

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

174. Quarter Sessions: Grand Jury presentment of a bridge, 1748.

DERBYSHIRE QUARTER SESSIONS, 1748

We the Grand Jury of the Lord the King & the body of this County at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in & for the said County this 10th day of January 1748 do present a certain Horse Bridge over the River Dove lying in the said County called Aston Bridge to be so much out of Repair as to be in danger of immediate falling. And we present & say if there was a Carrier Bridge erected at the same place it would be of utmost utility to this County and absolutely necessary to be done for the safety of Passengers the Passage over the said River there being very much used by Travellers from many parts of the Kingdom but more especially by the Subjects of our said Lord the King residing in this County & ye Neighbouring County. And Us the Jurors aforesaid do further present that it is altogether unknown to us nor can we find that any Persons lands Tenements or Body Politic ought of right or by ancient custom repair the same or any part hereof

Witness our hands

Tho: Wagstaff [& 13 other jurors]

Cox. II, 223.

175. Petty Sessions: presentment of a parish for an impassable road, 1695.

The presentment of Chief Constables of the Hundred of Winstree. At our Petty Sessions held at Colchester . . . we had no presentments come to our hands from our Petty Constables, therefore we have nothing to present as to their part; but as to our part we present the parish of East Donyland for a piece of road called by the name of Roomand Hill . . . being unpassable for carts, and some of the horse-road very bad likewise. So we have nothing more to present but our service to the Honourable Jury.

John Tye,
Richard Stone, } Constables.

13th January 1694. (O.S.)

Essex Quarter Sessions Archives, 1695 (Sessions Bundle 8), printed in S. and B. Webb, *Parish and County* (1900), p. 46, note 5.

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176. Quarter Sessions: a highway rate ordered, 1713.

DERBYSHIRE QUARTER SESSIONS ORDERS FOR EASTER, 1713

Whereas the inhabitants of Ashborne in this County have made it appear to this Court that they have already done their six days work apiece towards the repairing of their Highwaies (pursuant to the act of Parliament in that case made & provided) &c it proving insufficient to amend the same This Court doth order & it is hereby ordered that the sum of six pence in the pound be raised by Assessment for & towards the repairing & amending thereof.

Cox. II, 230.

177. Quarter Sessions: the county gaol, 1716.

SHROPSHIRE QUARTER SESSIONS, JULY 1716

Upon complaint made to this Court by Joan Crumpton, Widow, Gaoler for the County Gaol of this County of Salop, Complaining of severall Irregularities and Misbehaviours of the prisoners in the said Gaol, and that they frequently send for Strong Liquors out of the town into the Gaol, Sit up late, get Drunk, and very often Insult and Abuse the said Gaoler and her Servants, and disturb other Prisoners. And doe pretend that the Garrets and Severall of the other Rooms (if ye Prisoners find their own beds) are free from paying anything to the said Gaoler, and has thrown out the Gaolers bed out of some of the Rooms and have putt in their own bedds, and doe refuse to pay anything for the same, and doe lock up the Doors and keep the Gaoler out of severall of the Rooms pretending that they have a Right so to doe. And also complaining that some of the Prisoners That have bedds of their own in the Gaol doe take other Prisoners to lye with them, and take money of the Prisoners for their lodging, and thereby exclude the said Gaoler from having any benefit from the said prisoners, and by several rude and ill practises and behaviours of the said prisoners doe deprive the said Gaoler from making any Advantage of the said Gaol, Altho' the said Gaoler hath abt. Seventy prisoners for Debt belonging to the said Gaol, and hath given great Security for the said Gaol and is att great Expense in keeping Servants and persons to look after the said prisoners and Gaol. This Court, taking this matter into Consideration, and upon reading the former Orders made by this Court for the settling of the Gaol and the Rates for Lodging for the