The [e]xaminchin of Robe[r]t Willimott of

Chad[d]esden in the countie of Darbie of yeomany

aged Fyftie one yeares or there abouts upon

interogatores administered unto hym or his magesties?

behalf by the relacon of Thomas Gilberte according

to in order of this Countie made the ny[n]th of

this injlimtie? month of Februarie Luke alnertmiyinrt

the xth one of the same monthe – the xvth yeare

of the reyne of our sovrgne Lord King James

of England sir his followeth

1 The said Robe[r]t Willimott sworne & examined to the interogatorie

sayeth, that about the tyme mentioned in the interrogatorie this depon[en]t remembreth

and not ~~Richard Pott in tennante being then a tennante to this Depon[en]t~~ unto

a p[ar]cell of grounde w[i]thin the manor of Spondon & Chad[d]esden called by one

other name ~~as~~ that this deponent knoweth but by Fukoners peice, ~~w[i]th~~

and not unto one peice of grounde where he this depon[en]t knoweth to be called by the

~~this deponent the bath to be the same piece of grounde when intended~~

name of holme mouth

~~in the interrogatorie called holme mouthe~~ w[hi]ch peiece of grounde he called Fukons peice

saithe ~~is this deponents and~~ he liketh to be p[ar]cell of ~~his behalf~~ the land thiser ilimini

whereof more belongeth unto one Rob[er]t Newton and was ~~one~~ ancientlie chased servi[c]e and he is able to pruve

and wherein this deponent hathe an indert by lease, & whereof this depon[en]ts tenants & servants ~~his tenants~~

have hadd of a long tyme the possession, And this deponent further saithe, that

~~this depon[en]t~~ he thinketh, that there is decreed ~~unto the d~~ by a decree

made a the duchie unto Tho[mas] Gilbert memorie – the interrogatorie, a p[ar]cell

1 Rob[er]t Willimott

of ground called Holme mouth, to be quietlie enjoyed by hym and his usss

but this ~~defend[an]t~~ deponent saithe, that he liketh it not to be the piece of

grounde above mentioned called Fakomers piece, for that it ~~be the same~~

~~Terres~~ the ~~here~~ p[ar]cell of ground called Holme mouth decreed &

the said Tho[mas] Gilbert is expressed to lye ~~towards the~~ southerly

towards the Holme mouth, wh[i]ch this piece of lande doth not as

this deponent liketh it no other in it anie p[ar]te of the fare lande as this deponent lorlieth doth And this deponent doth dome, that he One

some time man, unto ~~the pa[ri]she~~ anie pa[ar]cell of grounde that this depon[en]t knoweth to be called the

Holme mouth in the possession of the said Tho[mas] Gilbert to interupte

his possession, or to beate rounde hmrt or ~~reffs~~ resiste one of

his s[er]v[a]nts, for carrying ~~one awaie~~ anie haye for or anie ~~for~~ p[ar]cell

of grounde soe called, But this deponent saithe that he ~~did send~~ doth

Remember, that he did, send the said Mr his s[er[v[e]n[t] ~~one Brillimn a servant of his, but by which~~

~~other name he was called this Deponent remembereth not,~~ into the piece of

grounde above mentioned called Fakomers piece, to ~~plead the~~ name and

define ~~the said Mr Gilbert &~~ some workman or servants of the said Mr

Gilbert there being uppon the said grounde w[i]th Carte or Carts

P[re]paring to carrie awaie the haye then being uppon the said piece of grounde

and there belonging as this deponent thinketh unto a poore meddowe called the

Meddowe Stiles then this deponents tenant of the said grounde, to

And this deponent saith that ~~the said Hay was~~ he did have the said

Hille at, ~~at London~~ by the name betweene this deponents house

& London, as this deponent came from London, to helpe hym in his

harvest worke and broughte hym home w[i]th hym for one other

p[ur]puse and that he staied w[i]th hym about 6 or 8 we[e]ks

and not longer as this deponent remembreth

2 To the 2 Interrogatorie he saith, that he this deponent was in humber holme

mentioned in the Interrogatorie, ~~and~~ at that tyme that he sent his servant?

