

**Transcription of the Minute Book of His Majesty's Commission of Sewers 1729**


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*W. Gee*  
 Letchmore  
 Epping  
 Oct. 28. 99.  
 Sir Walter Gilbey Bart.  
 Dear Sir  
 I have the Minute-  
 book of His Majesty's  
 Justices & Commissioners  
 of Sewers, dating from

1429-1460 for the  
 River Stort.  
 I understand that  
 you have purchased  
 the navigable river  
 and thus you might  
 like to see these Minutes  
 if so, I will bring  
 the book with me to

Bp's Stortford Market  
 next Thursday.  
 If you can in any  
 way claim the book  
 through your purchase  
 I think I could  
 procure it for you  
 I am  
 Yrs truly  
 Chas. Sworder

Correspondence between Sir Walter Gilbey, William Gee (his solicitor) and Charles Sworder, a descendant of one of the Commissioners, regarding the Minute Book of the River Stort 1729.

  
 W. Gilbey & Co. Pantheon, Oxford Street, LONDON W.  
 Oct. 30. 1899  
 Dear Mr Gee  
 Enclosed I send you  
 a letter I have received from Mr  
 Charles Sworder of Ketchmore Epping  
 & on the other side, a copy of my  
 reply  
 Yours truly  
 Walter Gilbey  
 1729  
 W. Gee Esq  
 Bishop Stortford

Copy of reply, 30 Oct 1899  
 as owner of the Stort Navigation,  
 the minutes of the Commissioners  
 of Sewers respecting the River Stort  
 would be of much interest  
 I am doubtful of being able  
 to be at Bishop Stortford on Thursday  
 next but if you would kindly  
 leave the volume with Mr Wm  
 Gee (Solicitor) I should be  
 obliged & would take an early  
 opportunity of looking at it



**The Fly leaf of the book records a list of names, presumably those appointed to the 1729 Commission, although several of the Commissioners who attended meetings are not listed.**

<u>Names listed</u>	<u>Notes</u>
The Right Honble Wm Earl of Essex	(1697-1743 William Capel)
The Right Honble Henry Earle of Thomond	(1688-1741) (Lord Lieutenant of Essex)
Lord Massum	(1678-1758 Samuel, Baron Masham,)
Edmund, Bsp of London	(Bishop of London 1723-1748)
ffrancis Lord Guilford	(1704-1790 MP for Banbury)
Rd, Lord Castlemain	(1680-1750 Sir Richard Child)
Sir Strange Jocelyn	(1651-1734 2 <sup>nd</sup> Baronet of Hyde Hall)
Wm Standly#, Dean of Ely St Asaphs	(1647-1731 William Stanley)
Wm Plummer* )	
John Hyde* ) Esqrs	
Peter Calvert* )	
Peyton Altham* )	
Robt Chesser )	
Moses Raper* ) Esqrs	
Wm Gardiner* )	
Thos Heath* )	
Jacob Houblon )	
Ed Rich Shales (?) )	
ffrancis Cudworth Mashum ) Esqrs	(Francis Cudworth Masham, 1686 - )
Edmund ffeild )	
John Green )	
John How	
Matthew Bluck )	
Jonathan Nunn* )	
Wm Calvert )	
Stephen Calvert ) Esqrs	
Ralph ffreeman )	
Wm Glascock* )	
Wm Hale )	

\* Those attending one or more meetings of the first Commission

# Not the William Stanley who attended the meetings

**Meetings of the Court of Sewers under both Commissions**

Date	Place	Commissioners	Pages	Images
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April 1729	Crown Inn, Harlow	7	1	005
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April 1729	Crown Inn, Harlow	8	1	006
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May 1729	Crown Inn, Harlow	6	2	007-008
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 1729	Crown Inn, Harlow	10	2	010-011
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 1729	Crown Inn, Harlow	9	8	012-019
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 1729	Crown Inn, Harlow	7	2	020-021
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April 1730	Crown Inn, Harlow	6	2	022-023
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May 1730	Crown Inn, Harlow	7	2	024-025
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May 1730	Green Man, Eastwick	5	1	026
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April 1731	Crown Inn, Harlow	6	6	027-032
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 1731	Crown Inn, Harlow	6	3	033-035
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April 1732	Crown Inn, Harlow	4	2	035-036
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April 1733	Crown Inn, Harlow	4	1	037
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April 1734	Crown Inn, Harlow	8	2	038-039
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April 1735	Crown Inn, Harlow	6	1	040
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 1735	Green Man, Eastwick	4	1	041
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April 1736	Crown Inn, Harlow	7	6	042-047
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June 1736	Crown Inn, Hockerill	6	4	048-051
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April 1737	Crown Inn, Harlow	5	1	052
Meeting adjourned to the third Wednesday in April 1738 at the Green Man at Eastwick. No report				
Date	Place	Commissioners	Pages	Images
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1759	Green Man, Harlow	15	2	053-054
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 1759	Crown Inn, Harlow	13	2	055-056
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 1759	Bell Inn, Sawbridgeworth	14	2	057-058
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October 1759	Green Man, Harlow	10	2	059-060
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 1759	Crown Inn, Harlow	11	3	061-063
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November 1759	Bell Inn, Sawbridgeworth	10	2	064-065
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December 1759	Green Man, Harlow	9	3	066-068
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 1760	Green Man, Harlow	13	5	069-073
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January 1760	Crown Inn, Harlow	9	2	074-075
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 1760	Bell Inn, Sawbridgeworth	7	1	076
Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1760	Green Man, Harlow	6	1	077
Meeting adjourned to Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 1760 at The Crown in Harlow. No report				

**Attendance of the Commissioners**

First Commission											
Name	1729						1730			1731	
	16.4	30.4	7.5	4.6	23.7	8.10	8.4	20.5	25.5	7.4	2.6
<b>Byde, John</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Altham, Dr Roger				1	1	1					
Altham, Peyton	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Calvert, Peter	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
Glascoock, William	1	1		1			1			1	
Heath, Thomas				1	1	1					
Nunn, Jonathan	1	1	1	1	1						
Plumer, William	1	1	1		1	1	1	1			
Raper, Moses		1		1	1			1	1		1
Sandford, John		1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1
Stanley, William	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1
Richard Strutt (clerk)	/	/	/	/							
Robert King (clerk)					/	/	/	/	?	/	/
Totals	7	8	6	10	9	7	6	7	5	6	6

First Commission (continued)								
Name	1732	1733	1734	1735	1736		1737	
	5.4	11.4	10.4	9.4	5.5	21.4	9.6	20.4
<b>Byde, John</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Altham, Dr Roger								
Altham, Peyton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Calvert, Peter	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Glascoock, William			1	1		1	1	1
Heath, Thomas								
Nunn, Jonathan								
Plumer, William	1	1	1	1				
Raper, Moses			1	<del>1</del>		1	1	
Sandford, John			1			1	1	
Stanley, William			1	1	1	1		1
Robert King (clerk)	/	/	?	/	/	/	/	/
	4	4	8	6	4	7	6	5

The attendances in red indicate that those Commissioners signed the minutes of that meeting. Although Matthew Raper's name is crossed out in the minutes of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1735, he signed the record and William Plumer did not.

Second Commission											
Name	1759							1760			
	29.6	21.7	22.9	5.10	31.10	24.11	5.12	2.1	12.1	2.2	22.3
<b>Jocelyn, Sir Conyers</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Adderley, Thomas		1	1					1	1		
Altham, William		1	1		1						
Altham, Rev Thomas		1									
Archer, John			1		1	1	1	1			
Blackmore, Thomas			1	1	1	1	1	1			
Brome, John	1	1	1		1	1		1	1		
Emmerson, Rev John	1										
ffeake, Samuel	1	1	1			1	1	1			
ffeilde, William			1	1							
ffisher, Dr John	(sign)				1		1	(sign)	(sign)		
Gardiner, Edward	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Henshaw, Benjamin	1	1			1			1			
Houblon, Jacob	1		1	1							
Hynd, Rev Richard	1										
Parson, Edward	1	1									
Plumer, William (Jnr)	1										
Raper, John	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Raper, Matthew	1	1	1	1				1	1	1	1
Sworder, William	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1	
Turvin, John	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wise, Rev Edward	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1
Philip Martin (clerk)	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
	15	13	14	10	11	10	9	13	9	7	6

There are discrepancies in the Second Commission's minutes. Dr John Fisher signed the minutes of three meetings which he apparently did not attend. At the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> December 1759, John Archer is named twice in the list of nine attendees but it is not possible to deduce who is the person he is "replacing".

The first page of the Minute Book of the Commission of Sewers held 16<sup>th</sup> April 1729

Essex  
 1729-  
 At the first Meeting of his Majties Justices & Commissioners  
 of Sewers holden at the Crownes Inn in London in the County of  
 Essex on the Sixteenth day of Aprile Anno Dni 1729 for the  
 River of the County of Essex & ~~London~~ <sup>South</sup> in  
 the Bishes of Staunton Moulton, Great Parndon, Little Parndon,  
 Great Ballingbury, Little Ballingbury, Shering, Warlow,  
 Lutton, Neatwell, Little Parndon, Great Parndon and Rogdon  
 in the County of Essex, Bpp Stafford, Thury, Saddingworth,  
 Goddolphon, Eastwick, Dunston and Staunton, Deale in  
 the said County of Hertford  
 The Commission being first read And by vertue of a  
 Warrant directed to the said Commissioners then  
 = present =  
 Willm Phelps }  
 Jones Byde }  
 Peyton Allham }  
 Peters Calvert }  
 Jonathan Nunn }  
 Willm Standly }  
 Willm Glascock }  
 Who Chose John Byde Esq<sup>r</sup> their Chairman & Richard  
 Shutt govt their Clerke  
 And Issued out their Warrant to the Sheriffs of  
 Essex & Hertford to Summon Jurys to Appear on  
 Wednesday the Thirtieth day of the Instant  
 Aprile  
 And then Adjourned (to Wednesday the said Thirtieth  
 day of Aprile) to the said Crownes Inn in London

Stort 1729 005

## Essex and Hertford to wit

**At the ffirst meeting of his Majties Justices & Comissioners of Sewers held att the Crowne Inn in Harlow in the County of Essex on the sixteenth day**



**of Aprill Anno Dno 1729** for the River Stort in the Countyes of Essex & Herts wthin the Parishes of Stansted Mountfitchett ffarneham Birchanger Great Hallingbury Little Hallingbury Sheering Harlow Latton Neatswell Little Parndon Great Parndon and Roydon in the County of Essex and Bps Stortford Thorly Sabridgeworth Geddelston Eastwick Hunsdon and Stansted Thele in the said County of Hertford.

The Comission being first read and by vertue of a Dedimus directed to the severall Comissioners

therein named

William Plumer )		Jonathan Nunn )
John Byde )		William Standley )
Peyton Altham )	Ad Jur	and ) Ad Jur
Petrus Calvert )		William Glascock }

Who chose John Byde Esqr their Chairman & Richard Strutt gent their Clerke.

And issued out their Warrant to the Sherriffes of Essex & Hertfordshir to summon Jury's to appear on Wednesday the Thirtieth day of this Instant Aprill

And then adjourned (to Wednesday the said Thirtieth day of Aprill) to the said Crown Inn in Harlow.

Stort 1729 006

## Essex and Hertford to wit

**At the Second meeting of his Majties Justices & Comissioners of Sewers for the River Stort held att the Crown Inn in Harlow in the County of Essex this thirtieth day of Aprill Anno Dno 1729** pursuant to the last adjournment.

Comissioners & Gents

John Byde )		Moses Raper )
Willm Plumer )		Wm Standley )
Peter Calvert )	Ad	John Sandford ) Ad
Jonathan Nunn )		Wm Glascock )

At which time Moses Raper & John Sandford Esqrs were sworn

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ff = The ligature representing the capital F

Dedimus = A writ to commission a private person or persons to perform some act in place of a judge (as to examine a witness).

'Ad' or 'Ad Jur' is an abbreviated form of the Latin verb ADJURO meaning to bind by oath.

And the Grand Jury were sworn whose names are as follows

Samll Petrhy fforeman Jur

Thomas Gamage )	Henry Clapton )	R Parish )
Thos Mott ) Jur	Joshua Goodwyn )	John Howard )
Nathll Jones )	John Stambler ) Jur	ffrancis Elliott ) Jur
Affable Yardley Jur	Thos Bennett )	Samll Kemp )

Robt fflack )	John Rowley )	John Everitt )
George Perrin )	John Bruton ) Jur	Samll Corney )
Richard King ) Jur	John Stock )	Thos Welsh ) Jur
John Cannon )	Henry Judd Jur	John Bigg )
	Samll Threadgold Jur	John Smith )
		and Edwd Shambrook Jur

And John Byde Esqr was chosen and appointed Expenditor for the said Comission and then adjourned to Wednesday the ~~Sixth~~ Seventh day of May next att which time the jury are to bring in the presentments of all Nusances & also the number of all the surroundable Acres with the names of Tenants and Occupiers thereof

Stort 1729 007

## **Essex and Hertford to wit**

**At the Third meeting of his Majties Justices & Comissioners of Sewers for the River Stort held att the Crown Inn in Harlow in the County of Essex this seventh day of May Anno Dno 1729** pursuant to the last adjournment.

