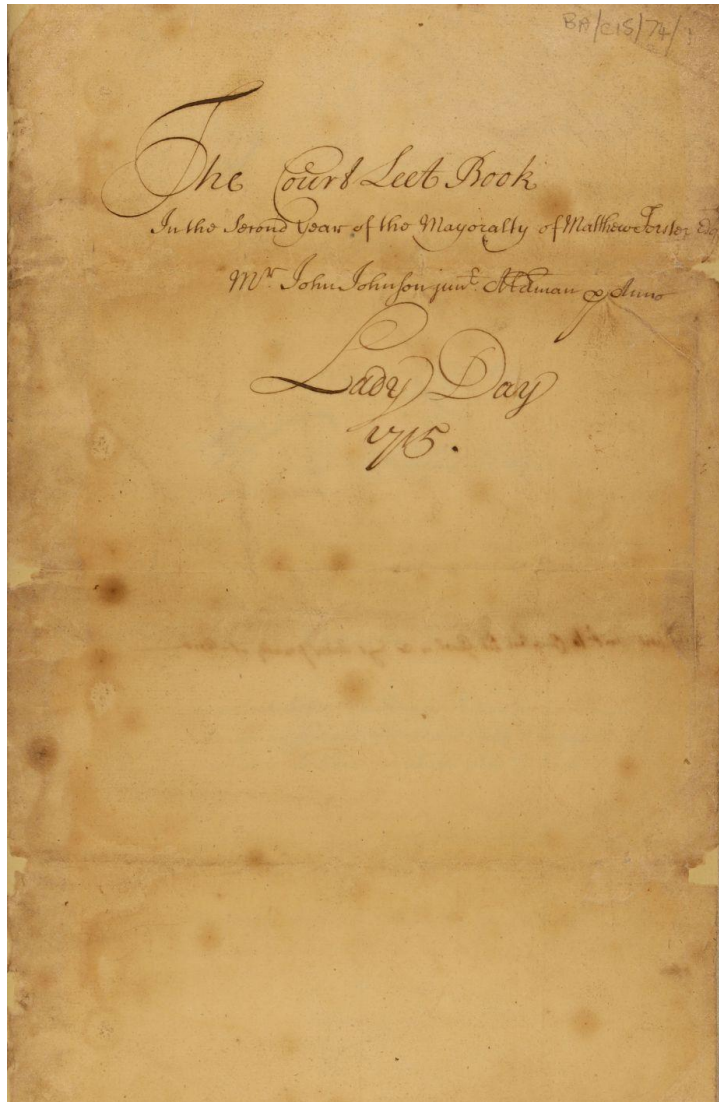


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Court Leet Roll, Manor of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, 25
March 1715.



The Court Leet Book

In the Second Year of the Mayoralty of Matthew Forster Esq[ui]re]

M[iste]r John Johnson jun[io]r Ald[er]man p[ro] Anno

Lady Day¹

1715

¹ 25th March



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Gilbert Clark to Compleat his Gavel² in 20 days Under penalty of a Mark

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Castlegate Quarter

This we leave to Mr
Mayor & Justices
20 days penalty a Noble

We present Mr Leonard Darrant for a Heap of Dirt before his Door

This the like.
20 days penalty a Noble

We present W^m Roughead for an Heap of Stones upon his Forefront and abroken Causey detrimental to the publick

This the like.
20 days penalty a Noble

We present Robert Manning and William Richardson for broken Causey in the fronts of their respective Houses detrimental to the publick

This the like.
20 days penalty a Noble

We present Robert Marblam Dorr for a Noysome Dunghill and W^m Suddis for an Heap of Stones and Rubbish before their respective Forefronts which are prejudicial to the publick

This the like.
20 days penalty a Noble

We present the Inhabitants of Castlegate Q^uarte for covering a great part of the high Causey at the head of Castlegate with with a noisome Dunghill very prejudicial to the publick

We present William Nicholson for Selling Ale without Licence

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Castlegate Quarter

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We present Robert Manning and William Richardson for broken Causeys in the Fronts of their respective Houses detrimental to the publick

This the like.
removed

We present Robert Macklain Sen[io]r for a Noysome Dunghill and W[illiam] Suddis for an Heap of Stones and Rubbish before their respective

W S³ to Remove the stones in
20 days a Noble penalty

Forefronts which are prejudicial to the publick

This the like.
W[illiam] Pattison to remove all
this Rubbish in 20 days
penalty a Noble

