT 27 April 1310

3 Ed. II 2 v

No court shown. Two isolated items as to:-

- (a) Surrender of a messuage not described
- (b) Seisin of Robert of Misterton, perpetual vicar of Leython' in 18d annual rent.

3 Ed. II 3 v

No dates shown. Possibly a continuation of court of 27 April 1310

Further seisin in 18d annual rent to John of Misterton and Alice daughter of Geoffrey Coket of Tamworth.

Seisin in the third part of a burgage to John le Whyte and Parnel his wife. It lies in co. Stafford in Otwalllestret between the tenements of Robert of Cotes and John Elyot.

Surrender by Margaret daughter of Richard le Pyper of Bollebruggestret of the moiety of a messuage in Otwallstret.

(A note at the foot of 1 v states that this roll is of the time of ..... deystere, Robt. Juet, John le Sauvage and William Nele).

3 Ed. II (C)

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. DUNSTAN 3 Ed. II  
(18 May 1310)

John le Harper in full court surrendered to the use of Robert at the hall one place (or)\* courtyard in Tamworth, stretching 50 ft. in length towards the highway and 69 ft. on the other side towards John of Ryngesdon's garden, and in width 54 ft. Robert has done fealty and acknowledged that he owes the service of 2d and suit of court every three weeks.

7 other items.

Staffs: 4 items. Tasters' presentments.

COURT 8 June 1310 Tasters' presentments.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF TAMWORTH, FRIDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS  
APOSTLE 3 Ed. II (12 June 1310)

The frankpledge present a purpresture<sup>/</sup> made upon the King's dike, with hedges, by John of Wicford and ten others (named).

Item they say that Geoffrey Clede (pledge, Robert of Rothewell) has made a purpresture with his hedge upon the King's highway and dike.

Item they say that John Schethe has made a purpresture with a wall upon the King's boundary called Pychefordlone. Distrained.

Richard Bryd is presented for being outside a tithing and for trading without licence and not paying toll. Amerced 6d. Pledge, Thomas at the hall.

Helote Payn is presented for receiving the said Richard. Distrained.

Item they say that John of Freford is outside a tithing and trades without licence and has not paid his toll. In mercy 4d. Pledge, Ralf Drambel.

Item they say that the hue and cry was raised between John Elyot and a certain miller to the harm of John Elyot. (Two similar items).

Item they say that William of Wytynton is outside a tithing and will not submit to justice (non justificabilis). Therefore they wish they he should not be (accepted) in a tithing.

7 items concerning persons received against the assize.

4 items concerning persons received who are not in a tithing.

\* Possibly 'next to his'. The record is altered.

<sup>/</sup> i.e. an encroachment.

Item they say that in the night of Whit Sunday when the King's watchmen (vigilatores Regis) were keeping watch as they were accustomed to do by law, Alan le Reve and his followers (sequela) came and battered them, and the hue and cry was raised with bloodshed amongst them to the harm of the said Alan. Pledge Richard Sauvage. Mercy 12d.

Item they say that on the Thursday next after the feast of Holy Cross during the hour of 'Mynoneronder'<sup>x</sup> Richard of Tettebury unjustly came with his followers to the house of Geoffrey Clede of Tamworth and thrust him outside and battered him. The hue and cry was raised with bloodshed between them to the harm of the said Richard of Tettebury. Mercy 40d.

Item they say that Richard of Tettebury carried away a tree-trunk from Geoffrey Clede's house. To be distrained.

Item they say that the hue and cry was raised between Richard of Tettebury and Sara formerly (wife of (blank))<sup>y</sup> to the harm of Richard. Mercy 12d. To be distrained.

Item they say that John Shethe, Alice wife of Adam son of Douce and Maude le Sadelere hold three shops unjustly against the assize. Therefore they wish no butcher to go there with goods (cum mercimonio suo) for sale. Mercy 18d.

Richard son of Robert of Hopwas forestalls the food, namely fish, of the burgesses so that they cannot buy them as they were accustomed. Mercy 6d. Pledges, Robert Koc, Richard Serych.

COURT 29 June 1310 Tasters' presentments.  
4 Ed. II

COURT OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY (AFTER)<sup>x</sup> THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN  
4 Ed. II ('anno supradicto') (29 March 1311)

#### Warw

Five persons gave surety to make amends concerning a rescue for which they were summoned to answer the bailiffs. (No further details).

8 other items concerning debt or land.

#### Staffs

William son of John son of Robert of Bradeford and Joan his wife in full court have given to Philip of Cosseby clerk a place of land with a building thereon in Elregate in co. Stafford, containing 15 ft. in length and 23 ft. in breadth, lying between the land of John son of Robert Schethe and the land formerly of Henry of Cosseby; to hold to Philip for life with reversion to the heirs lawfully created between William and Joan. Warranty from the heirs of Joan. Philip has seisin.

8 essoins; 4 appearances; 3 other items.

William Pollard is sworn to the office of butcher.

John Sampson is now sworn to the assize (sic) of butchers.

COURT 19 April 1311

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE FOR THE WARWICKSHIRE PART, THURSDAY THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN  
BEFORE THE LATIN GATE 4 Ed. II (29 April 1311)

Two persons essoined for the view.

The frankpledge present that John Geryn and William of Wovere are frankpledges and are absent. Therefore in mercy (no sum given).

\* Possibly connected with mid-noon. Of Yorkshire dialect "minnin-on" = a light repast.

/ Words have been omitted obviously in error.

x Altered to 'before' but the next court was altered from 'after' to 'before' and the sequence of dating suggests that the first alteration was made in error.

Item they present that Robert Iwet receives Robert Lyne and Isabel his wife who trade (mercandizant). Robert Lune is not in a tithing nor has he the liberty of the town. Therefore in mercy 6d. Pledge, John of Ryngesdon.

Item they present that Margery at the cross receives Alice daughter of Henry Mabbe of Glascote who brews and trades and has not the liberty of the town. Therefore Margery is in mercy 2s.

Item they present that John of Mistreton receives Thomas Pese who brews and trades and is not in a tithing, nor has he the liberty of the town. Therefore in mercy 4d. Pledge, John of Shepeye.

Three more similar items against men who have traded.

Item they present that Henry Clement, dwelling in the town, is not in a tithing. He trades and is not in the liberty of the town. He has become a bailiff (?) (facit se ballm) and makes distraint in the King's market, to the King's harm and in contempt of the bailiffs and of the whole court. Therefore he is in mercy. Which same Henry is found in court and will not submit to justice. Therefore distrained.

Item they present that Nicholas Cek has slaughtered a three-day old calf which was not old enough (qui non fuit sufficientis) according to the assize. Therefore in mercy 6d. Pledge, William le Ken.

Item they present that William Pollard has slaughtered another calf which was insufficient for food (insufficiens ad vescendum). Therefore in mercy 6d. Pledge, Nicholas Cek.

All those who have been received outside a tithing and who merchandize to be distrained to pay toll.

John of Ryngesdon and Richard of Shepeye, who mainperned by Hugh of Knotten to do what should be right concerning a debt on this day instant, in full court acknowledge and pay a debt of 4s.<sup>2d</sup> to the said Geoffrey (sic). Damages for unjust detention are assessed at 6d and 4d for their withdrawal from the court. Pledges, John of Wycford and Richard of Shepeye(sic).

Two presentments of hue and cry.

One presentment of bloodshed.

Ten presentments as to receiving persons not in a tithing.

COURT OF TAMWORTH 10 May 1311

Warw: 6 items, also 6 items presented by the frankpledges (although the court is not styled a view). These 6 items consist of 2 concerning hue and cry, 3 concerning calves sold at the stalls (ad stalla) against the assize, being insufficient, and one concerning a purpresture upon the King's market with timber and trunks.

Staffs: 7 items, also tasters' presentments.

(Sewn to the roll against Staffordshire items, to one of which it refers:) Writ of supersedeas to the bailiffs of John de Hastings concerning a plea of land between William Sarsyn and Thomas son of Ralf le Teynturer of Tamworth dated 20th April 4 Ed. II (1311).

PIEPOWDER COURT AT TAMWORTH, THURSDAY THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION 4 Ed. II  
(20 May 1311)

William son of Margery of Tamworth complains against Huell (Houvell) of Montgomery in a plea of covenant, saying that on Wednesday before the feast of the Ascension, 4 Ed. II, in the town of Lichfield, Huell sold him a certain weight of wool (pessionem lane) as contained in a piece of linen for 2s.6d.



of silver.\* William paid 8d 'in arnees', the rest of the money was payable when he should receive the merchandise in the market. Huell has not kept the agreement and unjustly detains the merchandise to William's damage of half a mark and more. And he has suit to witness to the truth etc. Houell does not deny the covenant but asks for a loveday. William likewise, and it is granted to them. Mercy 4d.

GREAT COURT OF TAMWORTH FOR THE STAFFORDSHIRE PART, TUESDAY BEFORE THE FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE 4 Ed. II (25 May 1311)

One essoin for the view.

One amercement of 4d for non-appearance.

The frankpledge peresent Richard Godefrey of Sekyndon for trading without having the liberty of the town. Margery Dun received him. Therefore in mercy 4d. Pledge Roger Gubbe.

One similar item.

Parnel Mayelan amerced 4d for receiving three bakers (not named) against the assize.

11 items concerning persons received against the assize or not in a tithing.

10 items of hue and cry, sometimes with bloodshed.

Item they present that 'Edemay' receives William his son who at night-time stands by his neighbours' walls and he has battered Richard Eliot. In mercy 6d.

Item they present that Nicholas Cek has sold flesh at the stalls against the assize. In mercy 6d.

Item they present that Oliver of Hereford battered the men keeping the King's watch and disturbed the watch (pertuibauit vigil).

Item they present that John Sheth unjustly raised a certain wall to the harm of the town. In mercy 3d.

Memorandum that these rolls are of the time of John of Schepeye, John of Pycheford, William Mathew and Ralf Drabel in the forth year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward<sup>x</sup>.

COURT 31 May 1311

COURT 21 June 1311

Writs of right sewn to (1) on behalf of:-

Richard Godefrey and Maud his daughter v William Poughe and Agnes his wife for the fourth part of a messuage in Tamworth. 13 May 1311.

5 Ed. II

COURT 2 Aug 1311

5 items only.

Tasters present 7 persons for false loaves, 9 persons for breaking the assize of ale.

\* 'argenti'. Possibly = 'cash' in this context.

/ or 'climbs on to' (stat.....super parietes vicinorum)

X Written in a larger hand at foot of this membrane.

Names of the Frankpledge of Tamworth:-

Richard Barun	Richard le Palmere
Richard of Wytton	(Richard Stodekyn)*
John Geryn	Roger le Turnour'
John of Wycford	John Attethorn
William le Qu	Robert Attehall
.....	Thomas of Copunhall
Robert Juwet	Alan the miller

Distrainments which have proved insufficient are one 'flesax' (elsewhere flesshax)\* one 'fleskynyf'\* one pair of boots (?) (unum epicegium).

Staffs section: 2 items, also:-

Plea of debt v Agnes formerly the wife of William of Leicester and executrix of his will.

Enrolment of a final concord between Philip of Tamworth clerk and William son of John le Ken of Tamworth and Joan his wife concerning one messuage, viz.- a house 15 ft. long and 18 ft. wide. Philip acknowledges the messuage to be the right of Joan, and in return William and Joan grant it to him for life to be held by the service of one rose yearly at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. For this fine Philip will give William and Joan a pair of gloves.

COURT 23 Aug 1311

Juliana 'le Hattubber' (elsewhere 'Hatdobber')  
William le Slaywryte  
Distrainment by a linen cloth.

COURT 13 Sept 1311

Tasters' presentments.

COURT 4 Oct 1311

William Bretun appears in plea of debt for 7s against John Saunsum who is present and acknowledges the debt. Damages assessed at 4d.

Staffs section.

William Bannock surrenders a tenement to the use of John of Bromeleye and Cristina his wife.

William son of Peter Bannock quitclaims to John son of Robert of Bradeford and Maud his wife all right to rent of 1d and one pair of gloves in Tamworth. (Tenement unspecified).

Geoffrey le Titere attorns Henry his brother to do his suit at court every third week.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 25 Oct 1311

Tasters' presentments

5 Ed. II (C)

This membrane begins in the middle of a court in handwriting similar to that on roll 4 Ed. II (b)

Michael Ancelot is received into the liberty of the town and gives half a mark to the bailiffs and community.

\* Struck through

/ A name erased.

X ? flesh-axe ? flesh-knife

Similar item for Roger of Cotes who also paid half a mark.

COURT 13 Sept 1311 (sic, but the dating is by the feast of St. Edith Virgin 5 Ed. II, not by the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, as on 5 Ed. II(b))

This court is in a different handwriting from that of the items in the court preceding it.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF TAMWORTH, TUESDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS  
5 Ed. II (2 Nov 1311)

Three essoins for the View.

Three men amerced for not attending the View; two at 2d, one at 1d.

Presentments include :-

Pernel Mathelan for receiving two bakers against the assize. Amerced 3d.

Richard Hodekyn for receiving Avis the maid-servant of Nicholas Bryn who traded without licence. Amerced 12d.

11 other items for harbouring persons against the assize, and several persons not in a tithing.

6 cases of hue and cry or bloodshed.

Adam le Ropere amerced 6d for obstructing the highway. (Another similar item).

Maud of Ledynton, Edith le Drystere, William of Stonhall and Richard Abbotes amerced 12d each for trading without licence.

William Breton amerced 2s for being a comon usuerer.

Richard of Hoveby amerced 6d for selling flesh unlawfully.

Four persons more amerced for not attending the View; two at 2d, two at 6d.

COURT 17 Jan 1312

Henry Drake and Elias the smith have come to an agreement by licence. Elias put himself in mercy. Mercy pardoned at the request of Richard le Savage.

Distraints included a woollen cloth and wool-fell.

Alured of Depynge and Joan his wife and Nicholas of Prycroft and Maud his wife have come to an agreement by licence; namely, that Nicholas and Maud will give Alured and Joan 13s 4d payable 40d at Sunday next following this court, 40d at Easter, 40d at the feast of St. John the Baptist and 40d at the feast of St. Michael next following.

WARW COURT 7 Feb 1312

Robert of Birminam v Eleanor le Hardobber in a plea of trespass.

12 other items.

Staff court held on same day\*

William Nel and William Simunt, "tasters" of bread in a plea of trespass v Geoffrey Bere. (There had been a complaint against him for 5 false loaves under the Warwickshire Court).

Tasters' presentments.

\* Sic. Apparently an indication that the courts were held separately.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 25 June 1313

COURT MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. EDITH VIRGIN 7 Ed. II  
(? either 17 Sept 1313 or 20 May 1314)\*

William of Lee in full court of Portmanmoot held on Monday (etc. as above) surrendered into the hands of the bailiffs one burgage with buildings thereon in county Stafford between the land of Alan Drambyl and Thomas son of Ralf le Deystere, extending in length from the highway to the lane called Elregate; to the use of Nicholas of Pychford and Amice his wife and to their heirs or assigns, with warranty against himself and his heirs. Nicholas and Amice gave the bailiffs 12d for their entry and were delivered seisin according to the custom of the manor of Tamworth

COURT 6 August 1313

Court 27 Aug 1313

COURT 17 Sept 1313

Writ attached concerning a plea between Amice who was wife of John Coket of Tamworth, miller, and Adam le Ropere and others as to the third part of five messuages. Bollebruggestrete mentioned. (The whole of this writ is not shown in the photostat. For complete writ see photostat No.10 Roll No.12).

COURT OF TAMWORTH HELD MONDAY NEXT AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. FAITH VIRGIN  
7 Ed. II (8 Oct 1313)

Richard le Vilers was summoned to answer John of Mynsterton in a plea of debt for 4s. for 3 ells of cloth of russet, price 16d an ell, bought from John of Tamworth on Saturday after the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin 4 Ed. II (27 March 1311), which 4s was payable at Tamworth on the following Saturday. Richard comes and denies the purchase and the Court decreed that he should wage his law. Pledges for the law, Henry Drake and William Pollard. Day is given them to appear on 29 Oct next.

Richard le Vilers summoned to answer John of Mynsterton and Alice his wife in a plea of debt for 3s 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d which Richard borrowed from Alice on Saturday before (sic) the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin, 4 Ed. II (20 Mar 1311), payable at Easter following. Richard comes and denies the debt. (Decree and pledges for law, as above).

John of Mynsterton and Alice his wife appeared v the same Richard in a plea of land 'post visum' for three messuages in Tamworth as the right of Alice. Process given here.

Same John and Alice in a similar plea v William son of John Pollard and Maud his wife.

Richard Kempe of Tamworth in full court surrendered into the hands of John le Sauvage and John le Cokys the bailiffs of Isabel who was the wife of John de Hastings of Tamworth a tenement lying in the county Stafford between that tenement which Richard formerly gave to Lucy his daughter and the tenement formerly of John Dun, and extending from the highway to Walleforlong; to be held to the use of Richard son of Henry le Mouner of Tamworth and Margery his wife, and to the heirs or assigns of Margery. Richard son of Henry le Mouner and Margery gave 6d for entry and seisin is delivered to them.

John Elyot was summoned to answer John le Whyte in a plea of trespass for that on Sunday after the feast of St. Peter in Chains, 6 Ed. II (6 Aug 1312) in the garden of John le Whyte in Tamworth he removed the bounds (bundas) fixed between them by agreement of the frankpledge(s), to John le Whyte's damage of half a mark. John Elyot denied the trespass word for word. Decreed that he should wage his law. Pledge for the law, Henry le Mouner.

\* The usual dates are 14 May for St. Edith, Virgin and Abbess, and 16 Sept. for St. Edith Virgin. To bring the date of this Court into the usual three-weekly sequence, it should be 16 July 1313.

COURT 29 Oct 1313

Richard le Vilers sent three separate essoins for the pleas listed under the preceding court.

Staffs

William le Fou senior in full court quitclaimed to John Orm and Lucy his wife all right in 20 pennyworth of annual rent from a tenement in Salteruslone, which rent they had of his gift.

COURT 19 Nov 1313

COURT 10 Dec 1313

COURT 31 Dec 1313

Robert le Sadelere was attached to answer Thomas son of Adam Douce in a plea of trespass for that on Sunday after the feast of St. Peter in Chains 7 Ed. II (5 Aug 1313) at the stone cross in Tamworth he assaulted Thomas, struck him on the head and tore his clothes (pannos suos), to his damage of 20s. Robert comes and denies all. Therefore to wage his law. Pledge, Henry Drake.

William le Strikere .....

William Sarazin ..... (elsewhere, Sareseyn)

COURT 21 Jan 1314

3 Writs of right sewn to roll covered by photostat No. 6:-

Dated 20 Nov 1313  
13 Oct 1313  
27 Nov 1313

2 Writs of right sewn to roll covered by photostat No. 7:-

Dated 10 July 1313  
11 July 1313

both on behalf of John le Seler chaplain v Roger of Conyngby and others. One concerns the rent of the moiety of a pound of pepper in Tamworth.

COURT 11 Feb 1314

COURT 4 Mar 1314

Ralf le Deystere in full court by Henry Drake has attorney by his letters patent read in full court surrendered into the hands of the bailiff(s) the moiety of one messuage and one stall (seudam) with appurtenances in Tamworth to the use of John le Deystere. The half messuage lies between the land of Robert Ivet and land formerly of Maud Traunne (or Tramme), and the stall is in the market next to the stall of Henry Drake. The said John gives the balliffs 6d for entry and has seisin.

COURT 25 Mar 1314

COURT 15 April 1314

Writ of supersedeas attached to roll, on behalf of William son of John Pollard and Maud his wife defendants in a plea of land. Dated 4 April 1314.

COURT 6 May 1314

Warw section

John of Yarkedych and Margaret his wife have seisin in one tenement opposite le Bullstake to hold to them and their lawful issue, with remainder should they die without heirs, to the right heirs of the same John son of John of Yarkedych (sic).

Tasters' presentments.

COURT 27 May 1314

Tasters' presentments

COURT 17 June 1314

Staffs section

John le Whyte of Tamworth came into full Court of Portmanmoot and surrendered into the hands of the bailiffs one messuage with buildings thereon as it lies by the Carrefour\* and the common street called Elregate on one side and the tenement formerly of Ralf Doune on the other, and it extends from the highway up to the lane leading to the church; to the use of Sir Alan son of Hugh.

8 Ed. II

COURT, MONDAY THE MORROW OF THE TRANSLATION (OF ST. THOMAS) 8 July 1314 /

Andrew of Wychenore in full court surrendered to the use of Thomas his son the moiety of one burgage of land with buildings thereon in Otewale Street.

COURT 29 July 1314

COURT 19 Aug 1314

William le Em and Alice his wife in a plea of land, which includes a reference to a place of land adjacent to le Bolestake.

COURT 9 Sept 1314

COURT 30 Sept 1314

COURT 21 Oct 1314

Rose Wyne, defendant, acknowledged payment of 7s 6d to Adam of Warmeleye chaplain, payable 12d weekly until paid, under penalty of 2s to the bailiffs should she default.

Richard Knotte of Tamworth chaplain appeared v John of Wycford and John his son, of Tamworth, in a plea of land. Under court of 29 July 1314 John and John had said that the plea ought to be discontinued because one of the days of the plea could not be found in the roll. Richard had answered that the suitors of the court carried the record, whatever was entered in the roll, and he sought record from them that the process had continued fully from the beginning until then. Because the court was uncertain whether the suitors or the rolls carried the record, judgment was postponed. Now, at this court, the suitors say that the suitors carry the record so that in default of the clerk or of the enrolment the court has the record. On being asked to give the record (quod recordum faciant), it does not appear that the suitors present are certain of the plea aforesaid. Therefore day is given to them to give the record at the next court. The parties have the same day.

\* The scribe has latinized this as 'quadrivium'.

/ The top of the roll is crumpled and part torn away. It is headed  
Courts of Tamworth of the time of William Cha.... for co. Staff.  
John Wicfort and John Henry .....



COURT 11 Nov 1314

Nicholas of Pychford surrendered a half-burgage of land in Otewallestret to the use of Geoffrey Togot and Juliana daughter of Nicholas, and to the lawful heirs of their bodies. Geoffrey and Juliana give 6d for entry and have done fealty.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, MONDAY THE FEAST OF ST. KATHARINE THE VIRGIN  
8 Ed. II (25 Nov 1314)

One essoin of the view.

The frankpledge present:-

Hue and cry raised in the night between Nicholas Tybot chaplain and Edith Jolyrobyn, to the harm of Nicholas.

Cristiana Elyot has received John le Wollenewebbe against the assize. Amerced 2d.

4 other items of hue and cry.

Ralf of Wyrshop found an ox-hide at le Huydehull and has given it up to the bailiffs.

One half mark to be levied on Walter Kockon for harbouring Margery of Lech' who was renounced by the town. The said Margery not to be harboured in the town henceforth under the same penalty.

One half mark to be levied on Ranulf of Whichenover for a purpresture in the market with his manure.

Two similar items.

Five men amerced 6d each for raising manure to the harm of the town.

Three men amerced 12d each for making a purpresture at Coketeslone with their manure and trunks.

One item as to harbouring strangers.

Photostat 7v (enc part overlapping mem. 8 in the roll)

7 persons amerced 12d each for being 'forestallers of salt, geese, hens and such like'.

Ordered that the measures of Isolde Tooke be attached and examined against the standard because they are suspect.

COURT 2 Dec. 1314

Warw. section.

Agnes of Wyrhale appeared v John le Werth of Boseworth in a plea of covenant saying that on a certain day and year aforesaid John sold her one quarter of barley for brewing (braser ordeum) for 4s which he guaranteed to be good and suitable, but which she had found to be putrid, to her damage of half a mark. John came and denied that he sold her the grain under guarantee, and he is at law by two pledges.

COURT 23 Dec 1314

COURT 13 Jan 1315

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 3 Feb 1315

Margery daughter of Hugh le Horner' in pure widowhood, in full court, surrendered a place of land in Calnerecroft to the use of Cristiana her daughter. Cristiana has satisfied the bailiffs and paid for entry (sum not stated).

Maud formerly wife of Richard of Rothewell of Tamworth in her widowhood in full court, surrendered a place of land by the hedge of Calnerecroft, to the use of William of Wychenor' of Tamworth chaplain. William has satisfied the bailiffs and given 6d for his entry. Pledges, William Matheu and Gilbert of Dersthull.

William le Strikeve by his attorney appeared v Richard of Shepey in a plea of covenant; it was agreed at Ruggeley in the house of Robert Pantener in the 7th year of the now King that if John of Thorp were not in the house of Ralf Schog of Tamworth on Saturday next after the feast of St. Martin the Bishop in the said year, Richard should give William 5s and 5 gallon of ale; and that if John of Thorp were in the said place on the said day, William should give Richard as above: as to the presence of the said John, they put themselves upon the decision of Henry Cokkot and Walter of Melewych, who decided that John of Thorp was not there on the said day: whereupon William asked for the money and ale which was denied him. Therefore at law; pledges for the law, John le Mouner and Thomas at the hall.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 24 Feb 1315

Richard Wythed of Pipe complained of Henry of Faresley in a plea of detention of chattels, that whereas persons unknown came to his house at Pipe and took away a surcoat and halter (?) of striped cloth (sapertunicam et unum capistum stragulatos) price 10s, Richard followed them and found the goods in the hands of the said Henry at Tamworth and Henry refused to give them up, to Richard's damage of 20s. Henry denied the charge. Robert, the bailiff of Sir Ralf Basset, came and claimed court over him as his tenant and bondman (nativus) and asked for respite until the next court. Afterwards Richard Wythed withdrew from his plea. Amerced one farthing because he is poor.

COURT 17 Mar 1315

Osbert son of Geoffrey le Crouther of Tamworth by John le Cotes his attorney in full court surrendered a tenement with garden and curtilage to the use of John of Pycheford. It lies in width between the land formerly of Henry Help and the land formerly of Geoffrey at the cross, and in length from the highway to the King's ditch called Baggewaldich.

The lady Erneburga abbess of Pollesworth has granted a tenement in le Salterelone to Henry and John of Pollesworth, chaplains, as more fully is contained in a deed made between them.

Richard of Schepye, defendant v William le Strikere, appeared. William has not prosecuted his plea; therefore in mercy and Richard withdrew 'sine die

COURT 7 April 1315

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 28 April 1315

Henry Schey and Alice his wife granted to Gilbert of Dersthull and his heirs 3s of annual rent from the tenement which Henry son of Cristiana holds of them; to hold to Gilbert for the term of 19 years from the feast of St. Michael next.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 19 May 1315

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 9 June 1315

Tasters' presentments.

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 30 June 1315

Writ of right, 27 July 1313, on behalf of Amice who was the wife of John Coket of Tamworth, miller, concerning the third part of 5 messuages in Tamworth.\*

Writs of right on behalf of:-

William of Hopwas concerning one messuage in Tamworth. Dated 1 Nov 1314.

Thomas son of Thomas of Lylleburne concerning 4 messuages, one toft and 2s worth of rent in Tamworth. Dated 1 Nov 1314.

Henry son of Robert Abel of Amynton concerning one messuage in Tamworth. Dated 2 (May) 1314.

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Headed: "Roll of the Courts of Tamworth in the time of John of Schepeye and John of Pichfort for the Warwickshire part, and of William Chanoun and John Savage for the Staffordshire part, in the ninth year".

PORTMANMOOT COURT 21 July 1315

William Wycharde has done fealty for one burgage held on the King in Tamworth and has paid 6d for relief and will pay 6d yearly for all services besides suit of court. He has seisin by the bailiff(s).

John le Wyte and Parnel his wife in full court acknowledged payment to Alan Hemery and his heirs of 3s 6d rent from the place of land in Elregatestrete, which they had of the gift of Alan.

Presentments of ale-tasters.

PORTMANMOOT COURT 11 August 1315.

Gilbert of Dersthull v Richard of Appelby, miller, in a plea of debt for 6s 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d which Richard borrowed of him on Saturday etc (sic) in the 6th year, payable on the following Friday, which he did not do. Damages 5s to be recovered by Gilbert together with the debt. Richard amerced (sum not given).

William Neel senior surrendered a messuage in Otewalstrete, co. Staff., to the use of Agnes his elder daughter.

William Neel senior quitclaimed to Agnes his younger daughter the moiety of a messuage in Tamworth.

Presentments of ale-tasters.

PORTMANMOOT COURT 1 Sept 1315

John of Misterton and Alice his wife attorned Ralf Tybot in a plea of land between them and John son of Henry le Seler chaplain.

The bailiffs ordered to summon John son of Henry to appear at the next court.

Attached to the roll at these items are two separate records:-

- (1) Extract from Pleas at Westminster before the justices 'de banco' one month of Michaelmas, 8 Ed. II, concerning a plea of warranty by William son of John Pollard and Maud his wife against John son of Henry le Seler.

\* Attached to Court 17 Sept 1313. See photostat No.3V Roll No.11.

(2) Writ 5 Dec 8 Ed. II to the bailiffs of the court of Isabel who was wife of John de Hastings to proceed in the plea between John of Misterton and Alice his wife and John son of Henry le Seler, since that latter has warranted the messuage to William and Maud Pollard.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT 22 Sept 1315

Tasters' presentments.

Messuage in Otewalstret surrendered.

COURT 13 Oct 1315

Ralf Juet appeared v Richard of Elleford, William son of Margery and John of Dyleby in a plea of debt for 36s the price of a tanned hide (corium tannatum) bought of him by Alan of Bineley, for whom the said Richard, William and John stood surety. William stated that he was not known by the name cited, but as William le Qu. This exception was rejected. William and Richard claimed by the statute of Magna Carta that they should not be asked to answer, since Alan is the principal debtor.