### Comissioners & Gents

John Byde )		Peter Calvert )
Willm Plumer )	Ad	John Sandford ) Ad
Jonathan Nunn )		
Peyton Altham )		

Ordered that John Byde Expenditor to the said Comission doe pay to Rd Strutt gent Sixteen Pounds three Shillings & nine pence being money disbursed by him in relation to sueing out the Comission of Sewers.

And ffive Guineas more for his trouble in isueing out the sd Comission which was attending payd

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'Jur' by itself is an abbreviation for JURATOR meaning a member of a jury  
Sixteen Pounds three Shillings & nine pence (£16 3s 9d) [£16.19] = £2,180 [in 2009]  
ffive Guineas (£5 5s) [£5.25] = £707

## Jurymen & Gents

Samll Petrhy fforeman	Henry Clapton	Richd Parish
Thos Gamage	Joshua Goodwyn	John Howard
Thos Mott	John Stambler	ffrancis Elliott
Nathll Jones	<del>Thos Bennett</del>	Samll Kemp
Affable Yardley Jnr	<del>John Rowley</del>	John Everitt
Robt fflack	<del>John Bruton</del>	Samll Corney
Geo Perryn	John Stock	Thos Welsh
Rd King	Henry Judd	John Bigg
<del>John Cannon</del>	Samll Threadgold	John Smith
	Edwd Shambrook	

And a complaint made by Joshua Goodwyn of Neteswell that about 8 acres of pasture in Broadmead in the P-ish of Neteswell is damaged for want of a Lowshott to Little Parndon Mill. Itt is ordered that the Jurymen belonging to Little Parndon Neteswell Great Parndon Eastwick & Godesston do view the same and make their report to y<sup>e</sup> Comissioners att the next meeting.

And the jurymen brought in their presentments pursuant to y<sup>e</sup> ordr of the last session and were ordered to give notice to y<sup>e</sup> severall persons concerned to throw out the Cores and remove the nusances attending to y<sup>e</sup> severall presentments within a months time. Att which time the Jurymen are to bring an acct of what Cores and Nusances are nott removed. And also an acct of the surroundable Acres and the names of the severall Occupiers thereof and the Adjourned to Wednesday

### Stort 1729 008

to Wednesday the ffourth day of June next to the said Crown Inn at Harlow.

(Signed)	Jno: Byde	Peter Calvert
	John Sandford	Pey: Altham
	Will: Plumer	Jona: Nunn

### Stort 1729 010

## **Essex and Hertford to wit**

**At a sessions of Sewers held the fourth day of June Anno Dno 1729 at the Crowne Inn in Harlow in the County of Essex** before John Byde Moses Raper Peter Calvert Jonathan Nunn Peyton Altham John Sandford William Standly (Dr Roger Altham) Wm Glascock Esqrs & Thos Heath Esqr

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y<sup>e</sup> = an abbreviated form of "the", deriving from the archaic spelling of the definite article "þe". It is hand-written in this document with the "e" as superscript and is regularly used as an alternative, probably for speed.  
Core = An obstruction in the river. This definition does not appear in any dictionary.

## Jury

Samll Petrhy fforeman

Thos Gamage

Thos Mott

Nathll Jones

Affable Yardley Jnr

Robt fflack

Geo Perryn

Rd King

John Cannon

Henry Clapton

Joshua Goodwyn

John Stambler

Thos Bennett

John Rowley

John Bruton

John Stock

Henry Judd

Samll Threadgold

Edwd Shambrook

Rd Parish

John Howard

ffrancis Elliott

Samll Kemp

John Everitt

Samll Corney

Thos Welsh

John Bigg

John Smith

At which time Dr Roger Altham Archdeacon of Middx was sworne

Ordered that John Byde Esq Expenditor to the said Comission doe pay to Grave Maurise Risby Bayliffe One guinea (£141) for his journey & trouble in summoning the Juryes

At wch time Thos Heath Esq was alsoe sworne

~~Ordered by the Comissioners that John Biggs of Grt Parndon & Edwd Shambrook doe view the penn of Roydon Mill wth the Miller of y<sup>e</sup> sd Mill & measure the same and make their report att the next meeting of the Comissioners~~

Ordered that Mr Petrhy Mr Gamage Mr Parish Mr King Mr Clapton and Mr fflack doe view Harlow Sheering Twyford Sabridgeworth and the Silk Mill as to the Lowshotts & pennis & give the Comissioners an acct att y<sup>e</sup> next Meeting how wide & deep they ought to be. Ordrd that Mr Gamage Mr Clapton Mr Stock Mr Yardley Mr Jones & Mr Mott doe view the Lowshotts & pennis of South Mill Stortford Mill Parsonage Mill & Benfield Mill & give an acct how wide & deep they ought to be at y<sup>e</sup> next Meeting.

### Stort 1729 011

Ordered that Mr Biggs Mr Rowley Mr Perryn Mr Corney Mr Shambrook Mr Bennett Mr Bruton & Mr Cannon doe veiw (sic) the Lowshott and pennis of Brent Mill Little Parrendon Mill Hunsdon & Roydon Mills & make their report at next Session of Sewers how wide & deep they ought to be And that they also view Goddesyard Mead & report if damaged for want of Lowshott to Little Parrendon Mill.

Ordrd by the Comissrs that Rd Strutt there Clerk doo give Orders to such Millers on the River to let downe the Water att such times as is necessary and the Jury of any P-ish on the sd River Stort require the same in order to cleanse the said River or view the same

And Mr Welsh one of the Jurymen has nott presented or taken out the Cores next his own Lands.

Ordrd that Mr Goodwyn doo reparaire his valve or pipe a little below Brent Mill in the P-ish of Neteswell before the 23d of July next.

Ordrd that the Miller of Brent Mill doe putt a Lock upon the ffloodgates upon the side of the River and that he keeps the key himselfe and that he lets his water down and in flood times noe lower than the Overshott.

And the further Consideration of Mr Goodwyns Complaint is referred to the next meeting adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> 23d of July next to the same place

(Signed)

Jno Byde  
Peter Calvert  
Jona Nunn  
Wm Stanley  
Pey: Altham  
R. Altham  
W Glascock

Stort 1729 012

### **Essex and Hertford to wit**

**At a Sessions of Sewers holden on Wednesday the three and twentieth day of July Anno Dno 1729: Att the Crowne Inne in Harlow in the County of Essex** before John Byde Moses Raper William Plomer Thomas Heath John Sandford Peyton Altham Jonathan Nunn and William Stanley Esqr and the Reverend Doc Roger Altham Comrs named in a certayne Comison of Sewers lately issued out of his Matys High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the Severall Countys of Essex and Hertford aforesd

Att this Court Robert King Gent was nominated & appointed Clerke to the Comison of Sewer in room of Mr Richard Strutt decd their late Clerke

**Surveyors Order** Also John Saunders the older of Stansted Mountfitchett John Cole of Bishops Stortford William Sworder of Sabridgeworth Peter Salmon of Sheeringe Joshua Goodwin of Netteswell and Richard Mead of Stanstead Abbott are nominated and appointed Surveyors for the River Stort. And itt is ordered that the said John Saunders and John Cole shall survey the said River from the head thereof in the parish of ffarnham to Todenhoe als Tednambury in Sabridgeworth And that the said Wm Sworder and Peter Salmon shall survey the said River from Todenhoe als Tednambury aforesd to Brent Mills in Netteswell and that the said Joshua Goodwin and Richard Mead shall survey the same River from Brent Mill aforesd to the end of the said River falling into the River Lea.

**Collector** Itt is also ordered that Affable Yardley the older of Sabridgeworth shall be Collector.

Itt is further ordered that y<sup>e</sup> said respective Surveyors doe Survey & examine y<sup>e</sup> sd River within their respective districts aforesd on this side and before the eighth day of October next and make their respective returns accordingly at the next Court then to be held at y<sup>e</sup> Crowne Inn in Harlow aforesd.

Stort 1729 013

**Order to remove woods** Itt is ordered that all and evry the Millers on y<sup>e</sup> River Stort and all ownrs and Occupyers of Lands adjoining to the said River shall on cutting their Woods in the said River immediately remove & take away y<sup>e</sup> same and not suffer them to lye or remayne in

y<sup>e</sup> River or ditches adjoining sewers to hindr y<sup>e</sup> free passage of y<sup>e</sup> water. On payne of forfiting tenn shillings for evry default.

**Stortford** Att this Court it is presented that Wm Mills of Bishops Stortford hath not removed the Core and cut his Bankes in the River Stort next his Meads called Swinford Meads According to an order of Sewers made the seventh day of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Mills** Whereupon it is further ordered that the said Mr Mills do remove the said Core and cut the said Bankes within fourteen dayes after Notice hereof under the penalty of five pounds. It is also presented that Robt Battell hath not taken up and removed three stubbs and a tree in his field next the River Stort wch obstructs y<sup>e</sup> passage of y<sup>e</sup> Water according to an ordr made y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Battell** Whereupon it is further ordered that the sd Robt Battell doe take up & remove the said Stubbs & Tree within fourteen days after Notice hereof under the penalty of **Done** five pounds

It is also presented that Wm Archer of Bishops Stortford hath not removed two Cores in the River Stort next his Mead adjoining to the ffield called Ayslon Lodge, nor cutt y<sup>e</sup> Boughs there according to sd Ordr of Sewers made y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Archer** Whereupon Itt at this Court further orderd that that (sic) the sd Wm Archer doe remove the same Cores and cut his said Boughs within fourteen dayes after Notice under the likes penalty of 5<sup>ls</sup>

It is also presented that Edward Jubey of Bishops Stortford hath not removed a Core in the River Stort next his wood called Lime Kiln Mead, or amended the Banks or cleansed y<sup>e</sup> Scowre there according to Order of Sewers made the Seventh of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Jubey** Whereupon att this Court It is further ordrd that the said Edward Jubey doe remove the said Core, amend the said Banks and cleanse the said Scowre within fourteen days after Notice under the like penalty of five pounds.

It is also presented that Wm Hitchen of Bishops Stortford hath not cleansed and emptied a Scowre in his mead over agt Lime Kilns in Stortford aforesd according to sd Ordr of Sewers made the Seventh day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Hitchen** Whereupon att this Court it is orderd that the said William Hitchen doe cleanse a & empty the said Scowre within fourteen days after Notice to wit under the like penalty of five pounds

#### Stort 1729 014

**John Colver** It is also presented that John Colver of Bishops Stortford hath not amended the Banks of the River Stort and cut down a tree in his Mead next Mill Mead in Stortford aforesd according to sd Ordr of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Colver** Whereupon it is now further orderd that the said John Colver doe amend his Banks & cut downe afsd tree within fourteen days after Notice under the like Penalty of five pounds.

It is also presented that James Hunter hath not removed a Core about two rodde long in the River Stort next the mead in his occupation in Stortford aforesaid or cut or amended the Bankes of said Mead next said River according to sd Ordr of y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Hunter** Whereupon itt is now further orderd that the sd James Hunter doe remove the sd Core and Cutt & amend his said Bankes within fourteen days after Notice under the like penalty of 5<sup>ls</sup>

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Tenn shillings (10/- or 10s) [50p] = £63.70; Five pounds ( 5<sup>l</sup>, 5<sup>ls</sup> or £5) = £637.00

Two rodde = 11 yards

It is also presented that Thomas Bowyer of Bishops Stortford hath not cleansed his ~~low~~ overshot belonging to Stortford Mill according to Order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Bowyer** Whereupon it is now orderd that the said Thomas Bowyer doe cleanse the said Overshott within fourteen days after Notice under the like Penalty of five pounds.

It is also presented that (space) ffranklyn of Bishops Stortford Widd<sup>w</sup> hath not taken out a Core and cutt the Bankes of the River next her Mead in Stortford aforesd according to sd Order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> ffranklin** Whereupon itt is at this Court further ordered that the sd (space) ffranklyn doe take out the said Core & cut the said Bankes within 14 days after notice under the like Penalty of five pounds.

It is also presented that Edwd Bangham of Bishops Stortfd aforesd hath not cutt downe & removed three trees growing on the bank of the River Stort in his Orchard according to sd ordr of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Bangham** Whereupon att this Court it is further ordered that the said Edwd Bangham doe cut downe & remove the said three trees within fourteen days after Notice upon like penalty of five pounds.

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It is presented also that the Right honble the Earl of Essex hath not removed a Core in y<sup>c</sup> River Stort on his Lordships Wast by Palmers Water according to an Order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Comison Essex** Whereupon itt is further ordered by this Court that the sd Earl of Essex doe cause the same Core to be removed within fourteen days after Notice on the like penalty of five pounds.

**Sabridgeworth** It is also presented that Henry Bride of Sabridgeworth hath not removed a Core in the River Stort next his mead called Five Acres Mead in Sabridgeworth aforesd according to ordr of Sewers dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Bride** Whereupon att this Court it is further ordered that the sd Henry Bride doe remove the Same Core within fourteen days after Notice under y<sup>c</sup> like Penalty of five pounds.

It is also presented that Wm Gardiner Esqr hath not removed five severall Cores in y<sup>c</sup> River Stort next his two Meads called Five Acres Mead & four Acre Mead in Sabridgeworth in his owne occupation according to order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last past.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Gardiner** Whereupon att this Court It is further ordered that the sd Wm Gardiner doe remove the same Cores within 14 days after Notice under the like penalty of five pounds.

It is alsoe presented that Joseph Cockett of Sabridgeworth hath not removed two Cores and a tree in y<sup>c</sup> River Stort next Shire Mead in his occupation according to Ordr of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Cockett** Whereupon itt is at this Court further ordered that the sd Joseph Cockett doe remove the same cores within fourteen days after Notice under the like penalty of five pounds.

