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ROKEBY, THOMAS

THE DIARY

OF

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PREFACE.

THE MS. from which this book has been printed is the Diary of Mr. Justice Rokeby. It is bound in leather, and the date 1688 is stamped on the back, as are also the letters AA under the date. These letters are evident proof of the existence at one time of more MSS. of this eminent Judge. It contains ninety-four leaves, the numbering of which commences on the third leaf. The two metal clasps which once kept it closed have been broken off. On the front cover the date 1 Mar., 1688, and the signature, Thomas Rokeby, are written, as is also the entry as given p. 1.

Thomas Rokeby, the writer of this MS., was the second son of Thomas Rokeby, of Sandal, Yorkshire, and a memoir of him, containing his journal, &c., will be found printed in the publication of the Surtees Society for 1861, ably edited by Canon Raine. He was born in 1631 or 1632. On 20th June, 1646, he was admitted a pensioner at Catherine Hall, Cambridge. In January, 1649-50, he became a B.A. At Christmas, 1650, he was made a Fellow of his College. The following extract from the Book of Admissions of Gray's Inn, vol. II., p. 1,051, shows the date at which he entered that Society:—

Decimo septimo die Maii, 1650.

Sot. 3. 6. 8. Thomas Rokeby filius secundus Thomæ Rokeby de Burnby in Com York Armig Admiss est in societatem huius hospitij die et ano supadici.

THO: BRICKENDEN.

After he was called to the bar he seems to have passed a considerable portion of each year in chambers at Gray's Inn. His country residence when

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term was over was at York. He married Ursula, daughter of James Danby, of Newbuilding, Thirsk. He was the principal adviser of the Nonconformists in the North of England and took a leading part in the movement in favour of the Prince of Orange.

The entries made on the cover, the first leaf, and the first twenty pages were made before he was raised to the Bench, which took place on the 8th of May, 1689,* when he was placed in the Common Pleas, whence he was removed, 25th October, 1695,† to the King's Bench, where he remained till his death on 26th November, 1699. He was buried at Sandal, near Doncaster.

Full particulars as to his family, &c., have already been printed in the publication of the Surtees Society which has been before referred to.

WILLIAM BOYD,

12, Sloane Terrace, Sloane Street,

November, 16th, 1887.

London, S.W.

Facsimile of Signature

^{*} Vide Patent Roll, 1 William and Mary, Part 3 (24).

[†] Vide Patent Roll, 7 William III., Part 4 (26).

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^{*} p. q. 2 = pro querente. 2 [guineas]. † p. d. 1.=pro defendente. 1 [guinea]. † ret.=retained.

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- 8: fine s^r conc. Lond: Rich: Taylor & Ann his wife of 2 houses in Lond. for 500 y^{rs}.
- Mids: fine Rich. Taylor Ann ux. & Ric. T. jun. to Wm. Tempest & Rob: Fowle.
- Ebor: fine Jo: Fran: & Tho: Wildbore to Rob^t Saintclare, Mano^r of Knottingley &c.
- 10: fine from Hendrick & ux to Smith of Mess' in St Andrews Holborn, Midds.
- 3: Linc. Fine from Tho. Halcher et ux to Fran: Halcher of Lands &c. in Carby &c.
- 16: Fran: Stephens admitted guardian to Sarah Birch.

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The 1st circuit after I was a Judge was sumer 1689: & I was to have gone y^e Midland Circuit wth Baron Nevile, but was Stayed in Towne to attend y^e Parliam^t:

The times were thus:-

Tuesday July 9, att Northampton. friday July 12, att Okeham.

Monday July 15, att Lincolne.

Thursday July 18, att Nottingham.

Monday July 22, att Derby.

Wednesday July 24, att Leicester.

Saturday July 27, att Coventry.

eodem die att Warwick.

The Judges hired a Coach betwixt them, yo costs of woh & housekeeping, for my share thereof above all profits woh came in throughout yo circuit was about 17 ti.

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The 2^d circuit Lent $16\frac{89}{90}$ Oxfordshire, I & Justice Eyre were to goe y^t circuit y^e times were

Monday Mar: 3: Reading for Berkshire.

Wednesday Mar: 5: Oxford.

Saturday Mar: 8: Worcester.

Wednesday Mar: 12: Stafford.

Saturday Mar: 15: Salop.

Friday Mar: 21: Hereford.

Wednesday Mar: 26: Monmouth.

Saturday Mar: 29: Glocester.

I went onely to Reading & Oxford, & then ye King's pleasure was signifyed to me to returne to London, & Just: Eyre went ye rest of ye circuit alone, we had hired a Coach betwixt us, but Just: Eyre refusing to take it along wth him, I came home in it, & after ye circuit was over, ye accte were stated, & Just Eyre demanded that I should pay halfe of ye charges of his own Saddle horse, & of his clerk of ye chamber, & of his groome and Sumpter, I thought it was not reasonable, but upon his pposal, I referred it to Just: Powell & Just: Ventris who Judged it age me: & I was out of purse this circuit: 19 ti: & above.

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3^d Circuit, Sumer. 1690.

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The Lord Ch: Just: Holt & my selfe went ye home circuit, it was appointed att 1st to begin in July about ye usuall time aftr ye terme, & soe were all ye othr circuits, & accordingly were set up in ye Hall Westmr & published in ye Gazetts; but ye French fleet comeing upon ye

English coasts, ye Queen by proclamation, 19 July 90, published an alteration of ye Circuits by when ye dayes for ye home circuit were

Hertf. Monday 1st Sept. att Hertford.

Essex Wednesday 3 Sept. att Chelmsford.

Surry Monday 8 Sept. att Kingston upon Thames.

Sussex Thursday 11 Sept. att Horsham.

Kent Tuesday 16 Sept. att Maidston.

I hired two horses & a Coach this circuit & put my own horses to ye wheele, & my charges in this circuit was above 25 ti.

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4th Circuit, Lent 1690.

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When y^e Judges chose their circuits in Hillary Terme there were 4 Judges chose their own Country circuits, viz. L^d Ch J. Pollexfen, Ld Ch. Baron Atkins, Baron Lechmere & Just Ventris this made a great noise, & y^e Com^{rs} of the Great Seale tooke this occasion to find fault wth y^e Judges choice, desiring by it (as y^e Judges suspected) that they might have y^e alteration of y^e circuits att their pleasure, & this was supposed to be done principally by y^e Ld Com^r Trevor who was now made a Privy Councellor.

Y' Queen had signed y' fiat for y' Judges comissions according to their own first choice, but by reason of s' Jo: Trevors complaint y' he ought not to seale comissions to them to goe their own country circuits, y' Judges (by y' Queen's directions) altered their choice among themselves, w' alteration was carryed to y' Queen by my L' Ch. Just: Holt, & aftr she had approved it, it was sent by her to him ag', & not to y' Lds Com's of y' great Seale, nor they did not meddle in making any alteration, but y' Ch: J: sent y' fiat to the clerk of y' Crown, to make out, y' Comissions.

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Lent 1690: 4th circuit.

This time my L^d Ch: Just: Holt & my selfe went y^e Norfolk circuit, y^e days for w^{ch} were

Bucks, Thursday 12 Mar. att Aylesbury.
Bedford, Saturday 14 Mar. Bedford.
Hunt: Wednesday 18 Mar. Huntington.
Canteb. Thursday 19 Mar. Cambridge.
Norfolk, Monday 23 Mar. Thetford.

Suffolk, Thursday 26 Mar. Bury St Edmonds.

I hired a coach & 4 horses to my selfe this circuit, & took my chambr clerk (York Horner) in ye coach wth me, & hired a horse for Jo: to carry a portmantle, & I was out of purse this circuit in ye whole about 34 h.

The matters hapening in this 4th circuit were not minded in due time to be set down.

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5th circuit Sumer 1691.

Just: Gregory & I went y° Western circuit. The times were Southāpt's Wednesday July 22, att Winchestr Wilts, Saturday 25 July, att New Sarum Dorset, Thursday 30 July, att Dorchester Cornwall, Wednesday Aug. 5, att Launceston City of Exon, Monday Aug. 10, att Guildhall, Exon Devonshire, eodem die, att y° Castle of Exon Somerset, Tuesday Aug. 18, att Wells City of Bristoll, Saturday Aug. 22, att Guildhal

I hired, a Coach & four horses to my selfe this circuit, & tooke my chamber clerk in ye coach wth me, & hired a horse to carry my portmantle, & I was out of purse this circuit in ye whole about 13 ti.

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Ejectm^t in^{tr} Oakeapple & Beach for y^e Rectory of Orchestō S^t George upon y^e demise of Tho. Curganven, clerk.

ye lessors title was by reason of ye deprivation of ye deft by act of Part: for omitting to take ye oaths to ye K. & Q.

The deft insisted that yo lessor's Induction was not good, bec. yo Archdeacon's Mandate to doe it, was directed omnibus clericis et literatis infra archidiaconatū, &c., & yo clerk who gave yo induction was not of his archdeaconry, & I doubting whether the authority was well executed in this respect, reserved this matter as a point to consider att London, but yo ptt. had a verdict for all, subject to a rule of Cort to consider of that point.

v. Chris. Dean's case Noy. 134* & from him Dr Godolf: 280,† repert. Canonicū. yt ye Authority was well executed: & it was soe adjudged in Collys & Lant's ca: Hill: 6° Jac. rot. 190, B. R. upon a spec. verd. & according to yt judgmt I gave my opin. in this case.

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39 entred. 33 tryed by me.

Newman & Pinkney ejectm^t y^e ptt: made title by a lease for 1000 y^{re} from Roger Pinkney y^e grandfathr to Rog^r. Pinkny a young^r son of his, & W^m Pinkny y^e lessor is adm^r of Rog^r y^e lessee, y^e lease was dated in March 43: 3 witnesses, none proved him dead or their hands, possession for 40 y^{re} gone according to y^e lease.

ye proof agt ye lease was one witness who swore that aft ye death of Rogr ye lessee he was called to be an appraiser of his goods, & there was a scriven one Brown who was imployed to looke into ye writings & aft search he told Rogr Pinkney he had noe title, & Roger asked him if he could not make one And ye scrivener sd yes he could make him

^{*} Reports and cases taken in the time of Queen Elizabeth, King James, and King Charles, collected and reported by that learned Lawyer, William Noy (Attorney-General). London, A.D. 1656. 4°. 709. h. 3. British Museum.

[†] Repertorium Canonicum, &c. By John Godolphin, LL.D. London, A.D. 1687. 8°. 517. g. 29. British Museum.

a lease for 1000 y^{re} but y^e witness said he expressed his dislike of soe wicked a thing & he knows not that any thing was done furth by Brown but y^e witness swore that att a form Assizes he came wth W^m Pinkny to y^e chamber of one Wicks an attorny att Sarū, who then read y^e 1000 y^{rs} lease to y^e witness

anoth^r witness proved y^t Wm. Pinkny came to him & showed him a deed to w^{ch} his name was put as a witn: & inquird of him if y^t was his hand, & he could not say it was

3^{ly} deft objected that Wm. Pinkny in y^e. 1st inventary of Rog^{rs} estate in y^e eccles. Co^{rt} omitted this lease & af^{tr}wds put it in.

