# Manor of Laighton Bussard alias Groverbury

31 May 1705

**View of Frankpledge** with Court Baron of John Isham Esquire Farmer Deacon and Cannon of the Liberty of the Chapel Royal of St George within the Castle of Windsor held at Laighton Bussard aforesaid the Thursday in the feast of Pentecost namely the thirty first day of May in the fourth year of the reign of Queen Anne by grace of God England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith the year of the Lord 1705 before Thomas Maisteron Esquire then Steward at that place.

Essoins-nil

Jurors cum Homage

Suits-nil Sworn:

Thomas Valentyne William Whipham junior Michael Higbed

Richard Leach Richard Yates John Partridge

Edward Ashwell Thomas Coles Edward Roberts Junior

Arthur Tarsey John Capon Richard Sharpe

Benjamin Worrall Richard Poynton John Bedcott

**Default Tenants and Residents** 

Who were sworn and charged with diverse articles touching the Court View of Frankpledge and Court Baron saying and believing that Richard Lake William Freeman Thomas Tarsey and John Holman with many others now are tenants or residents of this manor and owe suit to this court and each of them make default this day but the by the grace of the lord there amercements were spared.

Officers elected and continuation

**At** this court John Capon and William Lawley were elected and sworn to serve in the office of Constable for Laighton Bussard alias Grovebury for the year following

**At** this court Robert Markes and Thomas Smart were elected and sworn to serve in the office of Constable for Heath and Reach for the year following

**At** this court William Hogg and Thomas Hill were elected and sworn to serve in the office of Constable for Billington for the year following

**At** this court William Dean and John Dean were elected and sworn to serve in the office of Ale Taster for Laighton Bussard for the year following

**At** this court William Bull and John Truelove were elected and sworn to serve in the office of [court seal keeper?] for Laighton Bussard for the year following

**At** this court William Lawley and Edward Osmond were elected and sworn to serve in the office of meat taster for Laighton Bussard for the year following

**At** this court Richard Owen was elected and sworn to serve in the office of Hayward of Laighton Bussard for the year following

**At** this court John Hearne was elected and sworn to serve in the office of Hayward of Billington for the year following.

John Hunt to Last Wish

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that John Hunt citizen and bookseller of London a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the fifth day of August 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of [Rudoph?] Stone and Edward Barlow two other customary tenants of this same manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that his messuage or tenement with appurtenances situated and being and being in the parish of Radnidge [Radnage?] in the County of Buckingham in which Edward Smith now inhabits and all closes pieces or parcels of meadow pasture and woodland of he himself John Hunt with appurtenances lying and being in the parish of Radnidge aforesaid in the county aforesaid and now in the tenure of the said John Hunt Edward Smith and Henry Newell or one or all of their assign or assigns and all other his customary land held by copy of the Court Roll of the manor aforesaid To the Use and Behoof of such person or persons and such estate and estates use and upon such provision condition and limitation of what kind he himself the said John Hunt in and by his last will and testament in writing or by such other writing purporting or intending to be his last will or testament shall declare devise or give limit or appoint and by and in default of such declaration devision gift limitation or appointment to the Use and Behoof of the confirmed heirs of he himself John Hunt for ever according to the custom of the manor aforesaid.

Surrender Bayley to Smith

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Francis Bayley junior and Anne his wife customary tenants of this manor outside court namely on the twenty seventh day of December in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of Benedict Worrall and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of this same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that cottage or tenement in which John Doggett then lived with all houses buildings barns stables yards gardens thereto adjoining and belonging situated and being in the lane called Fryday Lane in Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the county aforesaid with all and singular it's and all of it's appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Thomas Smith of Laighton Bussard aforesaid fellmonger his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes Thomas Smith in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Thomas Smith his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rent and services formerly owed and right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry and he is admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Collyer and wife to Thomas

Robinson

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Henry Collyer and Deborah his wife customary tenants of this manor she herself the said Deborah was firstly alone and secretly examined by Francis Neale gentleman then deputy steward of the said manor declaring that she herself did without intimidation or pressure from her husband outside court namely on the third day of April in the year of the lord 1705 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of Henry Millard Senior and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of this same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that their cottage or tenement in which Susan Wolf widow then lived called or known by the name or sign of The Blackhorse situated and being in the Leck End of Laighton Buzzard in the County of Bedford similarly all houses outhouses buildings structures barns stables yards gardens and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging with their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Thomas Robinson of Laighton Bussard aforesaid carpenter his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid Thomas Robinson in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Thomas Robinson his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rent and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry and is admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Thomas Foster to Glen Robinson and wife

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Thomas Foster a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twenty ninth day of March the year of the Lord 1705 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Andrew Gladman and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of this manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that his piece or parcel of arable land containing by estimation seven acres more or less called or known by the name of Hatch Piece lying and being in the fields and parish of Laighton Bussard in the County of Bedford in the field in the same place called Shenley Hill Field the land of Edward Hannell lying on the southern side thereof abutting upon The Heath on the western side and upon the Heath on the eastern side with its appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Glen Robinson of Heath in the parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid gardener and Mary his wife and the heirs and assigns of the said Mary for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid Glen Robinson and Mary his wife in their own persons and asks of the lord to admit themselves tenants to the premises aforesaid with appurtenances to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Glen Robinson and Mary his wife the heirs of the said Mary for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the custom of the manor aforesaid by rent and services formerly owed and right accustomed and they give to the lord the fine for their entry and they are admitted thence tenants and did fealty to the lord.

Robert Fowler to John Cockeram

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Robert Fowler and Temperance his wife customary tenants of this manor outside court namely on the twenty seventh day of November in the year of the lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of John Ashwell and Abraham Hannell two other customary tenants of this same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that cottage or tenement in which John Seare then lived with all and singular houses outhouses buildings yards gardens backsides and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining situated in the Leck End of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the county of Bedford To the Use and Behoof of John Cockerham his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court came John Cockerham in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold by the aforesaid John Cockerham his heirs and assigns from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry and is admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Robert Haile to Richard Norkett

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Robert Haile a customary tenant of this manor and Susan his wife (she herself the said Susan being firstly secretly examined alone by Thomas Maisterson steward of the manor aforesaid and declaring that she herself did without pressure of intimidation from her husband) outside court namely on the twenty eighth day of May in the year of the Lord 1705 surrendered by the rod through the hands of Edward Ashwell Junior and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same place according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that one acre of arable land by estimation more or less being lying in the fields of Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the County of Bedford in a certain furlong there called Short Theedway Furlong the land of John Lake lying on the southern side thereof and abutting on Eggington Cross with its appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Richard Norkett of Billington aforesaid yeoman his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the said Richard Norkett in his own self and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the said Richard Norkett his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rent and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry and is admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