Itt is also presented that John Hockley of Sabridgeworth hath not removed a Core in the River Stort next the Land in his posson lying in Great Hollison according to order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Hockley** Whereupon itt is at this Court further ordered that the said John Hockley doe remove the same Core within fourteen days after Notice under the like penalty of five pounds

**Roydon** It is alsoe presented that Edwd Sparks of Roydon hath not Cutt his Bushes and removed the severall Cores in y<sup>e</sup> Backe or Mill River next his meads called the Slipe & his two other meads.

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adjoining to said Slipe in Roydon aforesd according to an order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Sparks** Whereupon at this Court Itt is further ordered that the said Edward Sparks doe cut his said Bushes & remove the sd Cores within fourteen days after Notice under y<sup>e</sup> like penalty of five pounds.

It is also presented that Richd Mead of Roydon hath not Cutt his bushes & removed y<sup>e</sup> severall Cores in the Mill River at Roydon aforesaid & next his Seaven Acre Mead & alsoe between his two Meads called Seaven Acre Mead & Harlow Cmn Mead and also in the South side of the Mill River next his Orchard, and also in y<sup>e</sup> Same River next his *spare* meads called Mill Mead and alsoe in y<sup>e</sup> same River next Ruffholme mead and Newholme mead *Lougards* next and between park & Croft and the Great Marsh and alsoe in the same River between the New Ground in his posson in Roydon aforesd according to an Order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Mead** Whereupon att this Court it is further ordered that the said Richd Mead Doe Cutt the said Bushes and remove y<sup>e</sup> sd severall Cores in y<sup>e</sup> sd respective places mentioned within fourteen days after Notice of this order under the penalty of five pounds.

Itt is alsoe presented that Richd Corney of Roydon hath not removed his Cores and Cutt his Bankes in the Mill River in Roydon next y<sup>e</sup> Meads in his occupation over agt y<sup>e</sup> Slipe belonging to Robt Chester Esq according to an ordr of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of June (sic) last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Corney** Whereupon it is further ordered att this Court that the said Richd Corney Doe remove the sd Cores and Cutt the said Bankes within fourteen Days after Notice under the like penalty of five pounds.

Itt is alsoe presented that Thomas Biggs of Roydon hath not removed y<sup>e</sup> severall Cores & Cutt the Bushes in the Mill River in Royden aforesaid wch is pt (of) his two Meads adjoining to the two Mill Meads according to Order of Sewers made y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Biggs** Whereupon att this Court It is ordered that the said Thomas Biggs doe remove the sd severall Cores & Cutt the sd Bushes within fourteen days after Notice under the penalty of five pounds.

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It is alsoe presented that y<sup>e</sup> Rt honble Richd Child Barrt Lord Viscount Castlemaine of y<sup>e</sup> Kingdom of Ireland & Lord of y<sup>e</sup> Manor of Roydon hath not removed the severall Cores and cutt the Bankes in y<sup>e</sup> Mill River in or next y<sup>e</sup> highway leading from y<sup>e</sup> Mill to y<sup>e</sup> Tannery Drying place in Roydon according to an order of Sewers made y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last past.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Dnim (Dominum) Castlemaine** Whereupon at this Court is further ordered that the sd Lord Castlemaine doe remove all & every y<sup>e</sup> same Cores & cutt y<sup>e</sup> said Bankes within fourteen days after Notice under the penalty of five pounds.

It is also presented that John Hewitt of Roydon hath not removed the Severall Cores and cutt the Bushes in y<sup>e</sup> Mill River in Roydon aforesd next his three Meads wch abutt on y<sup>e</sup> New Grounds according to an order of Sewers made on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Hewitt.** Whereupon att this Court it is ordered that the said John Hewitt doe remove the same Cores & cutt the same Bushes within 14 days after Notice under the penalty of five pounds.

Itt is alsoe presented that Thos Welsh of Roydon hath not removed severall cores in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next his Lands in Hunsdon Mead & his Mead called Cowleys Mead in Roydon aforesd according to an order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Welsh** Whereupon att this Court it is ordered that the sd Thomas Welsh doe remove the same Cores within fourteen days after Notice and under the penalty of five pounds.

It is alsoe presented that William Cource of Roydon hath not cleansed his ditch between Rush Mead and Cowbridge Mead in Roydon aforesd according to the order of Sewers made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Cource** Whereupon it is ordered at this Court that the said William Cource doe cleanse his said ditch within fourteen days after Notice under the penalty of five pounds.

The jury present Edward Richardson of Stortford for not cleansing and scouring his ditch round the Castle Hill in Stortford aforesd.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Richardson** Whereupon it is ordered that he cleans & scours y<sup>e</sup> same within fourteen days after Notice under the penalty of five pounds

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Itt is also presented that Jonathan Carter of Bishops Stortford hath not cleansed & scowred y<sup>e</sup> Back River behind his two houses in Stortford aforesd according to order of Sewers made y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Carter** Whereupon att this Court it is ordered that the said Jonathan Carter doe cleanse and scowre the sd Back River behind his said houses within fourteen days of the Notice under y<sup>e</sup> penalty of five pounds.

**Order for Scott to attend Court** Ordered that (space) Scott Widdw (the tenant of Little Parrington Mill) doe (on complaint made by Joshua Goodwin of Netteswell at a formr Court for want of a Lowshott to that Mill) attend the Court of Sewers at their next Sessions to be holden the eighth day of October next at the Crowne in Harlow To Show Cause why the said Lowshott should not be so built And alsoe that the said Joshua Goodwin doe then alsoe attend the said Court.

**Bentfield Mill** Att this Court It is presented that Bentfield Mill pennis (space) fo<sup>t</sup> and (space) inches the Lowshott (space) fo<sup>t</sup>

**Parsonage Mill** And alsoe that the Parsonage Mill pennis five foot and three inches and the Lowshott is six fo<sup>t</sup> and tenn inches wide

**Stortford Mill** And alsoe that Stortford Mill pennis four foot eight inches and the Lowshott is eight foot eight inches wide

**South Mill** And alsoe that South Mill pennis four foot six inches and an halfe and the Lowshott is eight foot wide.

**Twyford Mill** And alsoe that Twyford Mill als Thorley Mill pennis five foot and two inches

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**Sabridgeworth Mill** And alsoe that Sabridgeworth Mill penn is five fo<sup>t</sup> one inch and the lowshott of equal height

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fo<sup>t</sup> = foot

**Silk Mill** And alsoe that the Silk Mill penn is four foot and the Bygates ought to be lowered to the same height

**Sheering Mill** And alsoe that Sheering Mill penn is four fo<sup>t</sup> seaven inches and y<sup>e</sup> Lowshott ought to be soe likewise

**Harlow Mill** And alsoe that Harlow Mill penn is five fo<sup>t</sup> 2 inches and the Lowshott is of equall heigth (sic)

**Brent Mill** And it alsoe presented that Brent Mill als Burnt Mill may penn four fo<sup>t</sup> and the lowshott or overshott is fifteen foot wide & answers yt penn

**Parndon Mill** And alsoe that Little Parndon Mill may penn four foot seaven inches without hindering the Lowshott but there is noo Overshott, however there ought to be one when y<sup>e</sup> Pound floods.

**Hunsdon Mill** And alsoe that Hunsdon Mill penns five fo<sup>t</sup> eight inches & may doe soe safely but it is presented that there ought to be a Low shott to y<sup>e</sup> said Mill

**Roydon Mill** And alsoe that Roydon Mill penns six fo<sup>t</sup> four inches and may doe soe, and same Mill hath a Considerable Lowshott

And lastly Itt is ordered that this Court be adjourned to Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October next to be holden at the Crowne Inne in Harlow

Signed

Pey: Altham  
Will: Plumer  
Jno Byde  
R Altham  
John Sandford  
Thomas Heath

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## **Essex and Hertford to wit**

**At a Session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the eighth day of October In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seaven Hundred and Twenty nine att the Crowne Inn Harlow in the County of Essex** before John Byde Wm Plumer Peter Calvert Thomas Heath Peyton Altham John Sandford Esqrs and the Revd Doc Roger Altham Deacon of the County named in a Comision of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River of Stort in the severall Countys of Essex & Hertfordshire aforesd

Att this Court itt is ordered that all and evry the Millers Tennants & Occuypers of the Severall Mills and Lands on or adjoining to the River in their respective possessions Doe from time to time as often as occasion shall require cutt the Woods agt or next their respective Mills and Lands and remove & take the same out of the sd River & the streams & ditches thereto adjoining on Penalty of Paying for evry such default or neglect y<sup>e</sup> sum of ten shillings

**1s of Asst Tax** Itt is ordered that a Tax or Assessment of one shilling per acre & soe apportionable for evry quarter or lesser Quantity than an Acre be made & assessed upon all & evry the Tennts & Occuypers of all & evry the surroundable Lands lying by or near the River Stort in y<sup>e</sup> severall Countys of Essex & Hertfd.

**Parndon Lowshott** Att this Court Itt not appearing to us upon hearing the partyes concerned that y<sup>e</sup> Erecting a Lowshott to Little Parndon Mill will be any benefit or advantage to Joshua Goodwin y<sup>e</sup> Complainant or to any other Occupyers of Lands on y<sup>e</sup> Lower leas there Or the want thereso of any damage or prejudice. Itt is thereupon ordered that the Complaint of y<sup>e</sup> afrsd Joshua Goodwin concerning the foresd Lowshott be dismissed.

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Itt is ordered that this Court be adjourned to the second Wednesday in Aprill next to y<sup>e</sup> Crowne Inn in Harlow

Signed

Jno: Byde  
Will Plomer  
John Sandford  
Roger Altham  
Thomas Heath  
Pey: Altham  
Peter Calvert

Stort 1729 022

### **Essex and Hertford to wit**

**Att a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the eighth day of Aprill In this Year of our Lord thousand Seaven hundred and Thirty att the Crowne Inne in Harlow in the County of Essex** before John Byde Wm Plumer Peter Calvert Peyton Altham William Glascock William Stanley Esqrs Six of the Comrs named in the Comision of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River of Stort in the severall Countys of Essex & Hertfordshire aforesd.

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Hewitt** Att this Court Itt ~~appearing~~ is presented by Mr Richd Mead one of the Surveyors of the River Stort that John Hewitt of Roydon hath not removed y<sup>e</sup> severall Cores & cutt y<sup>e</sup> Bushes in y<sup>e</sup> Mill River in Roydon next his three Meads wch abutt on the new Grounds pursuant to two severall orders made the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last & the 23<sup>th</sup> day of July last, whereby he has incurred the penalty of five pounds And it is now ordered that if the said John Hewitt doe not remove y<sup>e</sup> said Cores and cut y<sup>e</sup> said bushes within four ~~dayes~~ teen dayes that the said penalty of five pounds shall be vyed on him for default of doing thereof.

**Served/Done**

**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> (sic) ffra: Bayley** Att this Court Itt is presented by y<sup>e</sup> sd Richd Mead one of y<sup>e</sup> sd Surveyors of the River Stort that ffrancis Bayley of Roydon hath not cut or taken down an Oake tree on y<sup>e</sup> old River next Dicket Mead side in Roydon (ffor wch he was presented last Court) Itt is this day ordered that the said ffrancis Bayley doe cutt or take downe the said Oake within fourteen days after Notice under the penalty of ~~five pounds~~ forty shillings.

**Served/Done**

Itt is alsoe presented by the said Richard Mead y<sup>e</sup> said surveyor of y<sup>e</sup> said River Stort that William Hale

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**Pena 5<sup>1</sup> (sic) Hale** hath not pulled up & removed a Dam in his Ditch next his orchard running into y<sup>e</sup> River Stort in Eastwick in y<sup>e</sup> County of Hertford (wch was presented last Court).

Itt is at this Court ordered that the said William Hale doe pull up & remove the said Dam within fourteen days after notice under penalty of forty shillings. **Served**

Itt is ordered that the Severall Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> River Stort doe survey the said River within their respective districts and give notice for removing all Nusances & Obstructions on the said River, & make their Report thereof at next sessions of Sewers To be holden on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May next to wch time this Court is adjourned.

Signed

Jno: Byde  
Will: Plumer  
W Glascock  
Peter Calvert  
Wm Stanley  
Pey: Altham

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**Essex and Hertford to wit**

**Att a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the twentyeth day of May In this Year of our Lord One thousand Seaven hundred and Thirty att the Crowne Inne in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Byde Wm Plumer Moses Raper Peter Calvert John Sandford Peyton Altham William Stanley Esqrs Seaven of the Comrs named in the Comision of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the two severall Countys aforesd.

**Order Biggs** Att this Court itt is presented by Mr Richd Mead one of the Surveyors of the River Stort That Thomas Biggs of Roydon in y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex hath not cleansed or scowred the Ditches in his Mead in Roydon aforesd late in occupation of John Hewitt. Itt is therefore ordered that the said Thos Biggs doe forthwith cleanse & scowre y<sup>e</sup> same.

**Order Ramsey** Itt is presented by John Cole one of the Surveyors of the River Stort that John Ramseys Ditch in his Mead behind the Castle of Bishops Stortford wants cleansing and scowring. Whereupon it is ordered that the said John Ramsey doe forthwith cleanse & scowre the same.

