Manor of Laighton Bussard alias Grovebury

9 October 1706

Essoins as manifested in the Rolls of names of tenants

Suits nill

Court Baron for the honourable Thomas Lord Leigh farmer Deacon and Canon of Liberty of the Chapel of King George the second within the Castle of Windsor held at Laighton Bussard Thursday the seventeenth day of October the in fifth year of the reign of the Lady Anne by grace of God Queen of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith etc. the year of the Lord 1706 before Francis Neale gentleman deputy steward and Thomas Maisterson Esquire steward of the manor aforesaid.

Homage Edward Ashwell Junior John Ashwell Seniot

Sworn: Arthur Tarsey William Whipham Junior

Thomas Coles John Hollingworth

John Capon Richard Sharpe

Michael Highed Thomas Valentyne

Richard Leach Senior and

Richard Poynton Thomas Seare

Who were sworn and charged with diverse articles touching the Court Baron aforesaid and upon their oath presented that William Freeman Ralph Jeffs John Marshall John Bedcott Andrew Gladman and William Cooke with many others are now tenants of this manor and owe suit to this court and now on this day make default so all of them are in mercy but by grace of the lord their amercements are spared

At this Court it is found and presented by the homage that Thomas Prockter Senior a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the seventeenth day of October instant surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of John Ashwell and Richard Leach two other customary tenants of this manor according to the custom of the manor aforesaid All that his six acres and one half acre of arable land by estimation (more or less) lying dispersed in the fields and precinct of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the County of Bedford this hereafter particularly mentioned that is to say one acre thereof lying in Shenley Hill Field in Middle Bottom next to the old road there on the eastern side and the land of John Marshe gentleman on the western side thereof with the hedge on the eastern side thereof a half acre at the Mill Gate the land of Henry Dean on the western side and William Marshe on the eastern side thereof a half acre extending into the road called Hunts Way the land of Thomas Gurney on the western side thereof a half acre in the Middle Field at the Lane End the land of Thomas Reeve lying on the southern side a half acre in Leckbrook furlong abutting as far as by the head of Pill Ford the land of Richard Poynton on the eastern side thereof a half acre thereof more lying in the same furlong the lands of Richard Ashwell to the east and Arthur Tarsey to the west a half acre abutting into the road called Hockcliffe Way the headland lately of Thomas Deerey Gentleman on the northern side a half acre thereof being the Headland lying in Grovebury Field next to Clariboles the land of John Osmond to the north a parcel of land thereof called Three Furlong Thoroughout next to Clariboles the land of Henry Collins on the eastern side and a half acre being the precursam land in English Foreshooter extending into

the road called Penny Ly Way the land of Richard Poynton to the south and Leonard Waters to the north with all and singular their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of William Pratt of South Myms in the County of Middlesex yeoman his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid William Pratt 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 to Hold the premises aforesaid by the aforesaid William Pratt 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.

At this Court it is found and presented by the homage that George Heires a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the fourth day of June in the year of the lord 1706 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of Henry Millard Junior and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the same manor All that his acre of arable land by estimation more or less lying in the Middle Field of Laighton Bussard in the County of Bedford the land now or lately of Robert Haile on the southern side and abutting upon the road called Greate Hunts Way with its appurtenances to the Use and Behoof of William Nixon of Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid husbandman his heirs and assigns for ever and now to this court comes the aforesaid William Nixon 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 William Nixon 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 by right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry does fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Edward Hilton a customary tenant of this manor and Elizabeth his wife (she herself the said Elizabeth being examined alone and secretly by Francis Neale gentleman deputy steward aforesaid and declaring that she herself did without intimidation or pressure from her husband aforesaid) outside court namely on the fifteenth day of October in the year of the Lord 1705 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor through the hands of John Ashwell and William Dudley two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the same manor All that a customary cottage or tenement in which the said Edward Hilton then lived with all and singular the houses outhouses structures barns stables yards gardens and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging situated and being in the North End of Laighton Bussard in the County of Bedford with its and all of its appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Thomas Baskerfield of Laighton Bussard aforesaid malster his heirs and assigns for ever provided always and upon this condition that if the said Edward Hilton his heirs executors or administrators shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Thomas Baskerfield his executors administrators or assigns the full sum thirty three pounds and twelve shillings on the fifteenth day of October that will be the year of the Lord one thousand seven hundred and six at or in the [dwelling?] house of the said Thomas Baskerfield in Laighton Bussard aforesaid without default or further delays that then the said surrender is to be void or to remain in full power and effect And furthermore it is found and presented by the homage that the said sum of thirty three pounds and twelve shillings in the condition of the said surrender was not paid nor to be paid according to the form and effect of the surrender aforesaid by which the premises aforesaid so surrendered as aforesaid to become forfeited and entirely to the said Thomas Baskerfield his heirs and assigns and now to this court comes the aforesaid Thomas Baskerfield and he asks the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid according to the form and effect of the surrender

aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted seisin thereof by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforementioned Thomas Baskerfield 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 surrender aforesaid and 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 does fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Luke Kirkman a customary tenant of this manor outside court specifically on the tenth day of October instant surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Edward Ashwell Junior and William Whipham Junior two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid according to the custom of the same manor all that his cottage or tenement in which the said Luke Kirkman then lived with all and singular the houses outhouses structures courtyards and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging situated and being in the North End of Laighton Bussard aforesaid in the county of Bedford with its and all of its appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Arthur Tarsey an overseer of the poor and John Ashwell a guardian of the parish [church?] of Laighton Bussard aforesaid his heirs and assigns for ever in trust for the inhabitants of the town of Laighton Bussard aforesaid from time to time forever and now to this court comes the aforesaid Arthur Tarsey and John Ashwell and they ask the lord to admit themselves tenants to the premises aforesaid according to the form and effect of the surrender aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward granted them seisin thereof by the rod To Have to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Arthur Tarsey and William Whipham their heirs and assigns for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the form and effect of the surrender thus made in trust as aforementioned according to custom of the manor aforesaid by rent and services formerly owed and by right accustomed and they give to the lord the fines for their entry did fealty to the lord and are admitted thence tenants.

To this Court comes Thomas Herbert of the parish of St Clements Danes in the county of Middlesex victualler and Ann his wife and asks of the Lord to admit themselves tenants to two pieces or parcels of customary arable land and meadow lying in the common fields and meadows of Stanbridge within the manor aforesaid this hereafterwards particularly mentioned that is to say a piece thereof being nine selions in English ridges of arable land containing by estimation three acres more or less lying together in the field called Stanbridge Mill Field in the furlong in the same place called Stoneway Furlong next to the land of John Snoxall on the western side thereof and the other piece thereof being in the meadow called two rods and one half rod of meadow containing by estimation two acres and one half acre more or less lying in the same common meadow Stanbridge Long Meade in that place there called Eckcombe Hook next to the land called Eggington Town Land on the eastern side according to the form and effect of that surrender thereafter made To the Use and Behoof of themselves Thomas and Ann for the duration of the term of their natural lifes and next the life of the longest living of them by Ann Moreton widow in the proper manner presented by the homage at the court held for this manor on the nineteenth day of October in the year of the Lord 1704 as related in the rolls of this court fully clear and apparent therein to whom the lord through steward granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Thomas Herbert and Ann his wife for and during their natural life and for the life of the longest living of them from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the form and effect of the said surrender thence made and presented as aforesaid and according to the custom of the manor aforesaid by rents and services formerly made and by right accustomed and they give to the lord the fine for their entry and they are admitted thence tenants and the aforesaid Thomas Herbert according did fealty to the lord.

