

At the same Court: May 3^d (55)

Thomas French pl^{ttf} } Alledged sundry damage w^{ch} he had sustained
ag^t John Ervats deff^t } in Parsnips, Cabbages, + Pease by the hogg of
John Ervats sent for severall yeares last past w^{ch} he desired the Court
to do him justice in ag^t the said Ervats for whom he hath bene so
dammyed to ye value of twenty shillings

The Court asked w^t prooffe he The pl^{ttf} had that John Ervats
his hogs were disorderly or unyoked at y^e time or y^t they came in
through Ervats fence: but he produced none

John Ervats answered that the hogs came in alwayes so farre as he
could observe thro^o French fence, w^{ch} he hath often desired him
to amend it + hath suffered much damage for want of it. Also
that not wth standing it had bene done thorough the pl^{ttf}s de-
fault, yet he had tendered satisfactioⁿ in Cabbages + the pl^{ttf} stopped a
pound of flax due to y^e deff^t: + so had ended all these matters
before the Court at y^e magistrates House in Ains (53) + so issued all
matters then betwixt them depending promising to live more in peace
afterwards:

Further he alledged that he could prove that the pl^{ttf}s wife
said that Samuel Blackleys s^{ow} had eaten up their Parsnips +
not left them halfe a bushell

Goodwife Benton + Goodwife Hall did testify that they heard Goodwife
French say that Samuel Blackleys s^{ow}, had eaten their Parsnips +
not left them halfe a bushell

The Court asked if either of them had any thing more to allege
or prove materiall to y^e case, but nothing further appearing, onely
John Ervats desired he might be allowed damages for his trouble
+ molestatioⁿ unjustly, w^{ch} thing the Court took into Consideratioⁿ
+ finding that he had bene by French much troubled wth out
prooffe or ground appointing that y^e pl^{ttf} should pay all
charges of suit + witnesses + allow the deff^t: ten shillings for
satisfactioⁿ of damage by this suit

Witten L^{et}r Secret

At a pticular Court held the 14th of May 1655

Richard Hubbard pl^{ttf} }
ag^t Witten Chittenden } in case or actioⁿ depending betwixt the said
Agent or Attorney for } pl^{ttf} + deff^t as followeth viz:
M^r Whitfield deff^t

Richard Hubbard pl^{ttf} appeared + pleaded that some time this
last winter M^r Whitfields Bull did push his Cow so that she dyed
to the damage of five poundes, w^{ch} he desired the justice of the Court
may be repaid him by the sd M^r Whitfield or his Agent as they
shall meet:

Goodwife Hill testified that some evening this winter she went out wth a dark
lanthorne to help her husband to water his horse + shee standing still in the garde
wth the lanthorne while he went to the water, did turne the light towards Richard
Hubbards Cow the bull standing near her as she sat or lay on the ground, + she
turned the light that the bull might see y^t it was a Cow + so might not push her
knowing y^t he was a doghead brack or surly + had need to push some of the steer cat-
till formerly But while she so stood looking on them, shee did see the bull run at the
said Cow + gore her about the left foreshoulder or four ft so y^t shee roared much

Abraham Chittenden sen^r testified that he coming at Richard Hubbards request
to see his Cow after shee had received some hurt this winter or spring did perceive
that shee had one of her ribbs broke near to the lower end of the rib next her
belly so that the end of the bone did stand out though hee saw no hole thro^o
the skin, up^s the left side.

Thomas Betts sen^r testified that when this
Bull in question was a year old he went to drive him out of a field where he ought
not to be George Chatfield being in presence, the bull then ran at him to push him +
when he over brake him off yet he came at him againe + also at George Chatfield,
whereupon he told John Whitfield of it + wished him to geld him least he might
do hurt But he said y^t his father had order him for a bull + y^t he would not alter
it: he also saw y^t rib broken as Abraham Chittenden saith: Goodwife Betts wife

to the said Thomas Betts testified that shee said Bull some time this winter came into
their yard + shee went + drove him out of the yard but he came in againe + did gore a
bullock of her husbands + when shee had brake him off fro^m the bullock, hee ran towards her
childe who stood at the farther side of the garde + afterwards at her selfe shee stepping
betwixt y^e childe + y^e bull so y^t shee was affraid of him least he should hurt her: where
up^s shee called Jack + told him of it. + also sent word to Goodman Hill to looker to
their cattle

Richard Hubbard alledged that w^{ch} he flayed the
Cow hee found that one of her ribbs was broken into three peeces + one of them
was struck into into her p^{an}ch + all along that side shee was bruised much
+ the fflesh galed all over y^e side

Goodwife Hill further testified that shee saw the Cow feeding but a little before +
shee seemed to be well, nor saw shee any wound about her, but the next morning
shee appeared so wounded as hath bene said nor did shee eat any more meat till shee dyed:

John Hill testified that he saw the Cow in question feeding & she seemed to him to be well & to have no hurt but a few hours before y^e Bull pushed her but the next morning w^m they came to fodder the Cattell & to drive y^m to water, he perceived her ribs to be broken nor did she eat any more meat of herself untill she dyed.