Itt appearing to this Court on the presentmt of Thomas (sic) Cole one of the Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> sd River Stort that James Hunter of Bishops Stortford hath not removed a Core about two rodde long in y<sup>e</sup> sd River Stort next y<sup>e</sup> Mead in his occupation in Stortford aforesd or putt or mended y<sup>e</sup> Banks of the said Mead next y<sup>e</sup> sd River according to an order of Sewers of the seaventh day of May last and alsoe of a subsequent order of the three and twentieth day of July last made for y<sup>e</sup> purpose under the penalty of five pounds. Itt is therefore at this court ordered that the said James Hunter doe attend the next Session of Sewers to be holden at y<sup>e</sup> Green Man in Eastwick in y<sup>e</sup> County of Hertford on Monday the five & twentieth

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Day of this Instant May by twelve of the Clock in the fournoone to show Cause (if he can) why the said penalty or fine of five pounds should not be essayed upon him y<sup>e</sup> said James Hunter by goods or Chattells

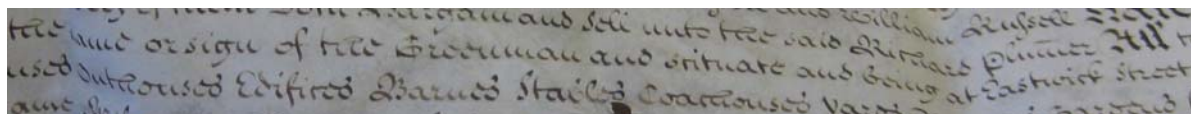
**Order to remove wood &c** Itt is ordered that that (sic) all Millers & Occupyers of Lands adjoining to y<sup>e</sup> sd River Stort doe cut & cleare y<sup>e</sup> Woods & remove all other obstructions in y<sup>e</sup> said River wch they severally ought to doe.

And lastly it is ordered that this Court be adjourned to Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant May to y<sup>e</sup> Green Man at Eastwick in the County of Hertfd.

Signed

Jno: Byde  
Pey Altham  
Will: Plumer  
Peter Calvert  
Will Stanley  
Moses Raper  
John Sandford

No image of the Green Man at Eastwick remains. It is however named in a document of 27<sup>th</sup> January 1730, recording a transfer of ownership.....



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**Essex and Hertford to wit**

**Att a session of Sewers holden on Monday the twenty fifth day of May In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty att the**

**Green Man at Eastwick in the said County of Hertford** before John Byde Moses Raper Peter Calvert Peyton Altham & Wm Stanley Esqrs ffive of the Comrs named in the Comission of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the two severall Countys aforesd.

It being represented to this Court by a Lettr from Mr Robt King our Clerk, that James Hunter on service of the order to attend here this day, promised to remove the Core & amend the Banks according to a former Order made for that purpose. Therefore the further consideration of this matter is suspended to our next meeting.

It is ordered that this Court be adjourned to Wednesday the seventh day of Aprll next to the Crown Inn in Harlow in the County of Essex.

Signed

Jno:Byde  
Peter Calvert  
Moses Raper  
Pey: Altham  
Will: Stanley

Stort 1729 027

### **Essex and Hertford to wit**

**Att a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the seaventh day of April In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty One att the Crowne Inne in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Byde Peter Calvert Peyton Altham John Sandford William Glasscock & Wm Stanley Esqrs Six of the Comrs named in the Comison of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in y<sup>e</sup> severall Countys of Essex and Hertfd aforesd.

**Hunters fine discharged** Att this Court it appearing on the Report of John Cole one of y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors of the said River Stort that James Hunter hath since last Court removed the Cores and amended y<sup>e</sup> Bankes in his Mead presented & ordered to be done at a Court of Sewers held y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> day of July last under the penalty of five pounds. Itt is now ordered that y<sup>e</sup> said ffyne or amercement be discharged.

Att this Court alsoe it is presented by Richd Mead and Joshua Goodwin Two of y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> said River Stort as followeth vizt

**Welsh** That the Ditch of Thos Welsh of Roydon wch is between Gloveshome and his tenn acre Mead near Parndon Mill ought to be cleansed and to take downe an olde Willow Tree by the old River

**Hancock** Alsoe the als Ditch of Thos Hancock of Little Parrington Mill wch is between y<sup>e</sup> sd Thos Welshs Mead & y<sup>e</sup> Mill Banke ought to be cleansed.

**als Whitley** Alsoe that (space) Earnest als Whitley of y<sup>e</sup> said Parndon ought to remove two Cores in y<sup>e</sup> sd River next her Mead called y<sup>e</sup> ffive Acre Mead and one other Core next the Mead called Oxleys

**Goodwin** Also that Joshua Goodwin of Eastwick ought to remove a Core in the said River Stort next Man Mead in Eastwick & alsoe another Core next Gildenholme

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**Hall** Alsoe that Wm Hall of Eastwick aforesaid ought to cleanse his Ditch & take out a Core in the sd River next his Little Mead in Eastwick.

**Lanham** Alsoe that James Lanham of Great Parrington cought to cleare a Core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next Parndon Mead

**Bayley** Alsoe that ffrancis Bayley of Great Parrington ought to cleare & cleanse his ditch between Dicket Mead and Hunsdon Mead and alsoe to remove severall Cores in y<sup>e</sup> Old River next his said Dicket Mead.

**Course** Also that Wm Course of Roydon ought to clear & remove his Cores in the River Stort next his Dicket Mead.

**Sparkes & Sibthorpe** Alsoe that Edward Sparkes & John Sibthorpe both of Roydon ought to clear their Cores in y<sup>e</sup> sd River between Hunsdon Mead & Roydon Common Mead

**Clarke** Alsoe that John Clarke of Hunsdon Mills ought to clear & remove his Cores in y<sup>e</sup> River next y<sup>e</sup> Lodge Meads in Hunsdon aforesd vizt

**Biggs** Alsoe that John Biggs of Great Parrington ought to clear & remove his Cores in y<sup>e</sup> old Rivr near Roydon Bridges

Whereupon itt is at this Court Ordered that the said severall persons Soe severally presented by the sd Richd Mead & Joshua Goodwin as aforesd doe & shall severally cleanse their sd respective ditches and remove the said severall Cores & other Obstructions & Annoyances soe severally affirmed & wch belong to yen respectively to doe on this side & before the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May next under

**40s for evry default** y<sup>e</sup> Penalty of forty shillings for evry Default.

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Att this Court it is presented by Peter Salmon & Wm Sworder two Surveyors of & for y<sup>e</sup> River Stort aforesd as followeth vizt

**Dugard** That Thos Dugard of Sabridgeworth hath two Cores in y<sup>e</sup> old River Stort next his Mead called Blunts Mead in Sabridgeworth wch ought to be removed

**Choppin** And alsoe that Stephen Choppin of Sabridgeworth hath a Core four yards in length in y<sup>e</sup> sd Old River next Corner Mill fens Mead in Sabridgeworth aforesd wch ought to be removed

**Pakeman** And alsoe that Pakeman of Sabridgeworth hath two Cores in y<sup>e</sup> old River ovr agst Mill fens Mead wch ought to be removed

**How** And alsoe that Wm How of Sabridgeworth hath a Core two rodts in length in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next his land ovr agt Harlow Marsh wch ought to be removed

**Harrison** And alsoe that Richd Harrison Gentln of Harlow hath severall Sand Bankes in y<sup>e</sup> sd River Stort next Mill Mead in Harlow & alsoe some small Cores those ovr agt Westfield Mead in Harlow wch ought to be removed

**Ayley** And alsoe that John Ayley of Harlow hath some Sand Bankes nigh Old River agt Mill Mead in Harlow aforesd wch ought to be removed

**Clarke & Perry** And alsoe that (space) Clarke & John Perry both of Sabridgeworth have four rodts of Core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next his (sic) Land on Hollison Mead wch ought to be removed.

**Mead** And alsoe that John Mead of Sabridgeworth hath a Core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next Nay Mead wch ought to be removed.

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And alsoe that (space) hath a core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next his Land in Harlow Marsh in Harlow wch ought to be removed.

Whereupon Itt is at this Court ordered that the said Severall persons soe severally presented by the said Peter Salmon & Wm Sworder as aforesd doe & shall severally cleanse their sd Severall Ditches & remove their said severall Cores & other Obstructions & Annoyances wch belong to yen respectively to doe on this side & before the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May next under y<sup>e</sup> Penalty of forty shillings for evry Default.

Att this Court alsoe itt is presented by John Sanders and John Coles two of y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors of the River Stort aforesd in main following (vizt)

**Bangham** that Edwd Bangham of Stortford hath a Scowre in y<sup>e</sup> River aforesd by his land & also a Bridge over parte of y<sup>e</sup> same River Stort wch ought to be removed.

**Mills** And alsoe that Wm Mills of Stortford aforesd hath a Core in y<sup>e</sup> sd River next his land there wch ought to be removed.

**Ramsey** And alsoe that John Ramsey hath a core in y<sup>e</sup> sd Rivr next his land wch ought to be removed.

**Jubey** And alsoe that Edwd Jubey of Stortford hath laid & fixt an horse & foot bridge over y<sup>e</sup> sd River wch obstructs y<sup>e</sup> passage of y<sup>e</sup> Water & Wood & ought to be removed.

**Palmer** And alsoe that Jonas Palmer of Thorley hath some Cores in the sd River next his Lands in Thorley aforesd wch ought to be removed.

And alsoe that Thomas Smith of Thorley ought to remove his Cores in y<sup>e</sup> sd River next Land in Thorley aforesd

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**fflack wch he promises to doe** And alsoe that Robt fflack of Thorley ought to remove severall Cores in the said River next his Lands in Thorley aforesaid & Cutting Woods there

**Clapton** And alsoe that Henry Clapton of Great Hallingbury hath some Cores in y<sup>e</sup> sd River next his Lands there wch ought to be removed and his Woods cutt

**Mossley** And alsoe that John Mossley of Thorley hath some Cores in y<sup>e</sup> sd River next his lands there wch ought to be removed and his woods ought to be Cutt

**Schoolinge** And alsoe that (space) Schoolinge Widdw of Spelbrooke hath some cores in the said River there next her lands wch ought to be removed & her Woods cut.

Whereupon itt is alsoe ordered that the said severall persons so severally presented by y<sup>e</sup> sd John Sanders and John Cole as aforesd doe & shall severally cleanse their sd severall Grounds and remove their said severall Cores & other obstructions & Cutt their severall Woods wch to them severally belong to doe on this side & before y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of May next under y<sup>e</sup> penalty of forty shillings for evry default

**Roddington a Surveyor** Itt is att this Court ordered that John Roddington of Stanstead Mountfitchett be added as a Surveyor of y<sup>e</sup> River Stort in y<sup>e</sup> roome of John Sanders who desires to be discharged on account of his age & inabillity & is accordingly discharged

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**Pena 5<sup>l</sup> Millers** Att this Court itt is ordered Noe Occupyer or Occupyers of any Mill or Mills upon or belonging to the River Stort shall use or hold any penn or pennis to his her or their Mill or Mills or Lowshott or Lowshotts contrary to y<sup>e</sup> severall pennis of y<sup>e</sup> severall Mills presented at a Court of Sewers held for the said River on the Two & Twentyeth day of July 1729. On penalty of five pounds

And lastly it is ordered that this Court be adjourned to Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> second day of June next to be holden at the Crowne Inne in Harlowe aforesd.

Signed

Jno Byde

Peter Calvert, W Glascock

John Sandford, Wm Stanley, Pey Altham

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## **Essex and Hertford to wit**

**Att a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the second day of June In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty One att the**

**Crowne Inne in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Byde Peter Calvert Peyton Altham Moses Raper John Sandford & William Stanley Esqrs Six of the Comrs named in the Comison of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in y<sup>e</sup> severall Countys of Essex and Hertford

**Order to Cutt Weeds** Att this Court it is ordered that all & every the Millers Tennants & Occupyers of Mills and Lands upon or adjoining to the River Stort doe severally from henceforth from time to time until the first day of August next cut & remove all the Weeds in the same River next their said respective Mills & Lands wch to yen respectively belong to doe under the penalty of forty shillings for evry Default

Att this Court it is presented by John Cole and John Roddington two of y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors of the River Stort as followeth (vizt)

**Judd** That Henry Judd the Elder of Birchanger hath a Core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next his lands just above Palmers Water & also four other Cords in y<sup>e</sup> same River next his Mead below Palmers Water wch obstruct the passage of water and ought to be removed.

**Lyndsell** And alsoe that John Lyndsell hath severall Cores in y<sup>e</sup> sd River next his Meads & land below Palmers Water in Birchanger wch ought to be removed.

**Myles** And alsoe that James Myles of Hockerill hath a Core in y<sup>e</sup> sd River next his Mead he holds of Mr John Toope wch ought to be removed.

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**ffowler** And alsoe that Deborah ffowler of Stortford Widdw hath a Core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next her Mead called Shoulder of Mutton Mead wch ought to be removed.

**Dugard** And alsoe that John Dugard of Stortford hath a Core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next his Meads by South Mill wch ought to be removed.

**Yardley** And also that Affable Yardley of Sabridgeworth hath a Core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next his Mead called Spelbrooke Mead and alsoe some Woods in y<sup>e</sup> sd River there wch ought to be removed.

Whereupon at this Court it is ordered that the said Henry Judd John Lyndsell James Myles Deborah ffowler John Dugard & Affable Yardley soe severally presented as aforesd doe & shall severally remove & clear their said severall Cores (wch to them severally belong to doe) & alsoe yt the sd Affable Yardley do alsoe Cutt & remove his said Woods on or before y<sup>e</sup> fifth day of August now next ensueinge under the penalty of fforty shillings for evry default.

