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F.N. 409

Collections to prove Knaresborough Field parcel of Sciven. C.1610, also typed notes.

In the honor of Knaresboroughe there are three Bayliffes – one called Baliffe of the libertie of Knaresbro and he hathe within his libertie 24 townes wheareof Scriven is one, an other is called the Baliffe of the borrowghe of Knaresbro and his llibertie extends noe further then the borrowghe of Knaresbroughe, nor can he arreste anie man out of the borroughe not soe muche as in the Barbicane of the Castle w^{ch} for the nearness(/) manner of scituacon wolde seeme to be pte of the borrowghe of Knar): The Thirde is the Baliffe of the borroughe of Borrowbridge & he hath likewise noe further libertie then within his borrowghe.

The Baliffe of the libertie of Knaresbroughe maie execute his warrats in anie place within that field called Knar) fielde w^{ch} the Baliffe of the borrowghe can not doe. Their be div's bondeholds mess --- in the townshippe of Screven pcell of the 20: mess--- w^{ch} have noe bonde holde land at all but in Knaresbroughe fields, and yet they paie all ther Rente to the Grave of Scriven & ther layeres to the Constable of Screven: & some have lande botheIn Knar: field & Screven fielde & paie their Rent & layes as before.

That Peter Bensons lande in Carre mier paid Rente & layes to the grave & Constable of Sceven before he bought it: & he hathe other lande in Knar': field w^{ch} before he bought it paid layes to the Constable of Sceven:

That S^r Henr': Sling: llande in Carre mier did belonge to a Tenem' in Screven not longe sense in the tenure of one James Pearson:

That there is in Knaresbroughe a Tofte & 10:acr': d: Rod@ of bonde holde w^{ch} is noe pcell of the 20: mess--- nor paies anie Rente to the Grave of Sceven: but paies to the Collector of the Castle Rentes –xvj^d the acr': and the ccxl: acr' belonging to the 20: mess--- in Screven paie but xij^d the acr': & for themes--- they paie a pticular Rente besides w^{ch} is for ev'ie mess--- -vij^d ob'.

To shewe foorth Y^e names of those y^t ancientlie paid this bonde holde rente in Knaresbr: by an olde rowle.

All the bonde holde (excepte 10: acr' d.Rood in Knar':) doth belonge to some of the 20: messuages in Screven thoughe nowe of late div's of Knaresbr: have bought acr' & pcells of the said bonde holde & yet have noe mess--- nor pte of a mess---:

That all these 20: mess--- have libertie of Comon on Screven moore : But Knar': w^{ch} consistes onlie of 88 burgages for w^{ch} they paie for ev'ie burgage – j^d Rente to the Kinge, hathe noe libertie of Comon on Screven moore. In pces of tyme div's wastes

within the towne have been builded & granted by copie of Courte Rolle, some a longe tyme sence & some of late years soe a nowe the wasts exceede the Burgages, & yet they have noe common on Screven moore notwithstanding they holde by copie as the bondeholders doe: Besides the Burgages doe challenge llibertie of Comon within the Forreste of Knaresbr' for w^{ch} ev'ie howse paiethe to the Forest as they tearme it (a reeke pennie) w^{ch} is for the smoke of ev'ie chimeye.

That surrenders goe moste comolie in Campis de Knaresbr' & not in Knaresbr': as by surrenders vnder Pet: Bensons owne hande A^o:xxxj^{mo}: Eliz: maie appeare.

Some tymes surrenders are in Screven alone:

Some tymes in Knaresbr: & Screven.

Some tymes in neyther but names onlie the flat de terr' doicis.

Some tymes in Knar: & Feringsbie & noe man will saie that Feringsbie hathe anie lande their.

2 surrenders A^o:Edw:6ⁱ6^o: Pet: Benson knows the hade.

Some tymes in Feringsbie alone or in Campis de Feringsbie.

A^o:H:8ⁱ:16^o:

The stile of the Courte is some tymes Cur': dni Regis tent. Infra Castru de Knaresbr'.

A^o:6:Edw:6:

And some tymes Cur dni Rg' de Knar': tenta infr: Castru ibm, & soe nowe comolie & more ancientlie:

All surrenders are stiled in the mergent Knaresbrughe, & yet by some surrenders aare expressed to be inan other towneshippe as are all the surrenders wth in the Forreste of Knaresbrughe.

The ministers account de A^o:H:6:1^o: was taken frome the Auditors Rowle. A mappe. (Endorsement)

“Collecons to pve ⁴ Knar.

Field pcell of Screven.”

Folio Note 409 – “Collections to prove Knaresborough Field parcel of Scriven” ca 1610.

1932 Oct. 6.

This interesting note on the ancient social constitution and agrarion customs of Scriven and Knaresborough is written on two sides of a sheet folded in two(folis), and then in four narrow folds.

The marginal notes on fol.1. is in the first Sir Henry Slingsby's handwriting; the other notes are in the same hand as the deed itself.

Pending a detailed study of the document, a few more or less obvious points may be noted now.

It seems to set out conditions which are different from any recorded by Calvert or noted by Dr. Collins in his preface to the wills. They seem to shadow rather dimly, what I have for some time suspected, the greater antiquity of Scriven, and precedent authority, as compared with Knaresborough.

Very curious is the inability of the bailiff of the Borough to arrest in the Barbican. It seems to have been outside the borough ditch, perhaps between the latter and the castle ditch. Where did the Barbican lie technically – in the liberty of Knaresborough or in the precincts of the Castle? And how did this affect the market?

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James Pearson and his tenement in Scriven are mentioned in the will of Francis Slingsby, 1581 (F.N.408,fol. 8), and also in an account of 1629 (F.N. 434).

Note a bondhold in Knaresborough which paid rent to the Collector of the Castle Rents, and not to Sciven. Was this near the Barbican?

The scale of rents here given may be compared with the actual rents collected in 1674 and 1677 (F.N. 384). But considerable changes had been made by this time, apparently continuing that break up of the association of bondhold land with certain messuages, the beginnings of which is noted by the writer of this note (fol. 2)

Note, too, the origin of copyholds described in this note, and the distinction of the old and new copyholds in Knaresborough, and the probably far older bondholds in Scriven. (cf. Pollock: "Land Laws", 33: 41-42)

The remark about the "reeke pennie", a sort of primitive hearth tax, but here associated with the right of common in the Forest, may be instructive.

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The Baliffe of the libertie of Knaresbrough maie execute his warrats in anie place within that field called Knar⁷ fiede w^{ch} the Baliffe of the borrowghe can not doe. Their be div^s bondholde messg in the towneshippe of Sceven p⁷cell of the 20: messg w^{ch} have noe bonde holde land at all but in Knaresbrough fiede, and yet they paie all ther Rente to the Grave of Scriven & ther layes to the Constable of Screven: & some have lande bothe in Knar: field & Sceven fiede & paie their Rent & layed as before.

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are like the body.