Jury foud for deft. agt ye lease & ye 40 yrs posess.

It was a slend evidence y ve lease was forgd Its fitt for a new tryall.

Jones & Gilmore ca:

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For ye pew, verd p q. agt ye Evid. ye deft proved ye 1st erection of it by Phil. E. of Pembr: for ye dowagr of Wm his eldr bro: who was deeply melancholy, it was before that 2 pews for ye wife's of ye copyhold tents

this is very fitt to have a new triall but y' K's Bench denyed it, bec y' dams were but 2^d.

Rumsey & Herne in Trov¹ for Wood & Timber, a spec. verd. upon ye words of a will, whether they give a fee or an estate for life onely, I was of opin. it was onely for life: if it be onely an estate for life, judgm^t must be p. q̃.

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Wells 18 Aug: 91.

Biggs agt Stibbs et at.

debt upon a bond agt 5 administrators, 3 did not appear, 2 pleaded fully administred.

y° ptt: charged y° defts by an inventary exhibited in y° eccles. Cor by y° procter of y° administrators, & a proofe made of y° comission of y° administration to all y° 5 jointly.

y° def^{ts} offered to prove y^t y° 3 psons who have not pleaded had got all y° intestates estate into their hands, & y^t none of it came to y° 2 now defts, and therefore they ought not to be charged, but I was of opin: y^t they all taking administration jointly, & exhibiting y° inventary, they are all chargeable to creditors, tho 3 of them onely run away wth y° estate.

Crofts & Dixon, C.B.

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A spect verdict att Wells, wherein all y° circumstances of a quakers marr was found, & y° q: was whethr this was a good marr to intitle y° husb: to be tent by y° Curtesy, & I was clear of opin: yt it was a good marr.

ye naturall foundatio of marr: is yt pcreative appitite weh is implanted in us by God, ye desire of sexes, weh is ye effect of yt comand & blessing, Increase & multiply.

ye regulation of yt appetite, & putting it undr morall rules, was by G's creating one man & one womā, to be mutuall meet helps.

y^e solemne mutuall appropriation of y^e one to y^e other by their mutuall consents exclusive of all oth^{re}, & consumating y^t consent by acts pp. for y^t relatio make marriage

ye essence of we is ye mutuall consent to take each oth in ye relation, & ye pformance of conjugall dutys.

ye Canons of ye Ch: are but extrinsecall to it.

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Mr Clerk ye Lawyer in Somersetshire.

y^e L^d Lieu^{ts} powers were executed by comission to y^e Marq. Carmarthen, Earle of Devonshire, Earle of Dorset, & then all y^e deputy Leiu^{ts} were put in in Councell, & they acted vigorously ag^t y^e French in Sumer 90.

Now since ye D. of Or:* is Lieut, he hath by misformat. (being a stranger) put in oth men.

Sir Ed. Pheli: ye monster-children.

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Att yº Nisi Prius in Midds 30 Nov: 91, before Just. Powell & my selfe.

Boddington & oth^{rs}, adm^{rs} of — Boone, were ptts. ag^t Tho. Sadler in an ac. of debt upon a bond of 500 ti. entred into by ye de^{tt} & 4 oth^{rs} to ye intestate.

Upon ñ ë factū† pleaded

a spec. verd. was found y^t y^e def^t and 4 oth^{rs} sealed y^e bond in wh^{ch} they were jointly and severally bound to y^e intestate y^t before y^e plea pleaded a mouse eat off ye seales of two of y^e obligors, but y^e oth^r 3 (of w^{ch} y^e def^{ts} [sic] is one) doe still remain on, & y^e quest. was whether it was his deed or not:

I inclined to thinke it is still his deed, for it still remains ye joint & severall obligation of 3, & ye deft might have been charged wth ye whole, when there were 5 obligors, & may still be soe. v. 5, Co., 22, 119, Dyr 59,‡ 2 Bulst, 247.§ March: 95.

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Sixth circuit, Lent 1691. Home circuit.

Just: Dolben & Just: Rokeby. Ye times were

Hartford, Thursday Mar. 3, att Hatford.

Essex, Monday Mar. 7, att Chelmsford.

Surrey, Thursday Mar. 10, att Southwarke.

Kent, Monday Mar. 14, att Maidston.

Sussex, Friday Mar. 18, att Horsham.

^{*} James, second Duke of Ormond.

[†] Non est factum.

[‡] Les Reports des divers select Matters, &c., King Henry VIII. By Sir James Dyer, Lord Chief Justice, &c. London, A.D. 1688. Folio. 19. e. 10. British Museum.

[§] The Reports of E. B. in the time of the late reign of K. James, &c. 3 parts. By Edward Bulstrode. London, 1657. Folio. 510. k. British Museum.

I hired a coach & four horses to myselfe this circuit, & tooke my chamber clerk in y^e coach wth me, & y^e casuall pfits to y^e Judges bore y^e charges of o^r housekeeping & jorneys, except my coach-hire, w^{ch} cost me to Mr. Earle 13 ti. 10s., & my Groom's horse-hire & charges about 2 ti. 10s.

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Att Hertford Just. Dolben entred 7 causes & tryed them all.

George Hadley, Esq^{re}, Sheriff. I tryed M^r. Benj. Cranmer upon two indictm^{ts}—1st, for drinking y^e late K. Ja:'s health; y^e 2^d for words, y^t they can never make K: Wm. lawfull heire of y^e crown. They turned K. Ja: shamefully out, & he swore by God he was for K. Ja., he being convicted upon both, I fined him 20 nobles upon y^e first, & 20 markes upon y^e 2^d, he being very poor; & I bound him to his good behaviour.

I condemned one Robber on ye highway for 2 severall robberys on foot.

49

Att Chelmsford I entred 31 causes, & tryed 24, but ye Sheriff had returnd 73 venires. Edw: Ford, Esq., Sheriff.

Wharton & Lisle, Trov^r for flax. Spec. verd. Y^e Ptt. is impropriator, & y^e deft vicar of Thorpe. Y^e q. was wheth^r Flax-tyth were small tythes or not, being sown upon 26 acres of land formerly arrable, y^e whole parish being 1500 acres.

Oliv^r & Carcass eject: to try y^e title of S^r Charles Terrill, Governor of y^e free school in Chelmsford. There was a gen. rule between Oliv^r & Blewet (y^e casuall ejector) y^t Carcass should be made def^t & should confess lease entre & ouster generally. Then there was a spec. rule y^t y^e def^t should not be pjudiced by y^t confession to admitt y^e governor's title; but this being intituled a rule between Oliv^r & Blewet, y^e plt. would not admitt it as made between y^e now ptys. Y^e deft offered to confess it if y^e plt. would name y^e governor, w^{ch} he refused to doe, & soe y^e deft refused to confess, & y^e pl. was ñsuit for that cause.

50

Surrey. Just: Dolben entred 20 causes & tryed 20.

Geo. Atwood, Esq., Sheriff.

M^r. Abell, undersheriff. I condemned two men for burglarys, but att y^e intercession of y^e jury of life & death, I reprieved one for transportation.

51

Kent. Att Maidston I entred 42 causes & tryed 35.

S' Jo. Marsham, Sheriff.

M^r. Pye, undersheriff. Wintringham & Marsh, ejectm^t. Y^e q: was upon y^e will of y^e Lady Cater, whether she was compos mentis or not. Y^e witnesses to y^e will were y^e Lady Man, M^{rs} Kitchell, & y^e D^r. Jacob, but y^e Lady Man did not appear. Verd. p. q̃. for y^e will. Y^e onely land in q. was y^e Mano^r of Grove. Y^e pit: made title to noe oth^r lands by y^e fine w^{ch} he pduced.

Ye lands were Mr. James's lands who had 3 daughtre of weh ye Lady Cater was one, & one of them dyed wthout issue.

52

Horsham.

Just. Dolben entred 15 causes and tryed 13.John Newnham, Esq., Sheriff.Mr. Shepard, undersheriff.

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54

My Seventh circuit, Oxford Circuit, Sumer: 1692. Just: Rokeby & Just. Eyre.

The times were thus

Berks, Tuesday 28 June, att Abingdon. Oxon, Thursday 30 June, att Oxon. Worcestr, Saturday 2 July, att Worcester.
City of Worcestr ye same day.
Stafford, Wednesday 5 July, att Stafford.
Salop, Saturday 9 July, att Shrewsbury.
Hereford, Thursday 14 July, att Hereford.
Monmouth, Monday 18 July, att Monmouth.
Glocester, Wednesday July 20, att Glocester.
City of Glocester ye same day.

I hired a coach & 4 horses to my selfe this circuit, & took my chamber clerk in ye coach wth me, & my coach-hire, & ye steward's accts cost me above 32 ti. over & besides all ye circuit pfits, & ye hire & charges of a portmantle horse in ye circuit cost me above 4 ti. more.

55

I began my jorney into this circuit from London on Monday 27 Ju. 92, & bated at Maidenhead, but ye waters were soe great upon ye road that att Colebrook they came just into ye body of ye Coach, and we were forced to boat twice att Maidenhead, & we boated ye coach, & att ye 2d time we boated o'selves, but ye coach came through ye water, & it came very deep into ye body of it, & that night we lay att Henley upon Thames, where we were forced to boat ye coach again, & att Henley there came to us two psons from ye Corporatio of Abingdon, who tooke care to pay all o' charges there, both for man & Horse.

Edw. Sherwood, Esqre., Sheriff.

Mr. Greenway, a K's Bench attorney, undersheriff.

Here my bro: Eyre entred 16 causes & tryed 15.

We lodged at M^r. Green's house att Abingdon an old parliam^t soldier, a q^{rtr}m^r, & now a dissenter called a Baptist.

56

Oxford I entred 10 causes & tryed 10.

We went from Oxford Friday 1st July in y° afternoon & lodged att Stow on y° Would in Glocestershire, where there is noe water but what they fetch halfe a mile out of town.

Saturday, 2^d July, we bated att Parshoar, a place of y^e most beggars & y^e most confident that ever I saw.

Worcester.

57

Some pleased wth my charge pticularly M^r. Walsh, a Just. of P.

Allen Cliff, Esq., a good Sheriff. Mr. Ashley, undersheriff.

M^r. Boweter, y^e Sheriff's chaplain preached an honest hearty sermon Lord's day afternoon.

Good Justs., M^r. Walsh, M^r. Bromley his son in law, M^r. Lechmere. We lodged att an ancient attorny's house, M^r. Collings, nere y^c Co^rt.

Dr. Talbot, ye D., a firme man to ye Governmt.

My bro. Eyre entred 21 causes, & tryed 15.

