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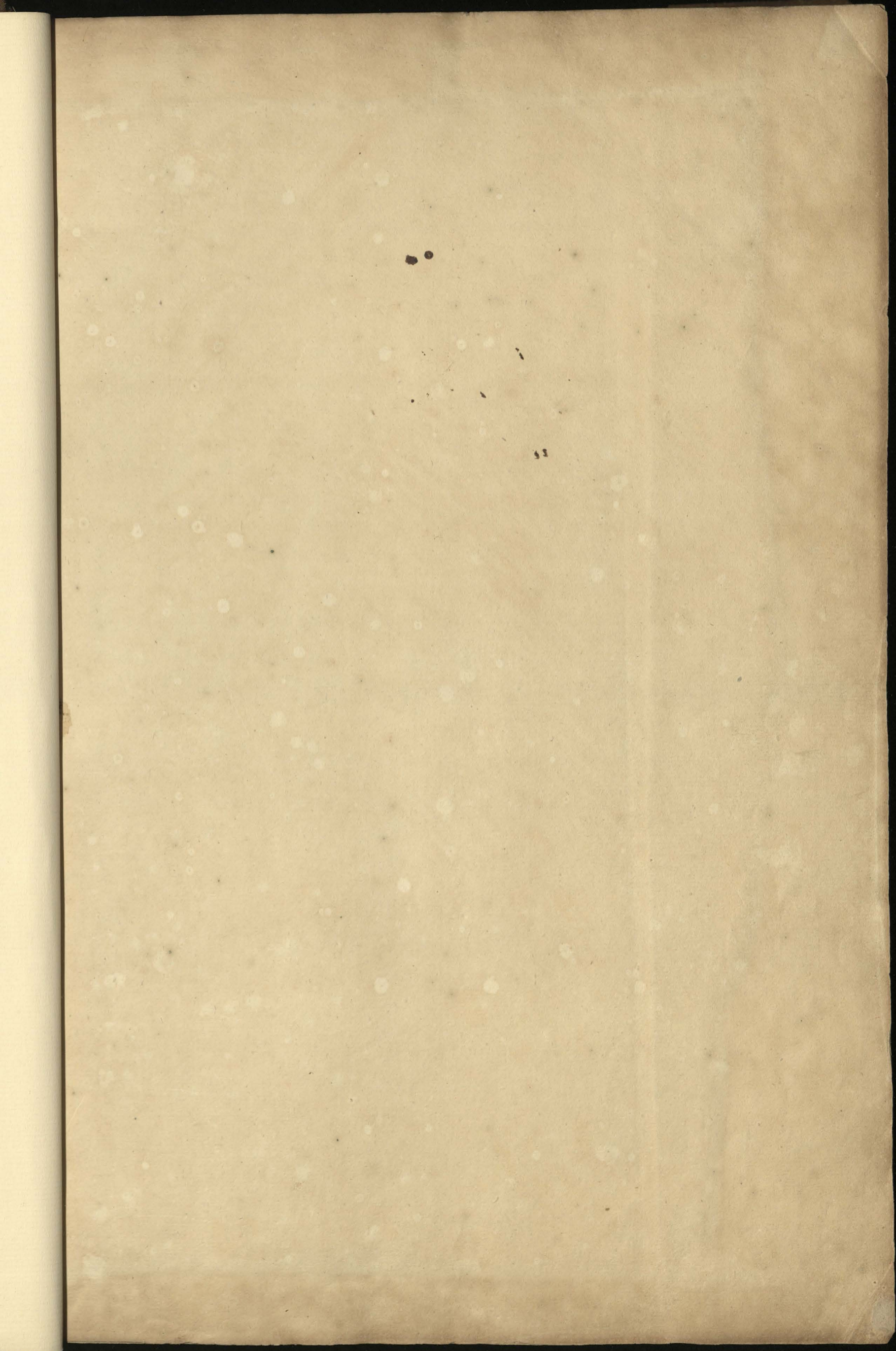
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Richard Lord Cobham Baron of Cobham
Constable and Governour of the Castle and
Honour of Windsor Lord Warden of Windsor
Forest Lieutenant Gen^l of His Majesties Land
Forces Coll: of the Royal Regiment of Dragoons
and one of the Lords of His Majesties most
Honourable Privy Council

To Richard Nevile Esq Deputy
Lieutenant of Windsor Forest

By Vertue of the Power and Authority to me
Granted by His Most Excellent Majestic King
George of Great Britain France and Ireland
Defender of the Faith &c. Reposing special trust
and Confidence in You the said Richard Nevile
To do His Majestic good and Faithfull Service I
the said Richard Lord Cobham &c. Do by
These presents Nominate Constitute and appoint
You to be my Deputy Lieutenant of the said Castle
and Forest of Windsor, requiring You to take the
said Office and Trust into your Care and Charge and
use your best Endeavour for the Preservation of His Majesties
Deer Game and Vert And to hold Exercise and Enjoy the
said Office and trust During my Will and Pleasure with
all the Lodgings Fees Salary Privileges Proffits and
Advantages thereto belonging in as large and ample manner
as you have heretofore held exercised and Enjoyed the
same Given under my hand and Seal this
Twenty Sixth Day of December Anno Dom 1716
And the Third Year of His Majesties Reigne

By His Lordships Command

Cobham

Richard Lord Cobham &c^a

To Colonel Francis Negus

By Vertue of the Power and Authority
to me Granted by His most Excellent &&
Majestic King George By Letters Patent under
the Great Seal of Great Britain, I do hereby
Grant unto Colonel Francis Negus the Rangership
and Custody of the Walks called Bigshott Walks
and Sandhurst Walks in Windsor Forest, with the
Lodge and all other the Appurtenances. Fees -
Perquisites Profitts and Emoluments thereto belonging
or in any wise Appertaining To hold to the said
Francis Negus during my Will and Pleasure in as
ample manner as himself or any other heretofore
shall had and Enjoyed the same requiring him the
said Colonel Francis Negus to perform the Office
of Chief Forester of the Bayliwick of
Finchamsted and to take Especial Care to
Preserve His Majesties Deer Game and Vert
of the said Forest Given under my Hand
and Seal this Twenty Sixth Day of December
in the Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign
Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Britain
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. Ann Dom 1716.

By His Lordships Command.

Cobham

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Richard Lord Cobham Es^a

To James Pearse Esq

By Vertue of the Power and Authority
to me Granted by Letters Patents under the Great
Seal of Great Britain I do hereby constitute and
appoint James Pearse Esq to be Woodward of
His Majesties Woods Timber Trees and Hedge
Rows in the Seaven Hundreds of Coockham
Bray and all other His Majesties Woods within
the Forest of Windsor to have and to hold the
said Office of Woodward together with the
Fee or Salary of Five and Twenty Pounds
£ And Granted by Her late Majesties Letters
of Privy Seal and all Perquisites Fees
Benefits and Emoluments belonging to the said Office
during my Will and Pleasure requiring the
said James Pearse Esq to use his utmost Endeavours
for the Preservation of His Majesties Woods and
all other Vert of the said Forest and to give me an
Account of any Warrants that shall be brought
for Felling or cutting down any of His Maj^{ties} Timber
there, I do likewise require all Under-keepers and
Forresters to be aiding as there may be Occasion to
Suppress and bring to Punishment all the Woodstealers
and Destroyers of Wood and other Vert Given under
my Hand and Seal this Twenty Sixth day of
December 1716 In the Third Year of the Reign of Our
Sovereign Lord George By the Grace of God Es^a

By Es^a

Cobham

Richard Lord Cobham &c^a -

To Edmund Halsey Esq^r -

By Vertue of the Power and Authority to
me Granted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty
By Letters Patents under the Great Seal of Great
Britain, I do by these Presents Nominate constitute
and Appoint Edmund Halsey Esq^r Sheriff and
Bayliff of the Walk called Battles Walk alias
Battles Baylywick within the Forest of Windsor
in the County of Berks during my Will and
Pleasure and for the Execution of the same do hereby
give and Grant to the said Edmund Halsey all Holes
Lodges, Wages Fees, Rewards, Allowance, Advantages and
Emoluments whatsoever to the said Office rightfully
belonging Particularly the Ancient Fee or Salary
Formerly Payable out of the Revenue of the
Honour and Castle of Windsor to be paid
Henceforth in such manner as His Majesty
shall or shall think fit to direct; Given under
my hand and Seal this Twenty sixth Day of
December Ann: Dow 1716. In the Third Year
of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George by
the Grace of God King of Great Britain
France and Ireland &c^a -

Cobham -

By His Lordships Comm^{rs}.

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Richard Lord Cobham &c^o -

To Colonel William Barwell -

By Vertue of the Power & Authority
to me Given by the Kings most Excellent &
Majestie under the Great Seal of Great
Britain I do Nominate Constitute and
Appoint and by these Presents have
Nominated Constituted and Appointed You
the said William Barwell to be Rider of
the Forest of Windsor: To have use and
Exercise the said Office of Rider; and to have
and Enjoy all Fees Proffitts. Perquisites &
Privileges and Advantages whatsoever to
the said Office belonging or in anywise
Appertaining during my Will and Pleasure
only Given under my hand and Seal of
Armes this Twenty Sixth Day of December
1716 In the Third Year of the Reign of
His Majestie King George -

Cobham -

By &c^a -

Richard Lord Cobham &c^e

To

By Vertue of the Power & Authority
to me Given by the Kings most Excellent
Majestic under the Great Seal of Great
Britain I do hereby Nominate Constitute
and Appoint You the said
to be Under-keeper of Swindly Walk in
Battles Balywick in the Forest of Windsor
Granting to You the yearly Fee and Salary
of Twenty Pounds (payable heretofore
out of the Revenue of the Honour and
Castle of Windsor) together with all other
Proffits Perquisites and Advantages &c^e
thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining
To have hold and Enjoy the said Place
of Under-keeper during my Will and Pleasure
only And you are hereby required to use your
utmost Care and Diligence for the Preservation of
the Deer and all other His Majesties Game and
Vert of the said Forest of Windsor Given
under my Hand and Seal this 26. day of Decemb. 1716
In the Third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George

By &c^e

Cobham

Note an other of the same for an other
Under-keeper to the same Lodge

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Richard Lord Cobham &c^a —

To Robert Hamington —

By Vertue of the Power & Authority to
me Given by the Kings most Excellent Majesty —
under the Great Seal of Great Britain I do
hereby Nominate Authorize and Appoint
You the said Robert Hamington to be
Under-keeper of Bigshot Trails Walk in
Finchamstead Balywick in the Forest
of Windsor to Hold and Enjoy the same
during my Will and Pleasure together with the
Yearly Fee or Salary of Twenty Pounds
(formerly Payable out of the Revenue of
the Honour and Castle of Windsor) To be
paid in Such manner as His Majesty
shall be Graciously Pleas'd to Direct with all
other Profits Perquisites and Advantages to
the Under-keeper there belonging or in anywise
appertaining. And you are hereby required
to use your utmost care and Diligence
for the Preservation of the Deer and all
other His Majesties Game and Vert of
the said Forest of Windsor Given under
my Hand and Seal this 26 Decemb: 1716
In the Third Year of Our Sovereign
Lord King George Cobham —

