

V. of Fr[ank]pl[edge], 18 of Decemb[er] A.d.1651

The town of Bedford. The Veiw of Franck pledge
w[i]th the Court of the Maior, Bayliffes, Burgesses & Coialtie¹
of the said town there held on Thursday the Eighteenth day
of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Six
hundred Fiftie and One. Before Rob[er]t Bell gentl[eman], Maior
of the said town, Rob[er]t Bamforth, John Easton and John Faldo
Aldermen of the said town, and Will[jia]m Faldo theld[er] & Casper
Shuckborow, Bayliffes of the same town.

The Enquest of Burgesses & Com[m]on Councell.

Samuel Gibbs thelder	Will[jia]m Lawrence
John Easton the yonger	Thomas Craftes
Mathew Drayton	Will[jia]m Craftes
James Goods	Simon Becket of the Castle
Richard Mightnall	Henrie Clarke
Thomas Pare	John Crawley

Who say upon their oathes That Thomas Spencer, Francis Banester Dr of Physick, John
Grew, W[illia]m Paley, John Hancock and Henrie Fitzhugh, Aldermen of this town, ought to

¹ The letters look to be this, but I cannot work out the abbreviated word. Likely to be an abbreviation and strange spelling of 'commonalty', which makes sense. If it is an abbreviation of 'commonalty' then I would expect to see 'Com[mon]altie' but I am struggling to see the 'm' over the 'ia'. Unless a poorly formed 'm'?

have appeared here at this view of Franck pledge according to the Ordinance and Constituc[i]on in that behalf made and have made default. Therefore each of them hath forfeited to the town Chamber according to the said Ord[inance] 2^{sh}.

Item: they say That Andrew Eston sonne of John Eston gentl[em]a[n] Burgesse of this town hath right by his birth and his Fathers coppie to bee admitted into the town guild and fellowship of Burgesses, And that hee hath paid to the Chamb[er]lins according to the Constituc[i]on 14^{sh}. Sworn and admitted. See the Court of pleas 30 August 1654.

Item: they say That Richard Cannon hath as an apprentice served Richard Hamond, a Burgesse of this town, Seaven years and hath right by his said service to bee admitted into the town guild and fellowship of Burgesses. And that hee hath paid to the Chamb[er]lins according to the Constituc[i]on 14^{sh}. The said Richard Cannon therupon came here at this Court & desired admission accordingle. And tooke his oath in that behalf and was admitted. *Note in margin: 'R Can[n]on, Burg[esse]. But reduced to the degree of Freem[an] by the Com[missione]rs of regulaes² 22 Oct[ober]*

Item: they say That Edward Burridge hath as an Appr[e]ntice served his Father Clement Burridge thelder a Burges of this town seaven yeares and hath right by his said service to bee admitted into the towne guild and Fellowship of Burgesses. And that hee hath paid to the Chamb[er]lins according to the Constituc[i]on 14^{sh}. Wherupon the said Edward came here at this Court and desired admission accordingle. And hee tooke his oath in that behalf and was admitted.

Item: they say That John Symmes the yonger hath as an appr[e]ntice served his

² Unsure of the abbreviated word. Possibly 'reugla[riti]es'?

brother Edward Symmes a Burges of this towne Seaven yeares and by his said service hath right to bee admitted into the town guild and Fellowship of Burgesses. And that hee hath paid to the Chamb[er]lins according to the Constituc[i]on 14^{sh}. And therupon the said John came here at this Court and desired to bee admitted accordinglie And hee tooke his oath in that behalf and was admitted.

Item: they say That Lewis Margetes being not of the Guild of this towne but a stranger and Foreyner to the lib[er]ties and priviledges therof did by the space of 84^{er} dayes last past use and exercise w[i]thin this town the trade of a tann[er] ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties & Contrarie to the Ordynance and Constituc[i]on in that behalf made Wherefore hee hath forfeited to the town chamber for each time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amounting in the whole to 280^l.

