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PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

Much has been written in the last half century concerning the value of records of proceedings before Justices of the Peace not only to the professional historian of law and institutions or of social and economic development but also to the increasing number of lay persons interested in the lives and conditions of the predecessors whose names, traditions and, sometimes, surroundings they inherit. Local record societies and county councils, separately or in partnership, have in one county or another published Quarter Sessions records, the principal, though not the only, source of our information for such proceedings. Bibliographies of these publications, of which the most recent and comprehensive are Dr. Elizabeth G. Kimball's *Bibliography of the Printed Records of the Justices of Peace for Counties* (*University of Toronto Law Journal*, vol. VI, No. 2, 1946) and the first appendix of the Historical Association's pamphlet on *County Records* by F. G. Emmison and Irvine Gray (1948), show few counties unrepresented. For Wiltshire an abridgement of the roll of proceedings under the Statute of Labourers in 1349 was published by Miss E. M. Thompson in the *Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine*, volume XXXIII (1903-4); the text of the Sessions Roll for 1383-4 was published by Professor B. H. Putnam in her *Proceedings before the Justices of the Peace in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries* (Ames Foundation, 1938); extracts from the records for the reigns of Elizabeth and James I were printed by R. W. Merriman in the *Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine*, volumes XX-XXII (1882-5); extracts from the Quarter Sessions Great Rolls of the seventeenth century were printed in the two volumes of *Records of the County of Wilts* by B. H. Cunnington (1929, 1932); and extracts were printed in the Historical Manuscripts Report on the County Records (*Reports on Various Collections*, volume I, pages 65-176).

It is not proposed to give in this necessarily brief introduction an account of the office of the Justice of the Peace. Its earlier history, from the end of the twelfth century to the end of the fifteenth century has been the subject of exhaustive research inspired and led by Professor Putnam, who has set out her conclusions in the Ames Foundation volume mentioned above. Tudor legislation and Privy Council orders affecting the Justices have been summarized from the printed sources by the late Dr. C. A. Beard in his *Office of Justice of the Peace* published in 1904 and by the late Dr. J. R. Tanner in his *Tudor Constitutional Documents* published in 1922. From the seventeenth century onwards the fullest and most authoritative account is that given by Sidney and Beatrice Webb in their *Parish and County*, published in 1906 as the first volume of their great work on English Local Government. The best short accounts of

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the Justices and the county hierarchy of which they were the heads are Sir Hilary Jenkinson's introduction to the *Guide to . . . Quarter Sessions Records* published by the Surrey Record Society in 1931 and S. A. Peyton's introduction to the *Minutes of Proceedings in Quarter Sessions held for the Parts of Kesteven in the County of Lincoln, 1674-1695*, published by the Lincoln Record Society also in 1931.

THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY

The Minute Book with which this volume is concerned is mainly a record of the Justices' work in Quarter Sessions for nearly twenty years in the last quarter of the sixteenth century. These years are of great importance in the history of the office : significant alike to the historian, the archivist and the student of the literature of the subject.

The century that preceded the opening of the reign of Elizabeth had witnessed the consolidation of the Justices' position as principal agents for the preservation of the King's Peace in the counties. Their simple duties of keeping the peace by putting down riots, arresting offenders, and trying indicted persons with a jury in Quarter Sessions had been greatly expanded by statutes ; certain governmental and police powers, with authority to convict petty offenders summarily had been given them ; and more and more they had supplanted the old county court as the governing body of the shire. Their powers and their due execution of them had become so important that a new literature of manuals came into being to instruct the members of the commissions in their duties. Fifty-seven editions or issues of these works between 1506 and 1599 are enumerated by Miss Putnam in her account of *Early Treatises on the Practice of the Justices of the Peace*.¹ Of these the most famous is Lambard's *Eirenarcha*, first published in 1581. A new edition of this work was made necessary by the reform of the Commission of the Peace in 1590, in which we may see the statement of the developed judicial powers of the medieval justice ; since it has persisted in this form—apart from the change of language from Latin to English consequent on the statute of 4 George II, c. 26—down to modern times. Lambard² tells us that the old commission had become so overlaid with additions and corrupted in form that the Chief Justice of the King's Bench summoned a meeting of the judges who 'carefully refined' the Commission and presented it as a meet pattern to the Lord Chancellor for his adoption. In its new form the commission contained three clauses, each beginning *assignavimus*, preceded by the salutation naming the Justices. The first clause gave power to each Justice to act in the county to which he was assigned as a conservator of the Peace, to keep the statutes, to punish offenders according to the statutes, to bind over persons of ill-behaviour to the peace and, if they refused to be bound, to imprison them. By the second clause two or more Justices, of whom one of certain specified

¹ *Oxford Studies in Social and Economic History*, volume VII (1924).

² Edition of 1594, pp. 41 ff.

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Justices, commonly called the *Quorum*, must be one, were authorized to hold their Sessions and exercise judicial powers ; namely, to inquire of felonies, poisonings, witchcrafts, trespasses, forestalling, regrating, engrossing and extortions, unlawful assemblies, crimes against the person, the misconduct of innkeepers and victuallers, false weights and measures, the misdemeanours of sheriffs, bailiffs, stewards, constables, keepers of gaols and other officials, to inspect all indictments to be made before them and any former indictments remaining undetermined, to make process against indicted persons, to hear and determine all felonies and the other offences mentioned above according to the statutes and to punish by fines, amercements and forfeitures, judgment in difficult cases being rendered only in the presence of a Justice of Assize. They were to appoint certain days and places for their proceedings, to which the sheriff was ordered to summon juries and witnesses at their direction. By the third clause *assignavimus* the Custos Rotulorum was nominated. He, the principal Justice living in the county and, by this clause, Keeper of the Records of Sessions, with whom by a statute of 37 Henry VIII the appointment of the Clerk of the Peace generally lay, was instructed to bring all writs, precepts, processes and indictments to the Sessions for determination.

Armed with this Commission, the Justices had great judicial and police powers. Four times a year, as required by statute, they held their General Sessions of the Peace for the county and there they exercised a high criminal jurisdiction, empowered to try before a petty jury persons indicted by a grand jury of the county for most offences other than treason. Out of Quarter Sessions they had powers, given by statutes, to try summarily certain small offences, to examine accused persons and to bind them over for trial or to commit them to prison to await trial ; and they had acquired large control over the constabulary of the county. But the powers which most distinguish the Justices of the seventeenth century from their predecessors of the fifteenth are administrative. Quarter Sessions, says Maitland,¹ had become ' not merely a criminal court for the county, but also a governmental assembly, a board with governmental and administrative powers '.

The Justices had performed some administrative functions since the middle of the fourteenth century, when the duty of enforcing the Statute of Labourers and fixing legal rates of wages was placed upon them. Later economic legislation added like duties. Administrative action was taken under judicial forms, being largely concerned with the punishment of offenders and restraint of anti-social behaviour rather than with the positive promotion of order ; it was the duty of the Justices to punish offences against the people and their quiet, such as might be to the abatement of the general plenty or annoyance of the country and its well-being. Until they had adequate executive machinery and a financial system through which they could provide for necessary undertakings otherwise than by the imposition of fines for neglect of obligations, it was not possible for the Justices to do more.

¹ *Constitutional History of England*, p. 233.

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By the end of the fifteenth century the medieval system of local government in the counties was obsolescent. Economic changes, the disorders of civil war and the encumbrances of ancient franchises rendered it unable to meet increasing social needs. For their new system the Tudor monarchs took as their local unit the ancient ecclesiastical parish, which had its own elected officers, the churchwardens, and its own system of collecting and managing revenues for communal purposes. Its adaptation to secular uses was not difficult : the purposes of the new social legislation had a traditional connexion with Christian piety. The pious works for whose performance the medieval Christian made provision in his lifetime or by his last will included the maintenance of highways and bridges, the deliverance of poor prisoners for debt, the care of the sick and the relief of the poor. Now the state gradually made statutory these duties, for which private benevolence could no longer adequately provide ; the local unit for their performance and for financial responsibility was the parish. The new relationship between Church and State created by the Reformation statutes also brought civil duties to the churchwardens concerning offences with an ecclesiastical flavour, notably those arising from ecclesiastical nonconformity. The parochial organization was strengthened by the creation of new unpaid officials, the overseers of the highways and of the poor, and by the gradual assimilation of the old township officers, the petty constables and tithingmen or headboroughs, with their police duties and a rating system which sometimes differed from that of the parish.

The enforcement of this new legislation was made the responsibility of the Justices of the Peace, who acquired an increasing supervision of the parochial officials and frequently their appointment. Accounts were submitted to Justices out of Sessions, and orders in many matters were in the first instance made by them ; disputes about liability to serve or the non-performance of duties or refusal to bear office or to pay rates were heard in Quarter Sessions, where presentments of bridges and highways not repaired were also made. For county purposes the Justices gradually acquired their own executive and financial officers. At the beginning of the sixteenth century they had the Clerk of the Peace, who managed the affairs of Quarter Sessions, and their own privately appointed clerks to assist them out of Sessions. They had some authority over the sheriff, and more over his subordinates, the bailiffs of hundreds. The high constables, once elected by the hundred leets, came, as in Wiltshire, generally to be appointed by Quarter Sessions or the divisional Justices, and were the executive officers in the county divisions or hundreds, apportioning the county rates to be collected by the parishes, inspecting highways and bridges for defects, reporting disorderly alehouses and preparing presentments for Sessions. It was their duty to attend meetings of the divisional Justices, give an account of their hundreds and receive and see to the execution of orders. Other officials were statutory, as the several treasurers of the moneys collected for maimed soldiers and mariners, for the King's Bench and Marshalsey, and for the relief of poor prisoners. These were appointed by the Justices and were

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responsible to them. Treasurers for other funds might be appointed as need arose. By the end of the seventeenth century, when administrative experience had matured, county Benches were beginning to consolidate their funds and to appoint one treasurer to receive all county rates and manage their financial affairs.¹ Another county official appointed and entirely controlled by the Justices was the master of the house of correction.

Although it is in the Tudor period and especially in the reign of Elizabeth that the essential steps in the creation of this system of local government were taken, it is not until the end of the seventeenth century that we may regard it as fully established and the Justices of the Peace as rulers of the county. The developments in powers and organization to which we have referred took place over a century and a half of experiment. Not only the Justices but also the social classes from which their officers were drawn had to be trained and acquire administrative experience and judicial methods had to be adapted to non-judicial business or speedier and more economical methods and organization devised. Twice a year the Justices of Assize visited the county. Usually they were judges of the king's permanent courts. Their relations with the Justices of the Peace were close and intimate; normally they were in the Commission of the Peace for the counties of their circuits. Difficult cases and legal cruces were referred to them and much preparatory work in the examination of witnesses in cases to be heard before them was done. The Justices of the Peace were required to be in attendance at the county assizes, where the more important of them sat with the judges. There they received practical instruction in the conduct of cases and procedure generally as well as advice on the interpretation of statutes, and in the judges' charge they received the instructions of the central government regarding matters of general policy, such as the treatment of religious dissent, political unrest, wages, or vagrancy. Higher than the Justices of Assize in the judicial hierarchy were the Judges of the King's Bench who settled the interpretation of statutes and exercised powers to remove and review proceedings begun before the Justices of the Peace. Behind all was the Privy Council, which under the Tudors and Stuarts kept the Justices of the Peace under constant supervision, issuing directions, calling for reports, administering censure, especially active in times of national crisis, but always ready to intervene even in the smallest matter.

The reasons for the effectiveness of the Justices of the Peace in county administration are not difficult to discover. The dispensation of local justice and local government through the agency of country gentlemen was eminently suited to the temper of the times and the English character. They were the best representatives of the community; their qualifications were simple—residence in the county, suitability of moral character, religious conformity, and possession of lands or tenements of the value of twenty pounds a year. They were the natural leaders of the rural communities, but at the same time were

¹ See *Warwick County Records*, volume V, pp. xxxi-xlii; volume VI, pp. lv, lvi.

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not circumscribed by purely rural interests. Many of them were men of affairs ; they included judges, officials and practitioners in the central courts and members of the royal household. From among them were drawn Members of Parliament, burgesses and knights of the shire. They also supplied many of the sheriffs ; practically every sheriff of Wiltshire throughout the reign of Elizabeth was also a Justice of the Peace, dropping out of the commission for his period of office, if he was already a member of it. The decline in the importance of the sheriff's office, marked by the transfer of many of his functions to the Justices of the Peace and by their acquisition of authority over him and his officers, should not cause us to underrate his personal position in the county. The Bench, and especially its active membership, was composed of men who often had been or could expect to be sheriffs ; certain functions had, for their better performance, in effect been transferred to a select body with a continuing judicial and administrative experience, of which the sheriff had been or might be a member, while the ceremonial, executive and other duties which only an individual could perform or which were required of him by statute were left for him to carry out during his year of office. It is evident from the records that the Clerk of the Peace and even the Bench itself did not always remember that the sheriff was not present at Sessions as a Justice ; and sometimes he is to be found performing a Justice's non-judicial acts out of Sessions.

Another contributory cause of the effectiveness of the Justices was their distribution over the county in which they served. Although a statute of Richard II limited the number of Justices to be assigned to any one county to eight, by the sixteenth century commissions containing twenty to thirty names were not uncommon. Commissions issued for Wiltshire during the reign of Elizabeth name, apart from peers and notables included *ex officio* in most county commissions, as many as thirty or forty Justices. Thus there were likely to be few parts of the county outside the constant personal supervision of one or more Justices, who could be expected to have a thorough knowledge of local conditions and to exercise in their neighbourhoods the summary jurisdiction granted them in their commission. Attempts were made early in the sixteenth century to organize Sessions to be held by the Justices in each hundred midway between Quarter Sessions to deal with petty offences ; and though these attempts were ineffective special Sessions were held from time to time, as we see in Wiltshire, to deal with some matters, usually for a particular division and not for the county as a whole. In the following century, largely as a result of the Privy Council's Book of Orders issued in 1631 to secure better execution of the Poor Laws, it became the rule for the Justices in each division of a county to hold a monthly meeting, at which much routine legal and administrative business was done and where the local officials could be better supervised. Moreover, the Justices were not repressive in their administration. They knew the needs of their communities and tempered the enactments and directions of the central government accordingly. Among them were representatives of all shades of political opinion, apart

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from the recusants : and even the views of the Roman Catholic gentry were not without sympathy on the Benches, whose members often had ties of kinship and friendship with them. Finally, Quarter Sessions served as a general county assembly, drawing to its place of meeting a large part of the population of the county either by necessity or interest, and at it the Grand Jury was able to discuss and bring forward the common needs.

RECORDS OF QUARTER SESSIONS IN GENERAL

The survival and custody of the records of the proceedings of the Justices of the Peace reflect the administrative changes briefly described above. A suggestive parallel is to be found in the records of the Judges of Assize, whose close connection with the Justices of the Peace has been mentioned. Practically no records of county Quarter Sessions before the sixteenth century have survived in local custody ; for the sixteenth century a few counties, and from the seventeenth most, have records in the custody of the Clerks of the Peace. The circumstances of the preservation of the medieval records have been described in considerable detail by Professor Putnam in her Ames Foundation volume. Rolls of the proceedings of whole Sessions survive, mostly for the fourteenth century. These were specially made up from the Sessions files, the majority for the determination of business by the King's Bench during its migrations and returned to London with the records of that court, others in response to writs from the King's Bench or Chancery to which they were the returns. During the fifteenth century the King's Bench rarely left London, and so the proceedings of the Justices were not enrolled for presentation to it ; and returns to writs of error, certiorari or terminari were made of the records in particular cases rather than of the proceedings of a whole Sessions. It is probable that proceedings were not generally enrolled and that the records consisted simply of the files of indictments, presentments, bills, complaints, informations, recognizances, proclamations and other original documents produced in or for the Sessions. Although the Custos Rotulorum was charged with the duty of bringing the records to Sessions, no provision appears to have been made for their safe custody in a place assigned permanently for the purpose. It is probable that their actual keeper was the Clerk of the Peace and that when he ceased to hold office he retained such records as he had and that before long they were destroyed or dispersed. An attempt was made in 1547 to impose a statutory obligation for the provision of a repository for the keeping of records in every county ; but the Bill introduced into Parliament for the purpose came to nothing. Eleven years earlier an Act had been passed for the enrolment of deeds of bargain and sale by Clerks of the Peace ; the practice persisted for about a century, and in many counties the rolls, which are not records of Quarter Sessions although they are in the same custody, are still extant. It is probable that the need to preserve them as documents affecting title to land helped to make Clerks of the Peace and land owners more

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aware of the need for custody under proper safeguards. It might be expected that such awareness would be heightened by the increase in the administrative duties of the Justices and consequently growing importance of their Clerk and his office; good record-keeping is essential to good administration. By the end of the sixteenth century a beginning had been made in many counties; Sessions files, the principal judicial records of the court, were being preserved and continue to the present day. Another normal result of the increase of administrative duties is the subdivision into classes of the main record group and the inauguration of entry books containing decisions and orders. These exist for most counties from various dates in the seventeenth century. For some counties there is evidence that earlier volumes of Order Books than are now known to be extant once existed. The fact that the starting point of Order Books of Quarter Sessions so often is to be found in the first two decades of the reign of James I leads one to suppose that a general direction was issued for their keeping at some time during those years. Such an order would naturally emanate from the Privy Council either directly or through the Judges of Assize. Unfortunately the Act Books of the Privy Council from January 1602 to the end of April 1613 were destroyed by fire and it has therefore not been possible to confirm or refute this conjecture. Evidence of concern about the custody and preservation of the records about this time is forthcoming from Lambard. In the edition of *Eirenarcha* published in 1614 he makes an explicit recommendation which does not occur in the edition of 1594: 'howsoever these Records have heretofore been suffered to lie in the hands of the Clerk of the Peace, and by the death or remove of him have been to seek: yet now the inconvenience being found, and the Records themselves being grown to greater bulk, the same should be lodged in some special and proper room under safe custody and not without an Inventory (or Register) indented, whereof the one part to remain with the Custos Rotulorum, and the other with the keeper of them. . . . And now as this man is (by name and office) keeper of the Records of the Peace, so would it not a little amend the service if he were (in deed also) careful for the due preservation of them and would not loosely leave them (as commonly it is found) to the only custody of the Clerk of the Peace without having any Register of their number and sorts and without appointing any convenient place certain for the more ready search and safe bestowing of them: whereby it falleth out very often that after the death of such a Clerk these Records are hardly recovered and that piecemeal from his widow, servants or executors who at their pleasure may embezzle, misuse or conceal what they will.' It is doubtful whether in any county practical measures were taken to follow Lambard's advice; conditions were much the same in most a hundred years later. Nevertheless the records of Quarter Sessions were preserved in increasing variety and quantity from the early seventeenth century and handed down by each Clerk of the Peace to his successor. The groups and classes into which these records may be divided are set out in detail in the Historical Association's pamphlet on *County Records*.

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THE WILTSHIRE RECORDS IN 1600

For a description of the early Wiltshire Quarter Sessions Records, now housed in the County Record Office at Trowbridge, we can turn to a former Clerk of the Peace, R. W. Merriman. 'These records,' he says,¹ 'divide themselves into two chief classes—the minute books, and the great rolls. The minute books, through a part of their currency, are subdivided into separate series of "Orders" and "Entries", between which the rough distinction may be taken that the entries address themselves to criminal and the orders to non-criminal business. The great rolls (of which, in the Elizabethan minutes, mention occurs under the homely title of "Sessions Bundles") consist of files of the several proceedings, the abridged notices of which fill the minute books. The great rolls (one of which was made up for each sessions) form the more interesting series of the two; for the reason that while the minute book may content itself with a somewhat curt entry of a magisterial act, the great roll will probably contain the full text of the order, with the autograph of the acting magistrate, and the depositions or information upon which it proceeded. . . . Unfortunately the series of great rolls cannot be said to have a satisfactory starting-point till the early years of King James the First, so that, as to the quarter Sessions of Elizabethan times, it is from the minute books alone that the inquirer can discover for himself which were the places of assembly—who the attending magistrates—and what the business transacted.'

The Great Rolls or Sessions Files, which consist of miscellaneous original documents pertaining to the business of a particular Sessions, strung together on a strip of parchment or a piece of string, all rolled up tightly within a cover which is usually formed by the Calendar containing the lists of persons whose duty it is to be present at Sessions in whatever capacity, begin in 1603. The first of the Minute Books (AADA/1), with which we are concerned in this volume and which will be more fully described, contains entries for 1563 and from 1574 to 1592. The second Minute Book (AADA/2) extends from Michaelmas Sessions 1598 to Hilary Sessions 1604; the third (AADA/3) from Hilary Sessions 1610 to Hilary Sessions 1616; subsequent volumes carry on the series without break. The second and third volumes have at some date been numbered 1 and 2. This may be taken to indicate either that the earlier book was at some time mislaid or that it was not regarded as a true record of Quarter Sessions or part of the regular series. An examination of the volume and its contents may guide us to a probable conclusion.

THE MINUTE BOOK

This Minute Book is of great intrinsic interest as a record. So far as has been ascertained from the available lists of county muniments throughout the country it is the earliest existing document of its kind, and the only Minute Book of transactions in county Quarter Sessions for

¹ *Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine*, volume XX (1882), p. 323.

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the period before the reformation of the Commission of the Peace in 1590. The evidence it contains of business done at Assizes and Special Sessions of Justices of the Peace is of interest because it is unusual. In it we can see the growth of an administrative record from its inception ; its interest is not adventitious or spectacular, it does not depend on occurrences of great names or the light it throws on social or political conditions, but on what it reveals of the working of the administrative machinery of local government at a critical stage in its expanding development. That there are tantalizing reticences, unexplained phenomena and unsolved problems will surprise no one who is familiar with administrative history ; we must regret the loss of the contemporary Sessions Rolls and lack of other records which might have elucidated the obscurities which for the present baffle us.

The book is a folio volume of 153 folios of laid paper measuring approximately twelve inches by eight. It is probable that the first folio is either not part of the original volume or is all that remains of its original first gathering. There are nine gatherings of eight sheets and one of four. Little of the original sewing remains and of the cover we have only two scraps of parchment, one of them part of an indenture between John Dautesey of West Lavington and members of the Phipp family, sewn together and probably used to stiffen one half. The watermark (one on each sheet) is a form of the ' pot ' watermark common in certain papers manufactured in France in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The first folio is much mutilated and has been used for pen trials. The remaining folios are all more or less worn at the edges. They will shortly be repaired and restored and the volume will be rebound. There is no trace of contemporary numeration either of pages or of folios ; a lightly pencilled page numeration has been made for the purposes of this publication. A slip of paper inserted after page 4 has been numbered 4a.

It is probable that the volume, apart from the first folio, was bound before the entries were made. As will appear later, it is in two parts, the first a Register of Badgers from St. Thomas Sessions 1574 to Epiphany Sessions 1589, and the second a Minute Book of Proceedings from Michaelmas Sessions 1575 to Michaelmas Sessions 1592. The Minutes begin on page 69, that is on the second folio of the third gathering, and the writing of the Register is more crowded as it approaches the end of the space allotted to it : its final entries have been blotted on the opposite page, the first of the Minutes. After Epiphany Sessions 1589 entries of Badgers' recognizances are made in the Minutes.

The entries appear to have been made at or about the time of the Sessions to which they refer. The writing is in various hands, mostly in ' secretary ' style. Some are neat and careful, but most are hastily written and ill-formed : some are those of the successive Clerks of the Peace.

The compilation of the Register of Badgers with which the volume begins is a direct result of the Statute 5 Elizabeth, c. 12. Badgers were persons licensed to buy corn and other victuals in one place and to carry them elsewhere to sell at a profit ; they were exempt from the

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punishment laid down for engrossers. The statute 5 and 6 Edward VI, c. 14, had entrusted their licensing to any three Justices of the Peace, but the Act of Elizabeth restricted this power to the Justices in Quarter Sessions. Applicants for licences had to be not less than thirty years of age, householders and married; the duration of the licence was for one year and the badger was required to enter into bail for his compliance with the terms of the statute. The penalty for unlicensed trading was five pounds and the total bail of principal and sureties together or of the principal alone if no sureties were required amounted to not less than this sum. The Clerk of the Peace was directed to keep a register of persons licensed. The Wiltshire Clerk, Christopher Dymers, was prompt in his obedience and started his register at the St. Thomas Sessions after the passing of the Act. The mutilated first leaf of our volume contains the entries of recognizances taken at that and the next Sessions. There follows a gap of nearly eleven years, the next entries being for the St. Thomas Sessions of 1574, when Walter Berington was Clerk of the Peace. A loose slip of paper dated '13 January 1574' (*i.e.* 1575) signed by Berington contains a list of badgers allowed by the Justices for certain towns and hundreds at Epiphany Sessions 1575; most of them occur in the register of recognizances for the same Sessions, others are registered at later Sessions. It would therefore appear that not all the badgers approved at any Sessions by the Bench took out their licences, or else that the registration was incomplete. The register continues to Epiphany Sessions 1589, more or less well kept; from Easter Sessions 1582 a few notes of recognizances and licences for other victuallers and some other entries intrude. As we have seen above, the space allotted in the volume to the register was used up at Epiphany Sessions 1589 and entries of badgers' recognizances taken at later Sessions are to be found among the Minutes.

At Michaelmas Sessions 1575 the same Clerk of the Peace began to use the register of badgers for the entry of notes of General Sessions business and so began a new record class, the Minutes of Proceedings. In this, its rudimentary form, the Minute Book is something more than a record of Quarter Sessions. The administrative office to which it owes its origin is not solely that of the Justices of the Peace. Besides the notes of proceedings in Quarter Sessions it contains notes of business done at five Special Sessions of Justices, two being upon the Statute of Labourers of 5 Elizabeth, and twelve sittings of the Assizes from 1576 to 1585. It is also something less than a record of Quarter Sessions. Its entries are for the most part jejune and often tell very little of the particular details of the judicial business of the Bench; they are concerned with persons rather than with matters. Fines are recorded, but the offences for which they were imposed are not stated; recognizances for appearance are entered, but the charges to be answered are not specified. No return to a writ of certiorari could be made from the information here given: yet the making of such returns requires information which the records of the Sessions should supply. Clearly the administrative origin of the record lies not in Quarter Sessions, but

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in the office of the Clerk of the Peace himself. It is his notebook, compiled by him or his clerks, containing his memoranda of the decisions of the court, of things done and, even more, of things to do, the gist of orders to be drawn up, warrants to be issued, recognizances taken and discharged, indictments and presentments respited and discharged, appearances, traverses, the issue and stay of process, committals and discharges of offenders, examinations, the names of high constables appointed, sworn and discharged, notes of fees owed and received, and of fines paid and imposed, notes of the delivery of the summons and precepts for the next Sessions, and personal and office memoranda. Its purpose is to remind the Clerk of work to be done, documents to be drawn up or issued, fines and fees to be collected : hence its preoccupation with persons. In course of time its value as a place where orders of the court could be entered for future reference was appreciated, and its successor, the Minute Book for 1598 to 1604, from 1601 assumed a new form, the various classes of entry being grouped together, as recognizances, process, orders ; the informality disappears and the record may be properly considered a record of Quarter Sessions rather than of the Clerk of the Peace.

The informality of our document is most noticeable in its earlier part, up to the year 1580, contained in pages 15 to 60 of the printed text. It is on these pages that we find most of the personal memoranda, references to 'my masters', fees 'owed to me', 'memorandum to call on . . .', 'my brother' and the like. Some of these notes appear to have been written by the Clerk of the Peace himself, others by his clerk. The entries 'I was willed to enrol' and 'paid by my master for the Justices' diet' on page 52 are written by different hands. This part of the book records proceedings during the time Walter Berington was Clerk of the Peace and it is reasonable to conclude that we are indebted to his business sense for what proved to be the beginning of a new record series.

THE CLERKS OF THE PEACE

At the end of the sixteenth century Lambard tells us concerning the appointment of the Clerk of the Peace that 'the nomination and appointment of him hath long belonged to the Custos Rotulorum, and he is to enjoy his office so long as the Custos Rotulorum keepeth his place . . . This office was for a time given by the king's letters patent for term of life, as that of Custos Rotulorum was until the statute 37 Henry VIII, c. 1, recontinued the ancient order of giving it by the Custos Rotulorum.' The Clerk of the Peace for Wiltshire in 1563, Christopher Dysmers, was appointed by royal letters patent dated 3 July 1537,¹ nine years before the statute restored the appointment to the Custos Rotulorum ; by the same grant he was also appointed clerk of the crown for the county. Within the following year he received a grant of tithes in Winkfield and Staverton² and in 1543 he had a grant

¹ *Calendar of Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, volume XII, Part 2, p. 166.

² *ibid.*, volume XIII, Part 1, p. 586.

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of the manor of Lockeridge and lands in ' Barwyke ', Overton and Fyfield,¹ where he was living at the time of his death, probably shortly before 22 April 1567.² Subsequent appointments are less easy to trace. They were made by the Custos Rotulorum and no public record was kept of them. The Custos was probably the earl of Pembroke, who was also Lord Lieutenant, and, as we shall see, he had some connexion with at least one of the Clerks of the Peace.

By statutes of Richard II the Justices of the Peace below the rank of banneret were paid wages of four shillings, and their clerk two shillings, a day for the time of their attendance at Quarter Sessions out of the fines and ameracements arising and issuing out of the same Sessions. Payment was made by the sheriff and indentures were made witnessing it. The sheriff produced his indenture on his account at the Exchequer as evidence supporting his claim to an allowance of the amount paid, and the details contained in it were entered on the Pipe Roll recording the audit of the account. From the Pipe Rolls preserved among the Public Records it is therefore possible to recover a list of the Justices of the Peace below the rank of banneret attending Quarter Sessions and of their clerks, with the number of attendances made, for those years in which the sheriff claimed allowance for their wages. Such allowance does not appear to have been claimed by the Wiltshire sheriffs in six of the years from 1578 to 1588, so that the list of Wiltshire Clerks of Peace for the period of the Minute Book lacks complete certainty. So far as has been ascertained the succession was as follows. Walter Berington probably succeeded Dysmers in 1567 and held office till the Easter Sessions of 1580.

Berington was the second son of William Berington of Reading, was admitted a member of Gray's Inn in 1547 and was described as of Sutton [Veny] in November 1573 when he was named executor of William Bennett of Norton Bavant.³ He was succeeded by Robert Strensham, who held office from July 1580 to Epiphany Sessions in 1581, if we may correctly assume that the writing of the word ' Strensham ' at the heading of the Minutes for the July and Michaelmas Sessions 1580 and Epiphany Sessions 1581 indicates that he was then Clerk of the Peace. From Easter Sessions 1581 to Michaelmas Sessions 1582 William Staples was Clerk. Strensham then appears to have resumed the office, which he held till the Easter Sessions of 1587. Staples was again Clerk from July 1587 to the Michaelmas Sessions of 1588. He was succeeded by Daniel Appleford, who was still in office at the end of 1592.

Strensham, whose name is variously spelled Strainsham, Stransume, Stransham and Streynsham, was born in 1535, the son of George Strensham, afterwards mayor of Faversham in Kent. He was elected a

¹ *Calendar of Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, volume XVIII, Part 1, p. 539.

² *Survey of the lands of William, first earl of Pembroke* (Roxburghe Club), volume I, pp. 142, 251.

³ The biographical details of Berington and his successor, Strensham, have been supplied by Mr. R. B. Pugh. For Berington see *Visitation of Berks*, 1566 (Harleian Soc., LVI), *Gray's Inn Admission Register*, p. 20, and *Wiltshire Notes and Queries*, volume VI, p. 184.

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fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, in 1563, and admitted to the degree of bachelor of civil and canon law in that university in 1568. In 1578 he married Frances Wightman of Harrow-on-the-Hill, by whom he had two daughters. He held by lease or purchase from his college between 1575 and 1591 lands and woods in Edgware, Kingsbury and Hendon in Middlesex and was the lessee of the rectory of Ospringe in Kent. He died and was buried at Ospringe in 1605. On his monument he is described as secretary (*amanuensis*) to William first earl of Pembroke, who, it is elsewhere claimed, 'rayseed his fortunes'. After Pembroke's death in 1570 only two facts have been noticed to connect Strensham with Wiltshire: in two All Souls deeds of 1575 and 1576 he is described as 'of Wilton', and his second daughter married a man from Newton Tony, about nine miles from Wilton. He devised no lands in the county.¹

In 1581 Staples appears as an attorney to deliver seisin at Amesbury.²

It is possible that Berington and Strensham were also clerks of the crown for the county: and that for that reason notes of business at Assizes were entered in the Minute Book for every year from 1576 to 1585, except for 1581. The presence of such notes in the Book is puzzling; such records of Assizes business at this date are rare, if not unique. The matters dealt with are such as commonly occur among the Minutes of Quarter Sessions and have no special interest, except the note of the resolution of the Grand Jury at the Lent Assizes of 1579, to which the jurors' names are subscribed, approving the amount of the corn rated on the county for the Queen's Household and asking that impropriations as well as the lands of the gentry should be fairly assessed towards the payment. It is possible that the explanation of these entries is to be found in Lambard's statement that 'Justices of Gaol Delivery . . . leave with the Clerk of the Peace indictments and such causes of the Peace as be not determined but do hang in process, to the end that offenders may be more speedily justiced'.

THE PROCEEDINGS IN QUARTER SESSIONS

The Justices were required by statute to hold four General or Open Sessions of the Peace each year; and each Sessions was to last three days, if necessary. The times of these Quarterly Sessions were appointed by the Act 2 Henry V, c. 4, to take place during the week following each of the four feasts of the Epiphany, the Close of Easter, the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr (July 7th) and St. Michael the Archangel. Perhaps through declining respect for the feast of the English martyr, the third Quarter Sessions of the calendar year appears often to have been

¹ For these biographical details see *Archaeologia Cantiana*, volume XX, p. 61 note: Master, G. S., *Notices of the Family of Master* (privately printed, 1874); *Register of the University of Oxford* (Oxford Historical Soc.), vol. 1; *All Souls College, List of Fellows, 1438-1937*; Martin, C. T. (editor), *Archives of All Souls* (London, 1877).

² Pugh, R. B., *Antrobus Deeds*, No. 117.

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held at other than the appointed date ; in some counties, in the week following Trinity Sunday. In Wiltshire it was commonly held eleven weeks after the Easter Sessions. No direction was given by statute for the place of meeting. In some counties this was invariably the county town ; in others, probably for reasons of convenience, several towns were used. Among the latter counties was Wiltshire, where the principal Sessions towns were Salisbury, Warminster, Devizes, and Marlborough ; occasionally the court sat at Trowbridge, Calne or Chippenham. During the period covered by this volume the Epiphany Sessions invariably took place at Salisbury ; the Easter Sessions was held at Warminster until 1586, after which year it was held at Devizes. From 1574 to 1586 the St. Thomas or Summer Sessions was held eight times at Devizes, twice (including once by adjournment from Devizes) at Salisbury, three times at Trowbridge, and once at Calne, while the Michaelmas Sessions was held at Devizes, except in 1574 and 1575, when it was held at Marlborough, and in 1579, when it was held at Chippenham. From 1587 to 1592 the Summer Sessions was at Warminster, except in 1592, when it was at Calne, and the Michaelmas Sessions was at Marlborough.

Special Sessions under the Statute of Labourers of 5 Elizabeth were held at Trowbridge on 4 January 1579 and at Warminster on 4 June of the same year ; other Special Sessions, which may have been adjournments of Quarter Sessions, were held at Salisbury on 11 August 1584 and 1 December 1592 and at Hindon on 20 October 1586.

About fifty Justices are named as having attended Sessions during the whole period, attendances varying on single occasions from about six to twelve. Their names may be found in the Index of Subjects under the heading ' Justices of the Peace '.

The Sessions was summoned by a precept addressed to the sheriff under the hands and seals of at least two Justices of the Peace, one of them being of the Quorum. In Wiltshire the precept appears to have been issued by the Clerk of the Peace as soon after the end of the preceding Sessions as he had prepared his process writs, which he sent along with it to the sheriff or his officers. Memoranda of the transmission of these documents occur at the end of the Minutes for seven Sessions in this volume. It was the sheriff's duty to proclaim the Sessions, to cause all officials and others having business there to be warned to attend and to summon the jurors.

There were three kinds of juries, two of them, the Grand Jury and juries of hundreds and liberties, being juries of inquiry or presentment, chosen from the most sufficient freeholders of the county, members of the Grand Jury being generally of higher social status than the hundred jurors. The function of the Grand Jury was to consider criminal bills of indictment preferred to it after being drafted and engrossed in the office of the Clerk of the Peace at the instance, generally, of the Justices before whom the offenders had first been charged. The jurors heard sufficient evidence for them to decide whether there was a *prima facie* case for trial. If they thought there was, the bill was endorsed *Billa Vera*, but if not, it was endorsed *Ignoramus*. They also made presentments of decayed bridges, public buildings, unrepaired highways and other nuisances,

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misdeemeanours of local officers, cottages erected and continued contrary to the statute of 31 Elizabeth, c. 7, recusants, unlicensed victuallers, seditious persons and other offenders. Their social and often official status made it possible for them to be considered and treated as a consultative body in matters concerning the general welfare and administration of the county. The juries of hundreds and liberties were juries of presentment which brought to the notice of the court defaults within the hundred or liberty similar to those presented by the Grand Jury for the county. Their presentments were to be brought engrossed on parchment: the bailiff of Branch and Dole hundred was amerced at Epiphany Sessions 1579 for failing to observe this rule.

The third jury was the jury of trial, the petty jury; whose duty was to declare by its verdict the guilt or innocence of the persons put to trial.

Absence without leave from the jury and the disclosure of its secrets were punishable by fine. At Michaelmas Sessions 1591 Wiltshire jurors guilty of the former offence were fined one shilling each: and at Easter Sessions 1579 the court threatened a writ of distraint against defaulting jurors. In the latter case it appears that the jury had to be made up from the qualified persons present in court, *tales de circumstantibus*. Four persons returned in the Grand Jury were fined twenty shillings each at Michaelmas Sessions 1575, presumably for failing to attend the Sessions.

After the ceremonial opening of the Sessions the sheriff made his return of the precept and process directed and delivered to him, with the Calendar containing the names of the persons summoned to attend the Sessions and the prisoners to be tried, with the charges upon which they had been committed. The Crier called over the names of the officials who should be present and marked their names as they answered. Defaulters absent without good excuse were fined, as, for example, the bailiff of Chalke hundred at Epiphany Sessions 1579. Thereupon Justices of the Peace and other officials having any inquisitions or recognizances whereby they had let persons to bail or examinations taken since the last Sessions were called upon to put in their records. Then the juries of presentment were sworn and the court was ready to hear the Articles of the Charge. These were a lengthy rehearsal of the purposes and jurisdiction of Quarter Sessions and the duties of the jurors, with a classification and definition of the offences to be dealt with and citation of the relevant statutes. The charge was usually given by the Custos Rotulorum or a Justice assigned by him for the purpose. There is extant a copy the 'charge to be given by a Justice of the Peace in the Quarter Sessions, A.D. 1580' among the papers of the Marquess of Bath at Longleat. It is printed at length in the *Wiltshire . . . Magazine*, volume XIV (1874).

In describing the business of Sessions as it is recorded in the Minute Book, it is convenient to follow the systematic order of the entries established in 1601. This does not correspond strictly with the order in which business was taken, but may help to an understanding of what was done.

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First are the recognizances, which fall into three groups, those taken in court at the preceding Sessions, those taken since the last Sessions by Justices and delivered by them, as we have seen, before the giving of the Charge, and those taken in court at the current Sessions. The recognizance was a declaration, written in Latin, that the principal, described by his name, address and occupation or social rank, acknowledged himself indebted to the queen in a certain sum and that other persons, also described in the same way, were bound in certain sums as his sureties, with the condition, written usually in English, that if specified conditions were fulfilled, the recognizance should be void. The usual number of sureties was two and the amount in which each of them was bound was usually half the amount in which the principal was bound. The recognizance was a much used instrument in administration and the keeping of the peace. It gave some small assurance of the responsibility of the person bound and of his credit with two at least of his neighbours; he had some standing in the community and was not under the universal condemnation of popular opinion. So badgers, innkeepers and other licensed victuallers were bound to observe the statutes governing their trade; persons suspected of offences were bound over to appear for trial; neighbours were prevented from pursuing private vengeance by being bound over to keep the peace; contentious persons, and those whose manner of living and morals engendered dark suspicions against them were bound to the good behaviour, *ad se bene gerendos*, to do nothing that might lead to a breach of the peace. The recognizance was a useful means of controlling suspected or accused persons without committing them to gaol and so filling the prisons with persons awaiting trial for petty offences: it was also a source of profit to the Clerk of the Peace; the entries in the Minute Book illustrate his interest in the fees payable for the bond itself, for its renewal and for release or discharge from it. The discharge or renewal of recognizances on appearance was noted at the appropriate Sessions with the words, usually written in the margin of Minute Book, *comparuit et relaxatur* or *comparuit et traditur ultra*. Default of due appearance is noted by *defallam fecit*.

Next comes the criminal business proper of Sessions, the delivery of the gaol and the indictments and presentments of the current Sessions. The gaoler brought in the prisoners and the Court proceeded to their trial. The more important cases were usually reserved for the Assizes, Quarter Sessions seldom trying anything more serious than larceny. If the prisoner pleaded guilty, the Clerk wrote over his name in the indictment *cogn'* (*i.e. cognovit*), but if he pleaded not guilty, the Clerk asked him how he would be tried. If he said 'by God and the Country', that is, by a jury, the Clerk wrote *po. se.* (*ponit se*) over his name. If he refused to plead, the words *stat mute* were written and judgment entered against him by *nichil dicit*. When sufficient prisoners had been arraigned the sheriff returned a petty jury and the cases were heard. If the accused was found guilty *cul.* (*culpabilis*) was written after the *po. se.*; if he was found not guilty, *non. cul.* was written. The formal questions were

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then asked whether the convicted person had any goods, to which the answer was usually 'none' and *cat. null.* (*catalla nulla*) was written, or whether he had fled, to which the answer was usually 'no' and *nec retraxit* was written.

Then followed the hearing of the traverses. These were the defences objected against indictments for trespasses, maims, batteries, decays of highways and bridges and other lesser offences. The accused entered into recognizance to prosecute his traverse on an indictment of the current Sessions at the next Sessions. He might by his counsel take exception to the insufficiency of the indictment, which might be quashed if the court saw fit, as at Easter Sessions 1577, when an indictment against Quidhampton tithing was declared void because the way, for non-repair of which the inhabitants were indicted, was not described as a queen's highway. The accused might also demur against the evidence. When traverses for the current Sessions had been dealt with the Clerk called upon the persons bound at the last Sessions to prosecute their traverses then and they were tried by a jury in the ordinary way.

Persons who did not appear to traverse the indictments against them were summoned by process of the court. A writ in the queen's name, witnessed by two Justices of the Peace during the Sessions, was directed to the sheriff, requiring him to cause to come (*venire facias*) or to take (*capias*) and bring before the next Sessions the defendant or defendants named. 'Process,' says Lambard, 'hath its name because it procedeth (or goeth out) upon former matter, either original or judicial'; it describes the means used to bring an accused person before the court unless he comes gratis or to answer his bail. Upon an indictment for felony process was usually a writ of *capias*, followed when necessary by a *sicut alias capias* and an *exigi facias* or writ of outlawry. Process upon indictments for lesser offences was a writ of *venire facias*, followed when necessary by a *distringas* or writ of distraint, if the offender was returned as having sufficient goods, and by a *capias* and so on if the return was *nichil habet*. At the calling of process persons discharged upon appearance were put out of process.

The statutes prescribed a formidable array of punishments, but there is little evidence of severity in the Minute Book. The court did not deal with the greater felonies, for which the more severe penalties were inflicted. Corporal punishment was administered to the parents of bastard children, who were flogged, and to a vagrant, who was branded on the ear. Otherwise offenders were fined, mostly in small sums. For the most part no indication is given of the offences for which fines were inflicted. For offences grounded upon statutes there was a prescribed penalty, but this could be, and generally was, mitigated. In practice, if the party came into court before conviction, protested his innocence, that is, traversed the indictment, and put himself on the mercy of the court, it was customary for the Bench to impose a much lighter fine. In some cases the statute left the fine to the discretion of the Justices, who taxed, that is assessed, the amount to be paid. Fines payable to the crown were, at the end of the Sessions, entered into a roll called the

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Estreat Roll, that is the roll of fines extracted from the proceedings of the court, which was sent into the Exchequer against the audit of the sheriff's account.

Finally there is the administrative business of the court. This includes orders made concerning the court's own procedure, the appointment of officials, particularly high constables of hundreds, the apportionment of rates, licensing of badgers, victuallers, cottages, beggars, and sellers of cloth, the making of market regulations, orders for the execution of the laws concerning relief of the poor, the maintenance of bastard children, the employment of vagrants and apprentices, the repair of highways and bridges, the execution of statutes and directions of the Privy Council concerning recusancy, the defence of the realm, purveyance for the Royal Household and collections for captives in Turkey, the erection and management of the house of correction at Devizes, the repair of the gaol and the relief of the prisoners there. Here also should be mentioned the reference by the Bench to Justices out of Sessions of the settlement of matters in dispute, the investigation of complaints and the performance of administrative duties ; sometimes to a single Justice, sometimes to two, three or four Justices, and sometimes to the Justices of a division. Occasionally persons not in the Commission were appointed to assist. By this means great saving of time at Sessions could be effected for those on whom attendance was incumbent, but whose interest in much of the business was slight, while the Bench was enabled to take cognisance of all matters of which it should be informed. Opportunity was given in non-criminal matters for the ending of some disputes by compromise without the formality and strife of a court of law ; in others the careful investigation of the facts was entrusted to local Justices who could report their findings and offer their advice to their colleagues at a later Sessions ; in others the necessary action was left to the discretion of the local Justices. In administrative matters may be seen the operation of the committee system, later to be greatly developed as a necessary part of local government organization.

Mention has already been made of the statute requiring the enrolment of badgers, to which the Minute Book owes its origin. The effects of other Elizabethan legislation on the work of the Justices are to be noted throughout the book. Of particular interest is their administration of the various Acts concerned with the problem of the poor, precursors of the statute of 1601. References occur to the imposition of rates for the relief of parochial poor and of prisoners in the gaol and the duty to serve as collector under the Act of 1572 ; to the punishment and control of vagrants provided for by the same Act, but particularly numerous ten years later ; to the care and apprenticing of poor children, the maintenance of those born out of wedlock and the punishment of their parents and to matters of settlement, where administrative practice anticipated the provisions of the statute of 1662. The Act of 1576 for the setting up of houses of correction was followed in 1578 by action directed to the establishment of the County House at Devizes. The concern of the central government with the effects of rising corn prices is reflected in regulations

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issued at the Warminster Sessions of 1576. Licences for the erection of cottages by authority of the Act of 1589 are numerous and begin in 1590. The background of this activity in the care of the poor may be studied especially in Miss E. M. Leonard's *Early History of English Poor Relief*. Measures to be taken to carry out the instructions of the Privy Council concerning the prosecution of recusants are noted in the Minutes of Michaelmas Sessions 1578, and interesting references to protestant and papist dissenters occur. Reference is also made to purveyance for the Queen's Household and to measures for defence against the threatened Spanish invasion in 1588; more light is thrown on these topics and the military duties of Justices by letters and papers of the earl of Pembroke, Lord Lieutenant of the county, printed from the Longleat papers in the *Wiltshire . . . Magazine*, volume XIV, pages 237 to 253.

For an analysis of the matter dealt with in the text the reader is referred to the Index of Subjects: matters, however, to which the only alternative to a forbidding string of numbers would be the helpless word *passim* are there omitted. These include recognizances of the peace and good behaviour and bonds to appear to answer or prosecute charges or to give evidence and their discharge, references to issues, process and its stay, appearances, binding over, traverses, warrants of the peace, fines on traverse, fines taxed or discharged, and the payment of or liability for fees.

EDITORIAL METHOD

The first page of the Minute Book has been printed in an extended transcription of the abbreviated Latin text; the second page has been calendared in English. The register of recognizances from 1574 to 1589 has been presented in tabular form. The first table contains a list of badgers arranged in the alphabetical order of their surnames, the names of their sureties, where known, being given in the second column, and the Sessions at which their recognizances were entered in the third. The second table contains a list of other victuallers similarly arranged. A few stray minutes entered in this part of the manuscript are calendared with the minutes proper. The remainder of the text, the minutes of general business done in Sessions and Assizes from 1575 to 1592, is presented in a combination of calendar and transcript. The original is written in a mixture of rather corrupt Latin and English. The formal entries, most of which are in Latin, have been generally abstracted in English, except where no saving of space would be thus secured; the classes of entry treated in this way are the notes of recognizances, fines taxed, warrants of the peace, traverses, elections of high constables, licences, some stays of process and the Sessional headings. Separate successive entries in the same form, such as notes of fines, elections, recognizances, have been combined into single entries. Most of the English entries and Latin orders beginning 'ordinatur' or 'ordinatum est' have been transcribed in full. Entries and parts of entries so transcribed have been placed between single inverted commas: in them

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the spelling of the original has been retained, but in punctuation and the use of initial capital letters modern conventions have been followed. Marginal entries have been transcribed in full and printed in italics, except where they add nothing to the information given in the body of the entry, when they have usually been omitted. Except for the abbreviations *l. s. d.* nothing has been italicized merely because it is in Latin. Crossings out, false starts and alterations in the original have been noticed when they appeared to have interest or significance, but omitted when in the Editor's judgment they represented no more than corrections of clerical errors. Some entries are marked by marginal dots, probably to show that action was taken or payment made; but, since no systematic method could be identified, and recognition was in many cases uncertain, it has been thought proper to ignore such marks in this edition.