**Cuffley** Ordered that (space) Cuffley of Sabridgeworth doe remove his Core on y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next Westfield Mead before the first of July next under the Penalty of 40s.

**Bayley** Ordered that the fine of forty shillings be Levved on ffrancis Bayley of Great Parrington "Yeomn" for not cleansing his ditch between Dicket Mead & Hunsdon Mead according to an order made at last Court for that purpose.

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**Ramsey....ffine discharged (this added later)** Ordered that a like ffinne of forty shillings be Levved on John Ramsey of Stortford for not removing a Core in y<sup>e</sup> River Stort next his lands held in Stortford according to an order made at last Court for yt purpose.

And lastly it is ordered yt this Court be adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> first Wednesday in Aprill next...  
being the 5<sup>th</sup> Aprill (this added later)

Signed

Jno Byde  
Peter Calvert  
Pey: Altham  
Moses Raper  
Wm Stanley  
John Sandford

## **Essex and Hertford to wit**

**Att a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the fifth day of Aprill In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty two att the Crowne in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Byde Esqr Wm Plomer Esqr Peter Calvert Esqr Peyton Altham Esqr four of the Comrs named in the Comison of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in y<sup>e</sup> sd Countys of Essex and Hertford

Att this Court John Byde Esqr Expenditor produced his accot of all moneys recd and disbursed by him for and upon accot of his Expenditorship wch were Examd & accountd. By wch account Itt appears

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That the sd John Byde hath paid or disbursed in the whole the sum of	64 : 11 : 01
And that he had recd of Affable Yardley the Collector in clear money only the sume of	<u>63 : 16 : 09</u>
Soe that there remains due to Mr Byde	<u>00 : 14 : 04</u>
Note the whole assessment or rate at 1s per acre amounts to	<u>68 : 11 : 00</u>
Out of wch was allowed Affable Yardley for collecting of same	04 : 00 : 00
Left by the sale	<u>00 : 14 : 03</u>
	<u>04 : 14 : 03</u>
Pd by him to Mr Byde as above said	<u>63 : 16 : 09</u>
Totall of said rate	<u>68 : 11 : 00</u>

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The sum above, in 2009 terms, would read (in round figures)

£8690 - £8600 = £90;      £9230;      £540 + £90 = £630 + £8600 = £9230

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Att this court Itt is ordered that all and only y<sup>e</sup> Owners & Tennants and Occupyers of Mills & Lands upon or adjoining to the River Stort doe severally cut and remove the Woods and other obstructions in the same River next their said respective Mills and Lands on this side and before the twentieth day of May next under the penalty of forty shillings for evry default. And it is ordered that this Court be Adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> second Wednesday in Aprill wch shall be in the year of our Lord 1733

Signed

Jno: Bye  
Will: Plumer  
P Altham  
Peter Calvert

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### **Essex and Hertford**

**To Witt Att a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the eleaventh day of Aprile In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seaven hundred and Thirty three att the Crowne in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Bye Wm Plomer Peter Calvert and Peyton Altham Esquires ffour of the Comissioners named in the Comission of Sewers lately issued out of the high Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countyes of Essex and Hertford.

Itt is ordered by this Court that all and every the Owners Tennants and Occupyers of Mills and Lands upon or adjoining to the said River Stort doo severally Cutt and remove their Woods and other Obstructions in the Same River next their said respective Mills and Lands on this side and before the Twentyeth day of May next coming under the penalty of forty shillings for every default and Itt is further ordered that the Severall Surveyors of the said River shall and doo at the next Court make a return of such Defaulters in their respective districts or Divisions.

And lastly Itt is Ordered that this Court & Comission of Sewers be adjourned to the Second Wednesday in the Month of Aprill which that bee in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seaven hundred and thirty four to be holden at the Crowne Inne in Harlow aforesd.

Signed

Jno: Bye  
Peter Calvert  
Pey: Altham  
Wm Plomer

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### **Essex and Hertford**

**To Wit At a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the tenth day of April In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty ffour at the Crown in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Bye William

Plumer Moses Raper John Sandford Peyton Altham Peter Calvert William Stanley and William Glascock Esquires Eight of the Comissioners named in the Comission of Sewers lately issued out of the high Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countyes of Essex and Hertford.

**Order for Tax 6d per acre** At this Court it is ordered That a Tax or Assessment of Six pence by the Acre and so proportionable for every greater or Less Quantity than an acre be made and assessed upon all and every the Tenants and Occupyers of all and every the surroundable Lands lying by or near the River Stort in the several Counties of Essex and Hertford.

It is also Ordered that all and every the Owners Tenants and Occupyers of Mills and Lands upon or adjoining to the said River Stort do severally cutt and remove their several Woods Cores Trees and other Obstructions in the same River next their said respective Mills and Lands in this side and before the twentieth day of May next comeing under the penalty of fforty shillings for every Default. And it is further ordered That the several Surveyors of the said River shall and do at the next Court make a Return of such defaulters in their respective Districts or Divisions.

At this Court it is presented by the Jury That severall persons in such presentments particularly named have several Cores Trees and other Obstructions in and upon the River Stort and therein more particularly mentioned Whereupon it is ordered that the said several persons shall and do severally remove their said several Cores Trees and Obstructions before the twentieth day of May next comeing under the penalty of fforty shillings for every Default. At this Court it is also presented by Richard Mead and Joshua Goodwin two of the Surveyors for the River Stort. That severall persons in such presentments particularly named have several Cores Trees and other Obstructions in and upon the River Stort and therein more particularly mentioned Whereupon it is ordered that the said several persons shall and do severally remove their said several Cores Trees and Obstructions before the twentieth day of May next comeing under the penalty of fforty shillings for every Default.

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And lastly It is Ordered that this Court & Comission of Sewers be adjourned to the Second Wednesday in the Month of Aprill which that be in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seaven hundred and thirty five to be holden at the Crowne in Harlow.

Signed

Jno: Byde  
Peter Calvert  
William Stanley  
Moses Raper  
P: Altham  
John Sandford  
Wm Glascock

W P to signe

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## **Essex and Hertford**

**To Wit At a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the ninth day of April In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty ffive at the Crowne Inn in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Byde William Plumer Peyton Altham Peter Calvert William Stanley ~~Moses Raper~~ and William Glascock Esquires Six-~~X~~ of the Comissioners named in the Comission of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

At this Court it is ordered that John Byde Esq y<sup>e</sup> Expenditor doe pay Mr Kings Bill of five pounds and five shillings (£744) for attend at Crt to this day.

**Order to Cutt Woods** Att this Court it is ordered that all & evry the Tennants & Occuypers of Mills & Lands upon or adjoining to the said River Stort Doe & shall Cutt & remove the severall Cords Trees Woods & all other Obstructions in y<sup>e</sup> same River next their respective Mills & Lands on this side & before the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May now next Ensuing under y<sup>e</sup> penalty of forty shillings for evry Default. And it is alsoe ordered That the several Surveyors of the said River shall and do at y<sup>e</sup> next Court make a Returne of y<sup>e</sup> severall defalters in their respective Districts.

And It is Ordered that this Court & Comission of Sewers be adjourned to Monday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day of May next to be holden at the Greene Man in Eastwick in y<sup>e</sup> County of Hertford.

Signed

Jno: Byde  
William Stanley  
P: Altham  
Peter Calvert  
Moses Raper  
Wm Glascock

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## **Essex and Hertford**

**To Wit At a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the fifth day of May In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty ffive at the Green Man in Eastwick in the said County of Hertford** before John Byde Peyton Altham Peter Calvert and William Stanley Esquires four of the Comrs named in the Comission of Sewers lately issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

Att this Court Itt is Ordered That Mr Robt Kings Bill be exand and paid by John Byde Esqr Expenditor of the Comission amounting to Eight pounds Nine Shillings & tenn pence

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£8 9s 10d = £1170 (in 2009)

There being noe presentmts made by the Surveyors or any of them at this Court Itt is therefore Ordered that this Court & Comission of Sewers bee adjourned to the third Wednesday in the Month of Aprill next ensueing the date of this Court to be holden at the Crowne Inne in Harlow in the County of Essex

Signed

Jno: Byde  
Peter Calvert  
P Altham  
Wm Stanley

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## **Essex and Hertford**

**To Wit At a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the one and twentyeth day of April In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Six at the Crowne Inne in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Byde Peyton Altham Moses Raper William Glascock John Sandford Peter Calvert and William Stanley Esquires Seven of the Comrs named in the Comission of Sewers lately issued out of his Matyes high Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

**Order to remove Cores Woods &c** Att this Court it is ordered that all & evry the Tennants & Occupyers of Mills & Lands upon or adjoining to y<sup>e</sup> said River Stort Doe severally Cutt & remove the severall Cores Trees Woods & all other Obstructions in y<sup>e</sup> same River next these respective Mills & Lands on this side & before the one & thirtieth day of May now next - Ensuing under y<sup>e</sup> penalty of forty shillings for evry Default. And it is further Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> severall Millers on the said River doe severally from time to time upon Notice for that Purpose doe putt down the severall obstructions for the cut and clearing and removing the cores & obstructions in y<sup>e</sup> same River undr the like penalty of 40s for evry default.

Att this Court it is presented by John Cole one of the Surveyors of the said River as followeth (to wit)

**Bangham** ffirst that Edward Bangham of Bishops Stortford hath severall Cores in the said River next his orchard in Stortford aforesaid wch ought to be removed. In the said River **Yardley** And alsoe that John Yardley of Stortford hath one Core in the said River next his Mead over agt

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the said Edwd Banghams house at Rye Street in Stortford which ought to be removed

**Atherly** And also that Thos Atherly of Bishops Stortford hath a Core next the Mead in his occupation by South Mill which ought to be removed.

**Jubey** And also that Edwd Juby of Stortford aforesd hath a Core in the said River next the Mead in his Occupation called Lyme Kiln Mead in Stortford which ought to be removed.

**Battell** And also that Robt Battell of Stortford hath one Core in the said River next the Mead in his Occupation adjoining to Lyme Kiln Mead aforesd which ought to be removed.

**Mosely** And also that John Mosely of Thorley hath a Core in the River Stort next the Mead over agt his house in Thorley aforesd which ought to be removed.

**Clapton** And also that Henry Clapton of Great Hallingbury hath a Core in the said River next one of the Meads in his Occupation which ought to be removed.

**Palmer** And also that Jonas Palmer of Thorley hath severall Cores in the said River next the Meads in his Occupation in Thorley aforesd which ought to be removed.

**Hale** And also that William Hale Doctor of Physick hath two severall Cores in the said River Stort next the two Meads in his Occupation below below his house in Thorley aforesaid which ought to be removed.

Whereupon Att this Court It is ordered that the said Severall persons soe severally presented by the said John Cole as aforesd doe & shall severally remove their severall Cores & other Obstructions they respectively ought to doe on this side and before the one & thirtieth day of May next ensuing under the penalty of forty shillings for evry Default.

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Att this Court it is presented by Richard Mead and Joshua Goodwin two of the Surveyors of the said River as followeth to wit

**Sparkes** ffirst that Edward Sparkes of Roydon hath severall Cores and Bushes in the said River next the Meads in his Occupation which he holds of Mrs Jane Chester which obstruct the said River

**Chester** And that the said Mrs Jane Chester hath severall Cores in the said River next the two Meads in her Occupation over agt Roydon Hall Meads which ought to be removed.

**Bluck** And that Matthew Bluck Esqr hath severall cores in the said River next his Mead called Tilneys now in his occupation which ought to be removed.

**Tilney** And also that the Right Honble the Earl Tilney hath severall Cores in the said River next his Meads late in the Occupation of William Cook and now in his Lordships Occupation in Roydon which ought to be removed.

**Collin** And also that Thomas Collin of Roydon hath severall Cores in the said River next the Mead in his posson adjoining to Hunsdon Mead in Roydon which ought to be removed.

**Biggs** And also that Joseph Biggs of Roydon hath Severall Cores in the said River next the Meads in his posson adjoining to Hunsdon Mead aforesd which ought to be removed.

**Welsh** And also that Thos Welsh of Roydon hath three or four Trees that grow in or over the said River in or next his Mead called Cowleage in Roydon aforesd which obstruct the passage of the Water very much

**Goodwin** And also that Joshua Goodwin of Eastwick hath a Core in the said River next the Mead called Gildenholme in his Occupation in Eastwick aforesaid which ought to be removed.

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**Hall** And that Willm Hall of Eastwick ought to Cleanse and Scoure his Ditch between his Little Mead and Joshua Goodwins Mead called Gildenholme mead aforesd

**Everett** And also that Sarah Everett otherwise Whitby of Little Parndon hath a Core in the said River next her Mead called Oxleys in Little Parndon aforesd

**Halfhide** And also that Ann Halfhide hath a Core in the said River next her Mead called Rolls Mead which ought to be removed.

**Turvin & Goodwin** And also that John Turvin Esqre and John Goodwin have a Core or Obstruction in the said River between their Meads in their Possessions near Startholme Mead in Netteswell and Gilstone which ought to be removed.

**Greygoose** And also that William Greygoose of Roydon hath (space) Cores in the said River next his lands in Roydon which ought to be removed.

**Welsh** And also that Thomas Welsh of the farme in Roydon hath severall Cores in the said River next his Lands in Roydon which ought to be removed.