By &c^a —

Richard Lord Cobham &c^a

To John Sawyer Sen: -

By Vertue &c^a... and Appoint you the
said John Sawyer to be Under-keeper of that
part of Cranborn Lodge Walk commonly call'd
Miltens Walk in Cranborn To hold &c^a (Note the
rest is the same as Robert Hanningtons)

To William Miles to be Under-keeper
of Old Windsor and Egham Walk in the Forest
of Windsor &c^a (Note the rest is the same as the said
Robert Hanningtons)

To Augustin Hannington Sen: to be
under keeper of Sandhurst Walk in Finchamstead
Baylwick in the Forest of Windsor To hold &c^a
(Note the rest is the same as the said Rob: Hanningtons)

To Augustin Hannington Jun: to
be under-keeper of Easthamstead Walk in the
said Baylwick in the Forest of Windsor
To Hold &c^a (Note that the rest is the same as
the Afforesaid Robert Hanningtons)

To Thomas Holliar to be under-
keeper of Linchford Walk in the Baylwick of
Sherry together with the Lodge and all other
appurtenances And the Ancient Salary of 20 &c^a
To Hold &c^a Note that the rest is the same as y^e
said Robert Hanningtons. Except as foll: viz In as
full and ample manner as Thomas Green Gent: -
Robert Paulson Gent: or any other Keeper hath had or
Enjoyd the Same; (And You are hereby Required &c^a)

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Richard Lord Cobham &c^a

To William Carter of Shrubs Hill

Whereas the Game of Hare Pheasant Partridge
Heath Pelt and other Wild Fowl and Royal Game
in and about the Forest of Windsor is often destroyed
by disorderly Persons using Grayhounds Lurchers Mungrels
Seting Dogs Trannells Funnells Nets or other Engines
Contrary to Laws and Statutes of this Realm in
Such Cases provided for the prevention whereof and
to the end the Game of all sorts as aforesaid may
be preserved pursuant to His Majesties special
Command for His Majesties Sport and Recreation
These are in Trust and Confidence of your Diligence
and Fidelity to Authorize and require you the said
William Carter to take special Care that the said
Game be preserved and in case you shall find or discover
any Person or Persons Inhabitants or others within the
Balywick of Surry Egham Walk in the said County
or Old Windsor Walk in the County of Berks that
shall presume to use any of the said
Indirect means or Engines or do or shall keep
any sort of Dogs for the Destruction of any of
the said Game You are from time to time to
Certifie to me the Names of the Persons so
offending in Order to have them Punish'd as the
Law Directs and all Mayors Sheriffs Justices
of the Peace Constables Foresters and other
Officers as there may be Occasion are hereby
Required to be Aiding and Assisting to you
herein And for your ^{and their} so Doing.

This

This Shall be a Sufficient Warrant during
my Will and Pleasure Given under my
Hand and Seal this Twenty Sixth Day
of December 1716, In the Third Year of
the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord
King George —
Cobham

By his Lords^{ts} Comm: —

Richard &c^a —

To William Lowen

By Vertue &c^a. In Trust and
Confidence of the Honesty and Ability of
You William Lowen I do &c^a. to be
Under Keeper of New Lodge Walk in the
Forest of Windsor; During my Will and
Pleasure and to have and to hold the Lodge
Mere^{ts} belonging Together with the same
Yearly Fees; or Salary; Allowed by His Maj^{ty}
to You Formerly out of the Revenue of the
Honour and Castle of Windsor to be paid
in such manner as His Majesty shall think
fit to Direct, as also all other Perquisites,
Profits and Emoluments in as large and ample
manner as any Under-keeper of the said Walk
shall had or ought to have Enjoyed; Requiring
You &c^a. Note the rest is the same as Rob: Hanington

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Richard Lord Cobham Sc^a

To Baptist Nun

Whereas the Game of Hare Pheasant
Partridge and other Wild Fowl and Royal Game
in and about Windsor Forest are often Destroyed
by Disorderly Persons using Grey hounds
Mungrets, Setting Dogs, Guns, Trannells, Tunnells,
Nets or other Engines (Contrary to the Statutes
and Laws of this Realm in such cases provided)
For the prevention whereof and to the end the
Game of all sorts as aforesaid may be preserved
pursuant to His Majesties Special Command
for His Majesties Sport and Recreation
I thus are in Trust and Confidence of your
Diligence and Fidelity To Authorize and
require you the said Baptist Nun to take
Special care that the said Game be preserved.
And in case you shall find or Discover any
Person or persons that shall presume to use
any of the said Indirect means or Engines
for the Destruction of any of the said Game
within the Walks called or known by the
Names of Crauben Walk, Old Windsor, and Egham
Walkes or any other Walkes or Places within
the said Forest or within the Jurisdiction of
the Honour and Castle of Windsor.

In

In the Counties of Berkes and Bucks
within three Miles of the said Castle of
Windsor. You are from time to time to
Certifie to me the Names of the Persons
so Offending in Order to have them punished
as the Law directs, And all Forrestors
and other Officers are hereby required to be
Aiding and Assisting to you herein and for
your and their so doing this shall be a
Sufficient Warrant During my Will and
Pleasure and also to receive and Enjoy
all such Yearly Fee or Salary as His Maj.^{ty}
by Letters of Privy Seal was Graciously
Pleas'd to allow together with all proffits
Perquisites and Advantages to the said Office
belonging or Appertaining in as ample manner
as any other Game-keeper hath heretofore
Enjoyed the same Given under my Hand
and Seal this Twenty Sixth Day of Decem:
In the Third Year of the Reign of Our
Sovereign Lord King George 3^d. 1716 -

Cobham -

By his Lordship's Command -

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Richard Lord Cobham

To George Lurdham of Bagshot &c

Whereas the Deer of His Majesty's
Forest of Windsor do frequently stray
into such part of the County of Surry
as is without the said Forest by which
they are in continual Danger of
being Destroyed by the Country People
And Whereas the Game of Hare
Pheasant, Partridge, Heath Pelt Duck &
Mallard in several Places in the said
Forest adjoining to the County aforesaid
are often Destroyed by Disorderly Persons
using Gray hounds Lurchers, Almgrits
Seting Dogs, Trannets, Tunnels Wyers Guns
Notts or other Engines: For the prevention
whereof and to the end the Deer and
Game may be preserved pursuant to His
Majesties Especial Command for His Majesty's
Hunting sport and Royal Recreation;
These are in Trust and Confidence of your
Diligence and Fidelity to Authorize & appoint
You the said George Lurdham to Recharge
And

And with Hounds drive Back the out-
lying Deer within the said County of
Surrey in the said Forest of Windsor
and likewise from time to time to Certifie
to me the Names of such persons as shall
presume to give Disturbance to the said
Deer either in the Forest or County of
Surrey adjoining or shall use any of the
said Indirect means or Engines or do or
shall keep any sort of Dogs for the
Destruction of any of the said Game
in order to have them Punish'd as the
Law Directs and all Wrayors, Sheriffs,
Justices of the Peace Constables, Forresters
and other Officers are hereby required to be
aiding and assisting to you herein and for
your and their so Doing this shall be
a Sufficient Warrant During my Will
and Pleasure Given under my Hand
and Seal this Twenty Sixth Day of
December In the Third Year of His
Majesties Reign Anno Domini 1716.

Cobham

By His

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Richard Lord Cobham &c^a

To Augustine Hamnington of
Easthamstead Junior

By Vertue of &c^a

I, do hereby Constitue Authorize and
Appoint you the said Augustine
Hamnington to be Vermine Killer of
Windsor Forest; To have and to hold the
said Employment During my Will and Pleasure
with the usual Salary Fees and Perquisites
thereunto belonging in as full and ample
manner as any other Vermine Killer hath
had and Reced at any time past, And
you are hereby required Diligently to
Discharge and Perform the said Trust
and to do your utmost Endeavour to
preserve His Majesties Game and Vert in
the said Forest Given under my hand &
Seal this 26th Day of December 1716 -
In the Third Year of the Reigner of our
Sovereign Lord King George

By &c^a

Cobham

Richard Lord Cobham &c^{rs}

To George Trye Gamekeeper and Keeper
of Chertsey Walk

Whereas the Game of Hare, Pheasant, Partridge and other Wild Fowl and Royall Game in and about Windsor Forrest is often destroyed by disorderly Persons using Grey-hounds, Mungrills, setting Doggs, Guns Trannells, Trunnels, Nets or other Engines (Contrary to the Statutes and Laws of this Realme in such case provided) For the prevention whereof and to the End the Game of all sorts as aforesaid may be preserved Pursuant to His Maties Special Comand for His Mat^{ty} Sport and Recreation, These are in Trust and Confidence of Your Dilligence and Fidelity to authorize and require You the said George Trye to take special Care of the said Game be preserved, and in case You shall find or Discover any Person or Persons that shall presume to use any of the said Indirect means or Engines for the Destruction of any of the said Game in or about Old Windsor Walk or places adjacent within the Forrest of Windsor or within y^e Jurisdiction of the Honour and Castle thereof, You are from time to time to Certifie to me the Names of the Persons, so offending in order to have them punish'd as the Law Directs, and all Forresters and other Officers are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to You herein and for Your and their so doing this shall be a sufficient Warrant during our Will and Pleasure, and also to receive and Enjoy all such Fee or Salary as His Mat^{ty} by Letters of privy Seale is graciously pleas'd to allow, together with all profitts, perquisites and Advantages to the said Office belonging or appertaining in as ample manner as any other Gamekeeper hath heretofore enjoyed the same Given under my hand and Seal, This third day of June 1717 In the third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George.

By &c^{rs}

Cobham

Richard Lord Cobham Es^{ca} 99

To James Gibson Underkeeper of Stammerhill

Whereas the Deer of His Ma^{ties} Forrest of Windsor do frequently stray into such part of the County of Surry as is without the said Forrest by which they are in continuall danger of being Destroyed by the Country people and other Disorderly Persons, For the prevention whereof and to y^e End the Deer may be preserved Pursuant to His Ma^{ties} Special Command for His Ma^{ties} Hunting Sport and Recreation These are in Trust and Confidence of Your Diligence and Fidelity to authorize and appoint You the said James Gibson to be Underkeeper of that Walk Commonly called Stammerhill Walk in the County of Surry requiring You to Use Your Utmost Care and Endeavours by all lawfull ways and means for the preservation of His Ma^{ties} Deer as afores^d and You are hereby impowered to have hold and keep the said Office during my Will and Pleasure together with such Yearly Fee and Salary as His Ma^{ties} by Letters of Privy Seal is graciously pleased to allow as also all other Perquisites Benefits and advantages thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. Given under my Hand and Seal this third day of June 1717 In the third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George

By Es^{ca}

Cobham

Richard Lord Cobham &c

To John Woodroff Mason

By Virtue of the Authority and power to me given
By the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, under the Great
Seal of Great Britain, I do hereby Nominate, Authorize
and appoint You the said John Woodroff to have and
Exercise the Office and Employment of Master Mason
of His Ma^{ty} Works at the Castle of Windsor, During My
Will and Pleasure, with the Sole Priviledge of doing &
performing all the Masons Work there to be done, And
to have and Enjoy all other Priviledges, profitts & advantages
whatsoever to the Office and Employment belonging in
as full and ample Manner as any preceeding Master
Mason hath heretofore had and enjoyed the same Given
under my Hand and Seal this Third day of June 1717
In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord
King George

Cobham

By &c
W. W.