To this court comes Giles Jenkins junior son and heir apparent of Giles Jenkins senior and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to a customary messuage with appurtenances and to all houses outhouses closes and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging and to a close of pasture containing by estimation five acres and to fifteen acres of arable land and pasture in the precinct and fields of Billington and also to two perches or common pasture for two cows in Somerleys and to all other land and customary tenements of the late Giles Jenkins Senior his father according to the form and effect of that surrender by the said Giles Jenkins Senior then lately made To the Use of the said Giles Jenkins junior his heirs and assigns for ever and in the proper manner presented by the homage at the court held for this manor aforesaid on the eighteenth day of October in the year of the lord 1705 and then and there enrolled by the steward as is related fully clear and apparent therein the rolls of this court to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted thence seisin by the rod To Have and Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Giles Jenkins junior 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 right accustomed and he gives to the lord the fine for his entry does fealty to the lord and is admitted thence tenant.

To this court comes William Griffith and Sarah Spencer his wife and ask of the lord to admit themselves tenants to the half or half part of one messuage or tenement with appurtenances situated and being in Heath and Reach and all houses structures barns stables gardens orchards and backsides thereto belonging and to the half or half part of one close of pasture containing by estimation six acres and also to the half or half part of one hundred and eight acres of arable land and subcessive land and eight acres of meadow more or less lying dispersed in the common fields and meadows of Heath and Reach within the manor aforesaid with their appurtenances To the Use of them William Griffith and Sarah Spencer his wife and their heirs and assigns for ever according to the form and effect of that surrender then made on the second day of June in the year of the lord 1704 by Daniel Keep and Constance Clotilda his wife and in the proper manner presented by the homage at this court held for the manor aforesaid on the nineteenth day of October in the year of the lord 1704 and then and there enrolled by the steward as is related in the rolls of the court of this manor therein fully clear and apparent to whom the lord through his steward granted seisin thereof by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid William Griffith and Sarah Spencer his wife and the heirs and assigns of the said Sarah Spencer for ever from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the form and effect of the surrender mentioned beforehand and 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 and are admitted thence tenants and thereupon the said William did fealty to the lord.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Thomas Dell lately a customary tenant of this manor who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to the custom of the manor aforesaid four acres and one half acre of arable land and subcessive land lying dispersed in the fields of Laighton and Billington within the manor aforesaid with appurtenances he died since the last court thus seised and that Thomas Dell is his Abfilius in English Grandson and next heir to whom the premises should descend and now to this court comes the aforesaid Thomas Dell the grandson and heir of the said Thomas Dell his Grandfather deceased and asks of the lord to admit himself tenant to the premises aforesaid to whom the lord through his steward aforesaid granted seisin thereof by the rod To Have to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Thomas Dell 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.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that William Tompkyns lately a customary tenant of this manor who whilst he lived held to himself and his heirs from the lord by the rod at the lord's wish according to custom of the manor aforesaid a customary cottage with appurtenances situated and being in Laighton Bussard aforesaid within the manor aforesaid since the last court he died thus seised and that Martha Hood wife of Robert Hood is his only child and next heir to whom the premises should descend and now to this court comes the aforesaid Martha Hood daughter and heir of the said William Tompkyns and asks of the lord to admit herself tenant to the premises aforesaid with appurtenances to whom the lord through his steward granted seisin thereof by the rod To Have and to Hold the premises aforesaid with appurtenances by the aforesaid Martha Hood wife of the said Robert Hood 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 the fine for her entry and is admitted thence tenant and thereupon does fealty to the lord.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Elizabeth Studds widow and Robert Studds customary tenants of this manor outside court namely on the third 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 Thomas Cooke and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid according to custom of this manor All that cottage or tenement in which the said Elizabeth Studds and Robert Studds then lived with all and singular the houses outhouses buildings structures barns stables yards gardens orchards pighties and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging situated and being in Heath in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford with its and all of its appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of William Andrew of Laighton Bussard aforesaid yeoman his heirs and assigns forever Provided Always and upon this condition that if the said Elizabeth Studds and Robert Studds or either of them or either of their heirs and executors or administrators or either of them shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said William Andrew his executors administrators or his assigns the full sum of twenty one pounds and five shillings of legal English money on the twenty third day May which is in the year of the Lord 1706 at or in the then dwelling house of John Ashwell in Laighton Bussard aforesaid that then the surrender aforesaid to be void otherwise to remain in full force and furthermore it is found and presented by the homage aforesaid that the said sum of twenty one pounds and five shillings in the condition of the said surrender mentioned above was not paid nor offered to be paid to the said William Andrew according to the form and effect of the said surrender aforesaid and is still unpaid by which the premises aforesaid thus surrendered as aforesaid become forfeit and in law absolutely nevertheless although William Andrew is solemnly required to come to court to make and receive etc he did not come and so the first proclamation is made etc.