On a small strip attached to the membrane against the Staffordshire items:-

"In both courts

Robert le Baylif v William Neel in a plea of trespass. Pledges to prosecute John le Blound and Gilbert of Dersthull...."

COURT 3 Nov 1315

Two parts of a messuage in Gumpegate changing hands.

One place in Bradeford changing hands.

Ale-tasters' presentments

COURT 24 Nov 1315

Sewn to the membrane:-

A writ of right on behalf of Felicia who was wife of Geoffrey son of Ralf Wycharde of Sheyle concerning the third part of a messuage. Dated 20 Oct 1315.

COURT 15 Dec 1315

Sewn to the membrane:-

A writ of right on behalf of John Pollard and Isabella his wife concerning the moiety of a messuage. Dated 26 Nov 1315.

Robert le Baylif appeared against William Nel junior in a plea of trespass.

COURT 5 Jan 1316

COURT 26 Jan 1316

John le Fener of Shutinton came and identified 5 ploughshares and the iron fittings for a cart (j dubb' ferr' caret') price 18d the lot, and he found pledges (two named) to give surety to the town to produce these goods if necessary or else their price.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT 8 March 1316

A messuage with buildings (not described) let to Ralf Juet and Maud his wife for term of twelve years.

COURT 29 March 1316

Christian, relict of Ellis the miller of Tamworth in full court surrendered the third part of a burgage to the use of Richard son of Robert de Bollebruggestrete and Felicia his wife, as is contained more fully in a charter of enfeoffment between them.

Richard son of Robert de Bollebruggestrete is received into a tithing and gives 6s 8d as his fine. Pledge William de Waver.

Plea of land between John Pollard and Isabel his wife and Geoffrey de Shepeye and Agnes his wife. Both parties put themselves upon the inquest of this Court in the form of the grand assize, according to the custom of the manor of Tamworth. Twelve jurors (named) give verdict in favour of Geoffrey and Agnes.

William Asplon v Geoffrey de Shepeye in a plea of covenant in that whereas Geoffrey contracted not to sell or lease his land to anyone without William's consent, under pain of 40s., he sold the land to Richard his brother.

William Asplon v Richard de Shepeye in a plea of covenant for not coming to seal a certain deed as he had agreed to do.

COURT 19 April 1316

COURT 10 May 1316

Warw. section: A place of land surrendered, in area 144 ft long by 4ft wide.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT 31 May 1316

Warw section: Stephen le Taylour in full court found pledges, viz.- Richard Anot and William le Harpere, to save the town of Tamworth from amercements and other damages before the Justices in Eyre at Warwick arising out of the sale of wine during the whole of his time.

COURT 21 June 1316

14 Ed. II

Endorsed on m.1 v "Pleas for the Warwickshire part as well as for the Staffordshire part.....\* John de Pychford, William le Chanon' and John (le Sauvage)\* 11 Ed.II.

COURT 4 July 1317

Reference to a writ in the form of 'novel disseisin'.

COURT 25 July 1317

COURT 15 Aug 1316

Warwicks part: Roger de Wychnor distrained for forestalling herrings.

COURT 5 Sept 1317

Warwicks part: Roger de Wychenor distrained for forestalling the market in selling herrings.

\* Town away "le Sauvage" taken from heading inside the roll, where they are described as bailiffs.

COURT 26 Sept 1317

Richard de Appelby miller, defendant, who is in the King's service, essoined v Nicholas de Fackenham in a plea of debt, by John de Lyncolne.

COURT 17 Oct 1317

Ralf Drambel in the King's service, essoined in a plea.

Alice his wife, who is laundress in the King's service, also essoined, by Robert Drambel.

Simon de Shepeye of Tamworth chaplain, in the King's service, has an attorney.

COURT 7 Nov 1317

COURT OF PORTMANMOOT 28 Nov 1317

COURT 19 Dec 1317

5 men essoined of common suit, the first time.

John Day brought a plea of debt of 14s v William de Herle who was present. Debt recovered.

COURT 9 Jan 1318

Several cases postponed on account of there being too few suitors of court.

2 men essoined of common suit, the second time.

Inquest of 12 jurors (named) found that Geoffrey le Iremonger, John his son, John le Verdon, and John his brother assaulted and battered William son of William de Wovere at night-time. To be attached.

Plea of land between John de Longedon and Richard de Tettebury and Hugh his son, gives descent of John de Longedon through five generations. Richard de Tettebury vouches to warranty John de Pychford burgess of Tamworth who ought to be summoned by aid of the court of the Lord King in co. Warwick, but Richard vouches by and of this court because he understands that it is the custom on this court to do so; if not, then he vouches by aid of the King's court as above. After the plaintiff's answer to this, the court decided that Richard's voucher was sufficient.

COURT 6 Feb 1318 (Described as Monday after the Purification of the Virgin. If the three-weekly sequence was followed, this date should be 30 Jan i.e. the Monday before the feast of the Purification)

In plea of land between Geoffrey de Caldewalle and Isabel his wife and Ralf Drambel and Alice his wife and Simon de Schepey of Tamworth, chaplain, the defendants challenged the power of the then bailiffs to hold this plea. Postponed because of default of suitors.

Staffordshire section.

Thomas atte Cros chaplain surrendered a place of land with buildings thereon by Wyburnelone and a curtilage by the water of Tame by Wyburnelone to the use of Margaret daughter of Agnes wife of John le Savage.

COURT 20 Feb 1318

COURT 20 Feb 1318 'ex parte Staff'

William Boche senior surrendered a moiety of a burgage with croft adjacent in Bradefordestrete to the use of William de Wovere of Tamworth and Isabel his wife.

\* This court is entered in a different hand.



William Neel of Tamworth senior surrendered a place of land with buildings thereon and with a certain strip of land (sellione terre) adjacent in Bradefordstrete to the use of John le Teynturer of Tamworth.

COURT 13 March 1318 'ex parte Staff'\*

Continuation of plea of land between Richard Knotte of Tamworth chaplain and John son of John de Wycford. Richard claimed greater right to lie in the record of the suitors of the court than in the record of the enrolment claimed by John.

COURT 3 April 1318 'ex parte Staff'\*

Very few items entered. Space left for the remainder.

COURT 24 April 1318 'Staff' in margin.

John le Verdon is received into a tithing, and made oath and found a pledge, viz., Thomas de Harleston, that should he acquire any demesne (domin) without the town, to the harm of the neighbourhood (vicinorum), he would withdraw from the liberty in the manner in which he had entered it.

COURT 15 May 1318 'ex parte Staff'

COURT 5 June 1318 'Staff' in margin.

William Neel junior claimed 21<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d from Robert Wele, with whom he had agreed to be a partner in trade (socii in mercand'). William lost 4s, part of which he claimed from Robert. By decision of Geoffrey Wele and John of Hopewas, Robert should have paid 21<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. He denies the debt and put himself to law by pledges, William Math(en) and Geoffrey Togod. Day at the next court.

STAFF COURT 26 June 1318

John le Teynturer of Tamworth brought a writ against John de Bollenhall of Tamworth for building two houses to the harm of John le Teynturer's free tenement in Tamworth.

All the above courts for the Staffordshire section include only a few items, but there is nothing to indicate whether they are selected items only. Several of these Staffordshire courts are written in a different hand from that of the other courts.

15 Ed. II

STAFF COURT MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. EDITH<sup>X</sup> THE VIRGIN 12 Ed. II  
(17 July 1318)

Ric. Knotte v John of Wycford, continued.  
Teynturer v Bollenhall, continued.

A few other brief items.

Thomas brother of Robert of Dersthull amerced 4d for selling unlawful flesh.

STAFF COURT 7 Aug 1318

One man essoined of common suit.

Knotte v Wycford; respited through default of suitors.

Three other items.

\* Warwickshire section not included.

/ Possibly: domum = a house.

X The St. Edith commonly used by the scribe of these rolls is St. Eadgitha, regina, whose feast day was 15 July.

STAFF COURT 28 Aug 1318

STAFF COURT 18 Sept 1318

STAFF COURT 9 Oct 1318

STAFF COURT 30 Oct 1318

All the above include very few items.

STAFF COURT OF VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, FRIDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. LEONARD  
IN THE SAID YEAR (10 Nov 1318)

Henry of Lichfield, William Bettessone (and two others) made a rescue upon the bailiffs when they came to attach William le Cartere of Pakynton, who fled etc. on account of homicide.

John son of John Matheu amerced 2d for coming to the King's stalls without being sworn.

William Henne amerced 6d for trading outside the tithing.

Robert Juet amerced 4d for putting his manure below the cemetary.

(A similar item).

Henry Edemay amerced 2d for stopping up the highway with his manure.

Walter Shorthose in mercy for stealing two hens of Thomas le Wyte.  
Attached.

William 'Keme' amerced 6d for being a common malefactor by night.

Ralf of Wyleby amerced 2d for taking the hair-shirt (cilic') of William Maheu\* against his will.

Item 'no one from henceforth may hold a stall in the highway at the cemetary gate, or put their manure below the cemetary, under pain of half a mark'.

9 items about harbouring persons outside a tithing, occasionally a son.

3 items about not being in a tithing.

10 items of hue and cry, bloodshed or assault.

5 persons amerced for not attending this court.

Thomas Doucesone amerced 4d for selling unlawful flesh.

Two of the amercements were pardoned on account of poverty.

Membrane headed:- "Geoffrey le Couper and Henry de Merston" (but this may be only an unfinished item).

COURT 18 Oct 1318 (Two inches blank)

COURT 20 Nov 1318 Staff

Brief items concerning pleas:-

Knotte v Wycford

Teynturer v Bollenhull.

\* Possibly abbreviated form of 'Mathelan'

COURT 11 Dec 1318

Same two pleas.

Robert son of Robert Slorecockes who had custody of the Lady-bridge (pontis domine) by Tamworth came and surrendered his custody into the hands of the bailiffs and community of the town of Tamworth together with all right that he had in the said custody of the said bridge.

COURT 1 Jan 1319

Only the same two pleas, as above.

COURT 22 Jan 1319

Same two pleas.

Surrender by Avice who was the wife of Nicholas of Pycheford of a tenement with buildings thereon by Cattelone, to the use of Sybil her daughter and William son of Sybil, in survivorship.

COURT 5 Feb (sic)\* 1319

Richard Knotte of Tamworth chaplain v John son of John of Wycford who challenges the power of the present bailiffs to hold this plea because the original writ was directed to the then bailiffs, i.e., the bailiffs of Isabel who was wife of John de Hastings. Case respited because of default of suitors.

STAFF. COURT 5 Mar 1319

COURT 26 Mar 1319 'exparte Coun.Staff'.

STAFF COURT 16 April 1319

COURT 7 May 1319

COURT 28 May 1319  
16 Ed. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 'EX PARTE COM.STAFF' THURSDAY 10th May 1319

Firstly, they present that Alan Drambel has made a well in the highway to the harm of the town. Therefore in mercy 4d. Because the said Alan did not appear, therefore again in mercy.

John of Bollenhall, a frankpledge, amerced 4d for not appearing.

John le Cocus amerced for receiving Adam le Wisemon against the assize. The said Adam amerced 2d for trading without licence from the bailiffs.

Margery Eliot distrained for receiving strangers who are petty malefactors (malefactores minutarum serum), against the assize.

Ralf of Dilby is a common malefactor and incites (conducit) strangers to batter his neighbours.

John le Burgeyse receives William Houwe against the assize. Amerced 12d and distrained for trading without licence.

It is decreed that no one shall put "bordes" near the church (ad partam ecclesie) to the harm of the town and of those coming in (& intrancium) under pain of half a mark.

All butchers are prohibited from keeping unsalted flesh beyond three days under pain of forfeiture of the flesh.

Robert Juet has made an encroachment with manure and timber in the King's way by the church wall. Therefore in mercy, and to remove the nuisance within eight days.

\* Monday after the Purification of the Virgin. Thus the three-weekly sequence was broken.

Henry le March' has been received into a tithing and has made oath. Pledges for his fine of half a mark, Ralf Drambel, Ralf Kysbeu and John of Hopewas.

(A number of other items as to hue and cry, bloodshed, receipt of strangers, and being outside a tithing.)

STAFF COURT 18 June 1319. Very few items.

COURT 9 July 1319. Very few items.

STAFF COURT 20 Aug 1319 Very few items.

STAFF COURT 20 Aug 1319

A few tasters' presentments.

Judgment in the plea Knotte v Wycford. Ric Knotte to receive seisin of one messuage.

STAFF COURT 10 Sept 1319

Three items and tasters' presentments.

STAFF COURT 1 Oct 1319

Surrender by Richard Knotte of one messuage in co. Staff to the use of John Wycford senior.

Tasters' presentments.

John of Wycford senior surrendered 2s annual rent from one messuage lying 'atte stonecros' in co. Staff. to the use of John le Blound and Margery his wife.

COURT OF TAMWORTH IN CO. STAFF. 22 Oct 1319 <sup>X</sup>

Three items and tasters' presentments.  
17 Ed. II

COURT 12 Nov 1319 'ex parte Staff'

Three brief items.

Surrender by Alan of Wyginton of 3s worth of rent from the tenement of William son of Henry Mathelan by Wyburnelone, to the use of William Neel senior, Agnes his wife and Agnes their daughter.

STAFF. COURT 3 Dec. 1319

Very few items. Tasters' presentments.

COURT 24 Dec 1319

Very few items. Tasters' presentments.

Inquisition 'ex officio' upon divers trespasses by twelve sworn men (named) who say that Henry son of Thomas attecros and Richard Symond habitually at night assault their neighbours. Attached.

STAFF COURT 14 Jan 1320 Two items

COURT 4 Feb 1320 Two items. Tasters' presentments.

STAFF. COURT 25 Feb 1320

One item. Tasters' Presentments.

X This court is in the same hand as that of the Frankpledge Court. The rest are in a different hand.

Inquisition 'ex officio' by twelve men (named) presents the death of Adam of Sardon who held of the lord one messuage. Alice his sister and next heir claimed the messuage and has done fealty and paid relief.\*

18 Ed. II

STAFF COURT 7 April 1320 One item. Tasters.

STAFF COURT 28 April 1320

One item. Tasters. Also an item mentioning writ in form of Assize of Novel Disseisin.

STAFF COURT 19 May 1320 Very few items. Tasters.

COURT 9 June 1320 Very few items.

COURT 30 June 1320 'Ex parte Staff' Very few items.

COURT 21 July 1320

Very few items. Tasters.

A writ of right sewn to the roll.

Emma daughter formerly of Robert le Waterleder surrendered three parts of a half burgage in Tamworth.

COURT 11 Aug 1320 Very few items. Tasters.

19 Ed. II

COURT 11 Aug 1320

(Sic: probably this is for the Warwickshire section. All items are different from those in last court on roll 18).

A few items. Tasters' presentments.

COURT 1 Sept 1320 A few items. Tasters.

COURT 22 Sept 1320 A few items. Tasters

COURT 13 Oct 1320 A few items. Tasters

COURT 3 Nov 1320 A few items. Tasters.

COURT 24 Nov 1320

Two men received into a tithing and made oath.

William Ancelot v Thomas Doucesone for defamation to his damage of 20s. Thomas had no defence. Therefore damages to William and Thomas amerced.

Tasters' presentments and other items.

COURT 15 Dec 1320

A number of the single items on this roll refer to pleas of debt.

20 Ed. II

COURT 5 July 1322

William Batekoces v William le Hore and Isabel le Gloucre in a plea of debt for 12d which he loaned to William le Hore, who could not deny this. Damages to William Batekoces.

\* The first item of this nature to appear.

Tasters' presentments and other items.

COURT 26 July 1322 Tasters' presentments, etc.

COURT 16 Aug 1322 Tasters's presentments, etc.

COURT 6 Sept. 1322

Writ of right (attached to the roll) on behalf of John of Longedon and Alice his wife v William le Templer of Syrescote and Cristiana his wife concerning a messuage in Tamworth. Dated 26 Aug 1322.

Tasters' presentments.

William of Virly and Joan his wife complained v Cristiana del Heye saying that on a certain day when Joan went to Cristiana's house to buy eggs and other victuals, Cristiana shut her inside and beat her by fist upon her back and buttocks (nates) and detained her against the peace, to their damage of 39s 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. Cristiana denied this word for word. Therefore at Law. Day given until the next Court.

Other items.

COURT 27 Sept 1322 9 items.

21 Ed. II

STILL THE COURT OF TAMWORTH 10 Oct 1323

Only one item, relating to a messuage in co. Stafford.

COURT 31 Oct 1323 Tasters' presentments and a few other items.

COURT 21 Nov 1323 Tasters' presentments and a few other items.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, FRIDAY THE FEAST OF ST. KATHARINE THE VIRGIN  
17 Ed. II (25 Nov 1323)

Walter of Molewych presented for harbouring Henry of Pollesworth, not in atithing. The said Henry presented for not paying the toll.

Three similar items regarding toll.

Nicholas Serick put up a door (portam) and the end of a house upon the King's dike, to the harm of the town. He also put up a house upon "Wirbournlone".

Two items of hue and cry.

Roger of Joxhale is not in a tithing and trades. Another similar item.

Henry Edemay receives malefactors to geese and hens.

Three men and two women named in one item for stopping up the King's way below the churchyard.

Several other items about digging up the King's way or obstructing it with manure.

8 men presented for selling flesh unlawfully.

Roger Parnel and John Math(ew) obstructed the King's way with stalls contrary to order.

(All the items have 'amercement' entered in the margin against them, but no amounts are given).



21 Ed. II

COURT 12 Dec 1323 Very few items and Tasters.

COURT 2 Jan 1324

Alan the smith to recover damages of half a mark against William Kenme and Maud his wife for assault and battery in the highway opposite their house.

6 other items.

COURT 23 Jan 1324 Very few items

COURT 13 Feb 1324 Very few items

COURT 5 Mar 1324 Very few items.

COURT 26 Mar 1324 Very few items and Tasters.

22 Ed. II

COURT 16 April 1324

COURT 7 May 1324

COURT 28 May 1324

COURT 18 June 1324

In all the above courts a single line item concerning plea of detention, viz.- of a brass jar brought by Robert Eliot, executor of the will of Isabel his mother, against Robert Slorecok.

Tasters' presentments.

23 Ed. II

COURT 1 Oct 1324

John Burdon amerced 12d for cutting down trees growing upon the King's dike.

Tasters' presentments.

William of Virly distrained to answer the bailiffs for concealing the avoidance of toll by strangers.

COURT 22 Oct 1324

Inquisition taken 'ex officio' by the oaths of twelve jurors (not named) who say that Thomas Doucesone and Robert the miller of Bollemulne and Thomas his brother at night on Saturday before the feast of St. Leonard\* come from the tavern (taberna) at the house of John of Coton opposite the house of Geoffrey le Irenmongere and there came Robert le cartere of Midelton and assaulted them with litigious words and pursued them into the said Geoffrey's house. When the said Geoffrey tried to make peace between them he was assaulted and battered in his house. Therefore Thomas, Robert, Thomas and Robert are amerced. (4s in margin).

Two other items only.

Attached to the roll:- a writ of right on behalf of Alice who was the wife of John Nodekyn of Tamworth, against Alan le Orpede, cartwright, concerning the third part of a messuage in Tamworth. Dated 14 Oct 1324.

\* i.e., on Saturday 3 November; therefore after the date of this court. The item is in a different hand, which is that of the courts which follow.

COURT 12 Nov 1324 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 3 Dec 1324

Tasters' presentments.

William le Skynnere made fealty and oath for the office of butcher faithfully to buy, slaughter and sell, and he has license to buy without challenge by the bailiffs.

COURT 24 Dec 1324

COURTS 14 Jan, 4 Feb, 25 Feb and 18 March 1325

Very few items. Tasters' presentments.

24 Ed. II

COURT 23 Sept 1325 Ex parte Staff

4 items and tasters' presentments.

COURT 14 Oct 1325

Ditto, also:-

Constance le pulter' convicted by oath of the jurors of selling flesh unlawfully. Amerced 6d.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY 28 Oct 1325

Two essoins of this view.

They present that William Rodde is not in a tithing and trades and John of Wrythefen receives him. Amerced half a mark.

They present that Joan le Breuster receives Isabel of Seckyndon a hen-thief who was forbidden the town. The pain of half a mark to be levied and Joan is in mercy.

A number of entries of hue and cry and also with bloodshed, and of obstructing the King's way with manure. Amercements from 3d to 12d.

Item they present 'homsokne' and bloodshed upon John Fitor unjustly by Roger le Horner. Amerced 12d. Pledge, his father.

John of Bromley junior amerced 12d (ten other names struck through) for selling flesh with murrain.

STAFF COURT 4 Nov 1325 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 25 Nov 1325 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 16 Dec. 1325 Tasters' presentments.

Agnes daughter of Geoffrey le Saltere surrendered a messuage in Otewalstrete to the use of Roger son of John of Bromley.

COURTS 6 Jan, 27 Jan, 17 Feb 1326

Very few items. Two tenements in Bradeford changing hands.

25 Ed. II

All courts on this roll are apparently for the Warwickshire part, although this is nowhere stated.

COURT 2 Sept 1325

4 items, also:-

Surrender by Robert Ivet and Joan his wife of one place of land with building in Tamworth, called 'Agassehull', to the use of Margery their daughter.

COURT 23 Sept 1325

Fealty by Henry son of Geoffrey atte Cros for the tenement which came to him after the death of Richard Hodekyn.

Other items and tasters' presentments.

COURT 14 Oct 1325 Miscellaneous items. Tasters.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF TAMWORTH, FRIDAY 18 Oct 1325

Three essoins of this view.

Agnes of Chester amerced 6d for not submitting to the tasters, and also for trading without paying toll.

Henry le Bray amerced 12d for trading and for not being in a tithing.

26 men amerced 12d each for selling flesh unlawfully. One other amerced 12d for selling flesh at a stall, not being within the liberty.

(Several items worn). Several items of hue and cry and bloodshed.

COURT 4 Nov 1325 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 25 Nov 1325 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 16 Dec 1325

Richard of Appelby by attorney appeared against Henry of Burton, who was present, for the detention of 10s of silver loaned to Henry in Richard's house in Tamworth on 9 January 1318, payable at the Michaelmas following. Henry said that he was the bondman (nativus) of John son of Serych of Segrave who was not named in the plea and without whom he could not answer, unless the court considered that he should do so. Richard said that this exception should not hold because John had no chattels (? in Tamworth), which was a condition of the exception. Plea respited through default of suitors.

26 Ed. II

COURT 31 March 1326

William le Em and Alice his wife, surrendered 12d rent from a tenement lying by 'Cockuslake' to the use of John le Blound and Margery his wife.

Tasters' presentments.

Attached to the roll:- Writ of right on behalf of Alice who was the wife of Thomas son of Geoffrey Serick of Coton against John of Wrythefen and Margaret his wife and others. Dated 6 March 1326.

COURT 21 April 1326 Ex part Staff

Henry Gubbe of Wyginton quitclaimed to John le Teynturer of Tamworth a parcel of his land by the King's dike. Henry also surrendered to the use of Ralf Gubbe his son a place with buildings, the bailiffs reserving a term of years to Elicia of Canewell.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT, 12 May 1326

Adam le Ropere and Alice his wife surrendered a place and curtilage adjacent in Calvercroft, to the use of William their son and heir.

William le Saltere of Tamworth chaplain surrendered a messuage in Tamworth to the use of Richard son of Gregory of Tamworth and Isabel his wife. Richard did fealty and acknowledged that he would give the service of  $4\frac{1}{4}$  yearly and suit at the court of the burgesses every third week.

A few other items.

COURT 2 June 1326

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, THURSDAY 15 May 1326

Three items of hue and cry.

Nine items of trading without being in a tithing.

Richard son of Robert Wele is aged twelve years and more and is not in a tithing.

With the assent of the whole community butchers are forbidden to keep fresh (?)<sup>\*</sup> meat in summer beyond three days.

All persons are prohibited from putting stalls before the gate of the cemetery upon pain of forfeiture.

The frankpledge present Henry of Haselor in mercy for avoiding toll.

A few other brief items.

Inquisition<sup>/</sup> 'ex officio' upon divers trespassers and malefactors on Monday 2 June 1326. The jurors say that John son of Geoffrey of Shepeye clerk, John son of William of Burton and William Pernel came to the house of John de Verdon and assaulted, battered and ill-treated him. Therefore they are in mercy by pledges, Alan Hemeri, John le Cokus, William of Burton and Geoffrey of Gaywode. Because John son of Geoffrey of Shepeye was not found therefore to be attached when he can be found.

COURT 23 June 1326

Seven brief items and tasters' presentments.

Inquisition taken 'ex officio' regarding malefactors against the King's peace by William Mattheu (and all others named) who say upon oath that Maud Serych struck Thomas Ivet and Maud Ivet at night-time and Richard son of Richard Serych senior came and struck Cristian son of Ralf Ivet at the same place and time, whereof hue was raised. Item they say that Thomas son of Ralf Ivet struck Richard son of Richard Serych senior, whereof hue was raised. Item they say that Henry son of Richard Serych struck Thomas Ivet, whereof hue was raised.

Item they say that John le Roper came and struck William son of Roger of Wychenor, whereof bloodshed and hue was raised.

William le Ropere surrendered a place of land in 'Calfwercroft' to the use of Robert son of Richard of Wychenor of Tamworth.

Surrender of a tenement in Otewalestrete.

Attached to top of roll on a small membrane:-

COURT 14 July 1326                      Tasters' presentments.

COURT 4 Aug 1326                      Tasters' presentments.

\* 'fx'tas' (?)

<sup>/</sup> This item is entered in another hand.

1 Ed. III

COURT 27 June 1328 (Staffordshire part)

Two distraints by one bow each.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT MONDAY AFTER ST. EDITH VIRGIN 2 Ed. III 18 July 1328

2 Ed. III

COURT 27 June 1328 (Warwickshire part)

Tasters' presentments.

Attached at top of roll are writs of right on behalf of Robert, son of John le Sadeler and Margery and Joan his sisters, 3 May and 20 June 1328; and on behalf of Isabel who was wife of William le Heyward, 28 January 1328.

After the above court is the following note:- "Here begins the roll of the time of William le Qu and Thomas of Herlaston. Court Monday after St. Edith Virgin, 2 Ed. III.

Tasters' presentments include Avice le Peyntour and Felicia le Goltsmyth.

3 Ed. III

COURT 11 Sept 1329

COURT 2 Oct 1329

Surrender of place of land with buildings in Salterslane.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE UNDER SAME COURT

5 items of hue and cry or bloodshed.

Hue and cry by night with bloodshed between John le Cartwryth, Robert his brother and two others (named) and the watch of the church of Tamworth and of the town of Tamworth to the harm of the said John and the others. Therefore in mercy; and they would not suffer themselves to be attached.

14 men and 3 women amerced (sum not given) for making purprestures upon the King's dike.

Thomas Dousome amerced for being a common forestaller of oxen and ox-hides, and for selling putrid flesh.

11 men presented for selling unlawful flesh and for keeping fresh flesh\* contrary to their oath.

Item they present that John Sheth and William Pollard occupy the highway with tables and forestall against the custom (constitucionem) of the town and were prohibited under pain of half a mark. Therefore it is decreed that the pain be levied, and henceforth they are put under the pain of one mark.

The bailiffs, the frankpledges and the whole community of the town of Tamworth have granted to John le Teynturer of Tamworth and his heirs or assigns forever all that place of land in the ditch called le Suynnedych lying between the land of Parnel Payn and Allan Hemory on one part and the land formerly of Henry Gobbe on the other, and it extends from the highway to the land of the said John, and it extends in part by the whole of John's land at the end of his garden up to the land of John of Wrydefen and Margaret his wife; paying therefor annually 12d in equal portions at the usual terms. Seisin was given

\* i.e. unsalted.

to the said John by the said bailiffs, frankpledges and community according to the form of the deed of the said community sealed with the common seal. He paid 6d for entry according to the custom of the manor, and has a copy of the said roll, and has done fealty. (Marginal note:- "Increase of rent of assize to the community, 12d").

Tasters' presentments.  
(In all a total of 20 items).

STAFF. COURT OF TAMWORTH 23 Oct 1329

The bailiffs, burgesses, frankpledges and whole community of the town of Tamworth of the part of the county of Stafford, who at the last preceding court granted to John le Teynturer of Tamworth, his heirs or assigns, forever the whole place 'del Swynedich' with appurtenances, came here and sealed their deed to the same John with the common seal by common consent in full court according to the tenor of the enrolment in the preceding court and as more fully appears in the said writing sealed and delivered to the same John by the bailiffs and community, dated the day of the title of the preceding court. The enrolment of the said court and of this court appears on the dorse of the said deed.

Tasters' presentments.

COURT 13 Nov 1329

Tasters' presentments.

Presentment of an assault by night..

COURT 4 Dec 1329

Tasters' presentments.

Surrenders include places in Co. Staff.

4 Ed. III

STAFF COURT 15 July 1331 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 5 Aug 1331 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 26 Aug 1331 Tasters' presentments.

A distraint by 2 sacks, 9 bushels and one strike of peas. More to be taken.

COURT 16 Sept 1331 Tasters' presentments

COURT 30 Sept 1331 (sic) Tasters' presentments.

COURT 28 Oct 1331 Tasters' presentments.

Plea of debt for 2s 7d for ale purchased.