George Lawley to Cooley

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that George Lawley a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the nineteenth day of May in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Edward Ashwell and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that cottage or tenement situated and being in Reach in the parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the county of Bedford the land of the late Thomas Edmonds lying on the western side also all that close of pasture containing by estimation two acres more or less in which the cottage aforesaid is situated lying and being in Reach aforesaid also all that close of pasture called Calves Close containing by estimation three acres more or less lying and being in Reach aforesaid also all those three closes of pasture containing by estimation three acres those acres more or less lying and being next to the cottage aforesaid then two of the said closes are called by the name of Wheelers Closes and the other Close is called by the name of Broomes Close lying next to the field called Weatshill Field on the eastern side thereof also all those several pieces and parcels of arable land subcessive land and meadow containing by estimation twelve acres more or less lying and being in the fields and precincts of Heath and Reach in the said parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid [these?] premises were then in the occupation of Thomas Deeley or his assigns similarly also with all other customary land tenements and hereditaments with appurtenances whatsoever of the said George Lawley within the manor of Laighton Bussard aforesaid To the Use and Behoof of Henry Cooley of Ivinghoe in the County of Buckingham gentleman his heirs and assigns for ever provided always and upon this condition namely that if the said George Lawley his heirs executors administrators or assigns or one or other of them shall well and truly pay or make payment to the said Henry Cooley his executors adjudicators or assigns or some of them the full sum of two hundred and six pounds of legal English money in one payment in full on the nineteenth day November next following the date of the same surrender then the surrender aforesaid to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect and finally it is found and believed by the Homage that the said sum of two hundred and six pounds in the conditional surrender aforesaid mentioned aforesaid was not paid according to the condition aforesaid in the surrender aforesaid specified and therefore unpaid so that the cottage closes hereditaments and premises in the said surrender previously mentioned and expressed forfeiture to come from the said Henry Cooley and his heirs and assigns and now to this court comes the said Henry Cooley in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Henry Cooley his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish

according to the form and effect of the said surrender and according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry and is admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Peter Harding to Anne wife of Mark Fountayne

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Peter Harding a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely the ninth day of April the year of the Lord 1705 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Thomas Burneham and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of this same manor according to custom of the mano aforesaid All that cottage or tenement with appurtenances in which George Rowe and Anna Hickman widow then lived with all and singular the houses outhouses structures barns stables yards gardens orchards and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging situated and being in the Leck End of Laighton Bussard in the County of Bedford with its and all its appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Anne Fountayne wife of Mark Fountayne of Laighton Bussard aforesaid malster her heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid Anna wife of the said Mark Fountayne of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in her own self and asks of the lord to admit herself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Anne Fountayne her heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and she gives to the lord her fine for entry and was admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Thomas Wadlowe to William Scrivener

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Thomas Wadlowe a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twenty seventh day of December in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of Edward Ashwell and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid all those two half acres of arable land by estimation more or less lying together in Eggington in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the County of Bedford in that field or that place called Briggenden Field the land of Edward Roberts lying on the western side thereof and to the north bordering on the Clipson Brook with all ridges hades and appurtenances thereto belonging To the Use and Behoof of William Scrivener of Laighton Bussard aforesaid husbandman his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the said William Scrivener in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted then seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid William Scrivener his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry and is admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Francis Fenn to Elizabeth his wife

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Francis Fenn a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the sixth day June in the year of the lord 1705 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Thomas Hogg and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of this same manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that his messuage or tenement with appurtenances in which the said Francis Fenn then dwelt with all and singular the customary houses outhouses buildings structures barns stables yards gardens orchards and backsides thereto adjacent and belonging situated and being in Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford and all that his two perches with common rights for two cows in Billington Summerleys with all and singular their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Elizabeth the wife of he himself Francis Fenn her heirs and assigns for ever provided always that if the said Frances Fenn should be living upon the last day of May next following the date of this surrender or if the said Frances Fenn at some other time in the future before the said last day of May revoke or declare that the said surrender to be void and have null effect that then the surrender to be void otherwise to be in full vigour and furthermore the homage aforesaid present that the said Francis Fenn soon after granting the surrender aforesaid and before the aforesaid last day of May in the condition mentioned in the surrender aforesaid died whence a heriot to the lord becomes due and that the said surrender at some other time before the his death was neither revoked or be he himself declared to be void and now to this court comes the said Elizabeth Fenn late wife relict of the said Francis Fenn in her own self and asks of the lord to admit herself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Elizabeth Fenn her heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and she gives to the lord the fine for her entry and is admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Robert Haile and wife to John Osmond

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that Robert Haile a customary tenant of this manor and Susan his wife (she herself the said Susan was firstly examined alone and secretly by Thomas Maisterston Esquire steward of the manor aforesaid declaring that she herself did without pressure or intimidation of her husband) outside court namely on the twenty eighth day of May in the year of the lord 1705 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Edward Ashwell Junior and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that three acres of arable land by estimation more or less being lying dispersed in the fields of Laighton Bussard in the County of Bedford after that particularly mentioned that is one acre thereof lying in Shenley Hill Field in the Furlong called Little Woo Furlong next to the land of Thomas Porter on the northern side a half acre thereof lying in the same furlong next to the land of Thomas Foster on the southern side a half acre thereof lying in the same field abutting upon the headland called Lake's headland next to the land of Jonathan Veerey on the northern side a half acre more lying in Grovebury Field in Little Stonhill crossing the footpath in the same place as the land of John Osmond lying on both sides and one acre thence remaining the rest lying in Wenlock Style the land of Edward Ashwell lying on the northern side the rest of it with all and singular its appurtenances to the Use and Behoof of John Osmond of Laighton Bussard aforesaid innholder his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid John Osmond in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod to Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid John Osmond his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry and is admitted thence tenant and did fealty to the lord.