The General Editor, Mr. R. B. Pugh, to whom the editor unconditionally acknowledges himself indebted not less for his patient forbearance than for aid and encouragement abundantly given, has compiled the Index of Persons and Places, a task of considerable difficulty in a publication of this sort, involving much research and bringing many disappointments. He has contributed a note on this Index, with which this Introduction closes.

In Wiltshire there is a relatively large number of places that have the same name. Some, it is true, have different *cognomina* and of these some are adjacent, like the Lydiards, and some are not, like the Fishertons. It has seldom seemed worth while on the present occasion to spend much time in trying to identify adjacent places of the same name where no *cognomen* was given in the text. Greater pains have been taken with those homonymous places that lie apart, but the effort has mostly been unrewarding. All too many places, therefore, have had to be marked '*unidentified*'—a term which has been used indifferently for those few places that could not be found at all and those that could have been identified with any one of one or more homonyms. Places are usually identified through their association in the text with persons otherwise known to have held land in or to have lived in them. This process, however, is rendered hard where the persons are, as so often in the present text, of small social stature; for in such circumstances the occurrence of their names in other published documents is rare. *The Place-Names of Wiltshire* (English Place-Name Society) has as usual been taken as the standard for the spelling of place-names and their location in hundreds. All places are to be understood to be in Wiltshire unless the contrary is stated.

Problems of equal difficulty have characterized the identification of persons. Many personal names recur with varying addresses and additions, or with none. These have been brought together or not rather by instinct than principle. It may, however, be said that in cases of doubt the tendency has been to keep persons of the same name apart.

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Thus one is more likely to find the same man in two or more entries than two or more men in the same entry. But even this principle is hard to observe without caprice and the reader must not trust too implicitly—or castigate too severely—the indexer's implied conclusions.

Repetitions of the same personal or place-name on the same page have not been noticed.

WILTSHIRE QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS

MINUTE BOOK, 1563 AND 1574 TO 1592

[*pp.* 1 and 2] ENTRIES OF BADGERS' RECOGNIZANCES MADE
AT THE ST. THOMAS AND MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1563.¹

[*p.* 1] Sessio pacis tenta apud Chippenham in comitatu predicto die lune [xij^o die] Julii anno regni Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie regine [fidei defensoris etc.] quinto coram Edwardo Baynard Nicholao Snell Edwar[do] Egidio Estcourt Johanne Penrudd'.

Manuceperunt pro Johanne Brewer de Castell Combe in comitatu [predicto] Willelmus Whyte de Fyffhed in comitatu predicto husbondman [et] Hawkyns de Castell Combe in comitatu predicto husbondman [quilibet eorum in] pena quinque marcarum et pars marcarum solvendarum ad usum dicte domine regine se[*cundum*] effectum statuti.

Johannes Fluelyn de Rowde in comitatu predicto husbondman pro se[ipso]

Thomas Wattes de Pottren in comitatu predicto husbondman pro se[ipso]

Thomas Collyns de Idmeston in comitatu predicto husbondman pro sei[*pso*]

Robertus Shoring de Netleton in comitatu predicto husbondman pro seip[*so*]

Johannes Upton de Potren in comitatu predicto husbondman pro seip[*so*]

Willelmus Peirs de Woorton in comitatu predicto husbondman pro seip[*so*]

Walterus Feltham de Barwycke Sancti² Jacobi in comitatu predicto laborer pro seip[*so*]

Johannes Hobbyns de Woorton in comitatu predicto husbondman pro sei[*pso*]

Robertus Flower de Mylkesham in comitatu predicto husbondman pro sei[*pso*]

Walterus Sawnders de Pottren in comitatu predicto husbondman pro seipso

Nicholaus Russell de Kynton in comitatu predicto husbondman pro seipso

Johannes Lancaster de Lacoche in comitatu predicto husbondman pro [seipso]

Johannes Brewer de Castell Combe in comitatu predicto husbondman

¹ *p.* 1 is transcribed in full ; *p.* 2 is calendared.

² *MS.* sancte.

WILTSHIRE COUNTY RECORDS

[p. 2] Sessions held at Warmyster Thursday after [Michaelmas] 5 Elizabeth before J, John Mervyn, knights, Henry Sherrington, Henry Bod[denham], Christopher Doddington, esquires, Justices [of the Peace].

Persons entering into bail of 5*l.* for themselves [*sc.* as badgers]—John Bristo of Slastonford, Lawrence Nicolles of Nettylton, husbandman, John Nicolles of Nettylton, labourer, Rafe Coxe of Alderton, labourer, Richard Edmay of Badson, William Mody of Bydson, Thomas Aust of Bydson and William Woddam of North Wraxsall, husbandmen, Richard Collyns of North Wraxsall, William Holaway of Cheppymslade, husbandman, John Hopkyns of Chepmanstlade, John Collens¹ of North Wraxsall, Thomas Symson¹ of Collarne, John Wotton of Lavyngton and Thomas Clarke of Madynbradley, husbandmen.²

[Th]omas Alway of Collarn, husbandman, and his sureties, Nicholas Web of the same, husbandman, and Richard Sympson, each bound in 5*l.*
 Jones of Collarn, husbandman, and the same sureties, each bound in 5*l.*

Richard [A]ws]te of Collern, husbandman, and the same sureties, each bound in 5*l.*

John [A]forde of Collarne and the same sureties, each bound in 5*l.*
 Browne of Crudwell and of Hankerton
 in 5*l.* and one

[pp. 3 to 68] ENTRIES OF BADGERS' AND SOME OTHER VICTUALLERS' RECOGNIZANCES AND LICENCES MADE FROM ST. THOMAS SESSIONS 1574 TO EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1589.

These have been arranged in two tables, (a) Badgers, and (b) other Victuallers.

P.4a, a narrow slip inserted loose in the volume, contains the following note—'Badgers allowed by the Justyces at their Generall Sessions at Sar' xiiij^o Januarii 1574' (i.e. 1575, 17 Elizabeth)—'John Dorchester,³ William Dole, hundredus de Pottern; Peter Candell,³ hundredus de Dunworth; Thomas Streate, Thomas King, pro Brodechalk; John Brystowe, John Cox, John Swayne, hundredus de Chippenham; John Lewes,³ Rychard Russell, the lybertye of Rowde; William Grey, Rychard Howse, libertas de Westbury; John Barton, Edward Clement, William Iles, Bradford hundred and the towne; John Tytcome, Robert Butt,³ hundredus de Calne; Thomas Fry,³ Henry Jones,³ hundredus de Amsbury; John Lane³ de Compton Chamberlen, hundredus de Dameram; Robert Marten,³ hundredus de Alderbury. Per Berington.'

¹ *Marked nota.*

² Names, where the beginning of the line remains, marked with a dot, probably signifying the payment of fees. This mark occurs frequently in later entries.

³ Names marked with a cross.

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BADGERS' RECOGNIZANCES, 1574-1589

Names of Badgers.	Names of Sureties.	Sessions at which Recognizances were entered.
Aforde, John, of Cullern, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Aforde, Richard, of Cullern, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Aley, James, of Woodford, labourer.	—	St. Thomas 1574.
Aneave. <i>See</i> Neave.	—	—
Awste, Henry, of Biddeston, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Awste, Richard, of Cullern, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Baily (Baylife, Bayly, Baylye), Ralph, of Mayden Bradley (Maydenbradely, Maydenbroadly), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	Easter 1581.
Bancroft, William, of Cosham, labourer.	Robert White (Whitt), baker, and John Andros, husbandman, both of the same.	June 1575 and Easter 1576.
Bargett, Thomas, of Highworth, labourer.	Henry Batt of Kingston Deverell, yeoman.	Easter 1578, Easter 1579 and Easter 1580.
Barret, John, of Nettleton, labourer.	William Webbe and James Hubbard, both of Bromham, clothiers.	St. Thomas 1577.
Barton (Barten), John, of Trowle <i>alias</i> of Wyngfield, labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	William Harding of Gron-dell and Richard Bargett of Rodborne, yeomen.	St. Thomas 1582.
Batt, Nicholas, of Somerford Keynes, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Beker, John, of West Kyneton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Bonde (Bounde), John, of Chirrell, husbandman.	Philip Drewett of the same, labourer.	Epiphany 1575, Easter 1581, Easter 1582, Easter 1583 and Easter 1584.
Bownd (Bounde, Bownde), Thomas, of Dyn-ton, labourer.	John Drewet of the same, husbandman.	Easter 1576 and Easter 1577.
Brewer, Walter, of Stiple-ashton, labourer.	—	Easter 1578, Easter 1579 and Easter 1580.
Bricket (Brickett), Miles, of Salisbury, labourer.	—	Michaelmas 1575 and Easter 1582.
Brycket, Giles, of Salisbury, husbandman.	John Cranage of the same, veoman.	Easter 1587.
Bristow, John, of Slawten-ford, husbandman.	William Greene of the same, husbandman.	Michaelmas 1575 and Michaelmas 1576.
Browne, John, of Hancker-ton, labourer.	Richard Yelliat, weaver, and John Mayowle, husbandman, both of the same.	Easter 1575, Easter 1576, Easter 1577, Easter 1578, Easter 1579, Easter 1580.
	Richard Beete, 'plumer', and John Palmer, tanner, both of the same.	Easter 1582.
	—	Epiphany 1587. Epiphany 1586.
	—	Easter 1580.
	Martin Edmay of Wraxall, husbandman.	Epiphany 1575.
	John Scott of Chippenham, clothier, and John Hedd of Hanckerton, husbandman.	Michaelmas 1584.

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Browne, Thomas, of East Lavington, labourer <i>cum duobus equis</i> .	—	Easter 1587.
Burde, John, of Sterte, husbandman.	—	June 1578.
Butler, Thomas, of Blonsdon, labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	William Harding of Grondwell, yeoman.	Michaelmas 1582. Michaelmas 1581.
Butt (Butte), Robert, of Yatesbury (Yatisbury), labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	John Carpenter of Compton and John Scutt of Yatesbury, husbandmen. John Carpenter (<i>as above</i>).	Epiphany 1575. Epiphany 1576, Epiphany 1577 and June 1578. St. Thomas 1576, St. Thomas 1577, Michaelmas 1579 and Easter, 1587.
Cadell (Caddell), Robert, of Nettleton (Netleton), labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	—	Epiphany 1582, Epiphany 1583 and Epiphany 1584. Epiphany 1578, Epiphany 1580 and Epiphany 1581. Epiphany 1575.
Candell, Nicholas, of Fovent <i>alias</i> of Tysbury, labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	Henry Jasper (Gasper) of the same, husbandman.	Epiphany 1576. Epiphany 1577.
Candell, Peter, of Tisbury, labourer.	Andrew Blackman of Hindon and William Candell of Fovent. William Candell. Thomas Lamberd of Southe Burcombe, yeoman. George Scory of Salisbury, innholder.	Epiphany 1578, Epiphany 1580 and Epiphany 1581. Epiphany 1575.
Carter, John, of West Ashton, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	Richard Williams of the same, labourer. William Williams of the same, labourer.	Epiphany 1576. Epiphany 1577. Epiphany 1578 and Epiphany 1579. Easter 1577.
Cerby. <i>See</i> Kerbye. Chapman, John, of Chippenham, husbandman.	Robert Francklyn of the same, gentleman.	Easter 1578 and Easter 1579.
Clement, Edward, of Wyngfield (Wynfeeld) <i>alias</i> of Rowley, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	Richard Byssby of the same, yeoman, and Philip Drewett of Troll, husbandman.	June 1575. Easter 1576, Easter 1577 and Easter 1578. Epiphany 1575.
Cole, John, of Stanton Fytesharberd, labourer.	Thomas Sargent of Kemble and John Skydmore of Poole, husbandmen.	Easter 1586.
Coles (Cooles), William <i>alias</i> John, of Dynton, labourer.	Ralph Danyell (Dannye) of the same, husbandman.	Easter 1575, Easter 1576, Easter 1577 (John), Easter 1578, Easter 1579 and Easter 1580.
Collins (Collens, Collyns), Richard, of North Wraxall, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— Robert Francklyn of Chippenham, gentleman.	St. Thomas 1580, June 1581, St. Thomas 1582 and June 1583. June 1575, St. Thomas 1576, St. Thomas 1577, June 1578 and St. Thomas 1579.
Collins, Thomas, of Pottren, labourer.	— John Trewe of Devizes, gentleman.	Michaelmas 1583. Michaelmas 1581.
Cove, William, of Dynton, labourer.	—	Michaelmas 1584.

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Cox (Coxe), John, of North Wraxall, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	St. Thomas 1580, June 1581, St. Thomas 1582, June 1583 and Easter 1587.
	William Horte of the same, husbandman.	Epiphany 1575 and St. Thomas 1576.
	John Swayne of Chippenham, husbandman.	St. Thomas 1577 and June 1578.
Coxe, Richard, of Westkington, husbandman.	—	St. Thomas 1576.
Coxe, Thomas, of Wanborough, labourer.	William Cusse of Marston, yeoman.	Michaelmas 1580.
Coxhed (Coxhedd), Peter, of Rowde, husbandman.	—	Michaelmas 1574.
	John Lewis of the same, labourer.	Epiphany 1576 and Epiphany 1577.
Crofte, Andrew, of Bradford, labourer.	—	Easter 1583 and Easter 1584.
Curraunt, Thomas, of Lavyngton Markett.	Anthony Hart of Easterton, husbandman.	Michaelmas 1577.
Dalman, Robert, of Cosham, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Danniell, Richard, of Westbury, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Davis, Matthew, of Alderton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Davies (Davys), Thomas, of Pirton (Priton, Pyrton), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	Michaelmas 1580, Michaelmas 1582 and Michaelmas 1583.
	Henry Shewger (Sevegar, Sewger, Sifgard) of the same, yeoman <i>alias</i> husbandman.	Michaelmas 1575, Michaelmas 1576, Michaelmas 1577, Michaelmas 1578, Michaelmas 1579 and Michaelmas 1581.
Dawson, Thomas, of Kemble, husbandman.	—	Michaelmas 1574.
Deane, John, of le Devizes, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer	—	St. Thomas 1576, St. Thomas 1577, June 1578, St. Thomas 1579, St. Thomas 1580 and Michaelmas 1582
Denmead, William, of Calne, husbandman.	—	Michaelmas 1576.
Denmeade, William, of Salisbury, pedlar <i>alias</i> petty chapman.	—	St. Thomas 1584.
	Robert White, merchant, and William Lyne, tanner, both of the same.	June 1583.
Dewsey, John, of Stapleash-ton (Stipleashton), labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	Richard Spencer of the same, yeoman.	St. Thomas 1576, St. Thomas 1577 and June 1578.
Dolle, William, of Potterne, husbandman.	—	Epiphany 1575.
Dorchester, John, of Potterne (Pottren), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer	—	Epiphany 1575, St. Thomas 1577, June 1578 and St. Thomas 1580.
	John Moggeridg of Salisbury, gentleman.	Epiphany 1576.
Drewet, John, of Trowle, husbandman.	John Barton of the same, husbandman.	Easter 1578.
Drewet (Drewett), Philip, of Trowle, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1575.
	John Barton of the same.	Easter 1576 and Easter 1577.

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Drewet (Druett), William, of Trowle <i>alias</i> of Bradford, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— John Barton of the same.	Easter 1582, Easter 1583 and Easter 1584. Easter 1579 and Easter 1580.
Duke, Thomas, of Trowbridge, labourer.	Edward Langford of the same, gentleman.	Easter 1582.
Durrington (Dorrington, Durlington), John, of Hilperton (Helperton, Hillprington, Hilprington) <i>alias</i> of Trowle, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	Easter 1578, Easter 1579, Easter 1580, Easter 1581, Easter 1583 and Easter 1584.
Earle, James, of Wodhampton (Wadhampton) in Urchefonte parish, husbandman.	— John Mylls of Enford, husbandman.	St. Thomas 1577. Easter 1576.
Edmey (Edmay, Edmaye) <i>alias</i> Hooper, Martin, of North Wraxall, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— John Swayne of Chippenham, weaver <i>alias</i> husbandman.	June 1578, St. Thomas 1579 and St. Thomas 1580. Epiphany 1575 and St. Thomas 1576.
Eelson, Thomas, of Bradford, labourer.	Thomas Allen, yeoman, and John Jones, clothier, both of the same.	Michaelmas 1582.
Elgar (Elger), William, the younger, of Christenmalverd <i>alias</i> the Le, husbandman.	— John Curties of Calne, yeoman.	June 1581. Michaelmas 1579.
Elkines, William, of Compton Chamberlayne, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1588.
Emley, George, of Alderton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Emly, Thomas, of Alderton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Flower, Robert, of Melksham (Melkesham, Mylkesham, Mylksham), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— John Gerrishe (Geryshe, Gyrishe) of the same, husbandman <i>alias</i> yeoman.	St. Thomas 1580, June 1581, St. Thomas 1582 and Michaelmas 1585. June 1575, St. Thomas 1576, St. Thomas 1577, June 1578 and St. Thomas 1579.
Fluellyn (Flewellen, Fluellen), John, of Devizes <i>alias</i> of Rowde, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— John Pye of Westburye, yeoman.	St. Thomas 1580, Michaelmas 1582 and Michaelmas 1583. June 1575, Michaelmas 1576, Michaelmas 1577 and Michaelmas 1578.
Forte (Foorte), John, of Woodford, labourer.	— John Hedd and William Hedd, both of the same, husbandmen.	Epiphany 1587, Epiphany 1588 and Epiphany 1589. June 1583.
Fry (Frye), Thomas, of Amesbury (Ambrosbury, Amsbury, Amysbury), mercer <i>alias</i> labourer.	— John Tuggwell and John Rotew (Ruttewe), both of the same, husbandmen. Francis Spencer of Salisbury, woollen draper.	Easter 1581, Epiphany 1582, Epiphany 1583 and Epiphany 1584. Epiphany 1575 and Epiphany 1576.
		Epiphany 1577, Epiphany 1578, Easter 1579 and Easter 1580.

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Gamadge (Gammadge), Peter, of Castlecombe, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	John Tompson <i>alias</i> Bolton of the same, baker, and Henry Keynes of Yatton, yeoman.	Easter 1587. Epiphany 1587.
Gostell, William, of Cullern, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Grenehill, Thomas, of Stipleashton, labourer.	John Greenhill the elder and John Greenhill the younger of the same.	June 1586.
Grey, William, of Westbury Lye, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1575.
Harford, Edward, of Edington, husbandman.	Henry Noble of the same, husbandman.	Easter 1575, St. Thomas 1576, St. Thomas 1577, June 1578 and Michaelmas 1579.
Harris, John, of Stipleashton, labourer.	—	Easter 1584.
Harris, Richard, of Kevell, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Harvest, Richard, of Pottren, weaver.	Richard Burley of Whistley, gentleman.	Michaelmas 1580.
Haynes (Haeine, Hayme), John, of Warmyster, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	Lawrence Pilchard (Pilcher, Pylchard, Pylcher) of the same, yeoman.	Easter 1575, Easter 1577, Easter 1578, Easter 1579 and Easter 1580.
Hedd, John, of Ambrosbury, labourer.	John Rattne the younger and Thomas Waters, both of the same, yeomen.	St. Thomas 1584.
Heyter, Nicholas, of Winterborne, labourer.	John Porter, gentleman, and Robert Ryse, husbandman, both of the same.	Epiphany 1583.
Hillman, John, of Trowbridge (Trobridg), labourer	—	Easter 1581, Easter 1582 and June 1583.
Hilton, George, of Ambrosbury, labourer.	Alexander Langford of the same, yeoman.	Easter 1580.
Hobbens, John, of Potterne, husbandman.	William Scott, gentleman, and Richard Manners, yeoman, both of the same.	Easter 1584.
Holder, John, of Bradford, labourer.	Roger Mathew of Worton, husbandman.	St. Thomas 1576 and St. Thomas 1577.
Holloway (Holdway, Hollowey), William, of Chapmanslade (Chipnham-slade) <i>alias</i> of Chippenham, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	Robert Burley of Mounckfeild, gentleman, and Richard Grenhill of Northe Bradlie, butcher.	Easter 1582 and Easter 1583. Easter 1581.
Honywill. See Hunywell.	—	—
Hooper. See Edmey.	—	—
Hort (Horte), Richard, of Northwraxall <i>alias</i> of Cullern, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	John Aneave of Horningsham, husbandman.	Easter 1581 and Easter 1582. Easter 1575, Easter 1576, Easter 1577 and Easter 1578.
Hort (Horte), William, of Northwraxall, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	John Coxo of the same, husbandman.	St. Thomas 1580 and Easter 1587. St. Thomas 1579.
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	John Coxo of Wraxall, husbandman.	St. Thomas 1580, June 1581, St. Thomas 1582, June 1583, St. Thomas 1585 and Easter 1587. Epiphany 1575, ¹ St. Thomas 1577, June 1578 and St. Thomas 1579.

¹ Entry struck out with note *Exoneratur per curiam*.

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Horwood, John, of West Kyneton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
House, Richard, of Westbury, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1575 and St. Thomas 1580.
Hull, John, of Hill Deverell, labourer.	John Middlecott of Bishopstrow, gentleman, and John Chamberlayne of Boram, yeoman.	Easter 1582.
Hunnywell. <i>See</i> Wordon.	—	—
Hunnywell (Honnywill, Hunywell), Richard, of Durlington (Duryngton), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	Libeas Manners of the same, yeoman.	St. Thomas 1579. St. Thomas 1580 and Michaelmas 1581.
Iles, John, of Southwraxall, labourer.	Richard Byssby of Winfeld and Philip Drewett of Trulle.	Epiphany 1575.
Iles, Thomas, of Southwraxall, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1575. Easter 1576 and Easter 1577.
Jackman, Walter, of Pyrton, husbandman.	Philip Drewett of the same, husbandman. John Drewett of the same, husbandman.	Easter 1578.
Jacob, John, of Wotten Basset, labourer.	John Smyth of Charleton and Richard Woodroffe of Mylborne, husbandmen.	Epiphany 1586.
Jaques, William, of Ambrosbury, labourer.	William Henley of the same, smith. William Scott, gentleman, and William Bundy, yeoman, both of the same.	Epiphany 1581. Michaelmas 1582.
Jones (Jonnes), Henry, of Allington, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	Epiphany 1577, Epiphany 1582 and Epiphany 1583. Epiphany 1575.
	John Twuggwell of Amysbery and Edward Knappe of Allington, husbandmen. Edward Knapp. John Tuggwell of Amesbury, yeoman. Roger Coxo of Allington, husbandman.	Epiphany 1576. Epiphany 1578, Easter 1579 and Epiphany 1580. Epiphany 1581.
Kerbye (Cerby), William, of Hungerford Farley (Hungerfordes Farleige), labourer.	—	Easter 1581. Easter 1581.
Kerle, Robert, of Nettleton, labourer.	Thomas Allyn, yeoman, and John Holder, miller, both of Bradford.	Easter 1587.
King (Kinge), Thomas, of Brodechalke (Brodechauls, Brodechaulke), husbandman.	—	Epiphany 1575. Epiphany 1576 and Epiphany 1577.
	Thomas King of the same, yeoman. Robert Everley of the same, husbandman.	Epiphany 1578 and Epiphany 1579 (<i>bis</i>). St. Thomas 1585. St. Thomas 1584.
Knight, Ralph, of Wilton, weaver.	—	St. Thomas 1585. St. Thomas 1584.
	Thomas Bedford of the same and John Walker of Barford, yeomen.	
Kyneton, John, of Nettleton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Lambe, Nicholas, of Buckland, labourer.	—	Easter 1584.

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Lambe, William, of Corsley (Corsly, Corslye), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	Michaelmas 1578, Michaelmas 1579, Michaelmas 1580, Michaelmas 1582 and Michaelmas 1584.
Lane, John, of Compton Chamberlayne (Compton-chamberlen), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	John Pilton of the same, miller.	Michaelmas 1581.
Lawrence (Laurence, Lawrence), Richard, of Winterborne, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1582, Epiphany 1583 and Epiphany 1584.
Lewys, John, of Hanckerton, labourer.	Robert Bownde (Bowne) of the same, yeoman.	Epiphany 1576, Epiphany 1578, Epiphany 1579, Epiphany 1580 and Epiphany 1581.
Lewys (Lewes, Lewis), John, of Rowde, labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	William Gombleton of Porton, gentleman.	Epiphany 1577.
Lighe, Rawling, of West Lavington, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1584, Epiphany 1587, Epiphany 1588 and Epiphany 1589.
Lippett, Justinian, of Chippenham, husbandman.	Richard Thornton, yeoman, and William Budd, husbandman, both of the same.	Michaelmas 1582.
Long (Longe), John, of Wourton <i>alias</i> Pottren, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Lord, John, of West Lavington, husbandman.	Peter Coxhed and Richard Russell, both of the same.	Epiphany 1575.
Loveday, Christopher, of Stipleashton, husbandman.	Peter Coxhedd	Epiphany 1576 and Epiphany 1577.
Lowe, Edward, of Warmyster, yeoman.	Robert Francklen of Allington (Allyngton), gentleman.	Epiphany 1578 and Epiphany 1579.
Lyfoly (Lyfolly), Richard, of Pyrton, labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	Henry Evens of Earlestoke, smith, and William Lighe of West Lavington, yeoman.	June 1575.
Lynche, Richard, of Westbury, labourer.	Robert Francklyn of the same, gentleman.	June 1575.
Lynche, Robert, of Westbury, labourer.	—	St. Thomas 1579, St. Thomas 1580 and Michaelmas 1581.
Marchant, Nicholas, of Ambrosbury, labourer.	—	Easter 1579.
—	John Dewsey of the same, labourer.	June 1578.
—	—	Easter 1575 and Easter 1576.
—	—	Epiphany 1587.
—	Robert Maslyn, yeoman, and Richard Bathe, husbandman, both of the same.	Epiphany 1586.
—	—	Easter 1584.
—	—	Easter 1582 and Easter 1585.
—	—	Easter 1587.

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Martyn (Martin), Robert, of Winterborne Dauntesye (Winterborne in Aldebery hundred, Wynterborne), labourer.	— John Porter (Porcher) and Richard Wimbleton (Wymbleton) of the same. Nicholas Woodford of Gombleton (Gomeldon), husbandman.	Epiphany 1582, Epiphany 1583, Epiphany 1584, Epiphany 1587, Epiphany 1588 and Epiphany 1589. Epiphany 1575 and Epiphany 1576.
Martyne, —, of Durington, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1577, Epiphany 1578, Epiphany 1579, Epiphany 1580 and Epiphany 1581. St. Thomas 1577.
Masemere, Giles, of Calcott, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1587.
Mason, John, of Bishop's Cannings, husbandman.	—	Michaelmas 1575.
Mathewe, John, of Bradford, husbandman.	John Dewsey, of Stipleashton, labourer.	St. Thomas 1576, St. Thomas 1577.
Mathew, Nicholas, of Bisshopstrow, labourer.	— John Middlecott of the same, gentleman, and William Pylton of Warminster, fishmonger.	Easter 1583. Epiphany 1582.
Mathewe, Roger, of Worton, husbandman.	—	St. Thomas 1576 and St. Thomas 1577.
Maunfeeld, John, of Bulkington, labourer.	John White, yeoman, and William Pyerce, husbandman, both of the same.	June 1575.
Miller (Myller), John, of Malmesbury, labourer.	John Harris of the same, husbandman.	Michaelmas 1580.
Miller, Robert, of Malmesbury, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Monday, William, of Pottern, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Moore, William, of Westburie, labourer.	—	June 1578.
Moore, William, of Westburie, labourer.	John Whatley and William Scott, both of the same, yeomen.	June 1586.
Moore (More), William, of Bulford, labourer.	—	Easter 1587, Epiphany 1588 and Epiphany 1589.
Morse, Robert, of Oxhey, labourer.	Thomas Sargant of Wycke and Richard Sargant of Oxeshey, labourers.	Easter 1587.
Myles, Thomas, of Westlavington, labourer.	William Bower of the same, yeoman.	Michaelmas 1579.
Neave (Aneave, Aneve), John, of Horningsham (Horningsham, Hornisham, Hornisom), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	Easter 1581, Easter 1582, Easter 1583 and Easter 1584.
Neave (Aneave, Aneve), John, of Horningsham (Horningsham, Hornisham, Hornisom), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	William Holloway of Chappanslade.	Easter 1575, Easter 1576, Easter 1577, Easter 1578, Easter 1579 and Easter, 1580.
Nicolls, Lawrence, of Nettleton, labourer.	Robert Francklyn of Chippenham, gentleman.	June 1575.
Noble, Richard, of Winterborne, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1589.
Nycoles, John, of Nettleton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.

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Nytt, George, of Bishop's Cannings, labourer.	Robert Lurgis of Ratfyn, yeoman, and William Tayler of Bedborough, husbandman.	Epiphany 1584.
¹ Odel, Thomas, of Whit-parishe.	—	Michaelmas 1584.
Parsons, John, of Wootten Bassett, labourer.	—	St. Thomas 1584 and Michaelmas 1585.
Parsons, William, of Clive Piper, labourer.	—	Michaelmas 1585.
Pearce, Walter, of Coate, labourer.	John Mason of Borton, yeoman, and John Tayler of Coate, husbandman.	Miahaelmas 1583.
Poope, Robert, of North Bradly, labourer.	William Harford, yeoman, and John Dyer, husbandman, both of the same.	Easter 1584.
Powle, Robert, of Boxe, husbandman.	John Lewis of the same, husbandman.	Easter 1575.
Purfye, Thomas, of Broughton, labourer.	Thomas Gerrishe and Nicholas Mocksham, both of the same, husbandmen.	Epiphany 1583.
Pytt, John, of Kemble, labourer.	—	Easter 1582.
Ramesbury, Richard, of Pyrton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Richardes, Humfrey, of Melkesham, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Richardes, John, of Millsham, labourer.	John Longe of Semington and Henry Longe, yeomen.	Easter 1581.
Robertes, Walter, of Ashton (Asheton) Keynes, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	St. Thomas 1574.
Ruddock (Ruddocke), John, of Henton (Charterhouse Henton), labourer.	William Haul (Haule) of Poole, husbandman.	Michaelmas 1575 and Easter 1577.
	Richard Ruddock of the same and John Holder of Trowle, yeomen.	Easter 1584 and Easter 1585.
	—	Easter 1582.
Ruddock, Richard, of Henton (Charterhouse Henton), labourer.	—	Easter 1582, Easter 1583, Easter 1584 and Easter 1585.
Rudley, William, of Bartley, labourer.	William Lambe of Whitborne and William Holloway of Chepman-slade, husbandmen.	Easter 1585.
Russell, Richard, of Rowde, labourer.	—	Michaelmas 1582.
	John Waters (a Waters) of Rowde, husbandman.	Epiphany 1575, St. Thomas 1576 and St. Thomas 1577.
Russell, William, of Rowde.	—	June 1581.
Rymar, Richard, of Lyghe Dallamer, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Sandell, Nicholas, of Fovent, labourer.	—	Michaelmas 1574.
Sargant, Richard, of Oxhey, labourer.	Robert Morse of Oxhey and Thomas Sargant of Wyck.	Easter 1587.
Saunders, Walter, of Northwrxall <i>alias</i> of Pottren, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	—	St. Thomas 1579, St. Thomas 1580, Michaelmas 1581 and Michaelmas 1582.
Sawyer, Henry, of Malmesbury, labourer.	John Wayte and John Arnold of the same, baker and tailor.	Easter 1587.

¹ Entry of doubtful meaning.

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Names of Badgers.	Names of Sureties.	Sessions at which Recognizances were entered.
Sergante, John, of Hurlavington, labourer.	George Sergante and Walter Batten, both of the same, yeomen.	St. Thomas 1584.
Sergant, Thomas, of Wyck, in Kemble, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— John Skydmore of Poole, husbandman, and John Cole of Stanton Fytesharberd, labourer.	Easter 1587—bond made by John Warneford, esquire. Easter 1586.
Sharpe, John, of Founthill Gifford, labourer.	Walter Sharpe of Hyndon, weaver, and William Whyte of Founthill Gifford, husbandman.	Easter 1584.
Sheppard, Thomas, of Alderton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Sherwill, Richard, of Winterborne Earles, labourer.	Roger Martyn and John Pruet, both of the same, yeomen.	Michaelmas 1582.
Short, Robert, of Henton, labourer.	Richard Ruddock and Nicholas Wirsdale, both of the same, labourers.	Easter 1585.
Skidmore (Skydmore), John, of Poole, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— Thomas Sargant of Kemble, husbandman, and John Cole of Stanton Fytesharberd, labourer.	Easter 1587. Easter 1586.
Skynner, Margaret, of Dunhead, widow.	William Brockway of the same, yeoman <i>alias</i> husbandmen.	Easter 1577 and Easter 1578.
Skynner, William, of Dunhed (Dunhedd), labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	William Brockway of the same, yeoman.	Easter 1575 and Easter 1576.
Sprat (Spratt), John, of Durlington, labourer.	— William Scott of Ambrosbury, gentleman.	Easter 1582, Easter, 1583, ¹ Easter 1584, Easter 1585. Easter 1581.
Stephens, Roger, of Baverstocke, labourer.	Roger Coles of the same, husbandman, and John Rycket of Teffont, tailor.	Easter 1583. ²
Stockwell, Philip, of Woodborow, miller.	—	Easter 1587.
Stockwell, William, of Stert (Stearthe, Sterte), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	William Self of Bishop's Caninges (Canninges), husbandman.	Easter 1575, Easter 1576, Easter 1577 and June 1578.
Streat (Streate), Thomas, of Brodechalke, labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	—	Michaelmas 1574 and Epiphany 1575.
Swayne, John, of Chippenham, weaver.	John Bristow of Slawtenford, husbandman.	Epiphany 1575.
Swetnam, Henry, of Meere, labourer.	—	Easter 1582.
Syre (Syer), John, of Ambrosbury, labourer.	— William Scott of the same, gentleman.	Epiphany 1582, Epiphany 1583 Epiphany 1584, Epiphany 1587 and Epiphany 1588. Epiphany 1581.
Tarrant, John, of East Kynnet, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Tayler, Lawrence, of Nettleton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.

¹ Note—*debet mihi*.

² Entry struck out.

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Names of Badgers.	Names of Sureties.	Sessions at which Recognizances were entered.
Tomson (Tompson, Tomsonne), John, of Teffont (Teffonte, Tefont), husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— Hugh Tomson of the same, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	Easter 1581, Easter 1582, Easter 1583, Easter 1584, Easter 1585, Epiphany 1588 and Epiphany 1589. Easter 1575, Easter 1576, Easter 1577, Easter 1578, Easter 1579, Easter 1580. Easter 1587.
Tyrrell, Arthur, of Alderton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Tytcombe, John, of Compton Basset, labourer.	John Carpenter of Compton and John Scutt of Yatebury.	Epiphany 1575.
Veryng, Hugh, of Ambrosbury, labourer.	—	Epiphany 1587 and Epiphany 1589.
Vincent (Vyncent), Henry, of Semly <i>alias</i> of Corsley, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— William Bright of the same, husbandman. Philip Graunt and Richard West, gentlemen, of Froome Seallwood, co. Somerset.	June 1578 and Epiphany 1583. Easter 1575. Epiphany 1582.
Wallis, John, of Wotton Bassett.	John Compton of Bishop's Cannings and John Parsons of Wootton, husbandmen.	Michaelmas 1585.
Warman (Warrman), Richard, of Wanborough, labourer <i>alias</i> husbandman.	— Robert Waldrone (Walron), of Little Hinton (Hyn-ton), gentleman.	Michaelmas 1580. Michaelmas 1577, Michaelmas 1578 and Michaelmas 1579. Easter 1587.
Weaving, William, of Pyrton, labourer.	—	Easter 1587.
Williams (Willams), Richard, of Stepleashton, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— William Holloway of Chapmanslade, husbandman. William Palmer, yeoman, and John Switinge (Swyteing, Swyting), husbandman, both of Stepleashton. William Palmer.	Easter 1581, Easter 1583, Easter 1584 and Easter 1585. Easter 1575. Easter 1576, Easter 1577, Easter 1578 and Easter 1579. Easter 1580. Epiphany 1589.
Willys, Philip, of Tidworth.	—	Easter 1582, Easter 1583, Easter 1584, Easter 1585. Easter 1586.
Wirsdale (Wyrghsdale), Nicholas, of Charterhouse Henton, labourer.	Robert Short and Richard Ruddock, both of the same, husbandman.	Easter 1586.
Woodham (Waddam, Woodam, Woodeham), William, of North Wraxall, husbandman <i>alias</i> labourer.	— Robert Francklyn of Chippenham, gentleman.	St. Thomas 1580, June 1581, St. Thomas 1582 (<i>bis</i>), St. Thomas 1585 and Easter 1587. June 1575, St. Thomas 1576, St. Thomas 1577, June 1578 and St. Thomas 1579. Epiphany 1583.
Wordon <i>alias</i> Hunnywell, John, of Durington, labourer. <i>Cf.</i> Hunywell.	—	Epiphany 1583.
Wotton, John, of Westlavington, husbandman.	William Bower of the same, yeoman.	Easter 1575.

(b) RECOGNIZANCES AND LICENCES FOR OTHER VICTUALLERS, 1582-1589.

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Name of licensee.	Nature of Entry.	Names of Sureties.	Sessions.
Batt, Nicholas, of Somerford, husbandman.	Licence to keep an alehouse Alehouse licence renewed.	— —	Easter 1582. Easter 1586. Easter 1584.
Blackdeane, Eleanor, of Kevell, spinster.	Alehouse-keeper's recognizance; principal bound in 5 <i>l</i> . and sureties in 5 <i>l</i> . each. By order of John Thynne, esquire.	Thomas Atwood of the same, shoemaker, and Roger Pryor of Stipleashton, weaver.	
Burgis, Richard, of Wanborough.	Alehouse licence renewed.	— —	Easter 1585. June 1586.
Collis, John, of Hancckerton, husbandman.	Memorandum that he is licensed by Richard Modye and Thomas Walton, esquires, to sell ale.	Hugh Smyth of Devizes, weaver.	Easter 1584.
Coxe, Richard, of Salisbury, 'aquavite-man'.	Recognizance on being licensed to sell aquavita; principal bound in 20 <i>l</i> . and surety in 10 <i>l</i> . <i>as foregoing</i> .	Thomas Thomas of Dverell Langbridge, tanner.	Easter 1584.
Darcke, John, of Salisbury, 'aquavite-man'.	<i>as foregoing</i> .	Nicholas Smyth of Warmyster, tailor.	Easter 1584.
Darcke, Robert, of Salisbury, 'aquavite-man'.	Baker's licence renewed.	— —	Michaelmas 1588. June 1586.
Dowce, Thomas, of Enford.	Memorandum that he is licensed by William Brouncker, esquire, to sell ale.	William Wigg and John Webb, both of Sheptridg, husbandmen.	Easter 1584.
Drewet, Robert, of Tynhed, husbandman.	[Alehouse - keeper's] recognizance; principal bound in 5 <i>l</i> . and sureties each in 50 <i>s</i> .	— —	Easter 1585.
Hatherom, John, of Swallowfelde, husbandman.	Alehouse licence renewed.	John Webb and William Lockwood, both of Little Shipridg, husbandmen.	St. Thomas 1585.
Lewis, Thomas, of Wanborough, labourer.	Alehouse-keeper's recognizance; principal bound in 5 <i>l</i> . and sureties each in 50 <i>s</i> .	Humfrey Lecyter, sadler, and John Doddymead, shoemaker, both of Warmyster.	Easter 1585.
Lyde, John, of Swallowfelde, husbandman.	Wine-seller's recognizance; principal bound in 10 <i>l</i> . and sureties each in 5 <i>l</i> .; by order of George, lord Audley, Giles Escourt and Edmund Ludlow, esquires, Justices of the Peace.	Walter Brewer, husbandman, and Robert Robertes, butcher, both of the same.	Easter 1585.
Packington, William, of Warmyster, yeoman.	Alehouse-keeper's recognizance; principal bound in 5 <i>l</i> . and sureties each in 50 <i>s</i> .; by order of Giles Escourt and Edmund Ludlow.	William Mullyns and William Hill, both of the same, husbandmen.	Easter 1585.
Robertes, John, of Stipleashton, yeoman.	Alehouse licence renewed.	— —	Easter 1584.
Vernal, Maud, of Deverell Langbridge, spinster.			
Whelpley, Edmund, of Westbury subterle Playne, baker.			

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MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1575

[p. 69] Marlboroughe. Sessions of the Peace held 6 October 17 Elizabeth before John Thynne, [Walter Hungerford]¹ Thomas Wroughton and Henry Knevet, knights, Giles Escourte, [Nicholas St. John],¹ William Danyell and Walter Hungerford, esquires, and others, Justices.

Domus tiplacionis. David Hoper of Mouncton Deverell, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Perrett and Nowell Lucas, both of the same, husbandmen, in 5*s.* each.

Electio constabularii de Elstobb et Everley. 'Thomas Francklyn de Wroughton electus est in officium constabularii ibidem et juratus in loco Johannis Strete.'

'It is orderyd by the Courte that if Thomas Conwey shall hereafter break the peace upon Hughe Marten that the good a bearing shall be awardyed.'

Pro pace. George Poton of Frigglestreet, co. Somerset, milner, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Hugh Hayter of Corsley, co. Wilts, husbandman, and Margaret Poton of Frigglestreet, co. Wilts., widow, each in 10*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Combe and William Combe. *Memorandum by commandment of the Justyces I am to call this at Warm' Sessions next and not before.*

'Memorandum to stey proces against John Deane and others of Conk untyll the next Sessions by comaundment of the Courte.'

The fines of John Atwater alias Swett, James Worley, Clement Smyth, Lawrence Merret and John Akerman, husbandmen, and Thomas Walter, gentleman, all of Wilsford, are taxed by the court at 2*s.* each.

[p. 70] *Domus tiplacionis.* Henry Glasse . . .²

The fine of John Girdler, gentleman, is taxed by the court at 4*d.*

'Fiat warrantum pacis versus Thomam Smyth de Aborne, husbondman.'

John Scovy of Swacliffe, husbandman, bound in 5*l.* to abide the order of John Zouch, knight, and William Hussey, esquire. *Relexatur per Curiam.*

The fines of John Blackborowe, yeoman, and John Hill, clerk, both of Aldrington, are taxed at 2*s.* each.

³*Pro bene gerendo ad proximam Gaole Deliberacionem.* Thomas Symson of Cullern, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Henry Keynes of Eaton Keynes, yeoman, and Thomas Keynes of Boxe, mason, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Gaol Delivery.

¹ Supplied from heading on MS., p. 10.

² Entry unfinished.

³ Entry struck out.

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Pro pace. Thomas Brynd of Wanborough, gentleman, bound in 100 marks, and his sureties, Anthony Brynd and Owen Brynd, both of the same, yeomen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next General Sessions of the Peace, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Roger Colly, gentleman.

Fines taxed by the court—of John Mason of Bishop's Canynges, labourer, at 3*s.* 4*d.*, of William Chesterman, husbandman, at 3*s.* 4*d.*, and of Henry Tucker at 3*s.* 4*d.*

[*p.* 71] The fine of the inhabitants of Bemerton township is taxed by the court at 20*s.* 'and to discharge all issues before this tyme'. *Memorandum to discharge by commandment of the court all issues upon Bemerton.*

Fines taxed by the court—of John Walker and Thomas Welles, both of Wanborough, husbandmen, at 3*s.* 4*d.* each, of William Straunge, for himself, his wife and his son, at 2*s.*

Pro alehouses. William Townsend of Kemble, 'wheler', bound in 4 marks, and his sureties, Henry Tymbrell and Robert Tymbrell, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 4 marks. Similarly Leonard Pryddy of Pyrton, husbandman, and his sureties, John Sadler and Henry Syvegar, both of the same, husbandmen; and John Edes of Pyrton, mason, and his sureties, Henry Sevegar and Robert Granger, both of the same, husbandmen.

Prosses stayed. 'Memorandum to stave the prosses for Mr. Swythinn Skilling untill the next Sessions. And for his men etc.'

Pro alehouse. John Harris of Wanborough, smith, bound in 4 marks, and his sureties, Thomas Brynd, gentleman, and John Read, husbandman, both of the same, in 4 marks each.

Travers. Thomas Chadderton, esquire, George Kettlebye, gentleman, and George Hollingworth, William Aber, Robert Mase and John Hopkins, yeomen, all of Lyddeard Myllysent, plead not guilty to an indictment for forcible entry at the suit of Zachary Pledell, gentleman. Therefore let there be a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

[*p.* 72] Warrant of the peace granted against Mary the wife of Thomas Chadderton, esquire, Randall Hollingworth, yeoman, Henry Chadderton, gentleman, and George Kettleby, gentleman, at the suit of William Webb, gentleman.

Anthony Brystow elected constable of Kingsbridge hundred in the place of John Sadler.

Travers. Proclamacio facta. Thomas Williams of Mouncton Farleigh, clerk, pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Writ of venire facias granted returnable at the next Sessions at Warm'.

The fine of Richard Tayler of Castle Come, clothier, is taxed by the court at 5*s.* He made fine per protestacionem.

'Ad istam venit Ricardus Wattes de Westbury, wever, et comparuit pro pace et relaxatur per curiam.'

The fine of the inhabitants of Lyddington township is taxed by the court at 5*s.* per protestacionem.

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Warrant of the peace granted against Henry Rycardes of Lacock, mercer, at the suit of Anthony Billet.

William Webb elected constable of Highworth, Cryclad and Staples in the place of Thomas Dennys.

Pro bene gerendo. Anthony Fermer and Robert Farmer, both of Swyndon, husbandmen, each bound in 20*l.*, and their sureties, Walter Mourton of Blunsdon and John Skynner of Highworth, yeomen, each in 10*l.* for each recognizance, for their appearance at the next Sessions etc. 'The cause is for that the said parties did arrest William Morrys in the towne of Marlebrough surmising an action of debt against him for that he prosecuted the peace against the said Anthony Farmer, there being the present time of the Sessions and coming thither in the quenes service.'

[*p.* 73] Stay of process for the inhabitants of Wanborough upon the verdict given against them until the next Sessions.

Brian Gunter, gentleman, elected constable of Kyndwarston in the place of John Cooke.

'Memorandum proces may stey untill the next Sessyons against Mychell Hobbes and others of Castell Come by order of court.'

'Memorandum that by order of court at this Generall Sessyons all these hereafter mentioned beyng retornid by the Shrief in the Graunde Jury shall be amerqid at 20*s.* apece videlicet Rycharde Dowce, gentleman, Thomas Hutchins,¹ Thomas Symons and Thomas Whitwey.'

John Ring elected constable for Swanborowe hundred in the place of William Noyes.

Fines taxed by the court—William Blak, yeoman, and William Fowler, husbandman, both of Smallebrok, at 20*d.* each, of John Chamberlen and Henry Soskes at 3*s.* 4*d.* each, of John Stringer of Warm' at 12*d.*, and of John Pye, Henry Belton, John Grenehill, Thomas Stephinon, Edward Dodimead, Thomas Williams and John Phelps, late of Westbury suoter le Playne, at 3*s.* 4*d.* each.

'Memorandum that proces be stayed for Edward Grey of Hindon, for he hath taken order with my master.'

'Memorandum that proces may be stayed against Stokes of Busshopstrowe untill Warm' Sessions.'

EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1576

[*p.* 74] Novam Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after the Epiphany, 12 January 18 Elizabeth before the earl of Pembroke, John Zowch and George Penruddock, knights, and Henry Clifford, Giles Eascourt, Robert Penruddock and John Penruddock, esquires.

'Memorandum to stay proses for John Lane of Compton Chamberlayne.'

Travers. William Rawlins of Warmyster, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for trespass. A writ of venire facias returnable next Sessions granted.

¹ William Norborn *crossed out with per curiam written over.*

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Domus tiplacionis. William Goffe of Pewsey renewed his licence for keeping an ale house by order of Thomas Wroughton, knight.

Fines taxed by the court—of Agnes Alrydg, widow, Richard Beale and Henry Rundell at 2s. 6d. each, and of Maurice Gryffyn at 10d. The fines of Oswald Burrell and John Breuland discharged.

Constables elected—Cuthbert Reves for Amesbury hundred in place of William Moore; William Gomeldon and John Thysselthwayt for Alderbury hundred; Thomas Parker for Cawdon and Cadworth hundred in place of Walker; John Cowdrington and John Grey of Whytbridg for Chalke hundred; Thomas Busshell for Elstub and Everley in place of Thomas Francklyn; Richard Cabell¹ for Frustfeeld hundred in place of Henry Kelway, gentleman; John Garret for Damerham South hundred in place of Anthony Ashly, esquire.

Writ of the good behaviour granted against John Lever.

The fine of John Silvester for two indictments is taxed by the court at 12d. for each.

[p. 75] *Domus tiplacionis.* Thomas Gale of Helmarten, husbandman, bound in 50s., and his sureties, John Barnard, husbandman, and John Tyler, 'wheler', both of the same, in 50s. each.

Pro bene gerendo. Robert Farmer of Swyndon, husbandman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, Anthony Farmer of the same, husbandman, and Hugh Millet of New Salisbury, weaver, in 10l. each, and the said Anthony in 20l., and his sureties, the said Robert and Hugh, in 10l. each, for their appearance at the next Sessions. Each *comparuit et relexatur per curiam.* *Memorandum that thes Fermors have paid but iijs. towards their hole fees.*

Warrants of the good behaviour granted against Patrick Bleare of Devizes, clerk, and William Gaysford.

