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GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 23RD, 1900.

THE Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the William Salt Library, Stafford, on the 23rd October, 1900. Present: The Right Hon. Lord Wrottesley in the Chair, the Venerable Archdeacon Lane, the Revs. W. Beresford, E. Collett, S. W. Hutchinson, E. G. Inge, F. P. Parker, and Messrs. W. S. Brough, W. H. Duignan, N. Joyce, J. W. Philips, and H. Ward, Major-General the Hon. George Wrottesley, the Honorary Secretary, and Mr. J. W. Bradley, the Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, the Chairman called upon the Honorary Secretary to read the Report of the Editorial Committee. This was read as follows:—

REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1899-1900.

The Committee have to report that since the last meeting of the Society two Volumes have been issued to the Subscribers, viz., Vol. II, New Series, containing the History of Weston-under-Lizard, and Vol. III, New Series, containing extracts from the Public Records, and a paper by the Rev. Charles Swynnerton. It was originally intended that these two Volumes should be the issue for the year 1899, but the state of the funds of the Society rendered this course inadvisable, and it was decided to make the latter

Volume the issue for 1900. The result has been, that for the first time since the establishment of the Society the Annual Volume has been issued during the year for which it was due. In consequence of this, it will be noted that the expenditure during the past financial year includes the payments made on account of two Volumes in place of one. Fortunately, the state of the funds enabled this to be done, for the income of the Society has been increased this year by two or three windfalls. We have had, first, the residue of the additional voluntary subscription of 10s. from many of the members, amounting to about £38; secondly, another instalment from the sales of Crecy and Calais, amounting to £30 5s.; and lastly, a sum of £19 4s. which has been paid by the Rev. Ernest Bridgeman towards the cost of reprinting the first part of the History of Weston, which appeared in Volume XIV, and the portion cancelled of the History which appeared in Vol. II, New Series. The Committee wish to express their acknowledgment of the liberality shown by Mr. Bridgeman upon this occasion, for these alterations and reprints were made in the interests of accuracy, and for the benefit of the Society.

Every outstanding debt or liability of the Society has been defrayed up to the present date, excepting the honorarium which is paid annually to the Assistant Secretary, and the balance at the Bank will enable this to be done at any time. In addition to which, a sum of £150 has been paid out of the funds of the current year on account of future volumes. The financial condition of the Society appears therefore to be sound, so long as the annual Volume does not exceed 250 pages in bulk or thereabouts.

Vol. IV, New Series, is partly printed, and should be issued to the Subscribers about the middle of next year. Its contents will consist of a continuation of the Fines of the reign of James I, a selection of Ancient Staffordshire Charters,¹ and extracts from the Plea Rolls of the reigns of Henry VI. and Edward IV.

October 20th, 1900.

¹ Since this was proposed it has been found possible to make up a full Volume of Records, and the Charters have therefore been postponed for another issue.

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FINAL CONCORDS. DIVERS COUNTIES.

TEMP. JAMES I.

At three weeks from the day of Holy Trinity. 1 James I.

Between Richard Wilkynson, armiger, William Marwood, gentleman, William Walkeden, clerk, Peter Columbell, gentleman, and William Swaye, gentleman, complainants, and William Willoughby, knight, and Ellen, his wife, deforciant of the manor of **Chawlkwell**, etc., co. Essex, and of 20 acres of meadow and 10 acres of pasture in **Burton on Trent** and **Harynglee**, co. Stafford.

William Willoughby and Ellen remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Richard, for which the complainants gave them £340.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 1 James I.

Between William Rowley, complainant, and Roger King, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, 6 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow, 6 acres of pasture, 3 acres of wood, and 2 acres of furze and heath in **Perry Barr**, **Ambulcott**, and **Kings Swynford**, co. Stafford, and of 4 acres of land, etc., in **Yardley**, co. Worcester, and of a messuage, a garden, etc., in **Castle Bromych**, co. Worcester.

Roger remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave him £662.

At five weeks from Easter Day. 2 James I.

Between Richard Pyott, complainant, and Simon Weston, knight, and Mary, his wife, and James Weston, armiger, deforciant of 10 acres of meadow and 60 acres of pasture in **Morfall**, **Strethaye**, and **Curborowe**, co. Stafford, and of 10 acres of meadow and 60 acres of pasture in the city of **Lichfeild**, in the county of the city of Lichfeild.

The deforciant remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, and Simon and Mary granted that they would warrant the said tenements against the heirs of James Weston, gentleman, father of the said Simon, for ever, for which Richard gave them £160.

On the Quindene of Easter. 2 James I.

Between William Leighton, armiger, Thomas Berington, gentleman, and Nicholas Gibbons, gentleman, complainants, and Henry Grey, knight, Lord Grey, of Groby, and Anne, his wife, deforciant of the manors of **Enveld** otherwise **Enveild** otherwise **Enfeilde**, **Morff**, **Tresell**, **Seysdon**, **Overton**, **Womborne**, **Whittington**, **Amblecote**, **Bobbington**, and **Kynoor** otherwise **Kynoar**, co. Stafford, and of the manor of **Beckburye**, etc., co. Salop.

Henry and Anne remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of William, for which the complainants gave them £2,000.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 2 James I.

Between William Hussey, gentleman, complainant, and Richard Hussey, armiger, deforciant of 4 messuages, 2 tofts, 6 gardens, 400 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, 200 acres of wood, and 200 acres of furze and heath in **Cotton** and **Ruyton** otherwise **Ryton**, co. Salop, and of 3 messuages, 2 cottages, 2 tofts, 3 gardens, 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, and 60 acres of furze and heath in **Tipton**, **Rowley**, **Brereley**, and **Sedzeley**, co. Stafford.

Richard remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave him £1,000.

On the Quindene of St. Martin. 2 James I.

Between Edward Blount, armiger, and Edward Kynnersley, armiger, complainants, and Anthony Kynnersley, armiger, deforciant of the manors of **Bedge** and **Acleton**, etc., co. Salop, and of the manor of **Loxley**, with the appurtenances, and of 10 messuages, 10 cottages, a water-mill, 20 gardens, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, 200 acres of furze and heath, and 20s. of rent in **Loxley**, **Bramshall**, **Uttoxeter**, and **Kingston**, co. Stafford; and of a m . . . , etc., in **Could Eaton** and **Ashborne**, co. Derby.

Anthony remitted all right to Edward and Edward and to the heirs of Edward Blount, for which Edward and Edward gave him £480.

At three weeks from Easter Day. 3 James I.

Between Richard Chamberlayne, gentleman, and Henry Crofte, complainants, and John Nettermyll, armiger, deforciant of a message, 40 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, and 10s. of rent in **West Bromedge** otherwise **Bramedre**, co. Stafford; and of the manor of **Exall**, etc., in **Coventry**; and 4 messuages, etc., in **Bedworth**, etc., co. Warwick.

John remitted all right to Richard and Henry and to the heirs of Richard, for which Richard and Henry gave him £660.

On the Quindene of Easter. 3 James I.

Between Stanley Wolfreston, Christopher Alporte, and Matthew Wightwicke, complainants, and Michael Alrett and Elizabeth, his wife, and Francis Alrett, deforciant of a message, 3 cottages, 4 gardens, 3 orchards, 40 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 50 acres of furze and heath, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Whittington**, **Fisherwicke**, **Tymore**, and **Tamehorne**, co. Stafford; and of a message in **Stretton** in the **Feild**, co. Derby, and tenements in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

The deforciant remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Stanley Wolfreston, for which the complainants gave them £360.

On the Quindene of Easter. 3 James I.

Between Thomas Dawkes, gentleman, complainant, and John Robynson and Christopher Robynson and Margaret, his wife, deforciant of a message, a garden, 2 acres of land, and common of pasture for all beasts in **Tamworthe** and **Wigginton**, co. Stafford; and of a message and a garden in **Tamworthe**, co. Warwick.

The deforciant remitted all right to Thomas and his heirs, for which Thomas gave them £80.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 3 James I.

Between Edward Darcy, knight, and Robert Darcy, knight, complainants, and Alexander Rediche, armiger, and Katherine, his wife, deforciant of the manor of **Newhall**, etc., co. Derby; and of the manor of **Snarkeston** otherwise **Snarston**, etc., co. Leicester, and of 6 messuages, 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 12 acres of meadow, and 300 acres of pasture in **Burton on Trent**, co. Stafford.

Alexander and Katherine remitted all right to Edward and Robert and to the heirs of Edward, for which Edward and Robert gave them £2,040.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 3 James I.

Between John Harpur, knight, Walter Bagott, armiger, and Anthony Bagott, gentleman, complainants, and Rowland Okeover, armiger, deforciant of 4 messuages, 3 cottages, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 80 acres of land, 160 acres of meadow, 300 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 300 acres of furze and heath, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Mapleton** and **Yeldersley**, co. Derby; and of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 50 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 50 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Ilam**, co. Stafford.

Rowland remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John, for which the complainants gave him £220.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 3 James I.

Between Anthony Asheley, knight, and John Hancock, complainants, and Nicholas Okeover, armiger, deforciant of the manors of **Atlow** and **Snelson**, etc., co. Derby; and of the manors of **Okeover**, **Woodhouses**, **Casterne**, **Ilam**, and **Swynscow**, with the appurtenances, and of 40 messuages, 40 tofts, a water-mill, a dovecote, 40 gardens, 1,000 acres of land, 160 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 160 acres of wood, 1,000 acres of furze and heath, 1,000 acres of moor, and 100s. of rent in **Okeover**, **Woodhouses**, **Casterne**, **Ilam**, and **Swynscow**, co. Stafford.

Nicholas remitted all right to Anthony and John and to the heirs of Anthony, for which Anthony and John gave him £800.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 3 James I.

Between Thomas White, gentleman, and John Pennyfather, complainants, and Henry Offley, armiger, and Mary, his wife, Thomas Offley, gentleman, and John Offley, gentleman, deforciants of tenements in **London**, **Middlesex**, **Surrey**, **Worcester**, and of the manors of **Mawdeley** otherwise **Madeley**, **Muckelston** otherwise **Muckleston**, **Elkeston**, **Swinscoe**, and **Dorlaston**, with the appurtenances, and of 100 messuages, 100 cottages, 6 tofts, 3 water-mills, 4 dovecotes, 100 gardens, 50 orchards, 3,500 acres of land, 600 acres of meadow, 2,000 acres of pasture, 600 acres of wood, 2,000 acres of furze and heath, 1,000 acres of turbarry, £18 of rent, common of pasture for all cattle, free warren, free fishery, view of frankpledge and whatsoever to the frankpledge pertains, chattels waived, estrays and goods and chattels of rebels and fugitives in **Mawdeley**, **Muckelston**, **Elkeston**, **Swinscoe**, **Dorlaston**, **Great Mawdeley**, **Little Mawdeley**, **Radwood** in **Eccleshall**, **Home**, **Onley**, **Stoneley**, **Wolverhampton**, **Willenhall**, **Wednesfel**, **Wednesbury**, **Byrston**, **Bentley**, **Dunston**, **Whitgreve**, **Blore**, **Swinscoe**, **Careswall**, **Dillon**, **Billington**, **Bradley**, **Howghton**, **Bouldhall**, **Penckerich**, **Castle**, **Stafford**, **Syford**, **Walsall**, **Little Aston**, **Sutton Cofield**, **Whetley Moore**, **Swainscow** otherwise **Swainscoewe**, **Ronton** otherwise **Rounton**, and **Dernsdall**; and also of the rectory of **Mawdeley** otherwise **Madeley**, and of the advowson of the churches of **Muckelston** and **Dorlaston**, and of the advowson of the vicarage of the church of **Mawdeley** otherwise **Madeley**, co. Stafford.

The deforciants remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Thomas White, for which the complainants gave them £2,081.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 3 James I.

Between Walter Heveningham, armiger, and Erasmus Heveningham, gentleman, complainants, and William Atkinson, armiger, deforciant of 3 messuages, 3 cottages, 3 tofts, 5 gardens, 5 orchards, 80 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 5 acres of wood, and 50 acres of furze and heath in **Esington** and **Hilton**, co. Stafford, and of 12 messuages, etc., in **Hill Somersall**, and **Potter Somersall**, co. Derby.