Elizabeth Hubbard wife to the sd Richard Hubbard testified w^m she milked y^e sd Cow y^e same evening but a little before y^e Bull had so pushed her, she seemed to ayle nothing at all But y^e next morning appeared appeared so ill & wounded.

The Court considering the premises doe finde it proved y^t y^e Cow was killed by the said Bull mentioned, she being well immediately before he pushed her & suddenly after grievously wounded & forsooke her meat till she dyed, But they not finding prooff y^t the owner had ever been informed of any more pushings, that was done at one turne of time about three yeares since, doe Conclude it to be the Case of a more afflicting providence, & doe therefore appoint That the Bull shalbe sold & the pay equally divided betwixt Richard Hubbard & M^r Whitfield

Whittm Lett Secret:

At a meeting of the Towne held the 21th of May 1655
for elections of deputyes for y^e Generall Court
for the Jurisdiction the yeare ensuing

M ^r Kitchell		} Chosen
M ^r Chittende		
Goodman Hubbard		

At A Court for Elections here
held June the 12th 1655

Robt. Kitchell		} Chosen Deputyes for y ^e yeare ensuing
Whittm Chittende		
Geo: Hubbard		
Abra: Chittenden sen ^r		

M^r Kitchell & M^r Chittenden took the Oath but George Hubbard wanting light for renewing the same Oath to the same person for the same worke: did forbear for a time:

M^r Kitchell & George Hubbard chosen Assessors & viewers of
offences for the yeare ensuing.

Abram Chittenden sen^r & John Fowler were Chosen Townsmen
for the yeare ensuing:

Jaep Stillwell & John Sheader were Chosen Surveyors of the
highwayes for y^e yeare ensuing:

Ludford

At a particular Court here held }
 Thursday the 2^d of Decemb^r 1658 }

Richard Hubbard ptff }
 agst John Hill defendt }
 upo an actio of slander }
 appeared & pleaded that ye defendt^t hath reported
 that the ptff made no more of lying than a
 dogg did to wagge his Tail for w^{ch} wrong he
 desires the iustice of the Court for damage &
 Costs of suit:

Nathan Bradley & Stephen Bradley aged the one above 20 years, the
 other above 16 years testify upo Oath that they both heard John
 Hill, upo occasio about thrashing say that Richard Hubbard made no
 more of lying than a dogg did to wagge his Tail.

John Hill defendt^t denyed the remembrance of that speech &
 offered to disabie Nathans Testimony, w^{ch} he could not doe, but
 rather increased his owne guilt: Whereupo The Court (Considering
 that the prooff was legall & cleare & that Hill was too Commonly
 subiect to such kinds of misayages did award & apoint Hill to
 pay 5[£] to ye Plaintiffe Rich: Hubbard for damage as a fine, together
 wth Costs of suit:

John Meggs presented a Paper written & subscribed wth his owne
 hand, w^{ch} he Testifyed in Court to be the last will & a true Inven-
 tary of the estate of his father Vincent Meggs according as himselfe
 did apprise & declare it on his death Bed at Athamonascoock w^{ch} the
 Court Considering & seeing that no other prooff was like to be gained,
 did accept it upo his Oath now taken, & granted him Administratio
 wth the will annexed, requiring him to pay all debts & legacies
 due fro that estate accordingly

Wittm Dudley Junior being Complained of by Thomas Stevens
 ffor deceitfull working up of shoes, The shoes were showed
 in Court, w^{ch} appeared both shorter than other shoes of yt size
 & to be made up wth many shreds of leather instead of a midle
 sole w^{ch} being an unusuall maner & much wrong to ye wear of
 the shoes, as was iudged by 3 shoemakers in Court, ffor w^{ch} offence
 he was adindged to pay 5[£] to the Complainer for his Costs &
 damage & 10[£] to the Treasury for injury to the Commonwealth &
 was admonished to looke to it better hereafter both for his sices
 & making &c.

John Hill ptff agst }
 Tho: Clark defendt upo }
 an actio of slander }
 declared That the defendt^t Thomas Clark
 defendt^t hath slanderously reported that he
 the said John Hill laid violent hands
 upo him & took him by ye Collar or throat & shook him &
 offered one while to strike him wth his ffook & another while
 wth his ffeet: w^{ch} the said Hill denyed & so lookes at him-
 selfe as wronged & desires satisfactio for the slander.

