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**DATE: 1669 {or 1671 from internal evidence in the document referring to rent arrears 11 years after 1660?}**

**LANGUAGE: English**

**SUMMARY**

Instructions to Robert Rowse from the Dean & Chapter of Canterbury.

Doccombe & Doccombe woods were leased to Emanuel Hall of Bridford & Matthias Noseworthy of Moretonhampstead, both tanners, on Oct 1669 for 21 years for an annual rent of £6 16s 9½d paid on St Lukes Day at the D & C's mansion house at Battle Bridge at Southwark. If they are over 14 days late paying they will have to pay £10 penalty.

They will have the royalties, profits, power to keep courts, to grant leases for copyholds, & to appoint a woodwarden. They have to deliver 2 perfect true rentals & surveys of all the copyholds & woods in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> year of their lease & every 3<sup>rd</sup> year the transcripts of the courts.

Robert Rowse is instructed to request the court transcripts as they are due; to inform them that if they do not pay the rent due they will have to pay the penalty (of £10) besides the rent; to inquire about the state of the woods; & to find out how many tillers or standers are left each felling according to the laws of the realm (the last tenant put in new standers & they are still there).

There are 2 separate tenements, Lelaugh & Myland aka Leign, leased from March 20<sup>th</sup> 1660, to Edward Laskey Senior & Edward Laskey Junior & Mary his wife for their 3 lives for 21s 2d rent per year paid in 3 instalments at Mid-Summer, Michaelmas & Christmas. If the payments are 14 days late or they do not make reparations within 26 days, the lease will be void. These tenants have never paid any rent from the signing of the lease & so are 11 years in arrears.

Robert Rowse is to make enquiries about the tenants & unless they speedily pay their rent arrears they will have the tenements forfeited & other tenants will replace them who will pay the rent.

He is also to discover how many of the 3 lives are still living (all 3 are) & how much of the land they occupy.

Also to find out about the manor copyholds, how much fine they have to pay & the income year on year & to obtain terriers & transcripts of the courts rolls (next time).

## ENGLISH TEXT TRANSCRIBED

**Outside:** Canterbury Chapter

**Inside:**

Instructions to Mr Robert Rowse

You are desired to visit in the name of the Deane & Chapter of Chr[ist] Church of Canterbury, And the Receiver of the same of the Manner of Dockomb in the County of Devon in the p[ar]ish of Morton Hampstead.

Itt was leased by the Deane & Chapter . Octob[er] 7 1669 to Emanuel Hall of Bredford {*i.e. Bridford*} in the County of Devon & to Matthias Noseword {*i.e. Nosworthy*} of Moreton Hampstead in the s[ai]d County, both Tanners, for 21 years from the feast of St John the Baptist then last past, And att the same tyme a Lease of Dockomb Woods was granted to the same p[er]sons & for the same tyme.

The Manner is lett with all the Royaltyes & p[ro]ffitts of the same with power to keepe Courts, to grant leases of Coppyhold & to appoint a woodward. The Tenants are to pay for their rent £6 16s 9½d once a yeare upon St Lukes day, October 18<sup>th</sup> in the Mansion house in Southwarke Battlebridge. If itt be unpaid 14 dayes after that feast day (as itt was the last yeare 1671) the penalty is £10.

The Tenants are to exhibit to The Deane & Chapter two true & p[er]fect Terrars Rentalls & Surveys of the Land wood & Coppyholds, the first to be delivered the 4<sup>th</sup> yeare of their Terme, The second att the 14<sup>th</sup> yeare. Every third yeare thay are to deliver the transcripts of the Courts holden to the Receiver or Auditor of the Church. This theirfore being the third yeare of their Terme you are desired to require these transcripts att their hands.

Lett the Tenants knowe that if they pay nott forthwith the rent due the last yeare wee will have the penalty of the non paym[ent] besides the rent.

{*Left margin*} The last ten[an]t left new standers these ten[ant]s have fell[e]d none

Enquire whether the woods were p[re]served from wast[e], & the number of Tilleyes or standers

be left att every felling according to the Statutes of the Realme

There are two Tenem[ent]s in Dockomb depending fineditely of the Deane & Chapter, which were leased out Mart: {i.e. March} 20 1660 to Edward Lasky Sen[ior] Edward Lasky Jun[ior] & Mary his wife & for their 3 lives yeelding & paying 21s shillings & two pence in three paym[en]ts Att Midsomer Michaelmas & Christmas, And for want of paym[en]t 14 dayes after these dayes, alsoe for want of rep[er]ac[i]ons within 26 weekes after the sealeing of the Lease, The Leases is void.

{Left margin} read the last yeare one ? Jayne or Wilbinsom all very able men

The said Tenants since the sealeing of the lease never pay[e]d any rent, And there are att this

p[re]sent arreares of Eleven yeares to be pay[e]d

Enquire of theCondic[i]on & ability of these Tenants & lett them know their Lease is forfeited

& unlesse they speedyly pay all their Arreares, wee will putt in our Tenem[ent]s such Tenants as will pay the rent.

{Left margin} all in being

Enquire alsoe what lives of those 3 are in being

What Quantyty of Lands is in the Occupac[i]on of the Tenants

What Copsyholds depend of the Manner. What are the usuall Fynes, And the revenue of the same may be one yeare with another, And gett us (if you cann) Terrars & Transcripts of the Court Rolles

{Left margin} Terrars and Transcripts you shall have the next Terme.

### **Reverse side**

Doccomb

This paper concerned Dockham manner in Devonshire

1669

Inquiries about it

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{There are various additions of money & land (?) – not obviously connected to the document}