

1 The [e]xaminchin of Robe[r]t Willimott of
2 Chad[d]esden in the countie of Darbie of yeomany
3 aged Fyftie one yeares or there abouts upon
4 interrogatores administered unto hym or his magesties?
5 behalfe by the relacon of Thomas Gilberte according
6 to in order of this Countie made the ny[n]th of
7 this injlimtie? month of Februarie Luke alnertmiyinrt
8 the xth one of the same monthe – the xvth yeare
9 of the reyne of our sovrigne Lord King James
10 of England sir his followeth

11 1 The said Robe[r]t Willimott sworne & examined to the interrogatorie
12 sayeth, that about the tyme mentioned in the interrogatorie this depon[en]t remembreth
13 and not ~~Richard Pott in tennante being then a tennante to this Depon[en]t~~ unto
14 a p[ar]cell of grounde w[i]thin the manor of Spondon & Chad[d]esden called by one
15 other name as that this deponent knoweth but by Fukoners peice, ~~w[i]th~~
16 and not unto one peice of grounde where he this depon[en]t knoweth to be called by the
17 ~~this deponent the bath to be the same piece of grounde when intended~~
18 name of holme mouth

19 in the interrogatorie called holme mouthe w[hi]ch peiece of grounde he called Fukons peice
20 saithe is this deponents and he liketh to be p[ar]cell of his behalf the land thiser ilimini
21 whereof more belongeth unto one Rob[er]t Newton and was one ancientlie chased servi[c]e and he is able to pruve
22 and wherein this deponent hathe an indert by lease, & whereof this depon[en]ts tenants & servants his tenants
23 have hadd of a long tyme the possession, And this deponent further saithe, that
24 this depon[en]t he thinketh, that there is decreed unto the d by a decree
25 made a the duchie unto Tho[mas] Gilbert memorie – the interrogatorie, a p[ar]cell

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26 of ground called Holme mouth, to be quietlie enjoyed by hym and his usss
27 but this defend[an]t deponent saithe, that he liketh it not to be the piece of
28 grounde above mentioned called Fakomers piece, for that it be the same
29 Terres the here p[ar]cell of ground called Holme mouth decreed &
30 the said Tho[mas] Gilbert is expressed to lye towards the southerly
31 towards the Holme mouth, wh[i]ch this piece of lande doth not as
32 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
33 some time man, unto the p[ar]cell anie p[ar]cell of grounde that this depon[en]t knoweth to be called the
34 Holme mouth in the possession of the said Tho[mas] Gilbert to interupte
35 his possession, or to beate rounde hmrt or reffs resiste one of

37 his s[er]v[a]nts, for carrying ~~one awaie~~ anie haye for or anie for p[ar]cell
38 of grounde soe called, But this deponent saithe that he ~~did send~~ doth
39 Remember, that he did, send the said Mr his s[er]v[e]n[t] ~~one Brillinn a servant of his, but by which~~
40 ~~other name he was called this Deponent remembereth not,~~ into the piece of
41 grounde above mentioned called Fakomers piece, to ~~plead the name and~~
42 define ~~the said Mr Gilbert &~~ some workman or servants of the said Mr
43 Gilbert there being uppon the said grounde w[i]th Carte or Carts
44 P[re]paring to carrie awaie the haye then being uppon the said piece of grounde
45 and there belonging as this deponent thinketh unto a poore meddowe called the
46 Meddowe Stiles then this deponents tenant of the said grounde, to
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49 And this deponent saith that ~~the said Hay was~~ he did have the said
50 Hille at, ~~at London~~ by the name betweene this deponents house
51 & London, as this deponent came from London, to helpe hym in his
52 harvest worke and broughte hym home w[i]th hym for one other
53 p[ur]puse and that he staid w[i]th hym about 6 or 8 we[e]ks
54 and not longer as this deponent remembreth
55 2 To the 2 Interrogatorie he saith, that he this deponent was in humber holme
56 mentioned in the Interrogatorie, ~~and~~ at that tyme that he sent his servant?
57 Man ~~was~~ to the said land called Fakonds Fakorers piece as above said
58 and did then soe the servants of the said Mr Gilbert p[re]paring to carry
59 the Haye from of the said grounde and this deponent saithe that there
60 were then in ~~his~~ the said grounde called humber holme w[hi]ch ~~is~~ this deponents
61 ~~own grounde~~ was then Farmer of about a dose[n] or sixteene p[er]sons making haye for this
62 deponent, but there names as namtre Lib Richard Holt & John Holie
63 & 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
64 he further saith that some p[ar]te of the said grounde called humber holme
65 is w[ith]in a hundred yards of the grounde called Fakomers piece
66 & of other grounde there called holme mouthe