'It is orderyd at this Court that Sir Walter Hungerford, knight, William Brouncker and John Eyres, esquier, have the matter comytted unto them to determyn by the request of this Court betwene John Somner of² Bulkington and John Gaysford to determyn all matters betwene them.'

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against William Moore, late of Busshopston.

William Gaisford, late of Bulkington, husbandman, bound in 20l. and his sureties John Flower of the same and Robert Harrys of Sene, husbandman, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime particularly towards John Somner of Bulkington. *Comparuit et ultra.*

The fine of Robert Gilberd of Uppingtoune is taxed at 20d.

[p. 76] *Travers.* John Curtys, Anne Curtys, Richard Swayne, Robert Dunn, Richard Hore, Thomas Boxe, Katherine Laufier and Agnes Hore of Christenmalford plead not guilty to indictments of riot and rout etc.

Pro vacabundis. John Darte of New Salisbury, chapman, surety for

¹ *Written over Thomas Bond crossed out.*

² *MS., and.*

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Jane wife of Richard Butler, Robert Vaughan of the same, 'sevyer', surety for Richard Butler, and Richard House of Westbury, weaver, surety for Richard Smyth, each bound in 5*l.* with condition according to the statute of vagabonds.

John Ames, constable of Semly, fined for negligent escape.

William Fortye of Mylenoll, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Herde of Weke and Robert Browne of Rokeley, husbandmen, each in 10*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime. *Memorandum, this William Forti was indyghted for huntynge Alborn chase by my lord of Pembroke.*

Robert Lydiard of Pressett, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Browne and John Lydyard, both of Rokeley, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance (etc. as in preceding entry). *This is lykewise a hunter.*

'Memorandum that Robert Newbery of Stanham hath not paid his fees for his recognizance, but Mr. Escourt hath geven his word.'

Memorandum to stay process for John Whythed at Mr. Escourt's request, for Battington and Detford, for William Ellington and others, for John Sommer, for Stokes of Bishopstrow, for Humfrey King of Edington, fine 5*s.*, and Mr. Edward Walron, gentleman, and for the widow Alrydg and others, also for Mr. Bayly of Salisbury.

[*p.* 77] 'Memorandum quod ad hanc Sessionem pacis concessum et concordatum fuit per prefatos Justiciarios adtunc et ibidem existentes modo sequenti, videlicet. That where the said Justices did well allowe that Anne Maple of Downton in the said county, widowe, shoulde contynewe her kepeing of her Inne in Downton aforesaid for that the said Court was enformed that shee was meete therfore in respect of her well using therof, and therefore it was commaunded to all the rest that toke upon them to kepe eny Inne in Downton aforesaid that they and every of them shoulde leve of and receive no more horses nor horsmen nether fotemen hereafter uppon payne to be grevouslye amerced if they did contrary to this order, and that none do resceve eny to ledge unles they be assigned by the offycers of the towne.'

The fine of Humfrey King for selling ale without licence is taxed by Edward Baynton, knight, and Nicholas Snell, esquire, two Justices of the Peace, at 5*s.* by their warrant dated 20 January 18 Elizabeth, 1575-6, and remaining in the custody of the said Humfrey.

LENT ASSIZES 1576

[*p.* 78] Novam Sar'. Assizes held 22 March 18 Elizabeth.

The fine of the tithing of Battington and Detford is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Travers. Stephen Henton of Great Sutton alias Veny Sutton, husbandman, pleads to an indictment for trespass. Writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions granted by warrant of Giles Escourt, esquire.

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Domus tñplacionis. Thomas Shadwell of Great Bedwyn, shoemaker, bound in 100s., and his sureties, John Pyper of Wylton in Great Bedwyn parish, and Richard Gill of Croften in the same parish, husbandmen, each in 50s., for his keeping good order etc., by order of John Eyer, William Button and William Dannyell, esquires, Justices of the Peace. George Baker of Woodborrow, tailor, similarly bound in 100s., and his sureties, Thomas Whyte of Botwell and John Mawdyt of Woodborrow, yeomen, each in 50s., by order of Thomas Wroughton, knight. Thomas Lee of Malmesbury, mercer, similarly bound in 100s., and his sureties John Jaques, yeoman, and Thomas Player, 'tucker', both of the same, each in 50s., by order of Thomas Walton, esquire. The said Thomas Player, similarly bound in 100s., and his sureties, the said Lee and Jaques each in 50s., by order of Thomas Walton, esquire.

EASTER SESSIONS 1576

[p. 79] Warmister. Sessions of the Peace held 1 May, the Tuesday after the Close of Easter, 18 Elizabeth before John Zouch, John Thynne, John Danvers, Walter Hungerford, Thomas Wroughton, knights, John Eyre, William Brounker, John Penruddock, Giles Escourt, William Danyell, Christopher Dodington and William Hussey, esquires, and other Justices etc.

Ordo. 'It is orderyd at this Courte that if eny person or persones shall at eny tyme hereafter preferr eny bill of Indightment to the Courte (unles they shall be billes of felony) that the partie that prosecuteth or partyes that shall prosecute or preferr the same billes or bill shall gyve his or their name or names to the Clerk of the peace of this Shire before the graunde Jury be charged at every generall Sessions of the peace hereafter to be holden within this County, or els his or their bill shall not be reseveyd, unles some good matter shall appere to the Courte to the contrary.'

Pro pace. John Benger of Alton, yeoman, bound in 20l. and his sureties, William Townesend of Runway and Richard Dew of Middleton, yeomen, each in 10l., for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Shervill. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro bene gerendo. William Gaysford of Bulkington, husbandman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, John Flower and Robert Harris, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next General Sessions of the Peace etc. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam per fidem Johannis Palmer.*

Constables elected—John Combe for Dunworth hundred; Ralph Dannel of Teffount for Warm' hundred in place of William Blake; Richard Earle¹ and William Druse for Bradford Hundred.

[p. 80] The fine of Richard Church of Lyddeard Milisent, husbandman, is taxed by the court at 5s.

¹ For John Paynter crossed out.

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' It is orderyd at this Courte that no foryner or outedweller shall buy eny corn in Warm' marktett or eny other marktett within Wiltshire before xj of the clock in the forenounge of the sayd marktett day And that no fermer or eny other sell[er] shall be sufferyd to ley in their corne into eny mans howse but shall sell their corne in the marktett or els bere it home againe And that the pourer sorte of the towne and country shall first be suffryd to buy before badgers and other strangers And that no badger shall howse eny corne in the towne of Warm' or in eny other market towne in the marktett day untill the country be servid And that the Justyces of peace within every devision or the township of every marktett towne do appointe ij^o or mo to vewe whether the premisses be observyd on the marktett day ye or no.'

The fine of John Mychell of Cawlston, gentleman, who pleads not guilty, for a trespass and battery is affeered at 2s. 6d.; the fine of Richard Hort of Stockley, husbandman, for his fine for a trespass etc., 2s. 6d. ' Rescevyd thees and the fees.'

Pro bene gerendo. William Willys of Wynsly, yeoman, bound in 40l., and his sureties, Thomas Alben of Bradford, baker, and Robert Sutton, yeoman, each in 20l., for his appearance at the next Sessions for ill-treating the daughter of Edward Nevell, esquire, and defaming her. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Domus tiplacionis. Robert Crockston of Stipleashton, 'shew-maker', bound in 100s., and his sureties, John Sylverthorne and Richard Sylverthorne, both of Weste Towne, husbandmen, each in 50s.

[p. 81] Similarly bound, John Mason of Warmyster, husbandman, and his sureties, John Carpenter, yeoman, and Thomas Lawrence, baker, both of the same; Robert Whitocke of North Bradely, tailor, and his sureties, Henry Asheton, husbandman, and Thomas Frende, weaver, both of the same; Roger Spencer of Horningsham, husbandman, and his sureties, Giles Hill and Peter Hollowey, both of the same, husbandmen.

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[p. 82] Devizes. Sessions of the Peace held 10 July 18 Elizabeth before Henry Sherington, knight, Walter Hungerford and William Read, esquires.

Domus tiplacionis. Edward Charleton of Warm', yeoman, bound in 5l., and his sureties, John Carpenter, yeoman, and William Martyn, husbandman, both of the same, each in 5 marks. Humfrey King of Hedington, husbandman, bound in 5l. to keep good order.

' Memorandum that I move my masters at this Quarter Sessions for the fine [of] Richard Dewe of Myddleton that he may be at his fine for Myddleton wey for that it is repaired and to discharge the proces therof.'

Anthony Francklyn of Bynall, yeoman, appeared according to his recognizances.

The fine of William Gaysford of Bulkington, husbandman, as to an indictment for common barratry is taxed by the court at 20s.

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'Johannes Marshall de Lidiard Milicent in comitatu predicto yoman comittur ad gaolam de Fisssherton Anger in comitatu Wiltessire per mandatum curie quia curia informatur quod non fuit de bono gestu et vigilat nocte et dormit die.'

Pro pace. Henry Porte of Upton Lovell, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties Robert Chamberlayne of Imber and Robert Stevens the younger of Upton Lovell, yeomen, each in 5*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions; Christopher Frowde of Haytisbury, yeoman, and his sureties, the said Stevens and Chamberlayne, similarly bound. Each *comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Domus tiplacionis. John Ward of Chapmanslade, sawyer, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties William Holloway, yeoman, and Simon Eyre, 'wheler', both of the same, each in 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, by licence of John Thynne, knight, and Nicholas St. John, esquire.

SUMMER ASSIZES 1576

[p. 83] Novam Sar'. Assizes held 30 August 18 Elizabeth.

'Memorandum to discharge John Webb of Swaynswik, gentleman, for the presentmente of the higheweys by Mr. Reades order.'

Philip Smyth of Chippenham, yeoman, bound in 40*l.* for his good behaviour to the does in Devizez park. *Relaxatur.*

'Memorandum to dischargd bothe the Maundrelles and Tyse of the indightmentes and prosses etc.'

Domus tiplacionis. John Warde of Chapmanslade, 'sawer', bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties (etc. as above).

Domus tiplacionis. Nicholas Harris of Westbury Lighe, husbandman bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Cogswell of the same, yeoman, and Thomas Saunders of Westbury subtus le playne, clothier, each in 66*s.* 8*d.*, for his keeping good order in his house.

MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1576.

[p. 84] Devizes. Sessions of the Peace held 4 October 18 Elizabeth before John Thynne, Walter Hungerford, John Danvers, Edward Bainton, Henry Sherington, knights, Giles Escourte, William Reade, William Brouncker, Nicholas St. John, John Eyre, John Penruddock, esquires.

Warrantum concessum. Warrant of the peace granted against Robert Busshington.

Pro pace. John Stevens of Little Henton, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Walron, gentleman, and John Loveday, yeoman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*,² for his appearance at the next

¹ Entry struck out.

² For the keeping of a child begotten by the servant of Robert Heath *crossed out.*

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General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Warminster; 'about the begetting of one with child in his master's howse.' *Ad comparendum apud Warm'*. *Comparuit et relexetur per curiam; recepti* 4[s.].

The fine of the inhabitants of Bulkington tithing is taxed by the court at 2s.

Pro feloniam. William Cosens of Crokehorn, co. Somerset, husbandman, bound in 20*l.* to give evidence against Alban Dulett at the next Gaol Delivery.

Pro tiplacione. John Hore of Devizes, barber, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Heyns and Robert Ronson of the same, weaver, each in 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the sale of ale for one year next to come.

Constables elected—John Clerk in place of William Cusse for the hundred of Highworth, Cricklade and Staple and Henry Cusse in place of Anthony Bystow for Kingsbridg hundred.

The fine of the bailiff of the hundred of Highworth, Cricklade and Staple for contempt is taxed at 5*s.* by the court.

[*p.* 85] *Travers*. Clement Curtys and the others specified in the aforesaid indictment for riot and rout plead not guilty. A writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions directed to the sheriff.

The fine of the inhabitants of Bisshopstrow tithing for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Alehouse. William Stowte of Ramesbury, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Seymar and John Osmond, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 50*s.*

The fine of the inhabitants of Stockley tithing for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

The fine of William Ellington of Bulkington, yeoman, is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*¹

The inhabitants of the tithings of Bymerton and Myddleton are discharged by pardon.

Warrant of the peace granted against John Nicolas of Calne, tailor, by order of John Danvers.

'Memorandum to make proces against all the badgers that doe badge withoute licence.'

['Memorandum that I take order with the Badgers that they do name the places where the Badgers do use to badge before they receive ther lycences.]²

Richard Busshopp of Holte, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Busshopp of Venny Sutton, weaver, and William Larraunce of Warm', baker, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime. Bisshopp appeared and is released by the court. *Relexatur*.

¹ For 5*s.* crossed out.

² Supplied from MS., p. 17.

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SPECIAL SESSIONS, JANUARY 1577

[p. 86] Trowbridg. Sessions upon the statute of 5 Elizabeth held 4 January 19 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, knight, John Eyre and William Broncker, esquires.

Domus tiplacionis. Richard Hill of Westbury Lye, tanner, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, William Banwell, yeoman, and Cuthbert Lightfote, weaver, both of the same, each in 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Licensed by Walter Hungerford, knight, John Eyre and William Broncker, esquires.

William Hawkins and John Riddman, both of Bradford, weavers, bound in 10*l.* each for their appearance at the next Sessions at Warminster and for their good behaviour in the meantime. *Ad comparendum apud Warm'. Fecerunt defaultam.*

Richard Riddman of Westwood, weaver, bound in 10*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions at Warminster to prosecute the said Hawkins and John Riddman for felony.

EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1577

[p. 87] Novam Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held on Thursday after the Epiphany 19 Elizabeth before John Zowch, James Mervyn, knights, Giles Fscourte, William Hussey, Henry Clifford, Robert Penruddock and John Penruddock, esquires.

'Memorandum that proces is comaundyd to stey against the parishioners of the hundred of Whitparish untyll the next twelve Sessions etc.'

Fines taxed by the court—of the inhabitants of Warm' and Upton Skydmore, at 3*s.* 4*d.* each; of Edward Herford of Edington, badger, Henry Long of the same and John Chever, at 2*s.* each.

Domus tiplacionis. John Burgys of Lurgesall, shoemaker, came and was further licensed to keep an ale house; by surety as in the old record.

Pro pace. Thomas Duke of Calston, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Page and Roger Page, both of the same, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, and the said Roger and his sureties, John Page and Thomas Duckett of the same, husbandman, bound in the same amounts, for their appearance at the next Sessions and for their keeping the peace particularly towards John Gyldon, gentleman.¹ Each *comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

The fines of William White and Walter Styleman, both of Stepleashton, weavers, are taxed at 2*s.* each.

[p. 88] 'It is accordyd by the court that Valentyne Morecock upon fynding suertyes for his good behavior and for his apparaunce at the next gaole delyvery within this county to be holden that he shalbe releasyd out of gaole wher he now is.'

Pro pace. Thomas Brynde of Wanborough, gentleman, bound in 20*l.* for his personal appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the

¹ Gen' in the first entry, sen' in the second.

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peace, particularly towards Robert Waldron. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Edward Chafyn of Meere, gentleman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Chafyn of the same and John Cater of Salisbury, gentlemen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Gaol Delivery, unless Thomas Chafyn his brother keeps his promise to provide for the daughter of Maud Male and to discharge the parishioners of Meere thereof. *Comparuit.*

Pro bene gerendo. Valentine Moorecock of Dreycott Follyat, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Brynde of Wanborough and Thomas Sawly of East Lavington, gentlemen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Gaol Delivery. *Relaxatur.*

The fines of John Holloway and of all others in the record are taxed by the court at 12*d.* each. *iijs.*

Pro pace. Ralph Holloway of Highway, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Holloway of the same, husbandman, and Ralph Arnold of Cleancy, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Andrew Plumer alias Michell. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam ; recepti 4s.*

[*p.* 89] Richard Byddell of Burton Hill, tanner, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Jaks of Garston and Thomas Knapp of Dantesay, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime, particularly towards Hugh Berry. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

The fine of the inhabitants of Garston tithing is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Process to be stayed for Thomas Michell, gentleman, till Warm' Sessions.

John Coke of Chysbury elected constable of Kinwardston hundred in place of John Noyes.

Fines taxed by the court—of Robert Whittock at 2*s.*, of Henry Longe and Richard Ponde at 12*d.* each.

Constables elected—Thomas King the elder for Chalke hundred in place of John Codrington, gentleman ; Edward Blake for Elstub and Everley hundred in place of Richard Barnard ; John Parsons for Underdiche hundred in place of Robert Bundy ; John Bastard for Brench and Doll in place of Henry Warde.

[*p.* 90] Warrant of the good behaviour granted against John Faustone of Downton.

Constables elected—Hugh Pylgrym in place of John Thisslewayte for Alderbury hundred ; William Chubb in place of Arthur Forde for the hundred of Cawdon and Cadworth ; John Tuggell for Amesbury hundred in place of Philip Poore.

Per curiam pro pace. John Bayly of Blanford, co. Dorset, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, to keep the peace particularly towards the inhabitants of Wodeforde and William Hedd.

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Roger Bannyster of Hindon, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Bewchilde, yeoman, and Henry Day, innkeeper, both of Salisbury, each in 10*l.*, for his good behaviour and keeping of good order in his house for the sale of wine and that he shall not sell flesh there or eat or permit etc. in any fasting day or in Lent.

Frustfeeld. John Stancer, gentleman, in place of Thomas Gauntlet and Thomas Bond in place of Richard Cabell.

Damerham South. (No entry.)

The fines of William Condet of Kevell and William Tenes are taxed at 12*d.* each.

[p. 91] 'Memorandum that by the comaundemente of Sir James Mervyn, knight, that Thomas Tayler, constable of the hundred of Calne may be dyschargyd.'

Robert Powle of Boxe is discharged by the court.

Thomas Westlond of Fissberton Anger, innkeeper, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Robins, brewer, and Alexander Cater, gentleman, both of Salisbury, each in 10*l.*, for his keeping good order in his alehouse and that he shall not allow flesh to be eaten, etc.

Pro feloniam. Ralph Robinson of Boxe, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Long, gentleman, and John West, yeoman, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next General Gaol Delivery before the Justices of Assize to answer etc. *Relaxatur.*

'Memorandum that by comaundemente of Sir James Mervyn, knight, I am to signefye hereafter that Christopher Frowde hath chosen him the sayd Sir James to be his arbytrator between Frowde aforesayd and John Batten and that shortlye either of the sayd Batten and Froude shall be bounde to stande to the awarde of the said Sir James and of such other as the sayd Batten shall name, and that if the awarde be not fyneshed by the end of the Generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden next at Warm' then they to be at large and that Batten have one other sufficient suretye to be bounde with him for performance of the award on his parte.'

The fine of John Watton alias Lawrence is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

Robert Dabike produced Joan Butler, taken as vagabond, and Robert Vaughan produced Richard Butler, similarly taken.

[p. 92] *Pro pace.* William Boulton of Durnford, milner, bound. *Relaxatur.*

'Memorandum to call to Mr. John Penruddock for a recognizance of the peace taken of one Lecyter.'

Pro pace. Nicholas Boulton of Durnford, milner, bound. *Relaxatur.*

Robert Dodswell of Pewsey, smith, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, James Dodswell of the same, husbandman, and Francis Parpointe of Buttermay, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Gaol Delivery and for his good behaviour. By the Court. John Steward of Dreycott, 'grome', similarly bound with the same sureties.

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Fines taxed by the court—of John Hayme of Warmister and Richard Dewsey of Stepleashton at 2s. each, and of Thomas Michell of Blackland, gentleman, and Humfrey King of Heddington at 2s. 6d. each. *All except Dewsey's not paid.*

'Memorandum to stay proces against the tything of Norton Bavent.'

Pro bene gerendo. John Faustone of Downton, yeoman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, Roger Luxmore of Salisbury, hosier, and Hugh Farwell of Downton, yeoman, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relextur per curiam.*

LENT ASSIZES 1577

[p. 93] Novam Sar'. Assizes held 7 March 19 Elizabeth.

The fine of John Lecyter the elder of Downton, 'wheler', on his indictment for battery upon Ellen Justian is taxed at 3s. 4d. by John Eyer and Henry Clifford, esquires, Justices of the Peace.

Domus tiplacionis. Isaac Spryng of Urchfount, tailor, bound in 5l., and his sureties, John Croke alias Whoode and William Wattes, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 50s., for his keeping good order. Granted by John Eyer and Henry Clyfford, esquires, etc.

Travers. Stephen Hibbard of Barford and Nicholas Stockes of Southburcombe, husbandmen, plead not guilty to an indictment of battery on Joan wife of Henry Saunders. *Removetur per breve domine Regine ad sectam Saunders.* Memorandum that this travers be stayd for this Sessions at Warm' 1577.

The fine of Edward George of Southwicke in Northbradley parish is taxed by the court at 20d.

Travers. Thomas Randoll, Thomas Talbot, Robert Venney, John Bull, Stephen Hibbard, Nicholas Stokes and John Loyne, husbandmen, Edith Hibbard, 'husbond', Edith Kingman and Joan Hibbard, spinsters, all of Southburcombe, plead not guilty to an indictment of riot, rout and unlawful assembly at Northburcombe in the close of Henry Saunders. Order for a writ of venire facias directed to the sheriff and returnable at the next Sessions. *Removetur per breve domine Regine ad sectam Saunders.*

EASTER SESSIONS 1577

[p. 94] Warmister. Sessions of the Peace held 16 April 19 Elizabeth [before John Zouch, John Thynne, Walter Hungerford, James Mervyn and John Danvers, knights, and others, Justices of the Peace].¹

The fine of John Ducy of Stipleashton, badger, is taxed by the court at 2s. 6d.

The fine of Andrew Plummer is taxed at 12d. by William Brouncker, esquire, and 12d. for the fee.

Robert House is discharged out of process at the request of Thomas Bennet, gentleman. *xijd.*

¹ Supplied from MS., p. 19.

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' Memorandum to stay prosses for William Gerrish.'

The tithing of Quyddamton ; [the indictment] void because the way is not named a queen's highway.

Fines taxed by the court—of the tithing of Mylford at 2s. and of the tithing and parish of Laverstock at 12d.

Thomas Westcot is elected in place of Henry Pyke for Kindwardston hundred.

Thomas Kyng sworn for Chalke hundred.

Fines taxed—of the inhabitants of Alderbury and Grymstede at 2s., of the inhabitants of Dorntord parish and of Nuton tithing at 2s. each.

[p. 95] The fines of Thomas Kew, William Tugwell and Margery Tugwell, spinster, on an indictment for battery are taxed at 2s. each 'et Cawly assumpsit pro vs. feodo'.

The fines of Clement Curtys and others are taxed at 3s. 4d. each, except Dyckons. *xxiijs. iiijd.*

Process stayed until after Midsummer Sessions for Sterte and Westhatch.

Pro bene gerendo. Robert Whyte of Hangingstoke bound.

Alehouse. Henry Burrell of Edington, yeoman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Oswald Burrell, yeoman, and Geoffrey Whetacre, 'clotheman', both of the same, each in 50s. *Relaxatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. Henry Sevygar of Ashton Keynes, tanner, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Walter of Charleton, weaver, and Richard Wake of Ashton Keynes, husbandman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Pars debet Thome Patsall ijs. de feodo.*

Fines taxed—of Roger Rowde and John Whyte, both of Maydenbradley, and Tristram Browne at 4d. each, and of John Williams, John Wylkins and Nicholas Twyford at 12d. each.

Geoffrey Westbury and William Palmer sworn constables for Whorwelsdown hundred.

Fines taxed by the court—of Richard Davys at 20d., of Henry Serny of Bradly, weaver, at 12d., and of Thomas Loxston, weaver, 20d. and no more because he is a pauper.

Alehouse. William Harford of Northbradly, weaver, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Wyllys, gentleman, and Richard West, husbandman, both of the same, each in 50s. *Relexatur.*

[p. 96] *Alehouse.* Nicholas Comedg of Hyndon, shoemaker, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, William Blyke of Fountell Gifford, butcher, and Edward Sheppard of Barwick St. Leonard's, husbandman, each in 50s.

The fine of John Dredge of Corsly, tailor, is taxed at 12d.

Process stayed by order of the Justices for the inhabitants of Dynton until this time twelve months.

Fines taxed by the court—of Richard Davis alias Corbet of Warmyster, weaver, at 20d., of William Langly of Knooke, husbandman, at 12d., and of John Browne of Bradford at 12d. 'sed nichil pro feodo quia pauper'.

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Process stayed for John Somner of Bulkington, for Robert Blockley, at Mr. Thomas Thynne's request, and for Norton.

Ralph Danyell and William Bennett, in place of John Myddle, are elected and sworn constables for Warmyster hundred.

Alehouse. Richard Harryes of Kevell, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his surety, William Joanes of the same, gentleman, in 5*l.*

“ It is agreed that the Justices in every devison shall appoint the churchwardens in every greate parishe to gether ijd. by the weeke, and in every meaner parishe jd. by the weeke for the relief of the prisoners in the comen gayle. This money to be taken oute of the church box or collection for the poore and to be delivered to the constables of every hundred and by the constables to be brought to the next quarter Sessions and there to be delivered to the Justices of the Peace and by them to be appointed to such persons nere the Gaile as they shall thinck good. This order to take his begining from our Lady day last and so to continewe. And these collectures to be brought from time to time to every quarter Sessions in forme aforesaid untill order be taken by the Justices to the contrary.’

SPECIAL SESSIONS, JUNE 1577

[*p.* 97] Warm'. Sessions of the Peace upon the Statute of Labourers held 4 June 19 Elizabeth before John Thynne, knight, and Christopher Dodington, esquire, Justices etc.

Warrant of the peace granted against Lawrence Pilcharde of Warm', yeoman, Agnes his wife and John his son, yeoman.

ST. THOMAS SESSIONS, 1577

[*p.* 98] Devizes. Sessions of the Peace held 10 July 19 Elizabeth before John Thynne, Walter Hungerford, Henry Sherington, Thomas Wroughton, John Danvers and Edward Baynton, knights, and William Bronker, William Reade, Walter Hungerford and Thomas Walton, esquires.

The fine of the inhabitants of Hatch called Hippingstubb is taxed at 12*d.*

Travers. Jeremy Potycary of Stockton, clothier, pleads not guilty to an indictment for [not] repairing etc. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions at Warm'. *Proclamacio sit facta ad festum Michaelis proximum. Debet pro placito.*

Fines taxed by the court—of the tithings of Staunton Frewarryn and Staunton Fitzharbert at 10*s.* each, of John Iles at 6*d.*

Pro pace. George Ruswell of Warmyster, victualler, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Carpenter, yeoman, and Henry Rawlins, innkeeper, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Jones. *Relaxatur.*

Pro pace. Roger Harris of Warmyster, fishmonger, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Edmund Smyth and Henry Blake, both of Langleat,

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yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards George Ruswell. *Relaxatur.*

Charles Sandes of Barwick St. James, miller, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Sandes of the same, miller, and Thomas Fry of Amesbury, badger, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Relaxatur per curiam. Memorandum that it is for that he hath begotten wench with child.*

[*p.* 99] 'Memorandum that Humfrey King is dischargyd at this Sessions for eny more keping eny alehouse.'

'Memorandum that the courte hath awardyd that proces of the good a bearing shalbe grauntyd against Robert Daniell and Christopher Matreverse¹ of Castell Come for that he is a receytter of stollen goodes as apperyth by the presentmente of the hundreth of Chipnam at this Sessions.' *Memorandum to leave it at Mr. Preston's. sol'.*

Fines taxed by the court per protestacionem—of Robert Harbert, Joan his wife and Margaret Francklyn at 20*d.* each, of John Lambe of Coulston, gentleman, at 10*s.*

'Memorandum to make a copy of the indightment for Robert Harbart and to send to my brother's at Marlebrough.' *xd. Sent by Benedick.*

Proces. 'Memorandum that proces be made against Mathew Webb of Kingswall, shewmaker, for that he kepith an alehowse withoute lycens by the credeble reporte of Mr. Spearte, forman of the Graund Jury.'

Writ of restitution granted by the court.

Travers. Henry Chevers of Westlavington, yeoman, and Thomas Page of Comerford, husbandman, plead not guilty to an indictment for forcible entry. Proclamation to be made at the next Sessions.

Travers. Roger Chevers of Comerford, clothier, and Henry Chevers the younger of Stockley, tucker, plead not guilty to an indictment for battery. Proclamation to be made at the next Sessions.

Pro pace. Warrants of the peace granted against Thomas Clyfford alias Bartholomew, husbandman, Robert Clifford alias Bartholomew and John Clyfford alias Bartholomew, tuckers, all of Comerford.

[*p.* 100] *Pro pace.* Henry Chevers of Westlavington, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Roger Chevers of Comerford, 'clotheman', and Isaac Tayler of Eaton Keyne, gentleman, each in 10*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Clifford. Roger Chevers similarly bound with his sureties, Henry Chevers of Comerford and Isaac Tayler. Each *comparuit et traditur ultra.* *The note of a similar bond for Henry Chevers the younger of Comerford, yeoman, with his sureties, Henry and Roger Chevers of the same is crossed out.*

Warrant of the peace granted against Walter Blake, Henry Chevers, Richard Bisshop and Jeremy Chevers; and another against Richard Jones of Calne, yeoman, at the suit of Robert Ely, to be delivered to Barret.

¹ and Christopher Matreverse *interlined.*

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Stay of process for Richard Lloyd alias Pasce.

Alehowese. William Townsend of Kembell, wheelwright, bound as before with his sureties, Robert Tymbrell and Henry Tymbrell, both of the same, husbandmen, by order of Thomas Walton, esquire.

Travers. Roger Stanter, esquire, William Kyng, Robert Kyng, Peter Olyver alias Whyte, Richard Foreman the younger and Peter Foreman, husbandmen, all of Horningsham, plead not guilty to an indictment for riot, rout or trespass. Proclamation to be made at the next Sessions etc. 'procedere ad festum Pasche proximum.' *Proclamacio sit facta ad proximam. Debet pro placito.*

Travers. Richard Garnet of Greyes Inne, co. Middlesex, gentleman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for maintenance. Proclamation to be made at the next Sessions. *Proclamacio sit ad [proximam. Fees] unpaid.*

MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1577

[*p.* 101] *Devizez.* Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Michaelmas, 3¹ October 19 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, Edward Baynton, knights.

Travers. William Buckeridg and Arthur Redfern, yeomen, James Wyckeshey, John Collyns, Richard Motterd, William Loker, James Loker, Robert Gibbes, Nicholas Wyckeshey, Robert Harding, John Smyth, William Collet, John Harris, Thomas Harding, Richard Morse, John Craseby, William Craseby and Ralph Gibbes, husbandmen, all late of Badbery, plead not guilty to an indictment for riot, rout and unlawful assembly. Order for proclamation to be made and a writ of venire facias.

Travers. William Moulton of Maydenbradly, mercer, pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Order for proclamation to be made and a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions at Warm'.

Travers. William Clement of Cadly in Pottren parish, husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for trespass against Rooke. Order for proclamation to be made before the next Sessions at Warm' and a writ of venire facias returnable then.

Fines taxed by the court—of Richard Flud alias Pasce of Chippenham at 2s. 6*d.*, of the inhabitants of Grettenham tithing at 10s., [*p.* 102] of Robert Dannyell at 2s. 6*d.*, and of Robert Thorner and Robert Porter at 3s. 4*d.* each.

Warrant of the peace granted against Valentine Moorecock at the suit of Robert Webb.

Constables elected and sworn—Richard Francklyn of Bynall for Kingsbridge hundred in place of Henry Cusse and John Fysshier for the same hundred in place of Roger Garrard; Thomas Hynde of Puttall in

¹ *MS. quarto. Corrected from quarto to tercio on MS., p. 23.*

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the parish of Lytle Bedwyn for Kingwardeston hundred in place of Henry Pyke.

The fine of John Somner of Buckingham, yeoman, is taxed by the court at 2s. 6d. and he is discharged.

Robert Musking of Pirton is elected and sworn constable for the hundred of Highworth, Cricklade and Staple in place of William Webbe.

Pro pace. John Swayne of Comerford, husbandman, and his sureties, Henry Chevers of Westlavington and Robert Woordoofe of Blacklond, yeomen, each bound in 10l., for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Clifford. *Relaxatur.*

The fine of John Carpenter is taxed by the court at 2s.

Pro pace. Henry Chevers of Westlavington, yeoman, bound in 10l., and his sureties, Roger Chevers of Comerford, 'clotheman', and Henry Whyte of Calne, yeoman, each in 5l., for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Clifford [p. 103]. The said Roger and his sureties, the said Henry Chevers and Henry Whyte similarly bound. Each *relaxatur.*

Fines taxed by the court—of the inhabitants of Sevenhampton tithing at 6s. 8d., and of the inhabitants of Steert at 2s.

Pro pace. John Clifford the younger of Comerford, tucker, bound in 10l., and his sureties, John Clifford the elder and Thomas Clifford, both of the same, yeomen, each in 5l., for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Henry Chevers. The said Thomas Clifford and his sureties, the said John the elder and John the younger, similarly bound. Each *defaltam fecit.*

Pro pace. Thomas Gibbes of Urchfount, tailor, bound in 10l., and his sureties, Edward Pyrrey, yeoman, and Christopher Gill, tucker, both of Pottren, each in 5l., for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Edwardes. *Relaxatur per curiam.*

Fines taxed by the court—of Stephen Cowper of Deverell Langbridg, husbandman, and three others in the same indictment at 2s. 6d. each, and [p. 104] of John Elderton alias Ellington of Hyndon at 2s.

¹*Travers.* John Swayne of Comerford, husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for trespass. 'Et prosequatur cum proclamacio facta sit etc. Et tunc fiat venire facias retornabile etc.'

Stay of process for Wanborough tithing. *Removetur per breve domine regine.*

The fine of John Peirs is taxed by the court at 12d.

Stay of process for William Harris of Stapleford and Edmund Mack.

'Memorandum; delivered the shrefe a precept for summons of the Sessions at Salisbury next with one venire for Chevers and others and xiiij other proses.'

'Memorandum that proces is steyed for John Marshall of Fissherston in consideration he is to make his fine at the next Generall Sessions.'

The fine of John Welles² . . .

¹ Entry struck out.

² Unfinished entry.

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[p. 105] Nova Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday 9 January 20 Elizabeth before Henry lord Pembroke, John Thynne, John Zowch, Walter Hungerford, John Danvers, Thomas Wroughton, Henry Knevet, knights, Giles Eascourte.

'Memorandum to stay proces against one Mr. Bleare by my master's comaundement.'

Fines taxed by the court—of Andrew Welles, Thomas Bye and Robert Harrys at 12*d.* each.

Fines taxed by Henry Knevet, knight, and other Justices—of the inhabitants of Brokenboroughe at 3*s.* 4*d.*, and of John Allexander at 2*s.*

Alehouse. Leonard Prydy of Pyrton, husbandman.¹

'Memorandum. Order is taken at this Courte by the consent of Thomas Fyssher and Anthony Brynde that the in[ha]bytauntes and parishyoners of the hundred of Wanborow and the parishioners of the hundred of Lydyngton shall stande to thorder and award of Sir Thomas Wroughton, knight, and William Danyell of Wanborowe, Nicholas St. Jones, esquier, and Thomas Stephens of Burdropp esquier.'

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Christopher Frowde of Haytersbury by the court ; to answer at the next Assizes.

[p. 106] *Pro bene gerendo.* William Moulton of Maydenbradly, 'chepman', bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Peter Hayward of Salisbury, merchant, and Edward Rodes,² fishmonger, each in 100 marks, for his appearance at the next Gaol Delivery.

Pro pace. Thomas Smyth of Aldborne, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Thorly of Salisbury and William Poton of Barwick St. Leonard's, gentlemen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Thomas Sexten. *Relexatur per curiam.*³

Pro pace. Thomas Poole of Lydearde Milicent, husbandman, bound in 5*l.* 'The condition of this recognizance is to appeir at the next Generall Sessions of the Peace and to kepe the peace in the meantyme and further in the mean tyme to appeir before Sir Thomas Wroughton, knight, at any tyme when he shalbe callyd by him or sent for by him.'

Pro pace. Peter Polden.⁴

Pro pace. Giles Webbe of Lydearde Milicent, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Henry Wodroff of Lymam and Thomas Morreys of Pewsey, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance etc. *Per curiam. Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 107] The fine of the inhabitants of Garsdon tithing for not repairing the bridge called Garsdons lane is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

¹ Entry unfinished.

² *Written over* Robert Clerk of Boxe, husbandman, *crossed out.*

³ *Fecit defaltam crossed out.*

⁴ Entry unfinished.

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Pro pace. For getting of a child etc. Charles Sandell of Barwick St. James, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Sandell of Gayspnr in Stourton parish, co. Somerset, and Roger Lambe of Salisbury, miller, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace.

Pro bene gerendo. John Davys of Chicklat, husbandman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, William Poton of Barwick St. Leonard's, gentleman, and Simon Whyte of Ebesborne, yeoman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. Barnaby Forde of Barwick, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*¹ The same also bound in 40*l.* and his surety, John Moore of Maydenbradly, husbandman, in 20*l.* *Debet feodum pro placitis per manucapcionem Johannis Moore vjs. ad festum Johannis Baptiste proximum. Relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. Richard Flower of Chicklet, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Poton of Barwyck St. Leonard's, gentleman, and John Coward of Corton, husbandman, each in 10*l.* *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene. Robert Symmes of Sherington, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and the said William Poton and John Hargill, gentleman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance etc. and good behaviour. *Debet feodum per manucapcionem predicti Johannis Davys. Relexatur.*

[p. 108] John Dudley of Barwick, husbandman, and his sureties, the said William Poton and Simon Whyte of Ebesborne, similarly bound. *Relexatur per curiam.*

John Hill of Salisbury, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Michell of the same, gentleman, and William Harris of Stapleford, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Thomas Bacon. *Relexatur per curiam.*

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Valentine Morecock by order of the court.

'Order is taken at this Sessions by the right honorable therle of Pembroke, Sir John Zowch, knight, Sir James Mervyn, knight, Sir George Penruddock, knight, Gyles Eascourte and William Hussey, esquiers, that Leonard Chafyn, gentleman, Edward Chafyn, gentleman, Henry Sweteman, lynen draper, beyng hunters of hares within the quenes majesties warryn and lybertye at Meere, their fynes are scalled by the foresayd right honorable therle of Pembroke and others aforesayd to be 40*s.* apece.'

Warrant of the peace granted by order of the court against²

The fine of Thomas Bayly of Uphaven is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

Warrant of the good behaviour granted by the court against John Clifford alias Bartholmew the elder.

¹ His sureties, William Poton and John Coward *crossed out.*

² Entry unfinished.

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[p. 109] *Pro pace.* Edward Knolton of Winterborne Gonner, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Knolton, yeoman, and William Budd, husbandman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Thomas Leedes. William Knolton and his sureties, Edward Knolton and William Budd, similarly bound for the same. Each *comparuit et relexatur per curiam*. Thomas Leedes of the same, husbandman, and his sureties, William Judd and John Lyne, both of the same, husbandmen, similarly bound for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Edward Knolton. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

Fines taxed by the court—of James Ballard, John Pepit and William Buttler of Box, at 2*s.* each, of Edward Mackes¹ and Harris¹, of the inhabitants of Whytparishe at 2*s.*

Pro vacabundo. Robert Evered of Broad Chalke, yeoman, bound in 5*l.* for the production of George Tayler, vagabond, at the Sessions to be held at Epiphany next. *Tayler is dead.*

Process stayed until the next Sessions for Giles Green of Baberstock etc.

[p. 110] *Electio constabulariorum.* Edward Mylles in place of Cuthbert Reves, for Amesbury hundred; Jeremy Bagnard in place of John Grey, for Chalke hundred; Nicholas Mussell in place of Nicholas Snow, for Brench and Doll hundred; William Feltham in place of Bastard, for the same hundred; John Brownjohn in place of Hugh Pylgrym, for Alderbury hundred; Walter Sanger in place of Thomas Lambert, for Cawdon and Cadworth hundred.

John Osborne of Dunhed Mary, husbandman, surety for Richard Allett of the same, husbandman.

Walter Hungerford, knight, and Nicholas St. John, esquire, sureties for William Miller, vagabond.

‘It is orderyd at this Courte that John Mogaredge of Alderbury in comitatu Wiltes’, gentleman, and Gyles Awsten of Fyssherton Anger, gentleman, are appointed to be distributors of the money collectyd for the relif of the prisoners comytted to Fyssherton Anger.’

‘Memorandum; prosses stayed for the inhabitantes of the parishe of Barford St. Martyn. And to put in a ple of demurrer against the next Sessions etc.’

Pro pace. Walter Hawkins of Stratford Deane, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Swaley, tinker, and John Glover, smith, both of Salisbury, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions etc. for getting a maid with child and the child not yet born. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 111] ‘Memorandum that at this Generall Sessions of the Peace I was comaundyd to inrolle this agreemente hereafter following videlicet—Be it knowen to all men by these presentes that we whose names are hereafter partycularly expressid have requestid and auctorissed and

¹ No amount stated.

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by these presentes do graunte and agree that the right honorable Henry earle of Pembroke, Sir John Thynne, knight, Sir John Danvers, knight, and Sir Henry Knevet, knight, or thre of them shall or may deale, conferr and conclude with the officers of her Majesties most honorable howshold for and in the behalf of all her majesties subjectes within this county of Wiltes' for her majesties better service for such provision as hath byn heretofore usyd to be taken and provided within this county of Wiltes' for and towards the provision of her Majesties howshold; and whatsoever the said earle of Pembroke, Sir John Thynne, Sir John Danvers and Sir Henry Knevet or thre of them shall do or agre upon in, for or concerning the premisses or eny parte thereof, we the persones whose names are hereunto subscribed shall and will at all tymes hereafter for and in the behalf of all her Majesties said subjectes within this county of Wiltes' ratefy, avow and allow to be of as full force and effect as if ourselves hadd donne the same. In wytnes wherof we the sayd persones hereunder recyted have subscribed our names. Yevyn the xth day of January in the xxth yere of our sovereign Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God quene of Inglond, Fraunce and Ireland, defender of the fayth etc.

John Zowch. Walter Hungerford. James Mervyn.
George Penruddock. Nicholas St. John. Gyles Escourte.'¹

[p. 112] *Travers.* Valentine Moorcock late of Dreycot, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Order for a writ of venire facias etc.

Stay of process for the said Valentine, John Collens, Robert Doswell and John Steward for forcible entry until the next Sessions.

Travers sub condicione. Leonard Chafyn and Edward Chafyn, gentlemen, and Henry Swetnam, linen draper, all late of Meer, plead not guilty to an indictment for hunting conies and hares on condition that 'if the law will allow the fynes alreedy seassed by the said Justices before the parties aforesaid yeld them selves then this travers to be voyd and the said parties to have their money for the travers againe'.

Process stayed against William Poton of Barwyck, gentleman.

'Memorandum. Delivered to William Staples servaunt the seconde of February 1577 one record of the Assissiz holden at Sar' in anno xv^o Elizabeth regine and the record of the Assisses in anno xvi^o Elizabeth regine, and also the copy of one indightment wherin one Thomas Holdway is indighted, with a cerciorar to certy the same the fees wherof are unpaied.'

'Where upon the heareing of the matter betwene William Stevens and one Margaret Warren for and concerning a man childe supposed to be begotten by the said William Stevens upon the said Margaret it was ordered by Sir Henry Sharrington and Sir Eward Baynton, knightes, and Walter Hungerford, esquier, that the said William Stevens should fynde and releive the said chylde and therof discharge the parish and

¹ The names of the Justices signing the order are written in the margin for lack of room on the page below the entry.

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parishioners where the said childe was borne wherin no certine time was lymyted for how longe time the same chylde should be fownde and no punishment is unto either of the said parties awarded or geven for and in consideracion of the lewdnes of the said fact donne, it is therfore ordered now in this present Sessions by the Justices of Peace of this countie of Wiltes' hereafter expressed that the said William Stevens from hensforth for and untill such time as the said chylde shalbe of thage of xij yeres, yf the same childe shall so longe lyve, pay or cause to be payed for and unto the finding of the said child xij d. every weeke of lawfull money of England. And it is also now further ordered by us the said Justices that the said William Stevens and Margarett Warren for and in consideracion of the offence by them commytted in (*blank*) of the said lewde faulte shalbe whypped in the next marktett towne in the next marktett day following this present Sessions in the open marktett place. This order to contynew aginst all such as shall offend as abovesaid.'

[p. 113] 'Memorandum that I putt my master in remembraunce at the next Assisses that process be made against all such as weere presented at Hyndon for selling ale withoute licence.'

LENT ASSIZES 1578

[p. 114] Novam Sar'. Assizes held Thursday 26 February 20 Elizabeth before John Jeffraies, chief baron of the Exchequer, and Edmund Anderson, serjeant at law, etc.

Domus tiplacionis. Richard Whyttington of Hungerford, tailor, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Stephen Whyttington, tailor, and George Brodford, barber, both of Hungerford, co. Berks, each in 5*l.* By Thomas Wroughton, knight, and William Dannyell, esquire.

Travers. The inhabitants of the parishes and towns in Frustfeeld hundred traverse an indictment and presentment for not repairing the queen's highway called Fursy lane and Tychborne lane. Pledges to prosecute, Richard Sabell and Thomas Bond.

Thomas Powell of Russall, husbandman, and his surety, John Seward of the same, yeoman, each bound in 20*l.* for Powell's appearance at the next Sessions to answer etc. *Relaxatur.*

The fine of Robert Graunt of Salisbury, weaver, is taxed by John Thynne, knight, and others at 12*d.* on protestation that he is not guilty.

'Memorandum to stey proces against Arthur Redfern and others now at this Assisses indightyd because they have putt thier cause in compromise to Mr. Thomas Stephins and Mr. Edward Waldron.'

The fine of James Glyde of Berford, husbandman, is taxed by the court at 12*d.*

Travers. Richard Garnet of Greyes Inne, co. Middlesex, gentleman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for maintenance. Proclamation to be made at the next Sessions.

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EASTER SESSIONS 1578

[*p.* 115] Warmister. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter, 8 April 20 Elizabeth before John Zouche, Walter Hungerford, James Mervyn, John Danvers and Thomas Wroughton, knights, John Eyer, Giles Escourte, William Hussey, [Christopher Dodington],¹ William Brouncker, Giles Thisslewayte and Jasper Moore, esquires, Justices of the Peace.

Travers. Edward Meryvale the elder and John Meryvale, both of Soly in the parish of Chilton Folliat, and Edward Meryvale of Chilton Folliat, yeomen, plead not guilty to an indictment for trespass. The said Edward the elder pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry.

²*Domus tiplacionis.* Edward Charleton of Warmister, yeoman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, William Brent alias Martyn, husbandman, and John Carpenter, yeoman, both of the same, each in 5 marks.

The fines of Edward Pannell, Joan his wife, Joyce Pannell and William Pannell of Lyddeard Tregose are taxed by the court at 5*s.* each. *Paid.*³

The fine of the inhabitants of Laverstock tithing for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.*

'Memorandum to discharge John Hewett of Ocheston Mary by the comandement of the Courte.'

Fines taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.* each—of the inhabitants of the tithings of Eastharnam, of Quidhampton, of Dychampton, of Barford St. Martin's, who pleaded not guilty to an indictment for not repairing the queen's highway and placed themselves in gracia etc., and of Stock Fountell, for not repairing the queen's highway.

[*p.* 116] The fines of Katherine Whyte for trespass and of others namely Thomas Lynche and John Jones of Lymply Stoke, are taxed at 2*s.* (*blank*) in the Assizes of August xix^o. 5*s.*

Fines taxed by the court—of William Poton of Barwick St. Leonard's, gentleman, at 12*d.*, of Christopher Barret of Lackham, yeoman, at 5*s.*, of the inhabitants of Alderbury tithing at 2*s.* 6*d.*, and of Thomas Powell of Russall at 3*s.* 4*d.*

⁴*Pro bene gerendo.* Richard Bremidg of Edington, yeoman.

Constables elected—William Barter and John Moore for Dunworth hundred; William Blake of Smalebroke and John Gifford for Warm' hundred.

The fine of John Swayne of Calne is taxed at 6*d.*

Ordo. 'It is ordered at this Courte that William Poton, gentleman, shall pull up the hedg which he hath made as it is specified in an indightment remaying of record betwixt this and the first day of next term.'

¹ *Supplied from MS.*, p. 25.

² Entry crossed out.

³ Adrian Frye surety for 20*s.* *crossed out.*

⁴ Entry crossed out.

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Constables elected—Henry Danvers,¹ esquire, and Roger Blagdean sworn for Whorwelsdowne hundred ; William Cusse and William Harding elected in place of John Clerk and Robert Masklyn for the hundred of Highworth, Crycklade and Staple.

The fines of John Davys, Barnaby Forde, Richard Flower, Robert Smyth and John Dudley are taxed each of them at 6s. 8d. *Not paid.*

The fine of Christopher Matravers is taxed at 2s. 6d.

[p. 117] Warrant of the peace granted against Thomas Smyth of Alborne.

Pro pace. Peter Saw late of Imber, husbandman.²

Nicholas Rawlins of Bugley, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Rawlins of Warm' and John Rawlins of Bugley, yeoman, each in 5*l.* *Relaxatur.*

³Humfrey Leyceter of Warm', sadler, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Luyd, baker, and William Wattes, husbandman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime.