**Grayling** And also that Thomas Grayling of Roydon hath severall Cores & a tree in the said River next his Lands in Roydon aforesd which ought to be removed.

**Kelsey** And also that Henry Kelsey of ~~Roydon~~ (space) Parndon hath a core in afsd River next y<sup>e</sup> Lands in his posson in (space) which ought to be removed.

**Smith** And also that (space) Smith widdw of (space) Parndon has a Core in the sd River next y<sup>e</sup> Lands in his Occupation which ought to be removed.

Whereupon It is at this Court ordered that the said Severall persons soe severally presented by the said Richard Mead and Joshua Goodwin as aforesaid doe & shall severally remove and Cutt their said respective Cores trees Bushes & other Obstructions

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Wch severally belong to them respectively to doe on this side and before the one & thirtieth day of May next ensueing under the penalty of forty shillings aforesd for evry Default.

**Surveyors to survey & retorne Defaults** And it is further Ordered that the Severall Surveyors of the said River shall & doe at the next Court make a returne of all Defaulters and Obstructions in the said River in their respective districkts or Surveys

Whereas Complaint hath been this day made unto this Court by John Ellis Thomas Rickett and Thomas Thurgood upon their respective Oathes that severall of the Meadow Lands of them the said John Ellis Thomas Rickett and Thomas Thurgood lyeing by the said River Stort are often overflowed and dampenified and the Current of the Water in the said River much obstructed by a large Core now in the Same River between the Land or pasture of John Turvin of Gillston Esqr & the Meadow Land of Samll Kent Getmn called Wood Mead now in their respective Occupations.

**Turvin & Kent** Whereupon Itt is at this Court Ordered that the said John Turvin doo remove & Clear such parte & soe much of the said Core as belongeth to him to doe and alsoe that the said Samuel Kent doe likewise remove and clear such other parts and soe much of the same Core as belongeth to him to doe on this side & before the one and thirtieth day of May now next ensueing under the penalty of forty shillings aforesd.

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And lastly it is ordered that this Court and Comission of Sewers bee adjourned and is hereby adjourned to Wednesday the ninth day of June next ensueinge to be holden at the Crowne Inne in Hockerill in the parish of Bishops Stortford in the County of Hertford

Signed

Jno: Byde  
P Altham  
W Glascock  
John Sandford  
Wm Stanley  
Peter Calvert

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## Essex and Hertford to wit

**At a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the ninth day of June In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Six at the Crowne Inne in Hockerill in the Parish of Bishops Stortford in the said**



The extensive and very well appointed Crown Inn finally closed in 1872 and was demolished in 1898

**County of Hertford** before John Byde Peter Calvert Moses Raper Peyton Altham John Sandford & William Glascock Esquires Six of the Comissioners named in the Comission of Sewers lately issued out of his Matyes high Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

ffirst at this Court it is presented by John Cole & John Roddington two of the Surveyors for the River Stort That there is a Core of about fifty yards long next Hockerill Bridge in Stortford in y<sup>e</sup> Ditch there leading from the Castle of Stortford into y<sup>e</sup> River Stort on y<sup>e</sup> outside of y<sup>e</sup> same ditch next Gosmead belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Bishop of London wch ought to be removed.

**Bp of London** Whereupon it is Ordered by this Court that the Bishop of Londn or his agents doe remove & clear y<sup>e</sup> sd Core in y<sup>e</sup> said Ditch on this side & before y<sup>e</sup> ffirst Day of September now next ensueinge undr y<sup>e</sup> penalty of forty shillings

**Elliott &c** Att this Court It is presented by Wm Sworder & Peter Salmon two of the Surveyors of the River Stort That the Old River from y<sup>e</sup> Overshott belonging to Harlow Mill to y<sup>e</sup> great Road leading from Harlow to Sabridgeworth & wch lyeth agt y<sup>e</sup> land of ffrancis Elliott on y<sup>e</sup> one side & the Lands of Arthur Rainshire Benjn Marshall Richard Sutton (space) Paull Widdow & John Kemp in Staple Mead on the other side is very foule and ought to be cleansed.

**Gladwin** And That Daniell Gladwin of Sabridgeworth hath a Core about one rodd long in the River Stort next his Mead called fflints Mead

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wch ought to be removed.

**Jocelyn** And alsoe that Sir John Jocelyn Barrt hath a Core in the said River Stort about a rodd long next the Mead in his posson over agt the Mead in Thos Dugards posson in Sabridgeworth which ought to be removed.

**ffeake** And also That Samuell ffeake Esqr hath severall Cores in the River Stort next his two Meads in his posson called Causey Mead & Shire Mead in Sheeringe which ought to be removed.

**Harrison** And also That Richd Harrison Gentleman hath severall Cores Sand Banks in the Old River Stort next the Lands in his posson called Mill Mead in Harlow aforesaid which ought to be removed.

**Clarke** And also That (space) Clarke Widw of Sabridgeworth hath a Core in the said River next her Land in Great Hollisons Mead which ought to be removed.

**Herrington** And alsoe That Jacob Herrington of Sabridgeworth hath a Core in the said River next the Lands in his posson in Great Hollison aforesd which ought to be removed.

**Parris** And alsoe That Richd Parris of Sheeringe hath a core in the said River Stort next the Mead in his Occupation below Bridgefoot in Sabridgeworth which ought to be removed.

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Whereupon It is ordered by this Court that the said Severall persons soe severally presented by the said William Sworder and Peter Salmon as aforesd doe & shall severally clear & cleanse the sd River and remove their said severall Cores & obstructions which belong to them severally to doe before the twenty ninth day of September next ensueing under the penalty of forty shillings for evry Default.

And It is alsoe presented by the sd Wm Sworder and Peter Salmon that Sir John Jocelyn Barrt Saml ffeakes Esqr Thos Gamage of Little Hallingbury Robt Dickinson of Sabridgeworth George Bull of the Same John Holgate of the Same Henry Bride of y<sup>e</sup> Same Ann Gardiner Widdw of y<sup>e</sup> Same and Joshua Wren of y<sup>e</sup> Same have not Cutt or removed the Woods in the said River Stort next and agt the respective Lands in their severall Occupations according to an Order made at y<sup>e</sup> last Session of Sewers held for the sd River Stort for that purpose.

Whereby they severally incurred y<sup>e</sup> penalty or forfeiture of forty shillings againe. Whereupon it is at this Court ordered that the said severall persons last presented doe and shall severally Cutt & remove the severall Woods in the sd River next y<sup>e</sup> Lands in yen respective Occupations wch belong them severally to doe within six weekes after the date of this Court under the penalty of three pounds for evry Default

**Nathl Norris Surveyor** Att this Court It is ordered that Peter Salmon of Sheeringe be discharged from his office of Surveyor of the River Stort on accot of his age & inabilityity to perform y<sup>e</sup> sd Office. And that Nathaniell Norris of Sabridgeworth (his son in law) be Surveyor of y<sup>e</sup> sd River in his stead & place.

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And it is ordered that this Court and Comission of Sewers be adjourned & is hereby adjourned to the third Wednesday in the month of Aprill next ensueinge to be holden at the Crowne Inne in Harlow in the County of Essex

**Roger Smith Surveyor** And lastly at this Court (before the adjournment thereof) It is alsoe ordered that Joshua Goodwin of Nettewell be discharged on accot of his age & great infirmity ffrom his office of Surveyor of the said River Stort and that Roger Smith of Little Parndon in Essex be & is hereby appointed Surveyor in his stead and place

Signed

Jno: Byde  
P Altham  
Moses Raper  
John Sandford  
W Glascock  
Peter Calvert

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## **Essex and Hertford**

**To wit At a session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the twentieth Day of Aprill In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Seven at the Crown Inn in Harlow in the said County of Essex** before John Byde Peter Calvert Moses Raper Peyton Altham & William Stanley & ~~Samuell ffeake~~ Esquires ffive ~~Six~~ of the Comissioners named in a Comission of Sewers lately issued out of his Majesty high Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

At this Court John Byde produced his Accounts of all moneys reved and paid by him as Expenditor of the Comissioners of Sewers since last Account past the fifth of April 1732 by which itt appears and is allowed That the said John Byde has reved as followeth vitz

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9 <sup>th</sup> Aprill 1735 reved of Affable Yardley in part of the last assessment att 6d per Acre	20	00	00
18 <sup>th</sup> June 1736 reved more of him on the same account	08	17	06
1 <sup>st</sup> Octobert reved more of Mr ffield	00	09	09
20 <sup>th</sup> April 1737 reved more of Yardley	<u>00</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>00</u>
	29	14	03

And that the said John Byde hath disbursed on Account of the said Comission as by particulars produced 23 : 16 : 04

Ballance 05 : 17 : 11

And it is ordered by this Court That the said John Byde doe pay unto Mr Robert King Clerke of the said Comission the above mentioned Balance of ffive Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eleven Pence in full of his Bill relateing to the said Comission

And lastly itt is Ordered that this Court and Comission of Sewers is hereby adjourned to the third Wednesday in the Month of Aprill next Ensueing To be Holden at the Green Man in Eastwick in the said County of Hertford.

Signed

Jno Byde  
Moses Raper  
P Altham  
Peter Calvert  
Wm Stanley

Turne over --

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### **Essex and Hertfordshire to wit**

**At the ffirst meeting of his Majesties Justices and Commissioners named in a certain Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of his Majesties High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the several Countys of Essex and Hertford** within the several parishes of Stansted Mountfitchett, ffarnham, Birchanger,



Great Hallingbury, Little Hallingbury, Sheering, Harlow, Latton, Nettswell, Little Parringdon otherwise Parndon, Great Parringdon otherwise Parndon and Roydon in the County of Essex. And Bishops Stortford, Thorley, Sabridgeworth, Gedleston otherwise Gilston, Eastwick Hunsdon and Stansted Deale otherwise Stansted Abbott in the County of Hertford, **held At the Green Man in Harlow aforesaid on ffriday the Twenty ninth day of June One**

**thousand seven hundred and ffifty nine**

The Comission being first read, And by vertue of a Dedimus directed to Sir Conyers Jocelyn Bart and several others therein named, the following Commissioners were sworne

Sir Conyers Jocelyn ...Bart)	(	)
Jacob Houblon )	( The Revd Richard Hynd D.D. )	)
Edward Gardiner )	( The Revd John Emmerson )	)
Edward Parson )	( Edward Wise ) Clerks )	Sworne
Samuel ffeake )	(	)
Matthew Raper ) Esqrs Sworne	( John Broome )	)
John Raper )	( and ) Gents )	)
John Turvin )	( William Sworder )	)
Benjamin Henshaw )	(	)
William Plumer Junr )	(	)

**Sir Conyers Jocelyn Bart Chairman** At this Meeting the Commissioners present Choose Sir Conyers Jocelyn Bart. Their Chairman  
**Phil. Martin** and Mr Philip Martin their Clerk

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And afterwards Issued out their Warrant to the Sheriffs of Essex and Hertfordshire to summon Juries to appear before the Commissioners At their next Meeting to be held on Saturday the One and Twentieth day of July next. At the Crown Inn in Harlow aforesaid. To enquire into the Defects and Wants of Reparation of the same River.

And then adjourned to the said One and Twentieth day of July next. At the Crown Inn in Harlow aforesaid at Eleven of the Clock.

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
Jacob Houblon  
Ed. Parson  
Saml. ffeake  
Matt. Raper  
John Turvin  
Wm Plumer Jnr  
B Henshaw  
Edwd Gardiner  
W Sworder  
Jno Brome  
Ed. Wise  
R Hind  
John Emerson  
John ffisher

Stort 1729 055

### **Essex and Hertfordshire (to wit)**

**At a Sessions of Sewers holden on Saturday the Twenty first day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ffifty nine At the Crown Inn in Harlow in the County of Essex.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronet, Samuel ffeake, Edward Parson, Edward Gardiner, Matthew Raper, William Altham, Benjamin Henshaw and John Turvin Esqrs The Reverend Edward Wise and Thomas Altham Clerks Thomas Adderley John Broome and William Sworder Gentlemen Thirteen of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

**Comrs sworne** At this Court William Altham Esqr The Revd Thomas Altham Clerk and Thomas Adderly Gentleman three of the Commissioners were Sworne.

**The Sherriff of Essex return** At this Court Jasper Kinsman Esqr High Sherriff of the County of Essex returned the Commissioners Warrant to summon a Jury for that County and the Jury were.

**Essex** Daniel Corney Gent. fforeman

Matthew Woodley	)	(	John Bigg	)
Thomas Newman	)	(	James Clements	)
Thomas Archer	)	(	Affable Yardley	)
John Daniel	)	(	John Ellis	)
John Judd	) Sworne	(	William Appleton	) Sworne
Robert Sworder	)	(	ffrancis Bayley	)
John Spiltimber	)	(	Charles Ellis	)
William Poole	)	(	and	)
William Parris	)	(	George Lake	)

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**Sheriff of Hertfords return** At this Court also Sir John Chapman Bart. High Sheriff of the County of Hertford returned the Commissioners Warrant to summon a Jury for that County.

And the Jury were

**Hertfordshire** Thomas Hankin, fforeman

George Jones	)	(	Joseph Guyver	)		
William Hitchin	)	(	Arthur Rainshire	)		
John Phillips	)	(	John Wren	)		
Robert fflack	)	Sworne	(	Andrew Speller	)	Sworne
Litchfield Mosely	)	(	John Goulding	)		
Charles Ballard	)	(	and	)		
Nathaniel Norris	)	(	Michael Pepper	)		

**Order to the Jury** Who were all sworne and received their Charge and were Ordered to bring in their presentments in writing as well of all Nusances in the said River Stort As also an Account of the Meadows Surroundable by the said River with the names of the Occupyers and the Number of Acres in each Parish.