67 3 To the 3rd Interrogatorie he saith, that he hathe nether beene tolde nor hathe heard it
68 reported to his remembrance that this deponent should bring down a man from London, to disturbe
69 Mr Gilberts possesscon ~~and~~ or his servants or to keepe possesscon against them, and
70 this deponent further saith that what soev[e]re hathe been reported thereof, he is creme
71 he never ~~depose~~ did soe,

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73 4 To the ~~four~~ 4 Interrogatorie he saithe, that the said Mr his man retorninge
74 to this Depon[en]t being Humber holme a bove said aft[er] he hadd sent hym as above said into the said lande
75 called Fakomers piece and telling this Depon[en]t that the said Mr Gilberts
76 tennante want not furbeare ~~loading~~ to loade the haye there & carrie it awaie he this Deponent
77 hymself went into the said grounde and one Richard Nott his servante
78 went w[i]th hym, e[a]che of them having the pitchforke their hande
79 w[i]th w[hi]ch they were making Haye w[hi]ch before in the said grounde called
80 humb[e]r holme, and this Deponent thinketh that John Hoben mentioned in the
81 Interrogatorie did follow ~~said~~ them thether, and he further saithe, that ~~they together~~
82 did hee this Depon[en]t did then tell the said Mr Gilbert s[er]v[an]ts that
83 they should not carrie anie haye of[f] that grounde unlesse they ~~carie~~
84 could showe better arthortie for it than they hade done, but he

85 demeth that either hymself or anie other w[i]th h[y]m to his remembrance
86 did give them time working or threatining sheaches, or did bid them
87 looke ~~for~~ to themselves or elne some of them should sanote for it, or that
88 there wont be blondr lede before the haye should be carred
89 awaie, And this Depon[en]t further saithe that he and his companie, did nor suffer
90 the said Mr Gilbert s[er]v[a]nts to ~~come~~ carrie awaie the haye untill
91 the sheve of Darby came who is this Depon[en]t was to be sent for by there unto Darby, being
92 about a unto for therres but this Depon[en]t denieth that he or his
93 said companie did use anie ~~en~~ force or strving hande ~~there~~ in doing
94 the same

98 5 To the 5 Interrogatorie he saithe that one John Cowper who then
99 affirmed hym self to be the Undershreives Deputie cominge therether to the said grounde called Fakeners piece
100 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
101 Reade such a Comisscon as is mentioned in the Interrogatorie to this Depon[en]t and to the whole companie
102 there, and did thereupon move hym this Deponent & his companie to leave the
103 possesscon of the said grounde, and to suffer the haye to be carried
104 awaie peaceablie & quietlie by Mr Gilberts servants, according to the time as he
105 commenced the honor of the Comisscon to be importe

106 6 To the 6 Interrogatorie, he saith, that aft[er] the said Comisscon reade as
107 above said, this Depon[en]t & in Under shreeve make to hym & his Naglany
108 as above said, he this Deponent did tell the said Undershreeve
109 that the said grounde wherein they then were being the said lande
110 called Fakons piece was not anie p[ar]te of the lande decided unto
111 the said Mr Gilbert in the Dutchie nor & intended spec[e]fied to be delined into his possesscon
112 by force of the said Comisscon, for that it was never anie p[ar]te of
113 the kynges lande but thinhevikimire of & Gees, some other and that therefore
114 he this deponent wont not leave this his possesscon thereof the same unles the
115 are enforce said deputie shreeve wont take this deponent forthe of the possesscon thereof

116 whereupon ~~this &~~ the said deputie shreeve did like this deponent by the
117 shreve ~~and lordes soyl and~~ to lende hym forthe the said lande which
118 this deponent did prlt hym to doe were queitlie untill they
119 who did drive the cartes laden w[i]th haye did drive the same
120 soe ~~far~~ far le & might upon this deponent, ~~were~~ as he was enforced to putt his

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123 of the same, if to the knowledge of this deponent time anie such gronde
124 p[ar]cell of gronde soe called being this Deponents possesscon have
125 beene soe decreed unto the said Mr Gilbert, And this Deponent
126 suche that he hathe none indeed anie such w[i]th dids p[er]sons, ~~and~~
127 ~~such more than he is willing~~ as occasioned cherfelne by the badd
128 neighborhoode of the said Mr Gilbert towards this deponent
129 who hathe caused as this deponent thinketh and sathe he is able
130 to pine eighte acres of this deponents owne land of inheritance to be sett for the
131 to be the kynges lande in the right of the dutchie but to ~~appeal~~
132 declare & sett downe a plundar ~~what~~ p[er]sons either have nowne
133 sev[er]all such he hathe depending or against what sev[er]all p[er]sons they
134 are depending, he saithe he thinketh he cannott cuppon this soleme
135 declare the same lleyalie, and hopeth that he shall not be compelled
136 thereto by this honourable courte, being no more plinent to anie matter
137 of the contempte signested against hym this honourable courte as
138 he thinketh