5 Ed. III

Endorsed "Item de tempore Willelm le Cooke" Bailiffs:- John de Pychford, William le Hayward.

COURT 28 Oct 1331 (For Warwickshire side)\*

The items differ from those under court of same date above.

Sir Simon of Drayton chaplain v Alice la Webbe in a plea of detention of wool. She was distrained by 8 wool-feels (veller lane) and did not appear.

Tasters' presentments.

\* All the courts on this roll must be for the Warwickshire side. See roll 6 Ed. III



COURT, 18 Nov 1331 Tasters' presentments.

COURT, 9 Dec 1331 Tasters' presentments.

COURT, 30 Dec. 1331 Tasters' presentments.

COURT, 20 Jan. 1332

COURT, 10 Feb 1332 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 10 Feb 1332 (Cont) Attached to the roll:-

Writ of right on behalf of Thomas Coket of Tamworth as to one messuage  
Dated 22 Jan 1332.

PIEPOWDER COURT, MONDAY 24 Feb 1332.

William of Haunton complained against Walter of Stoke for the unjust  
detention of 16d. Walter denied this and immediately made his law. There-  
fore the court decreed that he should go without day and that William be  
amerced 6d for his false claim.

Adam le Glover was convicted of avoiding the King's toll. Amerced 12d.

Richard of Newport complained against Simon le Flechere in a plea of  
debt. Pledge to prosecute, John Hendemon. Therefore to be summoned.

COURT 2 March 1332

Tasters' presentments.

Newport v Flechere: continued in this court.

Enrolment of a final concord "made before the bailiffs and suitors of  
this court" between Thomas Coket and John and Margaret Yarkedych.

COURT 23 Mar 1332 Tasters' presentments

Inquisition taken "ex officio" on THURSDAY 26 March 1332 by the oaths  
of twelve men (named) who make five presentments as to trespassers and  
evil-doers against the King's peace.

These include:- Richard Gos who came by night opposite the house of  
Alice le Barkare and unjustly struck John le White; whereupon John le White  
her brother demanded of Richard why he struck her. Richard drew his knife  
to strike John, and then came John le Knythe and drew blood of the said  
Richard. Therefore Richard is in mercy (6d). Pledges, Richard Don and  
John le Hornere.

Item they say that the said Richard is a breaker of his neighbours'  
hedges by night. Therefore in mercy (6d). (Same two pledges).

COURT 13 April 1332

Tasters' presentments.

Robert atte Park amerced half a mark for avoiding the King's toll.

Attached to the roll: A writ of right on behalf of John and Alice de  
Misterton of Tamworth as to one messuage. Dated 24 March 1332.

COURT, THURSDAY 16 April 1332

Alice de Hatherne appealed Richard Welond of felony. Pledges to  
prosecute, Simon Sauvey and William atte Tounesende. Alice said that on  
Tuesday after the feast of St. Ambrose (on 7 April 1332) Richard stole from

her a red cow, price 5s. He denied the felony and put himself upon an inquest of the court. Alice did likewise. Inquisition taken by the oaths of William Batecok, Geoffrey Sare, Ralf de Walkere, Henry Cockou, Thomas Doucesone, John le Page, William le Barkere, William of Gumpeyate junior, Richard Godefrey, Robert of Burmyncham, Gilbert of Derthull and Richard of Hopwas, who say that Richard is guilty. Therefore it is decreed by the court that he be hanged, and that Alice recover the cow. He has no chattels.

(No other item).

COURT, THURSDAY 30 April 1332

William le Barkere complains against David le Chapman in a plea of covenant. Pledge to prosecute, the under-bailiff. William says that David on a certain day etc. sold to him three dozen lamb-skins, price 20d the dozen, and offered him 1d 'en ernes'. Afterwards he withheld the skins and still does, so that the agreement is broken, to William's damage of half a mark. David acknowledges the agreement but says that the money should have been paid immediately, which was not done. Therefore he has not broken any agreement. Therefore at law. Pledges for his law, John of Lutteborn and the under-bailiff. Afterwards they agreed by licence.

(No other item).

COURT 4 May 1332 Tasters' presentments

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, FRIDAY 8 May 1332 'ex parte Com.Warw.'

4 essoins of the view.

2 quitclaims of separate messuages on behalf of Sir William ad Spinam of Tamworth chaplain.

2 items of hue and cry.

7 items of receiving persons against the assize.

1 item of hamsoken by night with bloodshed.

Roger Drake and William his brother amerced half a mark each for trading without licence of the bailiffs.

2 similar amercements of same amount.

Robert Ivet amerced 6d for a purpresture at Agarselone with a paling (cum quodam palis) and growing trees. Therefore let them be taken down. John of Ryngesdon amerced 6d for a purpresture there with a hedge and dike. Let them be taken down.

7 other purprestures in the highway, or the marketplace, and one upon the watercourse at 'Segerestrate'.

31 persons each amerced 3d for purprestures upon the dike formerly of the lord King, and all the land encroached upon to be taken into the King's hand.

Thomas of Pakynton amerced 6d for selling putrid flesh.

William Knyth (amerced 6d) and William Hendeman (pardoned) presented for putting straw inside the flesh of calves for sale, thereby deceiving the purchasers.

Henry Kittesone and Henry Sheth presented for being forestallers in buying and selling fish.

It is ordered by the whole community of the town that no one shall henceforth wash the intestines of oxen or of other animals at le Waterlad

in Agasselone under pain of losing all that is washed there, and let them be amerced none-the less.

4 men made oath on being received into a tithing, and 2 of them also made oath as a butcher and had licence to buy and sell flesh.

COURT 25 May 1332

Tasters' presentments.

A final concord before the bailiffs, John of Pychford and William le Cook, and the suitors of the court.

COURT 15 June 1332

Tasters' presentments include Denis de Spayne for poor<sup>x</sup> ale.

COURT 6 July 1332

3 items. Court apparently unfinished.

Case v Alice le Webbe for detention of wool is still being entered. She has not appeared.

6 Ed. III

Mem. 1 is headed Staff<sup>h</sup>

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, FRIDAY 18 Oct 1331 ex parte Com. Staff.

2 frankpledges amerced for not appearing.

John son of Richard Batesone received into a tithing and made oath.

(Frankpledges. The following names entered with no description or heading)

Robert Bate, William of Blakelond, Roger Gunesone, John Emeloth, John Bysshop, Geoffrey of Midelton, John Elyoth, Richard atte Causy, Robert of Coton, Robert le Whelere, Roger le Waterledere, Roger of Coton, Henry Pollard, William of Rydeware, Richard Matheu, John le Cartewruth, Henry Edemay, William Edemay, John Maynard, Thomas atte Holt, Robert of Dersthull, Henry March, Henry Selvester, William Batecok, Alan the smith, Henry Sheth, Henry of Gaywode, Richard Don, Nicholas of Pyricroft, Thomas of Pakynton, John Kysbeu, Roger Pernel, Henry le Ropere, William of Walton, Richard of Derby, Henry atte Cros, Alan of Whichenore.

6 presentments of hue and cry, some with bloodshed.

Alexander of Haunton has one false pound with a balance.

6 Presentments of purprestures upon the carrefour (quadrivium) or at the churchyard, with manure and trunks.

Item it is ordered that no one on the Warwickshire side or the Staffordshire side shall put manure in the highway at the carrefour under pain of 40d.

5 items of receiving men against the assize, 2 of whom trade without licence.

2 others trade without licence.

William de Burton amerced for selling putrid fish and unlawful flesh.

4 other items.

\* 'parvus'

/ The 6 membranes of this roll are stitched together at their top ends instead of end to end as in the earlier rolls.

COURT 18 Nov 1331

John Auger, defendant v John de Aston in a plea for 70s, was distrained by woollen cloths worth 10s 14d.

COURT 9 Dec 1331

COURT 30 Dec 1331

Tasters' presentments.

Oliver of Herford v William Tooke in a plea of debt for 18d for wool sold to him.

COURT 19 Jan 1332

At foot of membrane:-

Bailiffs:- John de Wridefen 5 and 6 Ed. III  
Ralf Juwet.

COURT (heading very worn) Tasters' presentments.

COURT 2 Mar 1332 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 23 Mar 1332

Tasters' presentments.

Surrender by Henry of Drayton clerk of a place of land in Tamworth called 'le Kyngesdych', to the use of Roger Kyng of Godefeld.

Inquisition 'ex officio' as to malefactors and disturbers of the peace by the oaths of twelve men (named).

Description of a quarrel between John Auger and Alice his wife on Sunday last after the hour of vespers, in which three others joined. John's house was broken into and his sword taken away.

Item, the said John came from the tavern of Isabel Schog and stood by the walls of William de Blakelord's house to listen to gossip (ad andiend' rumores) whereupon he was chased back to his own house and battered.

Item the said John drew blood of Alexander of Bollunhall.

COURT 13 April 1332

Tasters' presentments.

The bailiffs, burgesses and whole community of Tamworth on the Staffordshire side have granted and ratified to Sir Simon of Wicford and Sir Thomas of Wicford, chaplains, of a dyke with vivary which Simon had of the enfeoffment of William le Chanoun, as appears in a deed sealed with the seal of the community of the town.

COURT 4 May 1332

Tasters' presentments.

Roger le Walshe received into a tithing and made oath and found two pledges (named) for his fine of half a mark and for fealty.

Robert le Bedul called le Tupper, likewise; fine half a mark.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 4 May 1332

7 items of hue and cry or bloodshed.

William of Drayton presented for trading without licence of the bailiffs.

John le Hosere, likewise, and for not being in a tithing.

Two men presented for receiving strangers by night. Forbidden to do this in future under pain of 20s.

2 items of hamsoken.

1 item of sale of putrid calf-flesh.

1 item of sale of unlawful flesh.

Total, 17 items.

COURT, MONDAY 11 May 1332

Robert Gilbert of Hatherdon appealed Robert Prodon of Pylatenhale of felony of stealing 8 pigs, price 8s on Thursday last. Jury of 11 (named) found him guilty. Court decreed that he should be hanged.

No other item.

COURT 25 May 1332 Tasters' presentments.

A lease of a messuage for 22 years.

Several miscellaneous items.

COURT 15 June 1332 Tasters' presentments

COURT 6 July 1332 Tasters' presentments

COURT 27 July 1332 Tasters' presentments

COURT 17 Aug 1332

Tasters' presentments (include one man amerced for putrid flesh).

John of Canewell v Alexander of Haunton for 2s owed for having his counsel and for divers contracts made between them.

COURT 7 Sept 1332 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 28 Sept 1332 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 19 Oct 1332 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 9 Nov 1332 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 30 Nov 1332 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 7 Dec 1332

Tasters' presentments.

John le Swan of Canewell appealed Ranulf Blondel of Chester of felony of stealing 17 pigs, at Hopewaswode. Jury of 12 (named) found him guilty. Court decreed that he should be hanged.

Ralf Drambel surrendered one messuage with all the goods and chattels therein, to the use of William le Saltere.

COURT 21 Dec 1332

COURT 11 Jan 1333

William le Saltere of Tamworth surrendered a messuage to the use of Ralf Drambel and Isabel his wife.

COURT 1 Feb 1333

Tasters' presentments.

(at foot of this membrane after a gap - are 13 names - all sworn)

COURT 22 Feb 1333 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 15 Mar 1333

Tasters' presentments include William of Burton for putrid fish.

COURT 5 April 1333 Tasters' presentments.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, MONDAY 19 April 1333

3 essoins of the view.

12 frankpledges (named) sworn.

(They present Richard le Deyster for making orders and regulations against the community to the harm of the whole community of the town. Therefore it is decreed that he should forfeit the community of the town. Four others (named) presented for the same)\*

8 items of hue and cry or bloodshed.

9 persons fined 6d each for purprestures upon the King's dike. 2 other purprestures.

Robert le Sauvage, William of Drayton, Richard of Drayton, Adam Daybell, amerced 6d or 12d each for trading without being in a tithing.

They present Olive, daughter of Roger le Waterleder' for being a petty thief, namely, of a shirt (camisea) and kerchiefs ('cherchiues'). The said Roger is amerced for harbouring her.

They present that no regrators of ale be (allowed) in the town, and if any ale be found in a house it shall be forfeited.

Maud Serych amerced 12d for defaming William le Matheu and his family, calling them robbers. The court decided that the pain be levied to the use of the community.

Richard le Cartwhygte amerced 12d and Richard of Newport amerced 40d for disputing (contensierunt) and for making orders and regulations to the harm of the community.

William the common reeve in a hue and cry against William of Ridewar and Robert le Pauyer, who were each amerced 6d.

About 20 items worn.

COURT OF TAMWORTH OF 'PEE POUDROUS' WEDNESDAY 16 June 1333

Henry of Drayton plaintiff v Sir William David in a plea of debt. Pledges to prosecute, Robert Saunder and William Batecok'. Sir William summoned and distrained by one horse, did not come. Distrainment to be held and more to be taken. Day given to the parties at the hour of Terce.

\* These two items are smudged, possibly to cancel them.



Henry of Drayton clerk plaintiff v William David parson of the church of Overton in a plea of debt (the rest as above).

Henry de Drayton of Tamworth plaintiff v Sir William David (etc. as above)

These three items were repeated at the following hours:- terce, sext, none, mid-day (meridiana) and vespers and William David did not appear. Day given at the next Portmanmoot court.

The said Henry appointed John of Canewell his attorney in the aforesaid three pleas.

COURT MONDAY 28 June 1333.

Tasters' presentments. Single line items concerning debt or trespass.

Drayton v David in three pleas (as above). David did not appear.

8 Ed. III

COURT 7 March 1334

Tasters' presentments. Two writs of right sewn to the roll.

COURT 28 March 1334

Tasters' presentments.

Inquest (12 names) in place of grand assize taken in a plea concerning nine pennyworth of rent in Tamworth.

COURT OF PIEPOWDER, SATURDAY 9 April 1334

Margery who was the wife of Ralf Beuchamp and John Atterhorn, executors of Ralf's will, complained against John Wildy of Childecote in a plea of debt, saying that in Tamworth on a certain day etc. (not given) the said John was loaned 20s of silver, viz. 10s for a mare and 10s for barley bought from Ralf, payable on a certain day, which he did not pay. John acknowledged that he owed 6s 9d of the debt; as to the remainder, he did not deny it in the correct manner nor in form of law. Therefore the court decreed that Margery and John Attethorn should recover the debt with damages, and that John be amerced 6d.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, MONDAY 11 April 1334

Names of 12 frankpledges given.

6 essoins of the view.

4 men received into tithings and made oaths.

Nicholas of Hothorp amerced 4d for trading without being in a tithing.

A few cases of obstructions in the highway.

Numerous cases of hue and cry, one, of rescue, names John le Cokes underbailiff.

9 Ed. III

COURT 9 May 1334 Tasters' presentments.

Agreement by licence between William Onthegrene of Aldustr<sup>x</sup> and Robert atte Park.

\* Written elsewhere as Adulnestr'

COURT 30 May 1334

Tasters' presentments.

Attached to the roll: A writ of right dated 1 May 1334.

John of Pychford who held of the King one shop in the marketplace of Tamworth was died. John of Pychford his kinsman and heir came and did fealty and paid 2d for relief etc.

Plea of land between Richard son of Richard Notekyn of Tamworth and Alan Orpede of Tamworth 'cartewryghte' and Amicia his wife, who say that they are bond-tenants (natini) of Ralph Basset of Drayton and hold the land in question by bond tenure (native) of his demise and he was not named in the writ.

COURT 20 June 1334 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 11 July 1334 Tasters' presentments.

10 Ed. III

COURT 25 Sept 1335

Tasters' presentments.

Quitclaim from Alan son of Walter of Glascote and Margery his wife to John du Lee of an annual rent of one pound of pepper from a tenement held by Richard atte Causey and Alice his wife in Outwalstrete.

Similar quitclaim from Maud daughter of Ralf le Deystere.

COURT 16 Oct 1335 Tasters' presentments.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, THURSDAY 19 Oct 1335

12 frankpledges named.

William son of Richard Matheu received into a tithing and made oath.

2 essoins of the view.

William Serych drew blood of Agnes le Sowstere and made hamsoken. Amerced 6d.

A number of similar items.

A few items of obstructions in the highway.

Tasters chosen: William Neel and Gilbert of Dersthull (Two of the Frankpledge).

11 Ed. III

COURT 7 Oct 1336 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 28 Oct 1336 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 18 Nov 1336

Tasters' presentments

Margery formerly wife of Richard son of Henry le Mouner of Tamworth, Isabel and Maud daughter of Richard, surrendered a messuage in Tamworth in co. Stafford, in Otewalstrete between the tenement of John le Blound and the tenement of John Elyot; to the use of Gilbert of Middulton chaplain and Adam son of Adam Beuchaump and his heirs.

COURT 9 Dec 1336

Tasters' presentments.

Settlement of the above named messuage upon Margery for life with remainder to Isabel daughter of the aforesaid Richard.

COURT 30 Dec 1336 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 20 Jan 1337 Tasters' presentments.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, THURSDAY 24 Oct 1336

7 essoins of the view.

John son of Roger le Cartere received into a tithing and made oath.

12 frankpledges named.

Cases of hue and cry and of purprestures upon the highway.

2 men selling flesh against the assize.

Order that no one receive John son of William Onedesour under pain of 20s.

Henry Edemay amerced (sum not given) for imploding Ralf Huet in the Hundred (court) of Offelowe.

12 Ed. III

COURT 10 Feb 1337 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 3 Mar 1337 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 24 Mar 1337 Tasters' presentments.

COURT 14 April 1337 Tasters' presentments.

13 Ed. III

Bailiffs elected, viz. William Batkoc and Philip Goos.

COURT 7 July 1337<sup>x</sup>

Writ of right attached to the roll, on behalf of Nicholas son of Thomas son of Philip of Aldulnestre, concerning one messuage in Tamworth. Dated 21 June 1337.

COURT 28 July 1337

COURT 18 Aug 1337

Inquisition taken, ex officio at Tamworth, Thursday 11 Sept 1337 upon the statute of Westminster<sup>/</sup> concerning trespassers and disturbers of the peace, by the oaths of John le Hayward (and 11 others named), reporting affrays with bloodshed by Alan le Cartewrighte, Thomas le Deystere and Richard of Shuffenhale, using a knife, a sword and a stick upon John le Verdon going from John le Hayward's house to his own house.

COURT 8 Sept 1337

William le Skynner charged with divers (occasionatus) trespasses touching the bailiff(s) and community, denies them all and is at law twelve-handed. Day given for the law at the next court.

\* Henceforward, note of the Tasters' presentments, usually only a few items, will be omitted.

/ sic written 'Wymon'

Henry le Rede of Coton was attached by one farm-horse for avoiding toll. John of Yarkedych became pledge to produce the horse at this court and has not done so. Therefore John is amerced 12d and Henry distrained as before.

COURT 29 Sept 1337

COURT 20 Oct 1337

William le Skynner, allowed a further day by the Court's grace, came and made sufficient law. Therefore withdrew acquitted.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, FRIDAY, 10 Oct 1337

5 essoins of the view.

Walter le Iremonger received into a tithing and made oath.

Henry son of Giles le Bonwyere received into a tithing and made oath. Pledges, John of Gumpegate and John Skyll for the payment of 40d. to the bailiffs at Easter next and of 40d to the community at Christmas next.

(12 frankpledges named).

A number of cases of hue and cry and of obstructing the highway with manure.

John le White junior amerced 2d because he "ejecit boweles" to the abomination of neighbours and passers by.

Purprestures upon the water made by 15 people (named). Each amerced 2d.

Purprestures at le Kyngesdych by 24 people (named). Each amerced 3d.

John Bannok amerced 3d for trading without being in a tithing.

Walter of Stafford amerced 4d for the like.

2 men each amerced 4d for selling unlawful flesh.

Juliana of Dodynton amerced 6d for forestalling divers goods (mercimonia) coming to the market.

Tasters chosen: John le Hayward, Richard Page, sworn.

COURT 10 Nov 1337

COURT 1 Dec 1337

COURT 22 Dec 1337

The under-bailiff (not named) presented that he made a distraint upon Alan son of Peter the miller for an agistment made by the community and that Alan made rescue upon him. Therefore to be attached to answer the bailiff and the community.

COURT 12 Jan 1338

Attached to the roll: A writ of right on behalf of Robert le Sadelere of Tamworth, Joan le Sadelere and Margery who was the wife of Geoffrey Creton for one messuage in Tamworth. 30 Dec. 1337.

COURT 2 Feb 1338

Roger son of John of Bromleye, chaplain, in full court surrendered 6 messuages and 2 butcher's shops which he had of the enfeoffment of Sir William le Salter and Sir Ralf of Appelby, chaplains, whereof 3 messuages be in co. Stafford and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  messuages (sic) and 2 shops lie in co. Warwick, to the

use of John le Teynturer of Tamworth and Edith his wife in survivorship, and to the heirs of John's body. (Contingent remainders include abutments describing several other tenants of shops and state that one of the above messuages is in Eyatestrete).

COURT 23 Feb 1338

Richard Don appeared v Philip Goos in a plea of debt for 6s of silver; saying that he agreed to carry for Philip 4 sacks of wool from Tamworth to London in return for 6s payable on a certain day. Philip denied this; therefore at law. Pledges for his law, W. Batkot and J. Skyll.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, TUESDAY 10 Mar 1338

6 essoins of the view, of whom 2 appeared later.

One frankpledge amerced 6d for not appearing.

2 men received into tithings, no payment.

Many cases of hue and cry and of trading without being in a tithing.

A place at "le Franchise" which was granted to Peter le Mulward to be taken into the bailiff's hands because rent is no longer paid.

Thomas of Wycford amerced 40d for a purpresture upon the water at "le Franchise" and for building upon the highway.

3 men presented for withholding the King's rent at "le Wyle".

Tasters chosen: John le Horner' and Adam le Mulward, sworn.

"Court" taken ex officio on Monday 27 April 1338 upon the statute of Winchester (sic) concerning trespassers and disturbers of the peace, by the oaths of Robert Dousesone (and 11 others named) reporting an affray with bloodshed on 12 March 1338 at fair-time between John son of John Hendeman and John le Whyte junior (and others named) and an attack with a knife upon Philip Goos, bailiff.

COURT 6 April 1338

COURT 27 April 1338

COURT 18 May 1338

A certain shop was taken into the hands of the bailiff after the death of John of Pychford chaplain. William of Whytacre comes and claims the shop as a perquisite (ut de perquisit') of\* Sir Ralf Basset, and asks for inquiry into this by the Court. Emma, sister and heiress of the said John claims by her inheritance and likewise asks for an inquiry. Postponed until the next Court so that the suitors may be rightly informed.

COURT 8 June 1338

The suitors of the Court say that John of Pychford chaplain died seised of the aforesaid shop by inheritance after the death of John of Pychford his uncle, and that it was not the perquisite of Sir Ralf Basset. It was acquired by John of Pychford senior after the time when he enfeoffed the said Ralf of certain tenements in Tamworth. They also say that the said Emma is the next heir. Whereupon John le Hayward and the said Emma his wife did fealty and gave 2d for relief.

COURT 29 June 1338

\* Or possibly 'as acquired of'

14 Ed. III

STILL THE COURT OF TAMWORTH 28 Jan 1342

Surrender of a place of land in Gumpyate.

COURT 11 Feb 1342

COURT 4 Mar 1342

COURT 25 Mar 1342

Writ of dower on behalf of Isolde who was wife of Richard le Coyltre, sewn to the roll.

COURT 15 April 1342

COURT 6 May 1342

All the above are fairly brief courts consisting chiefly of single-line entries.

15 Ed. III

COURT 30 Sept 1342

Tasters' presentments include Denis de Spayne for poor ale.

COURT 21 Oct 1342

COURT 11 Nov 1342

Surrender of a messuage in Eyatestrete to the use of John le Chapmon of Grendon.

COURT 2 Dec 1342

John le Qu was received into the office of under-bailiff (receptus est in officio sub-ballivi) and found pledges for good behaviour and to save the bailiffs and community against all ills and dangers caused by him during his office; namely, Alan son of Peter, Philip Gos, John le Hornere, Richard Gos and Richard le Page.

16 Ed. III

COURT 22 Sept 1343 2 items only.

COURT 13 Oct 1343

COURT 3 Nov 1343

Surrender by John Hendemon of one shop with appurtenances in Tamworth opposite the castle, to the use of John son of Henry Grobbe of Tamworth. John has done fealty and has seisin.

COURT 24 Nov 1343

COURT 15 Dec 1343

COURT 5 Jan 1344

COURT 26 Jan 1344

COURT 16 Feb 1344

COURT 8 Mar 1344

COURT 29 Mar 1344

COURT 19 April 1344

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, THURSDAY 22 April 1344

8 essoins of the view.



Frankpledges:-

John le Hayward  
John of Loutteboron  
Alan of Glascote  
Richard Gos  
John of Rouleye  
Robert le (Gir)deler

John le Chalner  
Simon atte hall  
Richard le Walker  
Roger of Prype  
William Godrych  
Robert le Webbe

Usual cases of hue and cry, or bloodshed; purprestures; obstruction of highway, at the Cross, at Croftes, the dyke in Gumpeyate.

John of Bollunhall, Philip Gos, Richard le Dystere, Robert Ivet, (and three others) amerced sums from 2d to 6d for having stalls in the market without licence of the community.

William le Meleward amerced 2d for putting a table in the market without licence of the community, also amerced 6d for trading without licence.

William le Harpere amerced 12d for having pigs within the liberty of Tamworth and grazing? (parcavit) them within the castle.

He was also amerced 1ld for putting a fish-trap in the water called (? Wyk.....)\*

5 butchers amerced 12d each for selling flesh unlawfully.

The abbot of Murival, John of Longedon and Baldwin of Frevil to be amerced (no sums given) for not doing suit of court.

COURT 10 May 1344

COURT 31 May 1344

Baldwin de Frivill chivaler brought a little writ of right close<sup>1</sup> v Thomas of Wycford Chaplain for land 40 ft long by 8 ft.wide; and against Alan fitz Pyers for land of similar dimensions. Thomas and Alan to be summoned.

COURT 21 June 1344

17 Ed. III

COURT 7 Nov 1345 \*

John Fox 'fleshhewer' in a plea of debt, unspecified.

COURT 28 Nov 1345

COURT 19 Dec 1345

COURT 9 Jan 1346

COURT 30 Jan 1346

COURT 20 Feb 1346

COURT 13 Mar 1346

COURT 3 April 1346

COURT 26 Sept 1345

COURT 17 Oct 1345

Writ of right for a third part of a messuage sewn to the roll.

COURT 24 April 1346

COURT 15 May 1346

COURT 5 June 1346

\* This entry is very worn

/ The writ is sewn to the roll.

X See m 1 v for 2 earlier courts.

18 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, FRIDAY 20 April 1347

Names of the 12 frankpledges given.

6 men amerced for not appearing at the view, and 4 other men excused at last court, now amerced for not appearing.

Usual cases of hue and cry, and of obstructing the highway with dung. William le Ropere amerced 2d for the latter, at "le Lakebrugge".

All the tenants of Bollebrugge up to the Castle amerced for making purprestures upon the water.

The frankpledges ordered that no one should receive 'Walshemen' under pain of half a mark. They also ordered that no bakehouse\* be put up in the highway beyond one week under the same pain.

The frankpledges chose John le Coot and Roger atte Cros as collectors of the fair-toll.

It is ordered by the twelve jurors (duodecim fur') that should anyone henceforth bring a writ in the Court and lose his action (et cecidit in eum') whether he be claimant or tenant, he shall pay an amercement of half a mark. (In Margin 'Constitutio'). Sum 16s. 6d.

COURT 25 June 1347

19 Ed. III

COURT 26 Jan 1349

Plea of debt between Richard le Bony and Isabel his wife and Richard le Baker for 33 'sparres' price 3d each, kept by Richard le Baker.

COURT 16 Feb 1349

Plea of trespass by Margery Dyrrelaund v John of Cokynton for taking away her trees, viz. 'alestakes'.

COURT 9 Mar 1349

COURT 30 Mar 1349

COURT 20 April 1349

COURT 22 June 1349 - only 2 brief items at foot of the roll.

20 Ed. III

In the time of Richard le Whelere and John le Hayward, bailiffs, 'ex parte com. Staff'

STILL THE COURT OF TAMWORTH, 7 May 1352

COURT 4 June 1352

COURT 25 June, 1352

21 Ed. II

Headed: Stafford

COURT 7 April 1354

John du Lee lord of Stotfold surrendered 2 selds with buildings thereon lying at 'le Schurcheate' in Tamworth to the use of John Grobbe of Tamworth, butcher.

Sum 4s. 4d.

\* 'Furnus' could be translated 'oven'

COURT 28 April 1354

William Bony who held of the bailiffs divers tenements in Tamworth by the service of 2ld per annum has died. And there came Roger le Smyth and Alice his wife as daughter and next heir of the said William as is disclosed (compertum est) by the service aforesaid etc. And thereupon they have been admitted as tenants and have done fealty.\* Sum 3s. 5d.

VIEW OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY 12 May 1354

Frankpledges: John Hayward, Alan Savage, Ralf Selvester, Wm. Kesebew, Henry Symond, Ralf le Whyte, Wm. of Eddesleye, John Juwet, John of Schepeye, Richard of Crek', John le Cartere, Wm. of Melewych.

Adam le Smyth presented for impleading his neighbours in other courts before impleading them in the court of Tamworth, contrary to the ordinance of the town aforesaid. Therefore in mercy. (amount unspecified)

Henry Ossebarn 'baxtere' is put into a tithing and granted the liberty of the town. For this liberty he gives half a mark, viz. 40d to the community and 40d to the bailiffs.