John Jordan of the age of above 12 years, testifyes that he
 coming after his father & standing wth in sight did see John
 Hill take his father by the throat & offer to strike him & he
 heard his father then say to him, will you strike &c but
 after that they pted

Anne the wife of Thomas Clark & Mary Jordan daughter
 in law to him doe testify that they heard the said John
 Jordan coming immediatly home tell them as before is tes-
 tifyed by him:

Daniell Hubbard testifyeth that he understood John Hill
 to tell him that he did take the said Clark by the Throat
 & said to him, If I should take you a blow of the Choppes
 how could you prove it:

Nicholas Menger testifyeth that John Hill told him so &
 showed him how he did it wth his handes

The Court Considering the Case & finding the prooff cleare
 for what the defendt had charged the plaintiffe wth all did
 finde for the defendt as not guilty slandering Hill awarding
 the plaintiffe to pay all Costs of suit

Wittm Lestr:

Chancery Court for the
County of Middlesex 1653

Richard Hubbard of the County of Middlesex
doth certify that he doth know the said
John Will defendant to be a man of ill
reputation and of ill fame and that he
doth know the said John Will to be a
man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation

Mathew Bradley of the County of Middlesex
doth certify that he doth know the said
John Will defendant to be a man of ill
reputation and of ill fame and that he
doth know the said John Will to be a
man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation

John Will defendant doth certify that he
doth know the said John Will to be a
man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation

John Mogg of the County of Middlesex
doth certify that he doth know the said
John Will defendant to be a man of ill
reputation and of ill fame and that he
doth know the said John Will to be a
man of ill fame and of ill reputation
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William Dudley Junior being complained of by Thomas
for deceitfull working too of shoes, the shoes were shown
in court it appeared that the shoes were made
to be made for in many shreds of leather instead of in
single sole in being an small manner of making so long to
the wear of the shoes it was indged by 3 shoemakers in
court, for in the shoo he was admitted to pay 10 to the
complainer for his cost & damage & 10 to the shoemaker
for money to the complainer so that he was admonished to be
as it better hereafter both for his self & making

John Will defendant doth certify that he
doth know the said John Will to be a
man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation

John Jordan of the County of Middlesex
doth certify that he doth know the said
John Will defendant to be a man of ill
reputation and of ill fame and that he
doth know the said John Will to be a
man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation

Daniel Hubbard doth certify that he
doth know the said John Will to be a
man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation

Nicholas Murray doth certify that he
doth know the said John Will to be a
man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation
and that he doth know the said John Will
to be a man of ill fame and of ill reputation

Wm. Leese

Nathan Bradley Pltff agst } That John Hill slandereth him by
 John Hill defdt upo an } offering to accuse him of false witness
 Actio of slander declarth } bearing + so to disable him ffor witness-
 ing in a Case depending between Richard Hubbard + Hill:
 instancing wherein Nathan had spoken false about some
 dayes worke wch the Plaintiff affirmed he had done for Hill,
 But Hill affirmed in Court the contrary, yet could not prove it:

John Hill defdt instead of pleading in Answer to ye defdt
 went aside + agreed wth Plaintiff between themselves

Wiltm Stone desired an issue about a stray Bull taken
 up 3 yeares since + cryed +c according to order market black
 + wth Crope as are set downe in ye Marshalls Booke priced
 by John Stone + John Rosier at 35^s wch being now forfeit,
 the Charges being deducted 6^s + 2^s for pricing there rests to
 be divided 27^s whereof 14^s to Wm Stone the ffinder + 14^s to ye
 Towne Treasury.

Richard Gutteridge Complained that Wiltm Stone refuseth to
 maintaine his proportio of ffence in a Quarter at ye Castriver,
 wch being heard on both pts was referred to the 7 men who
 are appointed to set out wayes, to view the buisines + give the
 Court fuller informatio ther: better to prepare for an issue when
 called upo by the men of that Quarter

Wiltm Lette:

At Generall Court held Mar: 10th (59)

It was ordered that ye vote for pportioning of ye ffence to divide
 ye herde walks onely upo Cattell of yt kinde as formerly shall
 stand as agreed the last meeting:

Also it agreed that the ffence be made sufficient before the 20th of
 Aprill next upo penalty of such somes as is set by the Generall
 Court for ye Jurisdiction for defective fence.

It is Agreed that there shall be allowed 4^d for every Cow brast yt is
 above 3 yeares old for Bulling wch is to be paid in to the treasury
 yearly according to a just Acco of every mans Cattell of yt sort,
 wch is to be distributed amongst six Bulls equally, wch said six
 Bulls Wiltm Lette, Wiltm Chittenden, Abraham Crittenden sen,
 Wm Whitfield, Thomas Clark + Wiltm Stone have agreed to provide
 + maintaine yearly sufficient for the service, manning such
 Calves for yt purpose as the Townsmen shall approve + if either
 the six men or any of them be wary of this Agreement wth the
 Towne or the Towne wth them, there shall be two yeares warning
 given, that so other provisio may be made + lesse damage
 come by the Change or alterati:

Wiltm Lette

At a ptticular Court held the 5th of May (59)

The Inventory of the estate of Rich: Hughes, late of Guilford
 deceased was presented by Wiltm Stone who had married the
 relict or widow of the deceased wch Inventory was proved upo
 Oath in Court by the said Wm Stone + his said wife for ye
 quantity + by Robt Mitchell, Abraham Crittenden sen for ye
 value The summe total of wch Inventory amounteth unto:
 96[£] - 4^s - 7^d.