Robert Haile and wife and one other
To Thomas Thruston & Garson

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Robert Haile a customary tenant of this manor and Susan his wife and Elizabeth Truelove widow (she herself the said Susan being examined alone and secretly by Thomas Maisterson steward of the manor aforesaid and declaring that she herself did with intimidation or pressure from her husband) outside court namely on the first day of May in the year of the Lord 1705 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of Edward Ashwell junior and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid all that their fourteen acres of arable and grassland by estimation more or less being lying dispersed in the fields and precincts of Laighton Bussard aforesaid and Clipson in the parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the County of Bedford after that more particularly mentioned widow four furrows of land and one selion in English four thoroughtows [furrow tows?] and one land by estimation four acres lying together in Shenley Hill Field abutting upon Hunts Way towards the south east and as far as to Shenley Hill towards the north east and half acre being in the furlong under The Hill the land of Thomas Coles lying to the south thereof four roods and a half acre being furrowed in English a Foreshooter being together in The Bushes upon beyond the part of Shenley Hill the land of Philip Clarke being to the south thereof a half acre thereof lying in Middle Field abutting upon Manns Meade the land of William Fennor lying to the east thereof three acres thereof with ridges called Dyers Baulke being similarly in Clipson Field next to the land of John Marshe to the east thereof three half acres more thereof lying similarly in the same fields abutting as far as Catehill the land of Richard Mann lying to the east thereof two roods thereof lying similarly in Grovebury Field in the furlong called Middle Furlong [..] Stonhill the land of William Fenner lying to the west thereof a half acre thereof lying in the same Field next to the meadow called King's Meade the land of the late Francis White and now Arthur Tarsey to the west thereof one acre thereof lying in the same field abutting in the place called Billington Bottom the land of William Lord to the south thereof and land lately of the said Robert Haile and now Thomas Thurston and Arthur Tarsey to the north thereof and two half acres thereof abutting the road called Pennyloe Way the land of Richard Poynton lying to the north thereof similarly with all woodland trees hedges ditches hades ridges cultivated land profits rights of common and appurtenances whatsoever belonging and appertaining to the said fourteen acres of arable land and grassland To the Use and behoof of Thomas Thurstone of Laighton Bussard aforesaid cook and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life and from and after his decease to the Use and Behoof of Arthur Tarsey of Laighton Bussard aforesaid bricklayer his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid Thomas Thrustone and Arthur Tarsey in

their own selves and ask of the lord to admit themselves tenants to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Thomas Thrustone and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life and from and after his decease by the said Arthur Tarsey his heirs and assigns for ever according to the form and effect of the surrender aforesaid by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and they give to the lord the fine for their entry did fealty to the lord and are admitted thence tenants.

John Hogg to Thomas Hogg

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that John Hogg senior a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twenty seventh day of March in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of manor aforesaid through the hands of Henry Millard and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid all that his five acres and three roods of arable land by estimation more or less lying being dispersed in the fields of Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the county of Bedford then in the tenure of the said John Hogg and all other his customary land held or by inheritance whatsoever held from the manor aforesaid with all and singular their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Thomas Hogg brother of the said John Hogg of Billington aforesaid yeoman his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the said Thomas Hogg in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and To Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Thomas Hogg his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry did fealty to the lord and was admitted thence tenant.

#### Death of Richard Norkett

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that Richard Norkett lately a customary tenant of this Manor who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs by the rod at the lord's wish according to the custom of the manor aforesaid half a messuage and two closes of pasture fourteen acres of land and two acres of meadow lately Franklins and all that fourteen acres of arable land and one rood and three perches of meadow lately Thomas Jenkins in which the said Richard Norkett [held?] from the surrender of John Herbert and Elizabeth his wife with its and all of its appurtenances he died since the last court thus seised (then the herriot fell due to the lord according to the custom of the manor aforesaid for the half messuage aforesaid [) missing] and that Richard Norkett is his eldest born son and next heir to whom the premises aforesaid should descend and of full age and now to this court comes the aforesaid Richard Norkett eldest born son and next heir of the said Richard Norkett his father lately deceased and asks the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the said Richard Norkett son his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and with the heriot for the messuage and premises late Franklin falling due and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry and did fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant.

# Surrender Richard Norkett to Gabriel Norkett

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Richard Norkett lately a customary tenant of this manor who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid ten acres and one half acre and one half virgate of meadow with appurtenances in which he had from the surrender of Robert Cooke lying in the common fields and meadows of Billington outside court and since the last court namely on the eleventh day of May in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered the premises aforesaid with their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Gabriel Norkett son of the said Richard Norkett his heirs and assigns for ever provided always that if the said Richard Norkett should be living on the last day of April next following the date of the same surrender or if the said Richard Norkett at some other time before the said last day of April revoke or declare the aforesaid surrender to be void and to have no effect then the surrender aforesaid would be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect as related in the aforesaid surrender and made fully clear therein and the homage aforesaid further present that the said Richard Norkett soon after granting the surrender aforesaid the day he died and that the surrender aforesaid was never revoked or declared to be by himself to be void and now is in full force nevertheless although Gabriel Norkett is solemnly required to come to court to make and receive etc he did not come and so the first proclamation is made etc.

Surrender to William Hobcroft

At this court it was found and believed by the homage that William Hobcroft a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twentieth day of July in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Andrew Gladman and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that cottage or tenement with appurtenances in which the said William Hobcroft then lived with all and singular the houses outhouses structures yards and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging situated and being in Eggington in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford and all those three half acres of arable land lying dispersed in the fields of Egginton aforesaid and all other his customary land tenements hereditaments whatsoever held from the manor aforesaid with their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of such person and persons and by such title and titles use and uses and upon such provisos condition and limitation of what kind that he himself the said William Hobcroft in and by his last will and testament in writing or such other writing purporting to be the last will and testament by he himself signed and sealed in presence of three or more credible witnesses nominated limited or appointed or to be nominated limited or appointed or the same devised provided always and upon the condition that if the said William Hobcroft shall be living at the end of one year next following the date of the same surrender or if the said William Hobcroft at some other time before the end of the year next following the date of the same surrender shall revoke or shall declare the surrender aforesaid to be void and to have no effect then the surrender aforesaid will be void otherwise to remain in full force and the homage aforesaid further present that the said William Hobcroft soon after granting the said surrender aforesaid died and that the surrender aforesaid was never revoked or declared to be void and now is in full vigour and the homage further present that Thomas Hobcroft is his son and next heir but they the homage do not know whether the said William Hobcroft made his last will and testament in writing.

