

## **Manor of Loughton Bussard alias Grovebury**

26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1705

**Special Court Baron** of the honourable Thomas Lord Leigh Baron of Stonleigh farmer Dean and Canon of the Liberty of the Chapel Royal of St. George within the castle of Windsor held at Loughton Bussard aforesaid namely on Wednesday the twenty sixth September in the fourth year of the reign of our lady Queen Anne by Grace of God Queen of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith etc. and in the year of the Lord 1705 held before Francis Neale gentleman deputy Steward [and] Thomas Maisteron Esquire Steward of the manor aforesaid.

Homage

Jurors:

John Ashwell

Edward Ashwell

Thomas Coles

Thomas Burneham

Jurors:

John Bedcott

William Whipham Junr

and

Michael Higbed

Essoins-nil

Suits-nil

**To this Court** came William Pym Esquire (eldest son and heir of William Pym lately of Heath and Reach in the parish of Loughton Bussard in the County of Bedfordshire gentleman and Margaret his wife) a customary tenant of this manor and in full and open court surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Francis Neale gentleman deputy steward of the manor aforesaid according to the custom of the same manor *All that* his messuages or tenements with appurtenances together will all houses outhouses buildings granaries stables areas gardens orchards closes pighties and pieces or parcels enclosed arable lands grass lands meadow and pasture belonging and appertaining to the previously mentioned messuages or tenements or held in the same manner use occupation or enjoyment now in the occupation of Thomas Monke and Francis Monke or subtenants and their assigns also all that his several pieces or parcels of arable land grass land meadow and pasture with his and all

of his appurtenances lying and existing dispersed within the precinct territory all fields and meeting places of Heath and Reach aforesaid in the parish of Leighton Buzzard aforesaid in the said County of Bedfordshire the said messuages or tenements and premises aforesaid belonging to or held in any manner appertaining to or with the same use occupation and enjoyment containing by estimation one hundred and ten acres more or less and all other of his customary messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held by the late William Pym by copy of the court rolls of the manor aforesaid similarly all of several ditches hedges enclosures woods coppices waterways aquifers [...] profits priviledges easements advantages and appurtenances thereof used or in any way appertaining *To the Use and Behoof of Zachery Turnpenny* of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the said county of Bedford gentleman his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the said Zachery Turnpenny and asks the lord to admit him tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid then granted seisin by the rod *To have and to hold* the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Zachery Turnpenny 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 he did fealty to the lord and was the admitted tenant but the lord by grace forgave the fine and heriot and afterwards namely to this same court in session came John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell in their own proper persons and complained against Zachery Turnpenny in a plea of land, to wit messuages or tenements lands and customary hereditaments held of this manor thus surrendered by the aforementioned William Pym to the use of the said Zachery Turnpenny as aforementioned with his and all of his appurtenances by name one messuage two gardens 120 acres of arable land 40 acres of meadow 40 acres of pasture and 5 acres of woodland with appurtenances in Heath and Reach within the jurisdiction of this court and made protestation to prosecute their suit in this court in the nature of a Queen's writ of entry by *Disseisin en le Post* at Common Law and they furnished pledges to prosecute namely John Doe and Richard Roe and they petitioned to proceed with the prosecution and it was granted and the aforesaid Zachery Turnpenny freely offered to answer the aforementioned John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell's plea aforesaid and on this the aforesaid John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell in their own proper persons demand against the aforementioned Zachery Turnpenny the tenements and premises aforesaid

with appurtenances held from this manor in the manor aforesaid within the jurisdiction of this court as their right and their inheritance and in which the same Zachery Turnpenny did not have entry except after disseisin because Hugo Hunt then unjustly and without judgement made to the aforementioned John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell being within the thirty years last elapsed and thereby it was said that he himself was seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in his demesne as of fee held by right by copy of the court rolls of the manor aforesaid according to the custom of the same manor in times of peace in times of the Lady Queen now taking the profits thereof to the value etc. and into which etc. and thereby the said suit etc. and upon this the said Zachery Turnpenny in his own proper person came and defended his right when etc. and then called to warrant William Pym Esquire who was present here in court in his own proper person and freely warrants to him the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances and on this the said John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell claim against the aforementioned William Pym Esquire tenant by his warranty the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in the form aforesaid etc. and then said that he himself was seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid in his demesne as by fee and right by copy of the court rolls of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the same manor in times of peace in the time of the Lady Queen now taking profits thereof to the value etc. and in that etc. and thereby the said suit etc. and upon this William Pym Esquire in his own proper person comes and defends his right etc. when etc. and furthermore he then calls to warrant Thomas Coles who was present here in court in his own proper person and freely warrants to him the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances etc. and upon this the aforesaid John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell claim against the aforementioned Thomas Coles tenant by his warranty of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances in the form aforesaid etc. and thereupon he said that he himself is seised of the tenements and premises aforesaid in his demesne as by fee and right by copy of the court rolls of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the same manor in times of peace in the time of the Lady Queen now taking profits thereof to the value etc. and in that etc. and thereby the said suit etc. and upon this the said Thomas Coles tenant by his warranty in his own proper 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 and Edward Ashwell of the tenements and premises aforesaid with the appurtenances as the same John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell by their suit and narration aforesaid previously supposed and of this he submits himself before the homage of the court of the lord of the manor aforesaid and the said John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell then asked permission to imparle until one hour after midday of the same day and they had etc. and the same hour was to be given to the aforementioned Thomas Coles etc. and afterwards specifically at the said hour after midday the said same John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell returned in their proper persons to this court and the aforesaid Thomas Coles although solemnly demanded to come into court did not return but in contempt of court withdrew and made default so according to the custom of the manor aforesaid it was considered by this court that the aforesaid John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell may have recovered their seisin against the aforementioned Zachery Turnpenny of the tenements and premises aforesaid with the appurtenances and that the same Zachery Turnpenny may have the customary tenements within the manor aforesaid from the said William Pym Esquire to the value of etc. and the same William Pym Esquire may lastly have the lands and customary tenements within the manor aforesaid from the aforesaid Thomas Coles to the value etc. and the same Thomas Coles is in mercy etc. and upon this the said John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell sought a court's precept in the form of a Queen's writ granting to the heirs full seisin of the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances to be directed by the Court Officer and was granted to them returnable here without delay and afterwards namely to this court in session came John

Ashwell and Edward Ashwell in their own proper persons And the court Official namely John Burchington Bailiff of the manor aforesaid and returned the precept aforesaid and the said court Official certified to the court that he himself by virtue of the precept directed to him this same twenty sixth day of September made freely to the aforementioned John Ashwell and Edward Ashwell full seisin of and in the tenements and premises aforesaid with appurtenances thus as the aforementioned by themselves

End of this court.