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INSTRUCTIONS

The Duke of Albemarle his lettere and instructions to the Juries of Survey within the honour of Clitherow and the severall manors are as followeth.

To the Right Honourable Charles, Viscount Molineux, Steward of Clitherow, Tottington and Blakeburne, or to his Deputie.

Whereas as by the greate negligence of the Steward and Under Steward that have heretofore kept the severall Courts of the Mannors within the Honour of Clitherow many and greate disorders hath beene committed by reason that they seldome or never kept any Courts of Survey but minding their own profit more than his majesties advantage they tooke noe care to perfect the Rentalls betweene his majestie and his tenants in which they were the more encouraged by the late unhappie times wherin his majesties Government was usurpt and his officers not permitted to execute their offices to put any remedie to those evils which in twenty years have much increased. These are therefore to require you for the Reformation thereof that at your next Halmote Courte you also keepe a Courte of Survey and summon six or more of the gravest and most discrettest Coppieholders out of everie manor within the said Honour that is to say six or more for Tottington, six for Accrington, six for Ightenhill, six for Colne and six for Chatburne Worston and Pendleton and out of these to impannell a sufficient number of Jurors to survey all the rents of the said manors according to the Instructions hereunto annexed in that behalf and likewise that you summon a competent number of tenants of the wapentacke of Blakeburnshire and of the foure Forrests for one or more Jurie or Juries for ascertaining the Rentall of the tennants thereof and you and all the said respective tennants and copieholders are to bee diligent and faithfull therein, given under my hand and seale at Cockpitt this 11 day of October 1662.

Instructions to the Steward of the Honour of Clitherow and the severall manors therein to bee observed by himselfe and delivered in to the severall Juries of Survey within the said manors or by his Deputie Stuard in his absence.

1. You are to give in charge to the Jurors impanelled for Survey [&c] (sic)
2. You are to direct them to make strict inquirie [&c] (sic)

ACCRINGTON

3. In the manor of Accrington for the rent of a Millne the yearly rent of 7s. which millne was heretofore in the tenure of one William Shaw, and they are to inquire by your assistance and veweing of antient Rolls who occupyes the same now and where the rents is answered.

TOTTINGTON
IGHTENHILL
COLNE

HASLINGDEN

13. I Haslingden you are to inquire for the Quitt rents of the Freeholders which amount unto £2, 2s, 4d. and are to ascertain them by the setting downe of the names of everie particular person from whome it is received and for what.

14. For the rent of a Millne in Houlden the yearly summe of 5s. which is now answered and to bee inquired unto

PENDLETON

WORSTON

CHATTBURNE

41. You are to take notice that the Henheads are called Henleade *alias* Overheade and Frayamhill, and are certaine pastures in Rossindale and Accrington let to severall tennants there for the tenants of Accrington were antiently to pay the yearly summe of 6s. 8d. and the tenants of Rossindale 6s. 8d., but afterwards and many years since there was an increase of rent of the yearly summe of 6s. 8d. uppon Accrington and 6s. 8d. uppon Rossindale, which increase of rent the tennants of Rossindale have continually payd but I perceive by SirRalph Ashton's account that the tennants of Accrington have answeret but halfe their rents for the said Henheads soe that you are totake care that the full yearly rent of £2. 6s.8d. for the Hennheads in Rossindale and Accrington bee answered.

43. You are in specill manner to give it in charge to the Jurors to make an exact Returne of all cottages and incroachments uppon the wastes in all the mannors and places before mentioned since 16 yeare of King James and make a Returne thereof to mee with the values thereof.

ABLEMARLE

The Duke of Albermarle's instructions concerning Yate bank and Trawden.
Mr STEWARD. – I finde by perusing of the instructions which I lately sent you for a Courte of Survey that I omitted many things concerning the Forrest of Rossindale, you are therefore to give in charge to the Jurors diligently to inquire for all Commons to mee belonging whereupon any incroachments have beene made within the said Forrest ether by digging of Cole mynes, inclosue or erecting of cottages, and particularly concerning a parcell of Common Land called Yate bancke or nere adjoining thereunto contayning about 160 acres with two or more tenements or edifices thereon, and you are likewise to direct them to inquire after any Cole Mynes or other Mynes that hath beene illegally digged within the Forest of Trawden and to make Returne thereof with those returnes which are allreadie in preparation by them in presence of my former instructions in that behalfe, and for your soe doing this shallbee your warrant, given under my hand and seale at the Cockpit nere Whitehall this third day of February 1662 [-3].

To Mr Andrué Houlden Deputie Steward of the honour and mannor of Clitherow in Blaekeburneshire and Tottington, &c.

ALBERMARLE

The Duke's seale annexed to the Originall.