Item: they say That John Bartram and William Ridge being neither of them of the town guild but being both of them strangers and foreynors to the lib[er]tyes and priviledges of this towne did each of them by the space of 84^{er} dayes last part use and exercise w[i]thin the said towne the trade of a tayler Ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties & ag[ains]t the Ordynance and Constituc[i]on made in that behalf. Wherefore each of them hath forfeited to the towne chamber according to that ordynance for each time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. And in all (for what conc[er]neth him) 280^l.

Item: they say That Samuell King being none of the town guild but being a Foreynor and Stranger to the lib[er]ties and priviledges of this town did by the space of 84^{er} dayes last past use and exercise w[i]thin this town the trade of a shoemaker ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties and priviledges and ag[ains]t the Ordynance &

Constituc[i]on in that case made. Wherefore hee hath forfeited to the town chamber according to the said Ord[ynance] for each time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. And in all to: 280^l.

Item: they say That Jasper Kinerye being none of the town guild but being a stranger and foreyne[r] to the lib[er]ties and priviledges of this towne did by the space of 20^{tie} dayes last past use and exercise the trade of a bookeseller w[i]thin the said towne Contrarie to the said lib[er]ties and priviledges and contrarie to the Ordynance & Constituc[i]on in that case made. Wherefore hee hath forf[eite]d to the towne chamber according to the said Ord[ynance] for each time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amounting in the whole to: 66^l 13^{sh} 4^d.

Item: they say That Will[ia]m Joy being none of the towne guild but a stranger and foreynor to the lib[er]ties and priviledges of this towne did by the space of 84^{er} dayes last past use and excercise the trade of a baker w[i]thin this towne ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties and ag[ains]t the Ordinance and Constituc[i]on made in that behalf. Wherefore hee hath forfeited to the towne chamber according to that Ord[inance] for each of the said tymes 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d Amounting in the whole to: 280^l.

Item: they say That Edward Peircey theld[e]r being none of the guild of this towne but a stranger and foreynor to the lib[er]ties and priviledges of the same did use and excercise the trade of a glover w[i]thin the said town by the space of 20^{tie} dayes last past ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties and priviledges and ag[ains]t the Ordinance & Constituc[i]on in that case made. Wherefore hee hath forf[eite]d to the town chamber for ev[er]y time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amounting in the whole to: 66^l 13^{sh} 4^d.

Item: they say That Thomas West not being of the town guild but a stranger

and foreynor to the lib[er]ties and priviledges therof did use and exercise w[i]thin this town the trade of a blacksmith by the space of Seaven dayes last past ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties and ag[ains]t the Ordinance and Constituc[i]on made in that case. Wherefore hee hath forfeited to the town Chamber according to the said Ordinance for ev[er]y of the said times 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amount in the whole to: 23^l 6^{sh} 8^d.

Item: they say That Lewis Riseley being none of the town guild but a stranger and foreynor to the lib[er]ties and priviledges of the same did by the space of 84^{er} dayes last past sell by retaile hops, tobacco and other m[er]chandize w[i]thin this towne ag[ains]t the towne lib[er]ties and priviledges and ag[ains]t the Ordinance & Constituc[i]on in that case made. Wherefore hee hath forf[eited] to the towne chamber for each time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d according to that Ord[inance]. In all amo[unting] to 280^l.

Item: they say That Will[ia]m Fell being not of the town guild but being a stranger and foreynor to the lib[er]ties and priviledges therof did by the space of 84^{er} dayes last past use and ex[er]cise the trade of a barbar w[i]thin this town ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties and ag[ains]t the Ord[inances] and Constituc[i]on in that case made. Wherefore hee hath forf[eited] to the towne chamber according to that Ord[inance] for each time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amounting in the whole to: 280^l.

Item: they say That Samuel Gibbs the younger not being of the town guild but being a stranger and foreynor to the lib[er]ties and priviledges therof did by the space of 84^{er} dayes last past use and exercise the trade of a grocer within this towne Contrarie to the said lib[er]ties and priviledges and ag[ains]t the Ord[inances] and Constituc[i]on made in that behalf. Wherefore hee hath forfeited to the

town chamber according to the said Ord[inance] for each time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amounting in all to: 280^l.