John Buttler of Warm', yeoman, bound.² *Relaxatur. Fees unpaid.*

The fines of Howell Morgan and William Waters of Alton quia convicti sunt de recordo are taxed at 20s. each. *Not paid.*

Giles Grene is released by the court, being pardoned.

Pro pace. Peter Polden of Chittern, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Walter Mylles of the same, husbandman, and William Moulton of Maydenbradly, chapman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Katherine Spender. *Relaxatur per curiam.*

The fines of Walter Morryce, Druce Collens and Thomas Tawbot of Barford, husbandmen, are taxed at 12d. each.

[p. 118] ' It is ordered at this Court that Charles Sandell and Joane Long whome he begat with childe shalbe whipped according the former order made at Twelftyde Sessions last.'

³Charles Sandell of Barwicke St. James, husbandman, bound to answer what shall be objected against him.

Pro pace. Walter West of Imber, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Jones of Kevell, gentleman, and John Keyr of Warm', weaver, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Peter Butcher. *Relaxatur per curiam.*

Warrant of the peace granted against William Vernall of Deverell Langbridg, weaver.

The fine of William Fornell of Chilmerke is taxed at 3s. 4d.

Warrant of the peace granted against Thomas Noble of Lavington, keeper, to be directed to the constable of Swanboroughe hundred.

¹ For Richard Cockell *crossed out.*

² Entry unfinished.

³ Entry *crossed out.*

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Pro bene gerendo. John Gawen of Tynhed, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Blackborow, clothier, and Richard Glover, baker, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, for beating a tithingman, for which he stands indicted. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

Pro pace. Katherine Spender of Imber, widow, bound in 10*l.*, and her sureties, Walter West, yeoman, and Peter Saw, husbandman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for her keeping the peace, particularly towards Peter Butcher. *Comparuit et relaxatur per curiam.*

The fine of Christopher Blackman is taxed at 12*d.*

[*p.* 119] *Pro pace.* Peter Saw of Imber, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Chamberlayn and Walter West, both of the same, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Peter Butcher. *Relaxatur.*

‘Memorandum that if the matter shall fall out against the Chafyns upon travers, then the fyne at the least to be xls. apece as before.’

Christopher Helme of Chilmerk discharged by the court.

Stay of process for Peter Polden and others of Chittern at Mr. Barnabys request until the next Sessions.

‘Memorandum that Peter Polden hath promysed the Courte that he will not dysturbe the quiett possession of Katheryn Spender wydow untyll he hath recovered the same by law and that the sayd Spender shall pay the sayd Polden one bussshell of wheate and if the sayd Polden shall dysturbe contrary to this order then the good behavior to be grauntyd by the order of Court.’ *Memorandum the sayd bussshell of wheate is paid in Courte.*

MIDSUMMER SESSIONS 1578

[*p.* 120] Calne. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday 26 June 20 Elizabeth before John Thynne, Walter Hungerford, Henry Sherington, John Danvers, Thomas Wroughton, knights, Giles Escourte, [William Reade, William Dannyell],¹ Michael Earnley, Walter Hungerford and Thomas Wroughton, esquires.

Fines taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.* each for not repairing the queen's highways, of the inhabitants of Ugford James, Bemerton² and Bratton.

John Tyllet and Elizabeth Davis, widow, released out of process.

The fine of the inhabitants of Edington and Tynhed for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Persons discharged out of process—John Ducye and Henry Westbury, Richard Spenser, Richard Williams, Henry Burrell and John Woolfries. The inhabitants of Mylford tithing discharged.

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against John Greneland of Tychell, weaver, at the suit of Joan his wife.

¹ *Supplied from MS.*, p. 27.

² *Followed by Stipleashton crossed out, written over Wherwelsdowne hundred crossed out.*

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Warrant of the peace granted against Cuthbert Lightfote and Robert Gorge, both of Wesbury under the plaine, yeomen.

'It is ordered that if William Fernall doe abyde the order of Sir John Zouch betwene Poores wife and him then he to be releassed, otherwise to be bounde to the good behaveour.'

[p. 121] *Pro bene gerendo.* Richard Bremmidg of Edington, gentleman, bound in 8*l.*, and his sureties, Henry Danvers of the same, esquire, and Geoffrey Whetacre of Tynhed, 'clotheman', each in 4*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

Pro pace. Thomas Smyth of Alborne, yeoman, bound in 4*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Whytway of Ramesbury, yeoman, and Robert Scory of Alborne, husbandman, each in 2*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Thomas Sexten. *Relexatur per curiam.*

The same Thomas Smyth pleads not guilty to an indictment for battery.

Warrant of the peace granted against Philip Smyth.

Thomas Mychell, gentleman, and William Breach elected constables of Calne hundred in place of William Tailer and Robert Townsend.

'Memorandum that Robert Gawen dothe ow me for my fees iiijs. vjd.'

Fines taxed by the court—of John Gawen, Robert Gawen William Gawen, at 15*d.*, of Christopher Loveday, at 2*s.*

'Memorandum that William Carter of Rowde, husbandman, is licenced to kepe a commen tipling house untill this time twelvemoneth.'

The fine of Thomas Filkins is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Writ of restitution granted against Matthew Spenser and others.

Domus tiplacionis. John Stratton of Calne, shoemaker, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, William Tayler of Compton and John Dannyell of Woodlandes, yeomen, each in 5 marks, for his keeping good order etc.

[p. 122] Warrant of the peace granted against Swithin Skilling of the forest of Savernack, gentleman, at the suit of George Braye.

Travers. Richard Frye alias Cawlston and John Frye alias Cawlston, husbandmen, and Alice Frye alias Cawlston, spinster, all late of Crudwell, plead not guilty to an indictment for open park-breach. John Doo and Richard Roo, pledges to prosecute. *Proclamacio facta.*

Fines taxed and released by the court—of Lawrence Whitmarsh at 2*s.*, of Robert Collens at 1*os.*, and of John Davis of Chickladd at 6*s.* 8*d.*

William Hutchinson of Lanford, clerk, appeared by his bond taken by Robert Penruddock, esquire.

Pro pace. John Weaving of Ludington, husbandman, bound in 4*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Sharnington and Oliver Sharnington, both of the same, gentlemen, each in 2*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Per curiam.* The said Edward and his sureties, Henry Danvers of Edington, esquire, and the said Oliver, and the said Oliver and his

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sureties, the said Edward and Henry, similarly bound. Each *comparuit et relexatur*.

[*p.* 123] 'Imprimis yt is ordered and agreed that ijd. of every parishe shalbe by the constables of every hundred wekely gathered and levied from the Feast of St. Michaell tharchangell which was in the yere of our Lord God 1577 untill the feaste of St. Michaell tharchangell next; and the same money soe gathered for as much as resteth behinde and not yet gathered to be with all convenient speede collected and delyvered to the Collectors for the relief of the prisoners, and for the resydew hereafter to be dewe, to be collected and alsoe answered monethlye unto the said Collectors untill the said feast. And for such as have payed for any parte of the yeare of anno 1576 to be discharged for payment or collection of soe muche in this yere as the same so collected in anno 1576 amounteth unto. And yt is alsoe ordered and agreed that the Justices of the Peace of every devysion within this shyre shall forthwith delyver the bokes of the Subsydye to the constables of every hundred whoe theruppon shall forthwith collect and gather of every person being sett att v li. in goodes and uppwardes and at xls. in land and soe uppwardes, iiijd. of every pownde for and towards the provysion of a howse of correction for vaccaboundes and idle people within this countie, which money being thus gathered shalbe by the constables of every hundred throughe oute this whole countie brought to the next Sessions of the Peace to be holden within this countye, there to be payed and delyvered as by the discretion of the said Justices of the Peace or the more parte of them being there present shalbe thought meete and convenient for and towards the purpose aforesaid.'

'For the better reliefe of which prisoners and to thentent that those shoulde be relyved that are sent to the Gayle that have noe habyltyie or reliefe of themselves, that every Justice of the Peace within every devysyon shall uppon the sending of any vacabounde or other prisoner to the Gayle examine the habyltyie of the same partie, and theruppon yf they shall finde that the same person have any habyltyie to relyeve himselfe, that then they shall take order for the sendinge of the same person's reliefe of his goodes monethly by the conduction of the constable of every such hundred, and also that every of the same Justices shall make a note in the ende of his Mittymus to this effect, (that is to say) this person hath habylty to be relyveed of his owne goodes, and otherwise to certyfie for how long time his goodes will serve to relyeve him, and that theruppon every suche person soe certyfyed to have habylitie to have noe reliefe of the money collected for the prisoners as aforesaid.

[*p.* 124] Fines taxed by John Thynne, knight, and Christopher Dodington, esquire, two Justices of the Peace—of Richard Cutt at 12*d.*, and of Walter Hopkins, Thomas Garrett, John Gullyford, William Bretton and John Jupp at 20*d.* each,¹ who are not guilty on an indictment for

¹ Henry Leverson *alias* Jeffreis late of Kilmington, co. Somerset, and Richard Oke *crossed out*.

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trespass but placed themselves in the queen's grace. *Memorandum to discharge the proces of these at thassises.*

The fine of John Wever of Bisshopstrow, tailor, for tipping is taxed by the Justices at 12*d.*

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Novam Sar'. Assizes held 28 August 20 Elizabeth.

Travers. Thomas Jurden the elder and Thomas Jurden the younger, both of Salisbury, merchants, plead not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Writ of venire facias to the sheriff. John Doo and Richard Roo, pledges to prosecute.

MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1578

[*p.* 125] *Devizez.* Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Michaelmas 20 Elizabeth before John Thynne, [Walter Hungerford],¹ John Danvers, Edward Baynton and Henry Sherington, knights, Giles Estcourt, William Hussey, Walter Hungerford and William Danell, esquires.

Fines taxed by the court—of John Prior at 12*d.*, and of the tithing of St. James Ugford at 5*s.*

Travers. Philip Smyth, Oliver Girdler and others in the record plead not guilty. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Warrant of the peace granted against Robert Dyck of Lockeridge, yeoman, at the suit of William Whyte.

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Thomas Hayward of Upton Lovall.

Fines taxed by the court—of the tithing of Grytnam at 5*s.*, and of Edward Sherington and others at 12*d.* each. 3*s.*

'Order is taken that Perett shall comytt the matter betwene Strugnall and him in compromis and shall not trouble the prest in the meane tyme by the surtye of Mr. Mychell of Sar'.'

Pro bene gerendo. Richard Bremmydg of Edington, gentleman, bound in 80*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Berington of Bromham, gentleman, and Henry Danvers of Edington, esquire, each in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

[*p.* 126] *Pro bene gerendo.* William Gifford of Grymsted, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Christopher Gifford and John Bampton of the same, husbandmen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and to discharge the parishioners of two children of Alice Evett.²

The fine of Nicholas Webb, John Gosslett, Robert Busky and William Osborne is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.* each. 13*s.* 4*d.*

Writ of restitution granted against Joan wife of Edmund Mathew of Newcourt for Robert bishop of Winchester.

The fine of Thomasina Deverell Goodridge, Edward Awst and Silvester Goodrydge is taxed at 3*d.* each per protestacionem.

¹ *Supplied from MS.*, p. 28.

² In margin *fecit defaultam* crossed out.

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The fine of Erasmus White and Thomas Davies is taxed by the court at 10s. each, ' wherof receved xs. and the rest to be payd by White upon the word of Mr. Hussey.' 20s. *payd.*

Fines taxed by the court—of Thomas Tytford at 2s., of John Slade, at 12d., and of the hundred of Mylksham and Seene at 5s.

Domus tiplacionis. John Rychman bound in 100s., and his sureties, John Somner and Thomas Parker, both of Seene, yeomen, each in 66s. 8d., for an alehouse.

Fines taxed by the court—of Richard Fry alias Cawlston, John Frye alias Cawlston and Alice Frye at 12d. each on protest of not guilty, of William Lewes, clerk, William Webb and William Chaterton the younger at 2s. each, of Robert Whittock at 12d., and of Jeremy Potecary at 2s.

[*p.* 127] *Pro domibus tiplacionis.* John Fletcher of Ashton Keynes, smith, and John Pannell of Pirton, husbandman, bound as appears before in the record etc. and now continued. John Clark of Helmerton, butcher, bound in 5l., and his sureties, Richard Barnard and Thomas Seveacre of Goatacre, husbandman, each in 50s.

The fine of Matthew Spenser of Imber, yeoman, Thomas Bradlye, Nicholas Baylie, John Stobbyn, William Warren, Philip Mynturne and Alice Forde is taxed at 12d. each on an indictment for forcible entry.

' Memorandum to make prosses against Tanner.'

Richard White of Ashton Keynes, husbandman, bound as appears before in the record etc. and now continued.

Pro domo tiplacionis. William Comfort of Edington, tailor, bound in 5l., and his sureties, Thomas Adlam, tucker, and Henry Noble, weaver, both of the same, each in 50s.

The fine of William Comfort is taxed by the court at 12d.

The fine of Henry Chevers the elder, Thomas Page, Roger Chevers, Henry Chevers the younger and John Swayne, who plead not guilty to an indictment for riot, rout and forcible entry, is taxed at 12d. each.

Orders—1. ' It is now agreed that the Justices of the Peace within every of their devisions shall use their best endeavous to see the contentes of the letter satisfied concerning Papistes at such times as they shall thinck most meete for the best service to be donne therein.'

2. ' It is further agreed that the said Justices of the Peace within their severall devisions shall at such time as they shall thinck most fittest send for the churchwardens of every parishe and enquire of them whether there be any persons within their severall parishes that doe withoute juste and lawfull cause refraine from comeing to the church, and also what persons doe resorte unto their parishes that either doe refraine comeinge to the church or be either hynderers or contemners of the Religion sett forth by her Majestie, and also whether they knowe any persons within their parishes to have any masse bookes, superaltares or any such thing belonging to the masse and so take understanding of their names and theruppon to send for the same persons by precept, and so theruppon to take such further order for the makinge of searches theruppon as may best satisfie the contentes of the letters.'

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[p. 128] 3. 'It is also agreed that every Justice of the Peace within every of their devidions shall make certificate of their severall doinges to the shrief the countie before the feast of St. Andrew next wherby he may make certificate to her Majesties Counsell.'

1. 'Item it is ordered and agreed that such collections as be behynde for the relief of the prisoners in any hundred or devision shalbe forthwith collected and gathered and delivered to the collectors assigned for that purpose who are to yeld accompt to the Justices of the Peace at the next Sessions.'

2. 'And it is further ordered and agreed that there shalbe from hensforth collected thorough oute the whole shire the some of xl li. to be gathered by equall consideration to be had what shalbe gathered in every devision for the relief of the said prysoners, wherin it is agreed that uppon thapparance of the said Churchwardens before the said Justices in their devidions they shall take a note of all the parishes within their devidions and therin consider of the biggnes or smallnes of their parishes and theruppon at the next Sessions to agree upon a taxation what every parishe shalbe taxed at, and theruppon take order for the collection and payment therof accordingly.'

3. 'It is also agreed that thorder taken for the gathering of iiijd. of the pownde of such as be sett at v li. and uppwardes and xls. in land shall contynewe and that the said collections be made and the money answered by the constables of every hundred within every devision at the next Sessions of the Peace where further order shalbe taken for thobtayning and makeing of the howse of correction for vagaboundes and roges, and in the meane time it is agreed that a letter be directed unto my Lord Theasurer to be a meane to her Majestie for the obtayning of a peece of the castell of the Devizes where the said howse is thought fittest to be.'

4. 'And it is agreed that Sir John Danvers shall have the carryeing of the said letters and solyciting of this cause unto his lordshipp, and if any charges shalbe by him layed oute in this behalf the same shalbe borne and discharged by the subjectes of this county by the taxation of the Justices of this county.'

EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1579

[p. 129] Novam Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany 8 January 21 Elizabeth before Henry earl of Pembroke, John Zowch, [George Penruddock]² and John Danvers, knights, and Giles Escourte, Nicholas St. John, Christopher Dodington, William Hussey, [William Grove],² and Bartholomew Horsey, esquires, James Mervyn, knight, John Davys and Jasper Moore, esquires.

John Selby, bailiff of Chalke hundred, amerced 40s. because he did not diligently attend and perform his office this day.

¹ MS. of.

² Supplied from MS., p. 29. Horsey etc. added after the heading had originally been completed.

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John Pennycott, bailiff of Brench and Dolle hundred, amerced 10s. because he did not return his presentments on parchment.

John Welles elected constable of Kingsbridg hundred in place of Richard Francklyn.

Fines taxed by the court—of John Prior of Bulkington at 12*d.*, and of the inhabitants and parishioners of Dinton at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Pro bene gerendo. William Morse of Haydon Weeke, husbandman.

'Memorandum that John Townsend is releasyd of the peace and paid his fees.'

Ordered by the court that John Strugnell, clerk, shall discharge the parishioners of Mouncton Deverell of a boy lately born of the body of Joan Hoell etc. *Memorandum to stay it untill ther may be farther order.*

William Smyth of Grimstede, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Hayes, yeoman, and John Coke, husbandman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions to answer etc. *Per curiam.* *Memorandum the fees of this recognizance is unpaied.* *Comittitur ad gaolam.*

[*p.* 130] *Travers.* John Cresby, husbandman, and John Collins, Thomas Harding and Thomas Cresby, labourers, all late of Badbury, plead not guilty to an indictment for force and riot at Badbury. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

'Memorandum to stay prosses for all the rest of Mr. Keblwhite's indightmentes for that by the courte their fynes are all stalled by the courte at ijs. vjd. a pece, to be paied at the next Sessions.'

The fine of John Richman of Seen is taxed at 12*d.*

Travers. Nicholas Walter, husbandman, and his wife, Alice Francklyn, widow, and Ambrose Kynnet alias Saunders and Thomas Church, husbandmen, Richard Constable, husbandman, and Margery his wife, John Constable, Brice Elborowe, William Jeffrey, Richard Jeffrey and Anthony Francklyn, husbandmen, all late of Chadenton, plead not guilty to an indictment for riot, rout, trespass and battery. Order for a venire facias.

The fine of Walter Palmer is taxed by the court at 2*s.* *Paid.*

'The courte hath taken this order that all the groundes in Lydyard that have ben staked and mesuryd oute by Fardinando Malyn, William Garrerd and Adryan Fry shall remayne in state as now it is untill the next Assyses.' *Vacated.*

Pro bene gerendo. William Gifford of Grimsted, yeoman, bound by the court in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Pear of Farleigh, yeoman, and Christopher Gifford of Grimsted, husbandman, each in 5*l.* *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Constables elected—William Bundy in place of John Parsons for Underdiche hundred, Thomas Topp in place of Thomas Kyng for Chalk hundred, (*blank*) for Amesbury hundred, William Davis in place of Feltham for Brench hundred, and Alexander Thisslewayte in place of Stanter for Frustfeld hundred.

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[p. 131] *Order.* 'First it is agreed that Mr. Georg Burly and Mr. John Trew whoe are appointed at the last Quarter Sessions holden next after Easter shall forthwith take upon them the execution of their offices according to the statute for that purpose made in anno 18 of the Quenes majesty and that they shall disburse and lay out such sommes of money either for the purchasing of the house of correction and for making of such convenyent romes, providing of such stockes and stores and provisions for correction as by the considderation and appointment of Sir John Danvers, Sir Edward Bayntun, knightes, William Brouncker and Michaell Earnley, esquires, fower Justices of the Peace of this county, or by any two of them shalbe from time to time thought mete and convenient, which said Justices are now agreed upon and desyred to take the whole care and considderation of the provision and ordering of the said house of correction and of and for the provision for such other officers, keepers and purposes to be put in ure and done agreable to the said statute, which said Justices shall and may also from time to time upon their warrant take and receive for and towards the purposes aforesaid of Mr. John Vennard such sommes of money as they shall thinck mete.'

'Item it is farther now ordered and agreed that such hundredes as have not at this time paied in unto Mr. Vennard the sommes of money wherwith the persons therein inhabiting are charged to pay after the rate of iiijd. the pounce from vii. upward in goodes and xls. in land, that the constables of the same hundredes shall collect, gather and make payment therof unto the said Mr. Vennard at or before the feast of the purification of our Ladie next as they will awnswer to the contrary at their perills.'

Pro bene gerendo. Roger Harris of Warmyster, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Blake of Smalebroke, yeoman, and Henry Clerk of Warmyster, weaver, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance etc. *Per curiam. Comparuit et relexatur per curiam. Debet ix*s.**

Constables elected—Thomas Longly for Cawdon and Cadworth in place of William Chubb, and Simon Hunt for Elstub and Everleigh in place of Edward Blake.

[p. 132] *Pro pace.* Thomas Hayward of Upton Lovall, yeoman, and his sureties, Thomas Prior of Codford, yeoman, and . . .¹

Pro vacabundo. William Harding of Blunsdon, gentleman, came and went bail for Robert Tymby who is indicted as a vagabond, as appears by the record, for his appearance at the Sessions to be held at Salisbury on Thursday after Epiphany next and for his keeping the peace in the meantime.

The fines of John Edney, Richard Harrys and John Morrys are taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.* each per protestationem.

Pro pace. William Sparkes of Warmyster, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Kere and John Burgman, both of the same, weavers, each in 5*l.* *Per curiam. Comparuit et ultra.*

'Memorandum to make out a venire for Phillip Smyth and others for the travers against the next Sessions.'

¹ Entry unfinished.

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The fine of William Sommers is taxed at 12*d.*

Travers. John Yerbery late of Warm¹

The fine of the inhabitants of the tithing of Church tithing in Downton is taxed at 12*d.*

Pro pace. John Townesend of Warmister, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Roger Harris, yeoman, and William Sparkes, husbandman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. Per curiam. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. John Stagg of Easton, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Spracket of Salisbury, pewterer, and Thomas Morrice of Pewsy, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. Per curiam. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Christopher Frowd.

'Memorandum that process may be stayed against the hundred of Frustfeld for not repayreing the highewaies.'

LENT ASSIZES 1579

[*p.* 133] Novam Sar'. Assizes held 12 March 21 Elizabeth before Roger Manwood, chief baron of the Exchequer, and Edmund Anderson, serjeant at law, etc.

Ordo. 'It is ordered at this Courte that Geffrye Coleman of Marlebrough in the said county of Wiltes, yoman, upon his owne assumption in the some of twenty poundes of currant Englishe money shall dischardg the parishe of Presshott and John Stanmoore of the fynding of a bastard woman child begotten by the same John of Anne the doughter of the said Geffry for the space of eleven yeres next ensuing this present courte at the only costes and chardges of the said Geffry during all the said terme etc.'

Pro domo tiplacionis. Edmund Whittyate of Ramsbury, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Stasy and Michael Meadcalf, both of the same, yeomen, each in 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, by Thomas Wroughton, knight, and William Dannyell, esquire.

'At this Assises the Graunde Jury did exhibit to the courte their assentes and consentes in forme following and therunto subscribid their names lykewise in forme following, videlicet: May it please your honers that we are agreid and thinck very well of the rate of iij^c quarters of wheate, praing of your lordships that an equall sessing in all partes of the shere as well of parsonages impropriatt as also of all grainges and fermes in thandes of the worshipfull of the shere.'

Edmond Hungerford. John Stumpe. John Snell. George Burley. Rychard Goore. Thomas Berington. Walter Boneham. Allexander Ruswell. Rychard Momepesson. William Eyres.

[*p.* 134] The fines of Robert Curtys of Upton Lovell, Robert Stevens the younger, and James Waterman are taxed at 4*d.* each, of John Williams

¹ Entry unfinished.

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of the same, husbandman, at 4*d.*, and of John Hotkins at 4*d.* per protestacionem.

Domus tiplacionis. Edward Stowte of Wanborough, husbandman, bound on his own assumption in 5*l.* to keep good order. Richard Husshe of Ayshton Keynes, husbandman, similarly bound to keep an ale house, by John Danvers, knight.

The fine of Joan Crosse is taxed by the court at 12*d.*

Domus tiplacionis. Joan wife of John Crosse of Seend bound in 5*l.*, and her sureties, Walter Carpenter, carpenter, and William Curties, husbandman, both of the same, each in 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, by William Broncker and John Eyre, esquires.

EASTER SESSIONS 1579

[*p.* 135] Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter 21 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, Henry Sherington, John Danvers, Thomas Wroughton and James Mervyn, knights, and Michael Ernley, Giles Escourte, William Hussey, [Bartholomew] Horsey and William Daniell, esquires, and others.

'Memorandum to discharge William Hurst by the Court.'

'Memorandum to stay proces against Richard Hill and Clement.'

Travers. Thomas Kemble of Widdle, husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for stopping up the queen's highway at (*blank*) in a close called (*blank*) close. Order for a writ of venire facias to the sheriff before next Sessions.

Travers. George Cerney of Malmesbury, weaver, pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable next Sessions.

The fine of the inhabitants of Grimsted tithing is taxed by the court at 5*s.*

Novam Sar'. Assis' entrat'. *Travers.* John Yerbery, innkeeper, John Alcockes, groom, John Burgeman, tailor, Henry Clark, weaver, Henry Rawlins, innkeeper, John Kere, weaver, and John Moulton, mercer, all of Warmyster, plead not guilty to an indictment for trespass, riot and contempt. Order for a venire facias.

The fine of John Lythye of Norrington, carpenter, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for battery, is taxed by William Hussey and Christopher Dorrington, esquires, at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Ordered by the court that the traverse between the Queen and Roger Stanter, esquire, and others, be continued till next Epiphany and that before then there shall be a writ of distringas against the jurors.

The fine of the parish of Kevill, which pleads not guilty, is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.*, that of William Mogaridge at 12*d.*, and that of William Lamborne, Richard Lamborne and John Lamborne at 12*d.* each per protestacionem.

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[p. 136] *Pro bene gerendo.* William Smythe of Grymsted, husbandman.
Pro domo tiplacionis. Henry Westbury of Stipleashton, labourer,
 licensed to keep a common ale house for this year next following.

Fines taxed—of Henry Rawlins at 2s. 6*d.*, and of Richard Browne
 and Thomas Waters at 12*d.*

Travers. Richard Rutter late of Chelworth in Cricklad parish,
 husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for hunting in Braydon
 forest.

Ad comparendum nunc. John Mullens of Deverell Langbridg,
 husbandman, bound in 10*l.* for a child by him begotten on Margaret
 Ferry. Taken by John Thynne, knight.

The fine of William Tuck the elder, who pleads not guilty to an
 indictment for trespass, is taxed by the court at 20*d.*

The fines of William Goslyng, Robert Goslyng, Margery Goslyng and
 Joan Spenser are taxed at 3s. each per protestacionem. 13s. 4*d.*¹

The fines of Henry Crippes and William Crippes are taxed at 12*d.* each
 per protestacionem.

Order. 'It is ordered at this Sessions that the order taken by Mr.
 Button and Mr. Ernley before this time shall stand in effect untill the next
 Sessions for John Stagg. The order is in the leaffe of this booke.'

Pro bene gerendo. John Stagg of Easton, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*
 for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Defaltam fecit.*

William Sparkes of Warm', husbandman, bound in 10*l.* for his
 appearance at the next Sessions unless Walter Hungerford and James
 Mervyn, knights, release him in the meantime. *Comparuit et relexatur
 per curiam.*

Pro bene gerendo. George Cerney of Malmesbury, weaver, bound
 in 40*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and to offer good sureties
 to Henry Knyvett, knight, immediately on his coming home to Malmes-
 bury.²

[p. 137] *Order.* 'It is ordered that Roger Spenser of Horningsham
 shalbe discharged for keping any farther alehouse unles he can bring some
 of his neighbors to speake for him which be of honest fame to Sir John
 Thynne.'

Ad comparendum ad proximam. John Mullens and William Mullens,
 both of Deverell Langbridg, husbandmen, bound in 10*l.* for the said John
 to deliver³ every week to the use of the child begotten on Margaret Ferry
 at the house of John Style for the space of 12 years next to come. And
 it is further ordered by the court that they both be whipped. *Defaltam
 fecit.*

⁴ It is ordered that the said Mullens shall fynde the childe that is
 supposed to be begotten of Margaret Ferry untill the next Sessions and

¹ Memorandum William Gosling hath promested to send to my brother Babson 8s. 8*d.* or
 else proces for my fees and 10*d.* and dischargid crossed out.

² *Debet feodum et promiss' solvere Staples* crossed out.

³ No sum is stated in the entry.

⁴ Entry struck out.

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if he cannot bring better prooffe for his discharge, then he shalbe whipped and abyde further order.¹

Pro pace continuanda. Edward Passhion of Fyfeeld, gentleman, bound in 100*l.*, and his sureties, William Thorly of Salisbury, gentleman, and John Whately of Westbury Lye, yeoman, each in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Edith Dyke. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Pro bene gerendo. John Scarlet of Fyfeeld, husbandman.¹

The fines of John West and Simon Saunders are taxed at 6*d.* each.

Travers. Edward Passhion, gentleman, and William Whyte, George Goddyn, John Stake and John Scarlet, husbandmen, all of Fyfeeld, plead not guilty to an indictment for riot and trespass. *Proclamacio facta.*²

Warrant of the peace granted against Thomas Cerney at the suit of Adam Archard by James Marvyn, knight, and Giles Escourte.

Warrant of the peace granted against Robert Walle and Henry Walle by the court.

Writ of restitution granted by the court against William Smyth at the suit of Simon Hocket.

Richard Baylie of Bedwyn, clerk, bound in 10*l.*³ for his appearance at the next Sessions and in the meantime to pay 8*d.* weekly for the maintenance of the child, John Bigges, until the next Sessions or until another order be made or taken. *Defaltam fecit.*

Domus tiplacionis. Robert Peirman of Meer, yeoman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Barnard of the same, yeoman, and Henry Rawlins of Warm', husbandman, each in 50*s.*

[*p.* 138] John Scarlett of Fyfeld, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Passhion of the same, gentleman, and John Whatley of Westbury Lyghe, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his good behaviour and appearance at the next Assizes to be held in the county. *Exoneratur per mandatum Rogeri Mansodd militis et Edwardi Baynton militis ad Assisas in Autumno 1579.*

'It is now agreed that the Justices of the Peax within every devision shall forthwith call the constables of every hundred to accompt to see whether they have made their collections for the howse of correction as they hadd geven them in chardge and yf any defaulte be, and that the money behinde be forthwith gathered and delivered to Mr. Vennard according to the last order, and that at the next Cessions of the Peace the Justices of Peace of every devision shall certyfie what the collection cometh unto within every hundred, wherby it may be knowen what the somes of money dothe amounte unto.'

'It is further ordered that in answeere of the Counsells letters concerning the captives taken in Turkey, that the Justices of Peace

¹ Entry unfinished.

² *Memorandum of fees due behinde with the plee xix s. iiij d. to be paied at the terme to Alexander Staples crossed out.*

³ To perform the order which Edward earl of Hertford and other Justices have put in writing *crossed out.*

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within every devisiōn shall delyver unto the constables of every hundred the copies of the letters to them in that behalf directed, who shall theruppon chardge the said constables to move the churchwardens also to deale with the parsons or mynisters of every parishe to move them to further this charitable matter and to require them to make the collections so farforthe as men shalbe disposed accordinglie, and to answeere the sommes of money collected to any Justice of Peace within every devisiōn, which Justice of Peace shall make delivery therof to the shrief betwene this and Michaellmas next.'

' It is also ordered that the collections for the relief of the prisoners shall contynewe to be gathered after the rate of ijd. of every parishe wekely untill some other order shall be taken therin by the Justices of the Peace or the more parte of them.'

ST. THOMAS SESSIONS 1579

[p. 139] Devizes. Sessions of the Peace held 14 July 21 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford and John Danver, knights, Giles Escourt, John Eyres, William Dannyell and Walter Hungerford, esquires.

' Memorandum that by the commaundemente of John Eyres esquier I was willed at this Sessions to inroll that John Williams being now eight yeres of age and lefte by some unknowen beggar within the parishe of Braddford was appointed by the parisshioners to serve Robert Brouncker of Broughton Gyfford, wever, to serve him according to the statute untill he comme to thage of xxij yeres.'

Domus tiplacionis. Thomas Earle of Uphaven, shoemaker, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Sutton and John Shore, both of the same, yeomen, each in 50*s.*, for his keeping good order etc. Walter Robertes of Asheton Kaynes, husbandman, and his surety, Richard Smarte of the same, husbandman, similarly bound.

Fines taxed—of Philip Smyth, Oliver Girler, Nicholas Read, James Symmes, Henry Otes, Richard Pasce and William Orpytt at 2*s.* each per protestacionem.

Fines taxed by the court—of Peter Powlden, William Smyth and John Busshopp at 3*s.* 4*d.* each. ' The same was paied by my master for the Justices diet and the said parties promised to pay it againe at my masters coming whome.'

Pro pace. Edward Passhion of Fyffeeld, gentleman, bound in 100*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Williams of Grafton, yeoman, and John Mortymer of Lockeridg, husbandman, each in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Edith Dyke. *Relaxatur per dominum Mansod etc.*

Pro pace. John Stevens of Trole, clerk, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Synger, dyer, and Robert Whittock, smith, both of Trobridg, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Tydderley, gentleman. *Traditur ultra.*

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[p. 140] Warrant of the peace granted by the court against William Chadderton.

Pro bene gerendo. John Watson of Bradford, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Nicholas Rawlins of Warmyster and John Wattes of Chapmanslade, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit.*

¹*Pro bene gerendo.* William Peers of Collern, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Peers of Boxe and William Smyth of Cullern, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes.

¹Warrant for the good behaviour granted for Christopher Workeman, Thomas Bridges and Edward Wallys to appear at the Assizes.

The fine of the inhabitants of Brinckworth is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Pro pace. John Standlak of Warm', yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Rawlyns, clothman, and Francis Cotten, yeoman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime, particularly towards Thomas Cockle. *Comparuit et relextur per curiam.*

Warrant of the peace granted by the court against Henry Gamble of Malmesbury, smith, for not paying the money ordered by the court and Justices to be paid to Alice Stibbes in consideration of a child born etc.

'Memorandum to make proces against William Goslyng, against Richard Hill and Clementes, against sir Robert Longes men pro fine, Badbury men and Harris of Stapleford pro fine.'

Prosses delivered. 'Memorandum; delivered to Thomas Morrice bailiffe arrant to Mr. Shreife the xxvth of July anno supradicto xx^{ti} writes with the precept of sumoning the Sessions, a venire upon a travers and one exigent for felony against John Curteis alias Leiren and others etc.'

'Memorandum; delivered to Anthony Baker bayliffe arrant to Mr. Shreife the iiijth of September anno supra ij^o venire for travers, one for Mr. Chadderton and others and one for Haynes, one capias for felony against Cowper and others and ij^o other wrytes.'

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[p. 141] Amesbury. Assizes held Monday 24 August 21 Elizabeth before Roger Manwood, chief baron of the Exchequer, Edmund Anderson, serjeant at law, John Thynne, Walter Hungerford and Henry Sharrington, knights, William Broncker, William Dannyell, Giles Escourte and Jasper Moore, esquires, and others, Justices of our lady the queen.

Fines taxed at 12*d.* each—of John Cresby of Badbury, John Collins, Thomas Harding, Thomas Cresby, William Buckeridg, James Wyxsy, Robert Harding, William Batt, Arthur Redfern, Richard Motterd, William Looker, James Looker, Robert Gibbes, Nicholas Wyxsye, John Smyth, William Collet, John Harris and Ralph Gibbes.

¹ Entry struck out.

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Warrant of the good behaviour granted against William Peterson of Wanborough, gentleman, by order of John Thynne and Walter Hungerford, knights, because he procured process out of the Queen's Bench concerning the peace against (*blank*).

The fines of John Peers and Tegg, both of Pewsy, yeomen, are taxed at 12*d.* each.

Traverses. Edward Haynes of Devizez, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment that he is a vagabond. William Chadderton, esquire, and John Wrighte, gentleman, both of Lyddeard Millisent, George Best, late of London, gentleman, and William Webb the younger and Giles Webb, yeomen, James Newman and William Ryng, husbandmen, all of Lyddeard, plead not guilty to an indictment for forcible entry. John Vaughan and John Powell alias Waezle, yeomen, both late of East Grafton plead not guilty to the like indictment. Orders for writs of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

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[*p.* 142] Chippenham. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Michaelmas 21 Elizabeth before John Thynne and Henry Sherington, knights.

The fines of Richard Gill, yeoman, and William Eyres, husbandman, both of Slettenford, are taxed at 12*d.* each by Henry Sherington, Edward Baynton and John Danvers, knights, Justices etc. *Protestantur quod non culpabiles.*

The fines are taxed at 10*s.* of Ralph Gele, John Pryor, John Young, Roger Laufier, Robert Laufier, Robert Jeffries, Thomas Price, John Crey, Richard Pullen, Robert Robertes, Robert Southoll and all others in the same indictments.

The fines of Edward Ridwood and David Rawlins are taxed by the court at 2*s.* each.

Pro pace. William Blake of Warmyster, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his surety, John Middlecott of Boram, gentleman, in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Allen. John Stephins of Troll, clerk, and his sureties, Richard Byssey, of the same, yeoman, and William Singer of Trowbrydge, husbandman, similarly bound for his appearance etc., particularly towards Richard Tydderleigh, gentleman. Each *comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

'Memorandum it is orderyd at this Courte that if William Peterson do discharge Robert Reade and William Reade of the peace and good behavior in the Queenes Bench then the sayde Peterson to be dischargyd.'

[*p.* 143] *Pro pace.* Edward Clement of Wynfeild, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Rundell of Wingfield, yeoman, and Richard Byssey of Troll, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace particularly towards Edward Mathew. *Comperuit et relexatur per curiam.*

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Warrant of the peace granted against William Mylles and Thomas Milles.

Pro pace. Dunstan Carde of Hindon, weaver, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Hopkins of Barwyck, tailor, and John Ingram of Overfountehill, miller, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. By the court at the petition of Matthew Arundell, knight. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

¹*Pro pace.* Richard Symys of Haydon Weeke, husbandman.

The fines of John Wodroff and Henry Stephins are taxed at 12*d.* each.

Pro pace. Robert,² husbandman, surety for Richard Stockwell of Biddeston, husbandman. Released by the court.

Surety for Edward Sheperde of Bushton, millwright.³

The fine of William Mayo is taxed by the court at 5*s.*

Pro pace. William Peterson of Wanboroughe, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Owen Brynde and Thomas Edwardes, yeoman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance. By the court. *Relexatur per curiam.*

[*p.* 144] Warrant of the peace granted by the court against James Atwode of Devizes, butcher, and George Atwode of Staunton, gentleman.

Domus tiplacionis. Robert Richardes of Charnamstreet, tailor, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Hidden, yeoman, and Robert Wayte, cooper, both of Hungerford, each in 50*s.*

⁴William Heskins of Calne, husbandman, and Henry Newman, sureties for Richard Symys of Haydon Week.

The fine of the parish and tithing of Broickenborow is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

⁵*Pro bene gerendo.* Rice Jones of Luckington, clerk, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Wrestly, gentleman, and Thomas Brytten, smith, both of Chippenham, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

Rowland Lloyde of Cherington, co. Gloucester, clerk, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Wrestly and Thomas Brytten (*as above*), each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes.

Fines taxed by the court—of the tithing and parish of Garsten at 2*s.* 6*d.*, of the tithing and parish of Daumtesey at 2*s.* 6*d.*, *my fee not paid*, of the parish and tithing of Curstinavord at 2*s.* 6*d.*, of William Young alias Smyth at 6*d.*, [*p.* 145] and of the parish and tithing of Lye at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Domus tiplacionis. Richard Hiscockes of the borough of Devizes, husbandman, bound in 100*s.*, and his sureties, John Evans, cutler, and William Mawdyt, yeoman, both of the same, each in 5 marks.

Thomas Slade of Mylsham is discharged by the court.

¹ Entry unfinished and struck out.

² Surname omitted.

³ Robert Spackman of Cleve, yeoman, and to appear at the next Sessions *crossed out*.

⁴ Entry unfinished and struck out.

⁵ Entry struck out.

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Domus tiplacionis. Ralph Gyngell of Slawtenford, husbandman, bound in 100s., and his sureties, Thomas Averys and Richard Light, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 5 marks.

Warrant of the good behaviour granted by the court against Richard Baylye of Great Bedwyn, clerk.

The fine of the inhabitants of Broade Somerford alias Great Somerford is taxed by the court at 2s. 6d.

EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1580

[p. 146] Novam Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany 22 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, [John Danvers],¹ James Marvyn and [Thomas Wroughton],¹ knights, Giles Escourte, Bartholomew Horsey, William Hussey, Jasper Moore and Giles Thisslewayte, esquires, and other Justices of the Peace.

The fine of Owen Brynd of Wanborough, yeoman, and John Williams for trespass is taxed by the court at 2s.

The fine of the inhabitants of Charleton, Burton Hill and Malmesbury² on condition that they repair the queen's highway before Midsummer next, etc. *vs. paid by Mr. Baylye.*³

'Memorandum that the travers for Stanter shall procede at Warmyster and if the jury doe not appear then Mr. Hill hath promised to crave a decem tales for the quene de circumstantibus.'

⁴*Pro pace.* Robert Whittock of Trobridg, smith, and Thomas Diggell, sureties for John Stevens of Trole, clerk.

Rice Jones committed to gaol for the good behaviour till the next Sessions.

Richard Bayly committed to gaol until he will agree to provide for a child according to the former order.

'It is ordered that unles William White doe submyt himself to Sir John Danvers ther shalbe a warrant of the good behaveor graunted.'

The fine of Mylborne tithing in Mamsbury parish for a moiety of the bridge called Holloweys brydge and for the queen's ways from the bridge to Whitchurch mershe is taxed by the court at 5s.

The fine of Burton Hill tithing is taxed by the court at 5s.

'Memorandum all these tythinges before mentioned are enjoined to emend their defaltes by Mydsomer next, otherwise that proces be made againe.'

⁵*Travers.* Owen Brynd of Wanborough, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Travers. William Emery of Charleton, husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for trespass. Order for a writ of venire facias

¹ Supplied from MS., p. 34.

² Burton Hill and Malmesbury crossed out with sol' written over.

³ Mr. Baylie undershrieve to pay it at the Assises crossed out.

⁴ Entry unfinished and struck out.

⁵ Entry crossed out.

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returnable at the next Sessions. 'Memorandum it is Sir Henry Sherington's matter against the said defendant.'

[p. 147] ¹*Travers.* William Peterson of Wanborough, gentleman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

The fines of Nicholas Hemming and Henry Cam of Mylkesham, husbandman, on a presentment for contempt by a letter of William Brouncker, esquire, are taxed at 20*d.* each. *iijs. iiijd., sed non soluti quia predictus Willelmus Brouncker promisit solvere.*

The fine of Alice Flower of the same, for the like, is taxed at 12*d.* *Paid.*

Pro domo tiplacionis. Richard Rolf of Enford, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Hutchins of Wynterborne Basset, yeoman, and Thomas Hancock of Fidleton, weaver, each in 53*s. 4d.*

Pro bene gerendo. 'Manucapcio pro Thoma Smith de Alborne in comitatu predicto husbando; it is ordered that when it shalbe thought good he shalbe discharged that he shalbe bound to his good behaveour.'

The fine of the inhabitants of Frustfeild hundred, who plead not guilty to an indictment for not repairing the queen's highway, is taxed by the court at 6*s. 8d.*

Travers. Thomas Bartlet of Meer, tanner, pleads not guilty to an indictment for battery. Order for writ of venire facias.

Supersedeas allowed for Thomas Bartlet.

Pro domo tiplacionis. Thomas Pennycot of Barford, smith, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Creede, gentleman, and Christopher Tanner, yeoman, both of the same, each in 53*s. 4d.*

Richard Baylie of Bedwyn, clerk, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Lyghtfoote alias Hawkins of Wylton, husbandman, in 5*l.*, for his payment of 6*d.* weekly for the relief and support of John Bigges, an infant, until he reaches the age of 12 years into the hands of the guardians, to wit 'le churchwardens', for the time being of Bedwyn. 'And the lord of Hertford and Sir Thomas Wroughton like not of this order thenn to pay viijd.'

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Thomas Bartlet.

Domus tiplacionis. William Carlyle of Chute, tailor, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Mylles, husbandman, and Richard Pomfry, tailor, both of the same, each in 53*s. 4d.*

[p. 148] *Pro feloniam.* Thomas Perkin of Wesbury, weaver, bound in 10*l.*, and his surety, George Rawlins of the same, tanner, in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

Vacabundus. John Westbrooke of Alderbury, yeoman, gave surety to keep Thomas Grymsted in his service and to produce him at Epiphany 1581. *Comparuit et relaxatur per curiam.*

John Axhall of Basingstoke, co. Southampton, surgeon, was bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his good behaviour in the meantime.

¹ Entry crossed out.

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Constables elected—Richard Gyne in place of Edward Mylles for Amesbury hundred, John Ryves in place of William Compton for Underdiche, Thomas Rolfe in place of Robert Williams for Elstub and Everley, Richard Mackerell¹ in place of Nicholas Mussell, gentleman, for Brench and Doll, Richard Cable in place of Band for Frustfeld, David Feltham in place of Walter Sanger for Cawdon and Cadworth, and Simon White in place of Jeremy Barnard for Chalke.

Vacabundus. John Marshall of Fisserton Anger, yeoman, entered into surety of 5*l.* for John Tavell.

Thomas Smith of Alborne, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Whitway of Ramesbury, yeoman, and John Ludlowe of Baydon, gentleman, each in 20*l.*, for his personal appearance at the next Sessions and for his good behaviour in the meantime. *Comparuit et relextur per curiam.*

Travers. Thomas Rowdon and Humfrey Rowdon, both of Stiplelangford, husbandmen, plead not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Prosses delivered. 'Delivered to the Shrieve's man Stevens the xvjth of February anno supradicto vj writes besides the precept etc.'

[*p.* 149] Fines taxed by Christopher Dodington, esquire, at 6*d.* each—of Walter Burden, John Burden, William Clement alias Browne and William Vyncent.

EASTER SESSIONS 1580

[*p.* 150] Warm'. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter 22 Elizabeth before John Zowch, John Danvers and [Thomas Wroughton],² knights, and William Brouncker, Giles Escourt and Michael Earnley, esquires.

'Memorandum by the comaundemente of Mr. William Hussey Thomas Turner is to be dischargid because it was a presentmente in a petit Sessions for not paying to the poore.'

The fine of John Wylmot of Cossham is taxed by the court.³

The fine of Thomas Bartlett of Meere, yeoman, and Owen Geffreys alias Levansage is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 10*d.*

'Memorandum to discharge the proces of these whose names do follow for caryages to the highe weys in Meere—Thomas Fryer, Edward Palmer, Robert Clavy, John Rogers, Robert Lawrance, Arthur Snooke, Thomas Bowle, Thomas Robbins, Lawrence Winsor, William Blake, Thurston Browne, Agnes Borne, Joan Skryne, Thomas Symons, Thomas White, Randoll Coward, William Panter, Thomas Forward, Richard Joye alias Cox, William Cary.'

¹ *Written over* Giles Awsten *crossed out.*

² *Supplied from MS., p. 35.*

³ Memorandum Mr Eyns is to answer this (*in margin* Willelmus Eynes promisit solvere) *crossed out.*

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Travers. Thomas Barnard of Meer, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment and presentment for repairing the queen's highway with his carriage. *Prosequutus.*¹

Warrant of the good behaviour granted by the court against John Yonge, Robert Geffreys and Ralph Gale of Draycot, yeoman. *Factum.*

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against William Allen of Tynhedd, yeoman, at the suit of Robert Blackborowe. *Factum.*

'It is orderyd at this Courte that a tales is awardyd here that shalbe retornid by the Shryve at the next Quarter Sessions to be holden within this shere so as it be after Mydsomer terme.'

[p. 151] The fine of Thomas Smith of Alborne for battery is taxed by the court at 10s.

Warrant of the good behaviour granted by the court against Walter Mackes of Westgrymstede.

Warrant of the peace granted by the court against William Poton the elder of Barwyck St. Leonards. *Factum.*

Ordo. 'It is orderyd at this Courte that if eny bill be preferryd against eny person for a commen barretor that the said byll shall not be receivid unlez there be open evydence in Courte gyven to the sayd bill.'

'Curia relaxaverunt omnes Rowdans de bene gerendo.' *Oweing for fees ix.*

The fine of Owen Brinde is taxed by the court at 2s. 2d.

Pro pace. Thomas Forrest of Bristow in the county of the city of Bristol, yeoman, bound in 10l., and his sureties, Robert King and John de Neave, both of Horningsham, husbandmen, each in 5l., for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime, particularly towards Edmund Rydewod, clerk. *Relexatur per perdonacionem.*²

Pro bene gerendo. Humfrey Staunton of Marlebrough, cutler, bound in 20l., and his sureties, Thomas Hickman of Upton Skidmore, clerk, and William Staples of Bulford, yeoman, each in 10l., by the court for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Removetur per breve domine Regine assignatum cum manu capitalis Justiciarii videlicet Wraye returnabile crastino Sancte Trinitatis et teste sexto die Maii.*

Pro pace. John Tidderleigh of Tydderley, co. Dorset, gentleman, bound in 10l., and his sureties, Thomas Francklyn of Veny Sutton, yeoman, and Robert Stone of Corsly, husbandman, each in 5l., for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace particularly towards Robert Whittock of Trobridge. *Fecit defaltam.*

[p. 152] Fines taxed by the court—of William Baker and David Goodinoughe at 5s. (*altered from 10s.*) each, and of the inhabitants of Boram alias Burton at 12d.