There are a greater number of items of hue and cry and bloodshed, than usual.

Sum 34s. 10d.

COURT 19 May 1354 only 5 items

COURT 9 June 1354 only 6 items

COURT 30 June 1354

John upon the Grene of Coton surrendered the moiety of a messuage in Bradford which came to him by right of inheritance after the death of Margery his mother.

22 Ed. III

Bailiffs 'ex parte com. Staff':- Robert le Whelere and Ralf le Pryour.

COURT 21 July 1354.

Richard le Garlegman v William of Melewych for taking his wood price 3s. William denied this and is at law.

William of Melewych v the same Richard for a debt of 2s. 4d. which Richard would not deny. William to recover debt and damages. Richard also amerced 6d.

Sum 22d.

COURT 11 Aug 1354 Sum 31s. 10d. /

COURT 1 Sept 1354

Roger le Hornere chaplain v Robert le Muleward and Margery his wife in a plea of debt for 4s and 18 pounds of wool. They acknowledged the debt as to 3s and the wool, but are at law for the other 12d. Amerced 3d for the unjust detention.

Robert of Coton v Henry Schethe in a plea of debt for 13s 4d. for wool bought from him. Henry said that he owed only 18d and is at law for the rest.

Sum 5s. 3d.

\* An infrequent type of item.

/ Of which 31s 6d came from Tasters' presentments.

COURT 22 Sept 1354

The said Robert and Margery failed in their law. Roger recovered the debt, and damages of 12d. Robert, Margery and their pledges amerced 3d.

Robert of Coton and Henry Schethe had licence to agree; and Henry amerced 2d.

Sum 13d.

COURT 13 Oct 1354

VIEW OF TAMWORTH, HELD ON THE SAME DAY

Oaths of 3 men who were put into tithings.

Frankpledges: Robert of Coton, John le Hayward, Henry Symond, John le Sadelere, John le Newmon, Alan Savage, John Juwet, Wm. of Eddesleye, Robert Elyot, Ralf Selvester, Wm. of Melewych, Wm. le Walkere.

William son of William of Gywode is put into a tithing and granted the liberty of the town and has made oath.

18 men and women amerced sums varying from 2d to 4d for not being in a tithing and for trading without licence and not having the liberty of the town.  
Total 6s 8d.

Henry Schethe amerced 3s. 4d. for selling bad fish, namely 'Mulewel' (i.e. cod).

Ralf le Walshemon amerced 12d for harbouring strangers by night against the assize and against the statute of Winchester.

3 men amerced 2d each for obstructing with manure the highway in 'Lychefeldestrete'.

Surrender by Oliver Crede, chaplain, of a place of land in Ladybruggestrete.

Assessors: Alan Symond and Ralf Selvester. (No sum given).

COURT 3 Nov 1354 Same assessors. Sum 2s. 10d.

COURT 24 Nov 1354 No assessors Sum 11s 0d.

COURT 15 Dec 1354

Plea of debt for 13d for one pig sold

Plea of debt for loan of 39s 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d Sum 4s 2d

COURT 5 Jan 1355

Ends with the note 'Look in another roll of this Court'.

23 Ed. III

COURT 2 May 1356

COURT 23 May 1356

COURT 13 June 1356

Ralf Selvester and John Mathew, tasters, amerced 4d each for not coming to perform their office.

VIEW OF THE COURT OF TAMWORTH 'ex parte com Staff' THURSDAY 16th June 1356

Names of 12 frankpledges, 9 of which have crosses written above.

Usual type of items, but some are very worn.

Richard le Whelere and Robert of Coton chosen bailiffs in co. Stafford.

COURT 4 July 1356

Sum 2s.

COURT 25 July 1356 (Court continued in another roll)

24 Ed. III

In the time of Richard le Whelere and Robert of Coton, then bailiffs of Tamworth, 'ex parte com. Staff'

STILL COURT of 25 July 1356

Sum 3s. 1d.

COURT 15 Aug 1356

Ale-tasters presented 21 women for breaking the assize. Amercements varied from 8d. 12d, 2s. to 3s. 4d. This is an unusually long list.

No sum

COURT 5 Sept 1356

No sum

COURT 26 Sept 1356

No sum

COURT 17 Oct 1356

No sum

25 Ed. III

Stafford. In the time of Richard le Whelere and John le Newman, bailiffs.

VIEW OF TAMWORTH 'ex parte Com Staff' TUESDAY, 18 Oct 1356

4 essoins of the view for the first time.

Names of 12 frankpledges.

Baldwin Frinill and 2 others amerced 6d each for not attending the view.

John Olyver gave surety to amend a trespass against the bailiffs and community and found two pledges, Roger son of John le Hornere and Robert Hog', for his future good behaviour, under pain of 20s to be paid towards the work of the bell (ad opus Campanille).

10 persons amerced sums from 2d to 4d for obstructing the highway in various places (not given) with manure. By the assent of the whole community they are ordered to remove it within 14 days, upon pain. Sum 2s. 2d.

8 persons amerced 2d each for obstructing and enclosing the King's dike without licence from bailiffs and community. It is ordered that the 'haye' enclosure and dike be removed this very day, upon pain.

Henry Schethe and William le Cok each amerced 12d for forestalling their neighbours in the sale of fish called "Kyper" to the harm of the whole countryside (patria).

Richard le Whelere (2d) and John of Coton (4d) dwelling at 'le stonenecros' amerced for a purpresture in the highway in Gumpyate opposite the house formerly of William Tylyan.

The same Richard (2d) for obstructing the highway at 'le Denesberne' crossing at 'Walforlong' (transeunt' apud Walforlong).

Agnes le Scolemayster (4d) and William le Tynbere (6d) amerced for selling ale against the assize.

Roger son of John Goderych and John son of Ralf le Borgeyse have been put into a tighing and granted the liberty of the town because their fathers and kinsmen were born in the town, and they have the liberty without fine, and they have made oath.

John son of Ralf of Wykford put into a tithing and granted the liberty upon payment of half a mark; 40d to the bailiffs and 40d to the community because his father was a stranger.

Other usual items.

Assessors:- John le Cartere and Ralf Selvestre, sworn. Sum (worn away).

COURT 7 Nov 1356

Thomas del Holt v Ralf le Pryour for retaining a copper pot (ollam eneam) price 4s, which Ralf took from him as a distraint during the time when Ralf was bailiff of Tamworth. Ralf denied this; therefore at law.

Sum (blank)

COURT 28 Nov 1356

Thomas del Holt v Ralf Selvester who was underbailiff in the time of Robert of Coton and Ralf le Pryour, bailiffs, for detention of the above named pot. Ralf Selvestre amerced 2d and Thomas recovered the pot and damages.

26 Ed. III

Stafford. In the time of Richard le Whelere and John le Newman, bailiffs.

COURT 13 Mar 1357

Tasters' present 'nil' Sum 2s. 1d.

COURT 3 April 1357

Sum 3s.

COURT 24 April 1357

VIEW OF TAMWORTH ON THE SAME DAY

5 essoins of the view.

Names of 12 frankpledges.

Richard Tylbe of Midelton and Robert his brother each amerced 6s 8d. for forestalling grain (bladum) before it came into the market.

Usual cases of hue and cry and of obstructing the highway. Some admissions into the liberty; and fines for trading unlawfully.

Much of this view is worn and faded.

COURT 15 May 1357

The frankpledges, who at the last Court had a further day for making presentments at this Court, present Thomas Togot and Ralf Deleby for seeking another house outside the town against their oaths and against the custom on the town. The former amerced 3s 4d., the latter amerced 8d.

Other usual types of presentment.

Two women described as 'aux' <sup>\*</sup> amerced 6d each for selling ale against the assize and against the ordinance of the town. Ordered by the whole community that neither they nor any other aux' sell more ale within the town under pain of half a mark. Also ordered that no brewer sale ale above 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d a gallon, under pain of 12d.

Sum 20s 6d.

COURT 5 June 1357

Sum 16d

COURT 26 June 1357

\* ? ausillae or auxille



27 Ed. III

Bailiffs chosen 'ex parte Com Staff':- Robert le Whelere, John le Hayward.

COURT 17 July 1357

Sum 3s 7d.

COURT 7 Aug 1357

Tasters' presentments include a long list of women amerced 6d or 12d for selling ale against the assize.

COURT 28 Aug 1357

Sum 2s 4d.

COURT 9 Oct 1357 (sic)

Sum 8s.

28 Ed. III

Stafford. John le Hayward and Robert le Whelere bailiffs.

STILL THE COURT 30 Oct 1357

COURT 20 Nov 1357

The above-named bailiffs; John le Neuman John of Loughteborough, Roger le Hornere, Ralf le Whyte, John of Schepeye, Ralf le Selvestere, together with the whole community of the town appeared against Simon Badecok and Lettice his wife in a plea of trespass (not described). Simon and Lettice in full court gave surety to amend the trespass. Amerced 12d.

All the above-named v Philip Mathew in the said plea of trespass, who likewise gave surety. Amerced 6d.

COURT 11 Dec 1357

Sum 6d

COURT 22 Jan 1358

Sum 14d

COURT 12 Feb 1358

29 Ed. III

Stafford. Same two bailiffs.

COURT (7 May)\* 1358

The tasters present William of Walton for one wheaten loaf, price  $\frac{1}{2}$ d less in weight than the 2s (weight) it should be; and for one wastell price  $\frac{1}{2}$ d less in weight likewise.

They present Richard of Crek for one horse loaf less in weight than the 2s it should be. (difference not given).

Assessors:- Roger le Hornere, Ralf Selvestre, William of Quermon.

Sum 8d.

COURT 28 May 1358

Sum 16d.

COURT 18 June 1358

(For dorse of this roll see after end of roll 30).

30 Ed. III

Stafford. Same two bailiffs.

COURT 9 July 1358

Ralf le Pryour surrendered a messuage with curtilage in Lychefeldestrete dwelling in Faresleye with right of re-entry should John be paid 20 marks, fifteen shillings of silver on Monday after the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist following.

\* Given as Monday after the feast of St. John the Evangelist, which fell in December, presumably in error for St. John before the Latin Gate.

COURT 30 July 1358  
COURT 20 Aug 1358  
COURT 10 Sept 1358

Tasters' presentments only.  
(No items at all and no space left for any)

COURT 1 Oct 1358

Pinned to the end of this roll on a small piece of paper are these two notes\*:-

"In these Rollys are V surrenders made in to the handes of ye balyfes of Temwurth at sundre tymes in sundre kynges days'

(The second note is almost identical.

29 Ed. III

COURT 22 Oct 1358

Henry Symond v John Juwet in a plea of debt for 12d, one bridle price etc. (sic) and one hat price 10d. John acknowledged the 12d and the bridle but is at law concerning the hat. Amerced 4d.

COURT 12 Nov 1358

Note at foot of roll:- 'Look for the same Court in another roll'.

31 Ed. III

Stafford. Same two bailiffs.

VIEW OF TAMWORTH, FRIDAY 2 Nov 1358

Names of the 12 frankpledges sworn.

4 men amerced 6d each for occupying and holding (part of) the King's dike without licence of the bailiff and community.

9 men amerced 6d, 12, 40d, or 3s. for not enclosing their gardens according to custom.

Isabel wife of John Rondolf amerced 12d for forestalling herring in the market.

Amercements for 2 pigs sold with murrain.

Order by assent of the whole community that all bread for sale unmarked (non signat') be forfeited and that he who is found guilty be punished by the pillory.

Order by assent of the whole community that all who dwell outside the town for a year and a day, and do not pay or give aid to their neighbours and the burgesses of Tamworth at all tollages, lose their liberty.

Two women amerced 6d each as 'aux' who have sold bread and ale against the assize.

Ralf le Pryour amerced 12d for impleading William of Tonstal in the Hundred Court before he had impleaded him in the Court of Tamworth.

32 Ed. III

STILL THE COURT OF 12 Nov 1358 (See roll 29)

COURT 3 Dec 1358

(End of roll very worn.)

\* In 16th century hands.

COURT 14 Jan 1359

Surrenders by Baldwin son and heir of Roger of Rossynton of all lands etc. These items are noted by a hand drawn in the margin.

'Look for the same court in another roll'.

31 Ed. III

STILL COURT OF TAMWORTH THURSDAY AFTER ST. HILLARY 32 Ed. III 17 Jan (sic) 1359

Henry Schethe came and saved his default against Richard le Cok and John Mathew in a plea of trespass, pledge(s) the bailiff(s). Afterwards Richard and John appeared against Henry in the same plea, saying that he made a proclamation as to weights (de vagis)\* and other business in the full market of Tamworth without the licence of the said Richard and John who are under-bailiffs, to the harm and detraction (desheredacionem) of their office, since such proclamations pertain to this office, to their damage of half a mark. Henry, present in court, could not deny this. It was decreed that Richard and John recover damages and that Henry be amerced 12d.

COURT 4 Feb 1359 Only item at foot of the roll.

33 Ed. III

Stafford. In the time of Richard of Coton and John le Sadeler'.

COURT 1 July 1359

Ralf Selvester and Roger le Hornere ale-tasters removed from their office and Henry Mathew and Ralf Bere elected and have made oath.

COURT 22 July 1359

COURT 12 Aug 1359

COURT 2 Sept 1359

The bailiff made an order as to 7 steers<sup>1</sup> taken as strays in the town of Tamworth. Afterwards Henry Mareys of Stocfeld appropriated<sup>x</sup> them according to custom and law.

Sum 4s. 2d.

COURT 23 Sept 1359 Sum 2s. 2d.

(Heading and large section too worn to read).

34 Ed. III

Stafford. The same two bailiffs.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, MONDAY 21 Oct 1359

Names of 12 frankpledges. 6 essoins.

A long list of amercements from persons who had obstructed the highway with dung and timber.

Sum 11s 6d.

Thomas Slercok amerced 6d for taking away to his house stone and timber from the 'Ladybrugge'.

It was decreed that no stranger dwelling outside the town be 'in stallage' but that he should pay toll (set ad tolnet').

A few items of the more usual types.

Sum 32s.

\* Or perhaps 'waifs' i.e. strays.

/ 'Boviculi'

X 'appropriart' i.e. proved them to be his property.

COURT 4 Nov 1359

The frankpledges who had until this day for presentments, say that John Juwet has impleaded his neighbours in the Hundred Court against the custom of the town, before he had failed in law at the court of the town. Amercement to be imposed by the bailiffs (ad vol ballivorum).

A few other presentments.

COURT 25 Nov 1359

COURT 16 Dec 1359

COURT 6 Jan 1360

This heading erased and nothing entered.

COURT 17 Feb 1360 (sic) Only 4 items.

COURT 9 Mar 1360

COURT 30 Mar 1360

William le Walkere of Ellergate came and gave surety to amend his trespass and violence towards the bailiffs, under pain of 100s., for his good behaviour towards the bailiffs and community.

COURT 20 April 1360

35 Ed. III

Stafford. In the time of Robert of Coton and John le Sadlere.

COURT 22 Mar 1361

Surrender by William of Hopewas, brother and heir of Robert of Hopewas of Tamworth, of a place of land with buildings thereon in Tamworth co. Stafford as it lies between the tenement of Richard le Whelere and the tenement formerly of William of Ireland, extending in length from the highway up to 'le Parsoneslone'; to the use of William of Norton and Oliver Clede chaplains, their heirs and assigns. Hugh of Hopewas, canon of Lichfield Cathedral, brother of the said William of Hopewas came and renounced all claim.

John Mathew of Tamworth, horner, surrendered a place with buildings thereon in Lychefeldestrete to William of Norton and Ralf atte Croos, chaplains.

COURT 12 April 1361

William of Norton and Oliver Clede surrendered the above-described tenement to the use of John le Sadlere of Tamworth and Agnes his wife.

William of Norton and Ralf atte Croos surrendered a messuage in Lichefeldestrete co. Stafford lying between (sic) Sir Roger le Hornere chaplain and the land of Robert of Coton, extending in length from the highway up to the field of 'Walforlong'; to the use of John Mathew of Tamworth horner, Margaret his wife, and William their son.

COURT 3 May 1361

VIEW OF TAMWORTH, TUESDAY 11 May 1361

Names of the 12 frankpledges.

Adam le Schaumberleyn and Richard of Barewe 'taylour', William Gobbe 'drapour' and William le Tynbere and John le Slyngere are put into a tithing and granted the liberty of the town. Each has given half a mark because he is a stranger, viz., a moiety to the bailiffs of the town and a moiety to the frankpledges and community.

The frankpledges present<sup>x</sup> that the fines of the said strangers are kept as well for the community of co. Warwick as for the community of Co. Stafford, according to ancient custom of the manor. (secundum cons. manerii etc. de antiquo ordinat' & visitat' etc.)

It is ordered that no butcher sell old veal (vitul' cronnot') under pain of forfeiture to the bailiffs.

It is ordered by the assent of the whole community that each bailiff for the time being shall have custody of the keys of the common chest, and that when he leaves his office he shall deliver the keys and rolls of the Court to the bailiffs at that time appointed (qui tempore fuerint) together with his charge (onus). Six men of the county of Warwick and six men of the county of Stafford to be at the showing and proving of the said chest in company with the aforesaid bailiffs. One key is to be in the custody of a frankpledge of the county of Stafford and one key is to be in the custody of a frankpledge of the county of Warwick.

Usual types of item.

EXTRACT OF THE COURT OF TAMWORTH 24 May 1361  
COURT 14 June 1361

36 Ed. III

(At top right hand corner, perhaps a pen trial:-)

fruit homo miss'

STAFF COURT 21 Aug 1363

Sum 4s.

CURIA PARVA AT TAMWORTH 11 Sept 1363

Sum 8s.

CURIA PARVA 2 Oct 1363 6 single line entries only.

Sum 8d.

CURIA PARVA 23 Oct 1363

Sum 15d

(Heading of Court worn completely away)

Sum 6d

CURIA PARVA 4 Dec 1363

Includes Tasters' presentments

Sum 7s. 6d.

COURT 'ex parte Staff' 25 Dec 1363

Only one entry 'Day given to defendants and plaintiffs until the next court'.

CURIA PARVA 'ex parte Staff' 15 Jan 1364.

37 ED. III

Stafford.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE THURSDAY THE FEAST OF (worn away) 38 Ed. III  
(1364, or possibly, but unlikely, during 1-24 Jan 1365)

Names of 12 frankpledges, sworn.

Usual types of item.

John le Walker amerced 12d for selling 'Kypur' in the place of Salmon (loco salmonus).

William of Melewych amerced 6d for selling 'stokfysch'

One woman amerced 12d, two others amerced 6d each for being hucksters (trauntatrix) of ale.

Walter Chapmon amerced 2d for selling his wares (utitur mercimoniis) without being in a tithing; two fusterers likewise amerced 6d each, namely, Robert Fyster and Robert Parmounter.

\* N.B. The Marginal note is 'ordinacio'

/ Fustarius = joiner, and see N.E.D. under Fuster. But as 'parmenter' usually = a tailor or dealer in clothes, fusterer may have something to do with cloth.

Order by the community of the town of Tamworth that each baker sell 4 loaves for 1d and 3 for another according to weight and that each alewife (brasiatrix) sell a gallon of ale of the best kind for 2d under pain of forfeiture of all the bread or the ale.

38 Ed. III

PARVA CURIA 'ex parte com. Staff' 14 July 1365

6 short items re debt or trespass.

Henry Mattheu removed from the office of taster and Robert of Newark and John of Staunton chosen in his place (sic) and have made oath.

PARVA CURIA 4 Aug 1365

PARVA CURIA 18 Aug (sic) 1365 Sum 6d.

PARVA CURIA 15 Sept 1365

Tasters present (inter alia) Maud le Fuster (6d) pro debil<sup>X</sup> John Clement (6s 8d) for defect in the weight of bread.

John of Walsale of Faresleye showed in court a charter by which John Grubbe butcher gave to him, his heirs and assigns two selds with buildings thereon in Tamworth, lying in co. Stafford between the churchyard and the highway. Sum 8s. 8d.

PARVA CURIA 6 Oct 1365 Sum 9s.

PARVA CURIA 27 Oct 1365 Sum 6d.

PARVA CURIA 17 Nov 1365

Robert atte Mapul chaplain plaintiff in a plea of debt v John Grubbe.

12 jurors (not named) present Richard of Richemond, Geryn, John Page, servants of Philip of Bedeford for not being in a tithing, and Philip amerced 12d for harbouring them (quia hospit') against the assize.

John le Swon and John le Sadelers amerced 3s 4d. each for refusing to watch at the church by summons of the bailiffs (nol' vig' ad ecclesiam).

39 Ed. III

PARVA CURIA 'ex parte com. Staff' 23 March 1366 Sum 15d.

PARVA CURIA 13 April 1366

Ale tasters' presentments include Christina Biroun (6d) for contradicting the bailiffs. Sum 3s.

PARVA CURIA 4 May 1366

6 items only /

PARVA CURIA 25 May 1366

5 items only, but space follows.

PARVA CURIA 15 June 1366

PARVA CURIA 6 July 1366

Ralf le Bere v John Bondy in a plea of trespass for depasturing Ralf's grain with his beasts to Ralf's damage of 6s. 8d. John could not deny this; therefore to pay damages and amercement of 2d.

COURT 27 July 1366

X i.e. old or bad ale.

/ See next roll for a Court dated 12 May.



Bailiffs 'ex parte Comit Staff', Richard le Wheler, John Newemon.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, TUESDAY 12 May 1366

Inquis' all sworn:-

Ralf Selvestr'	Richard Breton
Robert of Newerk	Roger le Hornere
John of Staunford	Ralf le Bere
John of Brugge	William of Melevyche
Henry Symond	John of Loughthburgh
Ralf le White	Alan Savage

Baldwin of Frinill and 10 others owe suit and have not appeared. All except Baldwin have 4d amercement written above their names.

Items of hue and cry; a few purprestures.

The community of the town have granted the liberty to Roger le Taillour and he has made oath. 7s. 7d. (in the margin)

9 men amerced sums from 6d to 18d for selling bad flesh (carn' inabil').

4 bakers amerced 12d each.

Long list of tasters' presentments.

Sum of this View, £6. 6s. Id.

Ralf le Coupere and John of Sirescote granted the liberty of the town.

Ordered by the community of the town that each man or woman refusing to watch (resusans vig) shall give 4d to the bailiffs on the morrow.

COURT MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN IN THE YEAR ABOVE SAID (i.e. presumably 17 Aug 1366) Sum 21d.

COURT 7 Sept. 1366 Sum 2s. 2d.

41 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 'ex parte com. Staff' Thursday 5 Nov 1366

13 names of frankpledges given.

Cases of hue and bloodshed.

Emmota Blount amerced 6d for occupying the highway with a porch. She is ordered to pay 6d a year for it and also 9s for 18 years' arrears.

5 others amerced 2d for occupying the King's dike. Many others amerced 4d each for leaving dung upon the highway.

Philip of Bedeford amerced 6d for refusing to watch with his neighbours according to the law of England.

Presentments for selling bad meat and bad fish, including John Bondy (3s. 4d) for meat.

10 persons amerced 6d or 12d for withdrawing themselves from the lord against the autumn\*. 13 others amerced 6d or 12d for taking sheaves in autumn.

Richard Garleggemon lost his liberty for not giving his customary (service) owed to the bailiffs and community.

Tasters' presentments.

Sum 111s. 3d.

\* ? For refusing to give their customary services.

COURT 9 Nov 1366

Philip Grubbe v Richard le Garleggemon in a plea of covenant, saying that Richard bought from him 30 gallons of fat (pinqued') at 6d the gallon, for which he gave  $\frac{1}{2}$ d in earnest. Afterwards he denied the agreement, to Philip's damage of 6s. 8d. Richard could not deny this, and afterwards they had licence to agree.

Sum 18d.

COURT TUESDAY IN THE FEAST OF ST. ANDREW\* (1 Dec 1366) Sum 18d.

42 Ed. III

PARVA CURIA 21 Dec 1366 Sum 8d.

Writ of right attached, dated 16 Oct 1366, for one messuage in Tamworth.

COURT 11 Jan 1367 Sum 8d.

COURT 1 Feb 1367 Sum 10d.

COURT 22 Feb 1367 Sum 22d.

43 Ed. III /

PARVA CURIA (ex parte com. Staff' 8 Nov 1372 Sum 20d.

PARVA CURIA 10 Jan 1373 Sum 15d

PARVA CURIA 31 Jan 1373 All cases postponed.

PARVA CURIA 21 Feb 1373 All cases postponed.

PARVA CURIA 14 Mar 1373 Sum 14d.

PARVA CURIA 4 April 1373

PARVA CURIA 25 April 1373

PARVA CURIA 6 June 1373

PARVA CURIA 27 June 1373

44 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE OF TAMWORTH TUESDAY 26 Oct 1367

Names of 12 frankpledges.

26 names presented for non-appearance to do suit.

Numerous cases of hue and cry or bloodshed and of obstructing the common ways with dung.

It is ordered that henceforth no man or woman put, or cause to be put, the entrails of oxen upon the pavement, under pain of 3s. 4d.

It is ordered that no man or woman regrate ale or breed within the boundaries of the town\* under pain of 6s 8d. each time and forfeiture of the bread or ale.

18 men amerced sums varying from 6d to 6s 8d. for the sale of unfit flesh (carn inabil').

5 men amerced from 6d to 2s. for sale of unfit fish.

Tasters' presentments.

Sum total £7. 19s. 2d.

Enrolment of grant of a messuage in Tamworth, co. Warw. 39 Ed. III (No day).

45 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 'ex parte com. Staff' THURSDAY 4 May 1368

Names of 12 frankpledges.

Long list of affrays, sum 67s. 6d.

\* The feast of St. Andrew 40 Edward III fell on Monday 30 November.

/ This roll should follow roll No. 59 Ed. III

\* Also written above:- 'in exterioribus ville'.

List of obstructions sum 10s. 10d.

Fines for the sale of unfit fish and meat, 12s 8d.

4 men fined for buying and selling without being in the liberty of the town, 3s. 6d.

Thomas of Ardene knight amerced 6s 8d. for inclosing a wood called Elleford Lee which ought to be common for all the tenants. Ordered that he should appear.

Liberty of the town granted to Henry of Asscheby.

From divers men for the assize of bread as appears in the estreats, 3s.

From divers women for the assize of ale, 27s.

From divers women for the assize of meal (farena) as appears by the estreats, 5s.

Sum total £6. 19s. 6d.

COURT 15 May 1368 Sum 14d.

COURT 5 June 1368 Sum 2s. 11d.

46 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 'ex parte Com. Warw.' THURSDAY 11 May 1368

Names of 12 frankpledges.

Reference to list of names of those who were fined for non-appearance at this View.

John de Clynton knight presented for enclosing the gate called 'Periecroftegate' which ought to be open for all the tenants. Therefore in mercy. Ordered that he should appear under pain of 6s. 8d.

Ordered by the assent of the whole township on the part of county Warwick that no men or women from Wales sell ale in Gumpegate under pain of forfeiture of all their ale each time.

Ordered that no regratress (regaditares) sell unless she has another sign than that of the brewers viz. 'unum panniculum' (?), under pain of 12d each time.

All who refuse to watch according to the custom of the town shall pay 4d a time to the bailiff.

Fines for obstructing the highway, and for selling unfit meat or fish, and for breaking the assizes of bread ale or meal; all refer to a separate schedule of names.

Sum total 110s. 3d.

COURT OF TAMWORTH 22 May 1368

Enrolment of two deeds concerning a burgage and an annual rent in co. Warwick, abutting on the highway assigned by Richard de Myddelton of Tamworth. 42 Ed. III 22 May,

Sewn to the roll:- A writ of right close on behalf of Thomas of Glascote and Alice his wife as to a messuage in Tamworth.

COURT 26 June 1368

Maud of Buttetoun, Abbess of Polesworth by William of Barton her attorney complained v John of Welynton in a plea of debt. Robert of Newerk essoined the said John in these words: 'I the essoin of John of Welynton against the Abbess of Polesworth in a plea of debt'. Maud's attorney challenged the

essoins in that he did not say 'defendant against Maud etc. plaintiff in a plea of debt, the first time'. Therefore the essoin was quashed and John ordered to be distrained to answer by the next court.

47 Ed. III

COURT 'ex parte com. Staff' 15 Jan 1369

Surrender by John of Colleshull and Alice his wife to the bailiffs, viz. Philip of Bedeford and Roger le Hornere, of a messuage in Lychefeldstrete, co. Stafford.

Usual brief items.

COURT 12 Feb 1369

The liberty of the town was granted by the commonalty to John of Asschebrok.

John le Webbe v Richard Garleggemon in a plea of trespass for impleading him in the hundred court against the custom of the town, to his damage of 40d.

COURT 5 March 1369

COURT 27 March 1369

COURT 17 April 1369.

48 Ed. III

Merely entitled 'Court of John Sadelere and John Neuwemon' Monday 9 July 1369.

Enrolment of 3 charters, of which one as follows:- John Mattheve of Tamworth to Adam of Wytherdleye and John of Clyfton, chaplains, a messuage in Otewalestrete in co. Stafford (abuttals given). Adam and John have satisfied the bailiffs for seisin and have been granted the liberty of the town and have done fealty in the presence of Roger Bette and William Keece's bailiffs on the part of co. Warwick. (and 6 others named).

COURT 30 July 1369 3 items only

COURT 20 Aug 1369

COURT 1 Oct 1369

COURT 'ex parte com Staff' 22 Oct 1369

CURIA PARVA 'ex parte com. Staff' 12 Nov 1369

Includes one item of presentment by the frankpledge of the View. Other usual items.