William remitted all right to Walter and Erasmus and to the heirs of Walter, for which Walter and Erasmus gave him £480.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 3 James I.

Between William Bassett, gentleman, and Dorothy Bassett, complainants, and John Shawe, gentleman, and Thomas Foster, gentleman, deforciant of the manors of **Chedell, Parkehall, Bloare, Grendon, Slindon, Kingsley, Watersnall** otherwise **Waterfall**, and **Cauldon**, with the appurtenances, and of 40 messuages, 40 cottages, 10 dovecotes, 3 barns, 40 gardens, 40 orchards, 2,000 acres of land, 1,000 acres of meadow, 1,000 acres of pasture, 1,000 acres of wood, 1,000 acres of furze and heath, and 10s. of rent in **Chedell, Parkehall, Bloare, Edesall, Kingsley, Watersnall** otherwise **Waterfall, Swynscowe, Allstone, Cauldon, Ellaston, and Matherfeild**; and also of the advowsons of the churches of **Bloare, Grendon, and Kingsley, co. Stafford**; and of the manors of **Meynell, Langley, Kirklangley, Tyssington, and Mapulton, etc., co. Derby.**

John and Thomas acknowledged the said manors, etc., to be the right of William, for which William and Dorothy granted them to Thomas and John. To be held for the whole life of Elizabeth Bassett, daughter and heir of William Bassett, of Bloare, co. Stafford, armiger, deceased. After the decease of the said Elizabeth the said manors, etc., to remain to Walter Cope, knight, and Richard Langley, gentleman, and to the heirs of the said Walter, for ever.

At one month from the day of St. Michael. 3 James I.

Between Edmund Temple, armiger, and Nathaniel Temple, gentleman, complainants, and John Aycott and Helen, his wife, and Thomas Awcott and Anne, his wife, deforciant of a messuage, 8 acres of land, etc., in **Tamworth, co. Warwick**, and of a messuage, a barn, 10 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Tamworth, co. Stafford.**

The deforciant remitted all right to Edmund and Nathaniel and to the heirs of Nathaniel, for which Edmund and Nathaniel gave them £82.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 3 James I.

Between John Allen, the elder, and John Pershowse, gentleman, complainants, and Humphrey Turner, gentleman, and Margery, his wife, William Hoopwell, gentleman, and Joan, his wife, and Nicholas Sutton, gentleman, deforciant of a messuage, a shop, and a garden in **Tamworth, co. Warwick**, and of a messuage, a garden, 3 acres of meadow, and 16 acres of pasture in **Tamworth and Walsall, co. Stafford.**

The deforciant remitted all right to John and John and to the heirs of John Pershowse, for which the complainants gave them £101.

On the Morrow of the Purification of the B. Mary. 3 James I.

Between Samuel Tryven, gentleman, and John Tryven, gentleman, complainants, and William Harvye, gentleman, Sebastian Harvye, armiger, and James Harvye, gentleman, deforciant of the manor of **Walton near Stone**, with the appurtenances, and of 8 messuages, 8 cottages, 7 tofts, 16 gardens, 800 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 600 acres of pasture, 30 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, and 40s. of rent in **Walton near Stone, Aston, Sandon, Burston** otherwise **Borweston, Swynerton, Darlaston, Blakelowe, Tytonscore, Hiderstone, Wollascroft** otherwise **Willowescroftes** otherwise **Wyllerscroftes**, and **Booth Hall**, and of a free fishery in the water of **Trent, co. Stafford**; and of a messuage in the parish of **St. Benet Gracechurch, London.**

The deforciant remitted all right to Samuel and John and to the heirs of Samuel, for which Samuel and John gave them £700.

On the Quindene of Easter. 4 James I.

Between William Whitmore, complainant, and Anthony Mosley, deforciant of tenements in **Morphe and Quatford, etc., co. Salop**; and of a moiety

On the Octaves of Holy Trinity. 10 James I.

Between Richard Knighte and Margaret, his wife, Anne Knighte, and Thomas Bourne and Elizabeth, his wife, complainants, and Jane Knighte, widow, deforciant of 1 messuage, 1 water-mill, a garden, 30 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle and common of turbary in **Little Chell, Tunstall, and Sneyde**.

Jane remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Richard, for which the complainants gave her £80.

At three weeks from the day of Holy Trinity. 10 James I.

Between John Nicholls and Richard Hunt, complainants, and John Beardmore, the elder, gentleman, and Margaret, his wife, John Beardmore, the younger, gentleman, and Thomas Goodanter and Margery, his wife, deforciant of 2 messuages, 10 cottages, 2 water-mills, 1 dovecote, 20 gardens, 20 orchards, 200 acres of land, 80 acres of meadow, 400 acres of pasture, 100 acres of wood, 200 acres of furze and heath, common of pasture for all kinds of cattle, and 10s. of rent in **Wiston** otherwise **Whiston, Froghall, Kingersley** otherwise **Kinsley, Ipstons, and Checkley**, and of a free fishery in the water of **Chernett**.

The deforciant remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John Nicholls for ever, for which the complainants gave them £360.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 10 James I.

Between William Crompton, gentleman, and Vernon Turton, gentleman, complainants, and Thomas Gamul and Katherine, his wife, and George G . . . , clerk, deforciant of a messuage a cottage, 2 barus, a garden, an orchard, 20 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 1 acre of wood, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Heyforde, Stone, Oulton, and Hardwicke**.

The deforciant remitted all right to the complainants and the heirs of William for ever, for which the complainants gave them £60.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 10 James I.

Between Richard Elde, gentleman, complainant, and Philip Nowell, armiger, and Anne, his wife, Robert Nowell, gentleman, and Walter Nowell, gentleman, deforciant of 2 messuages, 3 tofts, 2 barns, 3 gardens, 3 orchards, 80 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 80 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood, and common of pasture for all kinds of beasts in **Seighforde**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £160.

At three weeks from the day of Holy Trinity. 10 James I.

Between John Foxe, gentleman, and Anthony Webbe, gentleman, complainants, and Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, and Mary, his wife, Thomas, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, and Alathia, his wife, William, Earl of Pembroke, and Mary, his wife, Henry Greg, knight, and Elizabeth, his wife, William Hamond, gentleman, and Edward Lyndsey, deforciant of the manor of **Aulton** otherwise **Alton** otherwise **Alveton**, with the appurtenances.

The deforciant remitted all right to John and Anthony and to the heirs of John for ever, for which John and Anthony gave them £800.

MICH., 10 JAMES I.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between William Knight, the younger, complainant, and William Knight, the elder, and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of 1 messuage, 1

garden, 40 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, and 30 acres of wood in **Fenton Vyvyan** and **Botteslowe**.

William Knight, the elder, and Elizabeth remitted all right to William Knight, the younger, and his heirs, for which William Knight, the younger, gave them £100.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Richard Holden, complainant, and William Knyveton, baronet, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 20 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, 4 acres of pasture, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Denston**.

William remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, and covenanted that he would warrant the said tenements against William Knyveton, of Bradley, urtriger, and his heirs, for ever, for which Richard gave him £41.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Walter Grosvenour, gentleman, complainant, and John Bradney and Jane, his wife, deforciants of a messuage, 2 gardens, 50 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Bushbury** and **Le Lohill**.

John and Jane remitted all right to Walter and his heirs, for which Walter gave them £60.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Margaret Mayo, widow, and Thomas Came, complainants, and Richard Cox and Alice, his wife, deforciants of a moiety of 1 cottage, 1 barn, 6 acres of land, half an acre of meadow, and 8 acres of pasture in **Aldrich**, **Great Barr**, and **Walsall**.

Richard and Alice remitted all right to Margaret and Thomas and to the heirs of Margaret for ever, for which Margaret and Thomas gave them £41.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Henry Goughe, complainant, and Walter Leveson, knight, and Anne, his wife, deforciants of 18 acres of pasture in **Wolverhampton** and **Wednesfield**.

Walter and Anne remitted all right to Henry and his heirs, for which Henry gave them £41.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Lawrence Gibson, Richard Acocke, and William Watkyns, complainants, and Richard Cox and Alice, his wife, deforciants of a moiety of 4 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 32 acres of pasture in **Aldrich** and **Walsall**.

Richard Cox and Alice remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of Lawrence for ever, for which the complainants gave them £41.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between William Webb, the younger, Humphrey Critchley, and John Fowler, complainants, and Richard Webb and Isabella, his wife, deforciants of 3 cottages, 3 gardens, 4 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of pasture in **Pipe Ediall** and **Burdwood**.

Richard and Isabella remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of William, for which the complainants gave them £41.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between William Burton, complainant, and William Knyveton, baronet, deforciant of a moiety of 1 messuage, 1 garden, 1 orchard, 40 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 30 acres of pasture, and of common of pasture for all kinds of cattle and common of turbary in **Cotton** and **Morridge**.

William Knyveton remitted all right to William Burton and his heirs, and covenanted that he would warrant the said tenements against William Knyveton, of Bradley, armiger, and his heirs, for which William Burton gave him £41.

At one month from the day of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Nicholas Thorneton, complainant, and Rowland Greisbroke and Sybil, his wife, deforciant of 1 messuage, 10 acres of land, and 6 acres of pasture in **Fooderley** and **Shenston**.

Rowland and Sybil remitted all right to Nicholas and his heirs, for which Nicholas gave them £41.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Richard Hille and John Hille, plaintiffs, and Thomas Thicknes, gentleman, and Mary, his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 60 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Whittington**, **Horton**, **Tymmore**, and **Tammenhorne**.

Thomas and Mary remitted all right to Richard and John and to the heirs of Richard, for which Richard and John gave them £60.

At one month from the day of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between William Corbett and Rowland Corbett, complainants, and Thomas Thicknes, gentleman, and Mary, his wife, deforciant of 30 acres of land in **Whittington**.

Thomas and Mary remitted all right to William and Rowland and to the heirs of William, for which William and Rowland gave them £41.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Thomas Bucknald, complainant, and Edward Rolleston, clerk, and Gertrude, his wife, deforciant of 6 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and 1½ acres of pasture in **Rolston**.

Edward and Gertrude remitted all right to Thomas and his heirs, for which Thomas gave them £41.

On the Octaves of St. Martin. 10 James I.

Between Thomas Deykyn, complainant, and Sampson Burne and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, and 1 acre of land in **Walsall**.

Sampson and Edward remitted all right to Thomas and his heirs, for which Thomas gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 10 James I.

Between Thomas Beardmore and Francis Norman, complainants, and Walter Shorte and Anne, his wife, deforciant of 4 acres of meadow and 8 acres of pasture in **Adesall** and **Bagottes Bromley**.

Walter and Anne remitted all right to Thomas and Francis and the heirs of Thomas, for which Thomas and Francis gave them £41.

On the Octaves of [St. Michael]. 10 James I.

Between Jane Lydyatt, widow, complainant, and John Downyng, deforciant of 20 acres of pasture in **Cottwall ende** and **Sedgeley**.

John remitted all right to Jane and her heirs, for which Jane gave him £41.

On the Morrow of St. Martin. 10 James I.

Between Hugh Marshall, complainant, and John Waddams and Martha, his wife, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, 8 acres of land, and 12 acres of pasture in **Longdon Farewall**.

John and Martha remitted all right to Hugh and his heirs, for which Hugh gave them £41.

of meadow, 50 acres of pasture, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Over Mathefield** and **Snelsdale**.

The deforciant remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John, for which the complainants gave them £60.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 12 James I.

Between Richard Beckett, the elder, complainant, and John Wood and Mary, his wife, deforciant of a cottage, a barn, a garden, an orchard, and 2 acres of pasture in **Wybaston**.

John and Mary remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £40.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 12 James I.

Between William Fynney, complainant, and John Beardmore, the elder, gentleman and Margaret, his wife and John Beardmore, the younger, son and heir apparent of the said John, deforciant of a messuage, 40 acres of land, 60 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood, 10 acres of furze and heath common of pasture for all cattle, and common of turbary in **Lees** otherwise **Whiston Lees** and **Kingsley**.

The deforciant remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £100.

NOTES OF TIMES. HILLARY, 12 JAMES I.

