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Wyllington View of Frankpledge with Court of John Woodville, knight, and Katherine Duchess of Norfolk, held there on Thursday fifteenth day of October in the seventh year of the reign of King Edward the fourth [1467]

Essoins

Lady Elizabeth Maryon widow, John Benet, Roger Taylour, John Bole, William Rydy and Margeria Palmer were essoined of the View by the bailiff on this day

Tithing men

John Yarwey the elder,	John Sterlyng,	Walter Yarwey,	Randolph Bawdewyn'
John Flaundrys	Nicholas Waren'	John Stones	Nicholas Cruce
Thomas Tayllour	Henry Parkere	John Rydy	Thomas Sall'

Amercement vjd [6d]

The sworn men present that the Prior of Newnham ^{iiijd [4d]} and William Dyet ^{ijd [2d]}¹ owe suit of court and made default. Therefore they are amerced.

Common fines vijs jd [7s 1d]

Also they present that they gave to the Lord as fixed rent² vijs jd [7s 1d].

Penalties pending

Also they present that Lady Elizabeth Maryon, widow, should clean her ditch at Coppyd' Hall before xv [15] days, under a penalty of xijd [12d].

Also they present that John Morborne [should put right] his ditch by his holding next to the king's highway before xv [15] days under a penalty of xijd [12d]

Also that John Chapell, William Cooper and John Bardolfe should all [clear] their ditches by their holdings before xv [15] days under a penalty for each of xijd [12d].

Also they present that Thomas, ^{vjd [6d]} servant of Thomas Cranfeld' of Cople, broke into the common fold [and] from there took the sheep of his said master, impounded there, by trespassing in the several pastures of the lord, and he held them without permission.

Therefore he is amerced.

Also they present that John ^{ijd [2d]} Warnere has enclosed the common way by the township on the north side. Therefore he is amerced. And it is ordered that he should remove the enclosure before viij [8] days under a penalty of xijd [12d].

¹ The surname for William Dyat is also spelt Dyot, Dyet, Dyette in rolls BL7, 55a, 60a, 60b. Is he linked with the Byot or vyot ditch mentioned in BL2?

² Written as *de cert'* in the document

Also it is ordered that henceforth none shall play at tennis at anytime of the year if they are xij [12] years of age or more and not as such unless at the feast of the nativity of the lord³ and not for money within the vill⁴, unless they have be sufficient⁵, under a penalty for each of xld [40d] and a punishment of imprisonment for one day and a night.

The constables Amercements ijd [2d] and dagger forfeited iijd [3d]

Robert Cooke and John Warnere, the Sworn Constables, present that John ^{ijd [2d]} Oseberne assaulted John Malton' with an unsheathed dagger, valued at iijd [3d] and drew blood. Therefore he is amerced.

The tasters, fine xviijd [18d] amercement iiijd [4d]

Robert Cooke and Robert Warner', the Tasters there, present that Alisia ^{vjd [6d]} Stowghton constantly, John ^{vjd [6d]} Morborne constantly, and John ^{vjd [6d]} Sterlyng constantly, John ^{ijd [2d]} Odyll once, and John ^{ijd [2d]} Baudewyn once, brewed and broke the assize. Therefore they are amerced.

John Cooke	John Warner'	Richard Fleure	John Baudewyn'
John Myton'	John Bordolfe	Robert Partryche	William Passewatere
Robert Coke	Nicholas Megere	Thomas Baymont	John Yarwey the younger

The sworn men present that the aforesaid Constables, Tithing men and Tasters have presented well and faithfully and have concealed nothing.

Assessors of fines	John Flaundris	Sworn men
	John Yerwey	

The sum of this court xs vjd [10s 6d]

Therefrom in steward's expenses iiijs [4s]

Proceedings of the Little Court

Taking land

To this [court] came John Bardolfe and took from the Lord one Cottage and one Headland containing half an acre of land for a Rent of ijs [2s] a year. And also he took one Toft and viij [8] acres of land formerly in the holding of John Tyler' for a Rent of ~~viijs [8s]~~ eight shillings a year, To be held by himself, his wife and one following at the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor, Rendering therefrom to the Lord per year for the said Cottage and Toft as above at the usual terms there, and suit of Court. And during the aforesaid term they will repair, and each of them will repair, the said Cottage and Toft at their own expense, except that the Lord will provide them and each of them with timber, withies and laths as will be necessary. And he made fealty etc.

³ 'xij' is written superscript in the document (and transcript?) which may indicate that 'the feast of Christmas' includes the twelve days following.

⁴ This is the best attempt at translation of the phrase in the transcript: *et tunc non pro argenti nisi fuerit sufficient(er)*

⁵ The document says *nisi fuerit sufficiens..*

Taking land

Nicholas Waren' came to this Court and took one Messuage and x [10] acres of land from the Lord which first belonged to the said Nicholas, to be held by himself and [his] wife and assigns of the said Nicholas at the lord's will according to the custom of the manor for the term of their lives and whichever of them lives longest. Rendering therefrom xs [10s] a year to the Lord at the usual terms there and suit of Court. And during the aforesaid term they will repair, and each of them will repair the Messuage at their own expense, except that the lord will provide to them and to each of them timber, withies and laths as will be necessary. And he made fealty etc.

[Title torn off]

John Flaundrys came to this Court and took one Messuage and x [10] acres of land and a meadow in which he lived from the Lord. And also he took another x [10] acres and a meadow lately in the holding of Richard Bawdewyn. To be held by himself, his wife and assigns of the said John, at the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor for the term of their lives and whichever of them lives longest. Rendering therefrom xviijs [18s] a year to the lord, at the usual terms and suit of Court. And they will repair, and each of them will repair, the said Messuage at their own expense during the aforesaid term except that the Lord will supply them with timber

more on the other side

withies and laths as will be necessary. And he made fealty and was admitted.

[M.2d] [heading illegible]

Joan Wymere widow came to this Court and surrendered one Messuage and vj [6] acres of land, and ix [9] acres of land formerly Deyes into the hands of the lord, for the use of Thomas Wymer' her son. And on this, the same Thomas came and took it from the hand of the lord. To be held by himself, the aforesaid Joan Wymere his mother, and one following the said Thomas, at the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor ^{for} the term of his life and whichever of them lives longest. Rendering therefrom xvs iiijd [15s 4d] a year to the Lord at the usual terms there and suit of Court. And they will repair and each of them will repair the said Messuage at their own expense during the aforesaid term except that the Lord will provide them and each of them with timber, withies and laths as will be necessary. And he made fealty and was admitted.

Taking land

And John Yerwey the elder came to this Court and took one Cottage and viij [8] Acres of land called 'Acremannys' from the Lord for a rent of vs [5s]. And also he took one Toft and Croft lately in the tenancy of William Dey for a rent of vjd [6d]. To be held by himself, John his son and one following the said John his son for the term of their lives and of whichever of them lives longest, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor. Rendering therefrom to the Lord per year as aforesaid, at the usual terms there and suit of Court. And they will repair and each of them will repair the said

Cottage at their own expense during the aforesaid term except that the Lord will provide timber, withies and laths to him and to each of them as will be necessary. And he made fealty and was admitted therefore as tenant.