6 July we went from Worcestr to Wolverhamptō, 21 miles & bated, & y^t night to Stafford.

58

Stafford. I entred 38 causes & tryed 29. Gravenor Dyson, Esq., Sheriff, a mā firm to ye Governmt, but of small estate, soe we desired him not to invite us (as was usuall), & ye next day afternoon dismiss'd him from attendance on us.

His bro: was undersheriff.

We lodged att one Barker's, a draper, a poor mā, & very strait lodgeing.

I tryed 2 or 3 causes of Saturday morning & went out of Town about noon, & came to Shrewsbury betwixt 6 & 7 att night.

59

Shrewsbury. Brother Eyre entred 71 causes, tryed 63. Thos. Wingfield, Esq., Sheriff, a Tory, as are a great pt of ye Gentry.

Mr. — Tongue, undersheriff.

We lodged at M^r. Woolrich's, an apothecary. Good lodgeings.

M^r. Rowl. Hunt & M^r. Corbet, two good Justs. of P., recomended Robt. Clive, Jun., of Stych, to be a Just. of P. to act wth S^r Jo. Corbett in a hand: where there is great want of Justs.

S^r Jo. Corbet, a firme mā to y^e Governm^t, not exact in his moralls. Edw: Farmer of Bridgenorth, a parson deprived for refuseing y^e oaths, tryed for praying in his own house for y^e restoration of y^e late K. Jas. Found not guilty. Refused y^e oathes & I fined him 20s. for that.

60

From Shrewsbury we set out upon Wednesday noone, & came to Ludlow that night, 20 miles, & on Thursday we came through Leominster to Hereford, 14 miles, & were there by 12 of ye clock. Dinmore Hill bad way. Att Hereford we lodged att Mr. Williams ye Cler: of ye Peace. Good Lodgeings. Edw: Littleton, Esq., Sheriff, a firme man to ye Governmt & a freind to Protestant dissenters.

A spec. verd. int^r Wright and Dunn* y^e pl: brought his ac as schoolm^r, but showed not his licence, & I was of opin: to ñsuit him, but att Serj^t Birch's desire allowed a spec. verd.

A case wheth copyhold be win ye Stat: 11 H: 7, C. 20.

^{*} Dun an infamous man, & a clerke in Mr. Tempest's office.

Harrington & Smith,* Mes. Rep. 82, 103, 128, 2 Syderf., 41, 42.

61

An information of a riot agt Hen: Vaughan, Griffin Pain & 19 othrs about ye Tolls of Radnor faire, a dispute between Stephens & Vaughan about being bailiff of New Radnor, march 36 men from Keinton to Radnor, 4 miles, on Lord's day in ye afternoon.

An ejectm^t in^{tr} Leake & Price upon y^e will of y^e Lady Price. An ill verd. p. d.

Att Hereford I entred 38 causes and tryed 35. good Justs., Sr Edw. Harley, Capt. Scudamore, Ferd: Gorges, Esq. Ye Bt too favourable to Jacobites, an ill sermon before him att his visitatio.

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Att Monmouth.

63

John Floyer, Esq., Sheriff.

We lodged att M¹. Walt². Fortunes, Major of Monmouth; good lodgeing.

Sr. Char. Kemys gave me a buck we he never used to ye Judges before.

Good Justs., Mr. Morgan (a man of a great estate), Mr. Arnold, Coll. Probert.

My bro: Eyre entred 14 causes & tryed 13.

18 we went to Glocestr, & had a very rainy day & a bad jorney for way over over ye forest of Deane & aftrwd in ye lanes.

Gloces^{tr}.

I entred 43 causes & tryed 39.

Sam. Barker, Esqre, Sheriff, a freind to ye Governmt.

^{*} The case Harrington & Smith is reported Syderfin, 41, 42.

[†] Les Reports des divers special cases . . . adjudged en le court del Bank de Roy, &c. A.D. 1683. Folio. By Thomas Siderfin. 513. l. 5. British Museum.

Mr. Try, undersheriff.

We lodged att M^r. Ludlow's or att M. Bell's, a millener, one of y^e Sheriffs of y^e City.

Freinds to their Maj^{tys}, S^r Jo: Guise, S^r Ra: Dutton, S^r Duncomb Colchester, S^r Tho. Stephens.

Mr. Rowl. Wood, a Just. of P., a good man.

The whole number of causes (besides traverses) entred this circuit was 250, of w^{ch} I entred 128; & of causes tryed was 219, of w^{ch} I tryed 113.

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66

My 8^{th} circuit was y° Norfolk circuit. Lent $169\frac{2}{3}$. 5^{to} W. & M. Ld Ch: Just. Holt & my selfe. Y° times thus

Norfolk, Wednsday 15 Mar: att Thetford.

Suffolk, Saturday 25 Mar: att Bury St. Edmonds.

Cambr: Thursday 23 Mar: att Cambridge.

Hunt: Saturday 25 Mar: att Huntington.

Bedford, Monday 27 Mar: att Bedford.

Bucks, Wednesday 29 Mar: att Alesbury.

Aft^r y^e circuits were all setled & y^e terme ended, viz., 25 Feb., there fell a very great Snow w^{ch} occasioned y^e K. to issue out a proclamatio, 2 Mar. 9²/₃, to alter all y^e circuits to later dayes, but onely y^e Norfolk & y^e Oxford circuits w^{ch} continued upon their 1st appointm^t.

I hired a coach & tooke my chamb^r clerke wth me in it, & by reason of y^e badness of y^e wayes I was forced to take 6 horses & my charges in this circuit for housekeeping & coach-hire cost me out of purse above 52 ti.

67

We set forward from London Monday 13 Mar: & came y^t night to Hockerill, Bishop-Storford, & y^e next night to Barton Mills, both jornys

wthout any bate, & att Barton Mills the undersheriff of Norfolk offered to pay y^e reckoning, but we did not accept it.

Thetford, Wednesday, 15 March, 9\frac{2}{3}.

John Burkin, Esq^{re}, Sheriff, a sober & frugall young gent.

Wm. Davy, undersheriff.

I sate upon ye nisi Prius & entred 23 causes & tryed 21.

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70 Bury St. Edmonds, 18: Mar., 92.

W^m Hamond, Esq., Sheriff, a sober young gent: his father a merch^t now living in London, a freind to ptestat. dissenters, he kept a very handsome & generous shirevealty, & gave y^e Judges gloves, tho there was a woma condemnd, and repreived. — Wright, undersheriff.

My Ld Ch. Just: Entred 47 causes, & tryed 35.

Cambridge, 23 March, $9\frac{2}{3}$.

71

Rob'. Swan, Esq., High Sheriff a very old man, and soe his son who had been an attorny officiated in his roome.

James Robinet, undersheriff.

I entred 13 causes & try'd them all, one of them a directed issue lasted in tryall abt 4 houres.

Huntington, 25 Mar., 93. My Ld Ch. J: entred & tryd 5 causes. I tryed 13 prison^{rs}.

The same Sheriff & John Johnson, undersheriff.

72 Bedford, 27 Mar. 93.

S^r Sam. Thompson, Kn^t, High Sheriff. A young^r son of his, a Barris^{tr} att law, officiated for him.

Ambrose Reddall, undersheriff.

I entred 14 causes & tryed 13.

Ailesbury, 29 Mar., 93.

73

Fran. Duffeild, Esq., High Sheriff a sowre kind of niggardly man, & (as I am told) a Tory.

Barnwell, undersheriff.

My Ld Ch. J: entred 11 causes & tryed 10: I tryed above 20 indictm^{ts}, severall of w^{ch} were for robberys wherein y^e evidence was long, w^{ch} occasioned my stay there a day longer than my Ld Ch: Just. soe that I came not home till Saturday y^e 1st of Apr., '93.

74

In this circuit, my Ld Ch: Justice & I entred 112 causes and tryed 96.

I. Thetford entred 23 tryed 21 Ld Ch. J. Bury entred 47 tryed 35 I. Cambridge entred 13 tryed 13 Ld Ch. Just. Huntingtō entrd 5 tryed 5 T. Bedford entred 14 tryed 13 Ailsbury entred 11 tryed 10 L. Ch. Just: Total entred 113 tryed 97

Ld Ch. J: entred 63, tryed 50. I entred 50, tryed 47.

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My ninth circuit was y^e Westerne circuit. Sumer 1693. 5^{to} W. & M:

Ld Ch: Baron Atkins & my selfe. The times thus
Hampshire, Teusday 25 July, att Winchestr.
Town of Southamptō, Friday 28 July, att Southamptō.
Wilts, Saturday 29 July, att New Sarum.

Dorset, Wednsday 2 Aug., att Dorchester.
Cornwall, Tuesday 8 Aug., att Launceston.
City of Exō., Monday 14 Aug., att Exeter.
Devonshire, ye same day att Exeter.
Somersett, Wednesday 23 Aug., att Wells.
City of Bristoll, Monday 28 Aug., att Brist.

I hired a coach & 4 horses, & took my chamb^r clerk in it wth me & I was out of purse this circuit above 40 *li*. in housekeeping, coach, and other exps.

77

Monday, 24 July, 93. I set forward from Lond: into this circuit, and call'd of my Ld Ch: Baron att Kensington, & we came to Farnhā y't night upon an invitation from ye Bpp of Winchester, & ye next day we came to Winchester & just as ye High Sheriff met us, one of the horses in my coach fell down dead.

Att Winton my Ld Ch: Baron entred 26 causes & tryed 23; & I tryed 11 indictm^{ts} & 4 traverses.

Edw. Hooper, Esq., Sheriff.

Mr Good, undersheriff

28th we went to Southampton, & my Ld Ch. Baron never came into Co^{rt} there, but I tryed 2 prison^{rs}, & allowed one pardon. We had a very handsome entertainm^t there att y^e Maiors house (M^r Smith) where we lodged one night, & on y^e 29th we went to Salisbury, & passed by S^r Jo: S^t Barbe's new house att Broadlands nere Rumsey in Hampshire.

Salisbury, 29 July, 93.

I entred 31 causes & tryed 26.

Sr Tho. Estcourt, Sheriff.

Mr. Eyre, undrsheriff.

78

Wm. Biss, pl., & Edw. Biss, his brother def^t. Chan: issue to try if Edw. Biss, y^e deft seald a deed 3 May, 70, by w^{ch} plt. claimed 300 ti. A verd. p. q̃. ill. onely 2 wifs to it, a markesman who utterly denyd it, & Jo. Alford a feind* Co^{rt} hand, he was a Just's. of Peace clerk, his hand was proved by Hen: Mompesson, Esq. uncle to pl. & def^t, by their moth^r who swore y^t Tho: Mompess. Esq., his bro. had y^e deed above 12 y^{re} in his custody. Rudge sent to inquire in Glocsh: aft^r W^{ms} fortune upon his mar.

For def^t, a settlement on his marr. with Jane Sims, made Oct: 70: wth cer^{ts} by Geo. Biss y^e father y^t it was not encumbred. Severall deeds showd of Geo. & Edw. w^{ch} were not like y^e hands to this deed. This rased in y^e name of W^m. & y^e sum & y^e words, him, & his. Noe pvision made for any oth^r of the young^r childr. of Geo. & Ellen^r Biss, tho they had severall. Noe jointure to Edw's wife tho she bro^t 1,000 ti. but they expected 3,000.