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³ William Suddis

² Probably referring to the gable, or end wall of a house



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Mary Gate

This we leave to M^r Mayor & Justice
 We present Matthew Forster Esq^r Mayor for Noysome Middens in his old Waste in this Quarter which is now become a publick Nuisance

This the like
 We present William Park for a dangerous Wall in the Front of his old Waste in Crossgate which may be of bad Consequence to people passing that way if not speedily taken down And likewise for noysome Middens lying on the Front of his old Waste very prejudicial to the publick

This the like
 We present William Routhead for a heap of Clay on the Front of his House at the head of Crossgate prejudicial to the publick

This the like
 We present M^r John Scott Apothecary for Dirt at his Door near Hidehill pant

This the like
 We present M^r Justice Sibbit as his Majesties Storekeeper for a noysome Midden of Ashes at the West End of the Main Guard prejudicial to Joseph Thompson's Shop & Ware and to the other Neighbours

This the like
 We present W^m Routhead for a noysome Midden before a Shop of his near M^r Selby's in Mary Gate

This the like
 We present M^r John Stanton for a broken Causey on the front of his Dwelling House in Marygate

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This the like
 We present Mr John Stanton for a broken Causey on the front of his Dwelling House in Marygate



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Churchgate Quarter

This we leave to Mr Mayor & Justices We present the Inhabitants of Walkers Lane which leads to the Church for bad Causeys on their respective Forefronts being very detrimental to the publick

This the like We present Thomas Law for a bad and dangerous Gavel of his House at the Head of Shaws Lane ready to fall if not Speedily prevented

This the like We present the Inhabitants of Shaws Lane for bad Causeys on their Fronts which are very prejudicial to the publick

This the like We present Thomas Dawson for a noysome Dunghill before his Door in Axom's Lane very prejudicial to people passing by way

This the like We present the Inhabitants of Axom's Lane & Walkergate for a Midden at the foot of the said Lane close to the Wid^o Hadley's Garden dyke.

This the like We present the Inhabitants of Wallas's Green for noysome Dunghill's before their respective Houses there very prejudicial to the publick

This the like We present the Inhabitants of Churchgate Qu^{ar}ter for laying Ashes again & other Rubbish upon the Upper End of the Parade in the Way to the Church very noysome & prejudicial to the publick.

This the like We present Isabel Thompson Widd^o James Ford James Denham George Cuthbartson Mary Farguson Daniel Selby Thomas Forster Hannah Gibson Widd^o and John Jack for broken Causeys before their respective Houses in Churchgate being the way to the Church

This the like We present Widd^o Willoughby & Jane Suddis for noysome Middens lying on their respective Forefronts in Churchgate

This the like We present Widd^o Halliday for 1/4 weight too light

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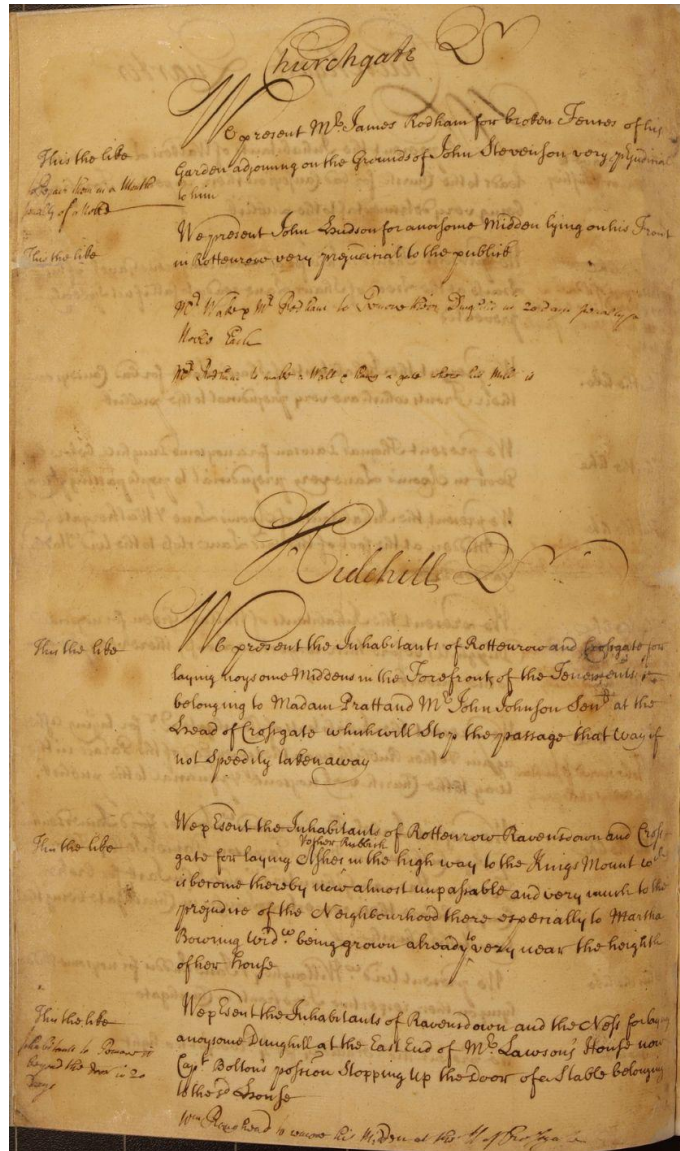
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Churchgate Q[uar]te[r]