Death & surrender Richard Doggett

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that Richard Doggett a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the fifth day of May in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor by the rod through the hands of John Bedcott and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that a cottage or tenement with appurtenances in which the said Richard Doggett then dwelt with all and singular houses outhouses buildings structures barns stables yards gardens and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging situated and being in Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford next to the cottage or tenement of John Poole on the eastern side with appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of William Doggett (a descendent of he himself William Doggett) and son of Charles Doggett deceased his heirs and assigns for ever provided always that if the said Richard Doggett shall be living on the last day of April next following the date of the same surrender or if the said Richard at some other time before the said last day of April next following the date of the same surrender shall revoke or declare the said surrender to be void and have null effect then the surrender is to be void otherwise to remain in full vigour and the homage further present that the said Richard Doggett soon after granting the surrender and before the last day of April died and that the surrender was never revoked by he himself or at some other time declared to be void and now stands in full power and effect nevertheless William Doggett although solemnly required to come to court to do and receive etc. did not come so the first proclamation etc.

Death and surrender of Thomas Walker

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Thomas Walker a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the fourth day of April in the year of the Lord 1705 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Edward Ashwell and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that his acres of arable land and grassland by estimation more of less lying dispersed in the fields and precincts of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the county of Bedford and all other his customary land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held from this manor with their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Hezekiah Walker son of the said Thomas Walker his heirs and assigns for ever provided always and upon the condition that if the said Thomas Walker should be living on the last day of March next following the date of the same surrender of if the said Thomas Walker at some other time before the said last day of March should revoke or declare the said surrender to have null effect that then the surrender aforesaid will be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect and the homage further present that the said Thomas Walker died soon after the granting of the surrender and before the last day of March and that the said surrender was never revoked or declared to have no effect and now stands in full force and effect nevertheless Hezekiah Walker although solemnly required to come to court to do and receive etc. did not come so the first declaration was made etc.

Death and surrender of Thomas Messedar At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Thomas Messedar alias Toby a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twenty sixth day of May in the year of the Lord 1705 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor by the rod through the hands of Edward Roberts and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that his cottage or tenement with appurtenances in which John Hargott then lived with all houses outhouses structures barns stables yards gardens orchards and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging situate and being in Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford with all appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Andrew Messedar alias Toby and Marie Messedar alias Toby (son of the said Thomas Messedar alias Toby) their heirs and assigns for ever provided always and on this condition that if the said Thomas Messeder alias Toby should be living on the last day of April next following the date of the same surrender or if the said Thomas Messeder alias Toby at some other time before the said last day of April revoke or declare the surrender to have no effect then the surrender aforesaid would be void otherwise to be in full force and further it was found and believed by the homage that the said Thomas Messeder alias Toby died soon after granting the surrender aforesaid and before the last day of April the day in the last clause and that the surrender was never revoked and now stands in full force and effect and although Andrew Messedar is solemnly required to come to court to do and receive etc. did not come and so the first proclamation was made etc.

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that Thomas Messedar alias Toby a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1705 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor through the hands of Edward Roberts and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to the custom of this same manor All that his three acres of arable land by estimation more or less lying dispersed in the fields of Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford after that particularly mentioned to wit two half acres lying together in Chalton Field in the furlong called Sillare Furlong the land of the heirs of Joshua Pulford Clerk on the western side thereof one acre thereof lying in the furlong called Greenend Furlong next to the town land in English "Townland" on the western side and the land of William Theed gentleman on the eastern side thereof and one acre remaining thereof lying in Cathill Field in the Furlong called Longhill Furlong next to the land of Edward Roberts on the northern side and land of William Theed gentleman on the southern side thereof with their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof John Lake junior son of John Lake senior aforesaid cordwainer his airs and assigns

for ever provided always and upon the condition that if the said Thomas Messedar alias Toby shall be living after the first day of August next after the date of the same surrender that then this surrender is to be void and to have null effect otherwise to remain in full force and effect furthermore it is found and believed by the homage that the said Thomas Messedar soon after granting the surrender aforesaid and before the said first day of August died and that the surrender aforesaid was never by he himself revoked and now is in full force and effect and although the aforesaid John Lake is solemnly required to come to court to make and receive etc. he did not come and so the first proclamation is made etc.

Surrender John Frank and wife to
Use of last wish

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that John Frank gentleman and Elizabeth his wife daughter and heir of Richard Wigg gentleman deceased lately a customary tenant of the manor aforesaid (she herself the said Elizabeth was examined alone and secretly by Francis Neale deputy steward of the manor aforesaid and declaring that she herself did without intimidation or compulsion from her husband and outside court namely on the seventh day of November in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the manor aforesaid through the hands of the said Francis Neale deputy steward of the manor aforesaid according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that her Chapel called or known by the name of Heath Chapel situated and being in Heath in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford and All that her Chancel in English Chancel adjoining the said Chapel and all foundations upon which the Chapel and Chancel are built and stand with the way through and across the her close or piece of ground in which the said Chapel stands and exists by use of the customary road and the reversion and reversions of the said premises from and after the death of Frances Wigg widow To the Use and Behoof of such person or persons and by such estate and estates use and uses and upon such provision condition or limitation trust intention and purpose such as she herself the said Elizabeth the wife of the said John Frank in and by her last will and testament in writing or by other such writing signed and sealed by herself in the presence of three or more credible persons (notwithstanding the coverture of Elizabeth) nominated limited and appointed or should use limit or appoint owe give or devise of the same and to and for no other use intention or purpose whatsoever.

Surrender of John Frank and wife to use of themselves etc

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that John Frank gentleman and Elizabeth his wife (daughter and heir of Richard Wigg gentleman deceased lately a customary tenant of this manor) firstly she herself the said Elizabeth was examined alone and secretly by Francis Neale gentleman deputy steward of the manor aforesaid and declaring that she herself did without pressure or intimidation from her husband) outside court namely on the seventh day of November in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of the said Francis Neale gentleman deputy steward of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that one messuage or tenement with appurtenances in which Frances Wigg widow (mother of Elizabeth) then lived with all and singular the houses outhouses buildings structures barns stables yards gardens orchards pighties and backsides thereto adjacent and belonging situated and being in Heath in the parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the county of Bedford and all her four separate closes of arable land and pasture in Heath aforesaid call or known by the separate names of The Home Close Craddocks Close Hunts Close and [Retlings?] Close and all other gifts closes lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever they themselves the said John Frank and Elizabeth his wife and the late Richard Wigg held from this manor with all and singular their and all of their appurtenances (except nevertheless the chapel in the same place and chancel thereto adjoining and belonging with the road to and from the same) and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders of the same premises after the decease of the said Frances Wigg widow To the Use and Behoof of the said John Frank and Elizabeth his wife during their natural life and after the life of the longer life and from and after the death of the survivor of them To the Use and Behoof of the heirs of the bodies of the said John Frank and Elizabeth his wife between them legally procreated and by default of such issue To the Use and Behoof of the heirs and assigns of the survivor of the said John Frank and Elizabeth his wife for ever and by no other use of intention or purposes whatsoever Provided always and upon this condition namely that if they themselves the said John Frank and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs of their bodies and by default of such issue by the heirs and assigns of the survivor of them from and out of the same premises annually and each year for ever after the decease of the said Frances Wigg and Elizabeth wife of the said John Frank and the survivor of the them well and truly pay or shall cause such annuity or annual sum or sums (the sum not to exceed ten pounds per annum) as she herself Elizabeth in and by her last will and testament in writing or at some other time or other writing signed and sealed by her in the presence of three or more credible witnesses before them done or in the future to be nominated limited and appointed to make the same payments such person and persons and by such use and uses and in such portion and portions in the manner and form as she