COURT 'ex parte Com. Staff' 3 Dec 1369

COURT 24 Dec 1369 6 brief items

COURT 14 Jan 1370 Brief items.

49 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 'ex parte com. Staff' MONDAY 29 Oct 1369

Names of 12 frankpledges.

Long list of persons obstructing the highway.

Emma Blount presented for putting up a porch upon the common. The rent of 6d a year for 20 years' arrears to be collected.

Thomas of Glascote amerced 12d for occupying common called Bancroft without licence. Ordered to amend this before the next court under pain of 10s. The said Thomas has incurred the penalty of 6s 8d to be levied for the said Bancroft.

Richard 'of ye boterye' took a distraint without the bailiffs' (? consent or knowledge) (sine ballivis) against the ordinances (constituciones) of the town. Therefore it is adjudged that he be turned out of the liberty. Amerced 3s. 4d.

Order as to the price of bread and ale.

50 Ed. III

CURIA PARVA 'ex parte com Staff' 4 Feb 1370

8 brief items, one grant of land and tasters' presentments. Sum 2s.5d.

51 Ed. III

CURIA PARVA 'ex parte com. Staff' 18 Mar 1370 Sum 28d.

CURIA PARVA 'ex parte com. Staff' 8 April 1370 Sum 16d

Grant from Richard le Wheler of Tamworth to Richard son of Geoffrey le Wheler and Isabel his wife of three messuages in Tamworth, co. Stafford; one at the church gate, the other two at le Wenenlete on either side of the land there.

CURIA PARVA 29 April 1370 Sum 4d.

CURIA PARVA 20 May 1370

The frankpledges, who at last court had day given to make presentments at this court, say that all is well.

CURIA PARVA 10 June 1370

William of Wykforde, parson of the church of Moberleye, in full court made fine with the bailiffs and commonalty to receive the liberty, 6s. 8d.

CURIA PARVA FOR SAME CO., 12 May 1371 (sic) Brief items.

52 Ed. III

CURIA PARVA Co. Stafford 19 July 1370

One line postponing all cases.

CURIA PARVA Co. Stafford 22 July 1370

Brief items, and 2 deeds enrolled. Sum 8d

CURIA PARVA Co. Stafford 12 Aug 1370 Sum 18d

CURIA PARVA Co. Stafford 2 Sept. 1370

Grant from Baldwin de Freville knt. to Adam Breton of Tamworth a burgage in Tamworth, co. Stafford at 'le Stonene Cros' between the land of the said Baldwin and land formerly of William Matthew, extending from the highway to the land of the dean of the collegiate church of Tamworth.  
Sum 2s. 4d.

CURIA PARVA Co. Stafford 23 Sept 1370

CURIA PARVA Co. Stafford 14 Oct 1370

CURIA PARVA Co. Stafford 4 Nov 1370

Frankpledges had day at the last court postponed until this court and now say that all goes well (dicunt quod omnia bene).

53 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Co. Stafford Tuesday 29 Oct 1370

Names of the 12 frankpledges.

Usual type of item.

Ordered by the community that no lord or other stranger should make a pound (?) ('punloca') outside the lordship, by chasing (animals) to another lordship, as some are doing; under pain of 100s.

Several women called hucksters of bread, ale or meal, are amerced from 4d to 12d.

Prices fixed for bakers and brewers.

Taxers of the Court: Ralf Selvestre and Henry Matthew.

Sum £6. 17s. 4d.

COURT Co. Staff. ? 25 Nov 1370

(The whole of this court is very faded.)

COURT Co. Staff. 16 Dec 1370

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 27 Jan 1371

54 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE MONDAY 19 May 1371 co. Staff.

Names of the 12 frankpledges.

Items for obstruction of ways, for bloodshed, for selling unwholesome meat or fish.

Order that any butcher putting blood or entrails upon the pavement shall give 6d each time to the bailiffs.

Three men each pay 3s. 4d. to receive the liberty of the town.

Ordered by the community of the town, of the Staffordshire side, that each baker shall sell four loaves for 1d and two for another, according to weight, and of good meal (bone culture) and that he shall not buy or sell except by sealed measure; under pain of 12d each time.

And that each brewer shall sell a gallon (lagena) of new ale for 1½d and of old ale for 2d and that he shall not sell except by sealed measure; under pain of 3s. 4d each time.

Sum £4. 13s. 6d.

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 2 June 1371.

55 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Monday 27 Oct (or 3 Nov)\* 1371

Usual type of items under marginal headings:-

Frankpledges named.

Fines for not appearing to do suit of court.

Fines for dung left on the common way (including Thomas Scolemaster, 2d).

Fines for bloodshed; 19 items.

Fines for selling unwholesome meat; from hucksters; for baking or brewing against the assizes.

\* The date is worn. It is the Monday (? before or after) the feast of All Saints.



Ordinance fof the assize of bread, as under last court above.  
Sum £6. 10. 10d.

56 Ed. III

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 9 Feb 1372  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 1 March 1372  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 22 March 1372  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. MONDAY THE MORROW OF 'LOWESONDAY' i.e. 5 April 1372  
All cases postponed.  
CURIA PARVA co. Stafford. 3 May 1372  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 24 May 1372  
All cases postponed.  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 14 June 1372

All items in the above courts are single-line entries chiefly for debt.

57 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff Thursday 26 April 1372.

Usual items.

Oath made by Richard Saunsom on receiving the liberty of the town.

'Ordered by the assent of the frankpledges that they shall attend on Monday every week as it comes round (qualibet septimana invicern)\* at the church of Tamworth for the mass called 'the brothur Messe', to order and amend the constitutions made by them at their great Court, and that they shall not omit to do this under pain of 3s. 4d each'.

Rates to be charged by bakers and brewers.

58 Ed. III

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 5 July 1372

Election of bailiffs: John of Loughborough and John Mathew were removed from the office of bailiff and in their places were chosen Richard Wheeler and John Newmon and they have made oath.

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 26 July 1372  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 16 Aug 1372  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. (6 Sept) 1372  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 27 Sept 1372  
All brief items.

59 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Monday 25 Oct 1372

Usual items, including the ordinance 'by the community of the town' fixing the price of bread.

Sum £10. 6s. 1d.

60 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Queried as 46 Ed. III (1372-73) by Mr. Palmer, but the heading is worn or torn away. The whole court is worn. No sum given at foot.

61 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Monday 14 Nov. 1373

Usual types of item.

\* Presumably every third Monday when the court was held.

/ 'amoti sunt'

Three men made oath on taking up the liberty of the town, one by patrimony, two by paying 3s 4d. each.

Marginal heading:- Stallage.

16 men and one woman (Cristina Muleward) amerced 2s each for trading without licence of the bailiffs, not being within the liberty of the town.

Ale tasters: Thomas Walker, Roger Taylor.

Sum £6. 16s. 6d.

62 Ed. III

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 21 Aug 1374  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 11 Sept 1374  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 2 Oct 1374  
CURIA PARVA Co. Staff. 23 Oct. 1374  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 13 Nov 1374  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 4 Dec 1374

Similar courts for 15 Jan, 5 Feb, 19 Mar (sic), 9 April and 30 April 1375.

All are short courts consisting chiefly of brief items.

63 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Thursday 2 Nov 1374

Usual types of item.

The liberty taken up by one man who made oath.

16 men paid 2s. one man paid 1s and John Flemmyng paid 6s. 8d. for stallage ameracements.

Taxers of the court (sic):- Robert Bannok, Henry Bollenhull.

Sum £10. 2s. 6d.

64 Ed. III

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 13 May 1376

Usual types of items, but nothing for stallage.

John Frevill made oath to receive the liberty of the town.

2 deeds enrolled, of which one as follows:- Baldwin Frevill knt. to John called Frevill (Johanui dicto Frevill) and Maud his wife and the heirs lawfully created between them, a messuage in Tamworth co. Stafford between the lands formerly of William of Melewyche and of Richard Don; also all lands, pastures and appurtenances which Baldwin his father formerly had in the fee of Worcester of the enfeoffment of Thomas Walker chaplain; rendering one rose flower to the chief lords of the fee at the feast of St. John the Baptist yearly. Dated Friday before Easter 50 Ed. III.

Taxers of the Court (as above).

Sum £4. 8s. Od.

1 RIC. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff Monday 24 May 1377

Frankpledges named.

Usual types of item.

16 names under 'stallage ameracements'

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CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 7 June 1377

2 RIC. II (Torn at right hand side)

COURT co. Staff. 6 July 1377

COURT co. Staff. 27 July 1377

Attached is a torn writ of right on behalf of Richard son of Walter de Bolenhull for a messuage in Tamworth.

COURT co. Staff. 17 Aug 1377

COURT co. Staff. 7 Sept 1377

COURT co. Staff. 28 Sept 1377

COURT co. Staff. 19 Oct 1377

3 RIC. II

In the time of Robert Aston and Roger Horner, bailiffs.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Stafford, Wednesday 21 Oct 1377

Frankpledges named.

Purprestures include John de Sekyndon amerced 6d for occupying the common ground of the town at 'Cateslone' with one 'swyncote' and 6d for occupying the highway elsewhere (unspecified) with one 'palys'.

William Barkere and John Bate elected tasters.

COURT co. Staff. 9 Nov. 1377

Enrolment of a deed concerning a burgage with gutters (stillicidia) on each side, situate in 'le churchestrete' granted to John of Staunford and Ellen his wife. Witnessed by the two bailiffs for co. Stafford (named above), Adam Breton and William Keek, bailiffs for co. Warwick, and others. 31 October 1377.

COURT co. Stafford 30 Nov 1377

COURT co. Staff. 21 Dec 1377

COURT co. Staff. 11 Jan 1378

No.4 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff. 22 Feb 1378

COURT co. Staff (5 April) 1378

Enrolment of a deed concerning a messuage by 'Parsoneslone' before Robert of Aston and Roger Horner, then bailiffs. The deed was dated 1375 and witnessed by John of Lughtburgh and John Matheu then bailiffs on the part of co. Stafford.

COURT co. Staff. 28 June 1378

COURT co. Staff. 19 July 1378

COURT co. Staff.. 30 Aug 1378

COURT co. Staff. 11 Oct 1378

All the last four courts are written in different hands and are quite brief.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Thursday 28 Oct 1378

Frankpledges named.

Several items of amercement for a purpresture with one 'puye' (or poye)\*

Thomas Darderne presented for enclosing 'Ellefordele' to the harm of the whole town.

\* Elsewhere as 'Puytre'.

13 persons each amerced 12d for buying and selling, not being in the liberty of the town.

Reference to separate estreats for the assize of ale.

COURT co. Staff. 22 Nov 1378

COURT co. Staff. 13 Dec 1378

Surrender into the hands of John Sadeler and John of Loughtburgh, bailiffs, by Richard Wheler junior, of two burgages, one at 'le Wenonlete' and one at the church gate.

COURT co. Staff. 24 Jan 1379

COURT co. Staff. 14 Feb 1379 Sum 6d.

COURT co. Staff. 7 March 1379 Sum 20d.

5 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff (Torn away) 2 Ric.II Only a few tasters' presentments

COURT co. Staff. 18 April 1379 Very brief

COURT co. Staff. 9 May 1379 Very brief.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 10 May 1379

Frankpledges named.

They say that when anyone obtains a term of years in land or tenement(s) in the fee of Wygginton, no one who acquires the said land or tenement(s) in fee ought to enter or have seisin of the same during the termor's term, except by consent of the termor.

Ralf Saltere and Ralf Staneleye each put into a tithing and admitted into the liberty of the town.

John Bally presented for buying and selling without paying toll therefore ordered ? to the toll booth\* (pro tolbeton).

Other usual types of item.

Description 'stallage' does not appear.

Sum 107s. 6d.

COURT co. Staff. 30 May 1379

Robert Depyng presented for buying and selling without being in the liberty. Therefore 'pro tolbeton'.

Order that if anyone is not prepared to watch and to give faithful vigilance from sunset to sunrise, as is the custom of the town, upon order or summons of the bailiff, he shall incur the pain of 4d for each refusal.

COURT co. Staff. 20 June 1379

Bailiffs (worn away) for the new year: John Sadeler and John Loughtburgh.

COURT co. Staff. 11 July 1379

COURT co. Staff. 3 Oct 1379

COURT co. Staff. 18 Oct. 1379.

6 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff. 14 Nov 1379

\* Possibly = the gaol.

VIEW<sup>3</sup> OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 15 Nov 1379

Frankpledges named.

Long list of items of hamsokne and hue and cry; also of obstructing the highway with dung. John Sekyndon amerced 4d for one 'swynsty' on common ground (communem solum).

One man admitted into the liberty.

Regulations for bakers and brewers.

Sum £7. 3s. 9d.

COURT co. Staff. 2 Jan 1380

The twelve jurors still present (inter alia) Henry Basset for drawing a knife against John Scolemaister. Amerced 12d.

Agnes Berde presented for raising the hue and cry against John Barton bailiff, and for calling him a thief. Amerced 6d and 12d.

COURT co. Staff. 23 Jan 1380

COURT co. Staff. 6 Feb 1380 (sic)

7 RIC. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 6 May 1382

Frankpledges named.

Philip of Bedeford amerced 12d for making a dyke with a hedge on the common land at 'Fortre'. Ordered to remove it before the next 'Parva Curia' under pain of 6s. 8d.

William of Caldewalle and William Wyrleye baker admitted into the liberty on payment of half a mark, before Richard Wolf then in place of the Steward (tunc loco sen') and Ralf Selvestre and John Barton then bailiffs on the part of co. Stafford.

Enrolment of a grant by John Bollenhull of Tunstall and Joan his wife to Richard son of John Oldyngton of a messuage formerly of Baldwin Frevyle knt., senior, in Otewalestrete (abuttals given) and extending in length from the highway up to the manor of Sir Thomas de Oldungton, canon of the Collegiate Church of Tamworth; also all lands and tenements formerly of the said Baldwin Frevyle in Otewallestrete in width between the land of John Mulward and the common pasture and in length from the highway to the said manor. Sealed and dated at Tamworth 4 July 1379. Witnessed by the two bailiffs of Tamworth and (three others named).

Sum £6. 10s. 7d.

8 RIC. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Monday 20 Oct 1382

Frankpledges named.

John Juwette amerced 12d for drawing a knife against Ralf Staveleie under-bailiff.

The inquest decreed<sup>/</sup> that 'le furneys' in the messuage of Ralf Burgeys chaplain should remain in the said messuage to the use of Maud Mateshale and her heirs.

\* The head of a man is drawn in the curl of the capital V.

<sup>/</sup> In margin, 'Judicium inquis'

COURT 27 Oct 1382  
COURT co. Staff. 17 Nov 1382  
COURT co. Staff. 8 Dec 1382  
  
COURT co. Staff. 29 Dec 1382

One item of presentments by the frankpledges.

COURT co. Staff. 9 Feb 1383

9 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff. 2 March 1383  
COURT co. Staff. 23 March 1383  
COURT co. Staff. 6 April 1383

All the above consist of two to four items each.

PIEPOWDER COURT, SATURDAY, 18 April 1383

John of Bollenhull and Alice his wife executrix of the will of John of Barton complained against John Deyster of Colleshull in a plea of debt for 40s. and they agreed by licence to put it to the arbitration of six men.

COURT 4 May 1383

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, TUESDAY, 5 May 1383

Frankpledges named.

Fines for obstructions include:-

John Togood, 2d for dung opposite the door (hostium) of the bakehouse in Ellergate.

Henry Bassette amerced 12d for not coming to watch as ordered.

It is ordered that Le Ladybrugge be adequately repaired before the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, under pain of 40s.\*

Ordered by the twelve jurors that no wine be sold before it is sampled and valued (antequam temptetur et apprecietur) by the bailiffs, under pain of half a mark; that no alewife (braciatrix) sell ale except by measure sealed by the common seal, and that a gallon of the best ale be sold at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; that they do not sell before the mark has been affixed, nor after it has been removed; and that no labourer leave the town to work in spring or autumn, nor any servant by day or by the week, under pain of 40d.

4 men entered the liberty, 2 of whom were born in the town.

Usual items.

COURT co. Staff. 25 May 1383  
COURT co. Staff. 15 June 1383

10 RIC. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday, 27 Oct 1383

Frankpledges named.

One man admitted into the liberty.

Usual items.

PARVA CURIA co. Staff. 30 Nov 1383.

\* It does not state who is responsible.



COURT co. Staff. 1 Feb 1384

The bailiffs present one piece of silver price 6s. 8d. from waived goods<sup>\*</sup>(?) from the custody of Ralf Chapmon of Ednynghale.

COURT co. Staff. 22 Feb 1384

COURT co. Staff. 14 Mar 1384

COURT co. Staff. 25 April 1384

11 RIC. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. TUESDAY 10 May 1384

Frankpledges named.

Philip of Bedeford amerced 4d for an obstruction in Gumpeyate opposite the rectory (?) (Exoposito Rectorem) of the church of Bukkeby.

Heading 'Stallag' re-appears. 21 persons amerced sums varying from 2d to 1s for buying and selling without being in the liberty. Sum 14s. 6d.

One man admitted to the liberty.

Sum £4. 4s. 4d.

PARVA CURIA co. Stafford 16 May 1384

Presented that the lord of Elleford holds Ellefordlee separately (seperab) and it used to be common land (et sol esse commune). Ordered to amend it etc.

PIEPOWDER COURT co. Staff. 16 May 1384

John Kegworth complained against Hugh Wyan in a plea of trespass for striking and ill-treating him, to his damage of 20s. Hugh said he should not be held to answer because the said John had sued him in the three-weekly borough court and he resides within the borough. John said that the custom is that Hugh ought to answer (here) because he is not in the franchise, but pays stallage (eoquod non est franc' set stallag'). Afterwards they agreed by licence that Hugh should pay 2s before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. He was amerced 6d. (In margin: Verdict).

COURT co. Staff. 6 June 1384

COURT co. Staff. 27 June 1384

Surrender to the use of Thomas Walker 'bocher' of one courtyard place (unam placeam curtilag') in Lychefeldstrete abutting (inter alia) on to Wibornelone.

12 RIC. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday (25 Oct 1384)

COURT co. Staff. MONDAY THE VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS (31 Oct 1384)

Faded in parts.

Enclosed, but separate, is a torn fragment for a court, a Parva Curia', and part of a View of Frankpledge. The year is not shown. (See note at end of roll 14).

The outer roll is endorsed 'In the time of John Sadeler and Thomas (Sawyer) ..... '

\* 'De vago' i.e. goods of an outlaw.

13 RIC. II

COURTS co. Staff. 8 August 1384, 19 Sept 1384, 10 Oct 1384, 21 Nov 1384,  
12 Dec 1384, and 23 Jan 1385

Very few items under each, with small amercements entered in the left-hand margin.

14 RIC II

COURT co. Staff. 4 Dec. 1385  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 15 Jan 1386  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 5 Feb 1386  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 26 Feb 1386  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. Wednesday 14 March 1386

The only entry is 'Amerciamenta nulla'.

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 9 April 1386  
CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 30 April 1386

All these courts have only one or two entries under each.

The roll is torn away here. It would appear that a missing piece is the one noted under roll 12, but the two pieces do not match. Therefore a strip is missing which should come between them.

VIEW OF FRANKPL DGE co. Staff. Tuesday, 23 May 1385

Richard Taillour amerced 4d for encroaching with one swynsty and one latrine in Cattleslone.

End torn away.

15 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff. 13 Aug (Monday after St. Laurence) 1386  
COURT co. Staff. 13 Aug (Monday before the Assumption) 1386

Very few items.

COURT co. Staff. 24 Sept 1386

One amercement and two transfers of property.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Thursday 18 Oct 1386

Frankpledges named.

Richard Taillour amerced 4d for one 'swynstye swyntrowes et j latrina' in Cattleslone.

Stallage. 20 persons paying sums varying from 2d to 8d.

Thomas Saune presented for interfering with the common rights of Ralf Selvestre, Agnes of Tonstall, Ralf Ivet and others in tree stumps and herbage\* growing in the water (not specified), to the harm of all the neighbours. Order to distrain him to answer the burgesses wherefor he should not lose his liberty.

Ordered that from henceforth each bailiff of Tamworth on the part of co. Stafford, on withdrawal from his office, should deliver the rolls of the court and key(s) of the treasury to the bailiff succeeding him, in the presence of the burgesses.

COURT co. Staff. 5 Nov 1386  
COURT co. Staff. 26 Nov 1386

\* disturbavit.....pro communi havend' viz. de sippis et herb'

COURT<sup>\*</sup> co. Staff. 17 Dec 1386

\* On a separate membrane, not attached to this roll is the following deed. It may possibly refer to the land in dispute with Thomas Saune, or to some other land cited in some other item in this roll, but there is no obvious connection.

Deed from the burgesses and community of the whole will of Tamworth and of the whole manor of Wyginton confirming that William le Sauvage, 'dilectus clericus' of Sir John de Hastings, and his heirs may enclose by dike and hedge a place of land in the common pasture, containing about two acres, which he received by grant for his service from Sir John de Hastings: the said William henceforth not to enclose any additional common pasture without their permission and common assent. This grant is given at the request of the said Lord Hastings. Affixed with the seal of the community together with the seal of Roger of Cumberland specially chosen for the community of the manor of Wyginton. Witnessed by Sir Ralf Basset of Drayton, William of Meynill lord of Hyntes, John of Clynton knights, William of Tamenhorn, William du Lee, Nicholas of Seckindon, John of Bodeham, Michael of Langedon, John his son, Robert of Wytacre, Ralf le Deistere and others (not named). Dated at Tamworth, 25 May 14 Ed. I (1286).

Names entered separately at the foot of the deed:- Roger of Cumberland, Alan of Wynginton, Alan son of T. of Hop', Walter Kelyng.

16 RIC./II

The following courts are so brief that they appear to be estreats of a few small ameracements including those imposed by the tasters. The total sums of the courts range from 2d to 22d.

COURTS OF TAMWORTH ex parte com. Staff. dated 28 Jan, 11 March, 1 April, 22 April and 13 May, 1387.

17 RIC. II

The following courts are likewise very brief, but include also some items of distraint of parties in pleas of debt.

COURTS co. Staff. dated 26 Aug, 16 Sept, 30 Sept, 28 Oct, 30 Dec 1387 and 20 Jan, 10 Feb 1388.

The only entry under 30 Sept is 'Amerciamenta nulla'.

18 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff. 4 May 1388

COURT co. Staff. 25 May 1388

In these two courts the under-bailiff (not named) was ordered 'sicut pluries' to distrain all the suitors of the Court to appear for the hearing of a plea between John Priour and Isabel his wife, and John Rede of Coton senior concerning a messuage in Tamworth.

Under 25 May

John Bate underbailiff of Tamworth, co. Stafford, amerced 20s. for distraining the suitors of the court to give judgment between the above parties.

COURT 15 June 1388

The above two items again entered.

/ Sic; perhaps 'not' has been omitted in error; but the same wording appears under 15 June.

19 RIC. II

'Here begin the bailiffs for the next year namely, Thomas Walker and John Sadeler'

COURT co. Staff. 6 July 1388

Plea between John Priour and John Rede again postponed.

Henry of Catton underbailiff amerced (not stated) for not distraining the suitors (etc. as above).

COURT co. Staff. 27 July 1388

Two items repeated. Day given at next Court.

Nicholas Russell and John of Hopewas, chosen as tasters.

COURT co. Staff. 17 Aug 1388

Enrolment of a final concord in the court of the Lady Margaret, Countess of Norfolk, keeper of the lands and heir of John de Hastynges late Earl of Pembroke, held at Tamworth 17 Aug 1388 before John Sadeler and Thomas Walker, then bailiffs, and the suitors of the court and others, between John Priour and Isabel his wife, petent, and John Rede of Coton senior, deforciant, concerning a messuage in Tamworth which John Rede surrendered in the same court to the said John and Isabel. John and Isabel gave to John Rede 100s.

Tasters' presentments.

Sum of the Court 2d.

COURT co. Staff. 7 Sept 1388 'Amerciamenta nulla'

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 13 Oct 1388

Frankpledges named.

Usual long list of obstructions, including Robert Ropere (2d) for stopping up the common gutter by the 'Swynemarket'; Philip of Bideford (4d) for default in cleaning the 'kockestake'; all to be amended before the next court under pain of 40d. Philip of Biddeford (40d) for a dike (fovea) newly made at Bradfords. Henry Hervill, lord of Tymore for stopping up the watercourse at 'Monestre' (6s. 8d).

17 persons paying stallage.

John Rede of Coton junior presented for refusing to allow the common shepherd of the town of Tamworth to pasture the animals in the common pasture in 'Holliwallehull'. Amerced 12d.

It is presented that the writ between John Priour and Isabel his wife, querent, and John Rede of Coton senior, deforciant, was lost in the time of John of Elleford and John of Bollenhull bailiffs, i.e. 1387. Therefore amercement to them (ad illos).

It is ordered by the twelve jurors that whereas Hugh Wion was plaintiff against Sir Ralf Bassett to the damage and prejudice of the town, if anyone henceforth harbour the said Hugh or demise to him any tenement within the town, he shall pay 20s. penalty.

It is ordered by the jurors that William of Norton and John Priour, smith, lose the liberty of the town because they were plaintiffs against Sir Ralf Basset of Drayton to the damage and prejudice of the town and contrary to the oath and ordinance of the liberty.

John Bailly ordered to appear at the next court to exonerate (pro excusaceone sue) himself as to items charged against him by the bailiffs and jurors, upon pain of 20s; otherwise, to lose his liberty.

Ordered by the bailiffs, jurors and community of the town for the Staffordshire side that, if any strife arises within the town and the bailiffs or ministers of the town come to keep the peace, anyone who contradicts them or refuses to submit to justice shall pay 6s. 8d. and shall be taken to prison until he has paid.

Ordered that any man having any money (argent') pertaining to the church shall pay half at the feast of St. Martin and half at the feast of the Nativity of the Lord; under pain of entry into his tenement.

Thomas Lombe admitted into the liberty.

Order against regrating by any baker or stranger; penalty 40d.

Order forbidding merchants to sell goods of strangers (res allienas) under pain of 6s. 8d.

COURT co. Staff. 19 Oct 1388

COURT co. Staff. 9 Nov 1388

John Savage and John Juvet chosen as surveyors of victuals (supervisores victual').

COURT co. Staff. 30 Nov 1388

COURT co. Staff. 21 Dec 1388

COURT co. Staff. 11 Jan 1389

20 RIC. II

COURTS co. Stafford. 30 Aug, 20 Sept, 11 Oct, 1 Nov, 22 Nov and 13 Dec 1389.

21 RIC. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 26 Oct 1389

Frankpledges named.

Walter Gardynere amerced 4d for dung left by 'Weneletewall' ordered to remove it under pain of 40d.

Stallage amercements.

Ordered that each tenant by the Swynemarket shall clean the gutters around (circa) the pavement and see that the pavement there does not worsen (et computent' ita quod pauymentum ibidem non peioratur); under pain of 40d each.

COURT co. Staff. 3 Jan 1390 Nothing to present.

COURT co. Staff. 7 Feb 1390

COURT co. Staff. 7 March 1390

COURT co. Staff. 28 March 1390

Robert Lynnaacre plaintiff v Hugh Wion for the unjust detention of eleven 'arweshaftes' given to him to repair. Damage to be amerced at the next Great Court.

22 RIC. II

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 26 April 1390

Usual items.

John of Coton junior chosen as constable of the town.

The bailiffs ordered to levy 2s. 6d. rent for Sir Roger from the heirs of Baldwin de Fryvill for 'le Castelorchard'.

Henry Bailly of Pollesworth admitted to the liberty of the town.

COURT co. Staff. 9 May 1390

COURT co. Staff. 30 May 1390

Ordered that men charged to watch at night are forbidden to eavesdrop by the walls of their neighbours' houses, under pain of 40d. Ordered that each burgess send one able man to watch at night, under pain of 40d for each default.

Ordered that if any stranger bring a writ of right within the borough (burgh) he shall pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark on the first day (of his suit). Any man given the liberty (qui positus est infra libertatem ville) who will not stand attorney against the next court for any stranger bringing any writ within the borough shall lie under pain of losing the liberty.

Roger of Melwich is ordered to make a gate by the 'Wenespool' before the next court.

COURT co. Staff. 20 June 1390.

23 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff. 11 July 1390

COURT co. Staff. 1 Aug 1390 1 item.

COURT co. Staff. 22 Aug 1390 No items.

COURT co. Staff. 12 Sept 1390 2 items

COURT co. Staff. 24 Oct 1390 2 items.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 25 Oct 1390

Frankpledges named.

Hugh Webbe, Ralf Lombart and Henry Shepherd each amerced 2d for stopping up the common gutter at 'Swynmarkett'.

Philip of Bidford amerced 12d for newly making a dike on common ground in Bradeford.

Items concerning brewers, butchers, traunters of bread and ale, and stallage.

Thomas Alleyn admitted into the liberty.

COURT co. Staff. 14 Nov 1390.

Twelve jurors present that John Rotour has lost the liberty for not submitting to the bailiffs and other burgesses regarding affrays of the peace by night. John Lovell presented for putting waxwater in the common gutter of the street to the harm of all the neighbours (omnium vicinorum).

Order that no man or woman should go (after nightfall)\* from one place to another without carrying a light.