Warrants granted according to the above forme To the
Undermenconed Artificers, Viz^t

To Tho. Howard Carp.
W To Int^r Forster
W To Cha: Windsor ^{Joiner} Bricklay.
W To Int^r Ireland Glaz.
To Tho. Fort Joiner
To Int^r Hopson Purvey.

To Jos: Roberts Plumber
To Elisha Lovejoy Smith
To Chr. Clark Ironmonger
To David Lance Plasterer
To Arnold Thompson Labourer
To John Eldridge Painter
To John Woodroff Mason

Richard Lord Cobham &c. 1070

Seal

To the Hon^{ble} Colonel Thomas Paget

Rangers of
New Lodge

By Virtue of the power and Authority to me given by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, under the great Seal of Great Britain, I do give and grant, and by these presents have given and granted unto You the said Colonel Thomas Paget, the Rangership of that Walk, Commonly called new Lodge Walke, together with the Lodge and all other appertinances thereunto belonging, And I do hereby authorize and Impower You the said Colonel Thomas Paget to take possession thereof and to hold and enjoy the same, with all the Rights, profits, priviledges, perquisites & Advantages whatsoever thereunto belonging during my Will and pleasure. Given under my hand and Seal this 29th day of June - 1717 In the third Year of The reign of His Majesty George by the Grace of God, of great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith &c.

By &c.
W. W.

Cobham

Ogham March 4th 1716

My Lord

I have the Honour to acquaint Your Lordship that I succeeded my Father in the Rangership of Easthamstead walk of which I myself have been Ranger for these twenty Years past I thought it my Duty, humbly to let Your Lord^{ship} know, that if You shall be pleased to honour me with Your Warrant for the Continuance of the same, I shall Endeavour to approve myself to be with very great respect Your Lordships

Most humble & most Obed^t
Faithfull Servant

Sterling

I have desired my brother to wait on Your Lordship with his Grace the Duke of Kent's Warrant

To the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Cobham

Richard Lord Cobham Es^{ra}

To the Rt Hon^{ble} Henry Earl of Sterling

Seal

Ranger of
East Hamsted Walk

By Virtue of the power and Authority to me given by the Kings most Excellent Ma^{ty} under the Great Seal of Great Britain I do hereby give and grant unto You the said Henry Earl of Sterling, the Rangership and Custody of the Walk called East Hamsted Walk in Windsor Forest with all the Appertenances, Fees, Perquisites, profits & Emolum^{ts} thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, To hold to the said Henry Earl of Sterling, during my Will and pleasure, ⁱⁿ as ample manner as himself or any ^{other} person heretofore hath had and enjoyed the same, requiring the said Henry Earl of Sterling to take especial care to preserve His Ma^{ty} Deer, Game, and Vert of the said Forrest, Given under my hand and Seal this 29th day of June 1717 In the third Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George

By Sc^{rs}
W. W.

Cobham

My Lords

The Barracks in the round Tower ditch att Windsor Castle are so very ruinous and decayed, that they are in danger of falling in, I desire that Yo^r Lord^{sh} will be pleased to give such necessary Provisions to the proper Officers of His Ma^{ties} Works to survey and repair the same, so as to prevent any accident that may happen thereby I am

My Lords

Yo^r Lord^{sh} most Humble and Obedient Servant
Cobham

To the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords
Comm. of His Ma^{ties}
Treasury

These are to Certifie the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that S^r William Trumball late of Easthamsted one of the Verderers of the Forrest of Windsor being dead, it is for His Ma^{ties} Service, that a Writt be issued out of The High Court of Chancery to the Sheriff of the County for the Election of another Verderer Given under my hand att London this 26th Day of Feb. Anno Dom. 1717

To the R^t Hon^{ble} W^m P^r Cooper
Chancellor of Great Britain

Cobham

My Lords

The Fences round the new Planted Coppices belonging to the Walk called Swindley Haies are so much out of repairs that if Young Wood is in danger of being utterly destroyed by the Deer cropping of them, unless speedily repaired, and as that is the only proper place in Windsor Forrest to breed and preserve Game for His Ma^{ties} Diversion, I think fitt to acquaint You^m Lord^{ps} that I conceive it necessary for the Kings Service that these Fences be immediately putt in Order, as the only means to preserve the Game about Swindly

To the R^{ts} Hon^{ble} the Lords Comm^{rs}
of His Ma^{ties} Treasury

Cobham

Pr

London. 31st May 1717

Mr Nevil Liut^{ant} of the Forrest being lately dead I desire You will signify to the Gamekeepers and underkeepers of the severall Walks that notwithstanding any Licences or Game Warrants heretofore granted and obtained from any person whatsoever or that shall be ^{hereafter} granted during the space of twelve months You do not permit any persons under pretence of such Licences or Game Warrants to hunt Course hawke kill or carry away any manner of beasts or Fowle of Forrest Chace or Warren within the Limits of the Forrest but that You do use Your utmost Endeavours to hinder the Destroying any of the aforesaid Game by seizing and taking away the dogs nets Guns &c. of all Persons whatsoever during the time abovementioned or by what other Lawfull means to You shall seem Expedient for the Executing these orders, I desire likewise that You will acquaint the keepers of the sev^l Walks that from the date hereof they do forbear to kill any bucks during this whole Season on pretence of Fees Warr^{ts} &c. and that if they shall receive any Warrants from the Justice in Eyre or for His Ma^{ties} Use that they do forthwith acquaint You with it who will

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transmitt an account of itt to me it being att present His
Maj^{ties} pleasure, that Considering the ill Condition, the Forrest
is in, with relation to the Fallow Deer that none should be
killed this Season I am

To Edmund Halsey Esq^r
Ranger of Batten Baylurick
in Windsor Forrest

Your Obed^t Humble Servant
Cobham

Officers Claiming a Right to Venison in
Windsor Forrest

Bucks Does

	Bucks	Does
Lord Chief Justice in Eyre		
Lord Warden		
Lady Kildare		
Surv ^r General of the Woods	1	1
Lieutenant of the Forrest	1	1
4 Verderers	4	4
Woodward	1	1
Riding Forester	1	1
Ranger of Swindly Walk	1	1
Master of Bughot Hailes	1	1
Master of East Hamstead Walk	1	1
Master of New Lodge Walk	1	1
Master of Billingbear Walk	1	1
Master of Old Windsor Walk	1	1
Master of Bear Wood Walk	1	1
Regarders	2	2

Their own
Warr^t

Kings
Warr^t

To Francis Negus Esq. Deputy Lieut.
of Windsor Forest in the name of
Rich^d. Nevil Esq. Deceased.

Warr. dated the 29th June 1717

Rich. Lord Cobham &

Seal.

To James Gibson Underkeep^r. of Stannerhill

Whereas the Deer of His Maj^{ty}. Forest of Windsor
doe frequently stray into such part of the County
of Surry as is without the said Forrest, by w^{ch}. they
are in continuall dainger of being destroyed by the
Country people, and other disorderly persons, For
the prevention whereof, and to the end the Deer
may be preserved pursuant to His Maj^{ty}. Speciall
Command, for His Maj^{ty}. Hunting sport and
Recreation. These are in trust and Confidence
of your Diligence and fidelity, doe authorize
and appoint you the said James Gibson to
be underkeeper of that Walk commonly called
Stannerhill Walk in the County of Surry &
requiring you to use your utmost Care &
endeavours by all Lawfull wayes and means
for the preservation of His Maj^{ty}. Deer as afores^d.
and you are hereby impowred to have hold and
keep the said Office during my Will and pleasure
together with such yearly fee and Salary as His
Majesty by Letters of Privy Seal is graciously
pleas'd to allow, as also all other perquisites,
benefitts and advantages thereunto belonging, or in

anywise appertaining. Given under my hand (13/9)
and seal this third day of June 1717. In the
third year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord
King George

Cobham

By &c
W. W.

Richard Lord Cobham^{es.}

To John Sawyer Junr.

By Virtue &c. and appoint you the said
John Sawyer Junr. to be Underkeeper of
St. Leonards Hill Walk part of Cramborne
Lodge walk in the said Forest of Windsor &c.
(note the rest is the same as Robt. Hannington
3. June 1717.

To Benjⁿ. Ironmonger

By Virtue &c.^{re} and appoint you the
said Benjamin Ironmonger to be Underkeep^r.
of Cramborne Lodge Walk in the Forest of
Windsor &c. (note the rest is the same of
Robt. Hannington.
3. June 1717.

Constable of Windsor Castle

Order is taken this first day of July 1717. By Virtue of His Maj^{ty} Gen^l Letters Patents dormant bearing date the 14th Aug^r 1714. That you deliver and pay of such His Maj^{ty} Treasure as remains in your Charge unto the Constable of His Maj^{ty} Castle of Windsor & Warden of His Maj^{ty} Forests there or his assigny the Summ of 134^e 7^s 5^d $\frac{3}{4}$ without Acc^t. to be paid over by him to the severall Persons undernamed for one Quarter of a year due at Ladyday 1717 on their respective salaries follow^g. in respect of their severall and respective services in the said forest. viz^t

20	_____	To the D ^r Warden of the said forest	5. 0. 0
10	_____	To the Lieutenant	2. 10. 0
25	_____	To the Woodward	6. 5. 0
30	_____	To the Bailiffe of Amchemstead Balywick, Ranger of Bagshot rails & Sandhurst, Allowance for Hay for the Deer of those 2 Walks	7. 10. 0
- 5	" 6 " 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	To the Riding Horrestler	1. 6. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
50	_____	To the Keepers of Swinley rails & Bailiff of Bally Baulwick, Allowance for Hay	12. 10. 0
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of Big shot rails	5. _____
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of Sandhurst walk	5. _____
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of East Hamstead walk	5. _____
. 9	" 2 " 6	To the Vermin Killer	2. 5. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of New Lodge walk	5. _____
. 6	" 1 " 0	To the Housekeep ^r there	1. 10. 3
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of Sunning Hill walk	5. _____
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of Swinley	5. _____
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of Billing Bear	5. _____
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of Old Windsor	5. _____
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of Bear wood	05. _____
20	_____	To the Underkeep ^r of Linch ford	05. _____
60	_____	To three Underkeep ^r of Gamborn	15. _____
40	_____	To the Gamekeep ^r of New Windsor	10. _____
30	_____	To the Gamekeep ^r of Old Windsor	7. 10. _____
40	_____	To the Gamekeep ^r of Bagshot	10. _____
12	_____	To the Gamekeep ^r of Shubbs hill	3. _____
			134. 7. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
537	" 9 " 11 $\frac{1}{2}$		

Supplij. p^o 12^o 3^o 6^o 7^o

And these together wth his or his assigny Acquittance shall be your Discharge herein.