Item: they say That George Meynard being none of the towne guild but a foreynor and stranger to the lib[er]ties and priviledges therof hath by the space of 84^{er} dayes last past used the trade of a weav[er] w[i]thin the said town ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties and ag[ains]t the Ord[inance] and Constituc[i]on made in that case. Wherefore hee hath forfeited to the town chamber according to the said Ord[inance] for each of the said times 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amounting in all to: 280^l.

Item: they say That Henrie Tyler not being of the town guild but a foreynor and stranger to the town lib[er]ties and priviledges hath by the space of 20^{tie} dayes last past used the trade of a weav[er] w[i]thin this town ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties and ag[ains]t the Ordinance and Constituc[i]on in that behalf made. Wherefore hee hath forf[eited] to the towne chamber according to the said Ordinance for ev[er]y time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amounting in all to: 66^l 13^{sh} 4^d.

Item: they say That Henrie Hewitt not being of the town guild but being a foreynor and stranger to the lib[er]ties and priviledges of this towne hath used the trade of a Coller maker w[i]thin this town by the space of 20^{tie} dayes last past ag[ains]t the said lib[er]ties and priviledges and ag[ains]t the Ordinance and Constituc[i]on in that case made. Wherefore hee hath forfeited to the town chamber according to the said Ord[inance] for each time 3^l 6^{sh} 8^d. Amount in all to: 66^l 13^{sh} 4^d.

Item: they say That Mr Thomas Haws theld[e]r and Mr Will[ia]m Abbis holding of the Lords in burgage hath each of them w[i]thdrawne his hagable or rent for Eight yeares

last past.

Item: they say That Mr Wil[ia]m Foster and Mr John Reseley holding of the Lords in burgage have each of them w[i]thdrawn his hagable or rent for one year last.

It[em]: they choose for Feildsmen: For the North side Mr W[illia]m Faldo the younger, Mr Thomas Craftes and Mr Richard Mightnall, who were now sworn.

For the South side Henrie Clarke and Mathew draughton, who were now sworn.

Item: they choose for Flesh searchers Thomas Alderman and Edward Flynt (sonn of Edward).

Their oath taken See the Court of Plees y[ea]r last of dec[ember] instant.

Item: they choose For Fish searchers Mr Thomas Pare & Mr W[illia]m Fenn.

For wood searchers Anthonie Harringto[n]& John Simmes, shoomak[e]r

Item: they choose for Bucket keep[er]s For the North side Rich[ar]d Lavender & Henrie Austin.

For the South side Clem[en]t Burridge the young[er] & Rob[er]t Arthur

It[em]: they choose for Ale tasters: For the North side Francis Peirce and Edward

Caper. Who were now sworne.

For the South side George Leeds & George Cambers

For their oath tak[en]. See the C[ourt] of pleas 28th of Jan[uary].

The Constables Enquest:

Will[ia]m Edwards

Lewis Margetes

George Hawkins

Thomas Harding

Thomas Burling

Thomas Pinnocke

Will[ia]m James

Will[ia]m Carter

Edward Weald

Lewis Smith

Richard Hamond

Humfrie Merrill

Who say upon their oathes That John Paradine gentl[eman] hath stopped a water course neare unto the Free Schoole leading unto the River of Owze: wherefore hee is am[er]ced^{10^{sh}}.

Item: they say that Francis Banester D[octo]r of Phisick hath laid a muckhill in the com[m]on land leading to the Ryv[er] of Owze: Whereby the said land is stopped: wherefore hee is am[er]ced^{3 3^{sh} 4^d}.

Item: they say That Thomas Carter (12^d), Lewis Margetes (12^d), Mr -- Warney⁴ (12^d), Mr John Paradine (2^{sh} 6^d), Mr ???⁵, Mr Will[ia]m Beckett (2^{sh} 6^d), Will[ia]m Millward the yonger (12^d), Rich[ar]d Chicheley (12^d), Mrs Parker (12^d), Mr Rob[er]t Bell now maior (6^d), Mr John Faldo (12^d), Mr Thomas Craftes (12^d), Edward Corkman (3^{sh} 4^d), Mr Thomas Spencer (6^d), George Margetes (6^d) and Benjamin Chambers (6^d) have annoyed the com[m]on ryver of Owze. Wherefore each of them is am[er]ced as appeares upon his head.