Tremain & Pawlet, serj^t., p d. Gold serjt. p q̃.

79

The cause of ye Orange Merch^{ts} ag^t ye Cornish Wreckers for God's goods soe (wickedly) called, high dams 880 ti. A Trov^t continued for 2 dayes, & these def^{ts} charged wth ye whole the not proved to be there both dayes.

Seager & Hopkins ac. Sr ca. for libell pclaimed in markets & nailed up publikly on ye pillery claiming ye pl. as his wife by a blacksmiths marriage 20s. dams onely; ill verd. bec. small dams.

80

2^d Aug: 93. We went from Salisbury & bated at Blanford, 18 miles frō Salisbury att y^e charges of y^e Sheriff of Dorset, & went y^t

night 12 or 14 miles moré to Dorchester; we lodged att M^r. Tho. Goulds' of y^e house of comons, close lodgeings, & old furniture.

Jo. Strode Esq., Sheriff.

Mr. Shirley, undersheriff. My Ld. Ch. Baron entred 25 causes & tryed 22.

Saturday 5th Aug. We went from Dorchester to Honiton, very rugged Way, we stayed there Lord's Day, & went on Monday to Crediton & on Tuesday to Lanceston. We were not entertained att Bridport as we use to be but had an ill bate at Charmouth.

Launceston, 8 Aug., 93.

81

Hum: Nicolls, Esq., Sheriff. M^r. Walker Hobbs or John Littleton, und sheriff.

I entred 55 causes & tryed 45, & had 2 cognovits.

The Sheriff a firm man to ye governmt.

82 Att Launceston.

Attorn. Gen. & Cloberry. One Rich. Moile was outlawed in debt in C: B: for 50 ti. ads of one Williams, & a spec. cap. utlagatū transmitted into ye Excheq & by an inquisition taken before ye Sheriff, Moile was found to be possessed of chattells reall & prsonall. Cloberry came into ye Excheq & pleaded a conveyance made to him by Moile of lands & goods before ye outlary, & ye Attorn. Gen: replyed yt this conveyance was fraudulent, upō weh issue was joined, & was tryed before me 10 Aug: & that night ye Jury gave a private verd. p d., but ye next morning one of ye Jury disagreed in open Cort to that verd. soe I sent them back to consid of it, but they could not agree of it all that day, weh was ye last day of ye Assizes, & soe att night a Juror was wehdrawn by consent.

83

We dispatched all o' business att Launcestō on Friday, 11 Aug: & came on Saturday from thence to Exeter in a day, & were att Exeter by 6 of y' clock att night. We bated two hours at Oake-hampton.

M^r. Ch^r. Savory a man qualifyed to be Sheriff of Devoñ p S^r F: D: Tho: Hele, Esq., Sworn J: of P: but acts ag^t y^e Interest of y^e Governm^t, a Jacobite, & one who never observes y^e fasts.

Rowl: Whiddon, debauch & unfitt.

Y^e Grand Jury, major pt. of y^m not freinds to y^e Governm^t, they publikely complaind of M^r. Trout, & some of y^m said y^t severall psons would not act if he were continued in comission. I demanded a list of y^e names of those who would not act, but they gave me none.

M^r. Trout a freind to y^e Governm^t, sober, of an estate above 400 ti. p. añ, good understanding, y^e compit ag^t him grounded on a quarrel wth M^r. Martin ab^t assessm^{ts}. Att 1st backd by M^r. Isaac & M^r. Stroud of y^e Gr. Jury. All endeav^{rs} could not get 12 to psent him.

Exeter, 14 Aug., 93.

85

Mr. Cook, maior A Tory.

Mr. Periam, Sheriff.

I entred 8 causes in y^e City & tryed 7. My Ld Ch: Baron entred 12 causes, & tryed 11. M^r. Prestwood, Sheriff of Devonshire, a drinking Tory. Jo: Etheridge, undersheriff.

We lodged att M^r. Southmeads, in y^e Great Street, a mercer, & a zealous Jacobite.

Tuesday, 15 Aug. S^r Hu: Ackland, M^r. Martin, M^r. Osborn, & 3 othr Justs came to me to complain y^t M^r. Abraham Trout of —— wthin — miles of Exō was lately made a Just: of P: in Devoñ, who is a pson meane in his extraction, estate, & qualificat. of understanding for a Just: & disgustfull both to y^e Justs. & to y^e Country. M^r. Nic. Morris saith it is a Tory complaint ag^t a Whigg.

86

Thursday, 17 Aug., 93. I went to ye guild hall of ye city of Exoñ to try a woman who was charged wth high treason for clipping ye coine of

y° Kingdom, but y° Grand Jury indorsd the bill Ignoramus, & soe y° womā was discharged by proclamation. Her name was Eliz. Paddy.

In Devonshire my Ld Ch: Baron entred 90 causes & tryed 65.

Capt. Hodder att Topsham, an old seaman & firme to ye Governmt.

Somersetshire. Aug. 23. Wells.

87

Warwick Bamfeild, Esq., Sheriff.

John Gifford, undersheriff.

Jo. Bale, Goaler.

I entred 69 causes & tryed 51.

Att y° High Sheriff's desire we gave him leave to goe home on Saturday in y° af^{tr}noon, by reason of his age & infirmitys. My Ld Ch. Baron staid there till Monday 28 Aug., & I stayed till Tuesday 29 Aug., & returnd home to Lond ult. Aug. See before page 21 y° number of causes entred & tryed this whole circuit.

88

My tenth circuit was y° Western circuit. Just. Powell & my selfe. Lent 93, 6° W. & M.

The times thus.

Hampshire, Tuesday 6 Mar, att Winchester. Wiltes, Friday 9 Mar, att New Sarum. Dorset, Tuesday 13 Mar, att Dorchester. Cornwall, Munday 10 Mar., att Lanceston. City of Exoñ, Saturday 24 Mar., att Exeter. Devon ye same day att ye Castle of Exeter. Somerset, Monday, 2 Apr., att Taunton.

This circuit we were abroad 5 weekes & three dayes in all, & our table, housekeeping, & travelling (over & above y° givn pvisions & wthout y° charge of o^r horses & coaches) cost us 153 *ti*. 7s: I hired a Coach

& 4 horses, & took my chamb^r clerk in y^e coach wth me, & I hired a horse to carry my portmantle. I was out of purse this circuit above 40 ti.

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Monday, 5th Mar., 9³/₄. My Bro: Powell & I set forward from Londō upon this circuit, & came y^t night to Hartley Row, but y^t day and y^e next day on wth we came to Winchestr were very severe, frosty, windy & snowy dayes.

Winchestr, 6 Mar., $9\frac{3}{4}$. Anth. Sturt, Esq., Sheriff, but we excused his psonall attendance in regard of his son's & his wife's great indisposition in health, and we allowed a kinsman of his, one — Sturt, to act in his place.

Arth Good (or Rich: Good, his fath) und sheriff, but Rich. Good was also att the time Maior of Winchestr & deputy cler. of y Peace.

My bro: Powell Enterd 22 causes, & tryed 18, & I tryed 27 prison¹⁸ upon 22 indictm¹⁸.

Salisbury, 9 Mar. 93.

91

Sr Wm. Pynsent, Baront, Sheriff.

James Townsend, und sheriff. I entred 42 causes & tryed 41.

An accident befell my bro: Powell in ye trying of his prison, one's of ye Jurymen who were charged wth 5 prison's (some of them capitall offendors) left ye Jury & went away, & wn they were call'd over could not be found: & great inquiry was made aft him, but for severall hours he could not be found, & ye Judge was forced to Swear anoth Juryman & try all ye prison's over again, & when ye missing Juryman was found, ye Judge fined him 40 ti.

interpretation of the problem of the con-

Dorchester: 13 Mar. $9\frac{3}{4}$.

*Tho: Cooper, Esq., Sheriff.

Tho: Cooper, under-sheriff.

We had a very plentifull & well orderd diner given us by y Sheriff att Blanford in o' way to Dorchestr.

Att Dorchester M^r. Place† who preachd y^e assize sermon, reflected npon y^e indulgence by Act of Parl: to Protestant dissenters, and s^d y^e wisdom of y^e nation had givⁿ every man liberty to spit in y^e face of y^e Church, & had taken away all y^e means of correcting strife & envyings in y^e Church, & now, nil nisi vota supersunt, w^{eh} seemed to import y^e they (calld y^e Church) had nothing now left, but onely their old eager desires [vota] of persecution. I tooke notice of y^e offensiveness of this passage, both to y^e Grand Jury in my charge & in my discourse wth y^e Sheriff, who afterwards told me he was much troubled about it.

94 Dorset.

Bro: Powell entred 20 causes & tryed 20.

Cornwall, 19 Mar., $9\frac{3}{4}$.

95

W^m Williams, of Probus, Esq., Sheriff.

Walker Hobbs, undersheriff.

M^r. Smith, y^e minis^{tr} y^t preachd, reflected upō y^e indulgence, & inveighd ag^t y^e hypocrisy of them who say y^t receiving y^e Sacrament kneeling is sinfull, & yet receive it soe to get into an office or imploym^t. I heard y^t y^e Grand Jury desired him to print his sermon.

I entred 29 causes, & tryed 28: & had one cognovit.

^{* [}p. 92.] This High Sheriff is a button mak^r att Sherburne, & hath got a great estate by y^t trade, & still carrys it on, & imploys many hands in it.

^{† [}p. 92.] I have since y^t time heard y^t this man is a son of M^r. Edw. Place, of Well, in Yorkshire.

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Exeter, 24 Mar., $9\frac{3}{4}$.

97

Mr. Gandy a brewer Maior. A Tory Bigot.

Mr. John Burel, an apothecary, Sheriff, a high Churchman.

Att Exeter Bro: Powell entred 7 causes & tryed 7. I entred & tryed one onely. In Devonsh: he entred 100 causes & tryed——

Devonshire.

Ch^r. Savory, Esq., sheriff, a good man & well affected to y^e Governm^t. Tristram Boudage, undersheriff, a Jacobitish Tory.

Y^e D. & Chap: of Exeter refused to let M^r. Hodder, y^e Sheriff's chaplin, preach y^e assize Sermon att y^e Cathedrall. They set up anoth^r one, M^r. — * Both y^e judges excus^d y^e Sheriff from comeing to y^e Ch: & my bro: Powell alone went thither.

98

I had great complaints by severall psons ag^t one Tho: Spurway, an attorny, & he was severall times sumon^d to answ^r those complaints, but appeard not, an inform^r in K. J: 2 time; a pson of gen: ill fame. On Saturday 31 Mar: ab^t 5 of y^e clock in y^e af troon he came to me, but then y^e psons who petitiond ag^t him were gone home as being impatient of staying.

Taunton, 2 Apr: 94.