Man ~~was~~ to the said land called ~~Fakonds~~ Fakorers piece as above said

and did then soe the servants of the said Mr Gilbert p[re]paring to carry

the Haye from of the said grounde and this deponent saithe that there

were then in ~~his~~ the said grounde called humber holme w[hi]ch ~~is~~ this deponents

~~own grounde~~ was then Farmer of about a dose[n] or sixteene p[er]sons m~~aking haye for this~~

~~deponent, but there names~~ as namtre ~~Lib~~ Richard Holt & John Holie

& some others whose names this deponent cannot clyalie declare whereof with more than making haye, & others came to buy land of[f] this deponent And

he further saith that some p[ar]te of the said grounde called humber holme

is w[ith]in a hundred yards of the grounde called Fakomers piece

~~& of other grounde there called holme mouthe~~

3 To the 3rd Interrogatorie he saith, that he hathe nether beene tolde nor hathe heared it

reported to his rememberance that this deponent should bring down a man from London, to disturbe

Mr Gilberts possesscon ~~and~~ or his servants or to keepe possesscon against them, and

this deponent further saith that what soev[e]re hathe been reported thereof, he is creme

he never ~~depose~~ did soe,

3 Rob[er]t Willymott

4 To the ~~four~~ 4 Interrogatorie he saithe, that the said Mr his man retorninge

to this Depon[en]t being Humber holme a bove said aft[er] he hadd sent hym as above said into the said lande

called Fakomers piece and telling this Depon[en]t that the said Mr Gilberts

tennante want not furbeare ~~loading~~ to loade the haye there & carrie it awaie he this Deponent

hymself went into the said grounde and one Richard Nott his servante

went w[i]th hym, e[a]che of them having the pitchforke their hande

w[i]th w[hi]ch they were making Haye w[hi]ch before in the said grounde called

humb[e]r holme, and this Deponent thinketh that John Hoben mentioned in the

Interrogatorie did follow ~~sayd~~ them thether, and he further saithe, that ~~they together~~

did hee this Depon[en]t did then tell the said Mr Gilbert s[er]v[an]ts that

they should not carrie anie haye of[f] that grounde unlesse they ~~carie~~

could showe better arthortie for it than they hade done, but he

demeth that either hymself or anie other w[i]th h[y]m to his remembrance

did give them time working or threatining sheaches, or did bid them

looke ~~for~~ to themselves or elne some of them should sanote for it, or that

there wont be blondr lede before the haye should be carred

awaie, And this Depon[en]t further saithe that he and his companie, did nor suffer

the said Mr Gilbert s[er]v[a]nts to ~~come~~ carrie awaie the haye untill

the sheve of Darby came who is this Depon[en]t was to be sent for by there unto Darby, being

about a unto for therres but this Depon[en]t denieth that he or his

said companie did use anie ~~chr~~ force or strving hande ~~there~~ in doing

the same

4 Robt willymott

5 To the 5 Interrogatorie he saithe that one John Cowper who then

affirmed hym self to be the Undershreives Deputie cominge ~~therether~~ to the said grounde called Fakeners piece

w[it]hin the space of a howre or there abouts ass this Deponent and his servants now there as above said one p[er]son that after

Reade such a Comisscon as is mentioned in the Interrogatorie to this Depon[en]t and to the whole companie

there, and did thereupon move hym this Deponent & his companie to leave the

possesscon of the said grounde, and to suffer the haye to be carried

awaie peaceablie & quietlie by Mr Gilberts servants, according ~~to the time~~ as he

commenced the honor of the Comisscon to ~~be~~ importe

6 To the 6 Interrogatorie, he saith, that aft[er] the said Comisscon reade ~~as~~

a~~bove said, this Depon[en]t~~ & in Under shreeve make to hym & his Naglany

as above said, he this Deponent did tell the said Undershreeve

that the said grounde wherein they then were being the said lande

called Fakons piece was not anie p[ar]te of the lande decided unto

the said Mr Gilbert in the Dutchie nor & intended speec[e]fied to be delined into his possesscon

by force of the said Comisscon, for that it was never anie p[ar]te of

the kynges lande but thinhevikimire of ~~& Gees,~~ some other and that therefore

he this deponent wont not leave ~~this~~ his possesscon ~~thereof~~ the same unles the

