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This is one of three court rolls from the draft court books of the Petre family, 1577 to 1616, in ref D/DP 'Summaries of Rolls, draft rolls of the Petre family' in Essex Record Office, Wharf Road, Chelmsford, CM2 6YT

There are no changes of tenancy or punishments of public order offences in the following three brief records. It is clear that at least one was written out in advance and used as a register of attendance. The records are untidy with crossings out and loose pages with no page numbers. The books also include records for Cople, Howbury and Bedford.

Scanned copies of these rolls were requested, but D/DPM/219 was said to be too fragile to be scanned.

Willington View of Frankpledge of the Lord King, with Court Baron of John Petre, knight, *versute and iniust' n scatai scapult'* held there on the Day L....e eisc... 4th Day of November in the 19th year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, by the Grace of God Queen of England, France, Ireland, defender of the faith etc. [1577]

Essoins: the Noble Henry Grey, Earl of Kent, is amerced xjd [11d]
Nicholas Luke, esquire the same for [illegible]
..... Wright by William Osmond

Sworn men: Thomas Shatbolte)
William Fawcett Fadlet) sworn men
John Cleyton)
John Fownde, essoined by Edward Cleyton
Thomas(?) West
John Hyll sworn man
Edward Warner
Thomas(?) Geton
Edward Clayton) sworn men
Walter West)
Robert Osmond the aforesaid who is clerk
John Yarwey Yerwey is a field-reeve [illegible]
Richard Rossell
John Manton is amerced 3d
John Wrenne is a field-reeve(?)
William Cowper) sworn men
Guy Rychardson)
William Croft

The following 2 paragraphs are written in a small space at the bottom right of the page.

Who say ~~on their oath~~ that they gave to the lord for head silver and vs viijd [5s 8d] for land silver

Also the aforesaid Sworn Men say that they give to the Lord for Head Silver [illegible] as common fine from his residents once a year on Lete Day, from each head of family group jd [1d]. and for each head of a tithing (except for the sons of family groups living away for one year and a day or more) jd [1d] Which [is] in total on this day ijs iijd [2d 3d]

And that they gave to the Lord on the this Lete day, once a Year for Land Silver, for [illegible] a head, that is to say vs viijd [5s 8d]

Tithing men

John Goodwyn, essoined (pledged?) by John Clayton
William Osmonde
William Yarwye
Nicholas Lynwood is amerced iijd [3d]
John Bolton by Thomas Shatbolt
Thomas Bullock
Thomas Taylour, essoined by Thomas Clayton
William Gray, essoined by Thomas Geton
Thomas Baron essoined by John Clayton
John Faye essoined by John Hills
Michael Russhe essoined by William Yarway

Amercement iijs iiijd [3s 4d] with penalty [illegible]

They present that Edward Alleyne *[most of this paragraph is illegible, but it contains reference to a small parcel of land called 'her mere' and various values and charges]*. Therefore he is amerced iijs iiijd [3s 4d] *[and it appears that if the fault is not put right a penalty of xls [40s] will be imposed.]*

Ordered with penalty put

Also it was ordered and agreed by the Sworn men. *[The paragraph seem to deal with pasturing animals in the fields and includes a reference to four oxen at a penalty of vs [5s?] for each payable to the lord. These were followed by 4 further orders relating to land use, with a variety of fines for each offence.]*

Constable elected

Also William Yarwye will be Constable in future in place of Thomas West who neglected his office. He was sworn in

The Bailiff, amercement ijs [2s] The bailiff presents that William Jones and Roger Wilshere, common brewers of ale within the demesne, should show their licenses to the Lord and or each of them will be amerced xijd, total ijs [2s]

Assessors of fines, Thomas Shatbolt and John Cleyton, sworn men

This roll was followed by roll for Cople, and one for Renhold and Howbury,

(The court at Cople was held the same day, Renhold on the 5th, Dunton on the 7th)