herself the said Elizabeth by such will or other writing given granted legitimise order or appoint the same to be paid from and out of the premises aforesaid or out of other parts or parcels of them.

Surrender William Jellings to Edward Webb

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that William Jellings a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twenty fourth day of January in the year of the Lord 1703 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor by the rod through the hands of Richard Harris gentleman then deputy steward of the same manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that half or half part of a whole cottage or tenement together with buildings barns stables yards and backsides thereto belonging and half or a half part of all those seventy six acres of arable land four acres of meadow and ten acres of pasture with appurtenances situated lying and being dispersed in Heath and Reach and Laighton Bussard which descended to the same William upon the death of his father lately deceased To the Use and Behoof of Edward Webb of the parish of St Margaret Westminster Bricklayer his heirs and assigns for ever provided always and upon the condition that if the said William Jellings his heir executor administrator or assign well and truly pay or make payment to the said Edward Webb his executor administrator or assign the full sum of fifty pounds of English lawful money upon the twenty third day of December next following the same surrender without fraud or further delay then the surrender will be void and have null effect otherwise to remain in full force and furthermore it is found by the homage that the said sum of fifty pounds mentioned in the conditional surrender was not paid according to the form and effect of the same condition nor paid as yet for which the premises aforesaid so became forfeited to the said Edward Webb his heirs and assigns and although the aforesaid Edward Webb is solemnly required to appear in court to do and receive etc. he did not come and so the first proclamation was made.

Surrender Jellings to Smith

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that William Jellings a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twenty fourth day of January in the year of the Lord 1703 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Richard Harris gentleman then deputy steward of the same manor aforesaid according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that his half or half part of the whole of that cottage or tenement simarly buildings barns stables yards and backsides thereto belonging and half or half part of all those seventy six acres of arable land four acres of meadow and ten acres of pasture with appurtenances and that the premises situate lying and being in Heath and Reach in Laighton Bussard and descended to the said William of the death of his father lately deceased To the Use and Behoof of Francis Smith citizen and tallow chandler of London his heirs and assigns for ever provided always and upon this condition that if the said William Jellings his heirs executors or administrators shall well and truly pay or make payment to the said Francis Smith his executors or assigns the full sum of fifty pounds of lawful English money on the twenty third day of December next following the date of the same surrender without fraud or further delay then the surrender aforesaid will be void and have no effect otherwise to remain in full force and power and further it is found and believed by the homage that the said sum of fifty pounds mentioned in the conditional surrender was never paid nor is as yet paid according to the form and effect of the said surrender by which the premises aforesaid so surrendered aforesaid forfeited to the said Francis Smith his heirs and assigns nevertheless although Francis Smith is solemnly required to appear in court to do and receive etc. he did not come and so the first proclamation was made.

Jellings to Dent

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that William Jellings of Gardners Lane in or near King Street Westminster and lately [Warivyre?] Lane in the parish of Christchurch London corn chandler eldest born son of John Jellings deceased lately citizen and cheesemonger of London deceased a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the first day of June in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor by the rod through the hands and acceptance of Richard Harris gentleman then deputy steward of the same manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that his customary land lying in the communal fields of Heath and Reach and Laighton Bussard within the Manor aforesaid namely sixty acres and half of one acre more or less lying and being dispersed in the fields aforesaid lately in the occupation of Edward Martyn or his assigns and two hedges and the land upon which they stand the other part thereof known by the name of The Long Furlong Hedge and Shenley Hill Hedge adjoining the land aforesaid and all that parcel of land the other part thereof known called Black Mead Hadens and Hayways held by estimation five acres more or less being lately in the tenancy of the said Edward Martyn or his assigns and fourteen acres of meadow or pasture more or less the other parts thereof being known called by the name of Inward Rushouse and Pentward Rushouse then or lately in the occupation of Richard Winch or his assigns and separately Buttas arable land the other part thereof adjoining Outward Rushouse then or lately in the tenure of the said Richard Winch or his assigns with all their hedges ditches common rights profits easements and appurtenances belonging to the said premises or in any way appertaining Except The hedge at The Black Meadow and the piece or parcel of pasture at Upper End Furlong called Long Furlong being a Hayden adjoining three selions and one rood in the same place lately in the occupation of William Chadd deceased and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof and All estates rights titles interests uses claims and demands in law or in equity of he himself William Jellings from in and out of the said premises or any part thereof To the Use and Behoof of Giles Dent of the parish of St Giles Cripplegate in the County of Middlesex gentleman and his heirs for ever subject nevertheless to the proviso and condition that hereafter expressed namely that if the said William Jellings his heirs executors or administrators or assigns shall pay or make payment to the said Giles Dent his executors administrators or assigns the sum of two hundred and sixty three pounds and five shillings of lawful English money on the thirty first day of May next following the date of the same surrender at or in the common room [public bar?] of the Staple Inn London without making any deductions withholdings or abatements out of the same or any part thereof for the burden of taxation or any application whatsoever that then and from thereof and after such payment is made or the said

surrender would be void and have no effect otherwise to remain and be in full force and power and furthermore it is found and believed by the homage that the said sum of two hundred and sixty free pounds and five shillings expressed in the condition of the said surrender was not paid according to the form and effect of the same surrender and still is unpaid for which the premises aforesaid with appurtenances so surrendered as aforementioned are made forfeit to the said Giles Dent and his heirs never the less although Giles Dent is solemnly required to come to court to make and receive etc. he did not came and so the first proclamation is made etc.