On the Quindene of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between Robert Palmer, complainant, and William Shenton and Agnes, his wife, Bradborn Shenton and Edward Shenton, deforciant of 2 messuages, a cottage, a barn, 2 gardens, half an acre of meadow, and half an acre of pasture in **Burton on Trent**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Robert and his heirs, for which Robert gave them £41.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between John Persehowse, gentleman, and Thomas Warsley, the younger, complainants, and Hillary Hawkes, gentleman, and Isabella, his wife, and Richard Hawkes, gentleman, deforciant of 12 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in **Russhall** and **Walsall**.

The deforciant remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them £41.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between Thomas Tayler and Ellen, his wife, complainants, and John Onesbye, deforciant of the moiety of 3 burgages, 9 acres of land, and common of pasture for all cattle in **Newboroughe** otherwise **Newborowe**.

John remitted all right to Thomas and Ellen and to the heirs of Thomas, for which Thomas and Ellen gave them £60.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between William Barnesley, Henry Knighte, and Adam Parkeshowse, complainants, and Mary Tayler, widow, and Francis Tayler, deforciant of a messuage, a cottage, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 80 acres of land, 8 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in **Tresle** and **Seisdon**.

Mary and Francis remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of William, for which the complainants gave them £100.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between Edward Skynner and Janc, his wife, complainants, and Francis Woodhowse and John Downing and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of a

messuage, 3 cottages, 4 gardens, 4 orchards, 3 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 4 acres of wood, and 6 acres of furze and heath in **Sedgeley** and **Cottwall**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Edward and Jane and to the heirs of Jane for ever, for which Edward and Jane gave them £100.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between John Gravener, complainant, and Richard Crosswaye and Anne, his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 40 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 6 acres of pasture in **Morffe**.

Richard and Anne remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them £80.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between Richard Knightley, gentleman, complainant, and William Norrey otherwise Norres and Joan, his wife, deforciant of a cottage, a barn, a garden, 6 acres of meadow, 8 acres of pasture, and 16 acres of wood in **Ronton**.

William and Joan remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £41.

On the Octaves of the Purification of the Blessed Mary. 12 James I.

Between Charles Stanford, armiger, complainant, and Humphrey Beardmore, gentleman, and Elizabeth, his wife, and Dorothy Stanford, deforciant of 3 messuages, 50 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 40 acres of furze and heath, and 20 acres of moor in **Honnesworthe** otherwise **Handsworth**, **Woverend**, and **Newe Inne**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Charles and his heirs, and Dorothy covenanted that she would warrant the said tenements against the heirs of Thomas Stanford, gentleman, deceased, father of the said Dorothy, for which Charles gave them £120.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between John Bently, complainant, and John Stonnyer and Thomas Stonnyer and Dorothy, his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 6 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, 6 acres of pasture, an acre of wood, 20 acres of furze and heath, common of pasture for all kinds of cattle, and common of turbary in **Blackwood** and **Horton**.

The deforciant remitted all right to John Bently and his heirs, for which John Bently gave them £41.

On the Octaves of St. Hillary. 12 James I.

Between Robert Whitehall, gentleman, and John Henshawe, gentleman, complainants, and Lawrence Whitehall, gentleman, deforciant of the manor of **Denson**, with the appurtenances, and of 7 messuages, 7 tofts, 7 barns, 7 gardens, 7 orchards, 160 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 160 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 100 acres of furze and heath, 100 acres of moor, and 60 acres of turbary in **Denson** otherwise **Denston**, **Rocester**, **Alveton**, and **Quickshill**.

Lawrence remitted all right to Robert and John and to the heirs of Robert, for which Robert and John gave him £320.

On the Morrow of the Purification of the Blessed Mary. 12 James I.

Between Richard Chapman, gentleman, complainant, and John Chapman, clerk, and Thomasine, his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a cottage, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 40 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, and 20 acres of wood in **Codsall** otherwise **Codsald** otherwise **Codssole**.

John and Thomasine remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £120.

On the Quindene of Easter. 13 James I.

Between John Persehowse, gentleman, and John Turton, complainants, and Thomas Whorwood, knight, and Gerard Whorwood, armiger, and Anne, his wife, deforciant of the manor of **Tibbington** otherwise **Tipton** with the appurtenances, and of 2 messuages, 3 cottages, 6 gardens, 6 orchards, 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, and an acre of land covered with water in **Tibbington**, and **Wednesbury**.

The deforciant remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John Persehowse, for which the complainants gave them £320.

NOTES OF FINES. TRINITY, 13 JAMES I.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 13 James I.

Between Robert Chewnall, complainant, and William Chamberlen otherwise **Backhouse** and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 20 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 15 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, 4 acres of moor, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Gnosall** and **Knightley**.

William and Elizabeth granted the said tenements and whatsoever they had therein for the term of the life of Elizabeth to the said Robert; to be held by the said Robert during the life of the said Elizabeth, for which Robert gave them £60.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 13 James I.

Between James Whitehall, gentleman, and John Bell, complainants, and Thomas Windsor, knight, Lord Windsor, and William Howard, Lord Howard, Edward Cookes, armiger, Richard Wakeman, armiger, Nicholas Barnesley, armiger, Andrew Windsor, armiger, and Frederick Windsor, armiger, deforciant of the manor of **Madeley** otherwise **Madeleyholme** otherwise **Madeleyhome**, with the appurtenances, and of the park of **Madeley**, and of 10 messuages, 6 cottages, a watermill, a dovecote, 10 barns, 10 gardens, 10 orchards, 200 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, 50 acres of pasture, 40 acres of wood, 50 acres of furze and heath, 50 acres of moor, and 9s. 2d. of rent in **Madeley**, **Checkley**, **Overton**, **Overteyne**, **Netherteyne**, **Lee** otherwise **Leighe**, **Foale**, **Overfoale**, **Netherfoale**, **Greeteyate**, **Beamehurste**, **Hollington**, and **Crakemarshe**, and of the view of frankpledge of **Madeley**.

The deforciant remitted all right to James and John and to the heirs of James, and Thomas, Lord Windsor, covenanted that he would warrant the said manor and tenements against the heirs of Henry, Lord Windsor, deceased, father of the said Thomas, and against the heirs of Edward, Lord Windsor, deceased, grandfather of the said Thomas, for which James and John gave them £320.

On the Morrow of Holy Trinity. 13 James I.

Between John Mitton, armiger, and John Francis, complainants, and Thomas Gerard, knight, Lord Gerard, and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of the manors of **Tittensor** otherwise **Tentenshall** and **Hilderston** with the appurtenances, and of 30 messuages, 20 cottages, 10 tofts, a watermill, 50 gardens, 40 orchards, 500 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow, 500 acres of pasture, 300 acres of wood, 600 acres of furze and heath, 20 acres of land covered with water, 40s. of rent, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Tittensor**, **Hilderston**, **Hardwick**, **Aston**, **Grevehonger**, and **Rudge** otherwise **Ridge**.

Thomas and Elizabeth remitted all right to the complainants and to the heirs of John Mitton, for which the complainants gave them £700.

On the Quindene of St. Martin. 13 James I.

Between William Barnsley and Thomas Greene, complainants, and William Lee, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, an orchard, 90 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, and common pasture in **Orton** otherwise **Overton**.

William Lee remitted all right to William Barnsley and Thomas and to the heirs of William Barnsley, for which William Barnsley and Thomas gave him £100.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 13 James I.

Between Richard Hanson, clerk, complainant, and Thomas Mason and Anne, his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a barn, a garden, an orchard, 12 acres of land, and an acre of pasture in **Hymley**.

Thomas and Anne remitted all right to Richard and his heirs, for which Richard gave them £41.

On the Octave of St. Michael. 13 James I.

Between William Cleyton, gentleman, complainant, and Robert Wood, gentleman, and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of a moiety of 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 39 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of wood in **Cotton Clamford** otherwise **Coton Clamford**.

Robert and Elizabeth remitted all right to William and his heirs, for which William gave them £41.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 13 James I.

Between John Hinckes, the elder, complainant, and Thomas Perrey, the elder, and Elizabeth, his wife, and Thomas Perrey, the younger, and Elizabeth, his wife, deforciant of 5 acres of pasture in **Perton**.

The deforciant remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them £40.

On the Morrow of All Souls. 13 James I.

Between John Turton, complainant, and Richard Davys otherwise Nicholls and Rose, his wife, deforciant of a messuage, a garden, 2 orchards, 10 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in **Walsall** and **Caldmore**.

Richard and Rose remitted all right to John and his heirs, for which John gave them £41.

On the Morrow of All Souls. 13 James I.

Between Ralph Lathrop, gentleman, complainant, and Thomas Smyth, gentleman, deforciant of 20 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of pasture in **Crakemarshe** and **Uttoxator**.

Thomas remitted all right to Ralph and his heirs, for which Ralph gave him £41.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 13 James I.

Between Thomas Lathroppe, gentleman, and Edward Vicars, complainants, and Francis Whittrence, deforciant of a moiety of a messuage, a garden, 200 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, and 10 acres of furze and heath in **Fole**, **Leighe**, and **Checkley**.

Francis remitted all right to Thomas and Edward and to the heirs of Thomas, for which Thomas and Edward gave him £100.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 13 James I.

Between Henry Cocke, complainant, and Otwell Bradbury and Ralph Bradbury, son and heir apparent of the said Otwell, deforciant of a messuage, 2 barns, 30 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Hawkesyord** otherwise **Hawkesearth** and **Alstonefeld**, and of common of turbarry in **Alstonefeld**.

Otwell and Ralph remitted all right to Henry and his heirs, for which Henry gave them £60.

On the Morrow of St. Martin. 13 James I.

Between Humphrey Whateley and Isabella, his wife, complainants, and Thomas Baylie and Dorothy, his wife, deforciant of a message, a garden, an orchard, an acre of land, an acre of pasture, and common of pasture for all kinds of cattle in **Yoxall**.

Thomas and Dorothy remitted all right to Humphrey and Isabella and to the heirs of Humphrey, for which Humphrey and Isabella gave them £41.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 13 James I.

Between Richard Shaw and Thomas Shaw, complainants, and Thomas Woodhouse, Oliver Shawe and Joan, his wife, and John Woodhouse, deforciant of 2 messuages, 2 gardens, an orchard, 100 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, and 6 acres of wood in **Womborne** and **Orton** otherwise **Overton**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Richard and Thomas Shaw and to the heirs of Richard, for which Richard and Thomas Shaw gave them £140.

On the Morrow of St. Martin. 13 James I.

Between the governors of the revenues of the goods of the free grammar school of Queen Mary, of Walsall, complainants, and Peter Cater and Joice, his wife, and Richard Mathewe and Mary, his wife, deforciant of a message, a cottage, and a garden in **Walsall**.

The deforciant remitted all right to the governors, for which the governors gave them £40.

On the Quindene of St. Martin. 13 James I.

Between Walter Brooke, armiger, complainant, and Walter Aston, knight and baronet, Edward Aston, armiger, Thomas Aston, armiger, and William Aston, gentleman, deforciant of 20 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of wood in **Longton**, **Hidesland**, and **Lapley**.

The deforciant remitted all right to Walter Brooke and his heirs, for which Walter Brooke gave them £60.

On the Octaves of St. Michael. 13 James I.

Between William Smythe, complainant, and William Harrison and Ellen, his wife, and Lawrence Bullocke and Margaret, his wife, deforciant of 2 messuages, a cottage, 20 acres of land, 7 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 6 acres of furze and heath, common of pasture for all kinds of cattle, and common of turbary in **Bradnappe** and **Leeke**, and of all tithes, oblations, obventions, and emoluments in the said tenements, except tithes of hay.

The deforciant remitted all right to William Smythe and his heirs, and covenanted that they would warrant the said tenements against the heirs of William Harrison, deceased, father of the said William Harrison, for which William Smythe gave them £41.

On the Octaves of St. Martin. 13 James I.

Between John Bolton, complainant, and John Lynacre, gentleman, and Mary, his wife, deforciant of a message, a garden, an orchard, 8 acres of land, and 4 acres of meadow in **Walsall**.

Whereas the said John Lynacre and Mary hold the said tenements for the life of the said Mary, the reversion after the decease of the said Mary belonging to John Hiddiatt and his heirs, the said John Lynacre and Mary granted the said tenements to the said John Bolton; to be held by the said John Bolton for the life of the said Mary, for which John Bolton gave them £41.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PLEA ROLLS. TEMP.
HENRY VI. AND EDWARD IV.