'Memorandum that it is orderyd at this Courte that those that are appouinted offycers and sensures for the howse of correction shall contynue for one other yere.'

¹ *Non sol'* crossed out.

² *Fecit defaltam* crossed out.

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Warrant of the peace granted against John Bulford of Busshipstrow, weaver. *Factum.*

William Middlecott¹ elected constable of Warmyster in place of John Gifford, gentleman, etc.

'Memorandum to discharge the proces of John Den and John a Neve.'

Domus tiplacionis. John Townsend of Warmyster, baker, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Yerbery, yeoman, and Roger Harrys, fishmonger, both of the same, each in 53*s.* 4*d.*

The fine of the inhabitants of Stocklye tithing for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Thomas Burges of Charterhouse Hynton, co. Somerset, clothier, and Edward Grenhill of Northbradly, yeoman, by John Danvers, knight, and Giles Escourte, esquire.

The fine of Richard Rochford of Westbury, fuller, is taxed by William Broncker, esquire, at 2*s.* Therefore he is discharged from process.

SUMMER ASSIZES 1580

[*p.* 153] Novam Sar'. Assizes held Thursday 30 June 22 Elizabeth before Roger Manwood, knight, chief baron of the Exchequer, and Edward Anderson, serjeant at law, etc.

Pro domo tiplacionis. John Crosse of Seen, husbandman, renewed his licence on the same conditions as formerly in the like sum.

Pro domo tiplacionis. William Randoll of Swallofeeld, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Cavy, husbandman, and Christopher Ellis, tailor, both of the same, each in 50*s.*, for his keeping an alehouse and good order therein.

'Memorandum to make proses against Richard Pedington alias Tuck.'

ST. THOMAS SESSIONS 1580

Devizez. Sessions of the Peace as follows.²

The inhabitants of Detford and Codford fined 2*s.* 6*d.*, respectively for nuisances.

The inhabitants of Brynkworth and Grittenham fined nil, being discharged by the court.

³Geoffrey Hawkyns of Norton Bavant, surety for John Bulford of Byshopstrowe, weaver.

The inhabitants of Hurcot fined 3*s.* 4*d.* for the like.⁴

The fine of Thomas Fyrret alias Tayler and others is taxed at 12*d.* each. Total 4*s.*

¹ And Thomas Francklyn *crossed out.*

² i.e. held 11 July.

³ Entry *crossed out.*

⁴ i.e. for a nuisance.

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The inhabitants of the tithing of Weke next Newcourt are fined 2s. 6d. for a nuisance.

The fine of John Maunfeeld presented now for badging etc. is taxed by William Brouncker, esquire, and other Justices at 2s.

John Townesend of Warmyster, husbandman, on an indictment for keeping an alehouse without licence is fined 2s.

The fine of Richard Rachford of Westbury, weaver, is taxed at 2s.

[p. 154] Devizez. Streynsham.¹ Sessions of the Peace held Monday 11 July 22 Elizabeth before John Zouche, Walter Hungerford, James Mervyn, John Danvers, Thomas Wroughton, knights, William Brouncker, Giles Escourte, Michael Ernley, Knoles², Bartholomew Horsey, William Button, William Jurdane, William Danniell, Edmund Ludlow, John Snell.

John Pannell of Pyrton, husbandman, Richard Huesh of Ashton Keynes and Thomas Earle of Uphaven, shoemaker, renewed their licences for the sale of ale.

John Bulford of Bysshopstrowe, weaver, bound in 10l., and his sureties, Geoffrey Hawkyns of Norton Bavant, clothier, and Robert Barret of Devizez, shoemaker, each in 5l., for his appearance at the next Sessions to answer what shall be objected against him. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam. Received nisi 2s.*

Pro bene gerendo. Richard Tench, weaver, and William Webb, clothier, both of Bromham, each bound in 10l., for Tench's appearance at the next Sessions and for his good behaviour in the meantime and for his appearance in the meantime before the lord bishop of Salisbury to answer what there shall be objected against him. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.* John Noyes of Bromham similarly bound in 10l.

Pro pace. William Harvard of Wolly in Bradford parish, 'horsryder', bound in 10l., and his sureties George Seynsbury and Thomas Harvard, both of Trowbridg, weavers, each in 5l., for his keeping the peace particularly towards James Pyckeryng. *Comparuit et relexatur. To pay noe fees. Received nisi 2s.*

John Warner of Netherhampton, husbandman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, William Hockett of Wylton, butcher, and George Batter of Wynterborne Dawnsey, yeoman, each in 10l., for his personal appearance at the next Sessions and for his good behaviour in the meantime. For hunting in the warren of the earl of Pembroke. *Comparuit et ultra.*

[p. 155] William Farmer late of Swyndon, carpenter, bound in 10l., and his sureties, Henry Farmer of the same and Richard Barnard of Gote Acre, husbandman, each in 5l., for his appearance at the next Sessions³ to answer what shall then be objected against him. *Comparuit et committitur.*

John Wastfeeld of Chippenham, glover, bound in 10l., and his sureties, Richard Gale of the same, husbandman, and John Wastfeeld of

¹ See introduction.

² Forename omitted.

³ And for his marriage in the meantime to Joan Bonde with whom he is supposed to have formerly had carnal connection *crossed out*.

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Langlyburell, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions to answer etc. *Comparuit et relextatur.*

Travers. Thomas Gawen of Hurcot in Babstock parish, gentleman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for forcible entry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. *Removetur per breve domine regine.*

Ordo. 'Item it is ordered at this Sessions that where there is a woman childe a bastard left at Bisshopdowne in this countie of Wiltes and hath ben long releived by William Bundy, constable of the hundred of Underdiche, at the onlie chardges of the said William Bundy ever sithens the leaving of the said childe in the place aforesaid within the tything of Mylford and Forde, now therefore it is agreed and ordered by the Justices at this said Sessions that every inhabitant within the said tything of Mylford and Forde shalbe taxed and rated by the yard landes to pay to the sustentation and releife of the said childe untill it come to be of the age of xij yeres or untill the reputed father be knowen.'

Travers. William Whitmore of Henton in Stipleashton parish, tailor, George Drinckwater of Semington, yeoman, and George White of Stipleashton, clothier, plead not guilty to indictments for several trespasses. Precept to the sheriff etc.

Travers. Geoffrey Hawkins of Norton Bavant, yarn jobber, pleads not guilty to an indictment for contempt for unlawful games (*pro jocis illicitis*). Therefore etc. *Removetur per breve domine regine.*

MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1580

[*p.* 156] *Devizez.* Streynsham. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after Michaelmas 22 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, Edward Baynton, Henry Sherington and John Danvers, knights, John Eyer, Giles Escourte, John Snell, Michael Ernley and John Davis, esquires, Justices etc.

Richard Jame of Foxly, clerk, fined 6*s.* 8*d.* and Thomas Chepman of Norton, husbandman, 2*s.* 6*d.*, they having pleaded not guilty to an indictment for trespass and battery and being adjudged to pay.

The fine of Peter Paggam of Wishford, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for battery, is taxed by the Justices at 2*s.* 6*d.*

The fines of William Sherman, husbandman, Alice Sherman, spinster, George Church and Giles Clerk, yeoman, all of Crudwell, on an indictment for trespass and battery, are taxed at 5*s.* each.

The fine of Richard Peddington alias Tuck of Highway, tailor, on an indictment for common barratry, is taxed by the Justices at 2*s.*

The fine of the inhabitants of Stockly tithing for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the Justices at 3*s.*

The fine of William Blake of Warmister, yeoman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for trespass in Bores close, is taxed by the Justices at 3*s.* 4*d.*

The fine of the inhabitants of Steert tithing is nil.

The fine of John Hollis of Bradford, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for extortion, is taxed by the Justices at 2*s.*

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The fine of the inhabitants of Blacklond tithing for not repairing Marshlane is taxed by the court at 2s. 6d.

The fine of Henry Mayo of Dyntaxon, gentleman, is taxed at 6s. 8d., and of Thomas Pennycot of Barford, husbandman, at 12d.

The fine of William Stevens of Codford, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to a presentment for retaining a servant etc., is taxed by the court at 2s. 6d.

[p. 157] Warrant of the good behaviour granted by order of the court against John Ryves of Chilmerke, yeoman, and others.

Travers. John Ryves and Simon Ryves, both of Chilmerke, yeomen, plead not guilty to an indictment for riot and rout. Therefore etc.

Pro bene gerendo. John Warner of Netherhampton, husbandman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, tailor, and Thomas Hancock of Enford, yeoman, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Process stayed for Thomas Penycott until the next Sessions.

Pro pace. Anthony Pyrrey of Pottren, yeoman, bound in 10l., and his sureties, William Rooke of Pottren Weeke, husbandman, and James Newman of Pottren, yeoman, each in 5l., for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Moggerich, gentleman. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Pro pace. George Church of Crudwell, yeoman, bound in 10l., and his surety, Henry Commyn of the same, in 5l., for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Cawston. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Warrant of the peace granted against William Sherman and Giles Clerke of Crudwell, yeomen.

William Good is elected constable for Calne hundred.

William Carter, husband of Elizabeth Phillips of Rowde, husbandman, renewed his licence to keep an alehouse by surety as formerly recorded.

Pro infantis sustentacione. William Farmer of Swindon, carpenter, bound in 20l., and his surety, Richard Barnard of Helmerton, yeoman, in 10l., for his payment of 8d. weekly for the space of 12 years to the churchwardens for the sustentation of William Bond, son of Joan Bond, an infant begotten by him as it is reputed etc.

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[p. 158] Novam Sar'. Streynsham. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany 23 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, knight, Giles Escourte, William Brouncker, Bartholomew Horsey, William Hussey, Giles Thisslewayte and John Davies, esquires.

The fine of Richard Byrrey of Burton Hill, husbandman, on an indictment and presentment for contempt is taxed at 2s. 6d.

The fines of William Whitmere of Henton in Stipleashton parish, tailor, George Drinckwater of Semington, yeoman, and George White of

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Stipleashton, clothier, who plead not guilty to an indictment for trespass against Dorothy Wilson, widow, are taxed at 12*d.* each. 2*s.*

'Memorandum to stay prosses for Walter Thorner, fined 12*d.*, and others indighted with him untill the next Sessions.' 2*s.*

The fines of the inhabitants of Foxley and Sherston Pynckney for not repairing the queen's highway are taxed at 12*d.* each.

The fine of the inhabitants of Horton is taxed by the court at 2*s.* for not repairing [the queen's highway].

William Blake the younger of Warm', yeoman, fined 5*s.* on an indictment for trespass for Stringer.

The fines of Ralph Gele and Robert Coller, husbandmen, both of Sutton Benger are taxed at 6*d.* each.

The fine of William Wagland of Wishford, husbandman, who pleads not guilty, is taxed at 2*s.* for not repairing the queen's highway.

The fine of John Wootten of Rowde, husbandman, for battery is taxed at 12*d.*

The fines of the inhabitants of Manningford Brues and Newnton are taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.* each. 'And it promissed of bothe sides to amend the bridg for which they are indighted by Midsomer next.'

The fine of Edward Willoughby, gentleman, for not repairing and for stopping up a watercourse at Fovent is taxed at 12*d.*

The fine of Thomas Newman of Bisshopston, husbandman, on a presentment for not giving to the poor is taxed at 12*d.*

Stay of process for William Townsend, yeoman.

The fine of Alice Gawen of Alvedston, widow, for contempt and on a presentment for not coming to church (*templum*) is taxed by the Justices at 5*s.*

The fine of Edward Willough[by] of Fovent, gentleman, for contempt and on a presentment, as appears of record, is taxed by the court at 12*d.*

[*p.* 159] *Domus servicie.* Thomas Pennycott of Barford, husbandman, renewed his licence.

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Elizabeth Blake.

Pro pace. Anthony Pyrrey of Pottren, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Pyrrey, yeoman, and William Rooke, husbandman, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Mogrich, gentleman. *Exoneratur.*

Ordo. 'It is ordered that the order which Mr. Brouncker and Mr. Earnley hath made concerning the bastard of Nicholas James shall stand untill they can or some other Justice of Peace next Mr. Brouncker finde by examination otherwise that the bastard is not the said Nicholas James.'

Ordo. 'It is ordered that the matter betwene Georg Church and Richard Cawston and others of Mr. Walton's men is referred to the order of Mr. Warneford of the consentes of both sides concerning the peace.'

John Sadler elected constable for Kingsbridg hundred in place of John Welles, and Edward Fawler for Elstub and [Everley] hundred in place of Thomas Rolfe.

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Henry Saunders committed to gaol for his refusal to pay 4*d.* weekly to the use of Joan Underwood's bastard and to stand to the order of William Brouncker, esquire, etc.

Ordo. 'It is ordered that he shall remaine in Gaole untill he will stand to the order of Mr. Brouncker, that is iiij*d.* everie weeke to the use of the said child untill he bring prooffe in discharg of himself the next Sessions.'

Writ of restitution granted against Thomas Gawen at the suit of John Weaver.

Warrant of the peace granted against Thomas Topp and his wife and others.

Travers. Thomas Gawen of Hurcott, gentleman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for forcible entry de anno viij^o Regis Henrici vj^u at the suit of Bluet. Therefore etc. John Doo and Richard Roo, pledges to prosecute.

Pro pace. Thomas Chambers of Lyddeard Tregose, cook, bound in 1*o*l., and his sureties, Thomas Dawlye of the same and John Bawle of Burbadge, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Agnes *Relaxatur per curiam.*

Thomas Dennis elected constable for Alderbury hundred in place of Hugh Pylgrim, [*p.* 160] Henry Alexander for Cawdon and Cadworth hundred in place of Thomas Langly, Robert Lurgis for Underdich hundred in place of John Reves and Christopher Horte for Brench and Doll hundred in place of Richard Mackerell.

John Alford of Meer, yeoman, bound in 1*o*l., and his surety, Robert Ford of Compton Chamberlaine, husbandman, in 1*o*l., for his appearance at the next Assizes.

Henry Hussey [elected constable] for Frustfeld hundred in place of Alexander Thisslewaite.

Robert Foorde of Compton Chamblaine, husbandman, bound in his own recognizances in 1*o*l. for his appearance at the next Assizes.

John Marshman of the same, yeoman, bound in 1*o*l., and his sureties, Robert Foorde and John Lane, husbandmen, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for the like.

Vacabunda. Richard Tuck of Highway, husbandman, bound in 5*l.* for the appearance of Joyce Cheyney of the same, spinster, a:l festum termini.¹

Thomas Haskall [elected constable] for Chalke hundred in place of White.

Pro bastardo. Nicholas James of Lavington alias Easterton, husbandman, bound in 1*o*l., and his sureties, William Rooke, husbandman, and Edward Pyrrey, yeoman, both of Pottren, each in 5*l.*, on condition that Nicholas pays 4*d.* weekly towards the maintenance of John Foxe, son of Mary Foxe, until he be of the age of twelve years. *Fecit defaltam et non solvit. Ideo per mandatum Egidii Escourte armigeri fiat fieri facias.*

Domus servicie. William Henley of Wootten Bassett, weaver, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Hedlandes, smith, and John Jacob, yeoman, both of the same, each in 5*o*s.

¹ Ann[unciacionis] in margin.

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[p. 161] Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter 23 Elizabeth before John Zouche, [John Danvers and Thomas Wroughton, knights, William Bruncker, Michael Earnley and Giles Escourt, esquires].¹

Ordo. 'Memorandum it is ordered by the Courte that Roger Harris of Warmyster in the countie aforesaid, fischer, shall remaine in the comon Gaole, for his misdemeanor, afterward to be bounde to his good behaveour.'

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against John Illwill of Devizez, tailor.

²Robert Brooke of Calne, surety for William Gomeldon of Porton, gentleman.

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Thomas Bartlett of Meer.

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Leywood of Devizez, shoemaker, bound in 20*l.* until he produce John Illwill before the Justices etc. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro bene gerendo. John Powell of Devizez, shoemaker, similarly bound for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Relexatur per breve supersedeas.*

Pro bene gerendo. Richard Harper of Devizez, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, the said Leywood and Powell, each in 10*l.*, on the same condition as Leywood. *Debet feodum.*

Pro pace. William Cottell of Box, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Broad, husbandman, and William Vincey, mason, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Dedall. *Relexatur per partem et comparuit.*

Geoffrey Gatley elected constable of Warmyster in place of William Middelcot.

Warrant of the peace granted by the court against Thomas Lyming and others to appear at the next Assizes.

[p. 162] ²*Pro bene gerendo.* Peter Brystow of Warmyster, yeoman.

The fine of the inhabitants of the tithing of Northburcombe for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by Jasper Moore and Bartholomew Horsey at 6*s.* 8*d.*

Pro pace. William Saston of Kevill, clerk, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Bodman and Thomas Lyne of the same, husbandmen, each in 10*0s.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime. *Per curiam.*

Pro pace. Thomas Gauntlet of Downton, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Maurice Gauntlet of Salisbury, yeoman, and John Humby of Downton, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the

¹ Supplied from MS., p. 39.

² Entry unfinished and crossed out.

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next Sessions. The said Humby and his sureties, the said Thomas and Maurice Gauntlet, similarly bound. Both per curiam ad sectam Cooper.

Pro domo tiplacionis vel servicie. Thomas Adlam of Crockerton, 'clothesman', bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Adlam, 'clothesman', and Richard Bosden, gentleman, both of the same, each in 5*os.* Per Jasperum Moore et . . .

Fines taxed by the court—of Robert Long of Stipleashton, husbandman, at 2*s.* 6*d.*, and of John Townesend of Warmyster, husbandman, at 2*s.*, both on presentments remaining of record at this Sessions.

Travers. John Laufere, yeoman, and Thomas Packer, husbandman, both of Lynham, Matthew Grigorie of Bushton, tailor, and William Townesend of Alton, yeoman, plead not guilty to an indictment for forcible entry. Order to the sheriff for a writ of venire facias returnable etc. *Removetur per breve domine regine.*

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[*p.* 163] Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday 20 June 23 Elizabeth before Edward Baynton, Walter Hungerford, John Danvers and Thomas Wroughton, knights, Giles Escourte, William Read and William Danniell.

The fine of Henry Ellyott of Warmyster, mercer, who pleads not guilty to a presentment for not giving to the poor, is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Anthony Pyrrey and William Northorn are released by the queen's pardon on an indictment for battery to which they plead not guilty.

William Maundrell, Thomas Maundrell and William Ryng are released by the queen's pardon on a presentment for contempt, as remains of record, to which they plead not guilty.

The fines of John Hanny of Bradford, baker, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for baking, and of all others in the same indictment are taxed at 12*d.* each.

The fines of John Guly, Richard Davis, John Allyn and Richard Phillips are taxed by the court at 12*d.* each.

The fines of ¹John Knight, tailor, Robert Carver, dyer, and John Grundy, tanner, all of Marlebrough, who plead not guilty to an indictment for fishing, are taxed at 3*d.* each.

The fine of Roger Morgan of North Bradly, who pleads not guilty to the like, is taxed at 12*d.*

The fines of John Masy of Westbury, John Moore, James Guly, William Pryor and Hugh Jones are taxed at 12*d.* each.

The fines of the inhabitants and parishioners of Westbery and of Norton and Bisshopstrow are taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.* each per protestacionem.

Warrant of the peace granted against Edward Graunt.

Process stayed for Wanborough.

William Wagland, who pleads not guilty, is fined 2*s.* for not repairing the queen's highway at Stofordes Keevenes end.

¹ John Eaton, barber, *crossed out.*

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[p. 164] ¹Richard Gibbes of Garsden, husbandman, bound.

¹*Pro pace.* Paul Pullyn of Wootten Basset, butcher, bound.

Travers. John Ellwill late of Devizez, tailor, pleads not guilty to an indictment for selling ale etc. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. *Removetur per breve domine regine.*

Travers. Thomas Wythers late of Chilton Folliat, yeoman,² pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. *Received 5s.*

Pro bene gerendo. Ralph Hunt alias Robinson of Chilton Folliat, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, William Wythers, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.* The said William with Hunt as his surety similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.* Thomas Wythers bound on his own recognizances in 20*l.* for the like. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

³*Pro pace.* John Powell alias Plummer of Devizez, shoemaker, bound.

Pro pace. John Humby of Downton, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Barret of Devizez, yeoman, and Thomas Gauntlet of Downton, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. [p. 165] The said Gauntlet with his sureties, the said Humby and Barrett, similarly bound. William Saston of Kevill, clerk, with his sureties, Anthony Chapper of Devizez, vintner, and Thomas Lyde of Kevill, tailor, similarly bound. Each *comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Novam Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held 2[?]⁴ June 23 Elizabeth before Giles Escourte, Giles Thisslewayte and John Davis, esquires, Justices of the Peace.

Vagabonds. Robert Read of Sutton Maunfeeld, gentleman,⁵ bound in 5*l.* as surety for William Glover late of Dunhed Mary, vagabond, on condition that he shall retain him in his service for the space of one year next to come. William Hulet of Salisbury, linen draper, similarly bound as surety for James Valentine late of Bulford, vagabond; Hugh Michell of Salisbury, shoemaker, similarly bound as surety for Francis Carew late of Bulford, vagabond; [p. 166] and William Feltham of Quidhampton, yeoman, similarly bound as surety for John Samon late of Dunhed Mary, vagabond.

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Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday 5 October 23 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, Edward Baynton and John Danvers, knights, and others, Justices.

The fine of Francis Browne, clerk, is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

¹ Entry unfinished.

² And Ralph Hunt *alias* Robinson of the same, yeoman, *crossed out.*

³ Entry struck out.

⁴ Ms. xx [blank].

⁵ And Roger Glover of the same, husbandman, *struck out.*

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Warrant of the peace granted against

The fine of Thomas Sanger of Barwick St. John, husbandman, on a presentment for refusing to be collector for the poor, to which he pleads not guilty, is taxed at 2s.

Stay of process for Mr. Thomas Browne, Philip Humber and Thomas Barter.

John Paine released from presentment.

Ralph Parsons of Norrington, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, William Browne of Semly, husbandman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions for not coming to church. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Bene gerendo. William Woodward of Hullavington, husbandman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Anthony Woodward of Charleton and Robert Panter of Hancerton, husbandmen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Relexatur per mandatum Johannis Danvers et Edwardi Baynton militum.*

The fine of Humfrey Lecyter is taxed at 12*d.*

[*p.* 167] Fines taxed by the court—of William Wythers of Chilton Follyat, for keeping nets, at 10*s.*²; of Ralph Robinson, for common barratry, at 10*s.*; *debet iiijs.*; of Richard Cawston alias Fry of Crudwell, at 5*s.* per protestacionem; of John Ingram, at 2*s.*; of Thomas Shanck,³ Thomas Meadom,³ William Legg and William Kydle,³ at 2*s.* 6*d.* each; of William Deacon, at 2*s.*

Pro pace. William Furner of Milton, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Charles Thyrockell of Edington, clerk, and Robert Jeffries of Chirton, butcher, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Anthony Whithart.

Pro bene gerendo. Walter Rowdon of Teffount, husbandman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, William Clement of Cadly, husbandman, and Henry Mogrigh of Dynton, gentleman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Travers. Richard Richardes alias Combe of Stapleford, husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for trespass as in the record. Order for a writ of venire facias. *Fees received.*

Pro pace. Thomas Heskins of Lavington, husbandman, bound in 10*l.* and his sureties, Lawrence Stanlock and Robert Filkes, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Agnes Heskins, widow. John Heskins of Lavington, husbandman, similarly bound with the same sureties. Each *comparuit et relexatur.*

⁴*Pro pace.* Agnes Heskins of Easterton bound.

[*p.* 168] *Pro pace.* William Harris of Stapleford, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Ralph Arnold of Helmerton, husbandman, and Edward Blake of Amesbury, tailor, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next

¹ Entry unfinished.

² *Debet* struck out.

³ Noted as having paid.

⁴ Entry struck out.

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Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Hampton and Katherine his wife. *Debet feodum.* *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Fines taxed by the court at 2s. each—of Nicholas Harris of Westbury Lyghe, baker, who pleads not guilty to his indictment, and of William Reves of Warmyster, tippler, on a presentment for selling ale.

Pro domo servicie. John Darke of Somerford Maudittes, smith, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, William Baylie and John Woodroofe, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 50s.

Fines taxed by the court—of George Ruswell of Warm', yeoman, for selling ale, at 2s. 6*d.*; of William Champton, husbandman, and John Nutbeame, both of Downton, who plead not guilty to their presentment, as in the record, at 3s. 4*d.* each; of Robert West of Northbradly, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to a presentment for selling ale, at 2s.; of Christopher Combe of Ashton Gifford, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to a presentment for fishing, at 2s.

A fine is taxed by the court on Vincent Bleke of East Knoyle, smith, at 40s., on condition that he pays John Jervis 13s. 4*d.* before the next Sessions and then stands to the order of the court.

Pro pace et bene gerendo. Thomas Kemble of Cricklad, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Tryr der of Chelworth and Robert Waterhouse of Cricklad, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Joan Dyker alias . . .¹ *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

The fine of William Wattes is taxed at 12*d.*

Pro pace. Edward Graunt of Whetley, labourer, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Kynton and William Evans, both of Melkesham, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Thomas Sydnall. *Mr. Cuffe debet feodum.*

[p. 169] 'William Wood of Fleet Street of the citie of London, hatmaker, Robert Carpenter of Oxfordsheer, carpenter, and Edmond Carpenter of Oxfordsheere hath confessed that they have used certeine games called Trolemadame and ryffling for disshes and platters in the countie of Wiltes, being unlauffull and cossyning games. And thereupon the said parties are comitted to the shreife untill they have founde suerties for their good behaveour and to appear at the next Quarter Sessions.'

'Thomas Shayle in misericordia xls. pro contemptu quia recessit curia sine licencia et ulterius fiat warrantum de bene gerendo.'

Ad comparendum ad proximam. William Wood of Fletstreat in the city of London, hatmaker, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Carpenter of Tame, co. Oxford, carpenter, and Thomas Inges of Marleborough, yeoman, each in 5*l.* The said Robert Carpenter and his sureties, the said Wood and Edmund Carpenter of Tame, brickmaker, and the said Edmund Carpenter and his sureties, the said Wood and Robert Carpenter,

¹ Entry unfinished.

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similarly bound. *Wood and Robert Carpenter* each *comparuit et relexatur per curiam*, *Edmund Carpenter mortuus*.

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Wythers of Chilton Folliat, yeoman, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et ultra*.

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[*p.* 170] Novam Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after the Epiphany 24 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, knight, Giles Escourte and Giles Thistlethayght, esquires, and others, Justices.

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Wythers of Chilton, yeoman, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur*.

The fines of John Darte and John Coxe, aquavitamen, are taxed by the court at 12*d.* each.

The fine of Edward King is taxed at 12*d.*

Pro pace. William Furner of Fifelde, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Charles Trickle of Eddington, clerk, and Charles Chaundler of Alton, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur*. *Debet feodum*.

Pro pace. Thomas Heskins of Lavington, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Harris of Tylshed and John Harris of Cheverell, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Agnes Heskins. *Comparuit et relexatur*.

The fine of Thomas King is taxed at 12*d.*

Pro pace. John Heskins of Lavington, yeoman, bound in the same amount and with the same sureties as Thomas Heskins (*above*) for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Agnes Heskins. *Comparuit et relexatur*.

The fine of John Wayte of Stratford is taxed at 12*d.*

The fines of Thomas Frye, tithingman of Enford, and William Brownejohn, tithingman of Tydworth, for not punishing vagabonds, are taxed by the court at 2*s.* each.

[*p.* 171] *Pro pace*. Francis Kemble of St. Margaret Stratton, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Kemble of Chelworth, husbandman, and John Precy of Salisbury, tailor, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Hall. *Comparuit et traditur ultra*.

The fine of John Smart, tithingman of Newtontony, for not punishing vagabonds, is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

Pro pace. Richard Halle of Rodborne Cheyny, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Gering of the same, yeoman, and Edward Garret of Dornford, tailor, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Francis Kemble. *Comparuit et traditur ultra*.

The fine of John Laynchard, tithingman of Netherhaven, for not punishing vagabonds, is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

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Pro bene gerendo. John Eyers of Chapmanslade, wheeler, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Simon Eyer and Thomas Eyer, both of the same, wheelers, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Pro pace et bene gerendo. Ad assisas. Thomas Thynne of Deverell Langbridg, gentleman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Valentine Adlam of Crockerton, clothman, and Maurice Wyckham of Deverell Langbridg, husbandman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Tucker.

John Stutter of Warmyster, weaver, and John Tucker, tucker, Richard Browne, labourer, and Edith his wife, all of Deverell Langbridg, bound in 10*l.* each to prosecute against John Thynne, gentleman. *Comparuit.*

Ad Assisas. William Crouche of Deverell Langbridg, husbandman, bound in 20*l.* on his own assumption for his appearance at the next Assizes. *Comparuit.*

Pro vacabundis. John Lyde of Warmyster, yeoman, undertook (assumpsit) in 5*l.* for the appearance at Epiphany next of Morgan Jinkins and Lewis Griffyn, vagabonds.

John Abbot the elder of Semly, yeoman, on his plea of not guilty to an indictment for trespass is adjudged by the court to pay 2*s.*

[*p.* 172] *Pro pace.* Seth Webb of Orston, shepherd, and his surety, Edward Wyse of Tylshed, yeoman, each bound in 10*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Webb.

Warrant of the peace granted against Anne wife of Nicholas Downe.

Stay of process for Henry Blake by order of Mr. Escourte.

Travers. Anne wife of Nicholas Downe of Orston Mary, yeoman, Joan wife of Thomas Drake of Shrewton, husbandman, and Edith wife of John Maye of Salisbury, 'syvyer', plead not guilty to an indictment for trespass and battery. Order to the sheriff for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Fines for not punishing vagabonds taxed by the court at 2*s.* each—of Thomas Beare and Richard Hickman, tithingmen of Fittleton and Hackston, John Fry, tithingman of Everleigh, John Note and William Reves, tithingmen of Winterborne Dauntesy and Winterborne Sherborue, William Hall of Winterslowe, John Batcheler and Richard Grace, constables of Ambrosbury liberty, Anne Rolfe, widow, tithingwoman of Compton Brewer, Nicholas Carter, tithingman of Fifelde, Thomas Carter, tithingman of Combe,¹ William Cutler, tithingman of Fighelden and Ablington, [*p.* 173] John Herren, tithingman of Allington, Robert Marshall, tithingman of Duke's Collingborne, Robert Hort, tithingman of Compton and Alton, Richard Lurgis, tithingman of Collingborne Kingston, John Smyth, tithingman of Downe Pewsy, John Newman, tithingman of Tytcomb [and] Martyn,² John Noyse, tithingman of Weast Grafton,

¹ Entry unfinished, the offence not being stated.

² *Debet usque assisas per magistrum Tut.*

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John Bartholomew, tithingman of Collingborne Sutton, William Symes, tithingman of Collingborne Vallenge.

Travers. Henry Rawlins and Edmund Chiver, weavers, and John Baylie, tailor, all of Chittow, and Richard Webb of Bromham, weaver, plead not guilty to an indictment for trespass. Order to the sheriff for a writ of venire facias returnable the next Sessions. *Received 10s. in part payment of 25s. 4d. Removed by a queen's writ.*

The fine of Stephen Hatt, tithingman of Wilton, for not punishing vagabonds, is taxed by the court at 2s.

The fine of Henry Mundy, yeoman, tithingman of Byddesdean, who pleads not guilty, is taxed by the court at 2s.

Fines for not punishing vagabonds taxed by the court at 2s. each—of Cuthbert Feelde, constable of Kingston Deverell,¹ Giles Marshman, tithingman of Kingston Deverell,¹ [*p.* 174] Thomas Bayly, constable of Uphaven.

Thomas Wrastly elected constable in place of Thomas Langly for the hundred of Cawdon and Cadworth.

John Willis sworn constable of Whorwelsdowne.

Fines for not punishing vagabonds taxed by the court at 2s. each—of Robert Note and Robert Webb, tithingmen of Badbury, the two tithingmen of Chisselton, John Hawkes, tithingman of Medborne, John Cox, tithingman of Wanborough.

The fine of Thomas Moore of Ebesbury on a presentment for selling ale is taxed by the court at 2s.

The fines of John Evans, constable of Swyndon, and John Smyth, tithingman of Estcott, for not punishing vagabonds, are taxed at 2s. each.

EASTER SESSIONS 1582

[*p.* 175] Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter, 24 April 24 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford and James Marven, knights, Giles Escorte, esquire, and others, Justices etc.

The fine of the inhabitants of Wanborough is taxed by the court at 2s.

'Memorandum to make a distringas for Thomas Wythers travers.'

The fine of the inhabitants of Brokenborow is taxed at 5s., and those of Roger Colly, gentleman, and others, at 2s. each.

Pro pace. Francis Kemble of St. Margaret Stratton, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Farmer of the same and Thomas Knapp of Dauntesy, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Hall. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Pro pace. Richard Hall of Rodborne Cheyny, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Blake of Amesbury, yeoman, and William Baylie of Brinckworth, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Francis Kemble. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

¹ *Debet usque Assisas.*

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Pro bene gerendo pro pregnantando infante. John Eyres of Cheppenham Slade, ' wheler ', bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties Simon Eyre and Thomas Eyre, both of the same, ' whelers ', each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next General Sessions of the Peace in co. Somerset. *Comparuit et relextur per curiam.*

Pro bene gerendo pro pregnantando infante. William Baylie of Brinckworth, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Tayler of the same, and Richard Hall of Rodborne, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. Ordered to abide by the order of John Danvers, knight, etc.¹

Travers. Richard Davis of Warmyster, weaver, pleads not guilty to an indictment for contempt for keeping an alehouse. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

[*p.* 176] ' Memorandum the woman Elnor Clerke is to remayne in the shriffes custodie and the childe to be carried from tything to tything, untill it come to the place wher it was borne videlicet at Milkesham.'

Pro pace. Robert Farmer of Stratton St. Margerett, joiner, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Smyth of Charleton and Francis Kemble of St. Margeret Stratton, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and to keep the peace, particularly towards Nicholas Hall. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

John White elected constable for Whorlesdowne hundred.

Pro feloniam. Thomas Ferrett of Burbidge, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, George Boulden of the same, yeoman, and Ralph Sloper of Comerford, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

The fines of John Heskins and others are taxed by the court at 6*d.* each.

The fines of William Farr and Hugh Ward are taxed at 12*d.*

Robert House of Warmyster elected constable in place of Geoffrey Gatly.

Marian Comfort, widow, of Edington renewed her licence to keep an alehouse.

Pro domo servicie. William Fernell of Deverell Langbridg, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Mattock and Richard Langley, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 50*s.* By order of Giles Escourte and Edmund Ludlow, esquires.

John Hilgrove the younger alias Jenkes of Sedghill, husbandman, fined on an indictment for hunting to which he pleads not guilty.

Travers. Ralph Sloper of Comerford, husbandman, Humfrey Frayling and Thomas Holliar, both of Calne, labourers, John Sloper, husbandman, and William Battyn, weaver, both of Comerford, and Robert Baylie of Canninges, husbandman, plead not guilty to an indictment for riot, rout and unlawful assembly. Order for a writ of venire facias. *Debent ixs. iiijd.*

¹ *Comparuit et relextur per curiam* crossed out.

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[p. 177] The fine of Thomas Bradly of Warmyster, yeoman, is taxed at 12*d.*

Pro vacabundo. John Lyde of Warmyster, yeoman, undertook in 5*l.* for John Prewat to appear at the next Sessions of the Peace at the feast one year next following.

Domus servicie. Roger Vaughan of Westbury, tucker, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Shapden, clothman, and Thomas French, tucker, both of the same, each in 5*os.* By order of Giles Escourte and Edmund Ludlowe, esquires.

Edward Combes elected constable for Dunworth hundred in place of John Moore, and Thomas Topp of Fyssherton Dalamer for Warmyster hundred in place of Thomas Stringer.

Pro pace. John Hayes of Wilton, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Hayes of the same and William Harris of Stapleford, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. Richard Pottycary of Wilton, yeoman, with his sureties, the said John and Thomas Heyes,¹ and Peter Raynold of Wilton, weaver, with his sureties, Thomas Morrice of Pewsy, yeoman, and the said William Harris,² similarly bound. Each *comparuit et traditur ultra.*

ST. THOMAS SESSIONS 1582

[p. 178] Trobridg. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday 10 July 24 Elizabeth before John Danvers, knight, Giles Escourte and William Button, esquires, and others, Justices of the Peace.

The fine of John Fezer of Tysbury, yeoman, who pleads not guilty to a presentment for the repair of the queen's highway, is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

The fine of Robert Selfe of Melksham is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

Warrant of the peace granted against Thomas Kemble of Chelworth at the suit of William Leonard and Joan Dyck alias Townesend.

The fine of the inhabitants of Poole for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Pro pace. Rice Phillips of West Chawfeld, gentleman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Westbury the younger of the same and John Bewsham of Coatheyes, gentlemen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Woodman. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Clement Bath of Bisshopestrow fined on an indictment for not punishing vagabonds.

³*Pro bene gerendo.* John Phillips of Chawfeld, gentleman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Rice Phillips and William Westbury the younger, both of the same, gentlemen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Relexatur per curiam.*

¹ For Henry Clerke and John Clerk, weavers, both of Wilton, *crossed out.*

² For Lawrence Samwell of Warmyster and Thomas Pyne of Wilton, weavers, *crossed out.*

³ Struck out.

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The fines of John Moore, John James and Robert Merchaunt are taxed at 2s. each.

Pro pace. John Foster of Meer, tanner, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Foster of the same, weaver, and John Polsham of Trobridge, tanner, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Moore. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Pro pace. John Hayes of Wilton, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Sutton of Winterborne Stoke and Thomas Allyn of Bradford, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. Richard Pottycarie of Wilton, yeoman, with his sureties, Henry Tylton of Trobridg, weaver, and the said John Hayes, similarly bound. Each *comparuit et ultra.*

[p. 179] *Pro pace.* Peter Raynold of Wilton, weaver, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Willis of North Bradly, gentleman, and John Dunnyck of Bradford, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit.*¹

Pro pace. William Alford of Meare, baker, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Christopher Alford of Rode, yeoman, and John Holloway of Meare, weaver, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Godwyn. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro pace. Richard Wye of Kemble, gentleman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Golding of Poole, husbandman, and John Knight of Cotes, co. Gloucester, clerk, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Elizabeth Spenser. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro pace. John Alford of Meare, baker, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Christopher Alford and John Holloway (*as above*), each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Godwyn. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

The fine of the inhabitants of Fissberton Anger tithing is taxed at 12*d.* for the bridge etc.

Warrant of the peace granted against John Edwardes of Cullern, husbandman, at the suit of John Hethrington.

John Norborne and Henry Cripps elected constables for Calne hundred.

Pro pace. Francis Kemble of St. Margaret Stratton, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Farmer of the same and James Otely² of Dautesy, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Hall. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Warrant of the good behaviour granted against Thomas Barnard of Westbury, gentleman, at the suit of Alexander Langford and Edward Fry.

¹ *Et relexatur per curiam* struck out.

² *Written over* Thomas Knapp *crossed out.*

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Thomas Blanchad of Holte bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Blanchard of Broughton, husbandman, in 10*l.*, for his answering at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Whitway of Remesbury, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Smythe alias Wheler of Alborne, yeoman, and James Ballard of Bratton, husbandman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

[*p.* 194] *Pro pace.* The same Thomas Smith bound in 100 marks, and his surety, the same Thomas Whitway, in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Lawrance alias Barbor. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Domus tiplacionis. Henry Jeffery of Trowbridge, mercer, bound in 5*l.* on his own recognizances not to sell ale or keep an alehouse without the licence of the Justices of the Peace.

Domus tiplacionis. At this Sessions William Carter of Rowde came and renewed his licence for an alehouse.

Domus tiplacionis. William Hopyly of Ramesbury, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, William Appleford of Com, yeoman, and Anthony Goddard of Cleve, gentleman, each in 50*s.*

The fine of Michael Cawly, gentleman, to an indictment remaining of record is taxed by the Justices at . . .¹ and of James Barnes at 5*s.*

Pro pace. Richard Atkins of Winsly, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Gentle of Bradford and Edward Norrice of Hauke Rudg, husbandmen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace meanwhile particularly, towards William Raynold. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

The fines of Ralph Sloper, Humfrey Frayling and the others in the same indictment are taxed at 12*d.* each.

Pro pace. James Yonge alias Patrycke of Boxe, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Thomas Keynes of Boxe, yeoman, in 10*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Long. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

² 'Ad istam ordinatum est quod si Ricardus Brembridge de Edington in comitatu predicto yoman constabularius hundredi de Whorwelsdowne non venerit coram Edmundo Ludlow armigero uno Justiciariorum dicte domine regine vel uno alio justiciario etc. infra viginti dies proximos ad capiendum sacramentum suum prout fungendi officio constabularii predicto pro regina forisfaciet finem pro contemptu in eo casu quinque librarum ad usum dicte domine regine etc.'

[*p.* 195] The fine of Henry Burrell for keeping an alehouse without licence is taxed at 2*s.*

Domus tiplacionis. Henry Burrell of Eddington, weaver, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Oswald Burrell and John Carpenter, both of the same, yeomen, each in 5*l.* By order of Giles Escourt and Edmund Ludlow.

¹ 10*s.* crossed out.

² Entry struck out.

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Fines taxed—of Richard Towerman, husbandman, Alice his wife and Edith Towerman, spinster, all of Corston, at 12*d.* each, and of Richard Crocker of Westbury, shepherd, at 12*d.* by the court.

Pro pace. John Gilbert of Shrewton, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Vaughan of Devizez, tailor, and Robert Keynes of Bromham, weaver, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Alice Monday. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Thomas Michell is elected constable for Calne hundred in place of William Tayler.

Vacabundus. Richard Jefferyes of Devizez, tailor, bound in 5*l.* as surety for Walter Arnall to remain in his service for one year next.

Vacabundus. Richard Bosden of Sute in the parish of Deverell Langbridge bound in 5*l.* as surety for the personal appearance of Justinian May at the General Sessions of the Peace next year.

Ad comparendum. Richard Cable of Whitparishe, yeoman, bound in 100*l.*, and his surety, Richard Badger of Bremer, gentleman, in 40*l.*, for his answering at the next Assizes. *Ad Assisas comparuit et traditur ultra.*

¹Richard Bosden of Sute, gentleman, and William Crowch of Crockerton, husbandman, each bound in 20*l.* for the appearance of Richard Crowch of Crockerton, groom, at the next Assizes.

[*p.* 196] John Russe of Pottren, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Parfytt of Salisbury and Richard White of Pottren, husbandmen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Ad respondendum. William Kettle of Warmyster, miller, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, yeoman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Vacabundi. William Warren of Lovells Upton, carpenter, bound in 5*l.* to keep Evan Fleud during one year next ; Richard Spencer of Fosbury, yeoman, similarly bound to keep David Phillipps ; and Thomas Smard of Devizez, weaver, to keep Robert Johnson.

The fine of Thomas Basket of Shrewton for keeping an alehouse without licence is taxed at 20*s.*

Fines—Thomas Fydsdale of Devizez, 2*s.*, John Beryfeeld, 2*s.*, William King, 2*s.*, Richard Barnes, 12*d.*, Richard Orchard, 12*d.*, John Heskins, 12*d.*, Robert Berryfeeld, 12*d.*, Robert Peter, 12*d.*, Henry Baker, 12*d.*, Thomas Coles, 2*s.*, Thomas Swallow, 2*s.*, William Erwood, 2*s.*, widow Adlington, 12*d.*, William Mawditt, 12*d.*, Hugh Smith, 12*d.* only received, Robert Adlington, 2*s.*²

'Memorandum to stay proses for Nicholas Rawlyns.'

The fine of Agnes Grubb of Devizez, widow, for keeping an alehouse without licence is taxed by the court at 6*s.* 8*d.*

¹ Entry struck out.

² Richard Hiscockes, 12*d.*, Henry Morrice, Elizabeth Hendy, 12*d.* struck out.

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[p. 197] *Domus tiplacionis*. John Sparkes of Wanborough, milner, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Lewes of the same and Thomas Smart of Lyddington, yeomen, each in 50*s.* By order of William Darrell and John Warnford, Justices of the Peace.

The fine of William Newton of West Tockneham, yeoman, is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

Domus tiplacionis. Thomas Stokes of Bisshopestrow, weaver, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Myddlecott of the same, gentleman, and John Hynton of Veni Sutton, husbandman, each in 50*s.* By order of Giles Escourte, Jasper More and Edmund Ludlow, esquires, Justices of the Peace.

Order at the Assises. 'Memorandum it is ordered by all the whole courte at the Assises holden at Sar' xxij^o die Augusti anno xxv^{to} E. Regine that William Askew shalbe¹ deposed and put downe for keping any alehouse or tipling from hensforth.'

SUMMER ASSIZES 1583

Nova Sar' Assissa. Assizes held 22 August 25 Elizabeth before etc.

Ad comparendum ad proximam Sessionem. Richard Cable of Whitparishe, yeoman, bound in 200*l.*, and his sureties, Charles Jacobe of Salisbury, tanner, and Ellis (*Elizeus*) Theyne of Whitparishe, yeoman, each in 100*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions of the Peace to be held in the county and for the payment then of 80*l.* forfeited for his refusal to go to church or for the surrender of his body to prison. *Comparuit et per ordinacionem Justiciariorum ad Assisas comittitur ad custodiam vicecomitis salvo custodiendus ad gaolam.*

MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1583

[p. 198] Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Wednesday after Michaelmas, 2 October 25 Elizabeth before . . .

²['From Easter for two monethes Henry Moulton came not to the churche.']

The fines of Nicholas Rawlins of Warmyster, husbandman, on indictments of trespass now remaining of record are taxed at 2*s.* for each indictment. *iijs.*

Domus tiplacionis. William Adames of Wokesey, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, William Woodward alias Smyth and Richard Baker, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 50*s.*

John Darke of Somerford Maudittes, smith, came and renewed his licence for an ale-house.

Domus tiplacionis. John Webb of Bradford, tiler, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Allen, baker, and Thomas Jones, weaver, both of the same, each in 50*s.* By order of Walter Hungerford, knight.

¹ MS. shalbe from hen

² Supplied from MS., p. 51.

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Thomas Gylbert of Lyddington, tailor, and his sureties, John Stephens and Henry Kember, both of the same, husbandmen, similarly bound.

Fines taxed—of Roger Colly, William Apleford and William Motterd, each at 5s. per protestacionem.

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Thomas Carde of Westhatch, husbandman, at the suit of Ann Lushe of the same.

[p. 199] ¹John Appowell, bailiff of Dunworth hundred, amerced 20s. by the court for not attending diligently as ordered.

Travers Charles Lawrance, gentleman, Edward Kelleway and John Clerk plead not guilty to an indictment for hunting. Order for a venire facias.

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Drew Poton, gentleman, and George Poton, clerk, both of Barwick St. Leonarde. *Factum est.*

William Kettell of Warmyster, milner, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Bullock, miller, and Richard Lyllie, shoemaker, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Thomas Blanchard of Houlte, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his surety, John Blanchard of the same, husbandman, in 5*l.*,² for his answering at the next Sessions; William Bayly, with his surety, Edmund Baylie, both of the same, husbandmen, similarly bound. Each *comparuit et relextatur.*

Travers. The inhabitants of the tithing of Tytherton Keyleweyes plead not guilty to an indictment for not repairing a bridge. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

¹Roger Still of Coate in the parish of Bisshopes Cannings bound in 5*l.* for his appearance on the morrow . . .

[p. 200] The fines of John Venell and Roger Payne of Cockelborowe who plead not guilty to indictments of trespass as of record are taxed by the court at 12*d.* for each of them on each indictment.

The fines of John Ussher and Thomas Hurne who plead not guilty to an indictment of trespass are adjudged by the court at 5s. each.

Domus tiplacionis. Thomas Baskett of Maddington, miller, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, William Buckler of East Knoyle, linenweaver, and Thomas Clement of Devizez, tiler, each in 50s. By order of Walter Hungerford, knight, and William Button, esquire.

Pro Enapolio. Robert Garlicke of Ludgarsall, yeoman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Sheward of Tydworth Souche, husbandman, and Thomas Blackman of Ludgarsall, butcher, each in 50s. By order of John Danvers and Thomas Wroughton, knights.

The fine of Thomas Blackman of Lurgesall, butcher, pleading not guilty to an indictment for keeping an ale house without licence is

¹ Entry struck out.

² *William Baylie of the same, husbandman, also bound in 5*l.* as surety struck out.*

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taxed at 3s. 4d. by order of John Danvers and Thomas Wroughton, knights.

John Noyse of Grafton, yeoman, and John Dorrington of Collingborne Ducis are elected constables for Kinwardston hundred in place of Thomas Hyde and Henry Pyke.

Traverse continued for John Brynd and others etc.

John Russe of Pottren, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Parfytt of Salisbury and Richard White of Pottren, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

[p. 201] *Pro bene gerendo.* Thomas Whitway of Remesbury, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Smyth alias Wheler of Alborne and Vincent Reyman of Ogborne, yeomen, each in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

John Lyttle of Swyndon, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Roger Little of the same, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Respectuatur usque proximam. Comparuit et traditur ultra.* Alice Essington of the same, spinster, bound in 20*l.*, and her surety, Thomas Essington of Mahington, husbandman, in 10*l.*, for the like. *Respectuatur [etc. as above].*

'Fiat habeas corpora pro Brynd.'