At this court it is witnessed by the steward and found and presented by the homage that Daniel Platt of Hendon in the county of Middlesex yeoman and Mary his wife (one of four daughters and co heir of late William Jenkins of Billington deceased firstly she herself the said Mary being alone and secretly examined by Francis Neale gentleman deputy steward aforesaid and declaring that she herself did without pressure or intimidation from her husband) outside court and since the last court namely on the eighth day of June last past surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of the said Francis Neale his steward of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the manor All that her fourth part the whole divided into four equal parts All that messuage or tenement with appurtenances in which Thomas Hogg then lived situated and being in Billington aforesaid in the said parish of Laighton Bussard aforesaid and all houses outhouses buildings barns stables yards gardens orchards and backsides thereto belonging and to all that close of pasture thereto adjoining and belonging and all those pieces or parcels of arable land

containing by estimation fifty acres more or less lying and being dispersed in the common fields of Billington and all those two half virgates of meadow lying in the meadow called Billington Meade and all those five perches of meadow lying in Mill Fenn and to all those four perches or common pasture for four cows in Sommerleys belonging and appertaining to the said Messuage or tenement And all other other her customary messuages land tenements and hereditaments lately of Daniel Platt and Mary his wife and one [???] whatsoever held by copy of the court roll of the manor aforesaid To the Use and Behoof of Richard Sibley of Over Gravenhurst in the county of Bedford yeoman his heirs and assigns for ever nevertheless although Richard Sibley is solemnly required to come to court to do and receive etc he did not come and so the first proclamation is made etc.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Mary Gurney widow a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the fourth day of February 1705 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Richard Poynton and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid according to custom of this same manor All that one messuage or tenement in which Francis Dell junior and Francis Dell senior then lived and all that one cottage or tenement in which Mary Gurney then lived with all and singular the houses outhouses buildings structures barns stables [blank] in English Tannyards [blank] in English Tanfatts and [illeg.] [blank] in English Vatts yards gardens orchards and backsides adjoining or belonging to the said messuages or tenements cottage or tenement or one or other of them situated and being in Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford and all that one close of horticultural land in English garden ground belonging to the said Cottage and all those her pieces or parcels of meadow lying in Kingsmeade in Laighton Bussard aforesaid and furthermore all those her four acres of arable land by estimation more or less lying dispersed in the fields of Laighton Bussard aforesaid and all other her customary land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held from this manor with their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof Ann Grace wife of John Grace senior and daughter of the said Mary Gurney her heirs and assigns for ever Provided always and on this condition nevertheless that if the said Ann Grace her heirs or assigns shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to Sarah Monk widow daughter of the said Mary or her assigns the sum of six pounds per annum of lawful English money if the said Sarah shall remain without a husband and unbetrothed in English unmarried at or on the four usual great feasts or usual days in the year namely the feast of the said Annuciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary of Saint John the Baptist of St Michael the Archangel and St Thomas the Apostle for even and equal portions Provided always that if the said Mary Gurney should survive to the end of one year next following the date of the said surrender or if the said Mary at some other time before the end of one year next following the date of this surrender shall revoke or declare the surrender to be void then the surrender aforesaid shall be void otherwise to remain in full force etc furthermore it is found and presented by the homage that the said Mary Gurney soon after granting the surrender aforesaid and within the space of one year next following the date of this surrender died and that the surrender was never revoked or declared to be void and now is in full force nevertheless the said Ann Green although solemnly required to come to court to do and receive did not come and so the first proclamation was made etc.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that John Seayre a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the first day of August in the year of the Lord 1706 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of John Capon and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid according to custom of this same manor All that acre of arable land by estimation more or less lying in the field called Grovebury Field in Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford in a certain place called Rackley Hill next to the land of Ralph Tompkyns on the northern side and abutting on the west on the land of Edward Ashwell with appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of William Freeman of Laighton Bussard aforesaid Tanner and