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HENRY VI. AND EDWARD IV.

DE BANCO. TRINITY, 34 H. VI.

Staff. Agnes Malley, the lady of Westbromwyche, sued John Clerk, late of Tybton, gentilman, for a debt of £40. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 19.*

Staff. John Fitzbugh, the executor of the will of Alice Rugeley, sued Robert Rugeley, of Shonstone, gentilman, for a debt of 6 marks. Robert did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 19.*

Staff. John Harpur, of Nayshalle, sued John Duddeley, of Tybynton (Tipton), yoman, for a debt of 70s., and he sued Thomas Hervy, of Feld, yoman, for a debt of 100s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff returned they held nothing, etc. He was thereupon ordered to arrest and produce them on the Morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 19.*

Staff. Thomas Stanley, armiger, sued William Rose, of Allerwas, yoman, for breaking into his close at Allerwas, and taking 8 steers and 7 heifers belonging to him worth 100s. William did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 19, dorso.*

Staff. John Stanley, late of Clyfton Canvyle, armiger, the *locum tenens* of Nedewode, sued Thomas Barton, of Barton, co. Leycester, yoman, and John Paynter, of Tuttebury, paynter, for a debt of £20. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 19, dorso.*

Staff. Roger Draycote, armiger, sued John Savage, late of Checkley, armiger, for fabricating a false deed respecting an annual rent of £100 issuing from the manors of Draycote, Paynesley, and Conesale, with a view of destroying the title and possession of the said Roger. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 95, dorso.*

Staff. Nicholas Warynges, armiger, sued John Cokkes, late of the Parish of Enfeld (Enville), the elder, husbondman, John Cokkes, late of the same place, the younger, husbondman, and Henry Jurdan, late of Alveley, co. Salop, husbondman, for breaking into his close at Lee, and taking £10 6s. 8d. of his money and abducting by force his servant, Alianora Rogers. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff returned they could not be found. He was therefore ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. A postscript states that on that date the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m. 25, dorso.*

Staff. Reginald, the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, sued Richard Okovere, of Whitmore, yoman, for breaking into his close at Great Sugge-nylle and taking 1,000 rabbits worth 10 marks. The defendant did not

appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 95, dorso.*

Staff. John Pant sued John Mares, of Yoxhale, husbandman, and Thomas Barker, of Yoxhale, husbandman, for breaking into his close at Yoxhale, and cutting and reaping his corn and hay to the value of 10 marks. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Morrow of St. John the Baptist. *m. 95, dorso.*

Staff. Richard Bagot, late Sheriff of co. Stafford, sued the following for debts owing to him :—

William Chohnley, of Tuttebury, yoman, John Chekley, of Tutbury, mason, and John Chohnmley, of Wodecote, co. Salop, yoman, each for 100s.

William Braylesford, of Stafford, yoman, for £8.

William Offeley, of Stafford, yoman, Thomas Mallot, of Stafford, mercer, William Wyot of Stone, yoman, each for £12 2s.

Ralph Orchard of Geryngeshale (Garshall), yoman, and John Tailour, of Stone, yoman, each for 71s.

Thomas Colclogh of Newcastle under Lyme, gentelman, for 66s. 8d.

John Bykford, of Brewode, yoman, and Henry Haddon, of Brewode, yoman, for 54s. 10d.

Richard Colclogh, of Chelle, yoman, and Ralph Colclogh, of Colclogh, co. Stafford, yoman, each for 66s. 8d.

And John Gunstone, late of Tresulle, yoman, for 60s.

None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain Ralph Orchard, who had found bull and to arrest the others and produce them on the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m. 157, dorso.*

Staff. Geoffrey Middleton sued Richard Colclowe, of Chelle, gentelman, Thomas Kelyng, of Wurstynton, co. Stafford, yoman, John Robynson, of the Parish of Wurstynton, yoman, and John Veggevode, of the same place, yoman, for breaking into his close at Chately and taking 21 steers, 10 heifers, 6 horses, and 5 mares worth £40. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 223, dorso.*

Staff. John Delves, armiger, sued Thomas Buknale, of Stoke, yoman, Thomas Pyot, of Chedulle, husbandman, Richard Harryson, of Chedulle, husbandman, John Molle, of Chedulle, and Stephen Molle, of the same place, husbandmen, and Margaret Chaloner, of Dillorne, wylowe, for breaking into his closes at Chedulle and Dillorne, and cutting down and carrying away his trees and underwood to the value of £20, and for depasturing cattle on his corn and grass. None of the defendants appeared and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 223, dorso.*

Staff. Richard Cordwaner sued Humfrey Swynarton, late of Swynarton, armiger, and John Hethe, late of Swynarton, yoman, for taking by force from Clent 3 horses, 4 oxen, and 2 cows belonging to him and worth £6. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 224, dorso.*

Staff. Ralph Wolseley sued Robert Boudelers, of Wolseley, yoman, and Margaret, his wife, and William Banastre, of Wolseley, osteler, for taking by force goods and chattels belonging to him from Colwyche and worth 40s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 225.*

Staff. Thomas Henshawe sued the same defendants as in the last suit for beating, wounding, and illtreating him at Wolseley. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 225, dorso.*

Staff. Robert Brydde, of Asshmerbroke, yoman, was attached to answer Robert Aston, armiger, in a plea that he had taken *vi et armis* 2 boars belonging to him from Farewalle worth 40s. on the 3rd October, 35 H. VI. Robert Brydde denied any injury or trespass and appealed to a jury which was to be summoned for the Octaves of St. Michael. *m.* 109, *dorso*.

Staff. William Hoo, late of Lichefeld, barker, and Joan, his wife, William Kyrkeby, of Lichefeld, yoman, William Byrche, of Lichefeld, coke, and William Mutton, of Lichefeld, yoman, were attached at the suit of John Bretan, of Lichefeld, gentelman, in a plea that by a conspiracy between them and one Thomas Baldwen, of Westminster, gentelman, they had broken into his home at Lichefeld, on the Thursday after the Feast of All Saints, 35 H. VI, and had taken 100s. in money, and had caused him to be taken to the King's Gaol at Stafford, and indicted with six others named of divers felonies and trespasses¹ before Sampson Meverell, knight, John Harpur, William Cumberford, Thomas Wolseley, Roger Dreycoote, and Thomas Everdon, Justices of the Peace, at Stafford, and detained in prison, until the Thursday in Easter week, when he had been acquitted before John Harpur and William Cumberford at Lichefeld, and for which he claimed £100 as damages. The defendants appeared by attorney and denied the conspiracy and trespass, and appealed to a jury which was to be summoned for the Octaves of St. Michael. A postscript shews that the process was continued and moved by writ of *nisi prius* to be heard before the Justices of Assize on the Wednesday before the Feast of St. Gregory at Stafford, when a jury found that William Hoo and Joan, his wife, and William Mutton were guilty of the conspiracy alleged against them, and assessed the damages of the plaintiff at 10 marks and his costs at 10 marks, and they stated that William Kirkeby and William Byrche were not guilty. It was therefore considered that John Bretan should recover the above costs and damages, but was *in misericordia* for a false claim against William Kirkeby and William Byrche. *m.* 131.

Derb. John Gresley, knight, sued Henry Russell, vicar of the church of Dubblegge, for a debt of 5 marks, and stated that on 19th September, 32 H. VI, the defendant had bound himself by a bond at Draceawe to pay to him the sum of 5 marks at the following Feast of St. Michael, and he produced the bond in Court.

Henry stated that he should not be bound by the bond, because at the date of it he had been imprisoned by John Gresley and others of his company at Stratford atte Bow, in co. Essex, and detained in prison until he had given the bond.

John Gresley denied the use of any force, and stated at the date of the bond the defendant was out of prison and a free agent, and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff of co. Essex was therefore ordered to summon a jury for the Morrow of All Souls. A postscript shews that no jury had been empanelled up to Hillary term, 39 H. VI. *m.* 305.

Salop. Ralph Bysshebury and Joan, his wife, formerly wife of John Marchall, executrix of the will of the said John Marchall, sued John Gogh, late of Eyton, near Alburybury, yoman, and four others named, for a debt of 40s. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to put them into *exigend*, and if they did not appear to outlaw them. *m.* 347.

Staff. Thomas Erdyngton, knight, sued Nicholas Warynges, late of Lee, co. Stafford, armiger, John Hynstoke, of Wolverhampton, hosyer, William

¹ The other defendants were Thomas Stykbok, chaplain, Reginald Mogge, yoman, William Cokkes, yoman, William Stykbok, yoman, William Brenley, yoman, and John Brokes, yoman, all of Lichefeld.

Taillour, yoman, Richard Chaumbre, walker, William Lorettes, sadeler, John Robardes, mercer, all of Wolverhampton, for so threatening his tenants in Wolverhampton that for fear of their lives they had seceded from their tenancies, and he had lost their services for a length of time. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 350.

Staff. John Delves, Roger Draycote, and William Wore, clerk, sued Peter Baguley, of Audeley, yoman, William Wood, of Audeley, yoman, John Wood, of Balterley, the younger, William Wood, of Balterley, husbondman, William Blore, of Betteley, barker, and Thomas Barksford, of Betteley, yoman, for breaking into their closes in Bentley (*sic*), Balderley, and Audeley, and cutting down underwood and trees to the value of 100s. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 351.

Staff. John, Earl of Shrewsbury, sued Ralph Madeley, of Denstone, gentilman, John Prestewode, of Denstone, yoman, John in Doowe (*sic*), of Leke, gentilman, and John Godhelp, of Leke, yoman, for entering his park at Aulton and chasing and taking his game. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m.* 351.

Staff. Richard Brame sued William Grene, of Great Sardon, husbondman, John Pynson, of Little Sardon, yoman, Thomas Nicols, of Brewede, yoman, John Careles, of Eton, yoman, and three others named for breaking into his close at Lecroft, near Cannok, and taking his goods and chattels to the value of 40s. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 351, *dorso*.

DE BANCO. HILARY, 36. H. VI.

Staff. William Warde and Hugh Warde sued Henry Ingham, of Stretton, husbondman, Nicholas Greceholler, of Bruggefurd, husbondman, John Halfhide, of Whytegreve, husbondman, and two others named, for depasturing cattle *vi et armis* on their corn and grass at Bruggefurd (*sic*). None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of the Purification. *m.* 19.

Staff. Henry Swynshel sued Thomas Shelton, late of Chorleton, yoman, and William Shelton, of Chorleton, husbondman, for insulting, beating, and wounding him. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Easter Day. *m.* 19.

Staff. Thomas Asteley, armiger, Richard Beaufo, armiger, and William Raleigh, armiger, sued Reginald Colle, late of Wolvernhampton, gentilman, and Richard Rynge, late of Wolvernhampton, bocher, for taking fish from their several fishery at Bisshebury to the value of 20 marks. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the above date. *m.* 19.

Staff. Isabella Hexstall sued Joan, late wife of William Byrmyngemham, knight, late of Byrmyngemham, in co. Warwick, wydowe, for breaking into her closes at Great Barre. Joan did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce her on the Quindene of Easter Day. A postscript states that on that day the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to produce her on the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m.* 19.