~~acare enfource~~ said deputie shreeve wont take this deponent forthe of the possesscon thereof

whereupon ~~this &~~ the said deputie shreeve did like this deponent by the

shreve ~~and lordes soyl and~~ to lende hym forthe the said lande which

this deponent did prlt hym to doe were queitlie untill they

who did drive the cartes laden w[i]th haye did drive the same

soe ~~fake~~ far le & might upon this deponent, ~~were~~ as he was enforced to putt his

5 Robt Willymott

of the same, if to the knowledge of this deponent ~~time~~ anie ~~such grounde~~

p[ar]cell of grounde soe called being this Deponents possesscon have

beene soe decreed unto the said Mr Gilbert, And this Deponent

suche that he hathe none indeed anie such w[i]th dids p[er]sons, ~~and~~

~~such more than he is walling~~ as occasioned cherfelne by the badd

neighborhoode of the said Mr Gilbert towards this deponent

who hathe caused as this deponent thinketh and sathe he is able

to pine eighte acres of this deponents owne land of inheritance to be sett for the

to be the kynges lande in the right of the dutchie but to ~~apped~~

declare & sett downe a plundar ~~what~~ p[er]sons either have nowne

sev[er]all such he hathe depending or against what sev[er]all p[er]sons they

are depending, he saithe he thinketh he cannott cuppon this soleme

declare the same Ileyalie, and hopeth that he shall not be compelled

thereto by this honourable courte, being no more plinent to anie matter

of the contempte signested against hym this honourable courte as

he thinketh

9 To the 9 Interrogatorie he saithe that he this deponent now handed the

possesscon of anie p[ar]cell of lande w[hi]ch he knoweth to be called the

holmemouth but he sathe that the piece before the deputie shreeve

above said came into the piece of land called Fakowers piece then in the possesscon of this ~~deponents~~

~~landes tenants~~ the tedicons styles ~~as above said, and cul~~ as tenants & Fuccund

thereof to this deponent, he the said Mr Gilbert did come afore us this

deponent thinketh pett the possesscon of the said piece of grounde Peys

the hage growing thereupon for the said meaddowe, ~~and pe~~ and upon

panes made to her that he ment reccompence her for it, which he never did

as the said meaddows hathe assormed to this deponent

7 Robt Willymott

10 To the 10 Interrogatorie he saithe, that ~~about the~~ in the yeare arr[ound] about

the tyme mentioned in the interrogatorie, he did send Mr Lowe then

this deponents tenante unto the p[ar]cell of meadow mentioned

whereof there help this deponent such is this deponents land and

noe p[ar]te of the Byinge land as he thinketh & hopeth to pine to make

the interrogatorie called Stewards ~~w[hi]ch~~ acre ~~to interupte the~~ spante

haye for this deponent there

~~of the said Thomas Gilbert, who for loading & carrying awaie the~~

~~haye, which they were then in loading and~~  ~~p[re]paring to carrie awaie~~ for

~~of the said~~ meadow, ~~and to which he did for~~ and to demande tythes

of the haye there growing on the behalf of the Lord Candyhe,

but not to interupte the servants of the said Mr Gilbert as they

were loading anie haye there, And he saithe that in the three

yeares next before, he this deponent or some others by aisredent and

untracte ~~of~~ w[hi]ch this deponent did occupie & handed the possesscon one

did like the p[ro]fitte of the said ~~land~~ meadow called ~~Ste~~ Stewards acre

but he saithe that he thinketh ~~therefore~~ that Samuell Hall

mentioned in the Interrogatorie, handed in the possesscon thereof or of anie

p[ar]te thereof in anie of the said three yeares, but some other p[er]sons

then this deponents tenants thereof, wh[at] use names he cannot more

cleyalie declare, And he further saithe, that he doth not yet knowe

nor hathe in hearde either that the said meadow called Stewards acre, is decided

for the said Thomas Gilbert as is supposed by the said Mr grtorne or that the said