**Sir Conyers Jocelyn Bart. Chairman** Also the Commissioners present Choose Sir Conyers Jocelyn Bart. their Chairman .

**William Altham Esqr Expenditor** Also at this Court the said Commissioners Choose William Altham Esqr. Expenditor to the said Commission

And then adjourned to their next Sessions to be held on Saturday the twenty second day of September next, at the Bell Inn in Sabridgeworth in the County of Hertford at Eleven of the Clock

Signed

C Jocelyn  
Matt. Raper  
B Henshaw  
John Turvin  
W Sworder  
Jno Brome  
Tho. Altham  
Tho. Adderley  
Edwd Gardiner  
Willm Altham  
Saml. ffeake  
Ed. Wise  
Ed. Parson

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**Essex and Hertfordshire (to wit)**

**At a Sessions of Sewers holden on Saturday the Twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ffifty nine At the Bell Inn in Sabridgeworth in the County of Hertford.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Bart., Jacob Houblon, Edward Gardiner, Samuel ffeake, John Archer, Matthew Raper, John Raper, William ffeilde,

William Altham, Thomas Blackmore, John Turvin Esquires, John Broome, William Sworder and Thomas Adderley, Gentlemen. ffourteen of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

**Comrs sworne** At this Court, Thomas Blackmore, William ffeilde and John Archer Esqrs three of the Commissioners were sworne.

**Chairman** Also the Commissioners present Choose Sir Conyers Jocelyn Bart. their Chairman for this Day.

The Jurymen that Attended this Sessions were

**For Essex**

Daniel Corney Gent. fforeman)

Matthew Woodley	)	John Bigg	)
Thomas Newman	)	James Clements	)
John Daniels	)	Affable Yardley	)
John Judd	)	John Ellis	)
Robert Sworder	)	William Appleton	)
John Spiltimber	)	Francis Bayley	)
William Poole	)	and	)
William Parris	)	George Lake	)

**For Hertfordshire**

Thomas Hankin, fforeman	)	Robert Flack	)
George Jones	)	Litchfield Mosely	)
William Hitchin	)	Charles Ballard	)
John Phillips	)	Nathaniel Norris	)

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Joseph Guyver	)	John Goulding	)
Arthur Rainshire	)	and	)
John Wren	)	Michael Pepper	)
Andrew Speller	)		)

**Presentments of the Jury** Who brought in their Presentments (pursuant to an Order made at the last Sessions) Of all the Nusances in the said River. As also an Account of the Meadow surroundable by the said River.

**Order upon the Hunsdon Jury** Except the surroundable Lands in the Parish of Hunsdon and Andrew Speller and John Goulding the Jurors in the said Parish were Ordered to take an Account thereof and deliver the same to Mr Philip Martin within Ten Days from the date hereof.

Also it is ordered That all and every the Owners, Tenants and Occupyers of Mills and Lands upon or adjoining to the said River do Cut and Clear the Weeds and throw out the Cores and remove all other Obstructions in the River on this side and before the ffirst Day of November next ~~under the penalty of~~ (Space) ~~for every default.~~ And the Jury aforesaid were Ordered to give Notice thereof accordingly.

**Order for the Millers to attend at the next Court** Also it is ordered that Mr Martin the Clerk to the said Commission do Give Notice to the several ~~Owners and Tenants~~ Occupyers

of all the said Mills upon the said River Stort to Attend the said Commissioners at their next Court, and bring an Account of the pens of their several Mills with them as they now are.

**Adjournment** And then adjourned to their next Sessions to be held on ffriday the fifth day of October next At the Green Man in Harlow in the County of Essex by Nine of the Clock.

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
John Archer  
Willm. Altham  
Thos Blackmore  
Edwd. Gardiner  
Jac. Houblon  
Matt. Raper  
Willm. Feilde  
Saml. Feake  
John Raper  
John Turvin  
W. Sworder  
Jn. Brome  
Ths. Adderley

Stort 1729 059

### **Essex and Hertfordshire (to wit)**

**At a Sessions of Sewers holden on ffriday the fifth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ffifty nine At the Green Man in Harlow in the County of Essex.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronett., Jacob Houblon, Edward Gardiner, Thomas Blackmore, William ffeilde, John Raper, Matthew Raper, John Turvin Esquires, The Reverend Edward Wise Clerk and William Sworder, Gentleman. Ten of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

**Order for Tax 1s p. acre** Att this Court It is Ordered that a Tax or Assessment of One Shilling by the Acre be made and Assessed upon all and every the Tenants and Occupyers of all and every the Surroundable Lands lying by or near the River Stort in the several Countys of Essex and Hertford.

**Collector** Also At this Court It is Ordered that Mr Nathaniel Norris of Says Park in the Parish of Sabridgeworth in the said County of Hertford shall be Collector.

**Surveyors Appointed** Also John Judd of Birchanger Samuell Scott of Bishops Stortford Robert Sworder of Little Hallingbury Nathaniel Norris of Sabridgeworth George Lake of Roydon and Nicholas Roane of Hunsdon are Nominated and Appointed Surveyors for the River Stort And it is Ordered That the said John Judd and Samuell Scott shall survey the said River from the Head thereof in the Parish of ffarnham to Todenhoe otherwise Tednam Bury in Sawbridgeworth. And that the said Robert Sworder and Nathaniel Norris shall Survey the said River from Todenhoe als Tednam Bury aforesaid to Brent Mill in Nettswell, And that the said George Lake and Nicholas Roane shall Survey the said River from Brent Mill aforesaid to the End of the said River falling into the River Lea. And It is further Ordered

That the said respective Surveyors do Survey and veiw (sic) the said River within their respective Districts aforesaid on this Side and before the One and Thirtyeth day of October next.

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And make their respective Returns accordingly at the next Court then to be holden at the Crown Inn in Harlow in the said County of Essex

**Adjournment** And then adjourned to their next Session to be held on Wednesday the One and thirtyeth day of this Instant October at the Crown Inn in Harlow aforesaid by Eleven of the Clock.

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
Jac. Houblon  
Willm. Feilde  
Thos Blackmore  
W. Sworder  
John Turvin  
Ed. Wise

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**Essex and Hertfordshire to wit**

**At a Session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the Thirty first day of October In the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ffifty nine At the Crown Inn in Harlow in the County of Essex.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronet, Edward Gardiner, Thomas Blackmore, John Archer, John Raper, William Altham, Benjamin Henshaw, John Turvin Esquires, The Reverend Edward Wise Clerk, John ffisher Doctor in Physick and and John Brome, Gentleman. Eleven of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

**Presentments of Mr Judd & Mr Scott** At this Court It is presented by Mr John Judd and Mr Samuel Scott two of the Surveyors of the River Stort That Isabell Sworder Widow hath not removed the several Cores and Cut the Bushes in the said River next her Lands and Grounds now in her Occupation in Sabridgeworth aforesaid and lying between Todenhoe otherwise Tednam Bury in Sawbridgeworth aforesaid and the parish of Little Hallingbury pursuant to an order made at a Court held the Twenty second day of September last.

**Order on Sworder Widow** It is therefore now Ordered That the said Isabell Sworder do remove the said Cores and Cut the said Bushes within fourteen days after Notice

**Penalty 40s** Under the Penalty of fforty Shillings.

At this Court also It is presented by the said John Judd and Samuel Scott That Ezekiel Dixon of Yeoman hath not removed the several Cores and Cut the Bushes in the said River as lyeth next and adjoins to the Lands and Grounds now in his Occupation in Bishops Stortford aforesaid pursuant to an order made at the said Court held the

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Twenty second day of September last.

**Order on Dixon** It is therefore now Ordered That the said Ezekiel Dixon do remove the said Cores and Cut the said Bushes within fourteen days after Notice

**Penalty 40s** Under the Penalty of fforty Shillings.

**Sawbridgeworth Overfall** It being presented by the Jury Sworne to Enquire into all Defects Defaults and Wants of Reparaitions of and in the said River At the said Court held the Twenty second day of September last That the Overfall of Sabridgeworth Mill was Banked up with Earth fourteen Inches above the Timber Work of the Original Overfall which prevents ant Water of a Common course falling into the Old River. Now At this Court Mr Robert Sworder One of the Surveyors presents That the said Bank of Earth is not removed pursuant to the said Order made at the said Court held the Twenty second day of September last to the Great Damage and Injury of Isabell Sworder Widow, John Barnard the said Robert Sworder and the Reverend John Emerson Clerk Occupyers of several Lands and Grounds adjoining to the said River.

**Order on Nathl. Little** It is therefore Ordered that Mr Nathaniel Little the present Owner and Occupyer of the said Mill do take down and remove the said Bank of Earth on this side and before the Twenty fourth day of November next

**Penalty 40s.** Under the penalty of 40s.

**Complaint of Wm Beaumont postponed** At this Court the Complaint of William Beaumont Owner and Occupyer of South Mill in the Parish of Bishops Stortford in the County of Hertford That his Mill is Damaged for want of an Over Shott to Twyford Mill in the Parish of Thorley is postponed at the request of the partys to the next Court to be held on the 24 day of November next at the Bell Inn in Sabridgeworth aforesaid at Eleven o'clock

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**Order for Collector to pay 40<sup>l</sup> to the Expenditor** At this Court It is Ordered That Mr Nathaniel Norris that Collector do pay to Mr Philip Martin for the use of William Altham Esqr the Expenditor to the said Commission the sum of fforty pounds in part of the Money received by him from the Assessment. And that the said Philip Martin shall retain to himself the sum of £15 – 11s – 6d by him paid for the said Commission 2 – 13 – 6 by him paid at the Crown Inn in Harlow the 21<sup>st</sup> July last for a Dinner for the Undersheriff of Hertfordshire, the two Jurys and Bailiffs. £6 - 10s – 6d by him paid to the Jury on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September last for their bill of Expenses. £2 – 2s to be by him paid to the Undersheriffs of Essex and Hertfordshire for returning the Jurys. And £2 – 2s to be by him paid to the Bailiffs for summoning the said Jurys

**Adjournment** And then adjourned to their next Session to be held on Saturday the 24th day of November at the Bell Inn in Sabridgeworth in the County of Hertford by Eleven of the Clock.

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
B Henshaw

John Turvin  
Ed. Wise  
John Fisher  
Edwd. Gardiner  
John Raper  
Thos. Blackmore  
John Archer  
Jno. Brome

Stort 1729 064

**Essex and Hertfordshire (to wit)**

**At a Session of Sewers holden on Saturday the Twenty fourth day of November In the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ffifty nine At the Bell Inn in Sabridgeworth in the County of Hertford.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronett, Edward Gardiner, John Raper, Samuell ffeake, Thomas Blackmore, John Archer, John Turvin Esquires, The Reverend Edward Wise Clerk, John Broome and William Sworder Gentleman. Ten of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

**Order to pay Mr John Kirby & Mr Abraham Andrews 4 guineas for taking the falls of the Mills** At this meeting It is Ordered that Mr Philip Martin Does for and on the Behalf of William Altham Esquire the Expenditor pay to Mr John Kirby and Mr Abraham Andrews the sum of ffour Guineas for their time trouble and Expences in takeing the ffalls of the Mills on the said River Stort.

**The Complaint of Mr Wm Beaumont for want of an Overshott to Twyford Mill** Also At this Court William Beaumont of South Mill complains that his Mill is greatly Damaged for Want of an Overshott to Twyford Mill and that the Penn of Twyford Mill is too high and Pens into South Mill Wheel.

**The Complaint of Edward Gardiner Esqr** Also Edward Gardiner Esqr Complains that the Lands he holds of his Brother William Gardiner Esqr in Sabridgeworth receive great Damage by the Mills held by Mr ffrancis Elliott

**The Complaint of Mrs Sworder** Also Mr William Sworder Complains on the Behalf of Mrs Arabella Sworder that the Lands she holds in Sabridgeworth receive great Damage by Mr Nathaniel Little penning his Water too High at Sabridgeworth Mill

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**The Complaint of Mr Nathaniel Norris** Also Mr Nathaniel Norris Complains That his Lands receive great Damage by Mr Andrew Little penning his Water too high at Sheering Mill

**The Complaint of Thos Blackmore Esqr agt Hunsdon & Roydon Mills** Also Thomas Blackmore Esqr Complains That his Lands near Hunsdon Mill receive great damage by the Water being raised and penned too high at that Mill and further that the Overshott to Roydon Mill hath been Raised and made narrower than it used to be Whereby very little Water goes down the Old River which at some times is almost dry.

**The Complaint of Mr Wm. Luking** William Luking Complains that the Lands he holds receive great Damage for want of an Overshott to Twyford Mill.

**Order for the Jury to Attend the next Session** Also It is Ordered That Notice be given to the Jurys of both the Countys of Essex and Hertfordshire to Attend at the next Meeting

**Adjournment** And then adjourned to their next Sessions to be held on Wednesday the 5th day of December at the Green Man in Harlow in the said County of Essex by Ten of the Clock.