Winifred his wife and the heirs and assigns of the said William Freeman for ever and although the aforesaid William Freeman and Winifred his wife are solemnly required to come to court to do and receive etc. they did not come and so the first proclamation was made etc.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that John Hinton a customary tenant of this manor and Joan his wife (she herself the said Joan was firstly examined alone and secretly by Francis Neale gentleman deputy steward of the manor aforesaid and declaring that she herself did without compulsion and intimidation from her husband) outside court namely on the seventeenth day this instant October surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Richard Poynton and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid according to custom of this same manor All that their one piece or parcel of meadow called or known by the name of Sputts Headland lying in The Middle Field of Laighton Buzzard in the county of Bedford and all those their five hades of grassland or meadow lying in The Middle Field aforesaid next to Sputts Headland aforesaid and all other their customary land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held from this manor with their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of Robert Baskerfield son of Thomas Baskerfield of Laighton Bussard aforesaid malster his heirs and assigns for ever nevertheless although Robert Baskerfield is solemnly require to come to court to do and receive etc. he did not come and so the first proclamation is made.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Thomas Simes a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the sixteenth day of June in the year of the Lord 1706 surrendered into the hands of the Lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Thomas Ward and John Capon two other customary tenants of the manor aforesaid according to custom of this same manor All and Singular his customary Cottage land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held from this manor with their and all of their appurtenances to the Use and Behoof of the last will and testament of the said Thomas Simes to wit to the Use and Behoof of such persons and for such estate and estates use and uses intentions and purposes that he himself the said Thomas Simes as by his last wish and testament in writing named limited appointed or shall in the future be named limited and appointed grant give and devise the same Provided always that if the said Thomas Simes be living on the last day of Mary next following the date of this surrender or if the said Thomas Simes at some other time before the said last day of May revoke or declare the said surrender aforesaid to be void then the said surrender shall be void otherwise to remain in full force and furthermore it is found and presented by the homage that the said Thomas Simes died soon after the granting the said surrender and before the said last day of May next following after the date of this surrender and that the surrender aforesaid was never revoked or declared to be void and is now in full force and because no one came to court to do and receive etc. the first proclamation is made etc.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that William Theed gentleman a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the fifteenth day of October in the year of the Lord 1706 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of John Ashwell and Thomas Harrowell two other customary tenants of this manor according to custom of this same manor All that his cottage or tenement in which William Hogg then dwelt with all and singular the houses outhouses buildings structures barns stables yards gardens orchards and backsides thereto adjoining and belonging situated and being in Little Billington in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the county of Bedford and the common pasture for six cows according to ancient agreement (now reduced to three commons) in Billington Summerlys belonging or appertaining to the said cottage or tenement and two other customary commons with all and singular their and all of their appurtenance to the Use and Behood of Francis Nixon Junior of Billington aforesaid tailor his heirs and assigns for ever and nevertheless although Francis Nixon

junior is solemnly required to come to court to do and received he did not come and so the first proclamation is made.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Henry Millard senior a customary tenant of this manor aforesaid outside court namely on the twenty third day of July in the year of the Lord 1706 surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid through the hands of Edward Ashwell Senior and John Ashwell two other customary tenants of the Manor aforesaid according to custom of this same manor All that his cottage or tenement with appurtenances in which the said Henry Millard then dwelt with its and all and singular the houses outhouses buildings 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 and all that two closes of pasture called or known by the name of Butlers lying together in Laighton Bussard aforesaid and all other his customary land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever held from this manor with all and singular their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of his last will and testament of he himself Henry Millard to wit To the Use and Behoof of such person or persons and by such estate and estates use and uses and upon such provisions conditions and limitations that he himself the said Henry Millard in and by his last will and testament in writing in the proper manner executed and attested nominated limited and appointed or in the future shall nominate limit or appoint bequeave give and devise the same Provided always that if the said Henry Millard shall be living at the end of the one year next following the date of thus surrender or if the said Henry Millard at some other time before the end of one year next following the date of the surrender shall revoke or declare the said surrender to be void and have no effect then the surrender aforesaid is void otherwise to be and to remain in full force and furthermore it is found and presented by the homage that the said Henry Millard died soon after granting the said surrender and before the end of one year next following the date of this surrender and that the said surrender recited before was never revoked or declared to be void by the said Henry Millard at some other time in life of this same Henry and now stands and exists in full force and because no one comes to do and receive etc no one comes and so the first proclamation is made.