Torrington
Geo: Ballie
Tho: Micklethwaite
Exam Halifax

My Lord

The keepers of Windsor Forrest carried their Order
w^{ch} they received from Mr. Halsey, for the preserving of the Game
to the 40 Days Court, but the Verdurors refused it, as not coming
regularly. I believe it will be necessary for Yo^r. Lordship to send
your own Particular Orders to every keeper, signed and Sealed by
You, or else to give me one generall Order signed and Sealed, wth
Your Commands, w^{ch} I will take care to see obeyed & am

My Lord

Yo^r. Lordship^s

12 July 1717

Most humble & Obedient

Jr. Negus

Whereas the ill State and Condition of the Forrest
having been represented to His Ma^{ty}. as well in relation to the
Security and destruction of the Game as also to the Red & Fallow
Deer, His Ma^{ty}. hath Commanded me to signify that it is
His pleasure, that notwithstanding any Licences or Game Warr^{ts}
heretofore granted and obtained from any Person whatsoever, or
shall be hereafter granted, during the space of 12 months from
the Date hereof that no Person upon pretence of such Licences or
Game Warr^{ts} be permitted to hunt, course, shoot, hawke, kill or
carry away any manner of Beast or Fowle of Forrest chase
or Warren, within the Limits of the Forrest, and that the utmost
Endeavours may be used to prevent the destroying of the afores^d
Game, by seizing and taking away the Dogs, nets, Guns &c.
of all Persons, whatsoever, during the Time abovementioned or by
what other lawfull means, shall be thought expedient for the
Executing these orders, and that if any Warr^{ts} for Fees bucks
during this whole Season shall be sent to any of the keepers
either for his Ma^{ty}. use or from the Justice in Eyre, they
do forbear to serve them, untill they have first acquainted
You with it, who will transmitt an acco^t of it to me, and
You are hereby desired and required to acquaint the sev^l

Keepers

Game keepers and Under keepers, and all other Officers and Off^{rs} of the Forrest whom it may concern with these orders, and that You do see that due regard be had thereunto, as they will answer the Contrary at their perill, and for so doing this shall be to You and them a sufficient Warrant, given under my hand and Seal this 16th of July and in the 3rd Year of the Reigne of Our Sovereign Lord King George.

To Francis Negus Esq^r
Deputy Lieut^t of the Castle &
Forrest of Windsor

These are to desire and require You forthwith to make an exact survey, and to have a particular account taken of the Number and Quality of the Deer, w^{ch} now are in the sev^{ll} and respective Chases, Parks and Walks within the Forrest of Windsor, and return the same unto me, given under my hand and Seal this 11th Day of July 1717

To Francis Negus Esq^r
Deputy Lieut^t

A Letter to the Lords of the Treasury for reviving
the Swannamote Court.

I am to acquaint Yo^r Lordsh^{ps} that for sev^{ll} Years past the antient rules and Methods, for the preservation of His Ma^{ty} right Woods, Deer and other games, has been neglected and has been chiefly thro^o the discontinuance of the Court of Swannimote, w^{ch} ought to be frequently held, att w^{ch} all the Officers and keepers belonging to the said Forrest, should meet to examine and try the sev^{ll} misdemeanours, w^{ch} may have been presented by the keepers at the Court of Attachment, held every 40 days, in some part or other of the Forrest, and the reason why this Court has been discontinued, has been the want of the necessary money to defray the Expences of
That

meeting, which formerly was paid out of His Ma^{ty} Revenue, belonging
to the Castle and Honour of Windsor, but that Revenue is now
all granted away from the Crown.

Wherefore it is proposed that His Ma^{ty} may be
graciously pleased to direct 40 £ Ann. to be paid to the Lord
Warden of the said Forrest, for that Service at the same time
and in the same manner as the Salaries and Allowances for
Hay for the Dear shall be paid to the Officers and keepers of
the said Forrest, but that the said 40 may be issued entire
with the next Quarters Salary in order to the holding the
Court as soon as may be.

Richard Lord Cobham &c.

These are to will and require you forthwith to cause
Twenty Loads of fire wood to be cutt and made ready to burn
by felling so many decay'd and rotted Trees (in such part of
the Forrest as may be spared with least prejudice to the Vert)
and order the same to be cutt and carried and delivered att
the Water side att Windsor bridge, for my use, as my Tree
firewood, for this present Year, and for so doing, this shall
be your sufficient Warrant, given under my hand and Seal
This 4th day of July 1717. Cobham

To the Woodward, Regardens
Forresters and other Officers
of His Ma^{ty} Forrest and Walks
of Windsor

Another of the same Tenure dated the 20 July 1718

My Lord

His Ma^{ty} having ordered that an Estimate should be made of the repairs and new works necessary to be done to make Windsor Forrest fit for his Hunting, I have accordingly laid the Annexed Estimate of The Sur^v Gen^l of The Forrests, before His Ma^{ty} who has been pleased to order me to acquaint Yo^r Lord^{sh} that it is his pleasure to have all the old bridges, drains and Poles repaired, and all the new bridges, drains and Poles made as are proposed in the said Estimate but will not have any of the old ridings repaired nor any new ridings made otherwise than as they shall be absolutely necessary to make safe passages over the Bogg Grounds to the Bridges, and that the work shall be done by such Persons and at such prices, as the Lords Comm^r of the Treasury shall appoint. I am

My Lord

Yo^r Lord^{sh}

Most humble & most Obed^t Serv^t

3 April 1717

Jr: Negus

An Estimate made by the Direction of
Edw. Young Esq^r Surveyor General of
His Ma^{ty} Woods &c. of the Expence
of repairing all the Old ridings in
Windsor Forrest, and of the making
five new Ridings in the aforesaid
Forrest, wth the necessary Bridges &
Poles in Each riding

The old ridings are very much out of repair many of them worse now than before they were made, by being turn'd into Roads by the Country people, who drive their Carts over them so much that if ridings are settled in great holes in many places and are almost become bogs. For the making them good they must be levelled well bedded with heath and rammd with dry Earth carted from the hills, The heath being grown in many

places of the ridings near as high as before they were made must be new lixed and moco. There will likewise be required great Quantities of Heath and Earth to be carted from the hills to cover all the ridings over the boggs to make them passable. The aforementioned ridings are 5274 poles in length and 40 foot broad w^{ch} at a moderate Computation to make them lasting will amount too at 2^d p pole _____ 527.. 0.. 0

2605 pole in Drains that are almost filled up to be new made 6 foot broad. The depth in proportion to carry off the water from the aforesaid ridings at 10^d p pole _____ 1001.. 2.. 6

7 bridges to be repaired at 5^d p bridge _____ 1.. 15.. 0

21 new horse bridges at 1. 10. 3^d p bridge wanting in y^e abovementioned ridings _____ 31.. 15.. 3

1 Large new bridge 12 foot long and 10 foot broad wanting in the round riding behind Swinley _____ 13.. 6.. 0

1 Large new bridge in the riding to Sunning Hill 12 foot long and 10 foot broad _____ 13.. 6.. 0

22 poles to be fixt. upon the hills and at the boggs & painted white to direct the way at 3^d p pole _____ 3.. 6.. 0

The new riding from Bigshot rails over Caia's camp to Tower hill 1552 poles long and 30 foot broad. This riding runs over many hills and boggs w^{ch} will require abundance of Labour to make it passable ground the hills must be slop'd in the riding for the easy going over. Earth and Heath must be Carted from y^e neighbouring Hills. To make the riding good over the boggs at 2. 9^d p pole it being a moderate price for making the said riding amounts to _____ 213.. 0.. 0

1520 poles in Drains to be made 6 foot wide in the above mentioned new riding at 1^d p pole _____ 76.. 0.. 0

The new riding from Jan grove to Finchamsted hill 4000 poles long and 30 foot wide. w^{ch} of the hills in this riding must be sunk 4 or 5 foot perpendicular to make the riding easy. Earth and heath must be carted from the hills to the boggs to make them passable, and the riding to be moco and levelled at 2. 9^d p rod amounts to _____ 561.. 0.. 0

812 poles in Drains in the above said riding from Jan
grove to Finchamstall hill, to be made 6 foot wide the
depth in proportion att 1^s p pole ————— 40..12..0

The new riding from Kings bridge that falls in y^e
riding that leads from Bigshot Halls over Casars camp
812 poles long and 30 foot wide. Heath and Earth to be
carted from the hills to make good the holes and bad
places. The riding to be moad and levelled att 2^s 9^d p
pole ————— 111..13..0

140 poles in Drains in the above said riding to be made
6 foot wide the Depth in proportion att 1^s p pole ————— 7..0..0

In the new riding from Tower Hill that falls into the
Kings beech riding 360 poles long 30 foot wide, severall
rods of this Hill to Slope, most of these hills, prove
an Iron mold gravel, w^{ch} will make it very troublesome
and expensive, this to be moad levelled and cleared
att 2^s 9^d p pole ————— 49..10..0

The new riding from the high way in broad Moor to
the high way which leads to Kings bridge 912 poles &
30 foot broad, 100 poles in bogs in this riding to be made
passable with Heath and Earth and the hills sloped
and the rest to be moad and levelled att 2^s 9^d p pole — 125..0..0

216 poles in Drains to be made in the above said
riding over the bogs 6 foot broad and 3 foot deep att
1^s p pole ————— 10..16..0

32 new horse bridges 5 foot long and 3 foot broad wan-
ting in the above mentioned new ridings att 1^s 10^d 3^d
 p bridge ————— 40..0..0

The repairing of Kings bridge ————— 1..0..0

50 poles will be required to be fixt upon the Hills
and all the bogs in the new ridings att 3^s p pole — 7..10..0

40 Wheelbarrows, Lines, hoes, Scythes, and Arrows
for setting out and carrying on the said work — 14..10..11

For measuring all the above said old and new ridings
and men to assist carrying the sight Sticks and
directing the Lines for the measuring ————— 5..0..0

The totall of all the new ridings — L 1271 ..15..11

The totall of all the old ridings — L 699 ..0..1

L 1970 ..16..0

The Commissioners for Executing the Office of Master of the horse, presented the abovesaid Estimate to His Ma^{ty} who was pleas'd to Direct, that the Lords Comm^{rs} of The Treasury should be acquainted that His Ma^{ty} would have all the old Bridges, Drains & Poles repaired and all the new bridges Drains & Poles made as proposed. And that this Work should be done by such persons as the Lords of the Treasury should appoint, but would not have any of the old ridings repaired or new ones made except what is necessary for the passage to the Bridges over the boggy Grounds.