Item: they say That Thomas Gibbs (2^{sh} 6^d), John Spencer grocer (6^d), and Thomas Harriott (6^d) have laid blockes in the high street to the annoyance of the high way there. Wherefore each of them is am[er]ced as appeares upon his head.

Item: they say That Will[ia]m Beckett hath said a muck hill in the com[m]on lane leading to the River of Owze to the annoyance of passengers. Wherefore hee is

³ Meaning to 'impose a fine on'

⁴ Scribe appears to have omitted first name

⁵ Can't see due to fold of page – possibly 'Scott'?

amerced: 3^{sh} 4^d.

Item: they say That Mathew Drayton (4^d), Will[ia]m Leeds (4^d), Mr Waterman (5^{sh}), Walter Sabey (4^d), Richard Norton (4^d), Will[ia]m Edwards (4^d), Richard Buckle (4^d), Edward Corkman (4^d), Mr Robert Bell Maior (4^d), Thomas Gibbs (4^d), Will[ia]m Sheriff (4^d), Doctor Hobson (12^d), John Crawley (4^d), John White thelder (4^d), Samuel Gibbs thelder (4^d), George Margetes (4^d), Thomas Beamont (4^d), Lewis Smith (4^d), John Abbot (4^d), Mr Rich[ar]d Becket (4^d), Abraham Albone (4^d), John Bartram (4^d), George Skelton (12^d), Will[ia]m Parrat (12^d), Edward Heward (6^d), Richard Mightnall (4^d), Will[ia]m Trulove (6^d), Joseph Heward (12^d), Will[ia]m Joy (6^d), Rob[er]t Males (4^d), John Reynolds al[ia]s Burnwood (4^d), John Flint (4^d), James Goods (4^d), Edward Hawkins (4^d), Edward Flint the yonger (4^d), Will[ia]m Fenn (6^d), Will[ia]m Corkman (12^d), Samuel Mightnall (6^d), Anthonie Harrington (6^d), Thomas Feild (4^d), Thomas Craft (12^d), The widdow Becket (6^d), Mr Thomas Christie (4^d), ---- Parke (4^d), John Cleyton (3^{sh} 4^d), The widdow Gee (4^d), Rob[er]t Turrold (12^d), Mr Thomas Cooper (4^d), Peeter Linford (18^d), Mr Tuttle (4^d), Mr John Godfrey al[ia]s Cooper (4^d), Rob[er]t Browne (12^d), Thomas Netherwood (4^d), The widdow Riseley (4^d) and Thomas Cox (3^{sh} 4^d) have annoyed the com[m]on streete w[i]th their sinckes run[n]yng into it. Wherefore each of them is am[er]ced as appeares upon his head.

Item: they say That John Harrison hath laid blockes in the high streete to the annoyance of the same Therefore hee is am[er]ced 3^{sh} 4^d.

Item: they say That Edward Covington (12^d), Mr Thomas Craftes (3^{sh} 4^d), Lewis Nottingham (4^d) and John West (6^d) have laid blockes in the com[m]on lane called the Mill lane to the annoyance of passengers. Wherefore each of them is am[er]ced as appeares upon his head.

Item: they say That Mr Richard Becket hath digged a saw pitt in the com[m]on

streete called the Gaole lane against his house and layd blockes in the same streete there to the annoyance of passengers. Wherefore hee is am[er]ced 3^{sh} 4^d.

Item: they say That Rob[er]t Morgan (4^d) and Mr Will[ia]m Lawrence (12^d) have laied blockes in the com[m]on high way to the annoyance of passengers. Wherefore each of them is am[er]ced as appears upon his head.

Item: they say That Will[ia]m Lane (6^d), Samuel Middleton (6^d), Will[ia]m Haggas (6^d), George Meynard (6^d), Marke Crowder⁶ (12^d), The widdow Browne (6^d), Mr Harrison (6^d), The widdow Becket (4^d), Will[ia]m Craft (3^s 4^d), Lawrence Crispe (4^d), John Bowskill (4^d), Will[ia]m Stratton (6^d), The widdow Pateman (12^d), and The widdow Grimsditch (4^d) have laid muck and dong in the com[m]on streete to thannoyance of passengers. Wherefore each of them is am[er]ced as appears upon his head.