Samuell Hall did In ~~take~~ delm the possesscon thereof unto the said

Mr Gilbert, and ~~thef~~ therefore as this deponent ~~liketh it to be~~ thinketh, it hathe beene more p[re]sumption

in hym to enter into the sunn as he hathe done, the half thereof being as

he conceineth his owne lande

8 Rob[ert] Willymott

11 To the 11 Interrogatorie he saithe, that the said Mr Lowe did

not dace he was sent as above said by this deponent into the

~~them~~ said meadow called Stewards acre came backe again and of the said to ~~tea~~ this deponent and tell her that there

anie suche decree as is mentioned in the interrogatorie was reinded there

and that then upper he the said Lowe was come ~~again~~ awaie fore there, neither

did this deponent, there upper l[oa]ded arimatie inciwrage the said Lowe to give backe

againe the there, and interupte ~~&~~ or strike the said Mr Gilberts servants

there, or to purke ~~be~~ then by some names to strike hym the

said Lowe aror to anie such p[ur]pose neither doth this deponent

knowe that the said Lowe did then strike Thomas Nottham mentioned

in the interrogatorie or his Forke out of his hande, or that the said Lowe did

strike samuell Hull named in the Interrogatorie, before the said Hall did

offer to strike hym, But this deponent saithe that ~~about two~~

the said Lowe about two houres aft[er] he was first sent as above said

to the said meadow came home to this deponents dwelling house

in Chad[d]esden being about half a myle from the said meadow ~~and~~

all of a gone blonde and much wounded bruised & beaten, and

told this deponent that the said Hall & two or three of the said Mr Gilberts servants handed sie

~~landed~~ wounded & beate hym, and handed forceablie carr[i]ed awaie

~~all~~ the whole haye then growing or being uppe the said meadow, ~~and harded~~

not having lefte anie therefore tythe,

9 Robt Willymott

Rparcues Rob[e]rt

Gilbert

Interrorgatories to be inistcred to Robert Willymott

Defend[an]t for & an behalf of Thomas Gilbert comp accordinge,

to an order of this Court made the viith if Februarie 1617

1 Imprimis whether did you about July in the year of our Lord God 1615 send a man

into a parcell of ground called holme mouth lyinge w[i]thin the Mannor of Spondon and

Chad[d]esden is not the said parcell of ground decreed by the ho[noura]ble Ma[ges]tie of Dutchie to bee quietly

enjoyed by Thomas Gilbert ~~unto the ground~~ no the said decree unenttoned and by his assigues did you not

send such a man to interrupt the possession of the said Thomas Gilbert and to beate wound hurte

or to resist his servante from carryeinge away the hay thereof And what was the name of

him you soe sent to disturbe his said possession And for what purpose did you bringe him

into the Country and how longe did hee serve you and from whant[e]d did you bruied him or cause

him to be brought

2 Item whether weare you not in sight and viewe and in humber holme w[i]thin the said Manyors

sent did disturbe the servants of the said Thomas Gilbert upon the said holme mouth And

who was then in your Company and what were theire names And how many were you

then together And is not humber holme w[i]thin an hundred yards of the said ground called

holme mouth

3 Item whether have you heard it reported or hath it not bene tould you that you brought the

said Man that soe disturbed the possessyon aforesaid into the Country from London to

keepe possession against the said Thomas Gilbert or his servants and to doe them some mischief

~~and how longe kept you the same man~~

4 Item whether did you the same daie and yeare that the man aforesaid soe disturbed

the possession of the said Thomas Gilbert come yourselfe w[i]th a pichforke in your hand

w[i]th one John holean and Richard Hett your servante or Tennant w[i]th a pichforke in his

hand into the said holme mouth where the servants of the said Thomas Gilbert weare

them leadinge of hay and resseed the servants of the said Thomas Gilbert giving them

revylinge and threatinge speach & sayeinge looking your selves for some of you shall sinart for

it for theire willee bloodshed before his heay or wont to the tyke effort shal[l] bee Carryed away And whether did not

you and your company forcibly and by great hand resist the said Thomas Gilberts servants

upon the said holme mouth untill the then under sheriffe deputy of the Countie of Derby

called from Derbie to rescue them and how farre is Derby from the said holme mouth