Staff. Thomas Asteley, armiger, and John Walton, dean of the church of St. Mary in the Castle of Leicester, executors of the will of Joan de Knyghtley, late wife of William Lee, armiger, sued John Harecourt, late of Elnehale, armiger, and Roger Clerk, of Haloughton, gentleman, executors of the will of Richard Peesale, late of Knyghtley, armiger, for a debt of 10 marks. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them on the Quindene of Easter Day. *m. 19.*

Staff. Thomas Asteley, armiger, sued Thomas Hethe, of Busshebury, yoman, for breaking into his close at Esynnton and taking fish from his several fishery worth 100s. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 19.*

Staff. Reginald, the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, sued John Patryk, of Brokton, William Patryk, of Brokton, John Scalsys, of Brokton, Richard Bernard, Thomas Lowe, son of John Lowe (all described as husbandmen, of Brokton), John Pole, of Walton, husbandman, John Stanlowe, of Walton, husbandman, William Wode, of Ruggeley, yoman, and John Salt, of Huntynghdon, yoman, for breaking into his closes at Cannok and Heywode and cutting down his trees and underwood to the value of £40. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Easter. *m. 19.*

Staff. John Berdemore sued John Whyston, of Whiston, husbandman, for breaking into his houses and closes at Eves and depasturing cattle on his grass. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 19, dorso.*

Staff. William Vernon, knight, sued Hugh Dampont, of Pype Rydware, armiger, and Matthew Gryffith, of Pype Rydware, husbandman, for breaking into his close at Pype Rydware, cutting down his trees and underwood, and depasturing cattle on his grass. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them at three weeks from Easter. *m. 77.*

Staff. Thomas Ferrers sued John Walker, of Bythyrscote, yoman, for depasturing cattle and pigs on his grass at Bythyrscote, so that he lost the value of it for a length of time. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of Easter. *m. 77, dorso.*

Staff. John Bowyer sued John Elkyn, late of Stafford, yoman, in a plea that whereas he had lent him a horse to ride from Stafford to Bristol, and from there back again to Stafford, he had so overridden and fatigued the horse that it had been deteriorated to the extent of 100s. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the above date. A postscript shews adjournments of the suit up to Michaelmas term, 37 H. VI. *m. 77, dorso.*

Staff. Mary, late wife of Richard Squyer, sued Agnes Squyer and John Squyer and Margaret, his wife, for the third of 3 messuages, 300 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, and 20 acres of wood in Houndsworth and West Bromwyche, which she claimed as dower. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the dower claimed into the King's hand and summon them for three weeks from Easter Day. *m. 124.*

Middlesex. John Vernon, late of Harlaston, co. Stafford, armiger, executor of the will of Richard Vernon, knight, was summoned at the suit of Barbelina Erlebyguyne and William Marshall, parson of the church of Kyrkeswold, executors of the will of John Dacres, knight, and of John Boletter, knight, and Isabella, his wife, formerly wife of John Dacres,

arrest the said John and Sampson. And Sampson Meverell now surrendered and was committed to the Marshalsea, and being brought before the Court he produced the King's Letters Patent dated 30th October, 31 H. VI, pardoning him for all felonies and offences perpetrated before the day of Parastenes, viz., 7th April, 30 H. VI. And having found sufficient security in Chancery for his good behaviour, the said Sampson was discharged. *m. 27 Rex.*

DE BANCO. HILLARY, 38 H. VI.

Staff. Robert Aston, knight, sued John Wright, of Walsale, wright, in a plea that whereas he had contracted to build a house for him at Haywode, within a certain time, for a certain sum of money, he had neglected to do so, for which he claimed 20 marks as damages. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of Easter. A postscript shews the suit was adjourned to the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 19.*

Staff. John Stanley, knight, and Elizabeth, his wife, formerly wife of John Vampage, the elder, and John V . . . , armiger, sued John Cokayne, late of Assheburne, co. Derby, armiger, for a debt of £40. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of Easter. *m. 199.*

Staff. Laurence Lowe sued John Lord, of Waterfall, yoman, and Nicholas Lord, of Waterfall, yoman, for breaking into his close at Waterfall and depasturing cattle on his grass. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them at three weeks from Easter. *m. 199.*

Staff. Richard Brame sued William Grene, of Great Saredon, husbandman, John Pynson, of Little Saredon, yoman, Richard Morys, of Great Saredon, yoman, Hugh Haselyngton, late of Briggsford, yoman, Thomas Nicoles, of Brewode, yoman, John Careles, of Eton, yoman, and John Parker, of Cannok, yoman, for breaking into his close at Lecroft, near Cannok, and taking his chattels to the value of 40s. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Easter Day. A postscript shews that the Sheriff made no return to the writ for the next two terms, and he was finally ordered to produce them on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m. 340.*

DE BANCO. TRINITY, 38 H. VI.

Staff. Hugh Eggerton, armiger, sued Robert Cuny (Coyney), of Weston Cuny, armiger, and Thomas Dethyk, of Uttoxhatre, armiger, for a debt of £20. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce them on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 33.*

Staff. John White, of Aston, near Stone, sued John Rogger, of Hatton, near Swynerton, for taking by force two oxen belonging to him worth 40s. from Aston, near Stone. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Quindene of Michaelmas. *m. 33.*

Staff. William Wilkys sued John Brook, late of Beudeley, co. Worcester, scolar, John Gryffyth, late of Cannok, chaplain, John Wode, of Tettenhale,

chaplain, Richard Flemyng, of Tettenhale, the elder, husbandman, and John Fletcher, of Tettenhale, fletcher, for breaking *vi et armis* into his close at Alderley and depasturing cattle on his grass. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of St. Michael. *m. 33, dorso.*

Staff. William Cumberford sued in person Henry Botheby, of Marchynton under Nedewode, vagabound, for so threatening his servant Robert Meke at Marchynton that the said Robert was afraid for fear of his life to carry on the business of the plaintiff. Henry did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of St. Michael.¹ *m. 128.*

Wygorn. Ralph Wolseley sued in person Isabella Leveson for six messuages in Duddeley and a messuage, 100 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, and 300 acres of pasture in Netherton, as his right and inheritance by the King's writ of right, John Lord of Duddeley, knight, the capital lord of the fee, having remitted his Court to the King.

Isabella called to warranty William Bare, who was present in Court and warranted the tenements to her. And Ralph then sued the said William for them as tenant by the warranty, and stated he had been seised of the tenements in demesne as of fee in the time of the present King, and offered to prove his right.

And William put himself on a great Assize, and the suit was adjourned. A postscript states that William afterwards made default and a verdict was given in favor of Ralph. *m. 137.²*

Staff. Margaret, the Countess of Shrewsbury, sued Thomas Coton, of Tamworth, co. Warwick, goldbeater, Thomas Couper, of Tamworth, in co. Stafford, couper, William Bosworth, of Tamworth, co. Stafford, husbandman, and nine others of Tamworth, for breaking into her park at Drayton Basset and chasing and taking her game. Wyne of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. A postscript shews adjournments of the suit up to Hillary term, 39 H. VI. *m. 184.*

Staff. John Bate, of Tamworth, co. Stafford, clerk, sued Henry Pole, late of Radburn, co. Derby, armiger, Edward Longford, of Snarestone, co. Leycester, armiger, Nicholas Tempull, of Leycester, armiger, William Charneles, of Snarestone, armiger, Henry Punt, of Assheburne, a tourney, and eleven others named for receiving bribes from Nicholas Fynerne, armiger, at Tamworth, co. Stafford, whilst serving on a jury in a case of trespass between him and the said Nicholas and which had been tried by the King's writ of *nisi prius* at Loughborowe, before Richard Byngham, the King's Justice. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 182.*

Staff. Charles Nowell, armiger, sued Thomas Whyng, of Wednesbury, bocher, for breaking into his closes at Wednesbury and digging and carrying away earth from them to the value of £10. Thomas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 184, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to raise 20s. from the goods and chattels of John Savage, armiger, late of Chekley, being the damages

¹ William Cumberford was one of the Prothonotaries of the Court.

² These recoveries by writs of right are collusive suits to give the plaintiff a judicial title.

adjudicated to Roger Draycote, armiger, according to the Statute of Westminster the first, for the delay caused to him by an essoin "*de servitio Regis*" put in by the said John in a suit between them of trespass, the said John not having appeared or shewn any warrant for the essoin, and Roger now appeared by his attorney, and the Sheriff returned he had taken goods and chattels of the said John to the value of 20*s.*, but they remained unsold through defect of buyers, and he could not produce the sum required. He was therefore ordered to bring the money into Court on the Quindene of St. Michael. A postscript shews the money had not been paid up to Easter, 39 H. VI. *m.* 239.

CORAM REGE. MICH., 39 H. VI.

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to put into *exigent* Thomas Wasteley, of Walsall, yoman, and if he did not appear to outlaw him, and if he appeared to arrest and produce him, to answer the appeal of Alice, formerly wife of William Trewblode, for the death of her husband. And as the said Thomas had not appeared he had been outlawed, and at this term Thomas surrendered and was committed to the Marshalsea, and being brought before the Court, he produced the King's Letters Patent, by which the King had pardoned him under the name of Thomas Wrasteler, of Walshale, barker, *alias* Thomas Wrasteler, late of Walshale, yoman, for all felonies perpetrated before the Feast of St. Edmund, and likewise for any outlawry promulgated against him before the same date. Dated 20th April, 38 H. VI. He was therefore admitted to bail, and the Sheriff certified that he had no goods nor chattels at the date of the outlawry nor afterwards, and as the said Alice had been warned and had not appeared to prosecute her appeal, it was considered that the said Thomas should be discharged. *m.* 53.¹

Staff. John Squyer, the son of Henry Squyer, of Honnesworth, yoman, was attached at the suit of John Squyer, son of Richard Squyer, and John Haukys for illegally taking and detaining their cattle, and the said John and John stated that on the 20th June, 37 H. VI, the defendant had taken at Honnesworth 2 horses, 4 mares, a colt, and 4 cows worth 10 marks belonging to them. The defendant denied the trespass and injury and asked for an adjournment, and a day was given to the parties on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 89.

Staff. It had been presented at Stafford before Richard Byngeman and other Justices of the King in 36 H. VI that Thomas Wrasteler, of Walshale, yoman, on the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Dunstan, 36 H. VI, had feloniously killed William Trewblode, of Walshale, with a certain *hondebille* (*handbill*) and had fled.

It had likewise been presented on the Wednesday after the Quindene of Holy Trinity, 34 H. VI, at Newgate before William Marowe, the Mayor of London, and his fellow Justices assigned to deliver the gaol of Newgate, that Thomas Harrys, of Alvyngton, co. Gloucester, yoman, who was also known by the name of Thomas Wrasteler, of Walshale, tanner, with others, including the said Thomas the approver, on the 13th June, 29 H. VI, had taken at Russhale, in co. Stafford, on the high road, from vessels and pipes ("*de vasis et pipis*") red wine belonging to Humfrey, Duke of Buckingham, which was in carts belonging to John Reynold and Thomas Reynold, the son of

¹ A Warwickshire Indictment states that Thomas had murdered William Trewblode at Aston, near Birmingham, on the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Petronilla, 36 H. VI.

DE BANCO. TRINITY, 7 E. IV.

Staff. Elizabeth, late wife of William Ferrers, knight, sued Joan Norman, late of Bold, in the parish of Bleffeld (Blithfield), wydowe, for breaking into her close at Bromley in the parish of Stowe, and depasturing cattle on her grass. Joan did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to put her into *exigend*, and if she did not appear to waive her, and if she appeared to arrest and produce her on the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m.* 81, *dorso*.

Wigorn. Henry Wrottesley sued Richard Peer, of Evesham, gentilman, for a debt of £60, for which he produced the bond of Richard, dated from Worcester the Saturday before the Feast of St. Edward the Confessor, 6 E. IV.

Richard stated that at the date of the bond he was imprisoned by the said Henry and others of his suite at Worcester, and detained in custody until by the harshness and duress of his confinement he had given the bond.

Henry denied the allegation of Richard and stated, that at the time the bond was delivered the defendant was at large and not in prison, and that the bond had been given spontaneously and of free will, and appealed to a jury which was to be summoned for the Quindene of St. Michael.¹ *m.* 105.

Staff. A precept had been sent to the Coroners of the County, by which the King commanded them without delay to replevy the cattle of John Delves, armiger, which John Harecourt, the Sheriff of the County, had unjustly taken and detained, and John Delves now appeared by attorney, and stated that his cattle had been removed to unknown parts by the said John Harecourt, so that they could not be replevied; the coroners were therefore commanded to take cattle of the said John Harecourt in "Wythernamium," and deliver them to John Delves, to be held by him until he could replevy his own cattle, and to summon the said John Harecourt for the Quindene of St. Michael to shew cause respecting the seizure of the cattle of John Delves. *m.* 124, *dorso*.

Staff. Thomas Warne sued William Beeke, of Chedyll, clerk, Richard Chalner, yoman, Thomas Walle, yoman, William Harreson, yoman, Henry Pyet, yoman, Richard Godecole, yoman, John Molle, yoman, Rogier Dykke, yoman (all of Chedyll) (Cheadle), and William Delfe, yoman, of Dylron (Dilhorn), for breaking into his close and houses at Chedyll and depasturing cattle on his grass. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain William Beeke, Richard Chalner, Thomas Walle, and William Delfe, and to arrest the others, and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 211.