99

I came from Exeter in y° morning for fear of losing o' comission, & bro: Powell stayed to try some causes y' were upon his hands but he ended them soe as he came to Taunton about 8 of y° clock att night.

We lodged at one Mr. Bird's an attorny & Towne Clerke.

Robt Syderfen, Esq., high sheriff, a good man and well affected to the governmt.

Bicknall, undersheriff. I entred 59 causes & tryed 49.

We ended ye business of ye circuit att Taunton on Friday 6 Apr: att noon, & that night one Mr. Berisford, a young Lawyr, told me yt some dissentrs (I think he named Mr. Baker & Mr. Peacock) were much troubled att some expressions of mine in a cause there, between Clare & Bassett, which was an ac. upon ye Stat. Ph: & M: for selling Wares in a market. Ye deft was a poor Townsmā, ruined in Mounmouth's insurrec, & I expressed my dislike of ye psecution, & they told me it was done by some great traders who were dissenters, & I said ye psecution was worse in them, than in other men, bec. they had been sufferers undrye severe psecution of rigorous penall laws.

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Westerr	n circuit: 9	$\frac{3}{4}$, Len	t :
Hampshire	entred	22	tryed 18
Wiltshire	entred	42	tryed 41
Dorset	entred	20	tryed 20
Cornwall	entred	29	tryed 28
Exeter	entred	8	tryed 8
Devonshire	entred	100	tryed —
Somersetshire	ent:	59	tryed 49
		280	_
		200	
Just. Powell	entred: 15	60	tryed
Just. Rokeby	entred 13	80	tryed 119

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My eleventh circuit was y° Western Circuit, Just: Powell & my selfe. Sum̄'. 94. 6° W¹: & M³: Y° times thus:—

Hampshire, Wednesday 18 July, Winchest. Wiltshire, Saturday 21 July, att New Sarum.

Dorset, Thursday 26 July, att Sherburn.

Cornwall, Wednesday 1: Aug: att Launceston.

City of Exet, Munday 6 Aug. att Guildhall of Exon.

Devonshire, same day att ye Castle of Exeter.

Somerset, Wednesday 15. Aug: att Wells.

Bristoll. Tuesday 21. Aug: att Guildhall of Bristol.

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We set out from Lond. Tuesday 17. July, being a rainy morning & we bated att y° King's Armes att Bagshot & lodged att Farnham Castle upon an invitation from y° B^{pp} of Winchester.

Att Winchester we again excused ye Sheriff of Hampshire's psonall attendance because of his own bodily infirmitys. I entred 20 causes & tryed 19.

Att Salisbury my bro: Powell entred 27 causes & tryed 25.

In Wiltshire M^r. Jifford & M^r. Lewis & M^r. — 3 Jacobite parsons, have frequent meetings at tan alehouse att — ab^t 12 miles from Salisbury, & from thence y^e Jacobite intelligence is dispersed.

104 Att Sherburn, 26 July, 94.

I entred 7 causes & tryed 7.

Launceston 1. Aug: 94. My bro: Powell entred 39 causes & tryed 34. Mr. Fran. Calmady, a good man but too great a charge to be sheriff

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Att Exe^{tr} Bro Powell entred 4 causes & tryed 4. I entred 1 & tryed 1.

In Devonshire I entred 93 causes & tryd 63 & bro: Powell tryed 6 for me.

In this circuit Sumer: 1694-

100	causes entred.	causes tryed.
Winchester	20	19
Wiltshire	27	25
Dorsetshire	7	7
Cornwall	39	34
Exeter	5	5
Devonshire	93	69
•	191	159

Wells & Bristoll.

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My twelfth circuit was ye Norfolk circuit. Justice Nevill & my selfe were ye Judges appointed.

Lent Ass: 9\frac{4}{5}. 7\circ W: Regis. Ye times thus:-

Bucks, Monday 4. March att Ailsbury.

Bedford, Thursday 7 March, att Bedford.

Huntington, Monday 11. Mar, att Huntington.

Cambridge, Tuesday 12 Mar: att Cambridge.

Norfolk, Friday 15 Mar: att Thetford.

Suffolk, Wednesday 20 Mar: att Stowe-market.

The Parl: sitting, I went y° circuit alone. I hired a coach, a postilion & 4 horses at 22s. a travelling day, & 12s. a lying day, & I put a pair of my own horses to y° wheele, & my own coachman drove. I hired a horse for anoth servt who attended on me, & I took my chamb clerk in y° coach wth me, & my charges this circuit, ov & above all rects was 48 ti. in y° whole, or very nere it.

The Town of Stow-market pd for y' Judges horsemeat.

Just: Nevile pd noe pt of y' Coach-hire.

1st Mar. $9\frac{4}{5}$, Capt: Churchill, of Maj^r Gen: Churchill's regim^t spoke to me for what men I could peure him in y^e circuit, to goe into y^e King's Service in Flanders, & I pmised him them.

Hugh Horton, Esq., Sheriff, a very great grasier, & said to be well affected to ye governmt.

Mr. — Barnwell, undersheriff.

I set forward from Lond: Monday, 4 Mar, & dined att Amersham att y^e —— att y^e Sheriff's charge, and got to Ailsbury by daylight.

I took ye Senior side of ye circuit.

Att Ailsbury Entred by Bro: Nevill's Marshall, Mr. Norbury, Six causes, tryed Six causes.

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Bedford, 7 Mar: $9\frac{4}{5}$.

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Sr Wm. Massingbeard, high Sheriff.

Ambrose Reddall, undersheriff. The high Sheriff living in Lincolnshire & applying to me att London, I excused his psonall attendance att ye Assizes, & gave him leave to send a freind in his roome, and he sent Jo: Harvey, Esq., a Just of P: in that county.

I entred 4 causes, and tryed 4 causes.

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Huntingdon, 11: Mar., $9\frac{4}{5}$.

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Arthur Jocelyn, Esq., high Sheriff. Rob^t. Clark, y^c young^r, undersheriff. This high Sheriff was 21 y^{rs} old some days af^{tr} he was named Sheriff, his fath^r being alive, and a good substantiall farm^r in Cambrsh., his son married an heiress of about 150 ti. p añ, & for her estate in Huntingtonshire was made sheriff, and attended me in that county & not in Cambridgshire.

Entred 11 causes, tryed 9.

Cambridge, 12 Mar., $9\frac{4}{5}$.

Arthur Jocelyn, Sheriff.

Jo. Jeffery, undersheriff.

The coach could not conveniently goe into Trinity colledge, where I lay, soe y° sheriff provided me a chair, w° carryed me through y° Cort to y° coach.

I entred 8 causes & tryed 4.

Thetford in Norf: 15 Mar: $9\frac{4}{5}$.

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Francis Wyndham of Cromer, Esq., high Sheriff.

M^r. Carter, undersheriff.

The high Sheriff was a gentile young mā of a small estate in present, his moth being alive, a good husband in his shrevalty & it was s^d he was made Sheriff upon a pique by y^e D. of Norf.

Bro. Nevill's side. Causes entred 11: tryed 9.

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Stow-markett, in Suff: 20 Mar: 9\frac{4}{5}.

Daniell Browning, Esq., high Sheriff.

Barth: Paman, undersheriff.

The high Sheriff had been an old Mr of a ship, & bought a good estate in this county, & was very rich.

Ye assizes were never held att this place before, & ye small pox being much att Bury, soe as ye Countrey was afraid of comeing there, I was desired att London by Sr Jervas Elwys, Sr Tho: Barnardiston, & severall othr membrs of ye House of Comons, to keep ye assizes here, we I did in a booth built upon ye ground called ye camping Land, & Lodged att Capt: Bloss his house, & had a chair to carry me to Cort and to Church.

I entred 35 causes & tryed 27.

In ye whole circ^t entred 75, tryed 59.

N. Entred 28, tryed 24.

R. entred 47, tryed 35.

My thirteenth Circuit was called the Oxford Circuit. Ld. Ch: J: Treby & my self, Justs. of Assize. Sum. 95, 7° W: The times thus:—

Berks. Tuesday 9 July, att Abingdon.
Oxon. Thursday 11 July, att Oxford.
Glocester. Saturday 13 July, att Glocester.
City of Glocester ye same day.
Monmouth. Thursday 18 July, att Monmouth.
Hereford. Saturday 20 July, att Hereford.
Salop. Friday 26 July, att Shrewsbury.
Stafford. Thursday 1 Aug: at Stafford.
Worcester. Tuesday 6 Aug: at Worcester.

I hired a coach & 4 horses, & put a pair of my own to y^e wheel, my own coachman drove y^e coach, and y^e hired mā was postiliō. I took my chamber clerk in y^e coach wth me, and hired a horse for my servant (Josua Davis) who ridd by y^e Coach, & I was out of purse this circuit above all y^e incomes, above 65 ti.

City of Worcestr, ye same day.

In this circuit ye towns of Abington, Shrewsbury, & Stafford pay for ye Judges horse-meat.

Abbington. Ch: J: Ent:	21	tryed	19
Oxford. Just R. Ent	23	tryed	20
Gloces ^{tr} . Ch J: ent	34	tryed	29
Monmouth. J: R. entr	15	\mathbf{tryed}	14
Hereford. Ch Just. entr	36	tryed	31
Shrowsbury. Just: R. ent.	45	\mathbf{tryed}	38
Stafford. Ch: Just: entr	25	tryed	23
Worcestr. Just: R: entred	25	tyred	24
(sic)	225		198

 Ld Ch: Justice entered
 116
 tryed
 102

 Just: R: entr
 108
 tryed
 96

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 224
 198

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Abbington, 9 July, 95.

Ld Ch: Just: Entred 21 causes, tryed 19. Tho. Harwood, Esq., high sheriff, a plain man, having been a seaman, of whom I had noe oth character but that he loved brandy.

Moses Burley, undersheriff.

We lodged att old M^r. Green's house, he was 75 y^{rs} old, his wife about 42, a grave modest well behaved woman, y^e daugh^{tr} of Majo^r Creed, an old parl: officer who (as M^{rs}. Green told me) was kept prison^r in severall prisons for 19 y^{rs} togeth^r af^{tr} y^e restauration of K Ch: 2: wthout ever being called to answ^r any crime.

Oxford, 11 July, 95.

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I entred 23 causes, tried 20.

James Jenings, Esq., high sheriff. — Heywood, undersheriff.

To Glocester it is reckon^d but 33 miles, i.ē. 12 to Burford, 11 to Frogmill (where we bated att y^e sheriffs charge), & 10 to Gloucestr:

Critlet Hill 5 mile fro Glocest, very risky way, & fro thence to Glocest very uneasy coach way.

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Glocester, 13 July: 95.

Nathaniel Rydler, Esq., high Sheriff, a young gent: well affected to y Governmt.

Tho: Webb, undersheriff, a tory. I am told y' y' greatest p' of y' gentry are well affected to y' governm'.

My Ld Ch: J: entred 34 causes & tryed 29 causes.