139 9 To the 9 Interrogatorie he saithe that he this deponent now handed the
140 possesscon of anie p[ar]cell of lande w[hi]ch he knoweth to be called the

141 holmemouth but he sathe that the piece before the deputie shreeve
142 above said came into the piece of land called Fakowers piece then in the possesscon of this ~~deponents~~
143 ~~landes tenants~~ the tedicons styles ~~as above said, and cul~~ as tenants & Fuccund
144 thereof to this deponent, he the said Mr Gilbert did come afore us this
145 deponent thinketh pett the possesscon of the said piece of grounde Peys
146 the hage growing thereupon for the said meaddowe, ~~and pe~~ and upon
147 panes made to her that he ment recompence her for it, which he never did
148 as the said meaddows hathe assormed to this deponent

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151 10 To the 10 Interrogatorie he saithe, that ~~about the~~ in the yeare arr[ound] about
152 the tyme mentioned in the interrogatorie, he did send Mr Lowe then
153 this deponents tenante unto the p[ar]cell of meadow mentioned
154 whereof there help this deponent such is this deponents land and
155 noe p[ar]te of the Byinge land as he thinketh & hopeth to pine to make
156 the interrogatorie called Stewards w[hi]ch acre ~~to interupte the spante~~
157 haye for this deponent there
158 ~~of the said Thomas Gilbert, who for loading & carrying awaie the~~
159 ~~haye, which they were then in loading and p[re]paring to carrie awaie for~~
160 ~~of the said meadow, and to which he did for and to demande tythes~~
161 of the haye there growing on the behalf of the Lord Candyhe,
162 but not to interupte the servants of the said Mr Gilbert as they
163 were loading anie haye there, And he saithe that in the three
164 yeares next before, he this deponent or some others by aisredent and
165 untracte of w[hi]ch this deponent did occupie & handed the possesscon one
166 did like the p[ro]fytte of the said ~~land~~ meadow called ~~the~~ Stewards acre
167 but he saithe that he thinketh ~~therefore~~ that Samuell Hall
168 mentioned in the Interrogatorie, handed in the possesscon thereof or of anie

169 p[ar]te thereof in anie of the said three yeares, but some other p[er]sons
170 then this deponents tenants thereof, wh[at] use names he cannot more
171 cleyalie declare, And he further saithe, that he doth not yet knowe
172 nor hathe in hearde either that the said meadow called Stewards acre, is decided
173 for the said Thomas Gilbert as is supposed by the said Mr grtorne or that the said
174 Samuell Hall did In take delm the possesscon thereof unto the said
175 Mr Gilbert, and ~~thef~~ therefore as this deponent liketh it to be thinketh, it hathe beene more p[re]sumption
176 in hym to enter into the sunn as he hathe done, the half thereof being as
177 he conceineth his owne lande

180 11 To the 11 Interrogatorie he saithe, that the said Mr Lowe did
181 not dace he was sent as above said by this deponent into the
182 ~~them~~ said meadow called Stewards acre came backe again and of the said to ~~tea~~ this deponent and tell her that there
183 anie suche decree as is mentioned in the interrogatorie was reinded there
184 and that then upper he the said Lowe was come ~~again~~ awaie fore there, neither
185 did this deponent, there upper l[oa]ded arimatie inciwrage the said Lowe to give backe
186 againe the there, and interupte & or strike the said Mr Gilberts servants
187 there, or to purke ~~be~~ then by some names to strike hym the
188 said Lowe aror to anie such p[ur]pose neither doth this deponent
189 knowe that the said Lowe did then strike Thomas Nottham mentioned
190 in the interrogatorie or his Forke out of his hande, or that the said Lowe did
191 strike samuell Hull named in the Interrogatorie, before the said Hall did
192 offer to strike hym, But this deponent saithe that ~~about two~~
193 the said Lowe about two houres aft[er] he was first sent as above said
194 to the said meadow came home to this deponents dwelling house
195 in Chad[d]esden being about half a myle from the said meadow ~~and~~
196 all of a gone blonde and much wounded bruised & beaten, and
197 told this deponent that the said Hall & two or three of the said Mr Gilberts servants handed sie

198 ~~landed~~ wounded & beate hym, and handed forceablie carr[i]ed awaie
199 all the whole haye then growing or being uppe the said meadow, ~~and handed~~
200 not having lefte anie therefore tythe,
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Interrorgatories to be inistcred to Robert Willymott