At this court it is found and presented by the homage that Edmund Fowkes of Wooburn in the county of Bedford gentleman a customary tenant of this manor outside court namely on the twenty sixth day of May in the year of the Lord 1706 surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid by the rod through the hands of Gervase Whitbread and George Ginger two other customary tenants of this manor according to custom of the manor aforesaid All that his customary messuage or tenement held from this manor situated in Heath and Reach in the parish of Laighton Bussard in the said county of Bedford then in the occupation of Richard Byrd or his assign and all other his customary land tenements and hereditaments held from the manor aforesaid to the Use and Behoof of such person or persons and for such use and uses etc for such estate and estates and upon such trusts and purposes that the said Edmund Fowkes then or in the future shall direct limit or appoint in and by his wish and the homage furthermore present that the said Edmund Fowkes died soon after granting the said surrender but the homage are ignorant as to whom the heir is but because no one comes etc. so the first proclamation is made etc

To this court comes Stephen Broom and Hannah his wife the only daughter and next heir of James Gregory deceased and Rebecca Gregory widow (she herself the said Hannah being firstly examined alone and secretly by Francis Neale deputy steward of the manor aforesaid and declaring that she herself did without pressure or intimidation of her husband) and in full and open court surrendered by the rod into the hands of the lord of the manor aforesaid all those her six acres and one half acre of arable land by estimation more or less lying dispersed in four closes in Shenley Hill Field in Laighton Buzzard in the county of Bedford also all other her customary land tenements and

hereditaments whatsoever held from the manor aforesaid with all and singular their and all of their appurtenances To the Use and Behoof of William Stonhill of Laighton Bussard aforesaid draper his heirs and assigns for ever nevertheless although William Stonhill is solemnly required to come to court to do and received etc. he did not come so the first declaration is made etc.

At this court it is witnessed by the steward aforesaid and found and presented by the homage that the honourable Elizabeth Leigh widow and relict of the honourable Charles Leigh late of Laighton Bussard Esquire deceased a customary tenant of this manor and through the honourable Thomas Lord Leigh Baron of Stonleigh outside court namely on the twenty first day of July in the year of the Lord 1706 surrendered and the aforesaid Thomas Lord Leigh granted out of his hands by the rod through the hands of Francis Neale gentleman deputy steward Thomas Maisterson Esquire Chief Steward of the manor aforesaid according to custom of the same manor All that customary orchard or garden with appurtenances with its buildings structures standing and being in or upon the same lying next to the road in Laighton Bussard aforesaid called Watery Lane on the southern side lately in the possession of Thomas Smith with all roads thereto belonging or with the same use and all that piece or pightle of land with barns now standing and situated lying and being at Heath and Reach within the manor aforesaid with the small cottage thereto adjoining and all as much and such part of one other granary yard close or pightle of the late Charles Leigh deceased situate and being in Stanbridge within the manor aforesaid as much customary land held from this manor by copy of the court roll and all other their customary closes land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever they themselves Elizabeth Leigh and Thomas Lord Leigh or one or other of them or by which they came or descended to he himself Thomas Lord Leigh after or upon the death of the said Charles Leigh esquire his Uncle deceased he himself being the nephew and next heir of the said Charles to whom the premises aforesaid should descend and all other their several estate and interest in the same with their and all of their appurtenances to and for several uses intentions and purposes her afterwards mentioned and expressed from and containing the same that is as far as and concerning the aforesaid orchard or garden with buildings and structures constructed and erected upon the same lying in Laighton Bussard aforesaid next to the lane called Watery Lane later purchased from Thomas Smith with roads thereto belonging and all that pightle or piece of land with barns standing upon the same at Heath and Reach within the manor aforesaid also the whole and such other part of those barns closes or pightles as much is customary land held from this manor by copy of court roll of this manor lying in Stanbridge within the manor aforesaid To the Use and Behoof of the said Elizabeth Leigh for and during the term of her natural life and from and after the decease of the said Elizabeth To the Use and Behoof the honourable Charles Leigh second son of the Thomas Lord Leigh his heirs and assigns for ever and as far as and concerning all other their customary land tenements and hereditaments whatsoever they themselves the said Elizabeth Leigh widow and Thomas Lord Leigh or either of them or what descended to he himself Thomas Lord Leigh upon the death of the said Charles Leigh his Uncle deceased To the Use and Behoof of the said Charles Leigh second son of the Thomas Lord Leigh his heirs and assigns for ever according to the custom of the manor aforesaid and to and for no other use intention or purpose whatsoever and although the aforesaid Elizabeth and Charles were solemnly required to come to court to make and receive they did not come and so the first proclamation was made.