Sr Rich. Cooks, foremā of ye grand Jury, a warm man & zealous

for y° governm^t. Sr Jo. Guise & oth^{rs} pleased wth my charge, comenting on y° act of Rights & libertys.

I fined one Tho. Stubbs 100 markes for seditious words, ye fine was see little bec, of ye Smalness of his estate, & his great charge of children. I comitted him till he paid it.

Monmouth, 18 July.

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Edw: Perkins, Esq., Sheriff.

undersheriff, a consumptive young man. Not one prison in y Gaole, yet my Ld Ch: Just: swore a grand Jury, & gave them a charge.

I entred 15 causes & tryed 14.

A cause between Edwards & Macklen about ye elec. of a Maior of Monmouth. Aftr two hours spent in it, ye pl: (who I was afterwested told is ye Tory) would be nonsuit, & was soe bec. I would not allow ye inhabiting burgesses to be with to prove yt ye out burgesses had noe votes in ye electing of a Maior, for I sd they might prove yt by oth with than those who are interested.

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Hereford, 20 July.

Arthur Biddulph, Esq., Sheriff, a young gent. sd to be a Tory.

Wm. Badham, undersheriff.

We lodged att Mr Williams's, ye cl: of ye Peace.

Here was a famous cause between Birch & y^e B^{pp} of Hereford &c. for defaceing y^e monum^t of Coll. Jo: Birch in Weobley Church, in w^{eh} y^e pt had 12d dam.

My Ld Ch: Just: entred 36 causes and tryed 31.

Shrowsbury, 26. July.

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Ric. Leighton, Esq., Sheriff.

Ric. Maning, undersheriff

Jones & Loyd a spec. verd. att y great importunity & upon y reputat. of S W. Williams ag my opin. Y q. was upon y will of

Rob^t. Griffith. A man devises land to A: & his heirs, & if he dye wthout heirs of his body, then to B: Y^e pn^t was wheth^r A. have an estate ta, wth I affirmed.

I entred 45 causes and tryed 38.

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Stafford: 1 Aug: 95.

John Tayler, Esq., Sheriff.

John Blackmore, undersheriff.

Marsh, Goaler. Sr Charles Wolsley gave me thankes for my charge.

My Ld Ch: Just: entred 25 causes and tryed 23.

We lodged att M^r. Perry's, my Ld Ch: Just: his Marshall, where we had good lodgings, but those w^{ch} y^c sheriff pvided for us were very mean, as my Marshall told me.

M^r. Perry entertained us att his charge, besides our presents we had 3 brace of Bucks & 5 sheep given us.

Monday, 5 Aug.

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We came out of Stafford ab^t 7 in y^e morning & dined at M^r. Phillip Foley's att Prestwood, where we had a very noble & generous Entertainm^t, & we staied there soe long, y^t it was past 8 att night before we came to Worcester.

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Worces^{tr}, Tuesday 6 Aug.

Timothy Brigginshaw, Esq., Sheriff.

John Asteley, undersheriff.

I entred 25 causes and tryed 24.

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My fourteenth circuit was y° Oxford circuit. My self & Just: Eyre, Justs. of Assize. Lent $9\frac{5}{6}$. 8° Wifti 3^{i} . The times thus:—

Monday, 2° Mar., Reading for Berks.

Oxon: Wednesday, 4º Mar: att Oxford.

Glouc, Saturday, 7° Mar., att Gloces^{tr}.

City of Gloc^{tr}, y° the same day.

Monmouth, Thursday 12° Mar., att Monmth.

Hereford, Saturday 14° Mar., att Hereford.

Salop, Thursday 19° Mar., att Shrowsbury.

Stafford, Tuesday 24° Mar: att Stafford.

Worcester, Monday 30°: Mar., att Worcester.

City of Worc y° same day.

I was comanded to stay att home & Just: Eyre went ye circuit alone. Horner pd Just. Eyre's Steward 14 ti. for my part of ye charges of housekeeping, but I pd noe pt of his coachire, nor Just: Nevill pd me noe pt of my coachire this time twelve month.

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My fifteenth circuit was y° Oxford circuit, my selfe & Baron Powys Justs. of Assize. Sumer. 96: 8° W: 3.

Ye times thus:

Berks, Tuesday 21 July, att Wallingford.
Oxford, Thursday 23 July, att Oxford.
Glocester, Saturday 25 July, att Glocester.
Monmouth, Thursday 30 July, att Monmouth.
Hereford, Saturday 1° Aug., att Hereford.
Worcester, Wednesday 5° Aug., att Worcest^r.
Stafford, Saturday, 8° Aug., att Stafford.
Salop Wednesday, 12 Aug., att Showsbury.

In this circuit I hired a coach & four horses & took my chambred clerk in y° coach wth me. I hired also two horses for John & Josua my two Servts, & I was out of purse in y° whole (above all yt came in) above 54 \ddot{n} .

Coachire travelling charges into & out of ye circt		10	
My share for housekeeping charges	11	_	_
Hire of two horses & their meat, &c.	07	8	0
	54	18	0

I had made preparations to begin my jorny on Monday y^e. 20th of July, but on Friday before, I received a message from y^e Lords Justices y^t I must stay in Town to attend y^e triall of S^r Jo. Fenwick, y^e message was by the Attorny Gen: who told me they intended to arraign S^r John F: on y^e 22th, & try him on y^e 25th of July.

On ye 21th, att night, Mr. Baker came to me from ye Lords Justices to acquaint me yt Sr Jo: Fenwick's arraignmt was put off till ye 23th & his triall till ye 27th, & that I must attend it.

On Wednesday y^e 22th, ab^t 9 att night, M^r Baker came to me again from y^e Lds Justices & told me y^t S Jo: Fenwick's triall was put off for ten dayes, & y^t I might goe into y^e circuit when I pleased.

On Thursday, 23 July, I begun my journy into ye circuit, and came well to Wiccomb that night (thankes be to God).

Causes in Oxfd circt. Sum 96.

		Entred.	Tryed.	
R:	Berks	19	16	
P:	Oxon	16	12	
P:	Gloc:	25	19	
R:	Monm.	12	9	
R:	Hereford	52	43	
P:	$\mathbf{Worcest^r}$	20	15	
P:	Stafford	23	19	
R:	Salop	60	44	
		226 (sic	177	

Rokeby	142	Rokeby	112
Powis	084	Powys	65
	226		177

On Friday, 24 July 96, I went fro Wickham to Oxford & that day I dispatched all ye crown business (but onely giving ye charge we my bro: Powys had done ye night before), but it kept me in Cort till nere 12 of ye clock att night.

W^m. Newell, Jun: Esq., Sheriff, a young raw man, his fath^r living, a great husbandman (but sd to have 1,000 ti p añ), y° fath^r was put on to be Sheriff, but he pcured his son's name to be put into y° Patent (as I was informed), this was his 2^d son, & I was told, he omitted his eldest son, because he sd he could not spare him from y° plow.

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Glocester, 25 July, 96.

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The way was soe badd from Oxford that it was betwixt 9 & 10 a clock att night before we got to Glocest, tho we came from Oxford abt halfe an houre aft 7 in y morning.

 S^r Geo: Hanger, Sheriff, a brisk man, & well affected to y^e Govern m^t .

Tho. Stephens, undersheriff.

Langbane, Gaoler.

Here I tryed & condemned M^{rs} Eliz. Biss, a goldsmith's wid. of Oxenhall, nere Newent, for high treason for coining & clipping. She kept y^s great mint of all these parts for adulterating y^e coin of y^e Kingdom. Many tooles & instruments for y^t purpose were found in her house. &

many ingotts of silv from melted chippings, & much clipt & badd mony, we'l I left in y' Sheriff's hands. They were weighed in Cort by Mr. Gosley a goldsmith & estimated by him att 338 ii. in value.

I also att ye same time condemned Mrs. Biss's own father, Waltr Rudge, for clipping.

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There were severall companys of foot soldiers of y^e Marqu: of Besair's regim^t (who married one of y^e Lord Villers sist^{rs}) quarterd in Glocest^r which was kept in y^e nature of a garrison, & every night y^e military offic^{rs} brought us y^e word in y^e evening, w^{ch} was supposed to be a respect to us, as comeing wth y^e King's Comission.

Monmouth, 30 July: 96.

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Jo: Morgan Esq., Sheriff, a young unexperienced gen: who came into ye office to fill up his father's year, who dyed aftr he was made Sheriff; his father (as I was told) was a rich tradesman of Aburgaveny.

I entred 11 causes & tryed 9.

Part of ye Marq: of Besair's regimt was quarterd in this Town, & Capt. Pointz, ye cheife comand here, came to me to receive ye word. I told him I did suppose we were to receive ye word from them, but he told me in regard we represented ye King's pson, he was to receive ye word from us, & accordingly I gave him ye word: King William.

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Hereford, 1 Aug., 96.

Very bad & shaking way from Monmouth.

Jo. Long, Esq., Sheriff, an aged gent: who had an estate fell to him lately by y^c death of a relation, w^{ch} brought upon him this office of Sheriff.

Purcell, undrsheriff.

I entred 52 causes & tryed 44.

I being tyred wth my jorny from Monm, my bro: Powis alone went to y^e hall to read y^e comissions, & before him there was a writ of Assize returnd, wth was brought by Herbert Croft, gent: ag^t Griffith Reynolds & W^m Dobson, clerk, for y^e office of Reg^r of y^e Deanry of Heref^d, & some debate ariseing upon y^e Sheriff's return my bro: Sent to me to come to him, but I sent to him to desire him to adjorn ye Assize in pticular (as well as y^e Co^{rt}) to Monday morning wth he did accordingly.

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Upon Monday Morning, 3 Aug., 96, I & my bro: Powys being both at y° Nisi Prius end, I caused y° writ of Assize to be delivered into my hand, & att y° desire of Sr Wm. Williams, one of y° pts councell, I caused y° persons named in y° panell of recognitors of y° assize to be called over onely de bene esse to see if they were in Cort, in ca: it should fall out yt there should be any occasion to use them, for it was thought they could not regularly be called, till y° tent was called to appeare or make defalt, for it was disputed here whether any thing at all could be done, upon y° return w° y° Sheriff made of y° writt: w° was y° very Same yt is in Newis & Scolastica's ca: Plo: Com: & y° oldest book of Entre's & Co. Entre's. And it was Strongly insisted upon by Serjt. Birch, Serjt. Geers, Sr Frā: Winington & others as amici Curiæ (for they would not own themselves to be of councell with y° tents) yt y° Cort could not peeed contra non citatū for Sums to answr is de Jure naturali.

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And S^r W^m. Williams, Dobbins, Grove, &* of Councell for y° pl: insisted upon Newis & Scolastica's ca Plo. Com.

old Entr.

Co. Pntr.

^{*} Blank in MS.

y^t upon such a return y^e ten^{ts} might be called, & if they did not appeare then y^e Assize might be taken by defalt, & upon y^e vieu of those books in Co^{rt} we were both of opinion y^t we might take y^e assize by defalt.