Staff. John Turnehare sued John Tynker, late of Gratewych, the elder, yoman, and John Tynker, late of Gratewych, the younger, yoman, in a plea that whereas by the common custom of the Kingdom everyone should safely guard his fire lest his neighbours should be injured, the said defendants had so negligently guarded their fire at Grotewych (Gratwych), that his house had been completely burnt down, for which he claimed £40 as damages. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 211.

¹ Henry Wrottesley had been Sheriff of co. Worcester during very troublous times. He was the younger brother of Sir Walter Wrottesley, of Wrottesley.

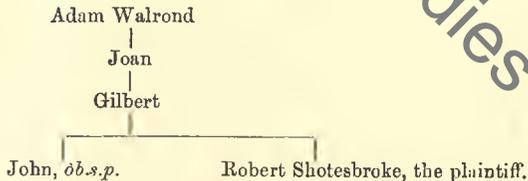
Staff. Bevis Hampton sued John Pereson, of Lychefeld, yoman, William Pereson, yoman, Thomas Stykbuk, chaplain, and John Shepey, scoler (all of Lichfeld), for fabricating and publishing false deeds, in order to disturb him in the possession of his lands and tenements in Lichefeld, against the Statute of 1 H. V. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m.* 212.

Staff. Agnes Gardener sued Ralph Radclyff, late of Ruggeley, yoman, for breaking into her close and houses at Ruggeley and taking her goods and chattels to the value of £20. Ralph did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m.* 212, *dorso*.

Derb. Ralph Fitzherbert, of Yoxsale, co. Stafford, gentilman, and six others of co. Derby, were attached at the suit of Joyce Beauchamp for breaking into her close at Eyton in Dovedale and cutting down her trees, viz., 60 oak trees, to the value of 10 marks. The defendants appeared by attorney and asked for an adjournment to the Quindene of St. Michael, which was granted. *m.* 303.

Warw. Edward Hastynges, of Daylesford,¹ co. Worcester, armiger, was attached at the suit of Humfrey Stafford for a debt of £20, for which Humfrey produced the bond of Edward dated 27th January, 34 H. VI. Edward stated that the bond was given on condition that if he stood to the arbitrament of Roger Wakefeld and two others named respecting all questions in dispute between him and Humfrey, the bond should be annulled, and he pleaded that he was an illiterate man ("*minime literatus*"), and had signed the bond believing that it contained that condition, and that as the simple bond now produced in Court did not contain that condition, it was not his act and deed, and he appealed to a jury which was to be summoned for the Quindene of St. Michael. A postscript shews no jury had been empanelled up to Trinity term, 9 E. VI. *m.* 325, *dorso*.

Wiltes. Robert Shotesbroke, knight, sued John Rogger, the younger, and Margaret, his wife, for 8 messuages, 5 carucates of land, and 40 acres of meadow in Puryton and Chellesworth, which Adam Walrond had given to Joan, his daughter, and heirs male of her body, and from Joan he gave this descent:—



John Rogger and Margery called to warranty Thomas Rogger, son and heir of John Rogger, the elder, who appeared by attorney and warranted the tenements to them, and Robert then sued Thomas Rogger as tenant by the warranty, and repeated his plea. Thomas asked for an adjournment to the Quindene of Michaelmas, which was granted.² *m.* 359.

¹ The famous Warren Hastings claimed to descend from the Hastings of Daylesford, and purchased the manor after his return to England.

² Sir Robert de Shotesbroke was lord of Standon, co. Stafford, Elizabeth, the daughter and eventually sole heir of the last Vivian de Staundon, having married Gilbert de Shotesbroke (see the suit at p. 86, Vol. XVII, of "Staffordshire Collections").

Staff. Richard Maclesfeld, who sued by his *custos*, sued Thomas Halghton for a toft and 60 acres of land in Sydwey, and he sued John Cleyton for a toft and 60 acres of land in Merewey, and he sued Elena Endon and Agnes Endon, the daughters and heirs of Thomas Endon, for a toft and 60 acres of land in Aston in Hales under Lyme, which were held of him by certain service, and which service had not been rendered for two years. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to take the land into the King's hands, and to summon them for the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m.* 144.

Staff. Robert Hill sued Robert Walker, of Bagottsbromley, gentelman, and Thomas Anley, late of Marchyngton under Nedewode, yoman, for breaking into his close at Marchyngton, taking his goods and chattels to the value of £10, and depasturing cattle on his grass. The defendants did not appear and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Morrow of All souls. *m.* 235.

Staff. Humfrey Yonge, clerk, sued Humfrey Whitgreve, Edward Tailour, and William Parker for an illegal entry by force into a message belonging to him at Stafford against the Statute of 5 R. II. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff returned that Humfrey Whitgreve had been attached by John Est and James West. They were therefore *in misericordia*. And the Sheriff returned that the said Edward and William held nothing within his bailiwick. He was therefore ordered to distrain Humfrey Whitgreve, who had found security, and to arrest the others and produce them on the Octaves of St. Martin. *m.* 235.

Staff. John Nedeham, knight, Thomas Littelton, Humfrey Starky, William Brian, Robert Hill, and William Praers sued John Miners, of Uttoxther, armiger, Nicholas Glesley, of Yoxhale, armiger, and Richard Shelle, of Kyngesbromley, husbondman, and Emma, his wife, for breaking into their close and houses at Kyngesbromley and reaping and carrying off their wheat to the value of 5 marks. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain the said John and Nicholas, who had found bail, and to arrest Richard Shelle and produce them on the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m.* 235.

Salop. William Yonge, knight, sued Thomas Pulesdon, of Childes-Ercall, husbondman, William Pulesdon, late of the same place, husbondman, Richard Pulesdon, of Childesercall, husbondman, and John Duffeld, of Ekin Onne husbondman, for taking his goods and chattels by force from Caynton, to the value of 40s. and abducting his servant Katrine Hill, so that he had lost her services for a length of time. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of St. Martin. *m.* 235.

Staff. William Sany, of Appleby, sued William Hulme, late of Burton upon Trente, carpenter, and Thomas Hulme, late of Hornynglowe, husbondman, for breaking into his close at Hornynglowe and depasturing cattle on his corn and grass. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m.* 280, *dorso*.

Staff. John de Duddeley, knight, sued Richard Leveson, late of Wolverhampton, gentelman, John Salford, of Wolverhampton, gentelman, William Mollesley, late of Bystone, gentelman, Thomas Hethe, late of Busshelbury, yoman, and John Sheldon, late of Daventre, co. Northampton, yoman, for breaking into his park at Seigesley and chasing and taking his game. The

before, and the Sheriff had made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of St. Hillary. A further postscript states that on that day Margaret again appeared in person and appealed them as before, and none of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to arrest and produce them at three weeks from Easter Day (14 E. IV), on which day Margaret appeared again in person, and none of the defendants appeared. The Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Morrow of St. Martin, on which day Margaret again appeared *in propria persona sua*, and none of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Morrow of the Purification, on which day Margaret again appeared in person, but none of the defendants were in Court, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Easter Day (15 E. IV), on which day Margaret appeared again in person, and the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of Holy Trinity, on which day Margaret again appeared in person, and none of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff made no return, and he was ordered to arrest and produce them on the Octaves of St. Martin, 15 E. IV. *m. 58.*¹

Derb. The Sheriff was ordered to put into *exigend* John de la Pole, late of Hertyngton, the younger, armiger, Edmund de la Pole, late of Hertyngton, gentelman, Ralph de la Pole, late of Hertyngton, gentelman, Humfrey de la Pole, late of Hertyngton, gentelman, Philip de la Pole, of Hertyngton, gentelman, Roger Stones, late of Alsfeld, co. Stafford, yoman, Thomas Clerke, late of Alsfeld (Alstonefield), yoman, Tom Stones, late of Alsfeld, yoman, Philip Leche, late of Chatterworth, co. Derby, armiger, and four others named, and if they did not appear to outlaw them, and if they appeared to arrest and produce them on the Quindene of Easter Day to answer to the King as accessories to the death of John Meycock, the brother of Thomas Meycock, who had appealed them for the said death, and the Sheriff had made no return to the writ. He was therefore ordered again to put them into *exigend*, and to produce them on the Morrow of All Souls. *m. 19 Rex.*

CORAM REGE. TRINITY, 13 E. IV.

Wygorn. The Sheriff had been ordered to distrain John Dypper, the Bailiff of John, Bishop of Worcester, within his Liberty of the Hundred of Oswaldeslowe, to produce at this term William Stafford, bastard, late of Grafton, gentelman, John Shaylle, late of Evesham, yoman, and Richard Raynold, late of Kidermyster, yoman, detained in prison by the said John Dypper as he had returned at a month from Easter, to answer the appeal of Margaret, late wife of Robert Harecourt, knight, for the death of her husband. And Margaret now appeared in person, but the said William Stafford, John Shaylle, and Richard Raynold did not appear, and the Sheriff returned that he had distrained John Dypper up to 6s. 8d. He was therefore ordered to distrain the said John Dypper again to produce the said defendants on the Quindene of St. Michael. *m. 1, dorso.*

¹ In an appeal of murder the complainant could not appear by attorney, and it is impossible not to admire the pertinacity with which Margaret pursued the murderers of her husband. It is evident, however, that owing probably to the provocation which the latter had received there was a very general disposition to shield them.

Staff. Roger Dove sued John Moford, of Walshale, yoman, for breaking into his close and houses at Walshale and taking his goods and chattels to the value of 10 marks. John did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Morrow of All Souls. *m. 227, dorso.*

Staff. Margery Lane, widow, sued Thomas Coke, of Wolvernehampton, yoman, for breaking into her close at Wolvernehampton. Thomas did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered as in the last suit. *m. 227, dorso.*

Staff. John Faresforth (Bere-ford), gentleman, sued John Halle, of Dovebrigge, co. Derby, yoman, for a debt of £20, and he sued Thomas Baresforth, of Neuton Grange, co. Derby, genti man, for a debt of £16 Cs. 8d. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the Quindene of St. Martin. *m. 256.*

Staff. John Okeley, chaplain, and Richard Table, chaplain, sued Richard Fairfax, late of London, gentleman, for breaking into their house at Lichefeld and so threatening their tenant, William Wilson, that for fear of his life he had thrown up his tenancy. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain and produce him on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m. 256.*

Staff. John Grene sued John Gaunte, of Roweley, yoman, for breaking into his close at Roweley and depasturing cattle on his grass. The defendant did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to arrest and produce him on the Octaves of St. Hillary. *m. 256.*

Staff. John Okeley and William Clareley sued Geoffrey Welles, of Lychefeld, tyler, for breaking into their close at Lychefeld and depasturing cattle on their grass. Geoffrey did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to put him into *exigend*, and if he did not appear to outlaw him, and if he appeared to arrest and produce him in five weeks from Easter Day. A postscript states that on that date the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered again as above. *m. 257.*

Staff. John Walton, the Abbot of Crokesdene, Stephen Wyghton, monk of the said Abbey, Edmund Burton, late of Calton, husbandman, John Burton, late of Calton Graunge, laborer, Robert Smyth, of Calton, yoman, Thomas Smyth, of Calton, husbandman, and Lettice Smyth, of Musdene, wydowe, were attached at the suit of William Basset, armiger, for breaking into his close at Musdene and taking his goods and chattels on the 20th August, 12 E. IV, viz., 300 sheaves of oats and 20 cartloads of hay to the value of 20 marks. The defendants appeared by attorney, and asked for an adjournment to the Octaves of St. Hillary, which was granted. A postscript shews further adjournments of the suit up to Trinity term, 14 E. IV. *m. 304, dorso.*

Staff. Thomas Jorce sued Richard Colclough, of Newcastle under Lyme, gentleman, John Swynerton, late of Bloerton, yoman, and John Orpe, late of Newcastle under Lyme, smyth, for collecting together a number of malefactors, and lying in wait at Bloerton in order to kill him, and for beating, wounding, and illtreating him so that his life was despaired of, and for detaining him in prison against the law and custom of the country. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain Richard, who had found bail, and to arrest the others and produce them on the Quindene of St. Hillary. *m. 400, dorso.*

Staff. John Doyly, son of Edward Doyly, armiger, appeared in person in Court to acknowledge what right he claimed in the manor of Ronton, which Roger Leukenore, knight, had granted by Fine to John Harecourt,

armiger, and others named, and the note of the Fine was read out in these words:—"Between John Harecourt, armiger, Robert Charleton, armiger, and Roger Walle, clerk, complainants, and Roger Leukenore, knight, deforciant of the manor of Ronton, which John Doily, son of Edward Doily, armiger, held for his life." Roger Leukenore acknowledged the said manor to be the right of John Harecourt, and conceded that the said manor, which John Doily held for his life, and which after his death should revert to the said Roger and his heirs, after the death of the said John Doily should remain to John Harecourt, Robert, and Roger Walle, and to the heirs of John Harecourt for ever. For which fine and concord John Harecourt, Robert, and Roger Walle gave to the said Roger Leukenore 500 marks.