November 29th 1716

An Account of some of the Heath Roads in Windsor Forrest

	Miles.	Furl.	Poles
From Ingermere pond to Kings beach and part of Bagshot & Sunning hill road and some others	17	4	20
From the pond by Ascott Heath to Finchamstead hill	7	4	0
Yeatly road to Eastamstead park pales	3		
From the sand hills by old bracknall to bushmore cross	2	5	36
One way from the foot of Gravelly hill to Yeatly bottom		5	
From London road by Yeatly over against world end	1	2	16
Bagshot road world end corner to London road by bagshot Park corner	1	6	36
From bagshot park corner to the cross roads by Tower Hill	1	1	
One way by The Tower		1	
From The Tower to London road toward Hatton hill	1	1	
From the water by Mr. Webs to y ^e upper part of Yeatly bog	2	5	
From the Heerman water to old pond bottom		5	
From the cross way the tower side off Gravelly hill to brack road to world end gate		6	31
From bracknall way by Swindley against Collins by the sand hills by old bracknall		5	37
From the green way between the sand hills towards Mr. Webs		4	09
From the road by the Lane towards Bullbrook to Swinly		3	207
From the water by Mr. Webs to Bracknall gate Swinly		5	36
From the Tower riding to the next way, y ^e East side of Tower		1	309
The lower corner of Swinly to the forked way towards Yeatly.		7	12
From the Tower towards Hollybush pond		2	09
From the Tower corner of Swinly to Yeatly bottom by the side of the long riding	1	2	
Two ways by The Tower		4	
From the Tower corner of Swinly to the cross roads pointing to Thomas Smiths Yeatly	1		

A cross road out of the same road to bagshot park Gate by The Pond	— " 7 " —
The end of bagshot road w. ^{ch} was left before	— " 2 " 09
From Kismore cross to the Water att South Hill	2 " 6 " 24
By Kismore cross to Oakingham road	— " 4 " —
By Collins towards South hill	— " — " 20
From South hill towards Swindly	— " 4 " 1
From the hill beyond old bracknalls by Collins to y ^e upper end of Gormer and thence to y ^e road beyond Easthamstead	1 " 4 " 24
From the upper corner of South hill	— " 2 " —
From the upper end of Gormer to Oakingham road by Wickham bushes	— " 4 " 20
From the upper end of Gormer towards the plain	— " 1 " 4
From Caesars Camp to the high hill towards the plain	— " 3 " 20
From the South hill corner by Caesars Camp to Gormore pond	— " 3 " —
From South hill gate towards Wickham bushes	— " 6 " 4
From the upper side of Caesars Camp towards Wickham bushes	— " 2 " 36
The road that goes thro ^{gh} Caesars Camp	— " 4 " 36
Three ways below Caesars Camp towards Easthamstead Church	— " 4 " —
From Easthamstead park corner to Caesars Camp	— " 3 " 1
From Caesars Camp to the middle of Wickham bushes	— " 2 " 1
From Easthamstead park corner by the side of the Gravel pitts to the West end of Wickham bushes	— " 7 " 32
Away out of the way as goes by the gravel pitts to the West end of Wickham bushes	— " 5 " 24
The road between Wickham bushes & Lodge hill to the West corner of Easthamstead park	V. " 1 " 4
One way pointing to Easthamstead park Gate	— " 4 " —
A road by the guide post att Easthamstead park Corner to the bushes	— " 5 " 4
Oakingham road by the post to the cross road att Wickham bushes	V. " 2 " —
Away between Harrington lodge and the Park towards Lodge hills	— " 5 " 32
Another way out of the west side in Yeatly road	— " 3 " —
Away from Lodge hill to the road between the Lodge & park	— " 7 " 12
From the road to Crocethorn	— " 5 " 12
From the road on Lodge hills away by the ponds to y ^e road between the Lodge and the Park	— " 6 " 24
Another way between the Lodge and the Park to Yeatly road towards Sanders by Lodge hills	— " 7 " 09
Between the Lodge and the Park away pointing towards Yeatly	— " 5 " 24
Another way pointing to the bog above the Lodge	— " 5 " 26
Away on the West side of Harrington Lodge near the Deer penon to the road towards Wedgbury Hill	— " 6 " 36

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A road out of Yeatty road to Yeatty hedge ——— " 7 " 12
 A way to Amber hill to the road of the Lodge ——— " 6 " 12
 Bagshot road from the bottom between Finchamstead
 hill and the Lodge to Wickham bushes from thence
 to London road by the bushes by Coblers hole ——— 4 " 1 " 24
 From Yeatty road to Wedgbury Hill to the road that goes
 by the Oak on Finchamstead Hill to Yeatty hedges ——— " 6 " —
 The road from the Oak on Finchamstead Hill to the
 South side of Amber Hill to Yeatty road as goes to Easthamstead
 Park ——— 2 " — " 6
 Away on the North side of Amber Hill to Yeatty road ——— " 3 " 12
 Out of Yeatty road by Sanders road over Lodge Hills ——— 1 " 1 " —
 To the cross roads near Wickham bushes ——— 1 " 1 " 0
 Away from Coblers hole to Bagshot road towards
 Wickham bushes ——— " 3 " 16

Total 21. 3. 9

Rich^d. L. Cobham

ORDER is taken this 7th day of Nov^r. 1717 By virtue
 of his Maj^{ty} Gen^l. Letters Patents dormant bearing date
 the 14th day of Aug^r. 1717. That you deliver & pay
 of such His Maj^{ty} Treasure as remains in your
 Charge unto Richard Lord Cobham or to his Assignes
 the sum of 40 pounds without acc^t. the same
 being to be applyed to defray the Charges and
 Expences w^{ch} the holding of Swanimote Courts at
 His Maj^{ty} Castle at Windsor may require, for
 and during the Space of one Year to be
 reckon^d from the 1st day of Novem^r. 1717. The
 Discontinuance of the said Courts having (as we
 are given to Understand) been detrimental to
 his Maj^{ty} service in the said Forrest. and these
 together with His or His Assignes Acquittance shall
 be your Discharge herein

J. Waller
 Tho Micklethwaite

Memorandum. relating to Windsor Forrest
which may shew how it comes, that there are so few
Deer.

In King James's Reign there was a View of the Forrest made
by sev. ^l Verderers, with the Lieutenant and severall Rangers,
Underkeepers and Regarders of such places as were most proper
for the harbouring, breeding, feeding and safety of the red Deer
Heath Couts, and other Game, and due notice was published
then and severall times since, by Order of the severall Lord
Justices in Eyre, of the severall places so viewed and ordered
to be preserved from cutting or Digging any Heath Turf, some
and Peat, Vizt. In.

Finchamstead — The hill called Sandhurst hill from
Bigshott railes Gate, within the way
leading to Sandhurst.

Wokingham — All within and abo. the Lodge
Sandhurst — The bottoms called pannels, and y^e bottom,
called the Meerk from frowthorn pond along
the high way to old Kanning.

Easthamstead — The hill called Savas Camp, and all round it,
within the road that goes by the side of it
and Gallmore bottoms from the Vinch leading
from the South of the said Camp and the
upper part of the Wells.

Swinley. — From forelands, within the road on the right
hand, to Inglemore pond head and up the green
way from the pond to Farnham way, and
within that road to Tower hill, from thence
cross the road leading from Bracknell to
Bagshott, and so to Blackberry hill and
thence to Forelands, and from Fox holes
to the Edge of Black downe by Windlesham,
way to Fox holes.

But instead of these places being preserved free, there has been for
some years past, such continuall felling, digging and carting, that,
it has been impossible for the Deer to find any shelter or quiet
in the heath, or open Forrest, and they have proceeded to such
an excess of Liberty, that the Inhabitants of the severall parishes
within the Forrest, are not content, to cutt sufficient for their own
use, but presume to sell great Quantities of Peat & Turf to
people living in Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire as well as to
the sev. ^l Parishes in Berks, w^{ch} are out of the Forrest, by w^{ch}
means the Deer are continually disturbed and the Keepers insulted
by the Drivers of those Carts, and this is most openly done by
Authority of one Solmes, owner of the Manner of Sandhurst in
the Bayliwick of Finchamstead.

And

And by this means, The Deer are forced to seek Shelter in, the Woods and Coverts on the Skirts of The Forrest, where they have been commonly shot by the Country People

There is a Court held by the Veroverers every 40 dayes & there have been severall Suddimote Courts held att Windsor but these Courts, being only to receive the Presentment of the Keepers, and to prepare matters for a Justice in Oyses Seat, all Complaints made in these Courts, since K Charles the 1th Reign, have been insignificant for want of a Justice in Oyses Seat.

The Statute has provided severe Penalties in case any one kills a Deer, but the keepers have found so little protection from the Justices of Peace, that they are tyred by the Insults of the Country people & almost afraid to act.

So that if it be not thought adviseable for his Ma^{tie} to direct a Justice in Oyses Seat, it will be absolutely necessary to gett the above said places to be menconed in some act of Parliament to be free from cutting and digging of &c. which will not only preserve the Deer but occasion a sufficient breed sufficient to stock the Forrest.

There was likewise an order att the said View of the Forrest, that no ffoon should feed more Sheep in the Forrest than he could winter on his Farme, and severall Poundes were erected to pound the Offenders sheep, but now every body feeds as many as they Please.

There was a proposall made by the Ranger of Bigshotts railes, that he would cause sev^ll acres of Turnips to be sown yearly within the railes, w^{ch} would be the best means to keep the Deer together all winter, abo^t the Lodge, provided the Crowne would be the Expence, of railing in a convenient No^o of Acres, so that the Deer might be kept out till the Turnips were full growne and fitt to eat, for otherwise the Deer are so greedy of Turnips, that they would feed upon them from their first Appearing above ground, and spoils the intent of Winter feed, this proposall was agreed to by the Late Queen, a little before she died, and a Warr^{ant} past, the Treas^{ury} to the Survey^{or} of the Forrest, but the Queen dying, the work was lett alone.

But undoubtedly, if a Warrant could be now gotten for this proposall in every walk, it would be an infallible means to preserve the Deer, for tho^{ugh} Hay is allowed to two red deer walks, the allowance is not sufficient to serve any great stock the winter thro^{ugh}, & if any turnips are growing abo^t the Forrest, the Deer will leave their Hay to goe to them

As for the Fallow Deer their Decrease has been occasion'd
by the serving of Warrants

All every Election of Knights of the Shire and of
Verderers, the Country people take an Extra Liberty

Mr. Carse tells me, the Kings Right may be
preserved, without, further act of Parliament or Justice in
Oyer Seat, provided he will Impower the Lord Warden to
sue the Offender in the Kings name and att his Charge in
the Exchequer Court, and that undoubtedly one Trial will be
sufficient to cause the people to forbear Cutting, Digging Carting
in those places ordered to be preserved

A List of Game Warrants Granted by the
Justice in Oyre. — Charles Earl of Tankerfield

The Hon. ^{ble} John West Esq.

Sr Jonathan Cooke of Hertfordshire

Mr Morris of Sunbury

Coll. Fielding

Mr. William Baker of Sunninghill

Mr. William Edwards of Winghamfield

Mr. Foxcroft of Yeally

Coll. Phipps that married Mad^m. Palmer

Mr. Henry Procter of Cleworth

Mr. Bradley of Wokingham

The Tenure of the Warr.^{ts} are as underwritten

For the Recreation of himself and Friends with his Company
and Servants, to hunt course, Hawke, and kill and carry
away, all manner of Beasts or Fowle, of Forrest Chase or
warren, within the Limits of the said Forrest (red & fallow
Deer only excepted) and to shoot with shot, sett and take
all manner of Wild fowle and to keep and use all sorts of
Doggs, Guns and Nets for these purposes.