And we pmitted y^e pl: to arraign y^e Ass. w^{ch} was done by Grove in French. And then Assiza venit recognitura in Latine was read (onely pt of it to possess y^e Cort of it).

Then ye tents were called agn & appeared & demanded oier of ye writt, & imparled specially till next morning, And then this assize was pticularly adjorned till next morning Tuesday, att 6 of ye clock.

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On Tuesday morning (4 July: 96) my bro: Powys came to me into ye Nisi Prius Co^{rt}, & ye assize being called (weh was adjornd de hora in horam) ye tente appeared, & Griffith Reynolds put in a spec dem to ye Count, & Wm. Dobson pleaded nul tort nul dissaisin. Upon ye spec. dem we were both of opin: yt ye dem was good, but we prounced noe judgmt. upon yt.

That day I tryed y^e issue upon Dobson's plea, & y^e Jury found ag^t him & 50 ħ. dams. And I gave judgm^t p. q̃. upon y^e verdict quoad Dobson, & writ of seizin. But upon Reynolds his dem^r I adjornd it to Serj^ts Inn in Fleet-Street, y^e 1st day of next Mich: Term.

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We being straitned in time att Hereford, my bro: Powis went towards Worcest^r Wednesday morning, 5 Aug. I having then 20 causes to try, w^{ch} I dispatched about 4 a clock y^t afternoon, but came not from Hereford till Thursday morning 6 Aug., 96, but my bro: Powis read o^t comission att Worcest^r on Wednesday night & on Thursday morning heard y^c sermon, & charged y^c Grand Jury (on my behalfe), and y^t night I came to Worcest^r, & on Friday before diner I tryed all my prison^{rs}, y^c Goale being small.

Worcestr, Wednesday, 5 Aug., 96.

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W^m Lea, Esq., Sheriff, an aged pson who is a sort of physician (as I am informed) & by his goeing from market to market wth his medicines, hath got a great estate, & for it was put into this office.

Jo. Jevon, undersheriff. Lately put out of y^e Comiss. of Peace & y^e Deputy Lieutenancy (D. of Shrowsbury* being L^d Lieut). Mr. Coventry, son of y^e L^d Coventry, S^r Jo. Packington, S^r Fran: Russell, Mr. Parker, burgess for Evesham & †

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I came out of Worces^{tr} toward Stafford Saturday 8 Aug., ab^t 8 in y^e morning, & stayed not by y^e way onely att Wolverhamptō, drunk a glass of sack in y^e coach (att y^e door of an Inn) given us (as is customary) by y^e Constables of y^e Town, & I read y^e Comiss. a little af^{tr} 8 att night, but my bro: Powis came not in till af^{tr} 9, & had Flambeaux's to bring him into y^e Town.

Stafford, 8 Aug., 96.

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John Chetwin, Esq., Sheriff.

Edw^d. Bird undersheriff, an elderly man wthout cravat or Wigg.

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Shrowsbury, 12 Aug., 96.

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Fran: Herbert, Esq., Sheriff.

Jo. Edwards, undersheriff.

Bowyer, Goaler, a very ill man by S' Ed: Leighton's character.

I came hither alone, & ended not all the business till Tuesday 18 att night, & ye next day I went to ye Welsh Harp, & on Thursday I went to Northampton, & on Friday to Dunstable, and on Saturday 22 Aug. 96, to London. I entred 60 causes & tryed 44. See pa: 132 ye numbers of all ye causes entred & tryed this Circuit.

^{*} Charles, twelfth Earl and only Duke of Shrewsbury.

Circuits chosen Thursday, 28 Jan., 96, att ye Excheq chamber:—

Norfolke Ld Ch: Just: Holt.

Home, Ld Ch: Just: Treby, Baron Powys.

North, Ld Ch: Baron Ward, Just: Turton.

West, Just: Nevile, Just: Rokeby.

Midland, Baron Lechmere, Just: Powell.

Oxford, Just: Eyre, Baron Blencow.

I hired 4 horses & their harness of Tho. Brin att 20s. a travelling day & 12s. a resting day, & I hired a coach of Norwich Salusbury att 2s. 6d. p working day, i.ē., 15s. p week, but it was reduced in ye whole to 4 ti. In this circuit I was out of purse in ye whole (above all yt came in) abt 66 ti. 10s.

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My sixteenth circuit was y^e Western circuit. Just: Nevill & my selfe Just's of Assize. Lent, $9\frac{6}{7}$. 9^o W. 3. Y^e times as follows:—

Southampton, Wednesday 10: Mar., att Winchester.

Wiltes, Saturday 13. Mar., att Salisbury.

Dorsett, Thursday: 18 Mar., att Dorchester.

Somerset, Monday 22 Mar., att Taunton.

Cornub, Monday: 29 March, att Launceston.

City of Exon, Saturday 3 Apr. att Guildhall, Exon.

Devon, ye same day, at ye Castle of Exoñ.

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Before I began y^e circuit I was told by some gent: of y^e house of Coms y^t M^r Ratcliff, sheriff of Devonshire, is a Tory-Williamite, but hath a good und^rsheriff, M^r Hull.

I was also told y^t Mr. Dyke, Sheriff of Somersetshire had a desire to express some respect to me.

Tuesday, y^e 9th of March 9⁶/₇, Justice Nevill & I set forward into y^e Western Circuit, & bated y^t day att y^e King's head att Egham, & came y^t

night to Hartley Row & ye next day to Winchester. We had two most delicate days to travel in, above what is usual att this time of ye year.

I returnd to London out of this circuit upon Saturday, ye 17th of Apr. 97. In this circuit Taunton onely pd for ye Judges horsemeat.

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In this circuit I was out 40 dayes, includeing y° day I went out, & y° day I returnd.

Winchester, 10 Mar., 967.

Alex. Alcorne, Esq., Sheriff. one who (as I am informed) was a while an apothecary att Southampton, but by marrying three rich wives hath now a good estate.

Rich. Good, undersheriff ppetuall.

Skate, Gaoler.

Just: Nevill entred 16 causes, tryed 11 causes. I tryed onely 5 indictm^{ts} & had one traverse in w^{ch} noe evidence was given.

There is a difficulty in this County abt the comon Goale of it. They say ye King hath noe Gaole att all, but ye house which is used as ye Goale was bought with mony out of ye County stock & was taken in ye name of some gent: of ye County, who by order of ye sess: for a fine & rent, let it to one Hen. Thorp (a very ill man) who hath ever since claimed to be Gaoler, and lets that house for a Gaole att an excessive rate, & now acts as Keeper of ye Gatehouse att Westm. One*

Preist lately acted as Gaole under Thorpe, & is now a turnkey in one of ye Counter of London. In this man's time Tho. Collins, accused of coining got out of prison & is fledd.

152 Salisbury, 13 Mar., 9⁶/₇.

Jo. Benett, Esq., high Sheriff of Wiltes.

James Edgell, undersheriff.

I entred 34 causes and tryed 29, of w^{ch} one was by bro: N.

15 Mar. Mr. Seymour and Mr. Tucker, 2 Justs of P: spoke to bro:

^{*} Blank in MS.

Nevill & me to speake to my Ld Ch: Just: Holt ab^t y^e business of Susan Bethell alias Bevin, & Edmund Hungerford, Esq., about y^e leasing affair att Fyfield, inflamed & incouraged by M^r. Clark & one Moon, Carpent^r who had made affidavits before my Ld Ch: Just: att Londō.

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Dorchester, 18 Mar., $9\frac{6}{7}$.

Tho. Bower, Esq., Sheriff.

Robert Russell, undersheriff. Bro: Nevill entred 18 & tryed 18 causes. We had snowy weather Saturday night & Lord's Day morning: both ye Judges were forced to sitt in Cort till past 11 of ye clock on Saturday night.

I repreived Jane Jones, wife of W^m. Jones, found guilty of clipping, there being onely one* witnes who swore y^e fact ag^t her, & had concealed it above a y^r, & there was not any clipt money or tooles found, nor any concurring circumstance to corroborate his testimony.

20 July: 97. Jo. Gillingham made oath before Hen: Henning, Esq., that wⁿ Just. Rokeby came back out of y^e Circuit (Lent 9⁶/₇) through Dorches^{tr}, he saw W^m. Jones, y^e husb. of Jane Jones & † who married her sister, pay some mony to y^e clerk of Assizes att M^r. Colson's house, w^{ch} he estimated to be 20 ti. or more.

24 Dec., 97. Col. Trenchard desired y^t Jane Jones (being a very dangerous woman) might not be certifyed for, to be put into y^e circuit pardon.

Feb. 97. I certifyed for some malefactors to be put into y° circuit pardon, but Jane Jones was not put in.

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Taunton, 22 Mar., $9\frac{6}{7}$.

Tho. Dyke, Esq., high Sheriff, a generous obliging man in his carriage to y^e Judges, & well affected to y^e Governm^t.

^{*} Marke Linington, of whom I recd a very ill charactr from Coll. Trenchard.

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Mr. Marshall, undersheriff.

I entred 59 causes & tryed 41. Severall of ye causes were very long.

Cornwall, 29 Mar., 97.

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Jo. Barrett, Esq., Sheriff.

Jo. Williams, undersheriff, or else Walter Hobbs.

I entred 45 & tryed 35 causes. Tiners made a complaint of great want & extremitys, & gave their petition to the grand Jury, who gave it to my bro: Nevill.

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Causes Entred & tryed in Western Circuit, March, 9⁶/₇.

		Entered		Tryed	
N:	Winchester	16		11	
R:	Salisbury	34		29	
N:	Dorchester	18		18	
R:	Taunton	59		41	
R:	Launceston	45		35	
	Civit. Exon.				
N:		9	•	8	
R:		5		4	
N:	Devonshire	79		60	
Jus	t: N: entred	122	tryed	97	
Jus	t: R: entred	143	tryed	109	
	Total	265	tryed	206	

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Exeter, 3 Apr. 97. Chr. Bate, Maior, A tory creature of SES. Gibbs, Sheriff of ye City, a grocer of good substance, & faire reputation.

Just: Nevill entred in City 9 & tryed 8. Rokeby entred there 5 causes & tryed 4.

Devonshire.

Jasper Ratcliff, Esq., Sheriff, a Rich scraping merch^t inclind to Torism. Bant y^e Gaol^r ill man.

Wm. Hulls, undersheriff, a fair man. I came from Lanceston in one day, staid 2 hours att Bow, & got to Exeter by 5 of ye clock. On Easter Eve I saw snow on ye hills in Devonshire near Oakehampton, 3 Apr. 97.

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In Devonshire Just. Nevill entred 79 & tryed 60 causes.

Very great complaints, in all parts of ye great burthens ye Inns & Alehouses lay under by reason of ye qtering of Soldiers upon them, & upon yt occasion ye Inns & Alehouses are forced to provide lodgeing, candle, & small beer for ye soldiers, & to pay actually down in mony to ye foot-soldiers 3s. p week each man for their subsistence, we they are hard put to it, to doe, undr ye great scarcity of mony, we is yet stirring in trade, ye security we ye Inns have for ye mony we they pay to ye soldiers, is an account wth their officers, & their notes upon ye regimte agents, chargeing them to pay ye mony to ye Inn-keepers.