And John Doily stated that he held the said manor for term of his life without impeachment of waste by a demise of Thomas Leukenore, knight, the father of Roger, whose heir he was, by a tripartite deed which he produced in Court. By this deed Thomas Leukenore, knight, granted to Edward Doily the manor of Ronton for term of his life without impeachment of waste, and to remain after his death in the hands of his executors for one entire year, and if the said Edward should die during the lifetime of his son John Doily, he granted that the said manor immediately after the death of Edward should remain to the said John and his assigns for the term of his life and to his executors for a year after his death without impeachment of waste, witnessed by Alexander Anne, Thomas Mollesley, Hugh Erdeswyke, William Lee, and Nicholas Conyngston, and dated 17th May, 9 H. VI, and John Doily stated that saving all the advantages and benefits of the above deed, he was ready to attorn himself to the said John Harecourt, Robert, and Roger Walle. (*quod salvis sibi advantagiis et beneficiis scripti predicti paratus est se in le eisdem Johanne Harecourt, etc., de manerio predicto cum pertinentiis attornare*"), and he performed fealty. The Fine was therefore to be engrossed. *m. 457.*

Staff. Roger More sued in person Thomas More for 2½ messuages 17 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, and 36 acres of pasture in Penekryche and Chillington by a writ of novel disseisin.

Thomas stated that as regarded the moiety of the messuage claimed he had not disseised the plaintiff and appealed to a jury, and as regarded two messuages, 2 acres of meadow, and 6 of pasture he stated that John More, his father, and whose heir he was, was seised of them in demesne as of fee, and he had entered as his heir, and the said Roger claiming them under color of a deed of feoffment made to him by the said John More had entered, but he had re-entered because the said messuages, etc., had not been conveyed by the above deed. And as regarded the residue of the tenements he stated that one John Waller, clerk, Roger Godeman, clerk, and Roger Lyot, husbandman, had been seised of them in demesne as of fee, and had enfeoffed him in them, and the plaintiff claimed them by a demise made to him for his life by the same John Waller, Roger Godeman, and Roger Lyot.

Roger More stated that John Waller, Roger Godeman, and Roger Lyot were seised of the messuages, meadow, and pasture in demesne and had granted them to Roger More, the younger son of the said John More, the father, and to the heirs of his body, by virtue of which grant the same Roger, son of John, was seised in his demesne as of fee tail, and he had issue Roger More, the plaintiff, and he had entered as son and heir of the said Roger, son of John, and was seised in demesne as of fee until unjustly disseised by the defendant. After some further pleadings both parties appealed to a jury which was to be summoned for the Quindene of St. Hillary. A postscript states that on that day the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to summon a jury for the Quindene of Holy Trinity. *m. 459.*

minster and appealed to a jury. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon a jury for the Octaves of the Purification, on which day the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to summon a jury for a month from Easter Day, on which day Humfrey Whitgreve appeared, and Humfrey Yonge, being solemnly called, made no appearance, and Humfrey Whitgreve prayed that he might be exonerated from the outlawry, and proclamation being made according to custom, if any one had reason to give against the annulling of the outlawry, and on its being shewn by men worthy of credit that the said Humfrey Whitgreve had never lived in Westminster, it was considered that he should be exonerated from the outlawry, and restored to all that he had lost on the occasion of it. *m. 26.*

Wigorn. The Sheriff returned into Court a sum of 13s. 4d. as the proceeds of a distraint upon John Dypper, the Bailiff of the Bishop's Hundred of Oswaldeslowe, to produce the three men accused as principals in the death of Robert Harcourt, knight, but the defendants did not appear. He was therefore ordered to distraint the said John again to produce the defendants at three weeks from Easter to answer the appeal of Margaret, late wife of Robert Harcourt, knight. *m. 43.*

Salop. Elizabeth, late wife of Thomas Hochyns, appeared in person and appealed William Hogettys, of Segesley, co. Stafford, yoman, Richard Hogettys, of Segesley, husbandman, Thomas Hogettys, of Segesley, laborer, Oliver Hogettys, of Segesley, laborer, Thomas Hogettys, of Segesley, the younger, laborer, Roger Jankes, of Segesley, smythe, John Jankes, of Segesley, smythe, Thomas Tyrle, of Swynford, Pegis, yoman, William Flaxhale, of Walsale, glover, Richard Cokes, of Einfeld, co. Stafford, husbandman, Thomas Lynde, of Hascote, in the parish of Kynfare, laborer, for the death of her husband. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff returned they could not be found within his bailiwick. The Sheriff of co. Stafford was therefore ordered to arrest and produce them at a month from Easter Day, and if they could not be found to make proclamation at two County Courts according to custom, calling on them to surrender at the above date. *m. 43.*

Derb. Memorandum that at Trinity term last Henry Vernon, armiger, had appeared in person and preferred a bill against John Pole, the younger, armiger, then in the custody of the Marshall, in a plea of debt, and Henry stated that he had demised to the said John at Haddon at Michaelmas, 8 E. IV, the rectory of Hartington and the demesne lands of it, together with tythes and other emoluments appertaining to the said rectory for a term of four years, rendering annually a sum of £24, and the said John had held the rectory from Michaelmas, 8 E. IV, up to Michaelmas, 12 E. IV, and £24 of the said farm was now due and John had refused to pay it, and a day had been given to the said John to answer the bill of Henry, and he had not appeared. Henry was therefore to recover the said sum of £24, and 20s. for costs. *m. 76, dorso.*

Staff. The Sheriff had been ordered to arrest Thomas Fyton, knight, and produce him at this term to make satisfaction to the King for disseising Richard Whalley *vi et armis* from his freehold in Dorlaston, near Stone, and Annesley, near Burton upon Trent, and Aston, near Stone, and he returned that Thomas could not be found. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to put the said Thomas into *exigend*, and if he did not appear to outlaw him, and if he appeared, to arrest and produce him on the Octaves of St. John the Baptist. *m. 19 Rex, dorso.*

Staff. A close writ was issued directing the Sheriff to summon a jury of the vicinage of Cibbelstone, to assess the damages sustained by Henry Vernon, armiger, on the occasion of a trespass committed by John Pole,

Alice, and Richard had issue Amice, late Countess of Wiltes, and died (*here follows the same account of the descent of the moiety of the manor 'as before to Humfrey, Earl of Devon, and from him to the defendants*), and they had entered, and the plaintiff, claiming the moiety under color of a grant made to him and to his heirs by the said Robert of the reversion of the moiety after the death of Amice Bardolf before the Fine had been levied, had entered, and removed the defendants, and they had re-entered as was lawful.

And as regarded the residue of the said manors the defendants stated that long before the alleged entry one Humfrey Stafford, knight, late Earl of Devon, was seised of them in demesne as of fee, and after his death they descended to the defendants as his cousins and heirs, viz., as daughters of Alice, the sister of William, the father of the said Earl, and they had entered. And the said Humfrey Stafford, the plaintiff, claiming the said residue under color of a demise made to him for his life by the said Earl, had removed the defendants, and they had re-entered as was lawful.

Humfrey, the plaintiff, replied that as regarded the manors of Perton and Littewode, the said Humfrey Stafford, of Hoke, was seised of them in demesne as of fee after the death of Elizabeth, his wife, and whilst so seised had enfeoffed a certain William Smyth and John Cheyne in them, and the said William and John had granted them to one Humfrey Stafford with the silver hand ("*cum manu argenteo*"), to be held by him and the heirs male of his body, and failing such to remain to one Humfrey Stafford, the son of Ralph Stafford, then lord of Grafton, and the heirs male of his body, and failing such to remain to the right heirs of the said Humfrey Stafford with the silver hand. By virtue of which grant the said Humfrey with the silver hand was seised of the manors and died seised of them, leaving no male issue, and after his death they descended to the plaintiff as his kinsman and heir, viz., as son of Humfrey, son of the said Humfrey, son of Ralph Stafford, and he had entered and was seised of them as of fee tail until the defendants had entered the manors against the Statute, and he prayed for judgement in his favor, and that he might be awarded damages for the illegal entry.

And as regarded the residue of the manors the plaintiff stated that the said William Smyth and John Cheyne were seised of them at the time the Fine was levied, and both before and after and whilst so seised they had conveyed them to the said Humfrey Stafford with the silver hand, and to the heirs male of his body, and failing such to remain to the said Humfrey Stafford, son of Ralph Stafford, and the heirs male of his body, and failing such to the right heirs of Humfrey Stafford with the silver hand, and the said Humfrey with the silver hand died so seised of them, leaving no male issue, and he had entered as his cousin and heir, viz., as son of Humfrey, son of the said Humfrey, son of Ralph Stafford, and he had entered and was seised of them until removed by the defendants, and he denied that William Stafford, the elder, had given the manors of Bromeself and Almeote to John Stafford and Margaret, his wife, and the heirs of their bodies as alleged by the defendants, nor that Robert Langford or the said Humfrey Stafford and Elizabeth, who were parties to the Fine, ever held anything in the moiety of the manor of Penkeriche at the time the Fine was levied, or that Humfrey Stafford, late Earl of Devon, had died seised in his demesne as of fee of the residue of the manors as alleged by the defendants.

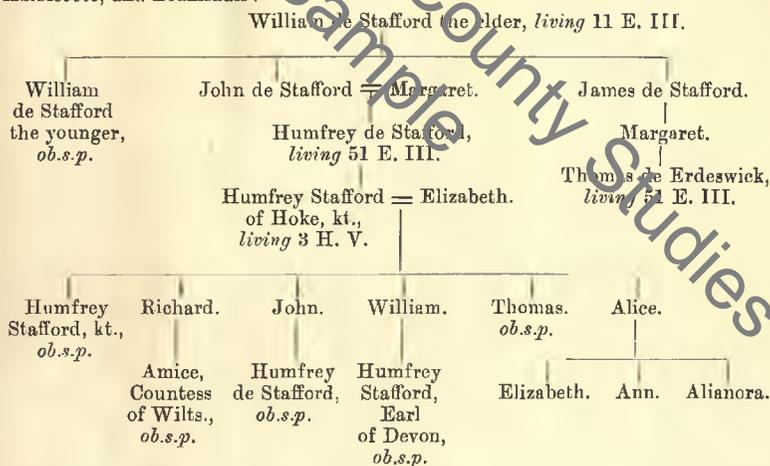
The defendants repeated their plea and denied that William Smyth and John Cheyne had been seised of the manors of Perton and Littewode and had given them to Humfrey Stafford with the silver hand and the heirs male of his body, as alleged by the plaintiff, and they appealed to a jury on each count. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to summon a jury for the Octaves of St. Hillary. A postscript states that on that day the Sheriff made no return to the writ, and he was ordered to summon a jury for the

Quindene of Easter Day. Other postscripts shew no jury had been summoned up to Trinity term, 17 E. IV.¹ *m.* 418.

Staff. Thomas Jenkyns, of Bymyngeham, co. Warwick, yoman, was attached at the suit of William Erebody for breaking by force, with two others named, into his close at Barre on the 12th July, 12 E. IV, and so threatening his tenants, Thomas Burgelon and William Smyth, that for fear of their lives they had given up their tenancies, viz., the first, 12 acres of pasture, for which Thomas paid 8s. annually, and the second, 6 acres of pasture and 4 acres of meadow, for which William paid 8s. annually, and for which he claimed £40 as damages.