Jellings to the use of last will

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that William Jellings citizen and corn merchant of London a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twenty second day of September in the year of the Lord 1704 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of George Ayres and John Fry two other customary tenants of the same manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that the land messuages cottages or tenements situated lying and being within the manor of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the county called or known by the name of [blank] and now in the tenure or occupation of John Barnewell and all gardens backsides yards barns orchards and all other rights belonging and appertaining thereto or in any way appertaining and the uses intentions and purposes of the said William Jellings as by his last wish and testament in writing or otherwise shall be ordered or prescribed.

#### Admission Deborah Birdseye

To this court comes Deborah Birdseye spinster (one of the six daughters and co-heirs of William Birdseye lately a customary tenant of this manor deceased) in her own self and asks of the lord to admit herself tenant to all that sixth part (The whole in six parts divided) of one customary messuage or tenement and forty acres of arable and grassland and four acres more or less or land called Lamas Ground lying dispersed in the communal fields and precincts of Eggington and Clipson within the manor aforesaid which descended and came to the said Deborah upon the death and decease of the said William Birdseye before his decease according to the presentation made by the homage at the previous court held for the manor aforesaid in the proper manner enrolled and more fully related and clearly apparent in the court rolls to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the said Deborah Birdseye her heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and she gave to the lord her fine for entry did fealty to the lord and thence is admitted.

#### Admission of Hart and Hart

To this court comes Anthony Hart and Robert Hart son of the said Anthony in their own selves and ask of the lord to admit themselves tenants to All those two half acres by estimation more or less of arable land lying and being in the field called Shenley Hill Field in the furlong there called Shenley Hill furlong next to the old road on the northern side and abutting upon the close of Thomas Symons with all their appurtenances according to the form and effect of that surrender lately made to them by William Jellings to the same Anthony Hart and Robert Hart their heirs and assigns and in the manner of the presentation by the homage at the previous court held for the manor aforesaid upon the eighth day of June 1704 and then and there enrolled by the steward of the said manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid as the rolls of the same court therein fully clear and apparent and to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and To Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances aforesaid by Antony Hart and Robert Hart their heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and they give to the lord their fines for entry and are admitted tenants aforesaid and Anthony did fealty to the lord but the fidelity of he himself Robert is respited as long as he is below age etc.

## **Admission Henry Dean**

To this court comes Henry Dean son and next heir of John Dean a customary tenant of this manor lately deceased in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to a customary messuage and one cottage also to several pieces or parcels of arable and grass land held by copy of court roll which descended and came to the said Henry Dean upon the death and decease of the said John Dean his late father deceased according to the presentation made by the homage at the previous court held here for the manor aforesaid upon the eight day of June in the year of the lord 1704 and then and there in the proper manner enrolled by the steward of the manor aforesaid as in the rolls it is more fully clear and apparent to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and To Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Henry Dean his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the custom of the manor aforesaid by rent and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gives to the lord his fine for entry and did fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant.

### Recovery by Matthew Disney

At this court it is found and believed by the Homage that Matthew Disney clerk a customary tenant of this manor outside court the day and year on the said surrender into the hands of the lord of the manor by the rod through the hands of William Whipham Junior and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the same manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All and Singular his customary messuages, cottages land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held from this manor with their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Edward Ashwell junior his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid Edward Ashwell in his own person and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Edward Ashwell his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rent and services formerly owed and by right accustomed he did fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant but the lord by grace remised the fine and heriot and afterwards to wit to this same court in session comes John Ashwell in his own person and claims against the aforementioned Edward Ashwell in a plea of land concerning the aforesaid messuages cottages land tenements and customary hereditaments held from this manor so surrendered by Matthew Disney as mentioned beforehand with their and all of their appurtenances within the jurisdiction of this court and made presentation to for the right to purse his suit in the form and nature of a brief by the lady Queen for entry upon deseisin en le post at Common Law and he furnishes pledges for it namely John Doe and Richard Roe and he asks for his process to proceed and it is granted etc. and the aforesaid Edward Ashwell is present here in court freely offers seisin to the respondent the aforesaid John Ashwell in the plea aforesaid and upon this the aforesaid John Ashwell in his own person claims against the aforementioned Edward Ashwell aforesaid the customary messagues cottages land tenements hereditaments and premises aforesaid held from this manor with appurtenances in his demesne as by fee and right held from this manor with appurtenances in the manor aforesaid within the jurisdiction of this court as by his right and inheritance and in that the same Edward Ashwell did not have lawful right of entry except after disseisin because Hugo Hunt thereby unjustly without judgement made to the aforesaid Edward Ashwell within thirty years now recently elapsed and whereupon he said that he himself is seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in his demesne as by fee and right by copy of the court rolls of the manor aforesaid according to custom of this manor in times of peace in times of the lady Queen now taking profits therefrom to the value etc. and in that etc. and then in consideration of the suit etc and upon this the aforesaid Edward Ashwell in his own person comes and defends his right when etc. and calls then to warrant Matthew Disney clerk who is present here in court in his own person

and freely warrants the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances to him etc and upon this the aforesaid John Ashwell claims against the aforementioned Matthew tenant by his warranty for the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in the form aforesaid etc and then he said that he himself is seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in his demesne as by fee and right held by copy of the court roll of the manor aforesaid according to the custom of the same manor in times of peace in times of the lady Queen now taking profits to the value etc. and in that etc. and thence in consideration of the suite etc. and upon this the said Matthew Disney in his own self comes and defends his right when etc. and furthermore called then to warrant Timothy Brewer who is similarly is present here in court in his own self and freely warrants to him the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances etc. and upon this the aforesaid John Ashwell claims against he himself Timothy Brewer tenant for his warranty for the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in the form aforesaid etc. and then he said that he himself is seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid in his demesne as by fee and right held by copy of court roll for the manor aforesaid according to custom of the same manor aforesaid in times of peace in times of the lady Queen now taking profits therefrom to the value etc. and in that etc. and in consideration of the suit etc. and upon this the aforesaid Timothy Brewer tenant by his warranty in his own person comes here into this same court and defends his right when etc. and he said that the aforesaid Hugo Hunt did not disseise the aforementioned John Ashwell of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances as the same John Ashwell by his suit and his narration aforesaid previously supposes and in respect of this he submits himself to the homage of the court of the lord of the manor aforesaid and the aforesaid John Ashwell asks permission to interloque until four hours after midday of the same day and he has it and the same time is given to the aforementioned Timothy Brewer to be here etc and afterwards specifically at the fourth hour after midday of the same day the same John Ashwell returns her in court in his own person and the aforesaid Timothy Brewer although solemnly called did not return but in contempt of court withdraws and makes default so according to the custom of the manor aforesaid it is considered by this court that the aforesaid John Ashwell recovers his seisin of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances from the aforesaid Edward Ashwell and that the same [blank] Ashwell shall have the land and customary tenements of the aforesaid Matthew Disney to the value etc. and that the same Matthew Disney furthermore shall have the land and customary tenements of the aforesaid Timothy Brewer to the value etc. and the same Timothy is [ ] etc. and upon this the aforesaid John Ashwell asks for a court precept in the form of writ by the lady Queen from the heir giving him full seisin of the tenements and premises