Item: they say That Thomas Simpson hath laid dirt in the high streete ag[ains]t St Maries church wall to the annoyance of passengers. Wherefore hee is am[er]ced 12^d.

Item: they say That Mrs Parker have suffered her ditch called the Castle ditch ag[ains]t Mr Butlers pales to lie unskowred to the annoyance of the highway adjoyning thereto. Wherefore shee is am[er]ced 3^{sh} 4^d.

Item: they say That The widdow Gale, Mr Will[ia]m Craftes, Thomas Pare and Lewis Nottingham have suffered their ditches in the com[m]on lane called Mill lane to lie unscoured to the annoyance of the high way adjoyning thereto. Wherefore each of them is am[er]ced 6^d.

Item: they say That Thomas Hills hath digged up the com[m]on highway

⁶ Letter smudged

leading to Puttnoe gate to the annoyance of passeng[e]rs, Wherefore hee is am[er]c[d] 6^{sh} 8^d.

Item: they say That Mrs Parker widdow (10^{sh}), Will[ia]m Page (6^{sh} 8^d), The widdow Richardson (5^{sh}), Thomas Feild (6^{sh} 8^d), John Craftes (6^{sh} 8^d), Simon Becket the yonger (10^{sh}), Will[ia]m Haynes (5^{sh}), Richard Gale (6^{sh} 8^d), The widdow Gale (2^{sh} 6^d), The widdow Becket (2^{sh} 6^d), Mr John Harrison (10^{sh}), Rob[er]t Davison (2^{sh} 6^d), Mr Thomas Craft (6^{sh} 8^d), Peeter Linford (6^{sh} 8^d), The widdow Everet (3^{sh} 4^d), Thomas Simpson (2^{sh} 6^d), John Harrison (2^{sh} 6^d), Edward Oliff (6^{sh} 8^d), The widdow Riseley (6^{sh} 8^d), John Smith (3^{sh} 4^d), Francis Rawlins (3^{sh} 3^d), Will[ia]m Corkman (6^{sh} 4^d), Samuel Mightnall (3^{sh} 4^d), Nicholas Hawkins (2^{sh} 6^d), John Meadborne (10^{sh}), Will[ia]m Millward the yonger (2^{sh} 6^d), John Spencer the yonger (5^{sh}), John Warner (2^{sh} 6^d), Richard Fisher (3^{sh} 4^d), Will[ia]m Ridge (2^{sh} 6^d), Simon Becket theld[e]r (10^{sh}), Richard Flint theld[e]r (3^{sh} 4^d), Edward Flint the yonger (5^{sh}), Thomas Netherwood (5^{sh}), Hughe Nottingham (2^{sh} 6^d), Will[ia]m Trulove (6^{sh} 8^d), Richard Becket (2^{sh} 6^d), Edward Howard (5^{sh}), John Mumford (2^{sh} 6^d), John Tinsley (2^{sh} 6^d), Steven Combes (2^{sh} 6^d), Edward Symmes (2^{sh} 6^d), Richard Norton (6^{sh} 8^d), John Willson (6^{sh} 8^d), Richard Tomlyn (2^{sh} 6^d), Walter Sabey (2^{sh} 6^d), The widdow Waterman (6^{sh} 8^d), Edward Hinde (12^d), Robert Becket (12^d), Henrie Clarke (3^{sh} 4^d), James Bull (2^{sh} 6^d), Joseph Sheriff (2^{sh} 6^d), Benjamin Chambers (3^{sh} 4^d), James Chambers (2^{sh} 6^d) and Isabell Fryar (6^{sh} 8^d) being com[m]on junkeepers and alehouseskeepers did breake the assise of beere in selling lesse than a full quart of the best beere for a penny. Therefore each of them is am[er]ced as appears.

Affir[med]:⁷

Thomas Pare

W[illia]m Lawrence

W[illia]m Edwards

George Hawkins

⁷ Not sure of the abbreviated word. Best guess.

[Signed by]: W[i]ll[ia]m Scott Sen[??]l⁸

⁸ Unsure of the full word. Presumably an official title of some sort.