Thomas Bechaunt earl of Warwick by John of Ruggeley his attorney did fealty to the lord King and was admitted to the liberty of the town for the tenement formerly of Ralf Basset knight, lord of Drayton in co. Stafford and he paid 6s. 8d.

COURT co. Staff. 5 Dec. 1390.

COURT co. Staff. 16 Jan 1391

John Rotour convicted in a plea of trespass for battery upon John Savage. Amerced 6d. John Rotour paid 2d for licence to agree in another plea with John Savage concerning the sale of 8 qrs. of 'hornechaff' for sowing.

\* Written with alterations 'non vadat post uted(?) de loco ad alium'



COURT co. Staff. 6 Feb 1391  
COURT co. Staff. 20 Mar 1391

24 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff. 10 April 1391 No item.  
COURT co. Staff. 1 May 1391 5 items (brief).

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, MONDAY, 8 May 1391

Names of Frankpledges.

Long list of encroachments and obstructions with dung etc. upon common ways.

William of Denes chaplain amerced 40d for a purpresture by digging clay (argill') by 'Wenespooll' to the harm of all passers by (omnium transeuntium).

Under heading stallage, 19 persons amerced from 4d to 6s. 8d each.

Enrolment of a deed on behalf of John of Cumberford, concerning a messuage and property in Otewellestrete; abuttals include the common pasture. Witnesses include John of Bollenhull and Thomas Walker then bailiffs of Tamworth ex parte com. Staff. 13 April 1391.

Enrolment of another deed concerning the above property.

COURT co. Staff. 29 May 1391.

Ordered that each man shall send a suitable man (1 homineur canable) to watch; and those who are ordered to watch shall not enter into houses to drink, unless they stand outside by the door. If they find anyone wandering about after a reasonable time (ultra tempus covenable) they shall arrest him and take him to the bailiff(s) to make satisfaction for the said trespass.

Ordered that burgesses with houses to lease may only lease them to men not within the liberty of the town so long as they conduct themselves well towards all the burgesses and frankpledges. Any delinquent shall lose his term.

COURT co. Staff. 12 June 1391.

25 RIC. II

'Here begin bailiffs for co. Staff. John of Elleford and John Sadeler'.

COURT co. Warw. (sic) 3 July 1391 5 items 16d.  
COURT co. Warw. 24 July 1391 'No ameracements' i.e. no items at all.  
COURT co. Staff. 14 Aug 1391 3 items 14d.  
COURT co. Staff. 4 Sept 1391 2 items.  
COURT co. Staff. 2 Oct (sic) 1391 1 item.  
COURT co. Staff. 16 Oct 1391 6 items 14d.

COURT co. Staff. 6 Nov 1391

Philip of Bideford still presented for dike newly made at Bradeford upon the King's ground. Amerced 2d.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 24 Oct 1391.

Frankpledges named.

Usual types of item. Several affrays against those keeping the watch.

Under heading traunters:- Thomas Haliday (4d) for selling bread and ale. Ellis Swon (4d) for selling salt and oatmeal (farin' aven').

Ordered by the twelve jurors that the bailiffs take and cause to be levied the toll of the town from all common merchants as required by practice, custom and franchise (prout mors cons' et franc' exigit) and has been accustomed from ancient times, under penalty forfeited to the King and the community of the town.

Roger Hodenet came and gave fine to enter the liberty and made oath in the Court before the Steward, the frankpledges and burgesses.

COURT co. Staff. 27 Nov 1391

John of Staunford and Ellen his wife surrendered a burgage by 'le Wenelete' in co. Staff. between the land of Richard Breton on one side and the highway on the other side.

26 RIC. II

Here begin Thomas Walker and John Bate, bailiffs, co. Stafford.

COURT co. Staff. 15 July 1392

COURT co. Stafford 26 Aug 1392

COURT co. Staff. 16 Sept 1392

COURT co. Staff. 7 Oct 1392

COURT co. Staff. 28 Oct 1392

Attached to the roll: a writ of right on behalf of William son of John Mulward of Tamworth concerning one messuage there. 12 Sept 1392

COURTS co. Staff. 18 Nov, 9 and 30 Dec 1392.

27 RIC. II

COURT co. Staff. 20 Jan. 1393

COURT co. Staff. 10 Feb. 1393

Settlement of land after the death of Maud, relict of Henry Bailly late the servant of Nicholas of Kynchale, clerk. Nicholas Russell underbailiff to distrain all the suitors of the court to give judgment in a plea of land in which Henry Bailly was defendant.

COURT co. Staff. 3 March 1393

COURT co. Staff. 24 March 1393

COURT co. Warw.<sup>re</sup> 14 April 1393

Under all three courts is a continuation of the above-cited plea. On 3 March only 4 suitors appeared. Afterwards the plaintiff obtained another writ against different defendants.

28 RIC. II

Tamworth 'ex parte com. Staff'

Here begin John of Bollenhull and John Hornere bailiffs.

COURT co. Staff. 12 July 1395 2 items.

COURT co. Staff. 4 Oct 1395 Tasters' presentments 2s. 2d.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 19 Oct 1395 Usual items.

COURTS 25 Oct and 6 Dec 1395

COURTS 27 Dec 1395 and 6 Jan 1396

John Sulby, underbailiff, amerced a number of times for distraining divers persons to appear.

\* sic. Probably in error. Nicholas Russell is still named as the under-bailiff concerned.

COURT, 28 Feb 1396

John Symond defendant did not make his law in a plea by John Cokoo senior for 40d for leading a horse to Canterbury.

COURTS 20 March, 10 April and 1 May 1396.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, TUESDAY, 2 May 1396

Usual items.

Stallage: 23 persons paying from 4d to 12d.

5 persons, including William 'Fleykemaker' amerced 12d each for forestalling the market with pigs.

COURT 12 June 1396

29 RIC. II

A roll of 3 long membranes sewn end to end. The writing differs from that of preceding rolls, and the court headings are in a different style.

Ex parte Com Staff. Pleas of the Court of Tamworth 16 July 1397, John Coton and John Hornere then chief bailiffs ('major' ball').

COURTS 6, 27 Aug, 17 Sept, 8 and 29 Oct, 19 Nov 1397

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE WITH PARVA CURIA TUESDAY 23 Oct 1397 Usual items.

COURTS 10 and 31 Dec 1397, 4 and 25 March, 15 April, 6 May, 1398

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, TUESDAY, 28 May 1398

Tasters, Thomas Lomp and Robert Newerk

The majority of the items in the above courts, except the Views, are single line entries.

1 HENRY IV

VIEW OF TAMWORTH, MONDAY 8 May 1402

Frankpledges named.

Stallagers: 12 names: sums from 2d to 6d.

Usual types of item, but fewer than hitherto.

PARVA CURIA 15 May 1402 5 brief items.

PARVA CURIA (the date is left blank) 3 Hen. IV 3 brief items.

2 HENRY IV

PARVA CURIA co. Staff. 9 July 1403

John Coton and Thomas Symondes then bailiffs,

Tasters present 'omnia bene'.

PARVA CURIA 6 Aug, 20 Aug 10 Sept, 1 Oct, and 22 Oct, 1403.

VIEW AT TAMWORTH co. Staff. Tuesday 23 Oct 1403

Long list of suitors who were amerced for default of appearance.

Stallagers: 22 amerced: 4 others with no amercement.

Order by the 12 jurors that anyone whose dog shall be found outside his house after twilight shall pay the bailiffs and burgesses half a mark.

Order by the 12 jurors that if anyone be a chatterer he shall have the cucking-stool placed before his door and be put therein.

PARVA CURIA 12 Nov, 3 and 24 Dec, 1403.

PARVA CURIA 14 Jan, 7 and 28 April 1404.

PARVA CURIA 28 April 1404

Enrolment of a grant by John Schepey, chaplain and keeper of the chantry of Sapcote of two places of land in Tamworth.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, TUESDAY, 29 April 1404

Usual items.

2 men paid 13s 4d. each to enter the liberty.

Order by the 12 jurors that if any tenant within the co. of Stafford is occupying the King's dike without paying rent, he shall appear at the next court to show his charter and to make fine; if not, the bailiffs and community may enter.

3 HENRY IV

PARVA CURIA, co. Staff. before William Cock and John Bate, bailiffs,  
9 July 1408

2 Brief items.

PARVA CURIA 20 Aug, 1 Oct, 10 Dec, 1408

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, co. Stafford, Tuesday, 9 Oct 1408

12 frankpledges and Thomas Lomp' and John Kyngeshurst, tasters.

Stallagers; 21 persons paid sums from 2d to 8d.

7 persons paid fines from 2d to 6d for occupying the King's dike.

One man paid 6s. 8d. to enter the liberty.

PARVA CURIA 22 Oct, 12 Nov, 3 and 24 Dec, 1408 and 14 Jan and 4 Feb 1409.

PARVA CURIA 25 Feb, 25 Mar and 8 April 1409.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, co. Staff. Tuesday 7 May 1409

Same two tasters as under 9 Oct 1408.

Usual items.

An affray upon Adam Brege, underbailiff.

Robert and Thomas Juwet were put into a tithing.\*

PARVA CURIA 20 May 1409

Ordered by the 12 jurors that any tenant who puts manure in Cattleslane must clear the way fitting for carts to pass, under pain of 40d.

PARVA CURIA 17 June 1409

Enrolment of a deed granting 6 burgages in Tamworth co. Stafford, from John Staunford and Ellen his wife to Richard Dalton of Leicester and Agnes his wife.

\* An unusual item, which ceased in these rolls at a much earlier date.

4 HENRY IV

STAFFORD PARVA CURIA Thomas Symond and Richard Dalton bailiffs 1 July 1409  
PARVA CURIA 22 July, 12 Aug, 2 and 23 Sept, 1409.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday, 8 Oct 1409

Tasters: William Glover and William Haloughton.

John Dalton paid 6s. 8d. to enter the liberty.

Presented by the 12 jurors that Richard Dalton and his tenants put entrails (intrales) and putrid animals (corept' animal') outside the house of the said Richard to the harm of those passing into the churchyard. Order to amend this before the feast of All Saints under pain of 40d payable to the community and 40d payable to the bailiffs.

PARVA CURIA 14 Oct 1409

John Barton v John Savage in a plea of trespass with his sheep spoiling the barley (blad' ordii) at Mulnefeld and Hulfeld.

PARVA CURIA 4 Nov 1409

Attached to the roll here is a writ of right on behalf of John Legh and Agnes his wife, dated 17th October 29th year. (sic see next item).

Underneath this writ is attached an order, dated at Tamworth Monday after St. Valentine, 29 Hen. VI, to the underbailiff of Tamworth co. Stafford, to summon Richard Dalton and three others, named, to appear before the suitors and bailiffs at the next Court, Monday after the feast of St. Chad the bishop, to answer the said John and Agnes Legh.

PARVA CURIA 25 Nov, 16 Dec, 1409, 6 Jan, 27 Jan and 17 Feb 1410.

No items at all under 16 Dec and 6 Jan.

PARVA CURIA 17 March and 21 April 1410.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, TUESDAY, 6 May 1410.

Usual items.

Order by the jurors that any foreign butcher who sells meat within the market and franchise (?? without the hide)\* shall incur and amercement.

One man paid 6s 8d. to enter the liberty.

PARVA CURIA (blank) 11 Henry IV (1410)

PARVA CURIA 3 June 1410.

5 HENRY IV

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, TUESDAY, 4 Nov 1410 co. Stafford

Stallagers: 30 persons paying sums from 2d to 12d.

The twelve suitors of the Court (named) say that any bailiff of Tamworth may continue his courts at will so that process of a writ of the lord King be preserved and no plaintiff may withdraw in despite (or possibly in default) of the said bailiffs.

Two men paid 6s. 8d. each to enter the liberty.

Three deeds enrolled.

\* sine pell' iuxta pos'

/ (in defect batt predict', possibly 'in despectu ....')

6 HENRY IV

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 28 April 1411

Item re amercements for occupying the King's dyke still continues.  
7 persons paid 2d each.

1 man paid 6s. 8d. to enter the liberty.

PARVA CURIA 4 May 1411

The 12 jurors say and order that if any man within the liberty of Tamworth goes into (transeat) a tavern by day and particularly (nominat') by night with sword, staff, cudgels and 'billes' to harm against the peace, the bailiff(s) and burgesses and the whole community of the town together with the whole community of free men shall arrest him and put him into gaol and he shall give 6s. 8d to the bailiffs and 6s 8d. to the common chest (pixte).

PARVA CURIA 25 May and 12 June 1411.

7 HENRY IV

Co. Stafford, Thomas Lomp' and John Coton, bailiffs.

PARVA CURIA 6 July, 1411, 27 July, 17 Aug, 7 and 28 Sept, and 19 Oct 1411

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, co. Stafford Tuesday 3 Nov 1411

31 Stallagers.

Joan who was wife of Adam Breton still amerced for having one dyke falling down (abrutunat') in the highway at 'Forte': to amend it before the next View under pain of 40d.

PARVA CURIA 9 Nov 1411

Ordered by the 12 jurors that if any man enters the house of another or approaches the door (ad ostium) with force and arms.....\* to any man, he shall incur the pain of 40d., half to the bailiffs and half to the community.

PARVA CURIA 30 Nov 1411

Two surrenders of a place of land in Outewallstret, co. Staff., extending from the highway to le Walforlong, to the use of Thomas Taylour.

PARVA CURIA 21 Dec 1411, 11 Jan, 1 and 22 Feb, 14 March and 4 April 1412.

8 HENRY IV

PARVA CURIA, ex parte co. Warw. 6 July 1411.

Thomas Tailor and John Helewys then bailiffs.

PARVA CURIA 27 July 1411

Plea of land; reference to John Melton then bailiff.

John Russell and Thomas Chalener, tasters.

PARVA CURIA 17 Aug 1411

Writ of right, sewn to the roll, on behalf of William del Botery and Alice his wife, dated 1 May 1411.

PARVA CURIA 7 Sept 1411

Similar writ on behalf of Robert of Sekyndon dated 8 June 1411.

\* Worn ? to threaten



PARVA CURIA 28 Sept and 19 Oct 1411

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, MONDAY 2 Nov 1411

The frankpledges' names are no longer listed at the beginning of the Court.

The usual long list of small encroachments and obstructions of the common ways, e.g., William Skynner, 2d., for putting two posts by his door in the highway; the Abbot of Miravalle, 6d., for enclosing a parcel of common ground without licence; Hugh Freman, 6d., for putting a hedge upon the common in the water of 'Unker'; Richard Pakwode put a 'poyzetre' in the highway.

Fines for breaking the assizes paid by lists of bakers, brewers, butchers, regraters of ale, and (sellers?) of salt fish and of fresh fish.

Several butchers fined 40d each for selling oxen having murrain.

PARVA CURIA 9 Nov 1411

PARVA CURIA 30 Nov 1411 31 Dec 1411, 11 Jan 1412

PARVA CURIA 1 Feb, 22 Feb, 14 March, 4 April, 1412

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, co. Warw. Monday 11 April 1412

Twelve jurors named.

Long list of fines from 2d to 40d of suitors who did not appear.

Usual items.

PARVA CURIA co. Warw. 25 April 1412

Twelve jurors who were given a day from the last Court present John Bette chaplain for enclosing the King's dyke at Perycroft; John Scheyle for enclosing the highway at Coketlone; and John Hodynet for having one 'syndurhull' in the highway. All to amend the fault under pain of 40d each.

PARVA CURIA 16 May 1412

Writ attached on behalf of Robert de Sekyndon, dated 4 Feb 1412.

PARVA CURIA 6 and 27 June 1412

1 HENRY V

PARVA CURIA co. Staff. bailiffs Henry Jekes and William Cook: 10 July 1413

A few short items.

Similar Courts for 31 July, 21 August, 11 Sept, 2 Oct, 23 Oct, and 13 November, 1413

2 HENRY V

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, co. Staff. Tuesday 17 Oct 1413

Frankpledges named, also the tasters, viz., William Glover, William Haloughton.

Long list of suitors paying fines for default of appearance.

Many obstructions by manure and stip<sup>\*</sup> in Cattleslane, Gompyate and Ellergate.

\* Usually = stakes or sticks.

Richard Dalton fined 2d for occupying 'vnum Galfab'<sup>x</sup> in the highway to the harm of passers by.

Stallage: 26 men paying from 2d to 8d.

3 HENRY V

AFFORCED COURT<sup>/</sup> co. Staff. Friday 17 Nov 1413.

One item only, viz:-

John Hampton 'Bowcher' v William Walker in a plea of debt, who was arrested (arestat') by one black horse, price 7s. and he did not appear. Therefore the bailiff was ordered to keep the said horse and to take more when they can be found.

PARVA CURIA co. Staff. 4 Dec 1413

The tasters present Drage Walker (4d) and Alice Lombe (2d) for candles underweight.

PARVA CURIA 15 Jan and 5 Feb 1414

PARVA CURIA which should have been held 26 Feb 1414 continued by reason of the Court of the Marshall until the next petty court touching all pleas of debt, trespass and covenant, and tasters' presentments.

PARVA CURIA 19 March 1414

PARVA CURIA 9 April and 30 April 1414

Under 30 April, 2 brief items of trespass followed by the note:-

'And thus the next two Courts are continued by reason of the Court de Banco domini Regis'<sup>x</sup>

The following 4 Parva Curia on 2 and 23 July, 13 August and 3 Sept, under which a few items are entered, were struck through.

4 HENRY V

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 1 May 1414

Frankpledges named. Tasters, William Glover, William Haloughton.

Usual types of item.

2 men entered the liberty by paying 13s. 4d each.

Grant from William Walsale and wife Margaret to William le Smyth of Pollesworth and Joan his wife of 4 messuages lying by the corner next the Carrefour (quadrivium).

5 HENRY V

PARVA CURIA co. Staff. 6 July 1416, before William Cooke and John Russell, bailiffs.

Similar Courts, three-weekly from 27 July to 21 Dec 1416, and from 11 January to 1 February 1417. (The parchment of this membrane is  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide; the other membranes are  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide).

\* Meaning not known.

/ Cur' forciat = Specially summoned, or specially strengthened?

x These are Courts which would have been held on 21 May and 11 June.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 20 Oct 1416

Frankpledges named.

Tasters, William Glover, John Rutter\*

Usual items.

Under heading 'Purprestures' a long list of obstructions with manure, palings or posts.

John Page (2d) for throwing manure from co. Warwick into co. Stafford.

Under heading 'Traunters' 8 men and one woman amerced from 4d to 16d for selling ale against the assize.

Under heading 'Dishonoured' 31 men, of whom 4 are called apprentices, were named for living within the liberty of Tamworth for a year and a day without making oath (non fecerunt fidelitatem). Jur' is written above a number of the names.

John Blatherwyk paid 6s. 8d. to the bailiffs and burgesses and made oath to enter the liberty.

John Butteler amerced 40s. for assault upon William Cooke bailiff.

John Lovell amerced 2d for appropriating the King's ditch at Walfurlong Ordered to amend the fault before the next Court under pain of 20s, half to the bailiffs and half to the community of the town.

PARVA CURIA for 22 Feb 1417 to 7 June 1417.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 27 April 1417

Frankpledges.

Tasters, William Glover and John Rotter.

Long list of purprestures including reference to a gutter at Cokkestrappe; manure in Eldergate.

Stallages: 19 men amerced for 'using the liberty of the town without licence'.

Ordinance. Ordered by the 12 jurors that no foreign stallager should henceforth be accepted into the liberty of Tamworth unless he dwell within the town and unless he acquired land and tenement within the said town.

6 HENRY V

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 19 Oct 1417

Frankpledges.

Tasters: William Glover, John Walker.

Purprestures include William Cook (4d) for leaving timber (merem') opposite the tithe barn.

Usual items.

PARVA CURIA 1 Nov 1417

PARVA CURIA 22 Nov 1417

Thomas Halyday v Richard Knyght (4d) in a plea of trespass saying that he carried off his refuse and fuel at 'Alurmyll' to his damage of 40d. Richard

\* Elsewhere as 'Butter'

/ 'Disoner' ? discharged.

acknowledged in part and asked for amercement to be assessed by the Court.

Richard Knyght v Thomas Halyday (2d) demanding 14s owing for carpentry at 'Alronylla'. Thomas acknowledged 4s but denied IOs. and therefore is at law. Pledge, Richard Parteryoh.

PARVA CURIA 13 Dec 1417

7 HENRY V

COURT ex parte com. 'Warwycy' \* Monday 26 July 1417

COURT co. Warw. 30 Aug 1417

COURT co. Warw. 20 Sept. 1417

Tasters present Roger Coruycer (2d) for 2lb of paris candles underweight John Bosset (4d) for selling in the market white herrings (allec' alb') which were bad.

COURTS co. Warw. 3 and 24 Jan 1418

COURT (14 Feb 1417) /

Enrolment of a deed of settlement of messuages (unspecified) in cos. Stafford and Warwick upon William Smyth of Pollesworth and Joan his wife and Sybil their daughter. Witnessed by John Stokes one of the bailiffs for co. Warwick, Thomas Colmon and Thomas Symonds, bailiffs for co. Stafford and others (named).

COURT 7 Mar 1418 co. Warw.

Attached is a writ of right on behalf of John Horner as to a messuage in Tamworth.

COURT co. Warw. 27 Feb - 22 May 1419

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Warw. MONDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. GERMAN, BISHOP AND CONFESSOR 7 Henry V. (i.e. 29 May or possibly 22 May 1419)

Frankpledges.

Tasters: Richard Wyan and Nicholas Poo.

Purprestures include bulks, posts or 'stulpes' in the highway by 'Onker', 'Agaslone' or 'Prirycroftlone'.

Ordered that all bakers of this town bake wholesome white bread and black bread regularly, so that the town shall be adequately fed (racionabiliter vitailata) under pain of 20s. or of giving up the said craft (arte) and changing to another (& permutant al' ocupar').

Ordered that Henry Jeke who has 5 'stolpers' <sup>X</sup> in le Bochery shall come within 15 days and agree as to the rent, otherwise he must take them away, under pain of 40d.

Enrolment of release from John son and heir of Robert Aston of Tamworth to Thomas Taillour and Agnes his wife of all right in one barn and garden in co. Warwick, by 'Coketeslone' (abuttals given). Witnesses include Hugh Fremon and Henry Barker, bailiffs for co. Warwick.

COURT co. Warwick 12 June 1419

Ralf son of Henry Sewynes in court before the two bailiffs (as above) claimed to have the liberty of the town because the said Henry enjoyed it before Ralf was born. Therefore granted to him and he made oath.

\* Also spelt 'Warwychy'.

/ Heading worn.

X Posts - probably for a stall. - 149 -

John son of Thomas Walker of Tamworth butcher was deprived of the liberty by the 12 jurors of the View abovesaid, for himself and his heirs forever, because he brought bills and procured indictments against his neighbours divers times at Warwick, as was found in full court before the steward, bailiffs and 12 jurors.

Richard Caldewall in Court before Richard Hilton steward and the two bailiffs (as above) paid 6s. 8d. fine and made oath to have the liberty of the town.

8 HENRY V

TAMWORTH ex parte co. Staff. bailiffs: John Russell and John Rote.

7 Courts of Tamworth from 3 July to 6 Nov 1419. All very short.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. EDWARD THE KING 7 Hen.V  
(probably this means the Translation of Edward rex et confessor. Therefore on Tuesday 17 October 1419)

Usual items.

Tasters: William Glover, John Rotour (or Rotor).

3 bakers fined for baking against the assize.

19 persons fined for brewing against the assize.

7 'traunters' fined for selling against the assize.

4 butchers fined likewise.

2 sellers of fish likewise.

25 Stallagers fined from 2d to 4d for enjoying the liberty of the town without right.

8 persons fined for occupying (parts of) the King's dike.

Item headed 'Affrays of the peace' consisting of affrays with bloodshed.

9 HENRY V

John Russell and John Rote bailiffs this year.

COURTS co. Staff. 15 July 1420 - 9 Dec 1420.

COURT 18 Nov 1420

Affrays presented by the 12 jurors, who were given a day at this Court, include amercement of 12d upon William Sclatyer for an affray against the peace upon Henry Jurdan constable.

Ordered by the 12 jurors that any butcher who puts entrails or putrid (coruptat') meat in the highway shall incur the pain of 40d., payable half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest.

10 HENRY V \*

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 5 Nov 1420

Usual items.

Tasters: William Glover, William Hurdan.

\* Entered in a very uniform hand.

Purprestures include 'stulpes' at the door of the Tavern (ad ostium taberne) for which 4 men were fined; Joan Breton for obstructing the ditch at 'Forty'; several men for dung left by the 'schepcotes'.

Same two sellers of salt fish as before, viz., Roger Melewych and Philippa Walker, amerced 4d each.

COURT co. Staff. 9 Dec 1420 One item.

11 HENRY V

COURTS co. Staff. 30 Dec 1420 - 3 March 1421

COURTS co. Staff. 24 March (and 14 April)\*

COURT co. Staff. 5 May 1421

The 12 Jurors who were given a day at this Court, say that Hugh Taylor put a hedge upon the King's ground at Eldergate.

Item ordered that anyone who makes 'reskees' (i.e. rescue) upon the bailiffs shall lose the liberty of the town.

Order that anyone who plays handball (ad pilam manualem), that is 'Tenys' or 'Coyte' shall lose 40d and be committed to gaol.

COURTS co. Staff. 26 May and 16 June 1421.

13 HENRY V

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 21 Oct 1421

Usual items.

Tasters: William Glover, John Dynbye.

Thomas Sprotte entered the liberty (no payment noted).

12 HENRY V

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 22n April 1421

Usual items.

Tasters: William Glover, Henry Taylor.

Purprestures include John Rote (2d) for one 'myskyn' (mixen) of ashes at his entrance.

4 men paid 6s 8d each to enter the liberty and made oath.

14 HENRY V

COURTS co. Staff. 7 July 1421 - 29 June 1422 each dealing with two or three items. An occasional enrolment of a deed relating to property.

15 HENRY V

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 12 May 1422

Usual items.

Tasters: William Glover, John Dynby.

Ordered that if anyone puts dung upon the common land by Richard Baxter's house, he shall pay 6d to the common chest.

\* Worn.



Ordered that if anyone makes a rescue (fecerit rescus') against the King's watch, he shall pay 20s., half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest.

One man made oath and gave 6s. 8d. to enter the liberty of the town.

16 HENRY V

COURTS co. Staff 20 July - 2 Nov 1422 i.e. last 2 courts 12 Oct and 2 Nov belong to 1 Henry VI.

1 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE<sup>x</sup> co. Stafford Tuesday 20 Oct 1422

Names of 12 jurors. Tasters: William Haloughton, John Dynby.

Encroachments with dung, etc., include several items in Eldergate.

Usual lists of brewers, traunters, salt-fish vendors.

22 stallagers paying 2d or 4d each.

Order that no bailiff shall hold office for more than one year.

2 HENRY VI

COURTS co. Staff. Three weekly from 23 Nov 1422 - 10 May 1423.

COURT co. Staff. Monday 31 May 1423

Henry Jeke, Jn. Roce, Jn. Russell, Ric. Dalton, Adam Byrge, Jn. Rynge and many others (unnamed) complained v Drew Walker in a plea of debt owed by John Walker. The latter, when Constable of the Staffordshire part of Tamworth, received the moiety of the subsidy of a fifteenth due to the King from the whole town and retained 7s. Drew denied this and was at law six-handed.

COURT 21 June 1423

Verdict of the Court that 7s be paid by Drew Walker and that he be amerced.

The usual tasters' presentments continue in these courts.

3 HENRY VI

COURTS co. Staff. from 12 July - 15 Nov 1423 and from 16 Jan - 10 April 1424

4 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 2 Nov 1423

Usual items. Same two tasters.

Drage Walker, Alice Lombe each amerced 4d for selling candles, salt, and other victuals contrary to the assize.

Order that if the town be without bread, each baker to pay 40d., half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest.

Order that no one let pigs wander in the town (habeat porcos euntes in vici<sup>/</sup>) but that they be given into custody of the swineherd; penalty 12d. Order that each tenant of a house (quilibet qui tenet domum) pay the swineherd 1d a quarter.

\* An example of good clear handwriting. Size of membrane c 10" x 14"

/ or possibly 'in via' = in the highway.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 9 May 1424

COURT co. Staff. 22 May 1424

Order that anyone of Co. Warwick who leaves dung in Ellergate shall pay 6d to the bailiffs.

COURT co. Staff. 12 June 1424

Enrolment of charter. Thomas Archer of Burmyncham, son and heir of Edith late the wife of William Archer of Burmyncham, surrendered into the hands of the bailiffs a messuage in Church Street by 'le Weynelete' extending from the highway to 'Cattleslone', to the use of Henry Lesson alias Morley of Tamworth and Joan his wife.

5 HENRY VI

Courts co. Staff. from 24 July - 16 Oct 1424.

COURT co. Staff. 6 Nov 1424

A few presentments by the 12 jurors who were given this day to do so.

Order that no one play at hand-ball or 'le Koyte' under penalty of imprisonment and that anyone found (abroad) after ninth hour at night (ultra horam nonenam in nocte) be arrested and imprisoned until a pledge of £20 is found, payable to the bailiffs; and that pigs be not allowed to wander, but be kept within (teneantur in ospicio) or given into custody of the swineherd, under penalty of 12d, half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest.

COURT co. Staff. 27 Nov 1424

Henry Rose complained v Drage Walkere in a plea of trespass, saying that he placed wood against Henry's walls and stood listening to what was said inside (in hospicio); damage 20s. Drage denied this and was at Law.

6 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 23 Oct 1424

Usual lists.

