

Relative to the Building of
Houses on New Green.

Layer in Essex Street

15687

His Majesty being seized of the Manor of Richmond
otherwise West Sheen in the County of Surrey in Right of his Crown did by
Letters Patent under the Lachogue Seal bearing Date the 13th of July 1738
grant the same to the Right Honorable George Earl of Cholmondeley during
his Majesty's pleasure at the Rent of £20.

The Kings Case.

By the Custom of this Manor the Lord of the Soil may Sell and
Sell all manner of Void and Wast Ground belonging thereto by Copy
to any Person paying a fine to the Lord and a yearly Quit Rent to the
King because the Custom mentions that the Lord is bound to
Augment the Kings Quit Rent every year better than other.

In Conformity to this Custom It appears from the Court Rolls
that pieces of Void and Wast Ground have almost yearly for many
of years past been granted to many Persons by Copy at the Will of the
Lord according to the Custom of the Manor sometimes by the Stewards
alone and at other times by the Stewards with the Consent of the
Homage Jury so that the Quit Rents which in the year 1649 did
not amount to much above £13. and now increased to near £30.
exclusive of the Fines (which are arbitrary) arising by Death
or Alienation.

By a Survey taken of this Manor by Order of the Parliament
in 1647. New Green is said to contain no less than 20. Acres whereas
at present by the Grants made as above mentioned it doth not contain
half that Quantity.

It appears by the Rolls of the Manor that at a General Court Baron
held by Adjournment the 21. of May 1741. before Nicholas Paocton Esq.
the then Steward and a Homage Jury consisting of Fifteen of the
most substantial Copyhold Tenants Harry Paocton Esq. was
Admitted by the Lord at the request of the said Homage Jury to a
piece of Void or Wast Ground lying on the North side of New Green
near a Meadow there called Westwardly Wards containing in Length
from East to West 307 Feet, and in Breadth from North to South 53
Feet To hold to him and his Heirs by Copy at the Will of the Lord.

according to the Custom of the Manor by Healty Rent of Six pence
and Other the Accustom'd Services

It further appears by the Rolls that at another General Court
Baron held the 2^d of April 1752. before Nicholas Stardinge Esq. the
then Steward Nicholas Paeton Esq. was admitted to this piece of
Land as Heir to his Brother the said Harry Paeton then deceased.

This Nicholas Paeton being seized of several Copyhold . . .
Messuages as well as of this piece of ground did some time since apply
for a Licence to Lett the same in like manner as hath been granted
to the other Copyhold Tenants and accordingly a Licence was on the
17th of January last granted to him to Lett his Copyhold Estate hold
of this Manor for 21 Years from Michaelmas last

Some short time after the granting of this Licence a Remonstrance
was made to James Sayer Esq. the present Steward pretending
that this piece of Waste was not legally granted and desiring he
would restrain Mr. Paeton from troubling them but Mr. Sayer
finding from the Court Rolls that the same was legally granted as
before is mentioned gave for answer that it was not in the Power
of the Earl of Cholmondeley or himself as his Lordships
Deputy to do any thing in it and that they must apply elsewhere
as they should be advised.

However that Mr. Sayer might be better informed how this ground came
to be granted he hath enquired of several of the Copyhold Tenants who were
upon the Homage Jury at the granting thereof from whom he finds that
Mr. Herolt of How one of the most substantial Copyhold Tenants of the
Manor and then Foreman of that Jury with some others at the request of
Mr. Paeton strongly pressed the rest of the Jury to consent in granting
this piece of Waste at the General Court Baron held the 2^d of April 1751
which they then refused saying they would not give their consent until
the Inhabitants of How were informed of it that they might know if
the Inhabitants of that place had any Objections to its being granted
And therefore it was deferred till the Adjourned Court held the 21st of
June following at which Court the Homage waited till seven o'clock
in the Evening altho' the Business was finished by five to see if any
of the Inhabitants of How would oppose the granting this piece of ground
(they having had due notice for that purpose) but no opposition being made thereto
the same was granted as aforesaid