Likewise at this court it is found and presented by the homage that Richard Atkyns Senior of Eaton in the county of Bedford scrivener 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 [....]customary meadow lying in Billington died thus seised and that [blank] Atkyns is his son and next heir to whom the premises aforesaid should descend nevertheless although [blank] Atkyns is solemnly required to come to court to do and receive etc he did not come and so the first proclamation is made.

At this court the first proclamation is made for Jane Leach daughter of Richard Leach to come into court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular her customary land tenements and hereditaments which were surrendered into the hands of the lord of the manor to the use of she herself Jane by Charles Pym Senior and Sarah his wife and Charles Pym junior and presented by the homage at the last court.

At this court the second proclamation is made for Susan Healey widow Eleanor wife of [blank] the daughter of John Turpin and Sarah late his wife coheirs of Stephen Greene to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular their customary land tenements and hereditaments which descended to them upon the death of Stephen Greene.

At this court the third proclamation is made for the heirs of Lady Corbett to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular their customary land and tenements which descended to them upon the death of Lady Corbett.

At this court the third proclamation is made for the heirs of Thomas Huxley to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular their customary land which descended to them upon the death of Thomas Huxley.

At this court the third proclamation is made for the heirs of James Harrowell to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular their customary land which descended to them upon the death of James Harrowell.

At this court the third proclamation is made for the heirs of John Grissell to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular their customary land which descended to them upon the death of John Grissell.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Josiah Keetch to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land and tenements which was had from the surrender of Richard Hilton.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Andrea Messider and Mary Messider to come in to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular their customary land and tenements which was from the surrender of Thomas Messider their father deceased.

At this court the third proclamation is made John Lake junior to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land and tenements which was had from the surrender of Thomas Messider.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Gabriel Norkett to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land and tenements which was had from the surrender of Richard Norkett his father deceased.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Stephen Hayward junior to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land and tenements which was had from the surrender of Hannah Heyward his mother.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Samuel Stannard did not come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land and tenements which was had from the surrender of Samuel Stannard senior his grandfather deceased.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Mary wife of Anthony Allar Jane Lord and Phoebe Lord to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular their

customary land and tenements which was had from the surrender of William Lord their father deceased.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Joseph Taylor son and heir of Oliver Taylor to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land and tenements which descended upon the death of Oliver Taylor.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Susan Scrivener daughter and heir of Alice Scrivener to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular her customary land and tenement which descended to her upon the death of Alice Scrivener her mother.

At this court the third proclamation is made for Thomas Carpender son and heir of Anne Carpender to come to court to take out of the hands of the lord of the manor all and singular his customary land and tenements which descended to him on the death of Anne Carpender her mother.

End of this court.