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Handwritten copy of entry in Court Leet Rolls re. election of Freemen in Morpeth, Northumberland, nd. [c.1800]

In the Court Rolls of the Court Lect Michan 1729. is following Ontry made by the Grand Jury_ Whereas no Tramen being mare in this Corporation for several years last Part in which Time a great many is head and Thus by age become unverviceable we therefore Desire the " Bailiffs and aldermen for the Time being to join with my 1 10181 Jury in requesting the K. Homble Carl of Cartisle "to make such a Number of freemen as to his Lethip shall " Num bonvenient according to the antient bustom of , this Corporation _ In the Court Roll of the Court Lat Michan 17 17 is the following entry made by the grand Sury We do non that no albermans in any of the Shades on Company's , for the future shall on Do proceed to an Election of Freemen within This Borsugh without obtaining the bonsent of the back of , carliste Low of the Said Borough for the making and , impriming such freemens at a foresaid". At this Court (Michas 1747 1 when a Number of freemen that swinn a paper writing was drawn up by some of the lord's lists and signed by almost the whole freemen whereby / as it is sail they promised not to go to an Suction ofBrothers Withumen without first obtaining a seconde from the then Low his Heirs or Successors Low of the Manor of brough of Morpith Some of the Framen w? not his Writing in the fourt Books but it is believed to bis Writing in the fourt Books but it is believed to be to the Purport of the face laid before M. Dunping. Thave been inform of this Writing was not long in the hands of Mr. Linke but whether he can be come I am not blear at it is polyible he will vay it is not Bublick Book Record Entry or Paper belonging to the Court Lat, but aprivate a greement between the ford Freemen -

(11) In the Court Roll of the Court Leet Mich[aelm]as 1729. is following Entry made by the Grand Jury –

"Whereas no Freemen being made in this Corporation for several "years last Past in which Time a great many is dead and "others by Age become unserviceable we therefore desire the "Bailiffs and Aldermen for the Time being to join with my "Lord's Jury in requesting the R[igh]t Hon[ou]r[a]ble Earl of Carlisle "to make such a Number of Freemen as to his L[or]dship shall "seem Convenient according to the Antient Custom of "this Corporation –

In the Court Roll of the Court Leet Mich[aelm]as 1747 is the following entry made by the Grand Jury –

"We do order that no Alderman in any of the Trades or Company's "for the future shall or do proceed to an Election of Freemen within "this Borough without obtaining the Consent of the Earl of "Carlisle Lord of the Said Borough for the making and confirming such Freemen as aforesaid."

At this Court (Mich[aelm]as 1747) when a Number of Freemen /was\ were sworn a paper writing was drawn up by some of the Lord's Agents and signed by almost the whole Freemen whereby (as it is said) they promised not to go to an Election of Brothurs for Freemen without first obtaining a License from the then Lord his Heirs or Successors Lords of the Manor & Borough of Morpeth, some of the Freemen woulld not sign it when offered. There is no Copy or extract of this Writing in the Court Books but it is believed to be to the Purport of the Case laid before Mr Dunning I have been inform[e]d this Writing was not long ago in the hands of Mr Lisle but whether he can be compell[e]d to produce it by Virtue of the Rule of Court or not I am not Clear, as it is possible he will say it is not a Publick Book, Record, Entry, or Paper belonging to the Court Leet, but aprivate agreement between the Lord & Freemen.