Edmund Pachette paid 6s. 8d. to enter the liberty of the town.

Surrender by John Cumberford, to the use of the said Edmund, of a messuage in Lychefeldestrete (abutals given) extending from the highway to the field called Walleforlong.

7 HENRY VI

COURTS co. Staff. 18 Dec 1424 - 2 April 1425

Include two charters enrolled of surrenders of a messuage and a burgage extending as above. The latter is a settlement by Richard Dalton to John Dalton.

8 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 1 May 1425

Usual items. Tasters: William Glover and Henry Couper.

Order that no one shall sell grain in the churchyard of St. Edith; penalty 20d., payable half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest. Order that each bailiff after removal from office shall keep the customs as others do.

COURT 14 May 1425

Order that if any boy breaks the church windows (si aliquis puer fregerit le glasyn wyndowe ecclesie) his father shall pay 8d., 4d to the bailiffs and 4d to the church.

COURTS 4 and 25 June 1425

9 HENRY VI

COURT co. Staff. 8 July 1426

COURT co. Staff. 29 July 1426

Robert Sclater v John Goddeman in a plea of trespass, saying that he destroyed with his beasts Robert's corn (bladum) at le Spetulfyld.

COURTS co. Staff. 19 Aug 1426 - 28 April 1427.

AFFORCED COURTS 28 April and Tuesday 6 May 1427

Each for single plea: Adam Hyrysch v William Goldemor for debt (unspecified).

COURT co. Staff. 19 May 1427.

10 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 29 Oct 1426

Usual items.

COURT MONDAY 11 Nov 1426

12 Jurors who were given this day for presentments.

Anne Dalton fined 12d for baking horse bread in her house against the ordinance.

Henry son of Robert Walter and John son of Philip Barcir granted the liberty by patrimeny. John Hilton paid 6s. 8d. for this right and did fealty.

11 HENRY VI

COURTS co. Staff. 11 Aug 1427 - 21 June 1428 including VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 4 Nov 1427

COURT 31 May 1428

Jurors, who were given this day to make presentment, present all the bakers for faulty bread on many occasions (pro diversas vices defectu panis)\*. Adjudged that each pay 40d., half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest; and no more by grace (et non plus ex gratia).

Bailiffs, William Coke and Henry Jeke.

12 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 18 May 1428

Tasters: William Glover, John Dynbe.

Usual long list of payments for non-appearance by those owing suit at the court.

8 men entered the liberty by paying 6s. 8d. each.

\* or possibly that it was scarce.

13 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: William Marchall, John Russell.

COURTS co. Staff 12 July 1428 - 21 March 1429

No court entered between 13 Sept and 25 Oct and between 6 Dec and 17 Jan.

14 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 9 Nov 1428

Tasters: John Dynbe, Henry Couper

Usual lists of fines under all headings including sellers of 'candles and divers other goods'.

Order by the 12 jurors that, if the town be without bread so that none is for sale, each baker pay 8d., half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest; this to be levied by the under-bailiffs without any indulgence (sine aliqua gratia).

Order by the 12 jurors that traunters must sell a gallon of ale for 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d as long as they have 2 gallons; penalty 6d half to bailiffs (etc. as above).

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Monday 9 May 1429

Tasters, as above. Usual items\*

COURTS co. Staff. 23 May - (4 July?) 1429

Under last court enrolment of surrender by William and Alice Marchall to the use of John Cardmaker of a messuage in Schyrchestrete between the land of Richard and Agnes Dalton on one side and land of John Russell on the other side, and extending from the highway to Cattyslone.

15 HENRY VI

Bailiffs Thomas Coleman, John Rote.

COURTS co. Staff. 17 July 1430 - 5 March 1431

16 HENRY VI

COURT co. Staff. 26 March 1431

COURT co. Staff. 2 July 1431

John Russell v Richard Dalton in three pleas of trespass for destruction done by Richard's pigs in his garden, damage 20d., by 14 pigs destroying wheat (frumentum) at le holowwaye damage 20d., and damage 40d. by pigs at Spyttulfeld. Also against the said Richard for damage by his pigs to John's peas at Aschelondes, value 6s 8d.

COURTS 7 May, 28 May, 18 June 1431

17 HENRY VI

COURTS co. Staff. 30 July 1431 - 30 June 1432

All consist of numerous single-line entries covering pleas of debt or trespass etc., presentments of the Tasters.

\* Also, on verso, item about not inviting Vicars to table, cited by Palmer p.220.

18 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 23 Oct 1431

Tasters: William Haluton\* John Denby.

Usual long list of purprestures for obstructing gutters, depositing dung, include John Breton 4d for a dike at le Cokenstrap.

Richard Alkoc paid 6s. 8d. to enter the liberty.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 13 May 1432

Tasters, William Haluton, John Hulton.

Purprestures include Richard Barbour 4d., for dung in le bogery; Richard Baxster 4d for dung at the back of the common hall (post aulam comunem)

Order written chiefly in English 'Ordinatum est quod Willelmus Romeshed (Rameshede in a later court) put hys getes in oder<sup>2</sup> of gofurnauns then they have bene befor tyme or in payne of xiid half to pe<sup>x</sup> comyn box and d ballivis'.

Alson Birker presented 'for a comyn schyder'.

One payment of 6s. 8d. to enter the liberty.

19 HENRY VI

Bailiffs John Russell and John Coton.

COURTS co. Staff. 8 Aug 1435 - 2 Jan 1436

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE WITH COURT co. Staff. Tuesday 18 Oct 1435

Tasters' names worn.

Ordered by the jurors that each baker must sell 4 loaves of good bulture for 1d; that each brewer (pandexator) sell a gallon of ale for 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; each chandler sell one lb candles for 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d; that no one except the bailiffs or king's officers take away gleanings (port' falc' nec glen') within the town under penalty of forfeiture of the gleanings; that all mutually rally to the aid of the bailiffs or under-bailiffs in executing the law; anyone refusing to do so must pay 20s., half to the common chest, and half to the bailiffs. (Also an item, worn, forbidding the sale of grain in the churchyard).

20 HENRY VI

COURTS co. Staff. 23 Jan to 28 May 1436.

Under 28 May

Jurors present Richard Baxster 2d. and Adam de Brugge, 2d., and Richard Walker 2d., for occupying the common way at Mothallzende with dung. Ordered that no one do this in future under penalty of 12d., half to the common chest, etc.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 1 May 1436

Purprestures include Elena Cook 2d., John Jeffrey 2d., and Agnes Jeme, 2d. for having dirty pigsties at Motehallzende.

Ordered by the jurors that Hugh Coleman be keeper of Ladiebruge for this year; that bakers sell 4 loaves of good bulture, weighing a quarter for 1d. that each brewer sell ale at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d the gallon; that each chandler sell candles at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d the lb; and that no one within the liberty play ball from hendeforth under penalty of 3s. 4d. half payable (etc. as before).

Nicholas Burbache, White Fawer, entered the liberty, paying a fine of 7s.

\* Elsewhere Haloughton / ? Written 'od<sup>d</sup>' = ? other

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21 HENRY VI

COURTS\* co. Staff. 9 and 30 July 1436  
VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 30 Oct. 1436

\* One is called Parva Curia<sup>1</sup>.

Bailiffs: Ralf Danyell, Thomas Colman.

The greater part of this roll has been cut off.

22 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: Peter Gobouth, Thomas Colman.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 21 Oct 1438

John Rote, Hugh Colman and John Kemsone each fined 20d. for being common regrators of grain (bladum) deceiving the King's people.

Other usual items.

Surrender by Emota widow of Richard de Dunstall of a messuage in Lychefeldstrete stretching from the highway to the field called Wallefurlong (other personal names given in abuttals).

John Starkie made oath to enter the franchise (no payment mentioned).

COURT 27 Oct 1438

(Presentments continued)

Orders for price of bread, ale and candles.

Order that no one sell grain in his house, but take it to the market; penalty 3s 4d.

John Hulton ordered to remove dung at Mothallsyde before the next court, penalty 20d.

(1 court very worn)

COURTS 8 Dec 1438 - 9 Feb 1439

AFFORCED COURT 9 Feb 1439, one brief item as to a plea of debt.

COURTS 2 and 23 March 1439.

23 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: Peter Gobouth Thomas Colman.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 28 April 1439

Stallagers (a usual item): 33 persons each fined 2d.

For not being in a tithing (an unusual item): 18 persons each fined 12d.

Jurors present that William Dawesone of Roblaston unjustly took toll from a certain stranger for the sale of 80 sheep, to the prejudice of the franchise. Jurors given day for further enquiry.

Penalty of 12d forfeited by Peter Gobuth, Robert Tobye and Walter Chaumberleyn for not obeying the order as to custody of pigs.

Two men admitted to the liberty by the jurors (no payment mentioned).

<sup>1</sup> This includes the order cited by Palmer, pp. 102-3, but the date should be 9 not 10 July as given by him.

COURT 4 May 1439

John Wryzth fined 12d for selling grain in his house; half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest.

John Moldesone fined 12d for leaving his pigs loose at night.

One man elected into the liberty by the jurors. Three other men sworn into the liberty before the steward.

COURTS 25 May and 15 June 1439

Surrenders of a messuage in the high street and a cottage in Ladybridgestrete by Richard Dalton and by William Dalton.

24 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: Hugh Colman and John de Coton

COURTS co. Staff. 17 Aug, 1439 to 4 April 1440

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 19 April 1440

Alice Kendale fined 6s. 8d. for stealing divers sheets and coverlets; John Kendale (3s. 4d) for harbouring her, knowing of the felony.

John Flecher fined 12d and ordered to clean the ditch by Dennesbarne before the next day for presentments. An order likewise for all in default as to the ditch at Fortie.

25 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: John Russell and Thomas Chalonner

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 11 Oct 1440

(Robert Tobye chosen for the office of constable and sworn)\*

Thomas Grene and Nicholas Glover come and make the presentments of all the usual items.

The 12 jurors (named) say upon oath that the above named tasters have well and faithfully made the presentments.

(Here follows the item as to the Constable).

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 2 May 1441

Same two ale tasters make the presentments of all the usual items.

COURT OF THE JURORS: same day.

Pleas of debt.

The jurors say that Roger Sclatyer (20d) resisted the tasters in the performance of their office; Henry Jakes (12d) assaulted the bailiff in the performance of his office; the bailiff (12d) made affray against the said Henry; William Griffith made affray against William Sone; William Sone drew his dagger against William (12d) Griffith; both amerced (sums not given); Alice Barker and Isabel Peyntour are common gossips to the disturbance of the King's peace; both to reform before the next Court under penalty of 40d; payable half to the bailiffs (etc.)

\* This item entered last under this court.



Ordered by the 12 jurors, sworn for both Warwickshire and Staffordshire parts, and charged because William Griffith caused William Sone to be arrested against the custom of the town and in derogation of the franchise, that William Griffith pay fine of 13s. 4d. payable half (etc.), and that anyone so defaulting in future forfeit the franchise forever.

COURTS 18 Sept 1440 to 28 Aug 1441  
(Courts for 1441 entered before those for 1440).

26 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: Peter Gobought... (torn away)

COURTS (2 July 1442) - 24 Sept 1442

Under 23 Sept

William Danyell v John Gyle (2d) in a plea of broken covenant in that he had agreed to serve William for 5 years and more, receiving 20s for his labour, and he had withdrawn.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 30 Oct 1442

12 jurors named.

Tasters, John Foxe and John Lorde make the presentments of all the usual items. First item of a purpresture of a ditch not cleaned at Dennesbarne is struck through with note 'discharged by the 12 jurors'.

Richard Catton claimed to enter the liberty as of right and was admitted by the 12 jurors and sworn before the steward.

(The offences against the peace are presented by the 12 jurors).

COURTS 5 Nov to 26 Nov 1442 including a Court 'Afforced' on 5 Nov to deal with one item of debt.

COURTS 17 Dec 1442 to 18 Feb 1443

Under 17 Dec

William Spencer v John Russell in a plea of trespass 'super demand', whereas he was keeper of the church lights, the servant of the said John took 4 'Judas'\* to his damage of 3s. 4d. John appeared and said that the 'Judas' were given into his custody by assent of the town.

18 Feb 1443 John Jeffreys, under-bailiff, mentioned.

Attached to this dorse are 4 writs relating to a plea as to a message in Tamworth.

(1) Writ of right on behalf of Thomas Sprat<sup>/</sup> and Eleanor his wife, of Lichfield and William Pote and Agnes his wife, dated 18 Oct 1442.

(2) and (3) Writs of summons for defendant addressed to the under-bailiff 5 Nov and 26 Nov.

(4) Writ of summons (distrainment by witnesses, named on dorse of writ) addressed to the under-bailiff, 7 Jan 1443.

27 HENRY VI

Bailiffs, Peter Gobough and Thos Chalonner.

COURTS 6 July to 17 Aug 1444.

\* ? Maundy candles.

<sup>/</sup> Elsewhere Sprotte.

COURT 7 Sept 1444

Long recital of plea Sprotte and Pette v Henry Jeke and another. The property said to be outside the jurisdiction of this court and in Wigginton, an ancient demesne of the crown and a liberty of itself. Parties given another day because the court was not ready (nondum avisatur) to pronounce judgment.

Attached to the roll is a very narrow strip giving appointment of an attorney for Henry Jeke.

COURTS 7 Sept to 19 Oct 1444; the last is on a separate strip attached at a space apparently left for this purpose.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 3 Nov 1444 Tuesday.

Presentments by the 12 jurors, named.

COURT 16 Nov 1444

Tasters' presentments (inter alia)

The 12 jurors say that the tasters have well and faithfully made their presentments. Order prohibiting dung in Cateslane under penalty of 12d; by the church stile under the same penalty; by the end of the hall of the Court under penalty of 12d; payable half (etc).

COURTS 16 Nov 1444 - 11 Jan 1445.

28 HENRY VI

COURTS co. Staff. 26 April to 28 June 1445. All very short.

29 HENRY VI

Two Courts for 1446 entered before Courts for 1445.

COURT 24 Jan 1446 (sic)

John Hulton, Thomas Juett, John Colman and Nicholas Glover chosen as assessors (ad fac' tast')\* between Robert Tobye and John Bayley in a plea of debt.

COURT 7 March 1446 (sic)

COURT 30 Aug 1445

Attached is a writ of right between Richard Gadder and Peter Gobouth alias Corveser; dated 10 May 1445; also a strip giving an attorney for Richard Gadder.

COURTS 20 Sept to 8 Nov 1445

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 16 Nov 1445

Bailiffs, Richard Dalton and John Geffrey.

12 Jurors named.

John Foxe and John Lorde, tasters, make all the usual presentments.

The 12 jurors say upon oath that the tasters have well and faithfully made their presentments. They also say that the custom of the manor is that anyone prosecuting another by a writ of the King in this Court must appear in person unless they have licence from the bailiffs and Court to appoint an attorney.

COURTS 22 Nov and 13 Dec 1445

\* In later Courts = ad fac' tax'; to make assessment.

30 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: Richard (? Dalton) and John Geffrey

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 3 May 1446

12 jurors named.

Usual presentments.

Maringal:- 'Verdict'.

Tasters, namely, John Foxe and John Lorde presented all the abovesaid, whereof the 12 jurors abovenamed say upon their oath that they have well and faithfully made their presentments.

Orders given by the jurors for price of bread and ale. Order that butchers sell oxen and sheep (bov' and mult') within le Bochery the whole week under penalty of 6s. 8d.; that no one play ball (pilam Rams'?) henceforth under penalty of 40d., and that each butcher sell flesh on Sundays until the eighth hour.

COURTS 30 May and 13 June (sic) 1446

31 HENRY VI

This roll is on paper.

Bailiffs: Robert Stokes and Richard Dalton.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday (15 Oct) 1448

12 jurors named.

John Belgrave and Thomas Grene, tasters, make presentments of all the usual items.

Long list of affrays and bloodshed against the peace. William Toby (20s) presented for not obeying the bailiffs and 12 jurors; ordered to appear before the next (meeting of the) Court of Verdict, and make his obedience.

Ordered by the 12 that the dean of the church ring the bell daily (quolibet in matutina) at the third hour.

John Byrchore sworn into the liberty.

32 HENRY VI

COURTS 28 Oct 1448 to 26 May 1449 Short items.

33 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 3 Nov 1450

Tasters, Thomas Grene and John Cutteller, make the presentments.

John Walker, under-bailiff, mentioned.

Jurors named say that tasters have well and faithfully made their presentments.

34 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: Richard Dalton and John Geffrey.

COURTS 21 Sept 1450 to 2 Nov 1450

PIEPOWDER COURT also on 2 Nov 1450

One case only:- Robert de Gysons v William Dysone (12d) of Chylcote in a plea of debt for 12s. with one gown (j toga) for service of husbandry. The defendant said that they had not agreed for term of one year, but only for 2 weeks. (The sense of the rest is not clear).

COURTS 23 Nov 1450 to 29 March 1451, with gaps.

AFFORCED COURT also on 23 Nov 1450

John Salesbury v Robert Suckelyng (8d) in a plea of debt for 12s. for wood sold to the said Robert. The defendant, present in Court, wages his law five-handed at the 2nd hour after nones? (ad horam jj post nonam). Therefore let John Salesbury be amerced.

Attached to the roll:-

(1) An extract under heading of Court 15 Feb 1451, as to a writ close on behalf of John and Agnes Legh. Under-bailiff, John Walker.

(2) On a small paper slip: a list of dates of 5 Courts beginning with Monday 8 March (1451).

(3) A Piepowder Court, Monday 31 May 1451

William Sutton plaintiff v Conato Barger of Derby in a plea of trespass. Defendant attached by one horse in the custody of the bailiff; William said that the defendant on 26 February 1450 at Tamworth took away one cross of copper gilded, one crucifix of silver worth 13s 4d, one great latten seal and 20s in money. Defendant pleaded not guilty and wages his law twelve-handed; therefore acquitted; plaintiff to be amerced for the unjust plea.

35 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE WITH COURT TUESDAY 11 May 1451

12 jurors.

Thomas Grene and John Cutteller, tasters, make the presentments. 13 men presented for not being in a tithing. Some names struck through, a few with 2d written above.

PIE POWDER COURT 31 May 1451, with item as given above, except that Defendant is said to have waged his law eleven-handed.

'CURIA VEREDICT' held on the same day

The 12 jurors present affrays against the peace, including Conewey Barger (12d) of Derby and his servant (12d) for an assault upon William Sutton.

COURT 21 June 1451

36 HENRY VI

Paper. Two membranes sewn together at top.

Bailiffs: John Russell, John Coton.

COURTS 1 Mar 1451 - 13 Sept 1451 including PIEPOWDER COURT co. Staff.  
1 March 1451

One single entry of a plea of debt.

COURT co. Staff. 15 Feb 1451

Bailiffs: Richard Dalton, John Geffrey.

Recital of process in a plea of land; parties, Henry Jekes, John Legh and Agnes his wife, and others. Attached are three writs directed to John Walker, under-bailiff, for summons of parties, dated at Tamworth 23 Aug, 13 Sept, 4 Oct 1451.

COURTS 5 Oct 1451 - 17 Jan 1452

COURTS 17 Jan 1452 - and 25 Oct 1451 (sic)

Attached are two writs, one directed to the bailiffs, one to the under-bailiff, John Walker, in a plea of land between Ralf Hopewas and John Bate, clerk, and others. Dated 28 Nov and 6 Dec 1451.

Attached an extract from Court roll, undated, giving inquest by 12 jurors (named) that Ralf Hopewas is the next heir of Richard Sampson.

37 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 12 Oct 1451.

12 jurors named.

Thomas Peyntour and John Foxe, tasters, make all the usual presentments, and including assaults against the peace.

38 HENRY VI

Paper. COURTS co. Staff. 7 Feb. to 1 May 1452

COURT 28 Feb

Attached is a writ of right on behalf of William son of Ralf Hopewas against John Bate, clerk, and others, as to a messuage in Tamworth. 26 Jan 1452.

39 HENRY VI

Paper. VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 8 May 1452

13 names at head of roll. No names of tasters.

Usual items including stallagers, 36 men paying 2d each.

COURT 22 May 1452

COURT 12 June 1452. Tasters present that all is well.

40 HENRY VI

Paper. VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 1 May 1453

12 Jurors named.

Thomas Peyntour and John Foxe, tasters, make the usual presentments.

List of those who have not been sworn into a tithing.

Order by the 12 jurors that any who put dung in Cateslane must remove it before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, if not, anyone who wishes to have it may take it away. Order that it shall not in future lie (in the way) from the end of the lane up to the Church before\* the feast of St. Michael, under penalty of 6s. 8d. payable one-third to the bailiffs, and the rest to the common chest. If the bailiffs do not wish to levy this, the chamberlains of the town shall do so and take the third part for their labour.

\* The meaning is obscure; probably that it should be removed by that date.

Order that each man shall produce (hab) one man at le Forty on the Thursday in Whit Week under penalty of 4d to be levied 'ad vsym vue<sup>x</sup> ibidem'.

Order that each one pay towards the stipend of the keeper of the animals under penalty of 4d.

William Spencer fined 20s. for saying in the Court that Thomas Juet and the other jurors had given a false and untrue verdict.

Order that dung be not left beneath the churchwall under penalty of 6s. 8d. half etc.,

COURT 25 June

Thomas Spenlove sworn into the liberty.

The tasters present that all is well.

One deed as to two crofts, giving abuttals on to Wyburnlane and to the Tame river.

41 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 22 Oct 1454

Bailiffs: Richard Dalton, John Colman.

13 names, 12 sworn.

Tasters Thomas Peyntour and John Cutteller make the presentments.

Purprestures include two men (2d each) for ditches not scoured at le Forty; John Fletcher (4d) and his fellows (socii sui) churchwardens (custodes ecclesie) for dung left at the church door.

The jurors say that the tasters have well and faithfully made the presentments; that Joan Denby (3s. 4d.) is a common gossip with neighbours (garalatrix cum vicinis) and a common 'walgury'. They also say that no one may be an attorney or have warrant of attorney unless accepted by this court, according to the custom of the town.

Surrender by Thomas Colman to the use of John Colman, one messuage and a garden in Church Street between land in co. Warwick on one part and land formerly of John Sadeler on the other, extending from the highway up to Parsoneneslane between land formerly of Baldwin Frewyll knt. and the land of Richard Dalton.

COURT 9 June 1455

COURT 30 June 1455

Two deeds of surrender of a burgage in le Bochery to the use of Richard Dalton junior, mercer, and Joan his wife.

42 HENRY VI

Bailiffs: John Geffrey and John Goldesone

COURTS co. Staff. 21 July 1455 to 12 Jan 1456 including the following:-

COURT 11 Aug 1455

John Joyner (2d) Hugh Dyxe (2d) and Thomas Mathewe(2d) amerced for not coming to make assessment (ad fac' tax') between John Flecher plaintiff and John Wryth defendant. (Plea not described).

\* Possibly 'vie' - to the use of the way there.

PIEPOWDER COURT on same day

One plea of debt only:-

Thomas Hall (13d) v Ralf Smyth of Sekyngton; pledge for prosecution Robert Baxter. He says that he owes 14d for the making of 400 'kydes' Ralf made his law 6-handed and Thomas amerced.

COURT OF THE JURY (veredict') 3 Nov 1455

43 HENRY VI

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 21 Oct 1455

Tasters, Thomas Grene and John Cutteller.

Stallagers: 39 plus 1 (under another item) paying 2d each.

The 12 jurors (named) say that the Tasters (etc. in usual form). They present that Ralf Mader appeared as attorney for Ralf Danyell without warrant of attorney or licence from the bailiff(s) against the custom of the Court, in a plea brought by Thomas Ferrers esq. Adjudged by the Court that Ralf Mader is not acceptable and that Ralf Danyell be amerced.

Nicholas Rugeley elected as constable.

John Walker and John Prynce elected as chamberlains.

John Bayley elected keeper of Ladybruge.

Surrender by John son of Thomas Colman of a burgage with garden in Church Street (abuttals given) extending from the highway to Catteslane.

44 HENRY VI

Paper. Bailiffs: John Coton, Peter Goabout.

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 2 Aug 1456 to 13 Sept 1456

COURTS co. Staff 4 Oct to 6 Dec 1456, including under 4 Oct, amercement of the ale-tasters (2d) for not coming to make presentments.

45 HENRY VI

Three membranes sewn together at the top, in the wrong order for dating.

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 7, 28 Feb, 21 March, 1457

CURIA PARVA co. Staff. 11 April 1457

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. 26 April 1457

Tasters: Thomas Grene and Richard Nicholl.

Usual long list of purprestures, now called 'Nocumenta'. John Watte senior (2d) for dung left at the stone cross. Many similar items.

Penalty forfeited: Sums of 6s. or 6s. 8d. levied upon Peter Goabout, John Geffray, John Semond, William Clerk and Margary Smethewick for dung left in Castellone to grave npisance in spite of the penalty laid down as clearly appears in the ancient rolls of the Court. Therefore a moiety of the penalty to the bailiffs and a moiety to the common chest.

The 12 jurors present that the tasters have well and faithfully made presentments of all matters and have concealed nothing.



PARVA CURIA 2 and 23 May 1457  
COURT co. Staff. 13 June 1457

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday (26 Oct) 1456

Tasters: Thomas Grene and Richard Nicholl.

John Horton elected constable in Co. Staff.

John Goldeson and John Geffrey elected churchwardens.

Nicholas Ryggeley and Richard Kelyng elected chamberlains.

46 HENRY VI

Paper VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 18 Oct 1457

Tasters, John Fox and William Taillour\*, make the presentments.

Hugh Dix amerced 12d for selling candles under weight, viz., by 5d weight in the pound.

Ordered by assent of the 12 jurors and of the whole court that anyone within the liberty of Tamworth of the Staffordshire part who plays unlawful games, viz., 'Kuteryng', 'quekkyng' and 'haserdyng' after the hour of nine at night, shall incur the penalty of 6s. 8d., payable half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest, and that anyone within the said liberty who harbours or receives one so playing after the said hour shall incur the same penalty. This penalty to be levied by the bailiffs and chamberlains.

Under heading 'Verdict':-

William Leek of Tamworth labourer presented by the jurors for taking 1½ bushels of rye, price 9d., from the barn of Thomas Hynde. Amerced 3s.4d.

Affrays presented by the jurors include Henry Spencer for a rescue of one horse from the custody of the Hugh Dix, under-bailiff.

COURTS co. Staff. 24 April to 26 June 1458.

48 HENRY VI

COURTS co. Staff. 9 Jan to 13 March 1458

13 March John Bryan of Tamworth sworn into the liberty as a burgess according to custom.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 2 May 1458

John Fox and William Tailliur, tasters, make the presentments.

They present that William Boseworth (3s. 4d.) made a rescue upon John Prynce, constable, in the performance of his office. And that Henry Spencer (3s. 4d.) made a rescue upon John Bryan, under bailiff and drew his blood with a lance.

They present John Cartwright, tailor, (6s.8d) for frequenting games called 'haserdyng' 'quekkyng' and 'kuteryng' (6 others likewise forfeited the penalty of 6s. 8d.; also 2 others for harbouring the aforesaid).

The jurors present John Coteler junior (12d) for frequenting taverns after the ninth hour against the order; also William Lombe for the same.

The jurors say that the tasters have well and faithfully made the presentments and have concealed nothing.

Robert Gooldeson of Tamworth is sworn into the liberty as a burgess.

\* Also named at end of the court against description affer' = affeerers

49 HENRY VI

PARVA CURIA 17 July to 9 Oct 1458

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 10 Oct 1458

Tasters, John Cutler, Richard Nichols.

Usual items; no orders.

Attached to the foot of roll is a writ dated 7 Nov 1458 at Westminster addressed to the bailiffs of Tamworth co. Staff., ordering them not to distrain for appearance at the View of Frankpledge in the said town, William Bolt, David Duffeld, Richard Sturgeys, Thomas Aleyn, Thomas Hull and Richard Tatenell, chaplains, vicars of the free chapel of Tamworth\*.

PARVA CURIA CUM VEREDICTO 30 Oct 1458

Usual brief items as to pleas of debt.

John Bayle one keeper of Ladybridge complains v Robert Baxter (2d) for a debt of 20d. for unjust detention of goods of the said bridge. Robert acknowledged the debt.

The 12 jurors (not named here, but named in the View of Frankpledge above) present an affray and theft.

50 HENRY VI

CURIA PARVA 20 Nov 1458 to 26 Mar 1459

Under 22 Jan 1459

John Geffrey and John Gouldson late chief bailiffs (maiores ballini) of Tamworth v Robert Fysshier in a plea of debt and trespass. He was not summoned or attached. Order that he be distrained and attached for the next Court.

Under 5 March 1459:-

Thomas Hynde v Thomas Matheu for destroying with his beasts one acre of grain at 'Parrockehill' to his damage 6s. 8d. Thomas Matheu pleaded not guilty and was at law 6-handed.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 10 April 1459

John Cutler and Richard Nichols, tasters, make the presentments, including on this occasion the affrays. They present William Glover (6s. 8d) for being a common receiver of 'disers pikkers and centerers'

CURIA PARVA WITH VERDICT MONDAY 15 April<sup>/</sup> (rectius 16) 1459

Usual items for a petty court.

The 12 jurors present Margery Spencer (12d) for occupying certain common land late let to Thomas Peyntour at 20d per annum. Therefore she is charged with payment of 3s. 4d. for two years, and the bailiffs are ordered to put the said Thomas into peaceful possession before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Order by the 12 jurors that if anyone takes pigs (wandering) in fields or gardens, he shall keep them until fully satisfied (?by the owners) at 4d for each pig.\*

\* Cited by Palmer pp. 220-221

<sup>/</sup> Occasionally in the last few Courts the scribe has not used a feast day for dating, but has given the actual day of the month.