Pro pace. Richard Wylmot of Fyfelde, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Noah Fyttes John of Clatford, yeoman, and John Browne of Overton, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Relexatur per curiam.*

Pro pace. Richard Atkins of Winsly, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, James Young alias Patrick of Boxe, yeoman, and Robert Whittock of North Bradly,¹ husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Raynold. 'Ad istam venit predictus Robertus Whittock et per placitum dicit quod dictus Ricardus Atkins egrotat per quod comparere non potest absque magno periculo vite sue. Et de hoc paratus est verificare etc. Unde petit iudicium prout curia consideraverit etc. Et habet diem comparendi usque proximam si vixerit etc. per consideracionem curie.' *Juratum quod egrotat. Debet xviiij*d.* usque proximam pro Jacobo Young. Receptum feodum totum. Debet ultra iijs. iiij*d.**

Ad comparendum pro bene gerendo. Barnard White of Alborne, glazier, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties John Stevens of Burdropp and Richard Tydderleigh of Littleton, gentlemen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro pace. James Young alias Patrick of Boxe, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety Richard Atkins of Winsly, husbandman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and in the meantime to keep the peace, particularly towards William Long, gentleman. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

¹ Written above John Hendy of Trole crossed out.

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[p. 202] The fines of Richard Hushe and Giles Newman are taxed at 2s. each.

Travers. Richard Iles of Ashton Keynes, mason, and William Iles, Lewis Jones, John Fletcher and John Baker plead not guilty to an indictment of forcible entry. *Removetur.*

The fines of Ellen Presse, Henry Presse, Samuel Presse, Charles Presse and others in an indictment of rout, riot, etc., pleading not guilty, are taxed at 2s. each.

Pro pace. Roger Still of Coate, sawyer, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Thomas Nicholas of the same, gentleman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Tayler. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

¹*Pro pace.* Walter Browne of Ogborne St. George, smith, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, George Dyxson and Vincent Dixson, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Dixson and Vincent Reyman.

Pro pace. Thomas Smyth of Alborne, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Thomas Whitway of Remesbury, yeoman, in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Lawrence. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Fines taxed by the court—of Thomas Smyth, at 5*s.*; of Richard Sparkes, Joseph Smythe and Alice Smyth, at 2*s.* each.

Pro pace. John Frend of Boxe, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Thomas Keynes of Boxe, freemason, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Long. *Debet feodum usque proximam. Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

[p. 203] Thomas Knight of Devizez, jerkin-maker, bound in 10*l.* for his wife to give evidence at the next Assizes against John Wakeham.

The fines of Edmund Webb of Bushton, gentleman, Richard Grene and Thomas Willis are taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.* each. *Debitum pro finibus.*

Nicholas Moxam of Broughton, husbandman, bound in 40*l.* for his personal appearance at the next Assizes and that he will produce Nicholas Moxham, his son, if he can. *Relexatur per mandatum Michaelis Earnle et Willelmi Button.*

Travers. Walter Browne, late of Ogborne St. George, blacksmith, pleads not guilty to an indictment for battery on Vincent Reman. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. *Debet viijs. xd. usque proximam per manucapcionem Vincencii Dixson.*

'Memorandum to stay proses for William Bennett of Norton Bavant,' William Batt, Stephen Whetaker, Nicholas Downe, John Downe, Robert Downe, John Berrard, Joan Downe.

Travers. William Batt of Barlie Crafton, husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for trespass in that he stopped up the queen's highway. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

¹ Entry struck out.

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The fines of Roger Peerce and Humfrey Peerce for forcible entry are taxed at 3s. 4*d.* each by certificate of Edmund Ludlow, esquire.

Simon White of Eblesborne Wake, yeoman, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions to answer etc.

Charles Lawrance of Marten, gentleman, similarly bound. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

The fine of the inhabitants of the tithing of Eastmanstreat is taxed by the court at 2s. 6*d.*

EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1584

[*p.* 204] Nova Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Wednesday after the Epiphany 26 Elizabeth.

The fine of Thomas Bradly of Warmister, yeoman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for contempt in keeping an alehouse without licence as by the record etc. . . .

At that Sessions William Olyver of Wyly, husbandman, came and renewed his licence to keep an alehouse.

Pro pace. Richard Burgis of Lurgesall, smith, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Bele, shoemaker, and Edmund Cooke, gentlemen, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at that Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards George Coplestone, by certificate of William Button, esquire. *Comparuit et releatur per curiam.* George Coplestone of the same, yeoman, and his sureties, William Ashton and George Coplestone, both of Pewsy, husbandmen, similarly bound, the peace to be kept particularly towards Richard Burgis, by certificate of the same William Button. *Comparuit [etc. as above].*

¹*Pro pace.* George Gardner of Pewsy, husbandman, bound in 10*l.* for his appearance at that Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Alice Hunt, widow, by certificate of William Button, esquire. *Defallam fecit.*

Pro pace. Thomas Hurle of Russall, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Pynckney, yeoman, and William Long, husbandman, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at that Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Philpott, by certificate of William Button, esquire. *Comparuit et releatur ex assensu partis.* Richard Philpott of Charleton, husbandman, and his sureties, Robert Temple of Wilsford, clerk, and Richard Thornhull of Charleton, gentleman, similarly bound, the peace to be kept particularly towards Hurle, by certificate of the same William Button. *Comparuit [etc. as above].*

The fine of Edmund Hersy of Lamborne, co. Berks, yeoman, on an indictment for contempt etc. is taxed at 12*d.*

[*p.* 205] *Domus tiplacionis.* John Lyde of Swallowfelde, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, and Richard Ashpole of Swallowfeld, tailors, each in 50s.

¹ Entry struck out.

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William Kettle of Warmyster, milner, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, yeoman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. 'Sed ordinatum est per Johannem Thynne et Edmundum Ludlow armigeros duos' Justiciarios pacis etc. ut apparet per scriptum suum sub manibus eorum subscriptum quod predictus Willelmus Kettley exoneret parochiam de Warmyster et sic tenetur per summam viginti librarum cum duobus manucaptoribus de bastardo etc.' *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro pace. John Loofnam the elder of Teffont, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Walter Rowdon of the same, husbandman, and John Appowell of Tysbury, yeoman, in 5*l.* each, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Grove. *Comparuit et relexatur.* John Loofnam the younger of Teffont, husbandman, similarly bound with the same sureties. *Comparuit [etc. as above]*; William Batt of Bedwin, husbandman, and his sureties, Christopher Smith of Totenham, yeoman, and Richard Busshell of Grafton, husbandman, similarly bound, the peace to be kept particularly towards Richard Brunsdon. *Relexatur.* John Mondey of Byncknoll, husbandman, and his sureties, Thomas Morrice of Pewsy, yeoman, and Richard Miller of Brodhenton, husbandman, similarly bound, the peace to be kept particularly towards William Hayward. *Solvit. Comparuit et ultra.* Edward Carter of Byncknoll, husbandman, and his sureties, Edward Powell of Marlebrough, yeoman, and Richard Fotche of Byncknoll, husbandman, similarly bound. *Solvit. [etc. as in last entry].*

[*p.* 206] Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Henry Errington, Thomas Errington and Cuthbert Errington at the suit of William Gomeldon.

Pro pace. John Hedland of Wootten Basset, smith, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Alexander Staples of Malmesbury, gentleman, and Edward Blake of Amesbury, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Watson. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro bene gerendo. Christopher Frowde of Haytisbury, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, William Snelgar and William Aven of the same, husbandmen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance on the morrow. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Travers. William Bennet of Norton, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment of trespass about a mill at Norton Bavant. Order for a venire facias.

Constables elected—Edmund Blake in place of Simon Hunt for the hundred of Elstub and Everleigh; Henry Mondey in place of John Gyne for Amesbury hundred.

Pro bene gerendo. Christopher Frowde of Haytesbury, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Walter Gawen of Imber, gentleman, and John Carpenter of Warmyster, yeoman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

¹ *MS.* duobus.

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Pro pace. Roger Still of Coate, sawyer, bound in 10*l.* on his own recognizances for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Tayler. *Comparuit et relexatur.*¹

Ordo. 'Ordinatum est per curiam quod Christopherus Tidder remaneat in gaola donec invenerit sufficientem securitatem de pace precipue erga Waltherum Scammell.'

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Whitway of Ramesbury, yeoman, bound in 40*l.* on his own recognizances for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[*p.* 207] Fines taxed by the court—of Thomas Bradly of Warmyster, yeoman, at 2*s.* ; of Thomas Clerke the younger, at 6*d.*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against William Burg alias Hilsdon and John Burge alias Hilsdon.

The fine of Stephen Whetacre pleading not guilty to an indictment of trespass is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against George Poton of Barwick St. Leonard, clerk.

The fines of Thomas Choles, Richard Choles, John Choles, Thomas Choles the younger and William Choles are taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

The fine of John Olyver is taxed at 2*s.*

Domus tiplacionis. John Pears of Mylford, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Westbrooke of Laverstock, yeoman, and Christopher Gifford of Forde, husbandman, each in 5*l.*

The fines of Richard Francklyn of Byncknoll, Thomas Saunders alias Mylles, Edward Powell, John Remesbury, Ambrose Saunders, John Carter, Edward Carter, Thomas Monday, Richard Fotche, Richard Francklyn the younger, Thomas Francklyn and John Williams are taxed at 5*s.* by the court.

Pro pace. James Yonge of Boxe, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Long of Boxe, gentleman, and Robert Whitocke of Northbradlie, tailor, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Longe. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.* John Frend of Boxe, husbandman, similarly bound, with the same sureties. *Comparuit [etc. as above]*¹.

Domus tiplacionis. Thomas Randoll of Swallowfelde, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Nycson, gentleman, and Thomas Porchmore, husbandman, both of the same, each in 50*s.* By John Danvers, knight, and Giles Escourt, esquire.

Fines taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.* each—of Thomas Butcher of Bratton, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment and presentment for not repairing the queen's highway ; and of George Coplestone of Lurgesall, yeoman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for battery.

At the Assizes John Hollis of Bradford, bailiff of Bradford hundred, was bound in 40*l.* for his appearance at the next General Sessions of the Peace to answer etc., by order of Walter Hungerford, knight. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

¹ *Fecit defaultam* struck out.

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[p. 208] At the Assizes William Fawckner of Laverstock, esquire, was bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at next Midsummer Sessions. *Comparuit et relextur.*

The fine of William Hurst of Damerham South is taxed at 12*d.*

The fines of Nicholas Downe, John Downe and the others in the same indictments as etc., to which they plead not guilty, are adjudged at 2*s.* each.

Edmund Webb, gentleman, and the others paid their fines as above.

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[p. 209] Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter, 28 April, 26 Elizabeth before John lord Sturton, Walter Hungerford and Thomas Wroughton, knights, Giles Escourte, John Thynne, John Penruddocke, William Brouncker, Michael Earnle, Bartholomew Horsey, Edward Hungerford, William Button and Edmund Ludlowe, esquires.

Fines taxed by the court—of John Crippes of Liddeard Millisent, clerk, who pleads not guilty to indictments of rout, riot, etc., at 3*s.* 4*d.* for each indictment—*vjs. viijd.* ; of Nicholas Still, shepherd, and John Padnor, husbandman, both of Damerham, who plead not guilty to an indictment of trespass, at 2*s.* each.

Travers. William Woodshaw, William Palmer the elder and Walter Palmer, husbandmen, all of Stipleashton, plead not guilty to an indictment for forcible entry. Order etc. *Debet ijs. iijd. usque proximam.*

The fines of Henry Webb alias Ritchman, who pleads not guilty to indictments for trespass, are taxed at 12*d.* for each indictment.

Pro bene gerendo. John Myddlecott of Bisshopestrow, gentleman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Stokes of the same and George Cloves of Kingston Deverell, yeomen, each in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Removetur per breve domine regine.*¹

Charles Lawrence of Marten, gentleman, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at next Epiphany Sessions to answer.

[p. 210] *Pro pace.* William Madryn of Bisshopestrow, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Gifford of Boram, gentleman, and George Deanes of Bisshopestrow, miller, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Myddlecot. *Comparuit et relextur. Ac removetur per breve domine regine.*

The fines of Giles Clarke and 3 others, 2*s.* each.

Pro pace. Richard Busshell of Warmyster, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Clement Bathe, yeoman, and Christopher Page, tucker, both of Bisshopestrowe, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Middlecot. *Comparuit et relextur per curiam.*

¹ *Comparuit et fecit . . . ; defallam* struck out.

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Richard Kinge was elected constable for Dunworth hundred in place of Edward Come.

Ad comparendum. John Hollys of Bradford, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Atkyns of Wynsly and William Walker of Mouncton Farleigh, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his production of Christopher Preston at the next Sessions, if possible. *Debet feodum. Fecit defaultam.*

John Little of Swyndon, husbandman, bound in 20*l.* on his own recognizances for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.* Alice Essington of Swinndon, spinster, similarly bound. *Fecit defaultam.*

Pro pace. Margaret wife of Stephen Hitchcocke of Barford St. Martin, yeoman, bound in 80*l.*, and her sureties, Nicholas Eddington of Heele and John Creede of Barford aforesaid, gentlemen, each in 40*l.*, for her appearance at the next Sessions and for her keeping the peace, particularly towards William Carpenter alias Gesse. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro bene gerendo. George Copleston, mercer, bound in 40*l.*, and his surety, Richard Honywell of Durlington, husbandman, in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 211] *Pro pace.* Edmund Laccocke of Stipleashton, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Maundrell of Rowde, gentleman, and Edward Grenhill of North Bradly, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Spencer. *Comparuit et relexatur.*¹

Pro pace. Edward Carter of Byncknowle, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Morris of Pewsey, yeoman, and John Mondy of Byncknoll, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Hayward. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* Mondy and his sureties, Carter and Morris, similarly bound. *Comparuit [etc. as above].*

Fines taxed—of Henry Presy and the others in the same indictment, pleading not guilty, at 12*d.* each; of John Horton, Katherine Horton and Matthew Parsons of Henton, at 2*s.* 6*d.* each.

Thomas Stokes of Bisshopeston, weaver, and Thomas Lewis of Wanborough, husbandman, came and renewed their ale-house licences at that Sessions.

Travers. John Gifford the younger, gentleman, Mary Gifford the elder, wife of John Gifford the elder, Mary daughter of John Gifford the elder, Agnes Rabbettes, servant of the same John, Henry Stake, yeoman, George (*blank*) and Richard Marshman, husbandmen, and William Mawdryn, gentleman, all of Boram, plead not guilty to an indictment of riot, rout and unlawful assembly and battery. Order etc.

Pro pace. John Wichfelde of Mouncton, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Passhion of Stipleashton, gentleman, and John Sloper of Winterborne Mouncton, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance

¹ *Debet feodum* struck out.

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at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Passhion, weaver. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

[p. 212] *Pro pace.* John Search of West[b]ury Lye, carpenter, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Frenche of the same and Thomas Feelde of Westbury, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Alexander Chinweke. *Comparuit et relextatur.*

The fine of Richard Woodrofe is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

John Myller of Westbury, carpenter, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Roger Kilmaston of the same, husbandman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions to answer. *Comparuit et relextatur.* John James of the same, husbandman, and his surety, John James the elder of the same, husbandman, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relextatur.* Ambrose Williams of the same, weaver, and his surety, John Pye of the same, similarly bound. *Fecit defaltam.*¹

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Thomas Latner.

The fine of Thomas Michell of Blackland, gentleman, is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

ST. THOMAS SESSIONS 1584

[p. 213] Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday 14 July 26 Elizabeth.

'Fiat warrantum de bene gerendo versus Symonem Sloper de Mouncton yoman because he was willed to appeare at this Sessions by Sr Thomas Wroughton and Sr Edward Baynton for a contempte etc.'

Traverse continued for the inhabitants of the town of Kevell until the next Sessions by William Jones, gentleman.

The fines of William Etoll and Robert Etolle are taxed by the court at 2*s.* each.

The inhabitants of the tithing of Langlieburell plead not guilty to an indictment and presentment for not repairing the queen's highway as in the record. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. *Receptum totum feodum.*

'Memorandum to say that the way called Holloweys bridg is in the parische of St. Paules in Malmesbury and soe are all the tenementes of the Abbey.'

The fine of George Poton, gentleman, for a rescue is taxed at 30*s.*

John Smythe of Salisbury, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Rowland Cockey of the same, sadler, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions to answer. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

*Pro bene gerendo.*² Richard Cheseman of Westbury, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Stephens, gentleman, and John Whetly,

¹ *Finem fecit* struck out.

² *Pro pace* struck out. At the end of the entry *precipue erga Edwardum Whetaker et Nicholaum Gawen* is struck out.

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yeomen, both of the same, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

Pro bene gerendo. Henry Parsons of Westbury, miller, similarly bound with the same sureties.¹ *Solvit.*

[*p.* 214] *Pro pace.* Edward Carter of Byncknoll, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties Richard Barnard of Goateaker and John Mondy of Byncknoll, yeomen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, especially towards W. Hayward. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* John Mondy and his sureties, Carter and Barnard, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

The fine of Alice King, widow, of Edington for keeping an ale house is taxed at 2*s.*

Pro bene gerendo. Walter Elys alias Cooke of Westbury, cook, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Stephens, gentleman, and John Whetlye, yeoman, both of the same, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.² George Gane of the same, husbandman, and his sureties, Nicholas Mylles and Richard Chesman, yeoman, both of the same, similarly bound. *Non solvit.* Thomas Winter of the same, husbandman, and his sureties, William Rawlyns, tanner, and Henry Parsons, miller, both of the same, similarly bound. *Non solvit.*

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against John Donne of Crycklad, labourer, returnable at the next sessions at the suit of William Norrys.

Judicium pro inhabitantibus de Langley Burrell. 'Ad istam consideratum est per curiam quod inhabitantes parochie de Langley Burrell eant quieti et sine die pro indictamento versus eos emanante pro Keyllweyes bridg pro eo quod indictamentum illud minus sufficiens in lege existit ad respondendum etc.'

'Memorandum it is ordered by the court that Adam Archard shall beare the eight parte from time to time of the chardges of Hollowayes bridge of the parte next to the towne of Malmesbury and that the burgysez of the towne of Malmesbury to dischardg the residue.'

The fine of the inhabitants of St. Paul's parish in Malmesbury is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

The fine of George Coppleston for battery is taxed by the court at 5*s.* and 6*s.* 8*d.* for the fine for unlawful games.

[*p.* 215] *Pro bene gerendo.* Edward Doddymeade of Frome Sellwood, fuller, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, William Mullyns of Crockerton and John Baker of Devizez, weaver, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Fines taxed by the court—of Elizabeth wife of Peter Poulden of Chittren, at 6*s.* 8*d.*³; of Edward Whetaker, at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Travers. William Hayward of Cotemarshe, husbandman, Nicholas Mylles and William Mylles of Westbury, yeomen, and Walter Moore,

¹ *precipue erga predictos.*

² *Non solvit struck out.*

³ *Also entered on MS., p. 55.*

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William Lewis, Roger Still and Walter Hynder, all late of Byncknoll, husbandmen, plead not guilty to an indictment of forcible entry. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

The fine of William Joye of Pottren, yeoman, for a trespass in not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the court at 2s. and for battery his fine is taxed at 3s. 4d.

Pro pace. Simon Sloper the younger of Mouncton, yeoman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, William Passhion of Littleton, gentleman, and John Pearce of Devizez, yeoman, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Stile. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* John Wichfeelde of Mouncton, yeoman, similarly bound with the same sureties. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

The fine of William Wiseman is taxed by the court at 2s.

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against (*blank*) Hisplet alias Lockier.

Pro bastardo. John Myllar of Westbury, wheeler, bound in 20l., and his surety, Thomas Winter of the same, husbandman, in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions.

At that Sessions William Carter came and renewed his alehouse licence.

'Memorandum; deliberata vicecomiti aut ejus deputato Thome Morris secundo die Julii xxvij^m brevia cum breve Sessionis.'

SPECIAL SESSIONS, AUGUST 1584

[p. 216] Novam Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held 11 August 26 Elizabeth before Giles Escourt and William Brouncker, esquires, Justices of the Peace.

The fine of John Dudley alias Devonshere of Colebarwick, yeoman, convicted of a forcible entry on the messuage of Henry Gifford, esquire, is taxed by the said Justices at 2s. 6d.

SUMMER ASSIZES 1584

Novam Sar'. Assizes held 20 August 26 Elizabeth before Roger Manwood, knight, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, William Perryam, a Justice of the Common Pleas, and other Justices etc.

Domus tiplacionis. Christopher Ellys of Farleigh Hill, tailor, bound in 5l., and his sureties, William Wygg of Shepridg Parva, yeoman, and Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, tailor, each in 50s. By order of the said Roger Manwood and John Penruddock, esquire. William Wallis of Trobridg, weaver, and his sureties, Thomas Horlocke, yeoman, and John Tylton, tanner, both of the same, similarly bound. By order of Walter Hungerford, knight, and William Dannyell, esquire.

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MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1584

[p. 217] Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Michaelmas, 1 October, 26 Elizabeth before John lord Stourton, Edward Baynton, John Danvers, Thomas Wroughton and Henry Knevett, knights, Edward Penruddock, Michael Earnle, Carey Rawly, Edward Hungerford, Giles Escourte and Edmund Ludlow, esquires.

Fiat for a writ of the good behaviour against Simon Wathin of Cricklade, clerk. 'The cause is for that certeine articles appearing of recorde were proved by divers being sworne etc.'

John Norborne elected constable for Calne hundred in place of Thomas Harrold.

John Smyth of Salisbury, yeoman, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions.¹ *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro pace. Edward Carter of Byncknoll, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Barnard of Goatacker, yeoman, and Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, tailor, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Heyward. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Pro bene gerendo. Richard Cheseman of Westbury, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Rawlins, tanner, and Henry Tucker, weaver, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions ;² Henry Parsons of the same, miller, and his sureties, Richard Cheseman and Thomas Winter, husbandman, both of the same, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur.*² George Gane of the same, husbandman, similarly bound, with the same sureties. *Fecit defaltam.* Walter Elys *alias* Cooke of the same, cook, and his sureties, the said Cheseman and Parsons, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur.* The said Winter and his sureties, the said Cheseman and Ellis, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 218] *Pro pace.* Simon Sloper the younger of Mouncton, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Baylie of Itchelhampton, husbandman, and Richard Francklyn of Rockley, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Stile. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

The fines of William Hesplett *alias* Lockyer, smith, for indictments of battery are taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.* and 12*d.*

Pro pace. John Dunne of Cricklade, labourer, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Jeneway Champernoll and Richard Dunne, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Norris. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Williams of Barly Grafton, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Roger Webb of Urchefont, gentleman, and Nicholas Gawen of Westbury subter le playne, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

¹ Names of sureties not given.

² *Fecit defaltam* struck out.

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Pro pace. Thomas Hales, William Hales the younger, Nicholas Hayles and Robert Abedford, all of Brooke, weavers, severally bound in 10*l.* each, and their sureties, William Hales the elder, yeoman, and Morgan Abedford, carpenter, both of the same, each in 5*l.* for each recognizance, for the appearance of the several principals at the next Sessions and for their keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Hales.¹ Thomas Hales² *comparuit et ultra*; each other² *comparuit et relexatur*.

Pro bastardo. John Myller of Westbury, wheeler, bound in 10*l.*, and his surety, William Rawlyns of the same, tanner, in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur*.

[p. 219] *Pro bene gerendo.* George Copleston of Lurgesall, barber, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Morris and George Garnatt, both of Pewsey, yeomen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur*.

The fine of William Vaughan alias Francis Francklyn of Wanborough, labourer, who pleads not guilty to an indictment of riot, etc. together with John Brynd and others as in the record, is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Travers. Thomas Hales, William Hales, Nicholas Hales, and Robert Abedford, all of Brooke in Westbury parish, weavers, plead not guilty to an indictment for riot, rout etc. Order for a writ of venire facias. *Recepti nisi iij*s.* iiij*d.* Finem fecerunt*.

The fines of William Ryng and Thomas Poole, both of Lyddeard, husbandmen, are taxed by the court at 2*s.* each. *vjs.*

Simon Whyte of Ebesborne Weke, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for hunting and keeping a crossbow. Order for a writ of venire facias. *Travers* struck out. *Finem fecit*.

Constables elected—Thomas Symons for Swanborough hundred in place of Richard Lavington; Edmund Blake for the hundred of Elstub and Everleigh in place of Simon Hunt.

John Seward of Tydworth Souch, husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for extortion. Order for a writ of venire facias. *Travers*; *recepti iij*s.* iiij*d.* struck out. Finem fecit*.

Domus tiplacionis. Hugh Tomkyns of Ashton Keynes, weaver, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Stelling and William Browne, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 50*s.* By order of John Danvers, knight, and Walter Hungerford, esquire.

[p. 220] *Travers.* Simon Codrington and William Woodward, gentlemen, William Whippley, yeoman, Geoffrey Dryver alias Boulton, labourer, Thomas Sprett, gentleman, Thomas Payne, yeoman, Richard Everett, gentleman, and John Bennett alias Tomes, labourer, all of Didmarton, co. Gloucester, plead not guilty to an indictment of

¹ *Particularly etc.* omitted for Abedford.

² *Defaltum fecit* struck out.

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forcible entry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Travers. Thomas Packer and Francis Bradbery alias Juett, both late of Lyneham, yeomen, plead not guilty to an indictment of unlawful assembly. Order for a writ of venire facias (*as above*).

Memorandum to make process against John Jerrom and Robert Garlick.

EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1585

Nova Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany, 7 January, 27 Elizabeth.

Memorandum to call Charles Lawrence's recognizance taken at Warmyster last.

The fine of the inhabitants of Brockenborough is taxed at 2s.

Travers. Alice Gawen of Alvedston, widow, pleads not guilty to the two last indictments remaining of record against her. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Susan Cutlett of Corsley, spinster.

Travers. Henry Wickham . . .¹

[*p.* 221] *Pro pace.* Simon Sloper of Mouncton, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Willis of Northbradlie, gentleman, and John Wichfeelde of Barwick Basset, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Stile. *Comparuit et relexatur.* Edward Carter of Byncknoll, yeoman, and his sureties, Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, tailor, and Richard Wylmot of Overton, yeoman, similarly bound, the peace to be kept particularly towards William Hayward. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bastardo. Robert Stannicre of Presute, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his surety, John Hedd of Burbadge, yeoman, in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. He is committed to the county gaol until he finds sureties to abide the order as of record.

The fines of William Woodshaw, William Palmer and Walter Palmer of Stipleashton are taxed at 2s. each.

Pro pace. Edmund Stile of Hornysham, 'roughleyer', bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Long of Corsly, husbandman, and Stephen Rawlyns of Warmyster, weaver, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Henry Marshe. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

John Creed of Barford, yeoman, and Mary Creed of the same, spinster, each bound in 100*l.*, and their sureties, Thomas Boston of Salisbury and Thomas Wrestlie of Burtford, gentlemen, each in 100 marks for each recognizance, for their appearance at the next Sessions. Each *comparuit et relexatur.*

¹ Entry unfinished.

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[p. 222] Charles Lawrence of Martyn, gentleman, bound in 20*l.* on his own recognizances for his appearance at next Michaelmas Sessions to prosecute his traverse. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. William Cosner of Presute, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Browne of Kynnett, yeoman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. 'Memorandum the said Cosner did confesse in open courte his lewde fact with Anne Colman.' *Comittitur vicecomiti.*

Pro bastardo. Adam Fricker of Deverell, tailor, bound in 10*l.*, and his surety, William Hill of the same, husbandman, in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

The fines of the inhabitants of Upton Skidmore are taxed by the court at 2*s.*

Ordo. 'Memorandum it is ordered at this present Sessions by all the Courte that Robert Randoll of Fisssherton shalbe from hensforth and for ever hereafter dischargdged for selling any more ale or keping any alehouse or tipling.'

'The like order for Malmesbury men now indighted for keping alehouses without lycences.'

Order for a warrant for appearance against Robert Dawkins of Wilton, yeoman, at the suit of John Marshall.

Pro bene gerendo. Henry Moulton of Haytesbury, mercer, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Mogrigh of Salisbury and Henry Traske of Haytesbury, gentlemen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comittitur ad gaolam.*

Constables elected—Arthur Errington, gentleman, in place of John Gyne for Ambrosbury hundred ; Thomas Rolfe in place of John Barnard for the hundred of Elstub and Everleigh.

'Memorandum that John Cosens did apere at the forsaid Sessions.'

[p. 223] *Pro bene gerendo.* Thomas Packer of Lyneham, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Griffen of Backhampton and William Jurden of Alton, yeomen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Relexatur ad Assisas per Johannem Danvers, militem.*

Relexatur ordo. 'Memorandum it is promised that if Sir John Danvers, knight, did cause Edward Mylles to be staid in the house of correction, that then Mr. John Mathew is to¹ pay sutch some of money as Myles should have paid.'

Pro bene gerendo. William Mogrigh of Wallopp, co. Southampton, bound in 40*l.*, and his surety, Richard Crammore of Salisbury, 'potty-carie', in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Relexatur.*

Pro pace. William Griffen of Backhampton, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Spenser of the same and Christopher Suter of Abury, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Holmes. *Comparuit et relexatur.* Richard Holmes of Abury, husbandman, and his

¹ satisfie the order set downe by the courte *struck out.*

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sureties, John Truslow, gentleman, and Thomas Bauldy, yeoman, both of the same, similarly bound, the peace to be kept particularly towards Griffen. *Comparuit et relexatur.* Thomas Hales of Brooke, weaver, and his sureties, Edward Whetaker of the same and Christopher Busshell of Westbury, yeoman, similarly bound, the peace to be kept particularly towards Richard Hales. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. John Westbroocke of Salisbury, labourer, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Westbroock of Laverstock, yeoman, and Richard Pytt of Salisbury, weaver, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur.* John Crouche of Salisbury, tanner, and his surety, John Westbrooke of the same, labourer, similarly bound. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* [*p.* 224] John Myller of the same, weaver, and his surety, Ralph Amanning of the same, tucker, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Travers. John Crede of Barford, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for common barratry and ill behaviour. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Fines taxed—of William Gessard of Buckingham, yeoman, at 2*s.* 6*d.* ; of the inhabitants of Stowford, at 2*s.*

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Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter, 20 April, 27 Elizabeth.

Pro bene gerendo. John Crowch of Salisbury, weaver, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Westbrooke of the same, carpenter, and John Westbrooke of Laverstock, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Debet ijs. vjd.* John Westbrooke of Salisbury, carpenter, and his sureties, the said John Westbrooke of Laverstock and John Crowch, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Constables elected—William Wrench in place of Thomas Hascall for Chalk hundred ; Humfrey Lyons in place of William Barter for Dunworth hundred.

Fines taxed—of Leonard Balle and John Lambe, at 12*d.* each ; of Stephen Lewys, at 12*d.*

' Memorandum to stay prosses for Wishford.'

[*p.* 225] ' Memorandum that Henry Moulton hath in open Sessions before her Majesties Justices there geven informacion against Mr. Christofer Dearling, parson of Upton Lovell, saieing that he hath preached seditious doctryn in the Church of Haytesbury, he hath mayntained purgatorie, falsefyed the scriptures of God, preached heresies, and hath as much as in him lyeth made the scriptures of God of none effect.

' by me Harry Molton '

¹ Autograph by the informer.

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John Grenehill elected constable of Whorwelsdowne hundred in place of John Willis.

Pro pace. Edmund Stile of Hornisham, 'roughleyer', bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Chamberleyne of Warmyster and Thomas Forrest of Hornisham, yeomen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Henry Marshe. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* Thomas Hales of Brooke, weaver, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Hales the elder, clothier, and Nicholas Hales, weaver, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Hales. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*¹ The said Nicholas similarly bound with his sureties, the said William and Thomas. *Comparuit* [etc. as above].¹ [*p.* 226] Robert Abedford of the same, weaver, and his sureties, Morgan Abedford of the same, weaver, and the said Thomas similarly bound. *Comparuit* [etc. as above].¹

Malmesbury. John Barkesby.

Pro pace. Nicholas Jeffery of West Harneham, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Odell of Salisbury, baker, and Walter Inges of Westharneham, labourer, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Nicholas Ridgly. *Comparuit et relexatur. Debet feodum per Odell.* Inges similarly bound with Odell and Jeffery as sureties. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. Walter Fricker of West Harneham, husbandman, similarly bound with Odell and Jeffery as sureties. *Comparuit* [etc. as above].

'Memorandum to stay prosses for Warm' men, William Myddlecot and others.'

'Memorandum to stay prosses for Nicholas Phipp.'

Pro bene gerendo. John Long of Warmyster, carpenter, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Earbury of the same, innholder, and Clement Bathe of Bisshopstrow, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

The fines of John Odell of Salisbury, Nicholas Jeffery, Walter Inges and Walter Friker are taxed by the court at 6*s.* 8*d.* each.

Travers. William Weston of Caninges Episcopi, husbandman, pleads not guilty to an indictment of common barratry. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. Pledges of prosecution, John Doo and Richard Roo.

'Memorandum, delivered the precept for warning the next Sessions to the undershrieve with ij^o wrytes for trespass and one of felony etc. to one Robert White of Castlecombe.'

Travers. John Elwell of Devizez, tailor, pleads not guilty to an indictment of common barratry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable etc.

²[Fines taxed—of Ralph Burgeman of Slaughtenford, carpenter, at 2*s.*; of Thomas Collet and Richard Barnard, at 12*d.* each.]

¹ *Debet feodum* struck out.

² Supplied from MS., *p.* 57.

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[p. 227] Trowbridg. [Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday, 6 July] 27 Elizabeth before John lord Sturton, Nicholas St. John, [Giles] Esc[court] and Henry Willoughbye, esquires.

Travers. William Cooper, collarmaker, Cecily his wife and Richard Cooper, collarmaker, all of Eastlavington, plead not guilty to an indictment of forcible entry. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. Pledges of prosecution, John Doo and Richard Roo. *Debent vijs. viijd.*

Pro pace. Edmund Stile of Horningsham, 'roughleyer', bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Morrice of Pewsey and Richard Vyncent of Chippenham, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Henry Marshe. *Solvit feodum sub condicione quod comparebit ad proximam.*¹ *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Fines taxed by the court—of Thomas Berry of Malmesbury, victualler, at 2*s.*; of John Myller of the same, victualler, at 2*s.*; of Richard Neale of Malmesbury and Joan his wife, at 2*s.*; of William Sparkes and Katherine his wife, at 2*s.* each. Received 5*s.*, leaving 7*s.* owed and unpaid. Of Thomas Browne and Rose his wife, at 2*s.* each; of William Davis of Malmesbury, tippler, at 2*s.*; of John Speek and Alice his wife, at 2*s.* each.

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Rotheway and John Foster, both of Ashton Keynes, husbandmen, bound in 20*l.* each, and their sureties, Thomas Tayler and Alexander Rowland, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 10*l.* for each recognizance. Each *relexatur.*

[p. 228] bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, and Henry, clerk, in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

William Browne of Savernecke, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his surety, Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, tailor, in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. John Exall of Ebesborne, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Howell of Trowbridge, tailor, and John Jones of Bradford, clothman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.* William Davie of Ebesborne, yeoman, similarly bound with the same sureties. Howell solvit feodum. *Relexatur per curiam.*²

The fines of Peter Brystow the younger, yeoman, and George Mullinges, husbandman, both of Warmyster, who plead not guilty to an indictment of battery etc., are taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.* each; by lord Sturton.

Travers. Robert Brewer of Castlecombe, yeoman, pleads not guilty

¹ *Defaltam fecit* struck out.

² *Fecit defaltam* struck out.

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to an indictment of barratry. Order for a venire facias returnable the Monday after Michaelmas.

Travers. John Ellwell of Devizez, tailor, pleads not guilty to an indictment of trespass. Order for a venire facias returnable at Epiphany.

SUMMER ASSIZES 1585

[*p.* 229] Nova Sar'. Assizes held 19 August 27 Elizabeth.

Ad prosequendum. John Baylie of Comerwell, yeoman, bound in 2*ol.* on his own recognizances for the arrest and prosecution of Michael Baylie of Chippenham indicted for felony.

Travers. John Elwell of Devizez, tailor, pleads not guilty to an indictment for keeping an unlicensed alehouse. Order etc. *Debet vijs.*

MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1585

Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Monday after Michaelmas 27 Elizabeth before John lord Stourton, John Danvers, Edward Baynton and Thomas Wroughton, knights, Anthony Myldmay, Nicholas St. John, William Brouncker, Edward Penruddock, Jasper Moore, Michael Earnle, Giles Escourt, Henry Willoughby and others, Justices of the Peace.

The fine of Thomas Stockbridg is taxed at 2*s.* for each trespass.

William Gryffen, John Spenser, William Smith and Walter Chevers, all of Backampton, husbandmen, plead not guilty to two indictments of trespass. Order etc. *Travers* struck out. *Finem fecerunt.*

[*p.* 230] The fine of John Exall of Ebesborn, yeoman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for keeping greyhounds . . .¹

Fines taxed by the court—of the inhabitants of Burtonhill tithing, at 5*s.* ; of John Holloway and Ralph Holloway, at 12*d.* each ; of the burgesses of Malmesbury for two presentments for not repairing the queen's highway, at 3*s.* 4*d.* for each presentment.

Robert Brewer of Castlecombe, husbandman, bound to keep the peace, particularly towards Thomas Arnold.

Pro pace. John Whyte of Ebesborne, yeoman, bound in 2*ol.*, and his sureties, Simon White and John Exall, both of the same, yeomen, each in 1*ol.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Joan Hinckes. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.* Andrew Tunstale of Alston, yeoman, similarly bound with his sureties, John Hinkes of Ebesborne and Thomas Whitmersh of Fyfelde, yeomen, the peace to be kept particularly towards Katherine Whyte. *Comparuit* [etc. as above].

Pro pace. Robert Brewer of Castlecombe, clothier, bound in 2*ol.*, and his sureties, William Forde of the same, tucker, and Robert Brewer of Sevington, weaver, each in 1*ol.*, for his appearance at next Easter Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Thomas Arnold.

¹ Entry unfinished.

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The fines of Margaret Whythed, Margaret Perry, William Perry, John Perry, Ralph Deacon, John Whythed, John Ruswell and John Punfolde, for a trespass, to which they plead not guilty, are taxed at 20*d.* each.

[*p.* 231] Fines taxed by the court—of John Stalker of Froxfeeld, yeoman, indicted for battery, at 3*s.* 4*d.* ; of Robert Vyner of Earlestoke, labourer, at 12*d.*

Pro bene gerendo. Henry Moulton of Haytesbury, mercer, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, tailor, and Richard Myntie of Earlestoke, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against John Stephens of Burdrip, gentleman, at the suit of Walter Browne.

'Memorandum, it is ordered by the Courte that the possession of the hall and the roomes within the farme house of Collingborne now in question shalbe redelyvered to Richard Mondy according as Mr. William Dannyell, esquire, found it.' *Per Johannem dominum Sturton et Willelmum Danniiell armigerum.*

Travers. Richard Shooter and Christopher Shooter of Avebury, yeomen, plead not guilty to an indictment of trespass against Edith Mortymer, widow. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Travers. John Androwes of Collingborne Regis, John Clerke and Jasper Neale, both of Collingborne Kingston, husbandmen, John Pryor of Nubery, co. Berks, shoemaker, and Edward Maton of Enford, husbandman, plead not guilty to an indictment for trespass in taking and carrying away corn. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

[*p.* 232] *Travers.* The same, together with William Maton of Chesbury, yeoman, and John Cutler the younger, late of Fyeldean, husbandman, plead not guilty to an indictment of riot, rout etc. in carrying away the hay of Christine Mundy, widow, etc. Order for a venire facias etc.

Travers. Bernard Holman, William Butler and William Cooper, all of Collingborn, husbandmen, plead not guilty to an indictment of riot, rout etc. in mowing the grass of Christine Mundy, widow. Order for a venire facias returnable etc.

Domus tiplacionis. Baldwin Lea of Calne, yeoman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Pearce, yeoman, and Richard Walker, husbandman, both of the same, each in 50*s.* By order of William Brouncker, Michael Earnle and Henry Willoughbie.

The fine of Giles Sherston of Fissberton Anger, yeoman, is taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.* for each indictment.¹

The fine of Hugh Goffe of Canninges Episcopi, clerk, who pleads not guilty to an indictment of nuisance to the neighbours and queen's lieges, is adjudged by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

¹ *Solvendus in vel ante septimo die Novembris proximi. Summa totalis ix*s.* Aliter fiat processus struck out.*

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EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1586

[p. 233] Nova Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany 28 Elizabeth before John lord Stourton, Thomas Wilkes, Giles Escourt, John Penruddock, Edward Penruddock, Carey Rawly, Bartholomew Horsey, Edmund Ludlow and Thomas Mompesson, esquires.

'Memorandum that the consideracion of the gaole mony is referred to the order of Mr. Edward Penruddock, Mr. John Penruddock and Mr. Gyles Escourte or to two of them.'

The fine of Robert Randoll of Fisssherton is taxed at 5s.

Pro pace. George Bleeke of Bradford, weaver, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and to keep the peace, particularly towards John Dyke. *Comparuit et relexatur. Non solvit.*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against John Tappen the younger of Lockeridg.

Pro pace. Edmund Style of Hornysham, 'roughleyer', bound in 10*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and to keep the peace, particularly towards Henry Marshe. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro pace. John Burge *alias* Hylsdon of Warmyster, butcher, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, George Gyfford and Thomas Kennell,¹ both of the same, yeomen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Carpenter. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* [p. 234] Thomas Kennell of the same, butcher, similarly bound with his sureties, Thomas King of the same, butcher, and the said Burge. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*² Richard Morgan of the same, blacksmith, similarly bound with his sureties, John Carpenter the elder and John Carpenter the younger, both of the same, husbandmen, the peace to be kept particularly towards John Burge. *Comparuit et relexatur. Non solvit.* The said John Carpenter the younger similarly bound with his sureties, the said John the elder and Morgan, the peace to be kept particularly towards Thomas Kennell.³ *Comparuit et relexatur.* The said John the elder similarly bound with his sureties, the said John the younger and Morgan. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Fines taxed by the court—of the inhabitants of Brokenborough, at 3*s.* 4*d.* for each presentment; the inhabitants of Eastmanstreat tithing, at 5*s.*

Pro pace. William Manshill of Highworth, chandler, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Edmund Burgis of Marshton, yeoman, and Roger Lauford of Wootten Bassett, tailor, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Elliot. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

The fines of John Androwes, John Clerk, Jasper Neale and others, as specified in the indictment, are taxed at 2*s.* each. Received 24*s.*, 40*s.* remaining unpaid.

¹ For William Beckington struck out.

² Non solvit struck out.

³ For John Burge struck out.

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[p. 235] Constables elected—John Dey, gentleman, in place of George Duke for Underditch hundred; John Stanter, gentleman, in place of Henry Hussey for Frustfeeld hundred.

The fine of the inhabitants of Smithcott tithing for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the court at 100s. if they do not repair the highway as in the record, otherwise 3s. 4d. *Rem' usque festum Michaelis proximum. Exoneratur.*

William Goldesborough elected constable for Brench and Doll hundred in place of Nicholas Snow.

Pro pace. Robert Elliott of Highworth, butcher, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Hugh Michell, shoemaker, and Matthew Long, carpenter, both of Salisbury, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards William Manshill. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. Nicholas Webbe of Northbradly, tucker, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Robert Whittock of the same, tailor, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et ultra.*

William Tucker of Gretleton, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Nicholas Nayle of Salisbury, shoemaker, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Fecit defaultam.*

Fiat for a writ of restitution for Chevers by the court. *Fit.*

James Warwick elected constable for Cawdon and Cadworth hundred in place of Edmund Barber, and John Willoughby, gentleman, in place of Thomas Parker.

Pro bene gerendo. Clement Deane of Downton, shoemaker, bound [in 20*l.*], and his sureties, James Coates of the same, yeoman, and John Hurlebatt of Woodford, husbandman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Thomas Southern at the suit of Robert Wylkins. *Fit.*

Fiat for a warrant against Thomas Stevens, weaver, William Westwood, shoemaker, and George Saynesbury, weaver, all of Trobridg, at the suit of John Ruswell. *Fit.*

[p. 236] Fines taxed—of John White of Eblesborn, yeoman, to an indictment whereon a writ of certiorari was received, at 5s.; of Katherine White, spinster, John White and Bartholomew White, yeomen, all of the same, who plead not guilty to an indictment of battery, at 2s. each, by the court.

Travers. Richard Tutt of Alderbury, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for the repair of the queen's highway.

The fine of Ralph Knight for an indictment for selling ale without licence is taxed by the court at 2s.

The fines of Richard Dowse, gentleman, Edward Smith, yeoman, Samuel Butler, carpenter, and Margaret Woodyer, widow, all of Collingborn Ducis, Christine Mundy, widow, Thomas Snow, labourer, and Agnes his wife and William Durham, labourer, all of Collingborne Dormer,

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who plead not guilty to an indictment of riot, rout and forcible entry on the free tenement of Richard Mundy, yeoman, as appears in the record, are taxed by the court at 3s. 4d. each.

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Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held 12 April 28 Elizabeth before John lord Stourton, Walter Hungerford, James Merven and Matthew Arrundell, knights, John Penruddock, Edward Penruddock, John Willoughbye, Edward Hungerford, Giles Escourte, Edmund Ludlow, Michael Ernley, William Brouncker, Jasper Moore, Thomas Mompesson, William Danniell and John Thynne.

[p. 237] Fines taxed by the court—of Thomas Horlocke, Luke Horlocke, and Thomas Asshe alias Leyland, at 2s. each ; of Thomas Gerrish, at 2s.

Nicholas Webb of Kingswood, tucker, bound in 40l., and his sureties, Walter Bushe the younger, gentleman, and Robert Whittcocke, yeoman, both of Bradley, each in 20l., for his appearance at the next Sessions. 'The matter for basterdy is referred to Mr. Snell and Mr. Richard Moody or any two Justices of the Peace next adjoining.' *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Pro pace. John Keynes of Yatten Keynoll, husbandman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, Henry Keynes of the same, yeoman, and Thomas Sumpson of Cullerne, husbandman, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Christopher Wythers. *Comparuerunt et relexantur.* Thomas Notte of Yatton Keynes, husbandman, similarly bound with the same sureties. *Comparuerunt* [etc. as above].

Pro basterdy. Christopher Ludby of Cosham, weaver, bound in 20l., and his surety, John Wattes of Devizez, yeoman,¹ in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Fecit defaltam.* 'Memorandum the matter is referred to two of the next Justices by the order of the courte.'

Pro pace. John Bedborough of Dreycott, yeoman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, Walter Holloway of the same, husbandman, and Edward Blake of Ambrosbury, tailor, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Mayo. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 238] George Smith came and renewed his alehouse licence.

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against John Crowse of Wootten Bassett, husbandman.

George Brooke elected constable of Dunworth hundred in place of George Lyons.

Travers. Henry Keynes the younger of Yatton, husbandman, Thomas Eastmeade, tailor, John Eastmeade, tailor, Agnes wife of Henry Keynes the elder, spinster, John Wacom, labourer, and Alice Eastmeade, spinster, all late of the same, plead not guilty to an indictment of forcible entry. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

¹ And John Timbrill of Westbury, clothman, *struck out.*

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Fiat for a writ of restitution against the aforesaid parties.

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Thomas Eastmead, Henry Keynes the younger, John Eastmead and John Wacom at the suit of Christopher Wythers.¹

²John Drewce and Richard Grenehill elected constables in place of Richard Bromighan and John Grenehill.

John Elderton of Sutton, yeoman, elected constable of Warmyster hundred in place of Walter Joyce.

[p. 239] *Pro basterdie*. Richard Woodlandes of Myntyte, butcher, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Mathewes of the same, husbandman, and Robert Myles of Hankerton, tailor, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Debet xijd. de feodo. Defaltam fecit. Rem'*. William Mayor of Hanckerton, tailor, similarly bound with the same sureties. *Debet* [etc. as above].

Domus tiplacionis. George Smythe of Wylie, tailor, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Ayles, wheeler, and Edward Smyth, tailor, both of the same, each in 5*l.* By order of Giles Escourte and Thomas Mompesson, esquires.

'Memorandum to make out prosses against the inhabitants of the parish of Semley.' *Factum distringas*.

The fine of William Palmer of Clack, victualler, is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

'Memorandum to stay prosses for Robert Baylie of Canninges Episcopi untill the next Sessions or Michaelmas Sessions'; the like for the tithing of Horton.

The fine of John Frowde the elder of Haytisbury, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment of battery at the suit of Olyver Moulton. *iijs. iiijd.*

Fines taxed by the court—of Adam Archard and Aldam Turck for an indictment of park-breach, at 5*s.*; ²of John Longe of Warmyster, at 12*d.*; of Richard Tutt of Alderbury, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for not repairing the queen's highway, at³

MIDSUMMER SESSIONS 1586

[p. 240] Trowbridg. Sessions of the Peace held 30 June 28 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford and Thomas Wroughton, knights, William Brouncker, Giles Escourte, Edward Hungerford, Jasper Moore, Michael Earnley, Thomas Mompesson, William Eyre and Edmund Ludlowe, esquires.

The fine of Mary Neale of Stipleashton, widow, is taxed by the court at³

'Memorandum to make prosses against John Carpenter alias Longe of Warmyster.'

¹ *Debet vs.*; *soluerunt* struck out.