aforesaid with appurtenances directed by the court official and granted him to return it quickly etc. and afterwards namely to this same court in session comes the aforesaid John Ashwell in his own person and the court officer namely John Buckmaster bailiff of the same and returned the precept aforesaid and the aforesaid court official certified to the court that he himself by virtue of the precept aforesaid himself thereby directed this same thirty first day of May the heir made full seisin of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances to the aforesaid John Ashwell so as aforementioned by he himself recovered as by the precept that he himself ordered and afterwards on the same day to this same court in session in full execution of the judgement and recovery aforesaid comes the aforesaid John Ashwell in his own person and asks the lord to admit himself tenant to the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances according to the form and effect of the recovery aforesaid and according to the custom of the same manor to whom the lord of the manor aforesaid through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the tenements and premises aforesaid by he himself the said John Ashwell recovered as aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforementioned John Ashwell his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the same manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed he did fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant but the lord by grace remised the fine and heriot upon that to this same court in session comes the aforesaid Edward Ashwell Matthew Disney and Timothy Brewer in their own persons and here in full and open court surrendered

into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands Thomas Maisterson Esquire his steward aforesaid All and singular the messuages cottages land hereditaments tenements and premises aforesaid recovered as aforesaid with their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of the aforesaid John Ashwell his heirs and assigns for ever and furthermore for himself his heirs executors and administrators and of any of them seperately and respectively fully freely absolutely release discharge and forever guitclaim to the aforesaid John Ashwell ( in full and peaceful possession and his seisin exists) his heirs and assigns for ever All rights estates title interests claims and his demands whatsoever of themselves Edward Ashwell Matthew Disney and Thomas Brewer and of each of them from and to the tenements and aforesaid premises with appurtenances and whatever part or parcel thereof and also all and every manner of their error and errors cause and causes error and errors misprision defects and erroneous legal processes as many as and howsoever [..?] omissions commissions permissions perpetrated in the [learned?] suit pleas judicial process and execution on the said recovery or [judgement?] thereof and immediately and afterwards to this same court in session comes the said John Ashwell in his own person and in full and open court

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surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through hands of his steward aforesaid according to custom of the manor aforesaid all and singular the messuages cottages land tenements and hereditaments and premises aforesaid by he himself John Ashwell recovered as aforementioned with their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of the said Matthew Disney his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid Matthew Disney in his own self and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to the tenements and premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted seisin thereof by the rod To Have and To Hold the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Matthew Disney his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed he did fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant but

## Memorandum for J Clarke

At this court (on the separate writing of Thomas Valentyne Timothy Brewer and Richard Honnor sworn in the proper way to give evidence in the court aforesaid) and it is presented by the homage that Phillip Clarke lately a customary tenant of this manor now deceased in his life namely about thirty three years or thirty four years hitherto since elapsed surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor for that time being according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that his customary messuage or tenement called of known by the name of The Katherine Wheel in Laighton Bussard aforesaid and one customary piece of meadow called Rackly Hooks also eight acres and one half acre of customary land with appurtenances lying and being in the fields meadows and precincts of Laighton Bussard aforesaid belonging to the said Messuage with its and all of its apuurtenances To the Use and Behoof of John Clarke his second son and his heirs and assigns for ever and that soon after granting the surrender aforesaid and the court held for the manor by John Maisterton gentleman at that time court steward for the lord of the manor aforesaid he himself the said John Clarke was admitted tenant to the premises aforesaid in the proper manner he paid to the lord the fine for his admission to the premises aforesaid to the lord through his Bailiff and furthermore it is found and presented by the homage that whether by negligence or remission of the said John Marshe the said Steward of the court aforesaid the admission of he himself John Clarke to the premises aforesaid was never inrolled nor the rolls of this same manor was made [no record was made in the court rolls] as by the obligation to which the injury of he himself John Clarke and required the said John Clarke to be attendant several times on the said John Marsh for his copies [that] he himself the said John [Marsh] refused and neglected to deliver copies to the same John Clarke the copies and furthermore it is found and believed by the homage that the said John Clarke and his assigns held from the time of his admission until now a peacefully and quiet tenancy and ocupation without any impediments interruptions or molestations of the premises aforesaid thus surrendered as aforementioned and in satisfaction of the lord of the manor aforesaid in the present time and for the evidence of the title of he himself John Clarke to the premises aforesaid thus surrendered as aforesaid and now to this court comes Philip Clarke gentleman eldest son and heir of the said Philip Clarke deceased and eldest brother of he himself John Clarke) in his own person and in full and open court and recognised and declared that the messuages and premises aforesaid with appurtenances were surrendered by Philip Clarke before his decease To the Use and Behoof of he himself John Clarke his brother and his heirs and that the premises aforesaid now are inherited and the estate of he himself John Clarke and that he himself the same John Clarke is now and from prior to his decease was the sole proprietor of the premises aforesaid with appurtenances and that he himself the same Phillip Clarke at

all times hereafter upon the suit of court of himself John Clarke shall release or surrender All the estates titles and interests [?] from and in the premises aforesaid with appurtenances to the Use of the said John Clarke his heirs and assigns for ever.

Death of William Stevens

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that William Stevens a customary tenant of this manor who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs from the lord of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the manor aforesaid certain customary lands containing by estimation two acres more or less with appurtenances he died since the last court and that William Stevens junior is his son and next heir nevertheless although William Stevens is solemnly required to come to come to do and receive etc. he did not come and so the first proclamation was made etc.