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Circuits Chosen, Thursday, 10 June, 97, att Cheqr chambr.

Norfolke, Ld Ch: Just: Holt.

Midland, { Ld Ch: Just: Treby. Baron Powys. }

West, { Ld Ch: Baron Ward. Just: Rokeby. }

North, { Just: Neville. Just: Turton. }

Home, { Baron Lechmere. Just: Powell. }

Oxford, { Just: Eyre. Baron Blencow.

My Seventeenth Circuit was ye West.

Ld Ch: Baron Ward, & myselfe Justs. of Assize, Sumr 97: 9° W: 3. The times thus:—

Southampton, Wednesday 14 July, att Winchest. Wiltshire, Saturday 17: July, att New Sarum. Dorsetsh: Thursday 22 July, att Dorchest. Cornwall, Wednesday 28 July, att Lanceston. City of Exon, Tuesday 3 Aug., att Guildhall, Exon. Devonshire, ye same day, att ye Castle of Exon. Somerset, Wednesday 11: Aug., att Wells. City of Bristol, Monday 16 Aug: att Guildhall.

This circuit I hired a coach and 4 horses of Tho. Brind, att 20s. a travelling day, and 12s. a resting day, & allowed him 2 ti. towards paying for y^e coach, & I tooke my chamb^r clerk in y^e coach wth me, & had onley one serv^t (Josua) on horseback, & I was out of purse (above all y^t came in) about 67 ti. or more.

I came home wth my Ld Ch: Baron by Bristoll & Bath, w^{ch} something increased y^e charge: I returned home y^e 21: Aug. 97.

164 Tuesday, 13 July, 97.

Ld Ch: Baron Ward & I begun ye West Circuit & came yt evening to Hartley Row wthout bate, & ye next day betwixt one & two of ye clock to Winchestr.

Winchestr, 14 July, 97.

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Sheriff as ye last Assizes.

Ld Ch: Baron Entred 16 causes & tryed 15. I tried 8 indictm^{ts}, & I tryed a traverse of one Jo: Carnham, alias Carnon (a papist & formerly a Scotch pedler but now) a rich linnendraper ab^t Reading, his offence

was uttering counterfeit mony, knowing it to be soe, he was acquitted agt a clear evidence. I bound him to ye good behaviour.

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Salisbury, 17 July, 97.

Ye same Sheriff as last assizes.

I entred 24 causes & tryed 21.

Dorchestr, 22 July, 97.

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The same Sheriff yt was last assizes.

Ld Ch: Baron entred 18 & tryed 17 causes.

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Lanceston, 28 July, 97.

The same Sheriff yt was last assizes.

I entred 32 & tryed 28 causes.

Att Poulston Bridge (a long mile from Launceston) we entr into Cornwall.

Exeter, 3 Aug., 97.

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Y° same Sheriff in County, & y° same Maior & Sheriff in City that was last assizes.

We came from Launceston to Exeter, Monday, 2^d of Aug: but could not forward y° business by it.

Att Exeter Ld Ch: Baron entred 10 and tryed 10.

In Devonsh he entred 80 & tryed 62. In Exeter I entred 4 & tryed 3.

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My Ld Ch: Baron & I sate togeth^r in y^e City of Exet^r by vertue of o^r comission of Oier & Termin^r upon y^e triall of one Patrick Cunningham for a misdemean^r for speaking dangerous and treasonable Words, viz., we will take off y^e King's life in y^e wint^r if we canot before, for tho y^e K. hath escaped wth his life now, he shall shortly dye before nine months be to an end.

Wells, 11 Aug., 97.

Ye same Sheriff as was last Assizes.

The Judges lodged att M^r. Baron's house ov^r ag^t S^t. Cuthbert's Church, a great distance from y^e Co^{rt}.

I entred 39 causes & tryed 34.

In this circuit Ld Ch: Baron Entred 124 causes & tryed 104, besides 13 att Bristoll.

I entred 99 & tryed 87.

Soe yt in ye whole circuit both Judges

entred causes 223 & tryed causes 191 besides Bristoll causes 13

Bristoll, 16 Aug., 97.

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I receiving an invitation from y° Maior & Sherifs of Bristoll, went thither wth my Ld Ch: Baron. Ld Ch. Baron entred 13 causes & tryed 13.

M^r. Jo. Hind, Maior of Bristoll, a sugar baker, a plain man, but firm to y^e governm^t. M^r. Pet^r Sanders, eld^r Sheriff, merch^t.

Mr. Whitchurch, young' Sheriff, grocer.

We were lodged att S^r Tho. Day's house, he is one of their old parl: men, nere ye Key, his trade is a soap-boiler (as I take it) a considerable man of estate, & firm to y^e Governm^t, a very spacious house, but inconvenient to me, being 48 steps up stairs to my lodgeing chamber;

we were very kindly received by him.

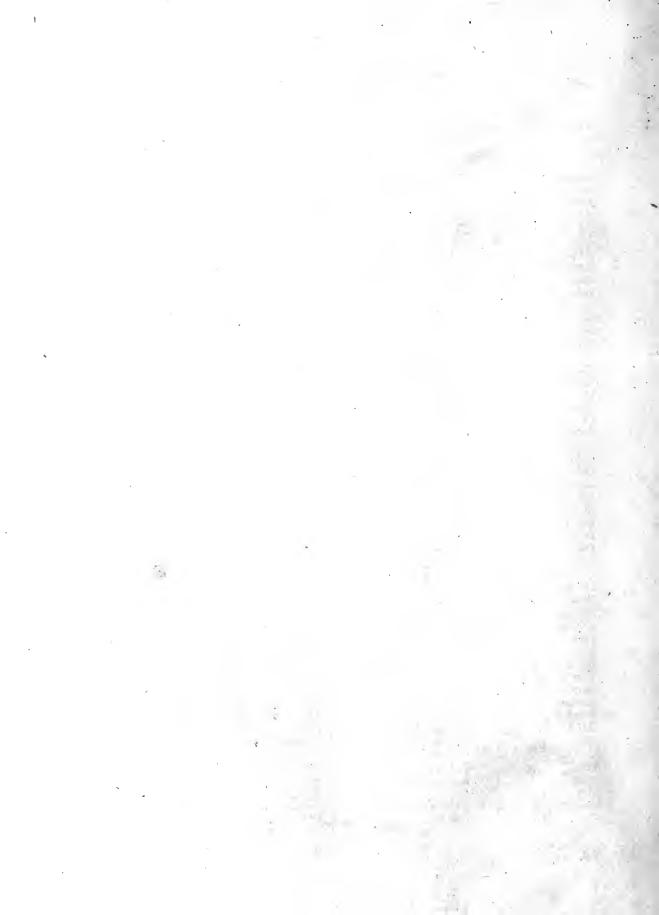
The Mint here hath coined above 300,000 ti. by ye great care of Major Yates, one of their memb's in Parl.

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M^r. Edw: Colson, a Bachilor, born att Bristoll, now a merch^t living in or about London, hath lately bestowed 12,000 ti. in building & endowing an hospitall att Bristoll for 12 poor men & 12 poor women.

TABLE OF ABREVIATIONS.

$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}^{t}$			About.	†i	Libre (\pounds) .
Aĉ ·			Action.	Mā	Man.
Ac. sr ca	a	•••	Action sur le case.	Mar	March.
Accts			Accounts.	Marq	Marquis.
Admiss			Admissus (admitted).	Marr	Marriage.
Ads.			Administrator.	ñ. ẽ. factū	Non est factum.
Aftr	•••	•••	After.	Opin	Opinion.
$\overline{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{t}}$		•••	Against.	O ^r	Our.
Ai	•••		Alios.	Othr	Other.
Año.	•••		Anno.	p	Per
Armig).	•••	•••	Armiger (Esquire).	p	Pro
Arraign			Arraignment.	p añ	Per annum.
Ass.			Assize.	pt	Part
B.R.	•••		Banco Regis (King's	Parl.	
	•••	•••	Bench).	Parliam ^t	Parliament.
Bpp			Bishop.	D and M	Philip and Mary.
Btt	• • •	• • •	Baronet.	. 1 1	Particularly.
Bro.	•••	•••	Brother.	1	Parties.
	•••	• • •		ptyes	
Ca.		• • •	Case, cause.	pson	Person
Cap. utl	-	• • •	Capias utlagatum.	psonall	Personal,
Certs	• • •	• • •	Certificates.	Postilio	Postilion.
Ch.	• • •	• • •	Chief.	pceed	Proceed.
Chan.	• • •	• • •	Chancery.	pclaimed	Proclaimed.
$\frac{\mathrm{Ch^r}}{\mathrm{Ch^r}}$	•••	• • •	Christopher.	ptestāt	Protestant.
Comand	r		Commander.	pvision	Provision.
Comiss	•••	• • •	Commission.	pfits	Profits.
$\widetilde{\operatorname{Com}}$	• • •	• • •	Comitatu (County).	рр	Proper.
Comons		•••	Commons.	\tilde{q}	Querente (Plaintiff).
Compft	• • •	• • •	Complaint.	<u>q</u>	Question.
Cort	•••	• • •	Court.	R	Retainer.
D. \			Defendant.	Ret	Retained.
Def^{t}	• • •	•••	Delendane.	Relatiō	Relation.
D. & Ch	ap.	• • •	Dean and Chap er.	Rot	Rotulus (roll).
Dams.			Damages.	Sarū	Sarum.
$\mathrm{Dem^r}$			Demurrer.	Sof	Soluti (paid).
Devonsh			Devonshire.	Sr	Sir.
Diner.			Dinner.	S^{r} con \tilde{c}	Sur conusance.
Dow ^r			Dower.	Spec	Special.
Durhā	• • •		Durham.	Sumer	Summer.
Eccles.			Ecclesiastical.	Sums	Summons.
Ejec.			Ejectment.	sd	Said.
Ent.			Entered.	Supdict	Supradicto.
Episc.			Episcopus (Bishop).	Tents	Tenants.
Estate		• • •	Estates.	Trov ^r	Trover.
Farnhā	••	•••	Farnham.	Ux	Uxor (wife).
Ferd.	•••		Ferdinand.	V	Vide. Versus.
Foremā			Foreman.	V8	Versus.
Foud			Found.	Verd	Verdict.
Frō	•••		From.	W. and M	William and Mary.
G., Gs.			Guinea, Guineas.	Wth	With,
Hill.		•••	Hilary.	Westmr	Westminster.
Instr.	• • •	•••	Instructions.	Titeh	Which.
Intr	•••	•••	Inter.	TT7n	When.
Judgmt	•••	•••	Judgment.	337 -	Woman.
Just.	•••	•••	Justice.	370	The.
Justs.	• • •	•••	Justices.	77 m	Them.
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Ld.			Lord.	Yrs	Years.





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