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

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

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

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

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

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enjoyed by Thomas Gilbert unto the ground no the said decree unentttoned and by his assignes did you not

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

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

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

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

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him to be brought

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

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

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

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

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holme mouth

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

224 said Man that soe disturbed the possessyon aforesaid into the Country from London to
225 keepe possession against the said Thomas Gilbert or his servants and to doe them some mischief
226 ~~and how long kept you the same man~~
227 4 Item whether did you the same daie and yeare that the man aforesaid soe disturbed
228 the possession of the said Thomas Gilbert come yourselfe w[i]th a pichforke in your hand
229 w[i]th one John holean and Richard Hett your servante or Tennant w[i]th a pichforke in his
230 hand into the said holme mouth where the servants of the said Thomas Gilbert weare
231 them leadinge of hay and resseed the servants of the said Thomas Gilbert giving them
232 revylinge and threatinge speach & sayeing looking your selves for some of you shall sinart for
233 it for theire willee bloodshed before his heay or wont to the tyke effort shal[!] bee Carryed away And whether did not
234 you and your company forcibly and by great hand resist the said Thomas Gilberts servants
235 upon the said holme mouth untill the then under sheriffe deputy of the Countie of Derby
236 called from Derby to rescue them and how farre is Derby from the said holme mouth
237 5 Item whether did not the said under sheriffe deputye and what is his name
238 presently after he came to the said holme mouth reade a Commission to you and your
239 Company made in the honourable Courte of Duchie and directed to the Sheriffe of the
240 County of Derby and his deputy for the settinge and keepinge of the said Thomas
241 Gilbert and his assignes inquyet possession of all his Ma[ges]ties landes in Spondon and

242 Chad[de]sden And whether after the said Commission soe read unto you did not the said
243 Sheriffe deputy & tutrdate you to departe w[i]th your company in peace and to suffer the said
244 Thomas Gilberts servants quietly to carry away the hay w[hi]ch they had loaden accordinge
245 To the Commission
246 6 Item whether did in you and your company or some and w[hi]ch of you after the Commission
247 soe read as aforesaid and after you weare soe intreated to departe w[i]th your pichforkes
248 w[i]th stand and resiste the said sheriffes deputie and w[i]th your forke w[hi]ch you then held in
249 your handes thrust at stryke hurt or wound a gelding or mare of the said Thomas Gilberts
250 then in the draught ready to dracoe away the said hay and would not obey the Commission
251 nor suffer the said hay then loaden to bee carryed away untill the said under sheriffe
252 [the rest is under a fold]
253 7 ~~Item what were the names [o]f all those of the whether audworth your retharded sent by your thedes to the said~~
254 ~~Holme mouth and also the names of all those threat your tyme found tyerde and that your coded prass~~
255 8 Item What was the motyvie or reason that your knowingie there was both a decree and a Commission
256 made in the honourable Corte of Dutchie for the said Thomas Gilbert ainet ecnoyeinge of the said
257 parcell of ground called holme mouth and to disobey and by force to both said hys Ma[ges]ties authority And doe
258 you know any man in the Country you dcedll in or in England that hath soe many sintis as
259 yourselfe hlith and how many have you at this wslaut wh[i]ch how many sendrough and

260 what bee there severall yares

261 9 Item whether had you the occupacon of the said holme mouth the year next before you

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

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

264 ~~know and think in your remembrance~~

265 10 Item whether did you about Julie in the year of our Lord God one then sand fre[e]hand rid

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

273 ? for you presume to enter upon thoccpacon thereof //

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

275 ? Thomas Gilbert

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277 11 Item did the said Mr Lowe the same daie that you sent him to the said Ste[wards]
278 acre as afore said to Interrupt the said Thomas Gilberts servants, come t[o]
279 you & tell you that the said Decree made in the honorable court of Duchie for the
280 said Thomas Gilbert emoyeing of the said acre was read unto the said Lowe the
281 same daie & upon the said acre, or wood, & to the like effort, whereupon hee dep[ar]ted
282 from the said acre, And did ~~not~~ you the same daie Gide the said Lowe doe again[s]t
283 them to strike him or to such a purpose, And did not the said Lowe thereupon
284 returne to the said Stewards acre and strike att Thomas Dotham or his forlo[w]ers
285 or fore tymes, as hee was therenoth loadinge of the hay, till hee stroke your fork
286 likewise stike Samuwell Hall on the face before the said Hall offered to stike
287 the said Lowe, And wold the said Lowe have come again to the said acre
288 aninrted or incoraged hurt there unto Declare what you know think or have
289 heard told, concerning the severall parts of this Interrogatorie & bynot them
290 you have beene told the same