X The latin rendering is obscure.

Order that no bailiff may choose jurors except once a year, at the feast of St. Michael, by choice of his fellows already sworn. (Nullus ballivus preter semel in anno, videlicet, ad festum sancti Michaelis non possint elegere alignam jur' inter xii cim nisi per eleccionem sociorum snorum prius juratorum)<sup>‡</sup>

PARVA CURIA 7, 28 May, 18 June 1459

51 HENRY VI

Bailiffs (Majores Ballini) co. Staff. John Geffrey, Thomas Matheu.

COURTS 3 Dec 1459 to 24 Feb 1460

PETTY COURTS 17 Mar to 28 April 1460

Under 7 April 1460

William Danegell complained of John Prynce in a plea of debt for 5s of silver in a certain exchange of one sword of John Prynce for one horse of the said William: also for 6s. 8d. for stipend when he was hired by John Prynce for war overseas with John Sandbroke of Wurbcot' captain, in the 32nd year of Henry VI; to William's damage of 2s. Both parties appeared in Court. John Prynce denied both amounts; to wage his law 6-handed at the next Court.

John Prynce complained of William Danyell in a plea of trespass for breking with his animals the walls of John's house at Pristlone in le Chirchestrete, to his damage of 39s.8d. William Danyell denied the trespass; to wage his law 6-handed at the next Court.

PARVA CURIA 28 April 1460

John Prynce (4d) for default of his law.

William Danyell essoined by Ralf Danyell.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 13 May 1460<sup>X</sup>

Essoins:- 4 names.

Jurors: Richard Dalton, Peter Goaboute, Walter Wirley, Richard Kelyng, John Horton, John Belgrave, Robert Gouldson, Richard Nichols, Thomas Jewet, Nicholas Glover, Thomas Peynter in place of Robert Coton.

Defaults of appearance: Roger Spicer and William Taylour present 14 persons (4d each) and 5 persons (2d each). These include Humphrey Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Warwick, John Stanley knt., and Thomas Ferrers esq.

Nuisances: Usual long list of more than 50 persons fined from 2d up to 12d for faulty ditches, muck left by houses or in the highways, including:-

John Joyner (6d) for 1 'sawpute' by his house lately?(nuper) burned; also 'stockes' and gutter there not scoured. John Stanley knight (2d) for the like by his house lately burned. William Cumberford (2d) for the like by the house lately burned.

Henry Jeeke (4d) for carrying muck (or dung) in the water of Tame by Ladybridge whereby many almost perished (vude multi fene perierent).

Bakers: 3 men and one woman (12d each).

Brewers: They present 3 men and 8 women (6d or 12d each).

Traunters: 4 women (4d or 6d).

Butchers: 3 men (12d each)

‡ The latin rendering is obscure.

X Taken more fully as a sample of the Courts of this period.

Occupying the king's ditch: 7 persons (4d. each).

Sellers of fish<sup>\*</sup>: 5 men (2d each)

Stallagers: 24 names (the sums, usual 2d or 4d, written above them appear to have been erased).

Affrays: They present 7 items, including:-

Henry Spencer (12d) made affray and hamsoken upon Robert Taylour and threw stones at him.

By the 12: William Grene, barker, is received into the liberty of Tamworth.

PARVA CURIA CUM VEREDICTO MONDAY 19 May 1460

10 brief entries.

Tasters present 4 women for default against the assize (2d each).

12 Jurors say that the tasters have well and faithfully made their presentments and concealed nothing. They present two small thefts and one hamsoken.

(No orders)

PARVA CURIA 9 and 30 June 1460.

52 HENRY VI

Tamworth co. Stafford

PARVA CURIA before John Hodnet and John Seaman bailiffs 21 July 1460

Tasters present John Alkyn for bread of faulty weight, viz., 'in le halpenyayelsam love' 20d. The same for a 'coket' in weight 20d. (Margin:- at the bailiff's grace).

PETTY COURTS 11 Aug to 13 Oct 1460.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE MONDAY<sup>/</sup> 27 Oct 1460.

Tasters: John Baker, William Clerke, weaver, present (inter alia) 4 persons for sale of meal, salt and candles (2d for each commodity).

Under affrays: Henry Spencer (40d) for assault upon William Hasulham, constable, in the performance of his office, for resisting him, striking him with a stick and drawing a dagger.

COURT WITH VERDICT Monday 3 Nov 1460.

The 12 jurors say that the tasters have well and faithfully (etc as before) They also say that Henry Spencer (12d) assaulted and struck John Cutler jnr., that William the chaplain who was celebrating for the soul of Thomas Bate (12d) assaulted William Hasulham; that William Pereson, servant of Thomas Ferrers (12d) assaulted and struck the said chaplain. Further, it is ordered that no lawful, or unlawful, man carry any twohanded (? bows)<sup>\*</sup> besagues, lances, halberts (langdebeff') or darts (dartas) within the town of Tamworth, except the bailiffs and their officers when necessary under penalty of 6s. 8d.; and that the bailiffs take action by imprisonment or punishment (castigardo) under the same penalty against all who disobey; and that all persons dwelling within the town assist the bailiffs and their officers, under the same penalty.

\* In other rolls these are often divided into those dealing with fresh or salt fish.

<sup>/</sup> Tuesday had been the usual day of meeting of the Frankpledge Courts.

X aliquas bimanualeves besecut' lanc' langdeleff'....

PETTY COURTS 3 Nov to 15 Dec 1460  
COURT 5 Jan 1461  
PETTY COURTS 26 Jan, 16 Feb 1461.

1 ED. IV

Bailiffs: John Geffrey and Richard Nichols.

PARVA CURIA co. Staff. Monday 13 July 1461.

2 items.

Tasters, Wm. Grene and Wm. Taylor have nothing to present.

PARVA CURIA Monday 3 Aug 1461

1 item.

Wm. Taylour presents that Wm. Grene defaulted in the performance of his office. The under-bailiff ordered to warn him to appear in court to perform his office; penalty 3s. 4d. for each time he defaults.

PARVA CURIA 24 Aug 1461

Default of Wm. Grene - also on 14 Sept 1461 and the two subsequent Courts.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 27 Oct 1461

12 jurors named.

Tasters, Wm. Grene and Wm. Taylour present the defaults of suit of court.

Nuisances (for leaving dung or not scouring ditches).

Fines of 12d paid by one woman and three men for baking contrary to the assize.

(several items worn)

18 Stallagers.

The jurors present John Breton for refusing to be a juryman; therefore punished by a fine of 40d., half payable to the bailiff and half to the commonalty.

CURIA PARVA WITH VERDICT Monday 16 Nov 1461

Several items.

Verdict of the 12 jurors. They present (inter alia) that the tasters have faithfully made presentments and have concealed nothing.

That John Belgrave and John Parnell, jurors, did not come to this 'Verdict'. Each amerced 6s. 8d. and two others chosen in their places.

COURTS 7 and 28 Dec 1461 18 Jan 1462

COURT Monday 8 Feb 1462

John Hodnet v John Dalton 'dexter' for arrears of 18s for rent for a burgage in le Churchstrete, co. Warwick, which he has occupied for six quarters of two years at a total rent of 2ls., only 3s of which has been paid. John Dalton acknowledged his debt, and settlement to be made before the next Court.

John Leggedod, walker, v John Dalton 'dexfer' for debt of 2s for the falling and shearing of two 'carseys'.

PETTY COURTS from 1 Mar to 3 May 1462

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 19 May 1462

Usual types of item.

Under affrays:- Isabel Ramsore amerced 6s. 6d. for harbouring male suspects (homin' suspectorum) by night beyond the ninth hour contrary to the town's ordinance.

COURTS 24 May, 14 June 1462

2 ED. IV

BAILIFFS, John Breton and Nicholas Ruggeley

PARVA CURIA (26 July) 1462

Roger<sup>\*</sup> Spicer and William Taylour present....that Wm. Irp baker forestalled the market with 5 qrs. of wheat, contrary to statute; therefore amerced (no sum)

COURTS including a VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE, from 16 Aug to 29 Nov 1462 (worn in places).

3 ED IV

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 8 May 1470

Bailiffs, Richard Dalton and Peter Goaboute

Tasters: Thos Wever and Thos Tovey.

Usual items.

COURT WITH VERDICT Monday 21 May 1470

Alice late the wife of Thos Bradley surrendered two cottages and appurtenances in Lichefeldstrete formerly called Otwalstrete, extending in length from the highway up to le Walforlong, to the use of Richard Kelyng of Wiginton and his wife Elizabeth.

PARVA CURIA 11 June 1470

4 ED. IV

Bailiffs: Henry Teeke and Richard Nichols

PARVA CURIA 23 July; 13 Aug 1470

No Court in default of the presence of the bailiffs.

PARVA CURIA 24 Sept, 15 Oct 1470

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 23 Oct 1470 before same two bailiffs.

Tasters: Thos Tovey, John Lombe

Long list of nuisances.

Thos Wever elected as constable.

Peter Goaboute and John Wilshaw sen. elected as Church-reaves (preposit? eccelsie) this year.

\* Palmer has Robert.

Wm. Irp and Wm. Grene elected as keepers of St. Mary's bridge this year.

Thos. Wever elected as keeper of the light(s) of St. Nicholas the Bishop, and St. (Katherine ?) this year.

Robert Gouldson elected as keeper of the light(s) of St. Mary the Virgin and Holy Trinity this year.

John Chedle and John Joyner elected to office of chamberlain this year.

PARVA CURIA WITH VERDICT Monday 5 Nov 1470

PARVA CURIA 26 Nov 1470 to 1 April 1471

1 HENRY VII

Paper. Torn into two halves down the middle.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE TUESDAY 4 Nov 1488

Tasters: John Lombe and Henry Willyamson.

The following officers elected:-

Constable: William Camvile

Churchwardens: Ric. Welshawe and William Grene.

Chamberlains: Robert Gulderson and John White

Keeper of the light of St. Mary: Henry Swetloff and John Yrpe.

Keeper of the light of St. Nicholas: Nicholas More

Robert Sheperd for Holy Trinity.

VERDICT OF TH. 12 JURORS Monday 10 November 1488

Maud Irpe, John Irpe, and their servants fined 12d for many times letting 'lugged' pigs stray from a faulty pig-stye? (in defectu clausure porcarum)  
Penalty 40d for further offence.

Ordered that Maud Irpe and her neighbours with exits towards Walfurlong shall not allow any animals to be bought and sold in fair time without paying toll. Penalty 6s. 8d. for each offence, half to the bailiffs and half to the common chest.

2 HENRY VII

Paper. VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE co. Staff. Tuesday 28 April 1489

Wm. son of Henry Jekes sworn into the liberty as burgess, because born there. 4d paid.

John son of Wm. Irpe likewise sworn and 4d paid, because born there after the said Wm. became enfranchised.

Similar item (as the last) for John son of Thos. Wright late of Glascote.

Tasters, Henry Williamson and John Lombe present 24 persons, fined sums varying from 2d to 40d for default of suit of court.

Bakers: Maud Irpe (12d) for breaking the assize.

Brewers: 5 women (2d or 4d) for breaking the assize.

Tiplers of ale: Maud Irpe (2d) for tipling and selling against the assize.

Transters of ale: 7 women (2d or 4d) for selling against the assize.

Butcher: 1 woman (2d).

Candleseller: 1 woman (4d)



Nuisances: Usual long list of small items.

The jurors present Wm. and Ralf late the servants of Ralf Ryland for stealing by night 'bordes' and fuel (focalas) of Hugh Towell, worth 12d to be punished by the pillorie; 2 men and 3 women (4d each) for common 'hedgebrekyng'; 3 women (2d each) for scolding.

John Trimnys (?) and Robert Saunders presented for fishing in the common water in Litill Wenlake.

Thos. son of Wm. Kelyng paid 4d to enter the liberty.

### 3 HENRY VII

Parchment. Bailiffs: John Clare and Wm. Grene.  
PETTY COURTS from 8 July to 11 Nov 1493.

### 4 HENRY VII

Paper. Very torn and fragile.

COURT WITH VERDICT Monday 2 Dec 1493  
PETTY COURTS 23 Dec 1493 - 28 April 1494.

### 5 HENRY VII

Paper. Bailiffs: John Irpe and Nicholas Bisshoppe.

PETTY COURTS from 13 July to 16 Nov 1500

Under 16 Nov: John Grene sworn into the liberty (no sum).

Attached to this roll:-

Writ of supersedeas, dated at Westminster, 7 Nov 16 Henry VII (1500) addressed to the bailiffs of Tamworth, concerning a plea of debt for 40s. begun without writ in the Court of Tamworth by Thomas Bull against Thomas Coke.

### 6 HENRY VII

Paper. Very torn and worn. Petty Courts of which dates are evident, 1 April to ? 15 April 1504.

### 7 HENRY VII

Paper. Folded and torn at head and foot. Petty Courts dates showing 11 Nov 1504 to 17 Mar 1505.

### 8 HENRY VII

Paper. Three separate sheets. All torn and worn.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Monday after the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist  
..... (torn away)

Nuisances include Thomas Robynson (2d) for 'weedez' left in Eldergate; Ric. Parker for 'weedez' left in 'Ladebregestrete'.

Order that anyone who is elected a juror and is absent from the Leet Court or Verdict Court shall forfeit 2s. payable half to the bailiff and half to the common chest.

PETTY COURTS April and May 1505.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday (torn) St. George the Martyr, April 1505.

A stranger admitted to the liberty on payment of 7s.

Usual items.

Orders: No one living in the town to allow sheep to go 'in le Cowpasture in le More' under penalty of 3s. 4d. for each flock, payable to the common chest.

No one from henceforth to sell fresh fish before bringing them into the common market; penalty 6d.

No one from henceforth to sell butter or eggs before bringing them into the common market; penalty 6d.

9 HENRY VII

Paper. Torn.

PARVA CURIA Monday 21 July 1505.

Richard Sherneford elected to the office of under-bailiff for the following year.

John Lycote<sup>#</sup> and William Towe elected as tasters.

Stephen Barowe admitted into the liberty and sworn.

PETTY COURTS 11 Aug, 1 Sept 1505 2 and 23 March 1506.

10 HENRY VII

Paper.

VIEW OF FRANKPLUDGE Tuesday 21 Oct 1505

Election of the following officers:

Churchwardens: Richard Braten, John Irpe.

Keeper of St. Mary's light: Richard Coton.

Keeper of the light of St. Nicholas the Bishop: Richard Clerke.

Warden of St. George the Martyr: Thomas Towe.

Constable: John Grene.

Chamberlains: Richard Grene, Thomas Goldeson.

Wardens of Ladybridge: Wm. Bere, Wm. Hoygh.

Collectors of the Oxherd's stipen: Wm. Gande, Nicholas Wepester.

Common bakers: John Irpe (10d), Richard Clerke (8d).

Common brewers: One man, 7 women (4d or 6d each).

Traunters: 3 women (2d each).

Salt fish sellers: John Hyll (4d) for taking excessive price.

Fresh fish sellers: John Drayke (2d) for same.

Candle-makers: 2 women, one man (2d each) for taking excessive price.

Butchers: 5 men (6d each) for selling contrary to the assize.

Nuisances include: Thomas ~~Mayne~~ chaplain (40d) for making one 'woorde' <sup>z</sup> upon the common water to the deprivation of all the inhabitants of Tamworth.

Prices given under the assize for bread, ale and candles; 4 loaves or 2 . for 1d., one gallon of ale for 1½d, one lb candle for 1d.

\* Elsewhere Lysott. Palmer read this as 'Ellicote'.

X Noted in a later hand at foot as 'whorde'.

/ 'ad exhereditacionem'

11 HENRY VII

Paper.

PETTY COURT WITH VERDICT OF THE LEET Monday 4 May 1506  
PETTY COURTS 25 May and 15 June 1506

All quite short. Under 4 May and 15 June the Tasters presented 'Omnia bene'.

12 HENRY VII

Paper. Torn. Bailiffs John Hekys and John Irpe.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday before 18 Oct 2 - Henry VII<sup>o</sup>

Richard Kene paid 2s. 2d. to enter the liberty.

Richard Dyxe fined 40d for being a common 'grater' of the market with fresh fish.

Election of officers:-

Churchwardens: Richard Breten, Thomas Goldeson.

Warden of St. George: John Hille.

Constable: Richard Clerke, sworn.

Keeper of St. Mary's light: Wm. Howth, sworn.

Keeper of St. Nicholas's light: John Lyssot

Keepers of St. Mary's bridge: John Masson, Ralf Lago.

Chamberlains, Nicholas Morre, Thomas Tove.

Collectors of the oxherd's stipend: Nicholas Bowrowe, John Dyeconys.

13 HENRY VII

Paper. VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE MONDAY 16 October 1508<sup>36</sup>

Tasters: John Clerke, John Lawgo.

Usual items.

Nuisances include:- Peter Gresbroke (40d) for making 'le powndebrecche' fines of 2d for muck left at 'Pondelyffe Barne' and at 'Bulstakewell'.

Election of officers:-

Constable: Roger Balle.

Churchwardens: John Gyllot, Nicholas Symond.

Chamberlains: Wm. Harreson, Richard Wodsthowe.

Warden of St. George: Richard Alcoke.

Wardens of 'Bowebrgge': Nicholas Broune, William Bowth<sup>7</sup>

Warden of St. Nicholas: John Swypson.

Warden of St. Mary: Richard<sup>8</sup> Smyght.

1 HENRY VIII

Paper. Torn apart. Bailiffs, Thomas Goldeson, John Hille.

PETTY COURT Monday 2 July 1509

PETTY COURT 23 July

Tasters: William Tove, William Smyth<sup>o</sup>

William Smyth sworn into the liberty.

<sup>o</sup> The end of the date is torn away. Possibly 22 or 23 Henry VII 1506 or 1507

\* Assigned by Palmer to Warwickshire half of Tamworth, but there is no evidence for this, except that the scribe has omitted 'ex parte Staff.' But N.B. the places mentioned ? in Warwickshire.

/ Palmer has Gowth.

X Possibly Ralf.

<sup>o</sup> Palmer has Wm. Cartwright. - 175 -

PETTY COURT 13 Aug

PETTY COURT 3 Sept

Henry Irpe sworn into the liberty.

A surrender by Maud Irpe of Tamworth of a burgage in Lichfield Street to the use of Henry Irpe.

PETTY COURTS to 7 January 1510

2 HENRY VIII

Paper. Bailiffs: Thomas Goldeson, John Hille.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 16 Oct 1509

Usual items.

Tasters: William Tove, William Cartewright.

Election of officers:-

Churchwardens: John Jekez, John Irpe.

Warden of St. George's light: Nicholas Bisshoppe.

Keeper of St. Mary's light: Stephen Barowe

Keeper of St. Nicholas's light: Richard Cotton.

Warden of St. Mary's bridge: John Lysott.

Constable: William Gaudy.

Collectors of the oxherd's stipend: John Brone, William Diccons.

3 HENRY VIII

Paper. VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 30 April 1510

Usual items.

Tasters (as above).

Nuisances presented by the Verdict include:-

Richard Alcoke (2d) because he did not clean his ditch at the end of the head of the pool called 'Deyne Pole': Richard Dixe (6s. 8d.) for forestalling the market with fresh fish (i.e. unsalted); penalty for a future offence, 13s. 4d. Two men and one woman (4d each) for forestalling the market with butter and other victuals; penalty for a future offence 3s. 4d.

Assessors of ale: 1 gall for 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d

Assessors of candles: 11b for 1d.

4 HENRY VIII

Paper VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE WITH COURT Tuesday 21 Oct 1511

Usual items.

Tasters: William Tove, John Chaddok.

Henry Walderen, son and heir of Richard and Elizabeth Walderen, of Birmingham paid 7s to enter the franchise and was sworn.

Orders by the jurors: that no inhabitant of the town receive into his house any grain bought by strangers; penalty 6s. 8d., that no grain be sold before the ringing of the market bell; penalty, forfeiture of the grain; that John Brome henceforth do not receive his neighbours' servants into his house after the eighth hour at night, penalty 40d; that Eleanor his wife do not forestall eggs and butter at the end of the town, penalty 12d.

John Brome and Owen Aspinall (4d each) for forestalling the market with salt, penalty in future, 40d.

Nuisances.

Ordered that each inhabitant well and sufficiently clean before his entrances (excurat' ante hostias suas) every three weeks henceforth, penalty 4d.

Election of officers:

Churchwardens: Richard Breten, Richard Coton.  
Warden of St. George: John Mason.  
Constable: Ralf Lago in place of John Brome.  
Chamberlains; Thomas Woodshawe, Richard Grene.  
Keeper of St. Nicholas's light: John Grene.  
Keeper of St. Mary's light: Nicholas Webster.  
Wardens of St. Mary's bridge: John Lycet and Richard Clerke.

5 HENRY VIII

Paper. View of Frankpledge with Court Tuesday 27 April 1512

The jurors present Thomas Roberts (4d) for being a common fisher in the Tame below (subtus) Ladebrigge; penalty 4d for each offence.

Ordered that neither Robert Pynder (4d) nor anyone else entice their neighbours' servants to 'Bowles tabil' skacar' or any other unlawful games; penalty 40d.

Tasters (as before).

Usual items.

6 HENRY VIII

Paper. VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE '18 October' (a Saturday)\* 1516

Bailiffs: John Jekys, John Mason.

Tasters: William Tove, Nicholas Webster.

Usual items.

The 12 jurors sworn, present that the tasters have concealed nothing. Penalty put upon William and Margery Smethwike that they shall leave the town before the feast of St. Martin the bishop following or stand upon the pillory.

Election of officers:-

Constable: John Swepson.  
Wardens of the gild of St. George: John Lysot, Thomas Golson.  
Warden of St. Nicholas's light: John Repyngton.  
Warden of Holy Trinity light: Thomas Dorlaston.  
Chamberlains: Robert Wilcok, Francis Clerke.  
Wardens of St. Mary's bridge: Thomas Endsore and Richard Clerk.

Order that butchers should henceforth not sharpen axes or knives upon the Cross: penalty 12d to the common chest.

Order to all tenants not to collect money for ale or games (servic' nec jocas) in the church or town; penalty 3s. 4d. half to the church and half to the bailiffs.

\* 'octodecimo' clearly written. Palmer has 12 Oct

/ Palmer has mis-read a worn T as an N and given Nicholas.

7 HENRY VIII

Paper 'Magna Leta cum Curia' 27<sup>x</sup> April 1517 Ex Parte co. Warw.

Bailiffs: William Harryson, Thomas Woodshaw.

Order that no servant of any householder be out of their master's houses nor play at knuckle-bones or dice (talos nec ad taxillos nec carpinas<sup>z</sup>) after the ninth hour at night penalty, imprisonment for three days; penalty for those harbouring them, 40d., half to the bailiff and half to the common chest.

Order that all who have pigs must keep them out of the market and the churchyard; penalty for each pig 1d, half to the church and half to the chamberlains.

Usual items.

8 HENRY VIII

A paper book of 18 folios (14 written on)<sup>x</sup>

Ex parte com Staff. Bailiffs, John Jekes, Thomas Endessore.

PARVA CURIA Monday 19 July 1518

Roger Asshewode and William Tove elected Tasters for the following year, and sworn.

Several short petty courts throughout the book.

Under 20 Sept the tasters present William Gunstone (6d) for allowing 'cardes and dises'.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 11 Jan 1519

Bailiffs (as above).

Usual items.

PETTY COURT '4 April' 1519.

Tasters of ale and other victuals present Ralf Stone (vid) for bread called 'Halpeny symenell' faulty in weight by 2ld and John Swapson (4d) likewise by 18d weight.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Monday 2 May 1519

Bailiffs (as above)

Usual items.

Order that no horse be henceforth allowed (? to graze) in the churchyard; penalty 4d. Nicholas Endsor presented for leaving his horse in the churchyard each night (no sum given).

PETTY COURT Monday 16 July 1520

Bailiffs, John Jekes, John Mason.

Richard Dykes elected to office of under-bailiff for the following year and sworn.

John Abell and Nicholas Webester elected to office of Taster of bread, ale and other victuals for the following year and sworn.

\* If a Monday = 27 April. The day of the week has been torn away.

/ ? also a form of dice.

X Several pp in the middle are well written. Others are in a very untidy hand.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 8 Jan 1521

Bailiffs (as above)

13 jurors named.

Enrolment of a charter, dated 8 Aug 1520, whereby Margaret Smyzth of Tamworth widow and Nicholas Smyzth her son and heir, granted a burgage with croft in Lychfyld strete to William Clerke of Tamworth, mercer.

Usual items.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 30 April 1521

14 jurors named.

Usual items.

Penalties ordained by the jurors:-

Thomas Endesore henceforth not to enclose (inclander') Wyburne lane; penalty 20d.

Richard Mylner (2d) for digging turves within the franchise; forfeited to the bailiffs.

9 HENRY VIII

Two paper folios, one blank. Ex parte com. Warw.\*

Bailiffs: Henry Seelle and John Repyngton.

PARVA CURIA 22 Aug 1530 and 12 Sept 1530.

PARVA CURIA co. Staff. 3 Oct and 14 Nov 1530

All very brief.

10 HENRY VIII

Four paper folios. Co. Staff.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 18 Oct 1530

15 jurors named.

PETTY COURTS 5 Dec 1530 to 19 June 1531 All very brief.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 4 April 1531

6 men sworn into the King's tithing.

Tasters, Nicholas Webster, Thomas Reve.

Usual items except nuisances.

PETTY COURT Monday 8 May 1531

Nuisances on the highway; 6 people amerced sums from 2d to 6d.

PETTY COURT 29 May 1531. Very brief.

11 HENRY VIII

A fragment of one folio, paper, showing only a marginal date, 13 July

Orders for prices for brewers and bakers (in English).

\* In margin against title in which these bailiffs are named. Palmer has listed them under co. Staff.



John Trayford and 4 others (named) sworn into the franchise.

At end are signatures of Wylliam Baron, Chrystopher Weston, John Awcott, Ambrose Hud; the marks of 12 others.

12 HENRY VIII

A paper book<sup>xx</sup> of 8 folios, the first being blank. Torn and badly written.

PETTY COURT Monday 5 July 38 Henry VIII (1546)<sup>/</sup> ex parte Com. Staff.

Bailiffs Richard Jeykes and Henry Whyte for co. Staff. and Humfrey Towres and John Hewer for co. Warw.

Several petty courts, very brief items.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Monday 18 Oct 1546

Henry Draper sworn into the franchise before the above-named bailiffs for co. Staff.

Order that no inhabitant play unlawful games prohibited by statute, and especially in the churchyard; penalty 6s. 8d. for each occasion; that none may winnow<sup>x</sup> corn or grain in the churchyard, penalty 6s. 8d.; that no wagons or carts be left in the highway on feast days, penalty 4d.; that no gardens be left unenclosed (sine defensione), penalty 12d (payable) before the feast of the Purification next.

'Item they present Jacob Hatherton to hegge the polle in the Kynges dyche betwyxt thys & Grysma in the payn of xiid'.

'Richard Stelle for ingratying of the marky<sup>tt</sup> xxd'. Four others for the same 20d each.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE 28 April 1547 1 Ed. VI

15 jurors named.

Followed by heading for a PETTY COURT 16 May 1547

List of fines for default of suit of court.

11 men fined as common ale brewers against the assize (2d or 4d).

2 men (4d each) for harbouring<sup>o</sup>

5 men (2d or 4d) for baking against the assize.

4 men and 1 woman (2d. or 4d) as common butchers breaking the assize.

2 men (2d each) for selling candles against the assize.

3 men fined 2d each for obstruction of the highway.

2 bakers fined 2d and 4d for 'lake of wyeght'.

James Hathertone (4d) 'for lake of making hys fences'.

Prices for ale and for candles.

PETTY COURTS 6 and 27 June 1547

This roll includes a number of petty courts not listed above. They are very brief. Two surrenders were made in the presence of all four bailiffs, named.

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/ Palmer gives 1547 for these bailiffs.

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A paper book of 6 folios, very tattered and fragile\*

Co. Staff. PETTY COURTS 7 and 28 July 1550 and others.

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 21 Oct 1550

17 jurors named.

The scribe lapsed into English, especially for the Orders given by the jurors:-

'yt every man make cleane the strettes before ther dorrz' under penalty of 4d for each offence.

'It. yt everyman kepe ther gret dogges in ther howssys' under penalty of 4d for each offence.

'It. yt no man shall Receve no man in to ther howssyis att service tyme' under penalty of 3s 4d. 'half to the balez and the other to the comen bockes'.

COURTS, several very short petty courts, 22 Dec 1550 2 men 'marsed for falt of apperaunce'.

PETTY COURTS 7 March and 5 April 1551

VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE Tuesday 28 April 1551

17 jurors named.

Usual type of items.

'Item William Wodde for keping of servauntes at y<sup>e</sup> sermonde tyme, xiid'

Last Petty Court here, 29 June 1551

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1 paper folio only.

Headed Tamworth Borough. View of Frankpledge with the Court of Record of the Lady Queen. 11 May 1584 before Ralph Palyn and William Gowdye, then bailiffs.

Essoins - appear in the roll called suitors of court.

Jurors of inquiry for the Queen: 16 names.

Presentments of the Constables .....

(All the rest is blank.)

\* The entries are almost wholly scribbled and untidy.

X i.e. box.

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