20/23

To the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Cobham
Constable and Governour of his
Mat^r Royall Castle of Windsor

The humble Peticon of Peter Floyer & Mary his Wife

Sheweth

That George Starkey Your Peticoner Mary's great
Grandfather did time out of mind or at least sixty Years enjoy part
of the Castle ditch in Windsor situate over against Yo^r Pet^r houses
and continued his said Enjoyment of it by Successive Leases from y^e
Constable of Windsor Castle for the time being till his Decease
at which time the right of the said Garden devolved to George
Starkey Your Peticoner Grandfather, who also renewed
with the respective Constable Successively of the said Castle all
his time in the same manner, and we have always continued
to doe the Like, bestowing considerable Sums of money in planting
it with fruit trees, making Walks and Arbours and other
Conveniencies to the Value of One hundred pounds or upwards
but My Lord Duke of Kent was pleased to dispose Your
Peticoner without any regard to the vast Cost and Charges
Your Peticoner have been att on the Promises in Question,
or to inquire what title wee had therein, tho' it hath been
in Our Ancestors Possession for about two hundred Years

Wherefore Yo^r Pet^r humbly pray Yo^r
Lord^{sh} to order a particular time when Yo^r Pet^r
may pay his Duty to Yo^r Lord^{sh} and then for
him to shew his just title to the Promises afores^d

And Yo^r Pet^r shall ever Pray

A List of the Officers & Underkeepers
in Windsor Forrest w.th their Sallerys

	Ann ^d
The Duke of Northumberland Lord Warden his Fees	20
Richard Neville Esq. Lieutenant	10
Francis Negus Esq. Woodward	25
Major Negus Bayliff of Finchamstead Bayliff of Ranger of Highot Railes and Sandhurst walks	30
Allowance for the Hay for the Deer in y ^e 2 walks	
Charles Midway Riding Forrester	5 .. 6. 5 ^h
Ditto Keeper of Swindly & Bayliff of Battles Bayliff of for Hay for the Deer	50
Rob. Hennington Underkeeper of Highot Railes	20
Augustine Hennington Jun. Underkeeper of Sandhurst	20
Augustine Hennington Jun. Underkeeper of Easthamstead	20
Ditto Urmie Killer	9 .. 2 .. 6
William Louen Underkeep. of New Lodge walk	20
Ditto as Housekeeper there	6 .. 1 ..
Geo Baens Underkeeper of Sunninghill walk	20
And. ^w Meek Underkeeper of Swindly walk	20
Rich. Lovegrove Underkeeper of Billingbear walk	20
Wm. Miles Underkeeper of Old Windsor walk	20
John Thorn Underkeeper of Bearwood walk	20
Geo. Holder Underkeeper of Linchford walk	20
John Sawyer Sen. } John Sawyer Jun. } Keepers of Cranborne	60
Ben: Ironmonger	
Will. Beaumont Gamekeeper of New Windsor	40
Thos. Bancroft Gamekeeper of Old Windsor	30
Geo. Furdom Gamekeeper of Bagshott	40
Wm. Carter Gamekeepers of Shrubs Hill	12
	537. 9. 11 ^h

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Ann by the Grace of God Queen of England Scotland France
 & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c. To Our right & wellbelov'd
 Councillor Sidney Lord Godolphin Our High Treasurer of England
 and Treasurer of Our Exchequer and to the Chancellor & Under
 Treasurer of Our Excheq^r. now being and to the High Treasurer or
 Comm^r. of Our Treasury Chancellor and Under Treasurer of Our
 Exchequer for the time being &c. Greeting. Whereas Our
 Right Trusty and right entirely beloved Cousen George Duke of
 Northumberland Constable of Our Castle of Windsor & Warden
 of Our Forrest hath Certifyed that the sev^l. Officers of our said
 Forrest and the Gamekeepers Named in the Schedule or List here
 unto Annexed are appointed by him by Virtue of his Office of
 Warden of Our said Forrest have of late Years bin paid y^e respective
 Annual Salaries sett against their names amounting in the
 whole to 537. 9. 1/2 (to wit) part thereof all our acct^s. of Our
 Exchequer, the other part by the Receiver of Our Revenues of
 Our Honour and Castle of Windsor, and the rest by the keeper
 of our privy purse for the time being, and it being Our royalls
 Intencion that for the future the said Salaries shall be paid by
 the Sun^r. Gen^l. of Our Woods on the South side of Trent out
 of such moneys as is or shall be in his hands arising by Wood
 Sales. Our will and Pleasure is that You forthwith issue y^e
 Warr^{ts}. or Warr^{ts}. to the Sun^r. Gen^l. of Our Woods on the
 South side of Trent now & for the time being directing & authorizing
 him out of such moneys as are or shall be in his hands arising
 by Wood Sales to pay to the sev^l. Off^{rs}. named in the Annexed
 List or Schedule or to their respective Successors, the sev^l. Annual
 Sums sett against their names respectively amounting in the
 whole to the sum of 537. 9. 1/2 as aforesaid, the same to
 commence from the 31th. March 1701 to be paid & accounted
 payable to them Quarterly for and during our pleasures &
 our further will and pleasure is that the respective Auditors
 of Our Revenues do give due allowances from time to time
 unto the said Sun^r. Gen^l. of Our Woods in his acct^s. of so much
 as shall appear by the Acquittances of the said Off^{rs}. or their
 respective Assigns to have been paid in pursuance hereof &
 for so doing these Our Letters shall be y^e. suff^l. Warrant &
 Discharge in this behalfe. Given under Our privy Seal
 at Our Palace at Westminster this 29th. day of March
 in the third Year of Our Reigne

15 Aug^r. 1733
 Vesalopia L^o

January 31. 1716

According to Your desire I send you what I know and think, as to the means to preserve the Deer in Windsor Forrest, that You may shew it to My Lord Cobham, and I send you likewise my Warrant from the Duke of Kent, and will with all convenient speed make my Underkeeper do the same, I shall soon have the acc^t from the huntsman, of what roads are necessary to be Levelled in the Forrest, which King William if he had lived another Year, would have done, by three Regim^{ts} of Foot Camped in sev^l parts of the Forrest. with an addition of 3rd of Piem, to each Jam

To Brigad^r Watkins
 &c

Y^r most humble Serv^t
 Fr: Negus

An Acco^t of the Deer killed in Windsor Forrest this Season

	For the hounds			By Warrant	
	Stags	Hinds	Bucks	Stags	Bucks
In Swinly walk	3.	—	—	—	—
Bigshot & Sandhurst	5.	—	—	—	—
Easthamstead	1.	—	—	—	—
New Lodge	4.	—	2	—	—
Billingbear	—	—	—	—	—
Old Windsor	2.	1	—	—	—
Bear Wood	—	—	—	—	—
Cranbourne	2.	—	3	—	—
Linckford	—	—	—	—	—
	17.	1.	5	—	—

An Account of the Live red Deer Taken in Windsor Forrest. November, y^e 5th 1717

	Stags	Deer of another	Hinds & Fallow deer	Total
In Swindley walk	10.	7.	116.	133
Bigshot & Sandhurst	2.	3.	10.	15
Casthamstead	3.	5.	13.	21
New Lodge	16.	13.	102.	131
Billingbear	2.	3.	9.	14
Old Windsor	4.	2.	29.	35
Bear wood	1.	0.	5.	6
Cranborne	3.	2.	12.	17
Linchford	1.	2.	4.	7
	42.	37.	300.	379

An Account of Fallow Deer Taken the same day.

	Bucks	Deer of another	Deer &c	Total
In Cranborne	27.	43.	320.	390
New Lodge	0.	26.	104.	130
	35.	69.	432.	536

My Lord

Dawby 1 Jan^y 1717

only, out of respect to You, if I give You this trouble to lett You know, if I have rec^d Yo^r Letter, and that I believe since the memory of man, tis the first time that a Lord Chief Justice in Oyer's Warrant has bin refused to be served, who by a Grant under the great Seal of England has and is Master of all His Ma^{ties} Forests, the Particulars of the grant is needful to be now inserted My Lord. He not be any more tedious upon this Subject, because I dont think if the care lies between Yo^r Lordsh^{ip} and myself in the least, there is one thing if Yo^r Lordsh^{ip} give me leave to observe in Yo^r Letter, w^{ch} is for of preserving His Ma^{ties} Game I wish no body else, may have destroyed more, than myself I dont say this by way of Excuse My Lord, if I had not all the regard and respect for Yo^r Lordsh^{ip}. I should certainly have sent for those Keepers (who has refused my Warrant) into Custody, and hope You will believe it is in my power till the King is pleased to take my Patent from me, I must own except I see Yo^r Lordsh^{ip} at the Meeting of the house. I shall acquaint the King with this Usage, tis my Successors right, who now I plead for, as to Yo^r Lordsh^{ip} No body is more than I am

My Lord With great Respect

Yo^r Lordsh^{ip}

Most Obed^t humble serv^t

Tankerville

My Lord

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Having been obliged in Obedience to the Kings Commands as I understand them, to returne Yo^r Lordsh^{ps} Warrant and to forbid the use of the Licences, You have been pleased to give for shooting in Windsor Forrest. I hope I shall be so happy as to satisfy You that what I have done has not proceeded from any disrespect to Yo^r Lordsh^{ps} authority, for w^{ch} I have all the regard I ought to have, but from a necessity of increasing the Game & Venison w^{ch} I am perswaded His Ma^{ty} expects from me

The King was pleased the beginning of last Summer to declare his Intention to Colonel Negus for preserving the Game and Venison in the Forrest, that none should be kill'd upon any pretence whatsoever. w^{ch} I very gladly took hold off when I had the honour to lay before him the ill state of the Forrest, and did assure him I should take care that his Commands should be exactly obey'd. His Ma^{ty} seemed so well satisfied with it, that I dare engage to Yo^r Lordsh^{ps} that he expects his order should subsist, tho' he was not pleased to limit any time, till the end proposed be fully attained. I own to You I have not applyed to him since for a repetition of it, and do not doubt but Yo^r Lordsh^{ps} will spare me the trouble, when You reflect how much the Beauty of the Pallace of Windsor & the Diversion of the Royall Family, depends upon the preserving the Forrest, and that You will choose to anticipate such order by doing every thing that may be for the Advatage of it. The Kings Kitcher has spared it. My^{ty} Lord Godolphin has not offered to send the usuall Warrants for Tree Deer, the Forrest Officers have had none neither, so that Yo^r Lordsh^{ps} sees every thing is done that may answer the Kings Design

* Coffet or

Memorial of Richard Lord Cobham
Constable of Windsor Castle &
Warden of the Forrest
Sheweth

That His Grace the Duke of Marlbro has presented to His Ma.^{ty} Forty stags, and several hinds, which the Chief Huntsman of the Stag hounds, has orders to fetch from Woodstock to Windsor Forrest, and deliver them to the Care of the Keepers of Swinley & Finchamstead Walks Wherefore I am to Desire Your Lordships orders to the Surveyor General of the Forrest, to enclose and fence some place, within the rails of the Lodges of the said Walks, where the Deer may be kept and fed, till they shall have recovered their Limbs and Strength and are fitt to be turned into the Forrest

I must farther observe to Y^r. Lordsh^{ps} that there was a proposall made, in the late Queens time for the better preservation of the red Deer and Game, that inclosures might be made of such Grounds, within the rails of the said Lodges as are fitt to bear Turneps and Grain for the support of the said Deer and Game, whereby it was presumed that the Deer might be kept from rambling into the Inclosures on the Borders of the Forrest, w^{ch} proposall was consented to by Her late Ma.^{ty} and the Treasury did direct M^r. Willcocks then Surveyor General of the Forrest to make such Inclosures At the Queens dying, before he had begun the work, he thought he was not impowred to act under the said Direction wherefore since there is now a necessity to make an inclosure for the present occasions, it is presumed it may be a saving of Expence if Your Lordsh^{ps} please to direct, that they be now made in the manner as was before proposed viz^t by fencing in the grounds within the rails of the said two Lodges, the reason of which is now stronger then ever, because the red Deer have been every Year decreasing from the Destruction that has been made of them by the Country People when they break into their Grounds on the skirts of the Forrest, a proof of which appears too plainly, by such as have been killed by His Ma.^{ty} Hounds, of which scarce one of five have been found without a Bullett found in him

His Ma.^{ty} having sev^l times repeated his Commands
for

For the fetching the said Deer, y^e Lord^s will please to give all possible dispatch to y^e Order^s, because y^e Inclosure must be made this Winter, in order to the bringing y^e Deer up before the Weather grows to warme

Cha: Earle of Tankerville &c.