This the like
Repair them in a Month
penalty of a Noble

We present M[is]ter James Rodham for broken Fences of his
Garden adjoining on the Grounds of John Stevenson very p[re]judicial
to him

This the like

We present John Hudson for a noisome Midden lying on his Front
in Rottenrow very prejudicial to the publick

M[is]ter Wake & M[is]ter Rodham to Remove their Dunghills in 20 days penalty a
Noble Each
M[is]ter Rodham to make a Wall & hang a gate where his Mill is

Hidehill Q[uar]te[r]

This the like

We present the Inhabitants of Rottenrow and Crossgate for
laying noysome Middens in the Forefront of the Tenements
belonging to Madam Pratt and M[is]ter John Johnson Sen[io]r at the
Head of Crossgate which will stop the passage that Way if
not Speedily taken away

This the like

We p[re]sent the Inhabitants of Rottenrow Ravensdown and Cross
& other Rubbish
gate for laying Ashes ^a in the high way to the Kings Mount w[h]ich
is become thereby now almost unpassable and very much to the
prejudice of the Neighbourhood there especially to Martha
Bowring Wid[ow] being grown already ^a very near the height
of her House

This the like
Inhabitants to Remove it
Beyond the door in 20
days

We p[re]sent the Inhabitants of Ravensdown and the Ness for laying
a noysome Dunghill at the East End of M[is]ter Lawson's House now
Cap[ta]in Bolton's poss[ess]ion Stopping up the Door of a stable belonging
to the s[ai]d House

W[illia]m Roughead to remove his Midden at the [...] of Crossgate

^a Unclear



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Hidehill Quarter 71

This we leave to
M^r Mayor and
the Justices
to repair them in 20 days

We present James Satterthwait Matt Dods Ralph Smith
M^r John Scott Attorney George Slater M^{rs} Martha Orde
W^m Tarleton M^r Walter Ashley and M^r Windlows for bad
and broken Causeys in the Fronts of their respective houses
in Hidehill

Wereon to make an order at next session to prevent laying any more
Rubbish in the high way leading to the Kings Mount -----
The Inhabitants of the Ness to Clean all their forefronts & carry away the
Dirt they have Caused & to make a passage to the Wall

Bridgestreet Quarter

This the like
Removed

We present M^r William Pattison Robert Atkinson M^r
Thomas Gallimore & M^{rs} Eliza Wilson Wid^{ow} for bad & broken
Causeys before their respective Dwelling houses in Bridge Street
very prejudicial to the publick

Causey to be repaired

We present M^r John Johnson Sen^{ior} for a very noysome heap
of Rubbish on the Front of his old Wall in Bridge Street very
prejudicial to the publick intirely stopping up the way on that
Side the Street and hindring the Current of the Water in the
Common Gutter to the Common Shoar

This the like

We present M^{rs} Eleanor Ord for 1 lb weight and 1/2 lb weight
too light

This the like

We present M^r John Johnson Sen^{ior} for a bad & dangerous
Causey in the Front of his Garden Wall in the Easter Lane
being detrimental to the publick

This the like

We present John Fyars for a broken Causey on the Front of
his Dwelling house

This the like

We present M^r Benjamin Greive for a noysome Dunghill
on the Front of his Malt Barn in Easter lane very p[re]judicial
to the publick

W^{idow} Compton to Remove the Stones at John Gradons Shop
M^{rs} Jackson to repair her Causey

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* Or possibly W[illiam] or M



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Bridgestreet Quarter

This we leave to M^r Mayor and Justices.