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
John Archer  
Edwd. Gardiner  
Thos. Blackmore  
W. Sworder  
John Turvin  
Jno. Brome  
Saml. Feake

Stort 1729 066

### **Essex and Hertfordshire to wit**

**At a Session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the fifth day of December In the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ffifty nine At the Green Man in Harlow in the County of Essex.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronet, Edward Gardiner, Samuell ffeake, John Archer, John Raper, Thomas Blackmore, John Archer (sic) and John Turvin Esquires and John Fisher M.D Nine (sic) of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

The Jury that Attended this Sessions were –

#### **For Essex**

Matthew Woodley	)	John Bigg	)
Thomas Newman	)	James Clements	)
Thomas Archer	)	Affable Yardley	)
John Daniel	)	John Ellis	)
John Judd	)	William Appleton	)
Robert Sworder	)	Francis Bayley	)
John Spiltimber	)	Charles Ellis	)
William Poole	)	and	)
William Parris	)	George Lake	)

#### **For Hertfordshire**

Thomas Hankin, Foreman	)	Joseph Guyver	)
George Jones	)	Arthur Rainshire	)
John Phillips	)	John Wren	)

Robert Flack	)	Andrew Speller	)
Litchfield Mosely	)	and	)
Charles Ballard	)	John Goulding	)

**Order to Survey Roydon, Hunsdon, Parndon & Brent Mills** At this Court it is ordered That Robert Sworder, Litchfield Mosely, John Judd, John Bigg, William Parris, Matthew Woodley, Thomas Newman, John Daniel, Andrew Speller, and John Spiltimber Ten of the Jury Sworne on the said Commission Do Servey the Pens and Overshotts of Roydon Mill, Hunsdon Mill, Little Parndon Mill and Brent Mill on Wednesday the Twelfth day of this instant December and make their Report to the Commissioners at their next Session to be held at the Green

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Man in Harlow aforesaid On the second day of January next how wide and high the pens and Overshotts to the said Mills ought to be to prevent any Damage that may happen to the Lands adjoining to the said River by the said pens and Overshotts to the said Mills

**Order to Survey Harlow, Sheering, Sabridgeworth & Silk Mills** It is also Ordered that John Ellis, Affable Yardley, Thomas Hankin, John Goulding, George Jones, William Hitchin, John Phillips, John Wren, George Lake and Robt. Flack Ten other of the Jury Sworne on the said Commission Do Survey the Pens and Overshotts of Harlow Mill, Sheering Mill, Sabridgeworth Mill and the Silk Mill on the said Twelfth day of this instant December and make their Report to the Commissioners at their next Session to be held at the Green Man in Harlow aforesaid On the said second day of January next how Wide and high the said pens and Overshotts to the said Mills ought to be to prevent any Damage that may happen to the Lands adjoining to the said River by the said pens and Overshotts to the said Mills.

**Order to Survey Twyford, South, Stortford, Parsonage and Bentfield Mills** It is also Ordered That Michael Pepper, William Poole, Charles Ballard, Nathaniel Norris, James Clements, Thomas Archer, William Appleton, ffrancis Bayley, Charles Ellis, Joseph Guyver and Arthur Rainshire Eleven other of the Jury Sworne on the said Commission Do Survey the Pens and Overshotts of Twyford Mill, South Mill, Stortford Mill, Parsonage Mill and Bentfield Mill on the said Twelfth day of this instant December and make their Report to the Commissioners at their next Session to be held at the Green Man in Harlow aforesaid On the said second day of January next how Wide and high the said pens and Overshotts to the said Mills ought to be to prevent any Damage that may happen to the Lands adjoining to the said River by the said pens and Overshotts to the said Mills.

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**Order for the Millers to pen up the Water to their Overshotts &c** At this Court It is Ordered That Notice be given to the Tenants and Occupyers of the several Mills on the said River to pen up the Water at their respective Mills on the Twelfth day of this instant December by Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon (Unless Contradicted by the Jurys who are to Survey the said River and then on any other day within fourteen days from the said Twelfth day of December as the Jury shall appoint) to the full height of their Overshotts. And further that the said Tenants and Occupyers of the said Mills Do draw down the Water at their respective Mills on the said Twelfth day of December (Unless Contradicted by the Jurys who are to Survey the said River and then on any other day within fourteen days from the said Twelfth day of December as the Jury shall appoint) so low and in such a manner as the said Jury shall Order and Direct.

**Adjournment** And then adjourned to their next Sessions to be held on Wednesday the second day of January 1760 at the Green Man in Harlow aforesaid by Ten of the Clock.

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
Edwd. Gardiner  
John Turvin  
John Fisher  
Thos. Blackmore  
Saml. Feake  
John Archer

Stort 1729 069

**Essex and Hertfordshire (to wit)**

**At a Session of Sewers holden on Wednesday the second day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty At the Green Man in Harlow in the County of Essex.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronet, Edward Gardiner, John Archer, Samuell ffeake, Thomas Blackmore, Matthew Raper, John Raper, John Turvin and Benjamin Henshaw Esqrs, The Reverend Edward Wise Clk: William Sworder John Broome and Thomas Adderley Gentlemen Thirteen of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

The Jury that Attended this Session were –

**For Essex**

Matthew Woodley	)	John Bigg	)
Thomas Newman	)	James Clements	)
Thomas Archer	)	Affable Yardley	)
John Daniel	)	John Ellis	)
John Judd	)	William Appleton	)
Robert Sworder	)	Francis Bayley	)
John Spiltimber	)	Charles Ellis	)
William Poole	)	and	)
William Parris	)	George Lake	)

**For Hertfordshire**

Thomas Hankin, Foreman	)	Joseph Guyver	)
George Jones	)	Arthur Rainshire	)
John Phillips	)	John Wren	)
Robert Flack	)	Andrew Speller	)
Litchfield Mosely	)	John Goulding	)
Charles Ballard	)	and	)
Nathaniel Norris	)	Michael Pepper	)

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At this Court the said Michael Pepper, William Poole, Charles Ballard, Nathaniel Norris, James Clements, Thomas Archer, William Appleton, Francis Bayley, Charles Ellis, Joseph Guyver and Arthur Rainshire, and (pursuant to an Order made at the last Session) brought in their presentments which are in the following Words.

**Twiford Mill** We present, We found the pen of the Mill to Damage the Lands on both sides the River. And that in case the said pen was lowered and an Overshott Fifteen feet wide. It will be of service to the Lands adjoining the River above this said Mill.

**South Mill** We present, We found the pen of the Mill to Damage the Lands on both sides the River. And that in case the said pen was lowered and the Overshott widened. It will be of service to the Lands adjoining the River above this said Mill.

**Parsonage Mill** We present, We found the pen of the Mill to Damage the Lands on both sides the River. And that in case the said pen was lowered. It will be of service to the Lands adjoining the River above this said Mill.

At this Court the said John Ellis, Affable Yardley, Thomas Hankin, John Goulding, George Jones, William Hitchin, John Phillips, John Wren, George Lake and Robert Flack (pursuant to an Order made at the last Session) brought in their presentments which are in the following Words.

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**Harlow Mill** We present We found the penning of the Mill very prejudicial to the Land adjoining the River. We also found when the Water was one inch under head it Overflowed Harlow Marsh the Water flowing from the back ditches that lead from the River, Over the Surface of the Ground so much that we walked in Water. We also found the Water flowing from the River into the Ditches which Ditches leads into a Ditch under the Park pales belonging to Edward Gardiner Esqr. And there leads into the Meads by Drains which greatly Damages the same.

And we Ordered the Miller to draw the Water down till it fell four Inches and a Quarter and then found the Water to fall back from the above mentioned Ditches and Drains. And also we are of the Opinion that by some Improvement made to the Ditches and by lowering the Pen four Inches, the Meadows will thereby be Relieved from the Damages aforesaid.

We present that the Overshott of this Mill ought to be made four feet Wider.

**Sheering Mill** We present we found the Mill pen to Damage the Lands adjoining to the River which appeared to us to be Occasioned by a peice (sic) of Timber nailed upon the Overshott which raised the pen two Inches and  $\frac{3}{4}$ . And we are of Opinion that that peice ought to be taken away Which with lowering the Overshott an Inch and  $\frac{1}{4}$  more will release the above mentioned Lands from the Damage aforesaid.

**Sabridgeworth Mill** We present that there should be a Board Nailed upon the Sell of the Overshott. One Inch thick.

We present that a Bridge a little below the Overshott of this Mill Ought to be raised about four Inches

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**Silk Mill** We present the Pen of the Mill to do Damage to the Lands above when raised by false Flash Gates, which are sometimes used and at other times not. (at the Mill and Overshott likewise) to the Great Damage to the Lands thereto adjoining. Therefore we are of Opinion that these Flashes ought not to be used.

At this Court the said Robert Sworder, Litchfield Mosely, John Judd, John Bigg, William Parris, Matthew Woodley, Thomas Newman, John Daniel, Andrew Speller, and John Spiltimber (pursuant to an Order made at the last Session) brought in their presentments which are in the following Words.

**Roydon Mill** We present the pen of this Mill, when the Water runs over the Overshott. That it don't appear to us to do any Damage to the Grounds Adjacent

**Hunsdon Mill** There is a Beam laid across the River near the Mill which when covered with Water they call their Pen. By which the Water is raised 14 Inches  $\frac{1}{2}$  above the Timber Work of the Original Overshott between the Reverend H Allens Mead and a Mead belonging to Edward Parson Esqr Which we present to do Damage to the lands adjoining to the River. And we are of the Opinion that the pen ought to be lowered, and the Overshott continued in the aforesaid place.

**Parndon Mill** We present the pen of this Mill, when the Water runs over the Overshott it don't Appear to us to do any Damage to the Grounds thereto adjoining.

**Brent Mill** At their Pen when the Water run over the Overshott no body complained of any Damage, but since the Survey was taken some persons have complained of the Damages that they receive by the pen of the Mill being too high.

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Also It is Ordered That Mr Nathaniel Norris the collector to this Commission Do pay the sum of Twenty five pounds Out of the Moneys he has Collected to Mr Philip Martin the Clerk to the said Commission

**Adjournment** And then adjourned to their next Session of Sewers to be held on Saturday the twelfth day of this instant January at the Crowne in Harlow aforesaid by Nine of the Clock precisely

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
Saml. Feake  
Edwd. Gardiner  
Thos. Blackmore  
Jno. Brome  
B Henshaw  
John Turvin  
W Sworder  
Ed. Wise  
John Fisher

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### **Essex and Hertfordshire (to wit)**

**At a Session of Sewers holden on Twelfth day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty At the Crown Inn in Harlow in the County of Essex.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronett, Edward Gardiner, Matthew Raper, John Raper and John Turvin Esquires, The Reverend Edward

Wise Clerk, John Brome, William Sworder and Thomas Adderley Gentlemen Nine of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

At this Court It is Ordered That Mr Nathaniel Norris the Collector be paid the Sum of four pounds for Collecting the Rate or Assessment of One shilling an Acre on the Tenants and Occupiers of the Surrouindable Lands lying by and near to the said River Stort.

At this Court also Mr Nathaniel Norris the Collector did pay to Mr Philip Martin the sum of Twenty pounds in part of the Sum of Twenty five pounds which was Ordered to be paid him at the last meeting.

At this Court also It is Ordered That Mr Nathaniel Norris the Collector do pay to Mr John Saunders the sum of three pounds and two shillings in full of his bill Delivered the Commissioners this day for takeing the

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pens of the Mills and other Attendances on them and the Jury on the said Commission

**Adjournment** And then adjourned to their next Session of Sewers to be held on Saturday the second day of this ffebruary next at the Bell Inn at Sabridgeworth by Ten of the Clock precisely

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
Matt Raper  
Thos Adderly  
Edwd. Gardiner  
Ed. Wise  
John Turvin  
John Fisher

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**Essex and Hertfordshire (to wit)**

**At a Session of Sewers holden on Saturday the Second day of ffebruary in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty At the Bell Inn in Sabridgeworth in the County of Hertford.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronet, Edward Gardiner, Matthew Raper, John Raper, John Turvin Esqrs, The Reverend Edward Wise Clk, and William Sworder Gentleman Seven of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

At this Court It is Ordered That Mr Philip Martin the Clerk to the said Commission Do make what Enquiry he can after the Proceedings and Orders that were made under the Commissions of Sewers which were taken out for the said River Stort during the time that Mr

ffrancis ffield and Mr Samuel Snoden were Clerks to the said Commissioners and that the said Philip Martin do give an Account of what Information he can get at the next Meeting.

**Adjournment** And then adjourned to their next Session of Sewers to be held on Saturday the two & twentieth day of March next at the Green Man in Harlow in the County of Essex by Ten of the Clock precisely

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
Edwd. Gardiner  
John Raper  
Ed. Wise  
Matt. Raper  
John Turvin  
W. Sworder

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**Essex and Hertfordshire (to wit)**

**At a Session of Sewers holden on Saturday the Twenty second day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty At the Green Man in Harlow in the County of Essex.** Before Sir Conyers Jocelyn Baronet, Edward Gardiner, Matthew Raper, John Raper, John Turvin Esquires and The Reverend Edward Wise Clerk, Six of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Sewers lately Issued out of the High Court of Chancery for the River Stort in the said Countys of Essex and Hertford.

And there being so few Commissioners present at this Court, The said Commissioners present did agree to Adjourn to their next Session of Sewers to be held on Monday the Twenty third day of June next. At the Crown in Harlow aforesaid by Eleven of the Clock.

Signed

Conyers Jocelyn  
Edwd. Gardiner  
Ed. Wise  
John Turvin