To all and singular His Ma^{ty} Officers and Ministers of Windsor Forrest Greeting

Whereas Henry Procter of Cleworth in the County of Berks Esq^r hath made his request and Application to me for a Licence to Hunt hawke, shoot and fish within the said Forrest of Windsor, and forasmuch as I have confidence in him the said Henry Procter, that he is a preserver of the Game, and will use the Liberty granted him, not for the Destruction & Spoil of it, but for the recreation of himself and Friends, these are therefore to will and require all and singular y^e Officers and Ministers of the said Forrest, that they and every of them permitte and suffer the said Henry Procter, at all reasonable times with his Company and Servants, to Hunt course hawke kill and carry away all manner of Beasts or Fowle of Forrest Chase or Warren, within the Limits of the said Forrest (red and Fallow deer only excepted) and to shooke with shot, sett and take all manner of Wild Fallow within the said Forrest or any Part thereof, and to keep and use all sorts of Doggs, Guns and Nets for these purposes, he always first acquainting therewith the Keeper of the Walke, where he intends to hunt, hawke, course, sett or shoot as aforesaid, and always provided, that he do use the Licence hereby given him with that moderation w^{ch} is fitting, And further relying very much upon the great care and providences of him the said Henry Procter for the preservation of y^e Game in the said Forrest, I do hereby grant unto him the said Henry Procter full power and authority to search for, seize & take away and carry away all Guns, Greyhounds and other Doggs, Nets and other Instruments for the Destruction of the Game from all Persons whatsoever within the said Forrest who have

have not lawfull Authority or are not Sufficiently qualified
by the Lawes to have and use such things, and upon y^e Seizure
thereof to dispose of them according to the Lawes and Statutes
direct and appoint, And for so doing, this shall be to the said
Henry Procter a sufficient Warr. in that behalf, Provided
alwayes that this my Grant and Licence shall be entered
at the next Court to be held at the Forrest aforesaid to
remain there among the Records thereof, or in default thereof
the same to be void, and I do charge and Command all
Mayors Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace Bayliffs Constables
and all other His Ma.^{ty} Off.^{rs} and Ministers whatsoever
to be aiding and assisting unto him the said Henry Procter
in the due and Lawfull Execution of this my Warrant
as they will answer the same at their Perill, Given under
my hand and Seal of my Office of Chief Justice & Justice
in Eyre aforesaid, this 11th day of March in the third Year
of the Reign ^{De^{ra}} Annoq^{ue} Dni 1716.

To the R.^t Hon^{ble}. the Lord Cobham.

Jun^o. Feb: 2^o. 3^o.

My Lord

I had waited on you when you were at
Swinley, had I not heard that you had left
that place as soon as I came into this
Country, I give your Lordship this trouble
in relation to Bear wood walk. King
Charles the first granted the keepership of the
Walk to Lawrence Habstead and His Heirs for
ever on a Valuable Consideration.
J^o Thomas Rib my Grand Father bought
it of him, there was a Certain Salary
annext to it, to be paid half yearly from
the Crown, this has been constantly paid to
the Deputy or Underkeeper. I hope your
Lordship will not hinder the payment
to my Deputy or underkeeper & you'll oblige
your most Humble Serv^t. Rob. Rib

Berk

Berks ^{js}

Whereas several persons have been of late deputed as Gamekeepers within the forest of Windsor & empowered to kill & Destroy the Game thereof by the Authority of persons claiming Mannors therein. Wee the Officers of His Maj^{ty}s Forest of Windsor whose names are hereunto subscribed doe severally make Oath that till within Tenn Years last past no such right of appointing ~~of~~ Gamekeepers within the said forrest was ever used or Claimed to Our knowledge. And wee have all and every of us usually heretofore made Search and taken away from several persons Foyles, Gunns, Doggs, Nets & other Engines for the Destruction of the Deer or Game within the said forest and in any part thereof without any molestation or hinderance from any person or persons pretending to the right of any Mannor within the said forest.

And wee doe further make Oath that since the Lords of the several manners within the said forest have assumed to themselves a right of appointing their Respective Gamekeepers to shoot & Kill the Game within their said manners, that not only the Game of the said forrest is mightily destroyed, But also that many more Deer than before have been shot & Wounded in the said forest & by the often shooting, beating & Disturbing the Coverts of the said forest, many Deer have been forc't out of the forest bounds.

and killed, and that many of the Deer since
killed by His Maj^{ty} Hounds have been found
wounded either wth shot or bullet.

Jurat decimo tertio die Februar
anno regni Dni nri Georgij unice
magne Britain^e & regni quarto
annoy Dni 1717.

Ri: Aldworth

Robert Hannington mark
John Thorne
George Purdham mark
Augustine Hannington
Andrew Streeke
John Laver

The original of this affidavit is Ent^d in the 40 Days Court.

Ranger of
Old Windsor

A Warrant appointing the Hon^{ble} John West Esq^r
Ranger & Chief Keeper of Old Windsor Walke
within the forest of Windsor. Dated 2^d March
1717. The Tenure of the Warr^t the same as
C^{ll} Pagett's.

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My Lords,

Enclos'd I send your Lordps a Memorial &c. As likewise a Copy of the Letter I wrote last Year to the Lords of the Treasury desiring a Summ of Money for defraying the Charges of holding a Swanimote Court at His Majesty's Castle at Windsor.

I must acquaint your Lordps that the usual Time of holding the said Court is always before Holy-Rood Day which is the 15th of September; But the Money for holding the said Court not being issued last Year til the 7th day of November, it was found very inconvenient for the Verderers and Regarders & other Officers of the Forest, whose Duty it is to attend the said Court, by reason of the Shortness of the Days and the remote Distances in which they live.

Therefore desire your Lordps will please to direct the Payment of the same Summ for this present Year as soon as may be that the said Court may be held in a more convenient & proper Season. I am

My Lords Your Lordps most humble & Obedient Servant. Cobham.

4th April 1707.

Their Opp^r did accordingly order the sd 90^l for this year which was pd by a warrant of the Treary. bearing date

To the R^{ty} Hon^{ble} the Lords Comm^{rs} of his Majesty's Treasury.

Memorial of Richard Lord Viscount Cobham Constable of Windsor Castle & Warden of the Forest, &c.

Sheweth,

That there are several Repairs necessary to be done to y^e Lodge call'd Swinley Rail in the Forrest of Windsor, and there is likewise wanting a Barn with other Conveniencies proper to preserve the Foder for the Deer, and the Rails & Pales round the Young Coppices, and Cases to the new planted Trees, are very much out of Order and Decayed. And the Fences to the Close sowed with Grain for the preservation of the Game are in several places rotten & use less.

Therefore I desire your Directions to the Surveyor of y^e Woods to lay before your Lordps a particular of what is wanting to be done to the above mentioned Premises.

ut supra

An Account of the Deer killed in
Windsor Forest by His Majesty's Hounds.
Anno 1718.

Walks.	Stags.	Hinds.	Bucks.
Swinley	6	1	—
Bigshot and Sandhurst	4	—	—
Easthamstead	3	—	—
New Lodge	8	2	3
Old Windsor	1	—	—
Cranbourn	1	—	2
	23	3	5

An Account of the live Deer taken the 5th of
November 1718.

Walks.	Stags	Deer of another	Hinds &c.	Total
Swinley	6	12	110	128
Bigshot & Sandhurst	2	4	18	24
Easthamstead	2	5	14	21
New Lodge	12	26	96	134
Billingbear	2	3	11	16
Old Windsor	2	4	29	35
Bear Wood	—	1	4	5
Cranbourn	4	4	20	28
Linchford	—	2	3	5
	30	61	305	396

An Account of the Fallow Deer

	Bucks	Deer of another	Does &c.	Total
New Lodge	18	34	106	158
Cranbourn	36	16	360	412
	54	50	466	570

Memo. of the Treasurer
accordingly
said Chap.

To the R. Hon. the Lords Commis:
of His Majestys Treasury

The Memorial of Rich. Lord Viscount
Cobham Constable of Windsor Castle &c

Sheweth

That two several Actions at Law have been
Commenced this Term against Baptist Nun one of
the Gamekeepers of Windsor Forest and Webb
a Constable the one at the suit of M^r St John and
the other at the suit of M^r Waterman for having
taken away some Guns and Nets and other Engines
for the Destruction of Game from some Persons within
the said Forest of Windsor

Mem. the Lords
of the Treasury did
accordingly order the
said Prosecutions

That what was done in that affair by the
said Nun and Webb was done by virtue of my Warr^{ts}
and Orders as Warden of the said Forest in support
of His Majestys Right which I have very good Ground
to believe is unquestionable in this case.

Wherefore I pray your Lord^{sh}s Order to your
Lord^{sh}s Solicitor to defray the Charges of
defending the said Suits out of the Moneys
imprest to him for publick Prosecutions

1718

Their Lordships did accordingly order a Prosecution
in the said Suits to defend the same at his Majesty's
expence and the Cause was tryd at Reading in
and Given for the Defendants

The oath of office
to be given to
m^r Ray Nun
clerk of y^e Register

You shall swear well and truly to execute the office
of clerk or Register of his majestys Court of attachment
or forty days Court for the forest of Windsor you shall
enter and vendell all such presentments and Licences
and Warrants that shall be brought to y^e sd^t Court
in the Court book provided for that purpose and in all
things else pertaining to y^e sd^t office shall well and
duly execute and perform according to y^e best of your
skill and knowledge wth out fraud or deceit
so help you God

To the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords Comm^{rs} of His
Maj^{ty}s Treasury.

May it please your Lordships

According to the Duty of my Office I herewith lay
before your Lordships a Letter I have Received
from Col^l Meagus with the Complaints of the
Keepers of His Maj^{ty}s Forest of Windsor of the
many Trespasses Committed in the said Forest
and several informations to prove the truth
of the subject matter of these Complaints
not Doubting but that your Lordships will be
pleased to Give such Directions therein, as to
your Lordships in your Great Wisdom shall
seem meet.

Cobham

Lrd Warden of Windsor Forest &c

Richard Lord Viscount Cobham &c.

Whereas His Majesty hath been pleased to appoint a yearly Allowance to be paid to me out of His Maj^{ty} Treasury to Defray the Expences of the Swanimote Courts of the said Forrest and such other Necessary Acts, as shall be Requisite for the good and safety thereof. And Whereas Baptist Nunn is appointed Deputy Steward of the Courts of Attachments within the said Forrest without any salary or allowance thereunto Annexed. And being thoroughly satisfied that the just execution of the said Stewardship contributes greatly to the Detecting all Offences Committed in the said Forrest. ~~Know~~ I see therefore that Reposing a Confidence in the said Bap^t. Nunn that he will justly and faithfully Discharge his Duty in the said Office. I have & hereby doe give and grant unto the said Bap^t. Nunn the yearly salary of Twenty pounds during my pleasure to Commence from the 0th Day of November 1710. and to be satisfied and paid out of the abovementioned Allowance. And I doe hereby allow and Confirm the said Bap^t. Nunn's Receipt to be a sufficient Discharge herein. for w^{ch} this shall be a sufficient Warrant. Given under my hand and Seal this . . . day of July 1719 in the 5th Year of His Maj^{ty} Reign

Cobham

By His
W. Perkins

Richard Lord Viscount Cobham &c.