Death of Avis Jones

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that Avis Jones wife of Richard Jones a customary tenant of this manor who whilst she live held to herself and her heirs from the Lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod according to the custom of the manor aforesaid Four acres of customary land lying within the manor aforesaid since the last court she died thus seised and that Edward Elliott is her grandson to whom the premises should descend nevertheless Edward Elliott is solemnly required to come to court to do and receive etc he did not come so the first proclamation was made

Death of Geoffrey Hackshew

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that Geoffrey Hackshew a costomary tenant of this manor who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs from the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid a customary messuage or tenement with appurtenances situated in Laighton Bussard aforesaid since the last court he died thus seised and that Thomas Hackshew is his son and next heir to whom the premises aforesaid should descend with the decease of Sarah his wife who now has the estate in the premises aforesaid for the term of her natural life nevertheless Thomas Hackshew is solemnly required to come to court to do and receive etc. he did not come and so the first proclamation etc.

Death of John Clarke

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that John Clarke of Heath a customary tenant of this manor who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs from the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod according to custom of the manor a customary cottage with appurtenances within the manor aforesaid he died since the last court thus seised and that John Clarke is son and next heir to whom the premises aforesaid should descend nevertheless John Clarke son is required to come to court to do and receive etc he did not come so the first proclamation etc.

# Death of Stephen Greene

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that Stephen Greene son and heir of Stephen Greene lately a customary tenant of this manor who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs by the rod from the lord of the manor aforesaid a cottage with appurtenances in Billington he died since the last court thus seised and that Susanna widow Ellena wife of Thomas Rusling of Fenchley son of John Tyrpyn and Sarah his wife are co-heirs his sisters and the son of his sisters now are his coheirs and next heirs to whom the premises aforesaid should descend and although the coheirs of Stephen aforesaid are required to come into court to do and receive etc. they did not come and so the first proclamation is made etc.

# Surrender Ann Bird and other to Shepherd

At this court it is found and believed by the homage that Ann Bird widow and William Bird customary tenants of this manor on or about the twenty eighth day of May in the year of the lord 1704 surrendered according to the custom of the manor aforesaid a close of pasture in Heath containing by estimation two acres to the Use and Behoof of William Shepherd and Thomas Stevens and their heirs upon condition on the payment of the principal sum of thirty five pounds with interest on a certain day now past nevertheless the surrender by order of the Court of Chancery now is in the hands of one of the magistrates of the said court being only in trust and the personal representative for the estate of John Newman deceased and on that basis they are unable to [perform?] or show the surrender aforesaid in court.

## Herbert and others

At this court according to the proclamation made for Thomas Herbert and Anna his wife John Gale and George Gale to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid all and singular her customary land and tenements surrendered by Ann Moreton widow which she held from this manor.

## Griffith and Spencer

At this court according to the proclamation made for William Griffith and Sarah Spencer to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular their customary land held from this manor which was surrendered to the said William and Sarah by Daniele Keefe and Constance Clotilda his wife.

Keetch	<b>At</b> this court the second proclamation was made for Josiah Keetch to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land and tenements held from this manor which were surrendered by Richard Hilton.
Cherry	At this court the second proclamation was made for the heir of Thomas Cherry to come in to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land late Thomas Cherry deceased which should descend to the said heir.
Lord Leigh	At this court the second proclamation was made for the honourable Thomas Lord Leigh Baron of Stanley nephew [comment: as per will] and heir of the honourable Charles Leigh deceased to come to court and take out of the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid all that customary land and tenements held from this manor which should descend to he himself Lord Leigh upon the death of the said Charles Leigh.
For the heir	The second proclamation was made for the heir of George Lawley deceased.

The second proclamation was made for the heir of William Jellings

The second proclamation was made for the heir of Wingfield Harris the heir of Richard Harris

For Jellings

For Harris

To this court comes Elizabeth Cooke widow and relict of Richard Cooke and Thomas Cooke son and heir of the said Richard Cooke lately a customary tenant of this manor and ask of the lord to admit themselves tenants to all that cottage or tenement in which William Perkins now or lately dwells with all and singular the houses outhouses buildings structures barns stables yards gardens orchard and backside and one and one close of pasture called The Grove containing by estimation two acres more or less being thereto adjoining and belonging situate and being in Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the County of Bedford also to all four perches and half of one perch of meadow lying in the meadow called Billington Meade in the parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid and to all pasture for four cows in the common called Summerleys with their and all of their appurtenances which were surrendered by the said Richard Cooke To the Use and Behoof of the said Elizabeth for and during the term of natural life (she herself the said Elizabeth making no waste and from and after her decease to the Use and Behoof of the said Thomas Cooke his heirs and assigns for ever as by the surrender presented to the homage at the last court held for the manor aforesaid and then inrolled in the proper manner and related more fully and clearly therein to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and To Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Elizabeth Cooke for and during the term of her natural life and from and after the decease of the said Elizabeth to the aforesaid Thomas Cooke his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rent and services formely owed and by right accustomed and they give to the lord their fine for entry and did fealty to the lord and are admitted thence tenants.

To this court comes Thomas Cooke son of Richard Cooke prior to his decease a customary tenant of this manor and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to all severn acres and one half acre by estimation more or less of arable land subcessive land or grass land being lying dispersed in the fields of Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the County of Bedford lately in the tenure of the said Richard Cooke according to the form and effect of the surrender that the said Thomas made after and presented to the homage at the last court held for the manor aforesaid and then inrolled in the proper manner as is manifest in the rolls of this same court) to whom the lord through his steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hole the premises aforesaid with appurtenances to the aforesaid Thomas Cooke his heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of

the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry does fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant.

Orders made by the homage in these English words following:

**Firstly** It is ordered at this court that no person or persons shall after the first day of August now next ensuing put of keep any ducks or geese in or upon the common greens or in any other the common places of Eggington and Clipson or either of them upon pain to forfeit and pay to the Lord of the Manor the sum of one pound nineteen shillings and eleven pence

**Likewise** It is ordered by this court that no person or persons shall keep feed or de-pasture any mare or mares or take in or agist any horse or horses (except such horse or horses be kept for his own work upon any of the common greens or common places of Eggington or Clipson upon pain to forfeit and pay to the Lord of the Manor the sum of One pound nineteen shillings and eleven pence

**Likewise** It is ordered by this court that no person or persons shall take or rent any commons belonging to the Lands of any foreigner or foreigners living out of the towns or vills of Eggington and Clipson or either of them for sheep or other cattle upon pain to forfeit and pay to the Lord of the Manor the sum of one pound nineteen shillings.