5 Item whether did not the said under sheriffe deputye and what is his name

presently after he came to the said holme mouth reade a Commission to you and your

Company made in the honourable Courte of Duchie and directed to the Sheriffe of the

County of Derby and his deputy for the settinge and keepinge of the said Thomas

Gilbert and his assigues inquyet possession of all his Ma[ges]ties landes in Spondon and

Chad[de]sden And whether after the said Commission soe read unto you did not the said

Sheriffe deputy & tutrdate you to departe w[i]th your company in peace and to suffer the said

Thomas Gilberts servants quietly to carry away the hay w[hi]ch they had loaden accordinge

To the Commission

6 Item whether did in you and your company or some and w[hi]ch of you after the Commission

soe read as aforesaid and after you weare soe intreated to departe w[i]th your pichforkes

w[i]th stand and resiste the said sheriffes deputie and w[i]th your forke w[hi]ch you then held in

your handes thrust at stryke hurt or wound a gelding or mare of the said Thomas Gilberts

then in the draught ready to dracoe away the said hay and would not obey the Commission

nor suffer the said hay then loaden to bee carryed away untill the said under sheriffe

[the rest is under a fold]

7 ~~Item what were the names [o]f all those of the whether audworth your retharded sent by your thedes to the said~~

~~Holme mouth and also the names of all those threat your tyme found tyerde and that your coded prass~~

8 Item What was the motyvie or reason that your knowingie there was both a decree and a Commission

made in the honourable Corte of Dutchie for the said Thomas Gilbert ainet ecnoyeinge of the said

parcell of ground called holme mouth and to disobey and by force to both said hys Ma[ges]ties authority And doe

you know any man in the Country you dcedll in or in England that hath soe many sintis as

yourselfe hlith and how many have you at this wslaut wh[i]ch how many sendrough and

what bee there severall yares

9 Item whether had you the occupacon of the said holme mouth the year next before you

Soe forcibly assisted the Sheriffe his deputie or not And whether had not the said T[h]omas

Gilbert the occupacon and possession thereof the said year before ~~declare what you~~

k~~now and think in your rememberance~~

10 Item whether did you about Julie in the year of our Lord God one then sand fre[e]hand rid

effisceent send William Lowe unto a parcell of meadow lyinge in Chad[d]esden meadows

called Stewards went to interrupt the servants of Thomas Gilbert as they went Lodinge of

hay there And whether had you the occupacon of the said Stewards acre for three years

next before the said year of (and you one then send fre[e]hand red & Fisteene, And of you hadd nott the

occupacon thereof what then hadd the same in occupacon for the said three years And

whether hadd nott ~~nott~~ Samuell Hall the occupacon of the said Stewards acre the said

thirte years gust before the year one then said (one hand cold Refleene And wh[at] it did pole at

? for you presume to enter upon thoccmpacon thereof //

? Stewards acre in occupacon did willinglie yeeld the possession threed of the

? Thomas Gilbert

11 Item did the said Mr Lowe the same daie that you sent him to the said Ste[wards]

acre as afore said to Interrupt the said Thomas Gilberts servants, come t[o]

you & tell you that the said Decree made in the honorable court of Duchie for the

said Thomas Gilbert emoyeinge of the said acre was read unto the said Lowe the

same daie & upon the said acre, or wood, & to the like effort, whereupon hee dep[ar]ted

from the said acre, And did ~~not~~ you the same daie Gide the said Lowe doe again[s]t

them to strike him or to such a purpose, And did not the said Lowe thereupon

returne to the said Stewards acre and strike att Thomas Dotham or his forlo[wers]

or fore tymes, as hee was therenoth loadinge of the hay, till hee stroke your fork

likewise stike Samuwell Hall on the face before the said Hall offered to stike

the said Lowe, And wold the said Lowe have come again to the said acre

aninrted or incoraged hurt there unto Declare what you know think or have

heard told, concerning the severall parts of this Interrogatorie & bynot them

you have beene told the same