To the Woodward, Regarders, Foresters
and other Officers of His Majesty's forest
and Works of Windsor.

I His Care to Will and Require you forthwith to Cause
Twenty Loads of Firewood to be Cutt and made ready to
Burne by felling so many Decayed and Dotted Trees
in such parts of the Forrest as may be spared with the
least prejudice to the Vert and Order, the same to be
Cutt out and Carried to my Lodgings in Windsor
Castle and Delivered for my use as my Fee Firewood
for this present year. And for so Doing this shall be
your sufficient Warrant. Given under my hand and
seal this 29th July 1719. In the Fifth Year of His
Maj^{ty} Reign.

Cobham.

By His Lordsh^{ps} Command

W. Watkins.

Richard Lord Viscount Cobham &c.

To John Olivier Esq^r.

By Virtue of the Power and Authority to me given by
His Most Excellent Maj^{ty} under the Great Seal of Great
Britain. I doe hereby Constitute appoint & Ordain you
the said John Olivier Esq^r to be my sole Deputy &
Governour of the said Roy^{al} Castle of Windsor and the
Garrison therein. and I doe require and authorize you
at all times in my absence to doe performe and
Execute all such things as to your said office & trust
doe in anywise appertain. Commanding & Requiring
all Officers and Soldiers in the said Castle & Garrison
to Obey you as my Deputy Governour; and you are to
Observe and Obey all such Orders & Commands as you
shall from time to time receive from His Maj^{ty} or
my self according to the trust reposed in you, and your
Duty to His Majesty. Given under my hand and seal
this 2 day of June 1720 in the 6th Year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord King George &c.

By His Lordsh^{ps} Command W. W.

Cobham.

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Charles
his Reser
the Post
Gov^r of
Castle

To the R.^{ty} Hon.^{ble} the Lords Comm.^{rs} of
His Majesty's Treasury.

The Memorial of the Lord Viscount
Cobham Constable of the Castle of Windsor

Shews That several Abuses are Committed within the
Forest of Windsor to the great Prejudice of His Majesty's
Right and Interest therein by several Persons pretending to
act under Grants from the Crown which Pretentions as
this Memorialist is informed are not well enough founded
to Justify their Proceedings He therefore thinks it his Duty
to lay this Matter before Your Lordships to the end that
being apprised thereof Your Lordships may give Directions
that His Majesty's Rights may be enquired into and His
Majesty's Interest in the said Forest be preserved.

Cobham

My Lord

Charles Potts Esq
his Resignation of
the Post of Deputy
Gov.^r of Windsor
Castle &c

I having served the Crown of England upwards
of Fifty Years either in the Army or in being Lieut.
Governor of Windsor Castle am now by Age and other
Infirmitys render'd incapable to perform my Duty in
that Post.

Therefore I most humbly beg your Lordships leave
to recommend an Officer to succeed me in that Post,
who has served the Crown of England in the Army
upwards of Thirty Years and that is Mr John Olivier
who is now a Lieutenant in Major General Evans's
Regiment of Dragoons he having given me a sufficient
Consideration to Resign my place to him And in so
doing these shall be for ever acknowledged as a singular
favour done to him who is

My Lord

Windsor
June 1st 1720

Your Lordships
most humble Serv^t

Char: Potts

His Excellency Rich.^d Visc.^t Cobham

A Warrant Appointing Brigadier Philip
Honywood Ranger and Chief Keeper of Old Windsor
Walk within the Forest of Windsor in the room of
the Hon. ^{ble} John West Esq^r who resigned the same.
Dated 10th June 1720. The Tenure of the Warr^t
the same as Col: Pagetts. —

A Warrant for Lord Wardens Firewood for the
Year 1720 of the same Tenure of that for the Year
1719. Dated the 10th June 1720.

I must Acquaint Your Lordships that the usual
time for holding a Swanmote Court for Windsor Forest
is drawing near I must therefore desire Your Lordships
will please to direct the Payment of the usual sum of
Forty Pounds as soon as may be for Defraying the
Charges of the same for this present Year I am my Lord

Your Lordships most humble
and obedient servant

At
14 June 1720

Cobham

To the R.^t Hon.^{ble} the Lords
Comm.^{rs} of His Majesty's Treasury.

Warrant to
Tho: Cefen

A Warrant Appointing Thomas Cefen to be
Underkeeper of Sandhurst Walk in the Forest of
Windsor in the room of George Lowen Dat: 6 August
1720

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Richard Lord Viscount Cobham &c.

To Richard Bartholmew Gent.
Attorney of the Marshalls Court

Whereas the Nomination and Appointment of
all Attorneys that shall practice in the Court of
Record of the Honour and Castle of Windsor doth of
right belong unto me as Constable of the said Castle;
And I being fully satisfied of the Honesty, Diligence
and Ability of Richard Bartholmew of Stains in
the County of Middex Gent. Do by these presents
Nominate, Constitute and Appoint him the said Rich:
Bartholmew to be an Attorney of the said Court and to
have all such Privileges and Advantages as of right
do belong unto the said Office and Employment and to
continue an Attorney there so long as he behaveth himself
as an Attorney ought to do Given under my hand
and Seal this 28 March 1721 And in the Seventh
Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George

By his Lordships Command

Cobham

Richard Lord Viscount Cobham Baron of
Cobham Constable and Governor of the Honour
and Castle of Windsor Lord Warden of
Windsor Forest Lieut. Gen. of His Majestys
Said Forces Colonel of the Royal Regiment
of Horse and One of the Lords of His
Majestys most Honorable Privy Council

To the Woodward, Registers
Foresters and other Officers of
His Majestys Forest and Works
of Windsor

Warrant for Lord Wardens Fire Wood for the
Year 1721 of the same Tenure of that for the Year 1719
Dated 24 June 1721

Lord Wardens Fire
Wood for the year 1721

Warrant appointing Robert Knight to be under
keeper of Line Ford Dat 14 August 1721

Warrant appointing John Thorne to be Underkeeper
of Bear Wood Dat. 25th June 1720

George R

Warrant for killing
& Brace of Bucks to
be distributed as the
Cofferer of the Household
shall direct

Our Will and Pleasure is that you kill or
Cause to be killed within your Charge Six Brace of
fatt Bucks of this Season and deliver the same to the
use of such Persons as you shall hereafter from time to
time be directed to do by the Earl of Godolphin Cofferer
of Our Household such Directions being under the hand
of Our said Cofferer. And for so doing this shall be
your Warrant. Given at Our Court at S. James's
this 20th day of June 1721.

To Our Ranger or keeper
of Windsor Forest

To the R.^v Hon.^{ble} the Lords Comm.^{rs} of
His Majestys Treasury

The Memorial of the Lord Visco.
Cobham Constable of the Castle of Windsor

Shews

That several abuses are committed within the Forest of
Windsor to the Great Prejudice of His Majestys right and Interest
therein by several Persons pretending to Act under Grants from
the Crown which pretensions as this Memorialist is informed
by Nathaniel Booth Esq. my Deputy Steward of His Majestys
Court belonging to the Castle and Honour of Windsor are not
well enough founded to Justify their Proceedings and in
particular the Collecting of Castle Yard Rents not Granted &
are Unalienable and giving fraudulent Receipts for them in
the Name of Ice farm Rents. And farther sheweth

There belong unto the Liberty of this Castle sundry
Bailiwicks lying within several Shires the seven hundreds
of Cookham and Bray and several Manours together also
with several foreign Liberties, all which are liable to the
Castle

Castle Warrants, tho' for want of due Executing some of them
begin to be deny'd and the Warrants disobey'd the true Limits
and Bounds being also worn out of Knowledge and will
shortly be worn out of mind without means of reformation

Cobham

June 27. 1721

My Lords

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint a yearly
Allowance of forty pounds to be issued to me out of His Ma:
Treasury to defray the Expences of the Swanmore Courts of the
said Forest and such other necessary Acts as shall be requisite
for the good and safety thereof. I desire your Lordships will
please to Order the payment of the said forty Pounds for this
present Year and you will oblige

My Lords

1. September 1721

Your Lordships
most humble and
obedient Servant

Cobham

Sum for paym^t of
the 40 for holding
Swanmore Courts

To the Lords Com^{rs}
of his Majestys Treasury

The Kings Warrant for six Brace of
Fall does of this season in the same forme
as usual to be directed by the enterer Bear:
date 7th No 1721

Warrant appointing Scott Master Labourer
of Windsor Castle in the same form of the other Artificers
dated

A Warrant
appointing
scot master
labourer of
Windsor Castle

A letter to supersede
m^r Hollier
Warrant for
Keeper of Linchford

m^r Hollier

Repeated Complaints having been made of you
to my Lord Cobham for abusing the trust reposed
in you by killing the game which your office was to
Preserve, I am therefore Directed by his Lordship
to acquaint you that he has superseded y^r
Warrant so that you have no more office in the
forrest

London 17th Jan 1721

I am
y^r humble serv^t
Wm Watkins

George Smiths
Warrant

Warrant Appointing George Smith to be Underkeeper of
Linchford Walk dated 20 Jan^r 1721

Warrant for Lord Wardens Fire Wood for the year
1722 of the same tenure of that for the year 1719
Dat August 1722

Lord Wardens Letter to the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords
Commis^{rs} of His Majesties Treasury for payment
of 40 for holding Swannimote Courts in the year
1722 of the same Tenure with that for the year 1721
Dat August 1722

Hump^r Morice Esq^r
Ward^r

Ward^r Appointing Humphry Morice Esq^r Ringer of
New Lodge Walk (in the Roome of Coll^o Pagett who has
resigned the same) of the same Tenure of that of Coll^o Pagett.
Dated 25 January 1722³

An Account of the Deer Killed in Windsor Forest from the 5th of Nov^r. 1721 to the 5th day of Nov^r. 1722.

	By His Maj. ^{'s} Hounds.				By War.	
	Stags	Hinds	Buck	Doe	Buck	Doe
In Swinley Walk	2					
New Lodge	7	1	5		12	6
Bigshot & Sandhurst	5					
Billing bear	1	1				
Easthampsted	4					
Old Windsor	1					
Cranborne			4		12	10
	20	2	9		24	16

An Acc^t. of the Live Red Deer taken in Windsor Forest on the 5th day of November 1722.

	Stags	Deer of antler &c	Hinds &c	Total
In Swinley Walk	6	5	43	54
New Lodge	11	22	95	128
Bigshot & Sandhurst	2	2	20	24
Easthampsted	1	2	11	14
Old Windsor	2	2	30	34
Billing Bear	1	2	9	12
Beak Wood			2	2
Cranborne	2	3	12	17
Linckford		1	3	4
	25	39	225	289

An Acc^t. of the Live fallow Deer

	Buck	Deer of antler	Does &c	Total
In Cranborne Walks	22	50	360	432
New Lodge	12	35	98	145
	34	85	458	577

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