Thomas appeared by attorney and denied having used any force, and appealed on that issue to a jury, and as regarded the rest of the trespass alleged against him, he stated that at the time the entry was made there was a messuage and a garden of which one William Brette was formerly seised in demesne as of fee, and William had given it to John More and Christine, his wife, the daughter of the said William Brette, to be held by them and the heirs of their bodies, and John had died, and Christine had survived him, and whilst so seised in fee tail had married the defendant Thomas Jenkyns, and the plaintiff claimed the messuage and garden under color of a deed of demise made to him by William Brette for his life long before the gift of the tenements to John More and Christine, although he had never been in possession of them by the above demise, and had removed the said Thomas and Christine, and they had re-entered, as was lawful.

¹ The suits at p. 139 of Vol. XII of these Collections and the above suit give the following pedigree of the descendants of William de Stafford, of Sandon, Amblecote, and Bramshall:—



Humfrey Stafford, of Hook, had purchased Perton from John de Barnhurst, the nephew and heir of the last Sir John de Perton, *temp.* R. II. The three co-heiresses eventually established their claim to the manors, and on the partition of the estate amongst them, Perton fell to the share of Anne, the wife of Sir John Willoughby, of Broke. (Deeds formerly at Wrottesley.)

It will be noted that the Erdeswicks were not the representatives of the Staffords of Sandon and Bramshall, as claimed by Sampson Erdeswick the antiquary and historian.

Amice, the Countess of Wilts., is styled indifferently Avice and Amice in the pleadings.

yourselves to be furnished and in arms and horses to cause to be provided and ordered in form aforesaid. So that all and every of you, in form aforesaid inspected, arrayed, and prepared, may be ready and continually prepared to serve us in like manner as is aforesaid. And therefore we command you, that respecting the premises at certain days and places which for this purpose according to your sound discretion you shall see fit, you do diligently attend to and perform and execute them in form aforesaid. We give also to all and singular our officers, ministers, and subjects whomsoever, as well within liberties as without, by the tenor of these presents firmly in command that to you in execution of the premises they be attentive, assisting and diligently obedient in all things. And what you shall have done in the premises, together with the names and surnames and number as well of horse, foot, and archers, and all arms and munitions and other things by you in form aforesaid inspected and armed in the several places within the county aforesaid in which they dwell, and of the diversity of arms with which every one of them is armed do you duly certify us and our Council at one month from Easter Day next, under your seals or the seals of two of you. In witness whereof these our letters we have caused to be made patent. Witness ourself at Westminster the first day of March in the thirtieth year of our reign.

The following meanings of the terms used in the Muster Roll are taken principally from Halliwell's *Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words*:—

A Gesturne, Gestrone, or Gersaraunte is a jacket without sleeves, on which were fastened small oblong plates of steel overlapping one another.

A Jack is a doublet, or defensive garment, padded, and quilted with strips of leather.

Splents or splints was armour for the arms, where they were left unprotected by the Gesturne or Jack.

A Salet (French, Salade) was a light steel cap with a projection behind extending over the nape of the neck.

Harness was any kind of armour, and was not used in the modern contracted sense of the word as referring only to the horse. It probably comprised all kinds of defensible armour, including the Jack, which contained no iron or steel; it also included defensible armour for the horse.

"Almain rivets" were rivets with elongated holes which admitted of the plates moving one upon the other. Halliwell quotes from "*Testamenta Vetusta*":—"My coat of black velvet furred with martens, with six pair of Almain rivets complete with splints, sallets, etc."

A bill was a pike with a long handle and a spear head with a bill-hook, which was used to drag a man off a horse. In this reign the pike was often 18 feet in length.

MUSTER ROLL, STAFFORDSHIRE. A.D. 1539.

Thys ys the sertyffycathe of sir George Gresley, knyght, John Vernon, and Wylliam Wyrley, Esqwyers, thre of the kynges Commyssyoners seyveryd and appointed for the Tryall and the view of all persons armed whitin the hundreth of Ofelaw in the Cownty of Stafforde abuff xvj yeres, aswell horssmen, fencer, bowmen, and byllmen, within the seyde hundrethe whos names with ther surnames and ther weppons severallye apperithe and have gyffin monicion to every of theym beyng within the seyde hundrethe to be redy with ther horse and harnesse and to have ther harnesse accordyng to the kynges estatute theroff made. In wyttenes whe have subscribed our names and sett to our Seales the xxvij dey of Aprill xxxj H. octavi. 27 April, 1539.

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ELFORD AND HASULHOWRE.

Richard Huddilston horse harnes bill able.	
Richard Hadcok horse harnes bill able.	
William Hadcok horse harnes bill able.	
Thomas Fakener horse harnes bill able.	
William Bentley horse harnes bill.	
Thomas Haspynhall horse harnes bill able.	
Symon Haspyhäll horse Jack salet bill.	
John Hervy harnes without horse a bill able.	
John Dexter horse harnes bill able.	
John Adcok harnes without horse a bill able.	
Richard Carter splentes salet bill without horse able.	
Richard Perys Jac salet bill without horse.	
William Meyre Jac bill without horse.	
George Postill gesturne bowe not able.	
William Wryght Jacke salet not able.	
Richard Wryght	} bowmen able without horse or harnes.
Rauf Massye	
Petur Foleshist	
John Janens	
John Melburne	
Thomas Smyth	
Alexander Hodson	
Philipp Wright a bowman not able.	
Rauf Elyot a horse not able.	
Xpofer Meyre	} bilmen without horse or harnes.
Edward Clerkson	
Phillipp Adcock...	
Roger Shepard	
William Taylior	
John Aspenall	
William Smyth	

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TAMWORTH WITHIN THE COUNTIE OF STAFFORD.

Thomas Ensore horse harnes bill able.
 John Repyngton horse salet bill able.
 John Jakes horse harnes bill able.
 Richard Porter horse salet bowe.
 Robert Wylcokkes horse and bill without harnes able.
 Henry Stele horse harnes bill able.
 Henry White bill salet without horse.
 Isebron Barnaby horse salet bill able.
 Henry Irpe splentes bill able without horse.
 John Bell salet bill not able.
 William Mason salet bowe able.
 Without horse and harnes.
 Richard Bugand
 William Kussell....
 William Bott
 Roberte Aston
 Edmund Robynson
 Robert Carpenter } bilmen without horse and harnes.
 William Wylde
 John Prest
 Edmund Cokett
 Thomas Bekensall
 Henry Gosetre
 John Hury
 Laurance Dampport
 Henry Wodde
 Richard Hatton } bowmen able without horse and harnes.
 John Endsor
 Thomas Porter
 John Knyght
 Humfrey Dampport
 Robert Williamson } bowmen indeferent without horse or harnes.
 John Bucland
 Thomas Drake

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BARTON.

George Grenefeld horse harnes bowe able.
 Richard Pepecall horse harnes bill able.
 John White horse harnes bowe able.
 Thomas Astill horse harnes bowe able.
 William Walker horse harnes bow able.
 John Shepard horse harnes bowe able.
 John Coton horse harnes a bowe able.
 Richard Yate horse harnes and a bowe able.
 Germain Shyngler horse harnes a bow able.
 William Clerke horse harnes a bill able.
 Richard Elkyn' horse harnes a bow able.
 John Whiting harnes bill without horse able.
 Richard Holland horse harnes bill able.
 Richard Edwardys Gesturne salet splentes bill without horse.
 Richard Holand the yonger Gesturne salet splentes bill without horse.
 Thomas Pennyfather Jac salet bill without horse able.
 Thomas Walker horse harnes bill.

John Whiting horse salet bill.
 Henry Flecher gesturne and not able.
 Thomas Edward' horse bill without harnes.
 Richard Chare Jac salet splentes bill not able.
 John Alkyns Jac salet splentes without horse able.
 Thomas Chare salet splentes a gorget bill not able.
 John Cowper horse harnes bill.
 Robert Pennyfather Jack salet not able.
 Richard Whiting horse harnes not able.
 John Tebbe Jack bow without horse.
 William Taylior harnes bill without horse able.
 Richard Adams a bowe without horse or harnes able.
 Roger Holand a bowe without horse or harnes able.
 John Byarde }
 William Freman } bowmen without horse and harnes.
 Richard Kilde }
 Robert Walker }
 Roger Hall }
 Richard Freman able }
 William Oldacre able } bilmen without horse or harnes.
 Robert Stone able }
 William Holand able }
 Nicholas Holland }
 Edmund Adams }
 William Belcher }
 Stephan Holme } bilmen without horse or harnes.
 Roger Belcher }
 Robert Wetton }
 Thomas Aston }
 Richard Passand }

HORLASTON.

John Vernon horse harnes able.
 Thomas Vernon horse harnes bill able.
 Xpofer Bradwall horse harnes bill able.
 Edward Blacwall horse harnes bowe able.
 Richard Stevynson horse harnes bowe able.
 John Grymley horse harnes bowe able.
 Henry Reve horse harnes bill able.
 Marke Wyrley horse harnes bowe able.
 Roger Marner horse harnes bill able.
 George Grymley bill without horse harnes.
 William Warde }
 Richard Hayward }
 Rauf Hayward }
 Humfrey Elyot } bilmen without horse or harnes.
 John Belgrave }
 Rauf Grymley }
 Thomas Heyward }
 William Handesacre }
 Thomas Fakener a bill without horse or harnes.
 John Aspenhall a bill without horse or harnes.
 John Gardyner a bowe }
 Symon Grymley a bowe } without horse or harnes.

John Fayrson Salytt and byll abull.
 Wylliam Beyche byllman abull.
 Roger Bradly byllman abull.
 Nicholas Loyn byllman abull.
 John Peyrson salet splentes byllman abull.
 Thomas Alchurche byllman abull.
 Hew Sclater sallet byll abull.
 Thomas Sparkes sallett byll abull.
 Thomas Bennet byllman abull.
 Edward Wylkes byllman abull.
 William Walker byllman abull.
 Robarte Walle byllman abull.
 Edmond Pathston byllman abull.
 Richard Wauwregt byllman abull.
 Richard Watson byllman abull.
 Gylbart Sclater byllman abull.
 Thomas Becket byllman abull.

Summa byllmen, xv with certayne Implentes of hernes.

Lenerd Tonckes bowman.
 Edward Langley Jacke arrows bowman abull.
 Wylliam Beckettes boweman abull.
 Richard Gorth bowman abull.
 Wylliam Tayller boweman abull.
 Edward Langgurth.
 Thomas Gartrour boweman abull.
 Wylliam Rostyll boweman abull.

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- P. 115, line 4 from foot. *For* The next year he entered *read* On Feb. 16, 1756, he had been admitted to.
- P. 116, l. 19. *For* bought *read* rented.
- P. 120, ll. 5, 8, 10 from foot. *For* Woodyat *read* Woodyatt: *and correct on pp. 228, 355.*
- P. 120, l. 6 from foot. *For* Dennis L. Cousins *read* Dennis C. Cousins.
- P. 123, l. 22. *For* great-granddaughter *read* great-great-granddaughter.
- P. 123, l. 15 from foot. Mrs. Gresley died on April 9, 1900 (*add a note on p. 234, correcting the name to Jane Charlotte Drummond.*)
- P. 124, l. 13. Mr. Charles Gresley died on May 2, 1900 (*add a note on p. 234.*)
- P. 131, l. 8 from foot. Commander Gresley died on Oct. 2, 1899 (*add a note on p. 230.*)
- P. 132, l. 2 from foot. Lady Gresley died on May 8, 1900 (*add a note on p. 230.*)
- P. 133, after l. 18. *Add* 3. Joan, born July 11, 1900 (*and add a note on p. 230.*)
- P. 141, l. 18. Miss Govett died at 3 Lipson Terrace, Plymouth, on Jan. 31, 1900.
- P. 148, last line. *For* three *read* four.
- P. 149, l. 8. *Omit* but she . . . 1886.
- P. 152, l. 20. *For* Hall *read* Lodge.
- P. 152, l. 8 from foot. *For* Lord *read* Col. Higgins, who took the name of: *and alter in Index.*
- P. 167, l. 12. The 35th picture is probably Sir *William* Bowyer.
- P. 254, l. 3 from foot. *For* 149 *read* 1498.
- P. 295, l. 2 from foot. *After* Great Duke *add* now 4th Duke of Wellington.
- P. 295, l. 10 from foot. *For* Caulfield *read* Caulfeild, *and alter in Index.*

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