² Entry struck out.

³ Entry unfinished.

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Fines taxed by the court—of Edmund Bembrick and Thomas Towers of Malmesbury, tipplers, who plead not guilty to indictments for tipping, to pay 2s. each—*finis facti* ; of Anne Berry of the same, widow, for the like, 2s. ; of Alexander Webb of Devizez, weaver, who pleads not guilty to an indictment of battery, at 5s. ; of the inhabitants of Horton tithing, at 3s. 4d.—*Robertus Dick est soluturus ad Assisas proximas* ; of Robert Brewer of Castlecombe, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment of common barratry, to pay 10s. 'in consideracione quod vicini predicti Roberti Brewer contenti fuerint et bene se geret imposterum versus dictam dominam Reginam et populum suum etc. ; si non se bene geret tunc etc.'

'Pro bene gerendo. Nicholas Webb of Suthweeke, tucker, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, John Williams alias Clerk, tucker, and Walter Bushe the younger, gentleman, both of the same, each in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions for bastardy at Kingswood at [the suit] of Thomas Hewes. *Relexatur.*

Pro pace. Anthony Prater of Staunton, gentleman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Stephens of Trowbridge, weaver, and William Nicholas of Hilperton, cook, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime, particularly towards John Burden. *Comparuit et relexatur.* Stephen Whetaker of Knoke, tucker, similarly bound with his sureties, Robert Whatley² of Westburie, weaver, and Roger Grygory of Devizez, chandler, the peace to be kept particularly towards Philip Morgan. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. [*p.* 241] John Yonge of Norton Bavent, husbandman, similarly bound with his sureties, William Bennett of the same, gentleman, and William Scott of Westburie, yeoman, the peace to be kept particularly towards William Moore. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. John Warriner of Norton Bavent, husbandman, similarly bound with the same sureties. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. William Moore of Norton Bavent, husbandman, similarly bound with his sureties, Thomas Jones, fishmonger, and Nicholas Smith, tailor, both of Warmyster, the peace to be kept particularly towards John Young and John Warryner. *Comparuit* [etc. as above].

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Ellis Browne.

'Ad istam venit Edwardus King de Bromeham in comitatu predicto husbandman et comparuit super recognicione capta per Edwardum Bayntun militem.'

The fine of the inhabitants of Polshed tithing for not repairing the queen's highway, pleading not guilty, is taxed at 3s. 4d. *Finis factus.*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Simon Wilkins.

The fine of John Crewse, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for keeping an alehouse without licence, is taxed by the court at 5s.

Domus tiplacionis. William Raynes of Warmyster, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Carpenter the younger, husbandman,

¹ Entry struck out.

² For Thomas Whetaker, clothman, *struck out.*

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and Thomas Bradley, yeoman, both of the same, each in 5*l.* By order of Giles Escourte and Edmund Ludlowe, esquires.

The fine of the inhabitants of Semley tithing who plead not guilty to an indictment for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the court at 6*s.* 8*d.*—*finis factus* ; similarly of the inhabitants of the parish of Wanborough, who plead the like.

'Memorandum that Henry Keynes thelder of Yatton in the said county, yoman, and Christopher Wythers have referred themselves to the order of Mr. Edward Hungerford esquire for this yeres profittes in contro[versy].' *Mr Wythers debet xijd. pro copia.*

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[*p.* 242] Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held 4 October 28 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, James Mervyn and Thomas Wroughton, knights, John Thynne, John Penruddock, Edward Penruddock, Giles Escourte, Jasper Moore, William Danniell, Edward Hungerford, Michael Ernley and Edmund Ludlow, esquires, Justices of the Peace.

Fines taxed by the court—of John Wilkins and George Collens, both of Bulkington, at 2*s.* each ; of William Gerrish the elder and William Gerrish, for a nuisance, at 4*s.* ; of John Ryman of Pyrton, for a nuisance, at 5*s.* ; of the inhabitants of Seen tithing, at 2*s.* ; of William Stokes and John Pryor, at 2*s.* each ; of Thomas Goorde of Semly, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to a presentment 'pro supp' Johannem Carde', at 5*s.* ; of Thomas Tytford of Stipleashton, who pleads not guilty to an indictment and 'presentment as of record, at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Pro bene gerendo. Ellis Browne of Wilton, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Twyford, clothman, and William Hewes, baker, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and otherwise for his not keeping an alehouse for the future etc. *Mortuus.*

The fine of John Jaques is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.* for a rescue.

Robert Haule of Great Bathampton, gentleman, bound in 400*l.*, and his sureties, John Haule of Bradford, esquire, and Thomas Haule of Horseys Melcombe, co. Dorset, gentleman, each in 200*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for the appearance of his wife Elizabeth whenever she shall be required on reasonable summons given to the said Robert. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Fines taxed—of Henry Keynes, Thomas Eastman, John Eastmead, Agnes Keynes, John Wacombe and Alice Eastmead of Yatton, who plead not guilty, for a forcible entry, at 2*s.* each ; of Stephen Johnson of Woore, husbandman, at 3*s.* 4*d.*

[*p.* 243] John Cary of Milton and John Peerson of Newton elected constables of Kinwardston hundred in place of Noyez and John Dorington.

The fine of Robert Pope of North Bradly for keeping an alehouse etc. is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

¹ MS. de.

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Travers. Richard Light, Nicholas Light, Thomas Light and Robert Rawlins plead not guilty to an indictment of trespass. Order for a venire facias to the sheriff before next Sessions. Pledges of prosecution, John Doo and Richard Roo.

Ralph Sloper elected constable of Calne hundred in place of Thomas Michell.

The fines of Thomas Holdway, John Passhion and William Ball, indicted of riot etc. and battery on Edward Maton and John Beale are taxed at 3s. 4d. each.

Pro pace. John Drawater of London, co. Middlesex, gentleman, bound on his own recognizances in 40l. for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Richard Mundy. *Comparuit et relexatur.* Thomas Androwes of Collingborne, yeoman, similarly bound, the peace to be kept towards Drawater. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. Richard Mundy of Collingborne, yeoman, similarly bound. *Comparuit* [etc. as above].

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Thomas Holdway, late of Collingborn, labourer, at the suit of Richard Mondy.

The fine of Ellis Broune of Wilton for two indictments, one for an alehouse and the other for unlawful games, is taxed at 5s.

Travers. William Jurden, late of Pytton, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment on the statute of purveyance. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

¹*Travers.* John Androwes of Collingborne, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment for forcible entry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. Pledges of prosecution, John Doo and Richard Roo.

[p. 244] The fines of John Drawater, Thomas Holdway, Humfrey Gryffyn, John Pyper, Richard White, Edmund Batt, John Lawrance and John Ranger, who plead not guilty to an indictment of riot, rout and unlawful assembly with battery on the servant of Richard Mondy, are taxed at 3s. 4d. each.

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Hyndon. Sessions of the Peace held 20 October 28 Elizabeth before James Marvyn, knight, and Thomas Monpesson, esquire, Justices of the Peace.

Pro bene gerendo. William Snelgrove of Shaston, co. Dorset, husbandman, bound in 40l., and his sureties, John Frowde of Sedghill, yeoman, and John Coxe of Stower Estover, co. Dorset, husbandman, each in 20l., for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro pace. The said John Coxe bound in 20l., and his sureties, George Brookes of Fountell Gifford and William Moore of Chilmerk, yeomen, each in 10l., the peace to be kept particularly towards James Cutler. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

¹ Entry struck out.

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Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against all the others as in the record. By the court.

Travers. Thomas Coxe the elder, John Coxe, Thomas Coxe the younger, William Snelgrove, William Papp, John Papp, and John Addams plead not guilty to an indictment of riot, rout and unlawful assembly and other trespasses. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

EPIPHANY SESSIONS 1587

[p. 245] Nova Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany, 11 January, [29] Elizabeth before James Mervyn, knight, Giles Escourt, Edward Penruddock, Bartholomew Horsey, Thomas Mompesson and Francis Zouche, esquires.

Travers. John Drawater of Collingborne Kingston, gentleman, pleads not guilty to an indictment of battery on Edward Maton and John Beale. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

The fines of Thomas Page, John Somers, Roger Page and William Paynter, indicted of unlawful games, are taxed at 2s.

Thomas Foredam of Ambrosbury, yeoman, bound on his own recognizances in 10*l.* to give evidence against Richard Bisshop at the next Assizes and Gaol Delivery at Winchester, co. Southampton. *Memorandum to certifie this recognizance at the next Assises at Winchester.*

Robert Haule of Bathampton, gentleman, bound in 400*l.*, and his sureties, John Haule of Bradford, esquire, and Thomas Haule of Horses Melcombe, co. Dorset, gentleman, each in 200*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

Fines taxed by the court—of Richard Francklyn of Bynoll, yeoman, at 3*s.* 4*d.*; of John Cripse, clerk, William Chadderton, gentleman, and John Marshall alias Tayler, labourer, all of Lyddeard Millisent, who plead not guilty to an indictment remaining of record against them, at 3*s.* 4*d.* each.

Pro domo servicie. John Vawce of Swallowfeild, husbandman, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Palmer of Farleigh Hill and Anthony Gennens of Swallofeild, yeoman, each in 50*s.*

The fine of the aforesaid John Vawce is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.* and Edward Blake undertook to pay next Tuesday.

The fine of Stephen Bell of Milford, labourer, is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

[p. 246] John Trew of Southbroome, gentleman, and Anthony Hort of Devizez Green, yeoman, bound as sureties in 50*l.* each for Lucy wife of William Long of Devizez, gentleman, to appear in the Star Chamber before the Queen in Council at Westminster in the Octaves of Hilary next to answer concerning what shall be objected against her and not to return without licence of the court.

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The mayor, bailiff and burgesses of Marlebrough amerced 20*l.* by judgment of the court for not making sufficient return and execution of a queen's writ as appears of record.

William Bosgrave of Bedwyn, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Henry Bosgrave of Winchester, co. Southampton, yeoman, and Humfrey Gryffen of Great Bedwyn, husbandman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes.

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against John Bennyfeild of West Deane, husbandman.

John Smyth of Woodhey, co. Southampton, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Androes of the same and Henry Randall of Fyssherton Anger, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes.

Constables elected—William Hascall of Semleigh in place of Nicholas Gray for Chalke hundred ; Thomas Rolfe of Longstreate for Elstub and Everleigh hundred ; Thomas Chafyn of West Ambrosbury for Ambrosbury hundred in place of Henry Mondy ; John Parsons of Stratford in place of (*blank*) Pewde for Underdich hundred ; [*p.* 247] Roger Martyn in place of John Porter for Alderbury hundred ; Tristram Clerke in place of John Nicholas for Damerham South hundred ; William Davis of Aven in place of Giles Austen for [Chippenham] hundred ; Thomas Lock in place of (*blank*) Sampson for Frustfeild hundred.

John Bradford alias Gloster of Salisbury, milner, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Meade of the same, tailor, and William Halton of Mylford, husbandman, each in 10*l.*, for his performance of the order (*constitutio*) made by John bishop of Salisbury and Giles Escourt, esquire, concerning the bastard of Lucy Kill or his sufficient maintenance of the said child and discharge of the parishioners of Laverstock from the said child until he reaches the age of twelve years.

Agnes Williams of Mouncton Farleigh, wife of Thomas Williams, clerk, and her sureties, Anthony Parry of Stratford, gentleman, and Anthony Horte, yeoman, bound . . .¹

Pro bene gerendo. John Ruswell of Warmyster, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Whatley of the same, yeoman, and John Couche of Chepman Slade, husbandman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, when by his attorney he pleaded sickness.

The fine of Thomas Curry of Damerham, yeoman, is taxed at 2*s.*

Pro bene gerendo. Clement Dean of Downton, shoemaker, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Nicholas Newman of Charleton and Thomas Young of Downton, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

Fines taxed—of William Heggess of Damerham, husbandman, for unlawful games, at 2*s.* ; of John Hutchens of Southweeke, weaver, who pleads not guilty to an indictment of trespass remaining of record, at 2*s.* ; of John Baylie of the city [of Salisbury], merchant, at 12*d.*

¹ Entry unfinished and struck out.

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[p. 248] *Pro bene gerendo*. Thomas Dymmock of Downton, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Roger Eastman of Charleton next Downton and Robert Overie of Downton, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

EASTER SESSIONS 1587

Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held 25 April 29 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford and Edward Baynton, knights, William Brouncker, Edward Penruddock, Bartholomew Horsey, Edward Hungerford, Walter Hungerford, William Danniell, Henry Willoughbye, William Reade and William Eye, esquires, etc.

Pro domo servicie. John Lovegrove of Ham, husbandman, came with his sureties, John Luneden of the same, husbandman, and Thomas Hancock of Fittleton, yeoman, and entered into recognizances, the principal in 5*l.* and the sureties each in 50*s.*; and so the Justices granted him a licence therefor etc.

Pro pace. Lawrence Bynder of Porton, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Gomeldon the elder and William Gomelton the younger, both of the same, gentlemen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace particularly towards Emma Beale. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam*. The said William Gomelton the younger similarly bound with his sureties, the said William the elder and Bynder. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. Thomas Leach of the same, yeoman, similarly bound with his sureties, the said Gomelton and Gomelton. *Comparuit* [etc. as above].

[p. 249] Fiat for a warrant of the peace against John Speck and Alice Speck . . . at the suit of John Grave alias Arnold.

¹*Pro bene gerendo*. William Dybbins of Charleton Musgrove, co. Somerset, gentleman, bound in 100*l.*, and his sureties, John Brynsdon of Stowell and Thomas Brynsdon of Stiplelangford, gentlemen, each in 50*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions² for papist books found in his house. *Comparuit*.

¹William Jay of Compton Chamberlayne, yeoman, bound on his own recognizances in 10*l.*, to give evidence against the said Dybbins and others at the next Assizes. *Comparuit*.

¹Philip Ap Jacob of the same, husbandman, bound in 100*l.*, and his sureties, the said Dybbyn and Thomas Brimsdon, each in 50*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions³ for the cause aforesaid. *Comparuit*. James Keyngington of Fovent and Richard Whetell of Compton Chamberlaine, husbandmen, similarly bound severally with the same sureties and for the same cause. Each *comparuit*.

¹ Entry struck out.

² For at the next Assizes at the instance of the justices *struck out*.

³ For Assizes *struck out*.

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[p. 250] *Pro bene gerendo.* John Danniell of Pytton, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Blake of Amesbury, tailor, and John Lake of Salisbury, loader, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.* Thomas Baker of Winterslow, husbandman, similarly bound with the same sureties. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Robert Haule of Bathampton, gentleman, bound in 400*l.*, and his sureties, John Haule of Bradford, esquire, and Thomas [Haule] of Horses Melcombe, co. Dorset, gentleman, each in 200*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Travers. Benedick Allen of Calne, gentleman, pleads not guilty to an indictment of common barratry. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. Pledges of prosecution, John Doo and Richard Roo.

Constables elected—William Joye in place of John Nicholas for Damerham South hundred; Thomas Rose in place of Richard King for Dunworth hundred.

Pro bene gerendo. William Ellyot of Compton Chamberlayne, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Forde and Francis Ellyot of the same, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Domus servicie. Robert Hall of Tidworth, husbandman, is admitted at this Sessions by the court to keep an ale house etc. and was bound in 100*s.*, and his sureties, John Seward of the same, husbandman, and Thomas Blackman of Lurgesall, butcher, each in 50*s.*, according to the form of the statute.

[p. 251] 'Ad istam ordinatum est per curiam quod Ricardus Greneway de Brinckworth habebit vjd. qualibet' septimana de parochianis pro reliveo suo. Et si non contentus fuerit cum predictis vjd. tunc habebit reliveum suum de parochianis ad libitum suum colligere elimosina[m] etc.'

Pro feloniam. Edward Eden alias Hellyar the younger, of Devizez, weaver, and Agnes his wife bound in 10*l.*, and their sureties, Alexander Alden, butcher, and William Gambell the elder, smith, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for their appearance at the next Sessions. *Debet xviiij*d.** *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Gabriel Alredg and Ambrose Shewring of the same, weavers, bound in 5*l.* each for the appearance of Fridaisdweead Alridge² of the same, spinster, at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

The fine of the inhabitants of the tithing of Barwick St. James is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*

Pro pace. John Mynty of Polshed, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Ranger of the same, husbandman, and Richard Mynty of Erlestock, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Thomas Bisshop. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

¹ MS. quolibet.

² Wife of Gabriel, she being bound in 10*l.* struck out.

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Travers. Thomas Blackman of Lurgesall, butcher, pleads not guilty to an indictment for keeping an unlicensed alehouse. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against William Mynty and Philip Mynty, late of Polshed, husbandmen.

ST. THOMAS SESSIONS 1587

[*p.* 252] Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday 11 July 29 Elizabeth before John lord Sturton, Walter Hungerford, knight, William Brouncker, Edward Penruddock, John Penruddock, Edward Hungerford and Jasper Moore, esquires.

Domus tiplacionis. Bartholomew Browne of Uphaven, carpenter, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Seward of Uphaven, husbandman, and Thomas Highens of Newnton, tailor, each in 50*s.*

The fines of William Wilkins and John Somner of Seen on a presentment for unlawful games are taxed at 2*s.* 'Memorandum to discharge¹ Hilperton men for bowling, vj of them by Mr. Brouncker paid to me 2*s.* therefore.'

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against John Chamberlaine.

Travers. Richard Honeywell alias Worden pleads not guilty to an indictment for trespass.

The fines of John Pretell, William Stokes and Thomas Hawkins on an indictment and presentment for unlawful games are taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.* each.

[*p.* 253] *Ordo.* 'Memorandum it is ordered by the Justices of the Peace in the open Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden the daie and place aforesaid that the whole parishe of Fyttleton and Hackston shall stand chardged indifferentlie for the bringing up of one John Cooper the sonne of Thomas Cooper untill it come to age appoynted by John lorde Stourton, William Brouncker, John Penruddock and Jasper Moore, esquires.'

Robert Haule of Bathampton, gentleman, bound in 400*l.*, and his sureties, John Haule of Bradford, esquire, and Thomas Haule of Horses Melcombe, co. Dorset, gentleman, each in 200*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

The fine of John Loveday of Claringdon is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.*; and William Brouncker, esquire, paid.

The fine of John Lovelock for the like, by the court as aforesaid.

Domus tiplacionis. The bond for William Hill of Deverell Langbridg, yeoman, remains in the hands of Jasper Moore, esquire, a Justice etc.

Ad comparendum. Mary Charles of Warmyster, widow, bound

²
'Memorandum delyvered to Baker, bayliffe arrant xxix^{tie} writes with a precept the xxiiith daie of August.'

¹ all Seen and *crossed out.*

² Entry unfinished.

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[p. 254] Marlebrugh. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after Michaelmas, 3 October, 29 Elizabeth before John lord Stourton, Thomas Wroughton and John Danvers, knights, William Brouncker, Edward Penruddock, John Penruddock, Jasper Moore and William Read, esquires.

Pro bastardia. Thomas Long of Eastlavington, husbandman, bound in 40*l.*, and his surety, Richard Long of the same, yeoman, in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

'Memorandum at this Sessions Giles Wolfries is chosen for collection for the gaole and Giles Awsten discharged.'

Pro pace. Robert Carter of Fyffeld, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Hancock of Fittleton and John Powell of Canninges Episcopi, yeomen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Edith Tarrant, widow. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against John Powell because he made an affray in the presence of the court.

The like, against Robert Baylie of Canninges by order of Edward Bayntun, knight. *Fit.*

'It is ordered at this Sessions that where complaint is made by certeyn tithingmen that they have layed out severall sommes of money in setting forth of souldiours and this divers froward inhabitantes doe refuse to repaie the tithingmen againe, therefore it shalbe lauffull for anie Justice of sutch devisioun to send for the parties soe refusing and to bynde the parties to awnswer at the next Sessions etc.'

Robert Davy of Bremer, co. Southampton, husbandman, bound in 10*l.* to appear and prosecute against Richard Higgins at the next Assizes.

'Edmund Ludlow, sheriff, amerced for not returning two writs upon traverse, namely venire facias and habeas corpora, 40*s.* for each writ.

[p. 255] 'It is ordered at this Sessions that John Speck [of] Malmesbury shall not from hensforth sell any ale or use anie victualling in his house.'

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Jerome Coxe of Westropp. *Fit.*

'Memorandum that John Ritchman hath offered voluntary upon his dischargd that he will goe to Sir Henry Knyvet and be bounde in forty poundes not to disturb his game from hensforth.'

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Hedd of Barwick St. James, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Hewes of Newtowne, clerk, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro feloniam. The said Hewes and Hedd² bound each in 20*l.* for the appearance of David Lewys of Abergayny, co. Monmouth, mercer, at the next Assizes.

¹ Entry struck out.

² For Edward Apewell of Marlebrough, yeoman, struck out.

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Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against William Dorrell, esquire, Nicholas Crouch, Thomas Slatter, (*blank*) Duncalfe, William Pearcy and (*blank*) Pearsy. *Fit.*

The like, against John Pearsy, John Horskeper, William Walshman, George Storry, (*blank*) Evans and John Cooke. *Fit.*

The like against Edward Horsell, John Brewer, John Bordman, John Knight, (*blank*) Emmery and Thomas Rycattes. *Fit.*

The like, against William Plummer, (*blank*) Ryder, John Carter, William Hall, Daniel Whit and (*blank*) Gray. *Fit.*

[*p.* 256] The like, against William Wake, Edward Iles, W[illiam] Tuggye alias Batt and (*blank*) Foster. *Fit.*

¹The fines of Maurice Bennet, husbandman, and John Heskins, labourer, both of Warmyster, who plead not guilty to a presentment for refusing to be taxed for the poor, are taxed at 2s. each.

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[*p.* 257] Constables elected—John Gray in place of William Askall for the liberty of Semleigh ; John Gylbert and Thomas Prat for Brenche and Doll hundred ; John Smyth in place of Roger Howell for Cawdon and Cadworth hundred ; Simon James, gentleman, and George Jakes for Highworth, Crickelad and Staple hundred ; Stephen Horte in place of Thomas Lock for Frustfeild hundred ; John Ranger in place of Thomas Rolfe for Elstub and Everleigh hundred ; John Bendall in place of (*blank*) Good for Chalk hundred ; Richard Tutt in place of John Androes for Alderbury hundred.

Fines taxed—of Thomas Gawsett, at 12*d.* ; of the inhabitants of Hurcott, at 3*s.* 4*d.* ; of the inhabitants of Laverstock tithing, at 5*s.* ; of the inhabitants of Westdean parish, at 5*s.*, by the court.

[*p.* 258] ‘Memorandum to stayprosses for Edward Combes and the inhabitants of Tisbury at the request of Sir James Marvyn, knight, F[rancis] Zouch and Henry Willoughby, esquires, until Midsomer Sessions.’

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Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday 16 April 30 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, James Mervyn and Thomas Wroughton, knights, William Brouncker, John Penruddock, Michael Earnley, Walter Long, Edward Hungerford, Francis Zouche, William Read and Henry Willughby, esquires, etc.

The fine of William Beale of Cleve Peper, husbandman, is taxed at 2*s.* by the Justices for a trespass.

Ordo. ‘It is ordered at this Sessions by all the Justices of Peaxe that if any doe refuse to watche the beakons or other watches in any

¹ This, like the succeeding entries, may be for Epiphany Sessions 30 Elizabeth, for which no heading survives.

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place, or that doe refuse to pay and be contributors for provision of armour, setting forthe of soldiers, reliefe of the poore and impotent people and concerning the taxacion for the gaole, then upon complainte made by any officer to any Justice of Peaxe of any of the premisses it shalbe lafull for the same Justice unto whome such complaint is made to send for the party offendor by warrant and to comytt him to pryson there to remayne untill he become conformable to the premisses and every of them.'

Travers. William Kemble of Wedhill, gentleman, [pleads not guilty] to an indictment of . . .¹

Pro pace. William Sparkes of Malmesbury, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Speck of the same, weaver, and Thomas Maundrell of Rowde, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, to keep the peace, particularly towards Richard Biddle. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

[*p.* 259] *Travers.* John Leloe of Clatford, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment of trespass and battery. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Pro bastardia. Henry Bakon of Eastlavington, tailor, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Philip Maye and James Newman, both of Pottren, yeomen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and in the meantime for his abiding the order made by the two Justices next living where it was done etc.

Fines taxed—of the parish guardians of Ambrosbury, at 6*s.* 8*d.*, by the court; of the inhabitants of Tisbury parish, at 3*s.* 4*d.*; of the inhabitants of Edington tithing for the like, at 3*s.* 4*d.*

'It is ordered by the Justices at this Sessions that for that William Sparkes was indighted for keping an alehouse without lycence he shall never kepe or sell ale any more untill sutch time as he bring a certificat from the aldermen of Malmesbury of his good behaveoure.'

The fine of Robert Carter is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Fines taxed by the court—of George Garson alias Owen of Cleve Pepper, husbandman, for a trespass, at 2*s.*; of John Maton the elder, one of the guardians of North Tidworth, at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Domus servicie. Henry Pryor of Edington, husbandman, bound in 100*s.*, and his sureties, Edward Pryor and Merrick Spender of the same, husbandmen, each in 50*s.* By order of [William] Rede, esquire, a Justice etc.

[*p.* 260] *Travers.* John Shipway the elder of Wilsly, weaver, Marg[aret] his wife, John Shipway of Sharston, weaver, and John Hart, late of Hampton, shoemaker, plead not guilty to an indictment of forcible entry. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Pro pace. Philip Willis of North Tidworth, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Bride of Fackham, co. Southampton, clerk, and John Seward of Tidworth, husbandman, each in 10*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Henry Haule. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Ad comparendum ad proximam. 'Memorandum to call Thomas Willis

¹ Entry unfinished.

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upon a recognizance at the next Sessions as of record at this Sessions certified.' *Mortuus.*

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Hayward of Upton Lovell, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Hayward of Tilshed, husbandman, and Richard Myntyte of Stoke Earles, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Pro pace. William Webb of Devizez, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Clark of Bradly and John Jones of Heale, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Anstees Lewes.

Pro bene gerendo. William Reynold of Bradford, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Brewar of Southwraxall, husbandman, and Lawrence Moxham of Bradford, blacksmith, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relextatur.*

Travers. Nicholas Bacon of Lavington Forum, tailor, pleads not guilty to an indictment of trespass and battery. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

[p. 261] 'Memorandum that Thomas Baslyn doth say that his childe was not baptized by godfathers and godmothers and was baptized at his dwelling house by oon Thomas Hickman, a minister, being a mayd childe, about twelve monethes past, and in the presence of divers other faithfull people, and that the said childe or any baptized mi[ght] be baptized without the signe of the crosse. And of the said faithfull people one David Grove was one of the company. And farther sayth that the parentes are to name the childe. And farther seyth that he offred Mr. Babington his childe to be baptized and he refusyd to baptyse his childe and that Mr. Babbyngton, his pastor, wolde not baptyze his child accordyng to Christes institution onlie¹ and wolde not answer wher he resevyd the comunyon of a long tyme. And farther sayeth that he lyveth onlie by teaching of children and that his wiffe doth teach them in wryting and reading. And farther sayth that his wiffe was not puryfiend according to the accustomed order but that puryfieng of women is a Juysh cerymonie and that confirmacion of children is a tradicion of man as he thincketh.'

'Memorandum delyvered to John Cromewell, Mr. Bruncker's man, to be delyvered to his master the instructions sett downe by the arle of Pembroke with a copy of thorder sett downe at the Sessions the vjth day of July etc.'

Constables elected—William Barter in place of Thomas Rose for Dunworth hundred; John Marvyn in place of (*blank*) Elderton for Warmyster hundred; Robert Blackborough and Roger Markes for Horwelsdowne hundred.

The fine of Agnes Hooper for refusing contribution to the poor is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

¹ *This sentence is altered from* And farther seyth that he refusyd to have his child baptyssyd by Mr. Babbyngton for that Mr. Babbyngton his pastor wolde have baptyzed his child according to the (*law crossed out*) boke of comunyon. *Other alterations not material to the sense have also been made in this entry.*

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[p. 262] Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday 2 July 30 Elizabeth.

David Pargeter elected constable of Highworth hundred.

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Hayward of Upton Lovell, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Stevens of the same, yeoman, and William Stevens of Codford Mary, husbandman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

'The fine of William Wilteshere, tailor, indicted for keeping and using . . .

Pro bene gerendo. Henry Bacon of Eastlavington, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his surety, Robert Jeffries of Wootten Bassett, yeoman, in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Defaltam fecit.*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Francis Greatrax for his appearance at the next Assizes.

Fines taxed—of Geoffrey Dade of Warmyster, husbandman, at 2*s.* ; of Thomas Lucas of Seen, tailor, at 2*s.*

Pro pace. Thomas Symson of Cullern, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Broome and Thomas Symson, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Ven. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 263] ²Simon West of Trobridg, John Long and Robert Sympoll.

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Foxe of Trolle, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Phippe of Bradford, yeoman, and Richard Bosden of Deverell Langbridge, gentleman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Debet [vjd. crossed out] de feodo. Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

Pro bene gerendo. John Willmott of Cossam, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his surety, Richard Broade of Wadeswicke, yeoman, in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Debet xiiiij*d.**³

The fine of the inhabitants of the parish of Lea is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

'Memorandum. Lorde of Malmesbury is fledd for felony.'

Fines taxed—of Hugh Hed of Heale, husbandman, at . . . ⁴ ; of Gabriel Morrell, at . . . ⁴ ; of Henry Richards, at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Pro pace. Thomas Wilsher of Winsly, husbandman, bound by Walter Hungerford, knight, in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Wylshere of the same, husbandman, in 10*l.*, to keep the peace, particularly towards John Morrice and Katherine his daughter.

The fine of Thomas Davis of Yatton Keynoll for battery is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

¹ Entry unfinished.

² Probably Badgers.

³ *Defaltam fecit* struck out.

⁴ Amount omitted.

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[p. 264] Marlebrough. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Michaelmas 30 Elizabeth.

Pro pace. Eleanor wife of Nicholas Harding of Enford, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and her sureties, Thomas Harding of the same, yeoman, and Edward Blake of Amesbury, tailor, each in 5*l.*, for her appearance at the next Sessions and for her keeping the peace, particularly towards John Sopp. *Comparuit et relexatur.* John Sopp of Fittleton, husbandman, similarly bound with his sureties, the said Blake and Thomas Hancock of Fitleton, bailiff, the peace to be kept particularly towards Eleanor Harding. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Pro bene gerendo. John Wylmot of Cossam, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Broade and Clement Curtys, both of Boxe, husbandmen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Thomas Mawndrell and William Mawndrell of Rowde, yeomen. *Fit.*

Christopher Bigges of Stapleford, yeoman, bound in 100*l.*, and his sureties, William Hewlett, yeoman, and John White, husbandman, both of Asserton, each in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* John Whyte of Stapleford, husbandman, similarly bound with his sureties, the said Bigges and Hewlett. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 265] *Pro pace.* William Hitchcockes of West Stowell, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Matthew Benger of Woore and George Stagg of Huishe, yeomen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Walter Holloway alias Edmondcs. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Geoffrey Ruddle, tailor, and Thomas Ruddle of Echelhampton, husbandman. *Fit.*

John Sharpe of Foontell Gifford, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, by requirement of James Mervyn, knight, because he hunted etc. *Debet iijs. vjd.*

David Evans of Durlington, clerk, bound in 100*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Blake of Amesbury, tailor, and Richard Mynty of Earlestone, yeoman, each in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*¹

Pro bene gerendo. Robert Howse of Warmyster, clothman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Reginald Howse, clothman, and John Howse, fuller, both of the same, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.* The said Reginald with his sureties, the said Robert and John, similarly bound. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. The said John with his sureties, the said Reginald and Robert, similarly bound. *Mortuus.*

¹ *Debet feodum* struck out.

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The fines of the said Robert, John and Reginald are taxed by the court at 6s. 8*d.* each.

[*p.* 266] Thomas Stevens of Bathe, co. Somerset, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, H[enry] Quynnton of Bupton, gentleman, and Thomas Stev[ens] of Trobridge, innholder, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relextur.*

Travers. Robert Howse, John Howse and Reginald Howse, all of Warmyster, clothmen, plead not guilty to an indictment of riot, rout, unlawful assembly and battery. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. *Debent iijs. iiijd.*

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Robert Moore at the suit of Walter Holloway alias Edmondos. *Warrantum pacis factum.*

Charles (Carole) Eydney of Chilton, husbandman, granted a licence to keep an alehouse.

Pro domo servicie. The said Eydney bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Gregory Coole, husbandman, and William Parker, tucker, both of Chilton, each in 50s.

The fine of Thomas Mylles alias Strynger of Warmyster, yeoman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for stopping up a way called 'a law path' across a close called 'Pathclose alias Parkclose', is taxed by the court at 5s.

'At this Sessions restitution is graunted by the courte and Mr. Hourde, a counsellor at law with the playntiffe, promised that mistress Long shall have free egress and regresse to bear and carry away her goodes betwixt this and Mydsomer next, viz. corne and hey, and her household stuffe within one moneth after this Sessions. And it is desyred by the said courte that Mr. Michaell Earnley and Mr. Edward Hungerford, esquires, be present at the delyvery of the possession and restitution to assist the shreife and to see the quene's Majestie's peace to be well observed and kept in all thinges for the quyeting of bothe parties.'

Geoffrey Clarke elected constable for Malmesbury hundred in place of George Jaques.

[*p.* 267] Thomas Sadler of Costo elected constable for Kingsbridge hundred in place of John Fissher.

The fine of Thomas Selby of Broadchalke, who pleads not guilty to a presentment remaining of record, is taxed at 3s. 4*d.*

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Nova Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany 31 Elizabeth before John Danvers and Thomas Wroughton, knights, William Bruncker, Edward Penruddock, John Penruddock, Jasper Moore and Henry Willoughby.

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Christopher Radishe and Edmund his son. *Fit.*

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Fines taxed—of Edward Combes of Tisbury, yeoman, to a presentment remaining of record, at 2s.; of Simon White and Christopher Short . . .¹; of the inhabitants of Whitparishe tithing, at 5s.

Pro pace. Philip Legg of Bulford, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Philip Poore of Durlington, gentleman, and William Legg of Bulford, husbandman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Robert Evans, clerk. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.* The said William Legg with his sureties the said Philip and Philip, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur per [curiam].*

Pro pace. Geoffrey Ruddle of Ashlington, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Ruddle of the same, husbandman, and John Mody of Overton, yeoman, each in 5*l.*, until he abide the order of William Lavington, gentleman, and John Ryng, [and] if he does not make fine, then to appear at the next Sessions and to keep the peace, particularly towards Maud Clerk alias Smyth. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 268] Constables elected—Cuthbert Ryves, gentleman, in place of Arthur Errington, gentleman, for Ambrosbury hundred; Edmund Chadwell in place of John Randoll for Chalk hundred; John Porter, gentleman, in place of Roger Martyn and John Pilgrym in place of John Androwes for Alderbury hundred; Robert Storck in place of Roger Elkins for Frustfeild hundred; Christopher Eyers, gentleman, in place of Thomas Pratt for Brench and Doll hundred; Edmund Mychell in place of John Smyth and Thomas Hall, gentleman, in place of (*blank*) Biddlecombe for Cawdon and Cadworth hundred.

William Hitcockes of West Stowell, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, David Jones of Savernack, yeoman, and Philip Poore of Durlington, gentleman, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions [and for his keeping the peace], particularly towards Walter Edmondson alias Holoway. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

William Bundy elected constable for Underdich hundred in place of John Parsons and Thomas Haydon in place of John Day.

Robert Haule of Battington alias Bathampton, gentleman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Titchborne of Salisbury, woollen draper, and Christopher Bigges of Stapleford, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions unless he produce a certificate from the Council before then. *Languidus in prisiona apud London', per mandatum consilii.*

'At this Sessions it is agreed that the constable of Downton and the inhabitantes hereafter named, viz. Ralphe Coles, constable, John Stockman, gentleman, Trystram Mathew, gentleman, Robert Snelgar, John Newman, Roger Eastman senior, John Studly, Symon Gauntelett, William Jackman, Barnaby Saunders, Robert Overy, Edmond Snelgar, and Stephen Garrett, by the consent of all the Justices being at the said Sessions that the said parties shall rate and taxe all persons touching the [premi]sses befor menconed.'

¹ Entry unfinished.

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[p. 269] John Meryman of Marlebrough, yeoman, bound in 10*l.* to abide by the order made by Thomas Wroughton, knight, and John Tutt, gentleman, for the cause between him and Hitchcokes, or to appear at the next Sessions. *Continuatur usque proximam.*

Christopher Bigges of Stapleford, yeoman, bound in 100*l.*, and his sureties, George Duke of Lake, gentleman, and John Duke of Wilsford, yeoman,¹ each in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et releatur*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Anthony Prater, gentleman, and others in the indictment found as ingnoramus.

'At this Sessions order is taken by all the Justices that wheras one Thomas Tutt of Lokarly in the countie of Southampton, husbondman, undertoke to susteyne and kepe one Elynor Burgis daughter of John Burgys late of Wellow in the countie of Wiltes' deceased during her liffe in considderacion that he the said Thomas Tutt was indebted unto the said John Burgis in certeyne sommes of money, and farther in considderacion that the said Elynor Burgys hath byn resydent and remayning within the said parishe of Lockarly by the space of eyght or nyne yeres heretofore passed, therfore the said Elynor Burgys shalbe retorned and conveyed over to the chardge, susteyning and maynetayning of the said parishe of Lockerlye aforsaid according to the order of the statute in that case ordeyned and provided.'

Travers. John Randoll of Broadchalk, late constable of the hundred of Chalk, pleads not guilty to divers indictments of extortion remaining of record. Order for a venire facias.

Travers. William Howse of Warmyster, tucker, pleads not guilty to an indictment of battery. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

[p. 270] ²The fine of John Hascall on an indictment remaining of record . . .

²The fine of Thomas Morice of Pewsy, yeoman. . . .

Travers. Thomas Stringer alias Mylles of Warmyster, yeoman, on an indictment of common barratry. Order for a venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.³

EASTER SESSIONS 1589

Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter 31 Elizabeth before Henry Knevett and Thomas Wroughton, knights, William Bruncker, John Thynn, Edward Penruddock, Jasper Moore, Henry Willoughby and William Read, esquires.

Michael Wade of Sayntyde, co. Cornwall, gentleman, bound in 200*l.* for the production of Edward Seyntbarbe of Whitparish, gentleman, or

¹ *The sureties' names are written over* William Hulet of Asserton *and* John White of Stapleford *struck out.*

² Entry unfinished.

³ *Debet iijs. iiijd.* crossed out.

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other sufficient surety before John Penruddock, esquire, within two or three days now next for his appearance at the next Assizes and for his keeping the peace meanwhile, particularly towards William Leach.

David Grove of Damerham South, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Grove of Fovent and John Lyde of Warmyster, yeomen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. 'And in the meantime to conferr with Mr. Wisdom or any of xⁿ others that Mr. John Penruddock will appoinct.' *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* The said John Lyde with his sureties, the said David and William, similarly bound. And in the meantime [etc. as above]. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Pro pace. John Seborne alias Plommer of Sherston, yeoman, bound in 10*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relextatur.*

'Ordinatum est per curiam quod Galfridus Ruddell dabit Matilde Clerk pro mahemio tres libras in festo Penthecostes proximo.'

[p. 271] 'Ordinatum est per curiam quod Johannes Flemyng custodiet puerum . . . Alicie Sharp de Ambrosbury per ipsum genitum et exonerabit parochiam de Ambrosbury predicta, et quod inveniet sufficientem securitatem pro eadem; aliter continuatur in prisiona donec etc.; comittitur vicecomiti usque etc.; et quod flagiletur tribus separalibus diebus in Ambrosbury.'

William Dyke of Bisshops Canninges, husbandman, bound in 10*l.* for his performance of the following order—'It is ordered by all the courte that wheras William Dyke promised to bring William Neat allwayes forth coming where he was comitted to the shreife upon an order sett downe by William Brouncker and Michaell Earnley, esquires, for keping a bastard childe, and that therupon the said William Neat is escaped away, therfore the said William Dyke shall performe the said order which the said William Neat was to doe untill he bring the said William Neat in place to doe the same.'

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against Anthony Prater, gentleman.

The fine of the inhabitants of Combe tithing for not repairing the queen's highway is taxed by the Justices at 2*s.*

Henry Reynoldes of Stipleashton, husbandman, came and renewed his alehouse licence.

Travers. Drew Mumpesson, gentleman, and Walter Coates, yeoman, both of Bowdon, plead not guilty to an indictment of forcible entry. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Richard Baylie of Maydenbradlie, husbandman, came and renewed his alehouse licence.

John Merywether and Richard Green elected constables for Swanbor' hundred in place of Richard Woodroffe and John Rying.

Thomas Tytford of Stipleashton, husbandman, came and renewed his alehouse licence.

Travers. The inhabitants of Dychampton tithing plead not guilty to an indictment for not repairing a ditch there. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

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Fines taxed by the court—of Robert Blake of Barford indicted for a tipping-house, at 5s. ; of Edward Coxe, for the like, at 2s. ; of the inhabitants of Dychampton tithing, at 5s.

ST. THOMAS SESSIONS 1589

[p. 272] Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday 1 July 31 Elizabeth.

Domus tiplacionis. John Dycke of Bradford, mason, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Rodeway of Stoke, husbandman, and William Newman of Wynsly, weaver, each in 50s. By order of William Eyers.

Fines taxed—of the inhabitants of Stockly tithing, at 6s. 8*d.* ; of the inhabitants of the parish of Calne and Eastmanstreat, at 6s. 8*d.* ; of Gabriel Tayler and Henry Swayne, for a rescue, at 5s. each.

Pro bene gerendo. David Grove of Damerham South, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, William Grove of Fovent and John Lyde of Warmyster, yeoman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

Comparuit et traditur ultra. The said John Lyde with his sureties, the said David and William, similarly bound. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Pro pace. Peter Ham of Meere, tanner, bound in 10*l.*, and John Longear, weaver, and Hugh Wyllyn, tanner, both of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Clement. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

'Memorandum that Edward Willis [and] Richard Alizander be discharged upon condicion that they shall submytt them to Mr. St. Lowe within a moneth hence or els order that they shalbe bounde againe.'

Pro pace. Edward Janvryn of Ambrosbury, gentleman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Byddle and John Harryson, both of the same, yeomen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

[p. 273] William Woulfe of Mildeston, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Edward Janvryn, gentleman, and John Harrison, chandler, both of Ambrosbury, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. The said Harrison (*described as yeoman*) with his sureties, the said Janvryn (*described as innholder*) and Woulfe, similarly bound. *Rem' usque proximam.* Thomas Biddle of Ambrosbury, yeoman, with his sureties, the said Janvryn and Harrison, similarly bound.¹

The fine of the inhabitants of Fissberton Anger is taxed by the court at 3s. 4*d.*

Domus servicie. John James of Calne, baker, bound in 5*l.*, and his surety, William Tayler of Calne, tailor, in 5*l.* By order of Michael Earnly and William Jurden, esquires, Justices etc., as by their letters appears.

Domus typlacionis. Richard Baylie of Mayden Bradley, butcher, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, John Androwes and Andrew Shere, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 5*l.* By order of Walter Hungerford.

¹ *Fecit defaltam* struck out.

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MICHAELMAS SESSIONS 1589

[p. 274] Marleborough. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Michaelmas 31 Elizabeth before George lord Awdly, Henry Knevett and James Mervyn, knights, Edward Penruddock, Michael Earnly, John Penruddock, Walter Hungerford, William Read and John Warnford, esquires, Justices etc.

John Lyde of Warmyster, yeoman, and his surety, David Grove of Damerham South, yeoman, each bound in 40*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes to answer etc. The said Grove and his surety, the said Lyde, similarly bound.

Pro pace. Robert Hampton of Stapleford, yeoman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Bigges and Daniel Durnell, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Marian Hewst. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

John Pynnell of Salisbury, groom, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Pynnell of the same, yeoman, and William Grose of Fissberton Anger, smith, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes.

Constables elected—John Brynd for Highworth hundred in place of John Fisser; George Jaques for Malmesbury hundred in place of Simon James; John Barkbye for the said hundred in place of Geoffrey Clark.

[p. 275] *Pro piscacione.* Thomas Biddle of Amesbury, yeoman, William Woulfe of Mildeston, husbandman, and John Harrison of Ambrosbury, yeoman, severally bound in 10*l.* each, under the condition that they will not in future fish except lawfully and with lawful nets. Biddle *debet ijs. vjd.*

The fines of Thomas Biddle, William Woulfe, Edward Janvryn and William Carpenter for fishing are taxed at 2*s.* 6*d.* each.

Pro bene gerendo. John Kyng of Stapleford, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Atkyns, husbandman, and Thomas Hortington, weaver, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.* William Atkyns of the same, husbandman, with the same sureties, similarly bound. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. Richard Danyell of the same, husbandman, with the same sureties, similarly bound. *Comparuit* [etc. as above]. Henry Davys of Highworth, cutler, with his sureties, John Pas, husbandman, and William Dorchester, cutler, both of Highworth, similarly bound. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

[p. 276] *Travers.* Anthony Fenton of Barwick St. James, gentleman, pleads not guilty 'quoad indictamentum pro tribus indictamentis pro le grates'. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

Nicholas Robertes of Highworth, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Bridges, gentleman, and John Pytman, yeoman, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relexatur per curiam.*

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' At this Sessions order is taken by all the Justices that wheras a wanderyng woman comyng to the house of one John Hiscockes at Preshutt and brought with her a woman childe about the age of syx wekes and departyng about the mydle of the nyght at the same tyme and leavyng her childe behynde her at the house of the said John Hiscockes that the parishioners of the said parishe of Preshutt shalbe indifferently rated every man accordyng to his lyvyng as well for the payment of fyfty and foure shillinges which the said John hath allreddy disbursed for the educacion of the same childe as also for the mayntenaunce of the same childe from henceforth untill she come to the age of twelve yeres ; and that if any of the parishioners of the said parishe shall refuse to be contrybutoryes towardes the educacion of the said childe as aforsaid that every person so refusing shalbe bounde to appear at the next quarter Sessyons ensuing the said refusall.'

Pro domo servicie sive enepolio. Thomas Kingston of Ramesbury, mercer, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Potter of Ogborne and Edmund Whyttere of Ramesbury, yeomen, each in 5*l.*

Pro domo servicie. John Leche of Ashton Kaynes, carpenter, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Hawkinnes of the same and William Burg of Cricklade, yeomen, each in 5*l.*

[*p.* 277] ' At this Sessyons order is lykewise taken by all the Justyces that wheras one John Hewse being the apprentyce of one Morrrys Heuley of Wotton Bassett in the countie of Wiltes shomaker dyd upon dyvers abuses and threatnyngs wherby the said John Hewse stode in dyspeyre of his life departed from his said mayster and where upon complaynt and profe therof made before certeyne of the same Justyces the said Morrrys Hewley refused to become bounde that the said John Hewse shoulde remayne with hym in securytie and safetie of his lyfe, that the said John Hewse shalbe at lyberty to serve els where at his will and pleasure at all tymes hereafter without any contraryccion denyall or ympedyment of the said Morrrys Hewley unles the said Morrrys wilbe come bounde by recognyzaunce before some Justyce of Peace of the same sheire that the said John Hewse duryng the tyme of his said apprentyshippe shalbe remayne and contynewe in safety of his lyfe for any thing used to be done or comytted to the contrary by the said Morrrys Hewley his said mayster.'

The fine of Christopher Ashlock of Haytesbury is taxed at 4*s.*

The fines of William Pylton of Warm', William Tutson and others are taxed at 2*s.* each to the number of 4 persons.

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[*p.* 278] Nova Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany 32 Elizabeth before Edward Penruddock, John Penruddock, Jasper Moore and William Read, esquires.

The fine of John Hidden of Soly, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment of hunting in the fields, is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

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The fine of John Harris, badger, is taxed at 2s.

William Burge of Castle Eaton, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Robert Wethers of Cricklade, clerk,¹ in 10*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions, if Mr. Haddock and Mr. Brydges.² *Fecit defaultam.*

Pro bene gerendo. Thomas Henwood of Gomeldon, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Nicholas Woodford of the same, husbandman, and Robert Thacham of Idmerston, gentleman, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et ultra.*

Pro pace. Walter Cotes of Barford St. Martin, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Creede of the same, gentleman, and John Hooper of Salisbury, innholder, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Pro placito dicitur quod languidus in prisona civitatis Nove Saresburie in executione pro summa iiiij li.*

Pro pace. John Forman of Quidhampton, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Feltham, husbandman, and John Everell, tailor, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Warde. *Comparuit et tulit breve de supersedeas quod allocatur etc.*

Thomas Hancock of Longburton, co. Dorset, yeoman, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions, for a bastard on the body of Alice Hinde, if the Justices do not make an order in the meantime. *Debet xviiijd.* *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

[*p.* 279] The fine of the inhabitants of the tithing of Durlington East end is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.*

'Fiat warrantum versus Stephanum Hibbard.'

John King of Stapleford, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Atkins and Richard Baylie, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions, for hunting. *Comparuit et (traditur ultra crossed out) relexatur.* The said Atkins with his sureties, the said King and Richard Danniell of the same, husbandman, similarly bound, for the same. *Comparuit et relexatur.* The said Danniell with his sureties, the said King and Atkins, similarly bound, for the same. *Comparuit et relexatur.*

The fines of John Smyth, John Chadderton and John Wheler are taxed at 2*s.* each.