We present M^{rs} Eleanor Forster Wid^{ow} for a broken Causey on the Front of her House in Wester lane very prejudicial to the publick and dangerous to the Porters rendering the Way almost unpassable for them with loads And also for an Inroachment upon the publick Lane at the s^aid broken Causey by building a pair of Stairs there

This the like.

We present Edward Neelson Alderman for a Gavel boring into a Stable belonging to Isabel Fowler and which being ready to fall may do great Damages to her if not Speedily taken down

This the like

20 days a Noble penalty

We present Edward Neelson Alderman William Pattison Jun^{ior} Thomas Neelson Moses Law W^{illiam} Shell Sen^{ior} Stephen Young W^{idow} Dunne & Alex^{ander} Bell for broken Causeys in their respective Fronts in the Wester lane

This the like

We present William Shell Sen^{ior} for a broken Gavel in M^{rs} Neelson's Entry likely to fall if not Speedily taken down

This the like

We present the Inhabitants of the Easter and Wester Lanes for making almost noysome Dunghill in a piece of Ground belonging to M^{rs} Eleanor Forster's House in the Wester lane very prejudicial to the Inhabitants of that House

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We present William Shell Sen[ior] for a broken Gavel in M[istres]s Neelson's Entry likely to fall if not Speedily taken down

This the like

We p[re]sent the Inhabitants of the Easter and Wester Lanes for making a most noysome Dunghill in a piece of Ground belonging to M[istres]s Eleanor Forster's House in the Wester lane very prejudicial to the Inhabitants of that House

Palace Street Quarter

This we leave to
M^r Mayor & Justices

We present the Inhabitants of Palace Street^{Q^uarte}r
for making a noysome Dunghill behind the Gov^r's House
very prejudicial to the publick being likely in a little time
to Stop up the passage that way if not removed

This the like

We present the Inhabitants of Palace Street for laying
noysome Dunghills and in⁷ Shell's Walls and on the Front of
M^r John Foreside's Horse Miln which will entirely Stop
up the passage that way if not Speedily removed

This the like

We present Robert Mills for a noysome Dunghill lying on
the front of his House in the Middle of Palace Street
being prejudicial to the publick.

This the like

We present George Lindsey for great Heaps of Stones
lying on the Front of his House in this Quarter which
may be of bad Consequence if not Speedily taken away

We present Sam^uel Fenton for a broken Causey

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W^m Mayor & Justices
 The Regard which we have to the Oaths we are under,
 diligently to enquire, and truly to present, the several abuses that
 by our Oath and Equivocal Oaths, has brought us to make the
 impartial Presentments, which we now lay before you.
 The almost Universal Complaint which we meet with in our Walk,
 of the Non-Employment of Power, in the punishment of Offenders and
 Removal of Offences, forbids us to forbear acquainting you with that
 general Sense. And we cannot help Saying it with Some Earnestness,
 that it grieves Us, not only to hear our Selves reflected on as a formal Set
 of Men, sent about to no purpose; but that we should have occasion to
 repeat the Notice of Nusances, Some of them presented Six Months
 ago; and Some others of Twenty times that Standing
 We can do no more, than make a true Representac[i]on of Such persons
 and things, as are culpable and punishable. The Judicial Authority to
 punish and the power of giving Laws a vigorous Execution are
 altogether lodged in You: We beg therefore your Worships Serious
 Inspect[i]on into the Nusances and Annoyances before mentioned; and
 that the good Laws which we have the happiness to live under, may be
 attended with that, In the want whereof only, they can be called a
 dead Letter.
 This we are Sure will effectually Silence the just Complaints of the
 Unredressed aggrieved; and not only redound abundantly to a
 Honour, but also give a general Satisfac[i]on to all Such as desire the
 welfare of this place; and more particularly to
 God Worships most humble
 Serv[an]ts
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 Will[ia]m Roughead
 Will[ia]m Davidson
 Tho[mas] Gradon
 James Denham
 Tho[mas] Johnson, Ald[er]m[an]
 William Armourer
 George Singleton
 John Hurds
 Will[ia]m Shell jun[ior]
 Moses Laws
 James Landall
 John Pearson
 Samuel Fenton
 William Nesbitt

[Mister] Mayor & Justices

The Regard which we have to the Oaths we are under, diligently to enquire, and truly to present, the Several abuses that lye within our Cognizance as Jurors, has brought us to make the impartial Presentments, which we now lay before you.

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Peter Stow	Jo[h]n Johnson j[unior] Ald[er]m[an] p[ri]o Anno
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