Constables elected—Edward Fawler, John Reves of Netherhaven and Edmund Blake for the hundred of Elstub and [Everley]; Robert Coleman, William Juniper and Henry Mondy for Ambrosbury hundred; William Joye in place of William Palmer for Damerham South hundred; John Gray for Chalk hundred in place of John Abbot with (*blank*) Chaddwell.

[*p.* 280] 'It is ordered at this Sessions by the Justices that Mr. Richard Gauntlet shall have seven foot of bredth to part the land at Fisherton

¹ a second surety John Burge of the same, glover, *struck out.*

² Entry apparently unfinished.

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for a way to his orchard and garden that he bought of Mr. Barrow and joyning to the gaoll at Fisherton Anger.'

Constables elected—Robert Jones for Brench and Doll hundred with Edmund Mackes and William Hulet ; John Day for Underdiche hundred with Thomas Haydon.

Domus servicie. Giles Sherston of Fisssherton Anger, weaver, bound in 5*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Umfry of Salisbury, innholder, and Hugh Petypace of Fisssherton Anger, sherman, each in 5*os.*

The fine of Giles Smyth of Fisssherton Anger, brewer, is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

The fine of John Snelgar of Downton, husbandman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment for keeping an alehouse without licence, is taxed at 5*s.* *Willelmus Snelgar de Haytesbury debet vs.*

The fine of Henry Rogers alias John Rogers of Chicklad for keeping an alehouse without licence is taxed at 5*s.*

Travers. John Kingman of Wishford, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment 'pro sagittando in bombardo'. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions. *Continuatur sin' etc.*

Travers. William Pyke and Richard Kyng, both of Chicklad, husbandmen, plead not guilty to an indictment for keeping an alehouse without licence etc. *Continuatur sine etc.*

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[*p.* 281] Devizez. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter 32 Elizabeth before Henry Knevett, Walter Hungerford, Edward Baynton, Thomas Wroughton, John Danvers and Walter Longe, knights, John Thynne, Edward Hungerford, William Bruncker, John Penruddock, William Eyers, Henry Poole, Michael Earnely and William Reade, esquires.

[Badgers' recognizances] for Thomas Poynter of Mildeston, Nicholas Marchaunt of Ambrosbury, John Manfeild, John Ford and John Tompson of Tefonte.

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against William Reason of Ashton Kaynes and Joan his wife. *Fit.*

[Badgers' recognizances] for John Fluellen and Thomas Collyns, both of Potterne, and Walter Goodynow and John Goodynow, both of Maston.

The fine of Simon Reve, late of Compton Chamberlayne, gentleman, for riot and forcible entry made at Compton Chamberlayne on the possession of Henry Stephenson, by certificate of John Penruddock, esquire, appearing of record etc., 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

The fine of Henry Harryson of Bewley, co. Southampton, gentleman, for the like, 2*os.*

The fine of Richard Hilles of Bewley, groom, for the like, 1*os.*

John Drewce of Cuttridg in Bradley parish and John Carpenter of Edin[gton] elected constables of [Whorwelsdown hundred] in place of Robert Blackborow and Roger Markes.

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John Reynoldes of Warmyster, innholder, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Bu . . . of Bysshopstrowe, tailor, and Thomas Morris of . . . , yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions to answer etc.

[*p.* 282] *Pro non piscacione.* Henry Cooper of Fyssherton Anger, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Hugh Elvers and John Morrys, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 10*oos.* 'quod predictus Henricus imposterum non piscabit in aquis Henrici comitis Pembroch nec in aliis aquis nisi in illis que sunt ei dimisse et sic probate coram Antonio Throckmerton armigero'. *Comittitur ad gaolam et custodiam Rogeri Tarrant.* The said Elvers with his sureties, Cooper and Morrys, similarly bound. *Comittitur* [etc. as above]. *Fecit defaultam.* The said Morrys with his sureties, Elvers and Cooper, similarly bound. *Comittitur* [etc. as for Elvers].

Pro venacione. Edward Wyllys of Damerham South, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Starke, yeoman, and Richard Alexander, husbandman, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime. Alexander, with his sureties, Wyllys and Starke, similarly bound.

Walter Parsons of Calne, cutler, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Thomas Baddam of Titherton, husbandman, and Robert Brench of Calne, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his good behaviour. *Relaxatur per litteras Michaelis Earnly armigeri.*

John Rowdon of Barford, husbandman, fined 2*s.* 6*d.* for ill behaviour in not paying to the poors' chest (pixidi pauperum).

'Fiat attachiamentum versus Thomam Long de Amesbury et Ricardum Long de Eastlavington ad respondendum pro eo quod idem Thomas paruit Rebeccam Gibson cum puero apud Polleshed.'

[*p.* 283] Richard Wondesbury of Dettford in Weelie parish, husbandman, fined 2*s.* for a trespass.

Pro pace. Philip Legg of Bulford, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Legg of the same, husbandman, and Thomas Henwood of Porton, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards Henry Compton.

The said Henwood bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, the said William and Philip, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime. *Fecit defaultam.*

The fine of the inhabitants of Southburcombe paid by Stephen Hibbard, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Fines taxed—of Stephen Hibbard, who pleads not guilty to a presentment for refusing to be tithingman of Northburcombe, at 3*s.* 4*d.* ; of Robert Hampton, at 2*s.* ; of widow Pawmer and Richard Nede, for unlawful games, at 2*s.* each.

Travers. The inhabitants of the hundred of Brench and Doll plead not guilty to an indictment and presentment for not repairing Cranbridge. Order for a writ of venire facias.

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Thomas Hancock of Longburton, co. Dorset, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions; 'et quod exonerabit parochiam de Warmyster semper et deinceps pro et de bastardo procreato de corpore Alicie Hinde. Ulterius ordinatum est quod predictus Thomas solvet prefate Alicie pro nutrimento predicti bastardi x*d.* qualibet septimana donec sit¹ unius anni etatis, predictam pecuniam soluturus qualibet septimana ad manus constabularii de Warmyster ad usum predictum pro tempore existentis.'

John Tasker of Highworth, butcher, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Robert Jeffries of Wootten Bassett, yeoman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and meanwhile to abide the order of the two next Justices for a bastard on the body of Elizabeth . . .² *Debet vjd.*

[*p.* 284] ³*Ad comparendum ad proximas Assisas.* Ambrose Cobbe of Garsden, weaver, bound with his sureties, George Jaques of Lee and John Barksby of Little Somerford, yeomen.

The fine of the inhabitants of Northburcombe and Southburcombe to a presentment for a lane out of repair, to which they plead not guilty, is taxed at 5*s.*

The fine of William Harrys for certain articles and contempts is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

The fines of Robert Tyncker alias Hawkyngs the elder, Robert Tyncker the younger and Thomas Tincker, who plead not guilty to a presentment for unlawful games, are taxed at 2*s.* each.

Travers. Christopher Bigges of Stapleford, yeoman, pleads not guilty to an indictment 'pro sagitando in bombardo' contrary to the statute. Order for a writ of venire facias returnable at the next Sessions.

²The fines of Thomas Elton and Stephen Hyde of Axford, indicted

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Warmyster. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday 14 July 32 Elizabeth before Edward Penruddock, William Reade etc.

John Whatly of Warmyster, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Gifford of Boram, gentleman, in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes for permitting George Blake to escape for felony.

The fines of John Clark the elder, Edward Willys and Richard Elizander of Damerham South are taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.* each.

The fine of Libeus Manners of Durlington, gentleman, who pleads not guilty to an indictment of trespass and contempt, is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

[*p.* 285] 'It is ordered by all the Justices at this Sessions that wheras complaynt is made that one Edmond Bynder of Whiteparishe in the said countie hath kept ane alehouse without lycence, therefore from

¹ *le wenable struck out.*

² *Entry unfinished.*

³ *Entry struck out, unfinished.*

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hensforth he shalbe dismissed never to kepe alehouse againe and that a warrant shalbe sent for him to appear at the next Sessions.'

John Raynoldes of Warmyster, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, John Elderton of Sutton and John Carpenter the younger of Warmyster, yeomen, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes in the county.

¹*Travers.* John Brothers of Eastlavington, husbandman, on an indictment against the statute . . .

James Ballard of Bratton, husbandman, bound in 5*l.* 'sub condicione quod capiat in servicio suo Christoferum Clifton pro uno anno integro proximo sequenti et ad finem predicti anni ad producendum predictum Christoferum Clifton.'

The fine of the inhabitants of Pottren and the inhabitants of the tithing of Rowde is taxed at 6*s.* 8*d.* for each tithing, for a highway in defect there.

The fine of William Paynter of Wraxall, husbandman, is taxed at 5*s.*, for permitting Richard Connock, handed over and committed to him for a felony, to escape by his negligence.

Christopher Danyell elected constable of Warmyster hundred in place of William Bennett, gentleman.

[*p.* 286] John Lyde of Warmyster, baker, bound in 5*l.* 'sub condicione quod capiat in servicio suo Johannem Saunders pro uno anno integro proximo sequenti et ad finem predicti anni ad producendum predictum Johannem Saunders.'

Fiat for a writ of the good behaviour against William Hilsdon alias Burge and John his son.

Pro pace. Edward Jamvryn of Ambrosbury, gentleman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Philip Poore of Durlington, gentleman, and Henry Compton of Bulford, husbandman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace, particularly towards John Ratue.

Thomas Hall and Joan Hardtree, widow, fined 3*s.* 4*d.* each, indicted on presentments for tippling houses.

¹*Pro bene gerendo.* Richard Barnard of Kingeston Deverell, husbandman, bound . . .

Constables elected—John Nicholas in place of [William] Joy for Damerham South hundred; William Middlecott for Warmyster hundred.

John Tasker bound in 20*l.* for his personal appearance at the next Sessions.

The fines of John Leylond, yeoman, and Robert Smyth, husbandman, both of Clatford, who plead not guilty to an indictment for stopping up [the highway], are taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.* each.

[*p.* 287] Thomas Hancock of Warmyster, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Whatley, yeoman, and William Harrys, husbandman, both of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions.

¹ Entry unfinished.

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The fine of Robert Hall is taxed at 3s. 4d.

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against John Wynter, William Wynter and Benedick Wynter, gentlemen, Richard Collyns, John Wylcockes and Richard Gardnener, yeomen, all of Durham, co. Gloucester, and John Smyth of Staunton Barnard, milner, at the suit of William Poole.

Thomas Carter of Fyfhed, husbandman, bound in 20l., and his sureties, Richard Lawrance of Fyeldean, husbandman, Edmund Lacock of Stipleashton, yeoman, and Robert Whittock of Northbradly, yeoman, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next Assizes for felony.

‘ Henry Smyth of the Devizez in the countie aforsaid, weaver, Elizaunder Webbe of the same, weaver,

The fines of Richard King the elder, John Coward, John King the younger, Thomas King the elder, Richard Green, William Coward, Edward Frowde, John Frowde, Jasper King, Richard King the younger, John Pytman, William Laynsworth, clerk, Richard Banstone, John Stevens, William Furnell, Thomas Furnell, Philip Lewes, Robert Welles, Thomas Rose, Henry Rose, William Farnell, Christopher Dewchman, Walter Bowles, John Combes the elder, Nicholas Burden, William Boys, William Sanger and Robert Cattle, indicted and presented for, are taxed at 12d. each.

[p. 288] ¹*Domus servicie.* Charles Eydney, late of Chylton, husbandman,

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Marleboroughe. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Michaelmas 32 Elizabeth before Henry Knyvet, John Danvers and Walter Long, knights, Henry Sadler, William Reade and Henry Poole, esquires, and others.

Thomas Hancocke of Long Burton, co. Dorset, yeoman, bound in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions at Salisbury. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Fiat for a distringas against the inhabitants of Escott for their repairing the ditch [; by order] of Henry Poole, esquire.

Fiat for a warrant against John Reynoldes and Nicholas Evans for their appearance at the next Sessions.

Henry Barnard of Cricklad, gentleman, elected constable of Highworth, Cricklad and Staple in place of Thomas Hawkyns.

Bene gerendo. William Hillesdon alias Burge of Warmister, butcher, bound in 40l., and his sureties, John Gifford of Boram, gentleman, and Thomas Stringer of Warmister, yeoman, each in 20l.

‘ Licencia erigendi cotagium conceditur Willelmo Newman in Witnterslow annorum lxxvj.’

Fiat for a warrant of the peace against John Russell, Joan Morgan, Edward Iremonger and John Leylond.

¹ Entry unfinished.

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William Burge of Castle Eaton, husbandman, bound in 5*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and meanwhile to abide the decision of Thomas Hadocke and Humfry Smythe.

John Curtys of Castle Eton bound in 5*l.* to abide the decision of the same.

John Reve of Woodshaw elected constable of Kingsbridge hundred in place of Richard Spencer.

Pro pace. 'Fiat warrantum versus Christoferum Radishe Edmundum Radyshe et Willelmum Shepherd.'

Licence granted to Anthony Vynes to erect a cottage at Crudwell. 'Ordinatum est quod Johannes Alshere de Madington in comitatu predicto husbandman solvet qualibet septimana iiij*d.* ad usum pueri nati de corpore Anne Bacon donec fuerit etatis xij annorum et quod predicta Anna flagiletur per decennarium de Madington tribus temporibus etc.'

Thomas James of Malmesbury, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Thomas Doleman of the same, husbandman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his payment of 8*d.* a week month by month to the use of the child born of the body of Joan Pontinge to be paid to the churchwardens of Malmesbury.

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Lawrence Johnes of Calston, clerk.

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[*p.* 289] Nova Sarum. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Epiphany, 7 January, 33 Elizabeth before George lord Awdley, Henry Knyvet, James Marvyn, Thomas Wroughton, knights, John Thinne, William Brunker, Edward Penruddock, John Penruddock, Edmund Ludlowe and Henry Poole, esquires, Justices, etc.

'Ordinatur per curiam quod Hugo Drye compareat ad proximam Sessionem pacis apud Sarum tenendam videlicet Jovis proxima post festum Epiphanie proximo futurum ad respondendum super iis que illi tunc objicientur. Tenetur in x libris.'

'Thomas Jeames manucapit pro se ipso in xx l. ad comparendum ad proximam Sessionem pacis apud Devizes si interea non ordinatur pro bastardo per Henricum Knyvet militem et Henricum Poole armigerum et interim idem Jacobus relaxatur de viij*d.* solvendis per hebdomadam quousque Justiciarii predicti certificentur de materia illa per Justiciarios comitatus Glouc.' *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

Thomas Hancock similarly bound, if order is not meanwhile made for a bastard by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Ludlowe. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

Fiat for a warrant of the good behaviour against Robert Boxe, yeoman, and Thomas Williams, clerk, both of Mouncton Farleighe.

Henry Wroxam bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and in the meantime for the performance of the order of two Justices for a bastard.

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'Materia versus Elizabetham Smythe comittitur magistro Ludlow ad finiendum.'

Christopher Radishe bound in 10*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime towards Christine Daniell. *Comparuit et releatur.*

Badger's licences granted to Hugh Verin, Robert Martyn and Richard Williams.

John Kember of Ramsbury, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Stephen Appleford the younger and William Hopley of the same, yeomen, each in 10*l.*, for his keeping good order in his house so long as he keeps a common inn, granted to him this Sessions.

[p. 290] William Elkyn of Compton Chamberlayn bound in 10*l.*, and his surety, Philip Lewes of Salisbury, in 5*l.* 'quod non regratabit, forstallabit seu ingrossabit. Et licencia conceditur eidem Willelmo essendi badger.'

'Fiat breve de pace versus Edwardum Webb et Nicholaum Crouche.'

'Ne exeat processus versus les weavers.'

'Ordinatum est quod processus de bono gestu exeat versus Willelmum Butcher de Bratton, Robertum George de Westbury, Willelmum Kendall de eadem, Robertum Freston de Westbury Lye, Robertum Cowche de eadem, Rogerum Hodges de Westbury Lye, Robertum Frenche de Westbury Lye, Stephanum Tanner de Westbury, proviso quod si persone predictae interea obligentur Georgio domino Awdley quod non offendent ulterius in offensis de quibus indictati sunt quod tunc cesset.' *Ordinatum est per Justiciarios ad Assisas quod processus versus partes predictas cesset.*

'Fiat processus de bono gestu versus Willelmum Burge et Johannem Burge filium suum.' *Allocatur supersedeas sed remanet in manu magistri Thynne.*

'Fiat processus versus Robertum Ingram de Berwicke Sancti Jacobi clericum ad respondendum super iis que ad proximam Sessionem objicientur ei.'

'Ordinatum est quod illi qui habent bona Johannis Duke de Wilsford custodiant bastardos ejusdem Johannis.'

'Ordinatur quod Ricardus Kendall custodiat bastardum filii sui Edmundi quousque producat eundem Edmundum coram Justiciariis predictis.'

Licences to erect cottages granted to William Emans, in North Tidworthe, and to John Greenhalse of Yeowen, in Kemble.

'Fiat breve de pace versus Willelmum Burge de Castle Eton ad sectam Johannis Curtys.'

Licence to erect a cottage in Poole granted to Joyce Tymbrell of Poole.

'Fiat breve de pace versus Ricardum Chamberlayne ad sectam Johannis Washborne.'

'Jacobus Keate comparuit nulla recognicione existente et relaxatur per curiam.'

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[p. 291] 'Fiat breve de bono gestu et ad comparendum ad proximam Gaole deliberacionem versus Anthonium Prater de Staunton generosum, Johannem Hawkyns, David Powell et Nicholaum Tristram ad sectam Johannis Tucker.' *Debet.*

Badger's licence granted to [John] Forthe.

Fines—of Anthony Fenton, 12*d.* for each indictment, *vjs.*; of Humfrey Leycester, Agnes, John and Daniel, 12*d.* each, *iijs.*; of Robert Bannynge, 3*s.* 4*d.*

'Ne exeat processus versus inhabitantes de Milford et Larstocke usque proximam Sessionem.'

'Ordinatur quod parochiani de Aldrington solvent Johanni Rikotes viijd. qualibet septimana cum arreragiis pro educatione infantis nati de Johanna Ricotes per Thomam Holboro in Aldrington.'

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[p. 292] Devises. Sessions of the Peace held 13 April 33 Elizabeth before Henry Knyvett, Walter Hungerford, Thomas Wroughton and Walter Long, knights, William Bronker, William Eyre, Henry Sadler, Edward Hungerford, Thomas Snell and William Read, esquires.

John Rawlyns of Burbage bound in 2*0l.*, and his sureties, George Bankes of Milton and Cuthbert Hopkyns of Burbage, each in 1*0l.*, for his good behaviour and appearance at the next Sessions.

John Barnes of Brinkworthe, husbandman, and his sureties, John Barsbie of Somerford and Geoffrey Clerke of Brinkworthe, yeomen, similarly bound.

Thomas William of Mounton Farleighe bound in 4*0l.* for the performance of the order of Walter Hungerford, knight, and William Eyre, esquire, for a bastard.

Robert Ingram of Berwicke St. James, clerk, bound in 2*0l.*, and his sureties, John Maton and William Hulett, both of the same, yeomen, each in 1*0l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace towards Elizabeth Barnes.

Thomas Hancocke bound in 2*0l.* for the payment of 2*s.* monthly for the relief of a bastard. 'Et interim ordinatum est quod non arcetur comparere ad Sessionem.'

Richard Bulmer of Northbradley bound in 2*0l.*, and his sureties, Robert Whitocke of the same and Thomas Webb of Overton, yeomen, each in 1*0l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions to answer etc.

Pro domo tiplacionis. William Mason of Milford bound in 1*0l.*, and his sureties, Michael Whaley, bowyer, and Thomas Androwes, cooper, both of Salisbury, each in 5*l.*

'Ordinatur quod Johannes Reve constabularius hundredi de Kingsbridge examinetur pro Henricum Knyvet militem si exerceat officium suum non existens juratus etc.'

'Intretur transversum pro Johanne Lovell quoad presentacionem non culpabilis. Ideo fiat venire facias in proxima.'

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Licence granted to Richard Coxe to build a cottage at Ogborne.
'Ordinatum est quod Phillippus James solvet iijd. qualibet septimana pro relevio bastardi nati de corpore Anne Godwyn quousque fuerit habilis essendi apprenticius.'

'Fiat processus pro bono gestu versus Michaellem Godwyn.'

'Ordinatum est quod Johannes Mead de Bradford thatcher provi. debit pro uxore sua domum ad inhabitandum ante proximam Sessionem. Si non fecerit obligetur bono gestui. Manucepit pro seipso in x l ad comparandum ad proximam Sessionem.'

'Fiat processus versus Edwardum Webb ad respondendum super iis.'

[p. 293] Stay of process against Whadone tithing, Richard Wandesbury and William Mason.

Orders for process against 'les weavers' for their appearance at the next Sessions, Hugh Johnes of Calston for the peace, and Thomas James.

'Licencia conceditur Johanni Taylor de Bremble vendere pannum lineum et alia mercimonia.'

'Licencia mendicandi infra hundredos de Potterne et Melkesham conceditur Johanni Kynge.'

Fines assessed—of the inhabitants of Fisherton Anger for the repair of highways, at 5s. ; *solverunt* ; of Robert Ward and Henry Luxmore, at 10s. ; *solverunt* ; of William Symons, 2s. ; *solvit*.

Edward Worley and John Wynter to appear at Marlebroughe.

The fine of Robert Holloway and others, 10s. *Solverunt*.

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[p. 294] Warmister. Sessions held 6 July 33 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, James Marven, Walter Longe, knights, William Brounker, Edward Penruddock, Edward Hungerford, William Jordan and William Eires, esquires.

John Walmesley, clerk, and Robert Blake, husbandman, both of Barford, bound in 20l. each, for their appearance at the next Sessions and for their good behaviour in the meantime towards Groveley Gaine.

Licence granted to Anthony Blake to erect a cottage at Ambrosbury, provided that lord Hertford and his officers agree.

Licence granted to Anthony Vincent to build a cottage in the parish of Boxe.

Process to stay against Arthur Hulland and William Wilcox till the next court.

'Fiat processus de bono gestu versus Walterum Addoms de Fisherton Anger.'

The fine of Southnewton tithing is taxed at 3s. 4d., with stay of the amercement.

John Rawlins of Burbage bound in 20l., and his sureties, Cuthbert Hopkins of the same and George Bankes of Milton, each in 10l., for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime.

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' Cesset processus versus les weavers usque festum Bartholomei ad quod tempus ordinatur quod Petty Sessio erit et omnes textores in qualibet divisione ibidem erunt ad informandum et defendendum.'

Fines taxed—of the inhabitants of Laverstoke, at 5s. ; of Thomas Wiseman, at 3s. 4d. ; of Roger Thorley, at 2s.

John Barnes of Brinkworthe, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Barkesbie of Little Somerford, yeoman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime, particularly towards John Phillippes.

' Fiat warrantum de pace versus Johannem Beaton ad comparendum et interim gerendum pacem versus Walterum May alias Hipscome.'

Richard Holloway of Whitborne and Geoffrey Hawkins elected constables of Warmister hundred.

Licence granted to Thomas Curr to build a cottage at Grafton.

' Fiat warrantum versus Nicholaum Crouche et Edwardum Webb ut ante.'

' Fiat warrantum de bono gestu versus Michaellem Godwyn.'

' Materia inter Hugonem Johnes et Lawrencium Johnes versus Johannem Mathew et Elizabetham Mathew et Elizabetham Mathew refertur Edwardo Hungerford et Michaeli Ernley ad determinandum pro omnibus controversiis ex assensu partium.'

Fines taxed by William Bronker and Edward Penruddock—of John Lovell, at 13s. 4d. ; of Robert Hancocke, at 3s. 4d. *Solvit.*

Hugh Davis, John Haverall and Walter Brasier fined 2s. each by T. Wroughton and [Carew] Raleighe at Wilton.

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[p. 295] Marleboroughe. Sessions of the Peace held Thursday after Michaelmas, 30 September 33 Elizabeth before Henry Knyvet, Walter Hungerford, Thomas Wroughton, Walter Longe, knights, John Penruddock, Henry Sadler, Edward Hungerford, Thomas Snell, Henry Poole and William Reade, esquires.

' Ordinatum est quod processus cesset versus homines de Devizes.'

' Finis Johannis Hore taxatur ad vjs. viijd. sub condicione quod pons reparatur ante proximam Sessionem ; aliter exeat processus.'

' Fiat attachiamentum super informaciones.'

Licence to erect a cottage in Marston granted to Robert Smarte.

' Ordinatur quod Johannes Barnes compareat ad proximam Sessionem et tunc relaxetur si nichil obiicietur ei. Interim tenetur in *xxl.* *Manucepit, comparuit et relaxatur.*

' Finis Johannis Ratue taxatur ad iijs. iiijd.'

Licences to erect cottages granted to Thomas New and Thomas Keate of Shawborne and to John Rawlyns.

' Renovatur processus versus Michaellem Godwyn.'

' It is ordered that if Christopher Northe be abled by law to be an apprentice that then he shall serve the woman so longe as she shall

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exercise the mistery of weavinge or cause him to be instructed in the same bona fide duringe the yeares.'

'Fiat processus de bono gestu versus Thomam Clifford clericum.'

'Ordinatur quod Robertus Withers obligetur bono gestui.' *Manucepit in xxl.' comparuit et relaxatur.*

The fines of Philip Clare, John Mullyns, Thomas Cuddimore, Leonard Dier, Saunder Merike, John Cuddimore and Leonard Northe are taxed at 6*d.* each.

'Cessent processus et exitus versus Calways, Chippenham, Langlie quousque Walterus Long miles certificet et ordinabit ulterius pro ponte et viis.'

'Fines Johannis Washborn et matris taxantur utriusque ad ijs.'

Thomas Lovell of Kingswood, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Lovell of the same, tailor, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime. *In servicio domine regine. Ideo per curiam relaxatur.*

'It is ordred further that he shall apeare from Sessions to Sessions untill Jone Flory be delivered and if he mary her in the meane tyme, then he to be discharged.'

[*p.* 296] 'Fiat breve de bono gestu versus Willelmum Norris et Thomam Norrys.'

Edward Pledall of Shrivenham, co. Berks, gentleman, Daniel Slatter of Crikklad, Francis Austyn and Thomas Gover, both of Shrivenham, bound in 20*l.* each for their appearance at the next Sessions and for their keeping the peace, particularly towards John Donne. *Comparuerunt et relaxantur.*

Stay of process against John Tyler alias Clerke till next Sessions.

The fine of John Daniell taxed at 12*d.* Process stayed by the court.

John Donne of Cricklad, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Donne of the same and Elizabeth Cox of May, widow, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

'Extrahatur per curiam xij*d.* de quolibet juratore qui recessit absque licencia Justiciariorum.'

'Fiat breve de restitutione pro Edwardo Walrond et Johanne Darel versus Thomam Fisher et uxorem.'

'Fiat breve de bono gestu versus Johannem Crispe de Lidiard Millisent clericum.'

'Finis Johannis Smythe de Pewsie taxatus per curiam ad iij*l.* vjs. viij*d.* afferatur per curiam ad vs.'

Jeffrey Foote of Barwike St. John bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Vanner, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and in the meantime to pay 8*d.* weekly as ordered by Matthew Arondell, knight, and Francis Zouche, esquire. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

'Fines Roberti Holloway et aliorum in indictamentis taxantur videlicet ad ijs. quilibet ; mulieres in eisdem indictamentis ad nichil.'

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' It is ordered that William Pearsie shall give notice to the parishioners ther to contribut to the kepinge of a bastard child ther until the reputed father be found.'

' Fiat warrantum de pace versus Matheum Bendall et Franciscum Burgeman de Durington ad gerendum pacem versus Walterum Adoms.'

Constables elected—Walter Cox, of Highworthe, Cricklad and Staple hundred ; John Bengier, of Kinwardstone hundred.

John Walter of Tottenham Week, yeoman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Jeffry of Wotten Basset and Robert Whittock of Northebadly, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

' Edwardus Worlye et Johannes Wynter de Pewsie pro exercendo¹ artes sutoris contra formam statuti ordinentur per Willelmum Reade armigerum cui determinacio inde per curiam refertur.'

Travers. Humfrey Lester pleads not guilty to an indictment. Order for a venire facias and proclamation.

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[*p.* 297] Nova Sar'. Sessions of the Peace held 13 January 34 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, James Mervyn, Walter Longe, knights, Edward Penruddock, John Penruddock, Edward Hungerford, Henry Willughbie, Henry Poole and William Reade, esquires, Justices.

Thomas Clifford of Overton, clerk, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, John Dismar, husbandman, and William Smythe, both of the same, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance and good behaviour. *Comparuit et . . .*²

' Fiat processus de bono gestu versus Michaelem Godwyn.'

John Walter of Tottenham Weeke, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, John Shewer of Uphaven and John Bright of Winterborne Stoke, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance and good behaviour. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

John Hayter of Little Langford, yeoman, bound in 40*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Hayter of Wisheford, yeoman, and James Evererd, each in 20*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes to answer etc. *Comparuit et deliberatur.*

' It is ordred that Anthony Barnard shall pay vs. to Jeffry Foote and if the said Fote shall resort or keepe company with Edithe Tyler then he to be whipped in three market townes.'

' It is referrd by the court to Sir Walter Hungerford and Mr. Jordan to determine for a bastard begotten by John Tucker on Johane Pounce and in the meane tyme Mr. Tucker and Mr. Escourt to be contributories to the chardge of it with the parishe aswell for that past as that is to come.'

Licence for a tippling house granted to William Harford.

' Fiat processus versus Willelmum Rogers de Lavington ballivum

¹ *MS.* exercendo.

² Unfinished.

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et Johannem Greene ad comparandum ad proximam Sessionem ad respondendum super eis.'

The fine of Whaddon tithing taxed at 13s. 4d.

Licence to erect a cottage in Kinston Deverell granted to John Clavy.

Licence to be a badger granted to John Williams, who was bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Mintie and John Lambert, in 5*l.* each.

Stephen Smythe, Richard Gray and Edward Gray released by the court without fine.

Travers. John Hawkins and John Smythe plead not guilty to an indictment. Order for a venire facias.

The fines of Edward Womley and John Wynter are taxed at 3s. 4d. each.

'It is ordered that all constables of everie division shall paye at every quarter Session their mony gathered for the gayle out of their division.'

'Dies datus e[s]t Ricardo Fuller et Lea in proximam Sessionem ad respondendum informacioni.'

The fine of John Stockman is taxed by the court at 10s.

'Fiat processus de bono gestu versus Robertum Westrop alias Hayward et Willelmum Westrop et processus de pace versus Johannem Westrop ad pacem gerendam versus Johannem Hill.'

'It is ordred that the child of Christian Smythe shalbe releaved by Poterne and the mother by¹

Licence to erect a cottage in Durneford granted to Walter Adams subject to the consent of doctor Bilson.

[p. 298] 'Fiat breve de bono gestu versus Laurencium Johnes clericum et Hugonem Johnes, husbandman.'

Thomas Horborne of Priors Cleve, co. Worcester, bound in 10*l.* to prosecute against Henry Erington at the Assizes there. *Vacat.*

Fines taxed—of Arthur Goslet and the others in the same indictment, at 2s. 6d. each; of Edward Harris, at 6s. 8d.

William Greene of Stourton, yeoman, bound in 20*l.* to prosecute against Thomas Hamson. 'Et ordinatur quod restitucio bonorum suorum eidem Willelmo fiat.' *Vacat.*

'Philippus Kengerton dimittitur per curiam sine fine.'

Richard Ragland of Bishopston, yeoman, and William Gundet of Rogborne, co. Southampton, gentleman, each bound in 50*l.* for the appearance of Mary Ragland, wife of Richard, at the next Sessions and for her good behaviour in the meantime. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

'Fiat warrantum de pace versus Edwardum Baylye ad pacem gerendam versus Welchianum Hayter.'

'The matter for Sir Henry Knyvetes inclosure is referred to Sir Walter Longe and Mr. Henry Poole.'

The fines of Thomas Pearse and Richard Lyddiard are taxed at 6s. 8d. each. *Lidiard non solvit.*

¹ Unfinished.

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Devizes. Sessions of the Peace held Tuesday after the Close of Easter, 4 April 34 Elizabeth before Walter Hungerford, James Mervyn, Thomas Wroughton, knights, William Brounker, Edward Penruddocke, Edward Hungerford, John Penruddocke, Henry Willughby, Michael Earnley, Thomas Snell and William Reade, esquires.

Licences to erect cottages granted to William Symes, in Wilye; to (*blank*) in Keynton St. Michael; to (*blank*) in Amesbury Erldom or Priorye.
' Thomas Stanchall, Willelmus Sage et Willelmus Whately relaxantur sine fine per curiam.'

The fine of Thomas Croue is taxed by the court at 10s.

The fine of Fisherton Anger for Crome bridge is taxed at 10s. *Non solverunt.*

Licences to erect cottages granted to William Kynge, in Burtohill; to John Spender, in Baberstoke.

' Rogerus Hiller alias Chiselden relaxatur per curiam pro ove furata pro qua commissus erat gaole et traditus fuit in ballium.'

Owyn Paty of Fernam, husbandman, bound in 10*l.* for the appearance of Joan Paty before William Reade, esquire, and other Justices whenever she shall be required. *Comparuit et traditur ultra.*

Licence to keep a tipling house granted to Robert Pope.

[*p.* 299] John Walter of Totenham Weke bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions, unless in the meantime agreement is made between the parties, and meanwhile to be of the good behaviour. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

' It is ordered that Thomas Kingston and Richard Hynde shall finde and kepe the bastard child of George Edwardes untill the reputed father be found.' *Manucepit uterque in vl.*

William Piersie of Great Bedwyne, tailor, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Humfrey Griffen of the same and Stephen Markes, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and good behaviour in the meantime. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

' Willelmus Piersie et Johannes Gregory de Bedwyn dimittuntur a custodiendo domum tiplacionis per curiam.'

The fine of Edith Stranguishe for a tipling house is taxed by the court at 2*s.* 6*d.* *Non solvit.*

' The matter betwene Frauncis Shewringe and Humby for a lambe is referred to Mr. John Stockman and Mr. Snelgar to determine.'

' The matter of bastardie for Frauncis Shewringe is referred to two of the next Justices.'

Francis Shewringe of Dounton, millwright, bound in 20*l.*, for his appearance before the two next Justices to where the child was born whenever he shall be required.

' It is ordered that Robert Pope and Harverd of Northbradley shalbe discharged from keepinge alehouses for evill rule kept in their houses.'

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John Laufer of Wotton Basset bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Anthony Goddard of Cleve, gentleman, and William Lane of Wotton, yeoman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace meanwhile towards John Langlye. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

The fines of Mary Ragland and the others in the same indictment are taxed by the court at 12*d.* each.

John Cusse of Pirton, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Thomas Gymer of Milborn, husbandman, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace towards Thomas Viand, clerk. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

Thomas Clifford of Overton, clerk, bound in 40*l.* for his appearance 'secundum formam brevis domine Regine Justiciariis hic directi in festo sancti' Luce' and for his good behaviour meanwhile.

Licence to erect a cottage granted to Mary Saunders of Alcaninges.

The fine of William Whorwood is taxed by the court at 2*s.*

'Fiat breve de pace versus Thomam Ellyot ad sectam Johannis Pierse.'

The fine of William Church is taxed by the court at 12*d.*

Alehouse. Edmund Myntie of Northbradlye, baker, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Druce of Cutridge, yeoman, and Robert Guly of Bradly, weaver, each in 5*l.*

The fine of Osmund Tanner is taxed by the court at 6*s.* 8*d.*

'Johannes Pedlingham relaxatur sine fine per curiam.'

'Renovatur processus versus Michaelem Godwyne.'

The fines of John Glead and the others in the same indictment are taxed at 6*d.* each.

Licence to erect a cottage in Stainton granted to John Hedges.

Alehouse. William Elmes of Baydon bound in 5*l.*

'Fiat warrantum versus Thomam Hancocke ad comparendum ad proximam ad respondendum super iis.'

'Johannes Legg de Bulford relaxatur per curiam.'

'Henricus Palmer, Leonardus Creed, Willelmus Gosse relaxantur sine fine per curiam.'

[*p.* 300] 'Willelmus Mathew constabularius de Cawdon et Cadworthe comparuit ad istam Sessionem et petit diem interloquendi ad informationem in proxima et habet.'

Henry Sorney of Northbradley, weaver, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Robert Whittocke and Robert Taylor of the same, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes.

Fines taxed—of Thomas Browninge of Bishopston, at 6*s.*; of Thomas Whetocke, Robert Chamberleyn, Leonard Panter, William Wilshere and Thomas Johnes, at 4*d.* each.

Richard Longford of Trowbridge, mercer, bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, Anthony Bersley of Westbury, haberdasher, in 20*l.*, for his prosecuting against Henry Sorney at the next Assizes.

¹ *MS.* sancte.

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' Ricardus Fuller et Thomas Alye placitaverunt ad informaciones. Fiat venire facias.'

Henry Chappell of Bradley and William Allen of Tenhed elected constables of Whorwelsdowne. The said William was sworn in Sessions.

' Ordinatum est quod Johannes Sayer de Bedwyne solvet vjd. qualibet septimana ad relevium infantis Thome Saer filii sui quousque ordinatur per Thomam Wroughton, militem, et Willelmum Reade armigerum.'

' Upon informacion of unlawfull games used about Tidworthe it is ordered at this Session that the Justices of the same division shall presently prohibite it and take order for the same.'

Licence to erect a cottage in Estmanstrete granted to Philip Clerke alias Wickwer.

Matthew Kengen bound in 20*l.* for his appearance before William Reade and the next Justice whenever he shall be required thereto, for a bastard.

' Johannes Longe de Kevell et Willelmus Condit relaxantur sine fine.'

Travers. Tristram Mathew and Maurice Fursby plead not guilty to a presentment for a bridge.

The fine of Henry Cooper alias Antony is taxed by the court at 3*s.* 4*d.* *Non solvit.*

The fine of Thomas Raymon is taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Michael Wade of Liddiard, gentleman, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

MIDSUMMER SESSIONS 1592

[*p.* 301] Calne. Sessions of the Peace held 27 June 34 Elizabeth before Edward Baynton, John Danvers, Thomas Wroughton, Walter Longe, knights, William Brounker, Walter Hungerford, Michael Earnley, Henry Sadler, Edward Hungerford, Henry Poole and William Reade, esquires.

' Fiat breve de pace versus Edmundum Ames ad sectam Ricardi Browne.'

Thomas Jordan of Swynden, labourer, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, John Stichall and Richard Hill of the same, husbandmen, each in 5*l.*, for his keeping good order in his [ale]house.

Licence to erect a cottage at Crudwell granted to William Hutchins.

The fine of the women of Bradford is taxed at 12*d.* each, viz. 9*s.* *Non solverunt.*

Licence to erect a cottage at Lydiard Tregose granted to Walter Beames.

' The matter for Kengen and Paty is referred to two of the next Justices to order viz. Mr. Sadler and Mr. Reade and they to certifie their opinions at the next Sessions.'

A badger's licence granted to Roger Mathew of Buckingham, who is bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Longe and Richard Davis, each in 10*l.*

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Fines assessed—of John Small, at 5s. ; of George Roper and the others, at 10s. for all the persons indicted.

' Dies datus est Nicholao Barrett usque in proximam Sessionem ad respondendum informacioni.'

' It is ordered that George Edwardes shall pay viijd. weeklie for everie weeke that is past and for every weeke that is to come untill he bringe forthe Johan Bannyng the mother of a basterd child on her by him begotten and then he to be discharged of ijd. weekely.'

The said George bound in 20*l.* and his surety, Robert Edwardes, in 10*l.* for the performance of the order.

' It is ordered that Arthur Husland shall deliver John Crawly to his father before nine of the clocke of this next daye or to be committed to gayle.'

' Fiat capias versus eundem Husland.'

The fine of the inhabitants of Amsbury is taxed by the court at 20s.

Thomas Wayte elected constable for Malmesbury [hundred] in place of John Barksby.

Licence to erect a cottage in Longly granted to William Symes.

' It is ordered that Thomas Sayer shall pay 20s. now and 20s. more at St. James tyde to William Peerson and then Pearson to keep the child and discharge Sayers sonne and the parishe.'

Thomas Eues bound in 20*l.* for he performance of the order of Edward Baynton, knight, and William Brounker and for his appearance at the next Sessions.

Simon Rolfe of Enford bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, William Keynton of Melkesom, in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace meanwhile towards Agnes Gynes.

Robert Wheeler of Ramsbury bound in 20*l.*, and his surety, John Cook of the same, in 10*l.*, for the appearance of the said Robert, Roger Lease and Alice Wheler at the next Sessions and for their keeping the peace meanwhile towards John Baker.

[*p.* 302] Thomas Baker of Ramsbury bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, John Jeames and John Johnes of Calne, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace meanwhile towards Robert Wheler.

Walter Baker of Ramsbury, husbandman, and his surety, John Baker of the same, similarly bound.

The fines of William Wilcox and Arthur Hulland are assessed at 2s. 6*d.* each.

' It is ordered that no Justice shall graunt any licence for sellenge ale in the towne of Malmesbury unles the parties be commended under the handes of the aldermen, burgesses and fermors of the said towne or the most parte of them, and that these only be allowed to tiple, William Frythe, William Sparke, Nicholas Erbury, Thomas Bery, Johan Neale, William Yonge and John Specke.'

Licence to erect a cottage in Longstreet granted to John Freethe.

Nicholas Barget of Hayle, husbandman, bound in 10*l.*, and his

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sureties, William Heycroft of Rodborne, gentleman, and Nicholas Ball of the same, each in 5*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace towards Cecily Badham.

Thomas Angell of Hayle, husbandman, and his sureties, William Heycrofte and William Morse of Heydon, similarly bound.'

'Fiat warrantum versus Thomam Hancocke ad respondendum super eis.'

'Willelmus Mathew nichil dicit nec placitat ad informacionem ad Sessionem hanc usque quam habuit diem interloquendi. Ideo intretur iudicium per curiam versus eum et fiat inde breve de execucione.'

Licence to erect a cottage in Enford granted to Edith Wilkins.

'Fiat breve de bono gestu versus David Powell de Stanton.'

'Fiat breve versus Antonium Ellys de Rodborne ad comparandum ad proximam ad respondendum super eis.'

Alehouse. Anthony Nicholas of Calne, butcher, bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, William Tayler and Thomas Nicholas, both of the same, each in 5*l.* Licence to keep a tipling house granted him by the court.

Fines taxed—of Roger Chever, by the court, at 2*s.*; of Humfrey Frawlyn, for tipling, at 12*d.*, for bowling, at 12*d.*; of Thomas Nicholas, for tipling, at 12*d.*

'Ricardus Langdon dimittitur per curiam sine fine.'

'Fiat sub pena versus Johannem Longe ad respondendum informacioni.'

Humfrey Frawlyn bound in 10*l.*, and his sureties, Benet Allen of Calne, gentleman, and Oliver Girdler, each in 5*l.* Licence to keep a tipling house granted him by the court.

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[*p.* 303] Marleborough. Sessions of the Peace held 5 October 34 Elizabeth before Henry Knyvett, John [Danvers], Thomas Wroughton, knights, Henry Sadler, John Penruddocke, Henry Poo[le] and William Reade, esquires.

Thomas Goddard of Burchenwood, esquire, bound in 40*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime towards John Bannyster and Henry Androws of Bramshawe. *Comparuit et relaxatur.*

Licence to beg throughout the county for one year granted to Robert Moone.

Licence to erect a cottage in Benfield granted to John Sarjent by Edward Baynton and Michael Earneley.

John Sharpwell, collier, and Robert Androwes, husbandman, both of Cadnam, co. Southampton, and Richard Androwes of Bramshaw, yeoman, bound in 20*l.* each for their appearance at the next Sessions and for their keeping the peace towards Thomas Goddard. *Traduntur ultra.*

Travers. Thomas Goddard pleads not guilty to the indictment. Order for a venire facias.

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' Johannes Flower per Johannem Kent attornatum suum comparuit et petiit copiam informacionis et diem interloquendi in proxima et habet.'

Licence to erect a cottage granted to Margaret Saunders.

' Willelmus Heydon comparuit sed nulla recognicio deliberatur clerico pacis.'

Thomas Bellamy of Cullern, clerk, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, William Cable and Arthur Goslet of the same, gentleman, each in 10*l.*, for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace in the meantime towards Edward White. *Traditur ultra.*

William Cable of Cullern, clerk, and his sureties, the said Bellamy and Goslet, similarly bound. *Relaxatur.*

Edward White of Oxenford, bachelor at law, bound in 20*l.* for his appearance at the next Sessions and for his keeping the peace towards Thomas Bellamy. *Relaxatur.*

Licence to erect a cottage in Ockborn granted to Richard Bushe.

' It is ordered that John Keele only shall keep an alehouse in Great Bedwyn and that William Piersie shalbe permitted to keepe vitlinge untill Easter next without settinge up any alestake, but if he keepe any disorder, then to be utterly dismissed ; all other to be removed.'

Henry Norrice of Chelworth, husbandman, bound in 20*l.*, and his sureties, Richard Trender and Henry Rutter, both of the same, husbandmen, each in 10*l.*, for the appearance of Norrys at the next Assizes to answer etc.

Licence to erect a cottage granted to John Williams.

Richard Rogers of Cicester, co. Gloucester, yeoman, bound in 100*l.*, and his sureties, John Pleadall of Pirton, gentleman, and John Payshes of Higheworthe, yeoman, each in 50*l.*, for his appearance at the next Assizes to answer.

Constables elected—William Sadler of Saltrop, for Kingsbr[idge] hundred ; William Pledale of Magotmil, for Higheworthe, Crickla[d and Staple] hundred ; Thomas Williams, for Kinwardston hundred in place of John Pearson.

[*p.* 304] Licence to erect a cottage at Ruckly granted to Elizabeth Liddiard.

' Renovatur processus versus Michaellem Godwyn pro bono gestu.'

George Banckes of Milton and Thomas Mason of Stowell, yeomen, bound in 40*l.* each for the appearance of William Prater and Ferdinand Prater at the next Assizes and for their good behaviour in the meantime.

' The matter betwen Michael Cowley and John Plomer is to be determined by Simon James and John Escourt, gentlemen, for the possession per curie ordinacionem.'

' It is ordered that a letter be directed for the redeliverie of Richard Rogers goodes to him agayne by suche as detayne them.'

' It is ordered that no constable shall remayne in his office above three yeares hereafter.'

' It is ordered that a warrant of the good behaviour goe against

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John Gibbens and that he stand bound to the same untill he paye to Richard Major xlvij s.'

'It is ordered that Sir Henry Knyvet shall send for William James of Chelworthe and bynd him to prosecute at the next Assises against Henry Norrys.'

'It is ordered that a warrant be directed to Harverd of Studley for the redeliverie of the clothes of Anne Ruswell.'

'It is ordered that John Gerrard shalbe committed to the Comon Gayle untill he find suertie for his good behaviour and to appear at the next Assises.'

'Fiat warrantum de pace versus Willelmum Garrard.'

'Fiat execucio versus Willelmum Mathew super informacionem de statuto de Archerye.'

'A Rate by the Justices at this Session being for the levyenge mony for the Gayle.

For so muche dew to Weekes as appearethe ..	xxvj l. xiiij s. iiij d.
For reparacions about the Gayle layd out by the Sherife as appearethe by his bill	vij l. vij s.
More for devidinge certeyne romes there	x l.
Summa	xlvi l. iiij d.

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Imprimis thearle of Pembroke his division ..	ix l.
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James Mervyn	John Danvers	John Penruddock
Edw: Penruddock	Henr: Knyvet	Hen: Poole
Henry Willughby	Tho: Wroughton	Willm: Reade.'

'Anna Russell uritur in aure ad istam Sessionem pro vagabunda.'

SPECIAL SESSIONS, DECEMBER 1592

[p. 305] Sessions of the Peace held at Salisbury 1 December 35 Elizabeth, 1592, before Walter Hungerford, James Marvin, Thomas Wroughton, Walter Longe, William Brouncker, William Eyres, knights, and others.

'It is ordered at this Sessions that such as refuse to contribute to the chardge of souldiers within Sir Edward Bayntons devicion and the hundred of Calne be served with proces to appeare at the next Generell Sessions out of the court.'

'Memorandum, severall warrants to be directed to the conestables of Chipenham and Damerham North for the gayle monie which is behind since the tyme of John Webb ther conestable ther.'

Anthony Prater of Staunton bound in 80*l.*, and his sureties, Geoffrey Provender of Allington, gentleman, Thomas Mason of Stowell, yeoman,

¹ Altered from ix l.

² Altered from vj l. x s.

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and George Bancks of Milton, yeoman, each in 40*l.*, for his good behaviour and appearance at the next Gaol Delivery.

The same persons similarly bound for Thomas Prater, son of Anthony.

'John Horton,¹ gentleman, Browne of Cherill, William Forman, Mr. Edwardes of Pinells, mistress Mary Rogers, Chevers² of Quemerford, John Pope¹ the miller, Richard Johnes¹ the baylife, Thomas Dashe,¹ dier, William Swadden,¹ clothier, proces agaynst them for not paying to setting out of soldiers.'

'Sent to the Shreife ix^o Decembris 8 writes, viz. a precept for the Sessions, a distres, two *capias* in transgressionie, *plura* in felonia, *plura* in transgressionie, a *venire facias* indictatum, an *alias* in transgressionie.'

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¹ A mark is set in the margin against these names.

² *MS.* mistress Mary (*blank*), Rogers Chevers.

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